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President-elect Bill Clinton and Vice President-elect Al Gore raise their arms in victory before the crowd in Little Rock, Arkansas, gathered to greet them after they won the 1992 presidential election November 3. RNS Photo/Reuters.

on names Jewish advisor

By Cynthia Mann

WASHINGTON (JTA) — President-elect Bill Clinton has named Samuel (Sandy) Berger, his longtime friend and trusted campaign foreign policy adviser, to head the national security policy board of his transition team.

The appointment of Berger, who is Jewish, was one of several transition posts announced by the Clinton operation November 12. Other Jews appointed to prominent posts include Eli Segal, as chief financial officer; Al From, as assistant director for domestic policy; and Rahm Emanuel, as coordinator of the inaugu-

At a news conference in Little Rock, Ark., Clinton said the appointment of policy chiefs puts the transition process into "high gear" and reflects "the most qualified and diverse people available."

Clinton also said he will appoint a secretary of state who "understands the obligations of continuity and change" in foreign policy. he

said the "pillars of our national security" must be an altered by strong defense, the promotion of democracy, and global and domestic eco-

The president-elect singled out the Middle East peace process, saying he is committed to keeping it "on track and doing whatever I can to make sure there is no break in continuity."

Clinton delivered his briefing flanked by Vice President-elect Al Gore and stressed that their relationship throughout the transition has been and will be a "partnership" that is "perhaps unprecedented.

That should please the pro-Israel commu-nity, which has found the Tennessee politician to be a supportive voice in the Senate.

Berger, 46, served as deputy director for policy planning at the State Department in the Carter administration, now a partner in the Washington law firm of Hogan & Hartsen, he has kept his hand in foreign policy in the interim by serving as an adviser to Democratic

Jeffries raises controversy at University of Delaware

By PRISCILLA W. SIEGEL

tural Diversity in African Communities" at the targeting Jews, Italians and University of Delaware on October 27 has sparked considerable anger in the Delaware Jewish community, on and off campus, and sparking dialog between Jewish faculty and the administrations of the University.

Sponsored by the University's Center for Black Culture and the Cultural Programming Advisory Board, Dr. Jeffries was selected, says Vernese Edghill, director of the Center for Black Culture, because of his "knowledge of the topic."

Controversy over Dr. Jeffries' lecture arose as soon as the lecture was announced. He had a well known reputation. during his twenty

years as head of the Black Studies Department Dr. Leonard Jeffries' lecture billed as "Culat New York City College Jeffries' remarks created such furor that he was replaced as chair of his department. The controversy surrounding Dr. Jeffries came to public attention when he addressed a black arts festival in July 1991 in Albany, N.Y.

In the New York speech, Jeffries stated that Jews played a key role in financing the slave trade, and that Jews and Italians in Hollywood have conspired to denigrate blacks in movies. He further referred to a City College colleague as the "head Jew" and warned his audience that "white folks, even good ones" were not to

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Jews give Clinton 78% of the vote

By JOSEPH POLAKOFF WASHINGTON - (PNR) - With 78 percent of Jews who went to polls across America on November 3 marking their ballots for Bill Clinton, the size of the Jewish vote for the Arkansas governor exceeds that for any other presidential nominee on record, a survey published in The New York Times indicated.

According to the data collected on election day among 15,490 voters leaving 300 polling places around the nation by Voter Research and Surveys, and published in The Times, 12 percent of the Jewish vote went to President George Bush and 10 percent for Ross Perot.

No Republican or Democratic candidate

received such a small part of the vote as Bush did in the last five presidential elections. The previous lowwas 31 percent for Ronald Reagan in his quest for a second term in 1984 when he ran against former Democratic Vice President Walter Mondale in 1984, the data showed.

Other statistics in the survey's religious category showed 33 percent of White Protestants voted for Clinton, 46 percent for Bush and 21 percent for Perot. The Catholic vote was 44 percent for Clinton, 36 for Bush and 20 for Perot. White born-again Christians gave Clinton 23 percent, 61 to Bush and 15 to Perot.

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350 evacuated by JDC in harrowing bus trip

By Michele Chabin

SPLIT, Croatia (JTA) — "You see these two suitcases?" asked Vahiva Biscevic, sitting on a crowded bus traveling from Sarajevo to this city on the Adriatic coast. "This is all I have to show for 70 years of my life."

Biscevic, a dignified woman with sad eyes, was one of the 350 Jewish, Moslem, Serbian and Croatian refugees the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee managed to evacuate Saturday from the war-ravaged capital of Bosnia-Herzegovina.

The evacuation, a sometimes-harrowing 22hour bus trip through territory claimed by warring ethnic factions, left the refugees and those who assisted them numb with exhaus-

The saga began in Sarajevo at 7 a.m. Satur-

day morning, with the arrival of two trucks loaded with vital food and medicines, plus five empty buses, from the nearby town of Kiseljak. A sixth bus, from a Croatian relief organization, joined the convoy.

Securing permission for the vehicles' entry - and even more so for their exit — was no easy task, according to members of the JDC and the Sarajevo Jewish community, who worked together on the operation.

"We needed permission from all sides of the conflict, at the highest level," said Jakob Finci, president of the Jewish Humanitarian Society. "Getting the OK took months, and we were in a hurry. Winter has arrived, and it will kill many people in Sarajevo," he said.

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Weinsteins appointed co-chairs of spring mission to Israel

Sheldon and Ruth Weinstein have been appointed co-chairpersons of the "Hineni" mission to Israel, announced by Steven A. Dombchik, president of the Jewish Federation of Delaware. The mission takes place from April 25-May 5, 1993.

The cost per person is \$1500, which includes airfare, hotels, most meals, sightseeing, tips, and taxes. The trip is subsidized by the United Jewish Appeal and a local philanthropic fund. Subsidies and enrollment are

limited.

This is the first mission of this size from Delaware to Israel. The itinerary includes Kabbalat Shabbat at the Western Wall; trip to the northern security zone; visit to Masada, the Dead Sea, and The Desert; hands-on archaeology; Jerusalem, Tel Aviv and Jaffa; visit with Russian and Ethiopian olim; briefings by members of the Israeli government; and more.

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Professor Robert Chazan to speak Sunday at Beth Shalom

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Opinion

"Express Yourself"

By Seth M. Bloom
Acting Executive Director
Jewish Federation of Delaware

In life, we have two choices. To be part of the problem or part of the solution. This is especially true in communal life.

Throughout the past two years, the Jewish Federation of Delaware has been engaged in a long range planning process designed to set a direction for the JFD and the organized Jewish community of Delaware. The new mission statement for the JFD says it best — "mobilize the Jewish Community to address issues, meet needs and build an agenda for the future.

The JFD is now asking our help to help "build an agenda for the future" through a series of "Town Meetings" which will offer us the chance to express ourselves. Specifically the JFD wants to hear what services we need most from the organized Jewish community and what services we feel are most important even if we don't personally need them.

Rather than complaining from the sidelines, let's all decide to be part of the solution. Together we can build an agenda for the future which will ultimately strengthen our community. Plan to attend one of the Town Meetings, November 30 at Temple Beth El, Newark, December 1 at Congregation Beth Sholom, Dover, or December 3 at the JCC, Wilmington, all beginning at 7:30 p.m.

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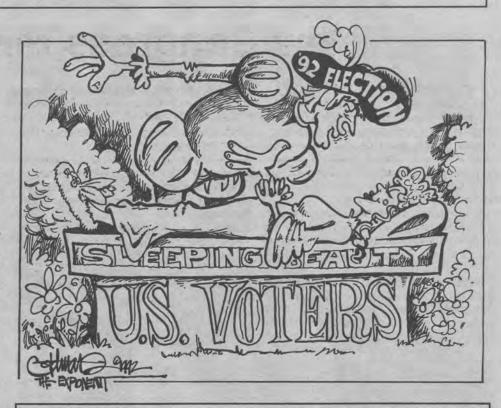
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Opstbaum Memorial at Museum

EDITOR

Ellisa Opstbaum Habbart, Esquire, Timothy Jacob Habbart and Nadine Hope Opstbaum, the daughters and son-in-law of the late Ann Lee Opstbaum, wish to thank the staff and volunteers of The National Museum of American Jewish History for instituting the endowment fund honoring the memory of Ann Opstbaum

The Ann Lee Opstbaum Memorial Fund will be used to develop a permanent collection that represents the importance of Jewish women in education and labor. These are values which Ann Opstbaum vigorously supported and pursued. Our deepest appreciation goes to all whose efforts have made this memorial possible.

Contributions may be sent to:

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Ellisa Opstbaum Habbart Wilmington

"Quotes of note"

With our proud history of support for civil rights and our commitment to economic and social justice in American society, it is particularly appalling to see the Jewish people vilified and attacked.

We call upon elected officials, civic, religious and community leaders, here and elsewhere, to denounce publicly, these scurrilous manifestations of anti-Semitism, and to enforce laws against all forms of racism and bigotry. At the same time, we encourage positive communication and increased understanding between all peoples Adopted at the Hadassah 78th National Convention

Washington and Jerusalem should be calling attention to the lack of response by the Arabs to the Rabin policy of compromise by delanding an end to the Arab boycott and condemning the increasing Arab violence against Palestinians and Jews. (It has nee noted that in South Africa, the African National Congress published a report of its human rights violations. Why not call on the Palestinians to do the same?)

...So far, his (Rabin) testing of the Arabs has proved that they are not serious about real peace. Now it is time to step up the pressure.

Gary Rosenblatt

The Baltimore Jewish Times, October 30

Opinion

New Congress remains pro-Israel

By DOUGLAS M. BLOOMFIELD

Israel lost a few good friends in Tuesday's Congressional elections, but many more were returned to power or elected for the first time. The net result is the 103rd Congress which convenes next January 3 should be as pro-Israel as its predecessor. The Congress will also have a pro-Israel president to work with for the first time in four years.

Americans voted overwhelmingly for change at all levels, but not for revolution. It was to be the year of the woman and a time to throw out the incumbents. There were doses of both, but no avalanches.

Democrats made their way back to the White House by steering back towards the center of the road from the left-hand lane they had been in for the past 20 years. At the wheel was an energetic 46-year-old baby-boomer who promised to be an activist leader. Meanwhile, the Republicans seemed to steer unsteadily along the right shoulder of the road under the guidance of a tired 68-year-old caretaker who millions of voters felt just didn't have any idea where he wanted to lead the nation.

Bill Clinton won 80-85% of the Jewish vote nationally. Jim Baker's curse became a selffulfilling prophecy when George Bush received only about one-third of the Jewish support he enjoyed only four years ago. Depending on the exit polls you look at, he got between 10 and 14% of the Jewish vote. Although Jews are fewer than 3% of the national population, they apparently cast more than 4% of the total votes, according to early surveys.

Voters decisively approved measures to limit the terms of members of Congress in all 14 states where the issue was on the ballot, but they didn't put that into practice.

Most incumbents were re-elected — 93% compared to 95% two years ago; however, this time a record 92 had dropped out, voluntarily and not, prior to November 3. Pundits had expected a record number new members, as many as 150 (the full House of Representatives has 435 seats), but the final number will be about 10 short of the 1948 record of 118.

Many legal experts say these term limitation measures are unconstitutional because the states cannot dictate conditions for election to the Congress. However, there is no denying they have strong moral and political force that cannot be ignored.

Democrats lost far fewer seats than expected (about 11 compared to prediction of 40 Queens, Brooklyn and the New York City or more) and will hold a 255-173 majority (six suburbs and the orthodox and ultra-orthodox

seats remain in doubt and one is held by an independent). In the Senate, the Democrats retained their 57-seat majority but will go to 58 if Sen. Wyche Fowler (D-Georgia) wins a Nov.

Only three incumbent senators were defeated, two Republicans - Bob Kasten of Wisconsin and John Seymour of California and one Democrat — Terry Sanford of North Carolina.

All are strongly pro-Israel, but Kasten was the pro-Israel's community's top national priority. He was the leader of the fight for the absorption loan guarantees and for 12 years has been the most important and most effective pro-Israel Republican senator. Throughout that time he has been the chairman or ranking minority member of the powerful Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, which has jurisdiction over all foreign aid spending.

He was defeated by a Jewish Democrat, Russ Feingold, who is expected to be pro-Israel but will not have the same power and influence as Kasten.

Sen. Bob Packwood (R-Oregon), a top priority for pro-Israel forces, won reelection with 52% of the vote

The next Senate, which convenes January 3, will have a record 10 Jews. One was reelected last week - Arlen Specter of Pennsylvania, the only Republican in the group. Three new Democratic Jewish senators were just elected, Feingold plus Diane Feinstein and Barbara Boxer. Both women are from California. They are not only the first women ever sent to the Senate from California, but also the first time any state sent two women to the Senate. Another result is that both senators from two states will be Jewish — California and Wisconsin (the other is Herb Kohl).

(The other Jewish senators are Frank Lautenberg of New Jersey, Carl Levin of Michigan, Joe Lieberman of Connecticut, Howard Metzenbaum of Ohio and Paul Wellstone of Minnesota. All are Democrats.)

New York Sen. Alfonse D'Amato narrowly defeated Democrat Robert Abrams in a bitter battle that saw the Jewish vote split. Abrams has been a leader in Jewish causes, but D'Amato has a strong pro-Israel voting record and sits on the key Senate Appropriations Committee. Early analyses indicate the Jewish vote apparently made the difference for D'Amato, particularly among middle class home owners in Jews.

The new Senate will have its first African-American woman, Carol Moseley Braun of Illinois, and its first American Indian, Ben Nighthorse Campbell of Colorado. Both are Democrats and considered pro-Israel.

Many more pro-Israel lawmakers were reelected. Some survived very close races: Reps. Gary Ackerman (D-New York), Dan Glockman (D-Kansas), Sam Gejdenson (D-Connecticut), Les Aspin (D-Wisconsin), Pat Williams (D-Montana), Charles Wilson (D-Texas) and Vic

JEWISH MEMBERS OF THE 103RD CONGRESS

From Jewish Telegraphic Agency

Barbara Boxer (D-Calif.)* Russell Feingold (D-Wis.)* Dianne Feinstein (D-Calif.)* Herbert Kohn (D-Wis.) Frank Lautenberg (D-N.J.)

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*denotes first time elected

The most important loss for friends of Israel in the House of Representatives was the defeat of moderate Republican Rep. Bill Green of Manhattan. Green, who is Jewish, has been a key player on the all-important House Appropriations Foreign Operations Subcommittee on issues of foreign aid, loan guarantees and

A number of friends of Israel were defeated, but none for reasons related to that friendship. The only other Jewish incumbent to lose was Ben Erdreich (D-Alabama), a victim of redistricting. Others who will not be returning include Tom Downey (D-New York), Peter Kostmayer (D-Pennsylvania), David Nagle (D-Iowa), Gerry Sikorski (D-Minnesota), Albert Bustamante (D-Texas) and Tom McMillen (D-

Fazio (D-California).

There will still be 33 Jews in the House of Representatives, all but four of them Democrats. There were significant increases in the numbers of women (from 29 to 47), blacks (from 26 to 39) and Hispanics (from 11 to 17) in the House. Jewish political activists report having met during the campaigns with nearly the new minority members and expressed confidence they will be pro-Israel.

The same sources report that where foreign aid or Israel was an issue in a handful of contests, the pro-aid and pro-Israel candidate

One of the only two Arab-Americans in the House, Mary Rose Oakar (D-Ohio), was de-

The death penalty — no satisfying reason

By SIGMUND (ZIGGY) GORSON

The death penalty is a monstrous, misguided, obscene, racist anachronism, which is hanging over our heads. It was a very sad and sorry day, when Delaware returned capital punishment to its criminal code.

I suppose, that some people will accuse me of being a bleeding heart, right? Wrong! I have no sympathy for murderers. However, there is no convincing evidence that the death penalty is a deterrent to murder, and frankly speaking, life imprisonment with no chance for probation or parole, is a far more devastating punishment than execution.

There are simply no satisfying reasons that I can condone state sponsored killing. If it is wrong for one person to take the life of another, so it must be the very same for the state. Civilized people must work together to abolish completely the ugly law of capital punishment. It doesn't belong anywhere in

In the front of our U.S. Supreme Court building in Washington, D.C. It is written: "Equal Justice Under The Law." This is not true! We in this great country of ours, have two sets of justice, one for the white very rich and political influential, the other for Blacks, Spanish, Orientals and the poor downtrodden. This is terribly wrong and contrary to all our cherished Constitutional principles we Americans hold sacred in our hearts.

Since the year 1905 twenty-three so-called accused criminals were executed throughout our beloved nation and were found completely innocent of all the charges after their demise. This horrendous miscarriage of justice has stained our judicial system.

And I still believe that Ethel and Julius Rosenberg did not deserve to die in the electric chair. Guilty? Perhaps! Justice, yes. Revenge, no. However, had these two not been Jews, I am most certain that their fate would indeed. be incarceration. Remember the Walker's espionage trial? Father, Son, and brother? They were not executed, they went to prison. Therefore, I believe that our judicial system is sometimes quite ludicrous.

To paraphrase Francois-Marie Arouet (Voltaire) who wrote: "A good form of government must make punishment serve a purpose. It is wise to make criminals work for the public good, their death is of no use to anyone but executioners

Willie Darden, a black-American who was wrongly executed March 15, 1988 by the State of Florida, for a crime which he allegedly committed killing a furniture store owner in Florida. He was crying until the very last minute before being electrocuted, that he was innocent of all the charges against him. The then Governor Bob Martinez and all the white jury of Florida is guilty of Darden's death. A white lady, living miles away from the scene of this horrible crime, pleaded to testify on behalf of Willie Darden, saying that he could have not committed this murder, because he was close

to her house hours before, fixing on the road his disabled car.

A white elderly gentleman of the same area was also ready to testify on Mr. Darden's behalf, but the Florida prosecutors were against their offer. The former prosecutor: Mr. Ray McDaniel, during the trial 17 years ago, called Willie Darden an animal, that should have had his head blown away. The prosecutors hostility towards Mr. Darden, was obvious to everyone present at this mockery of justice.

It seems to me, that a black-American's life in racist Florida is expeditious and must be terminated by all means. Incidentally, the real killer was apprehended later on. The innocent blood which was spilled by Governor Martinez and the all white jury should stain the conscience of these racially motivated bigots. For they have no respect for human values. Especially when these human beings happen to be blacks or Spanish.

God help us all, if we continue to keep our silence and do nothing about it.

LOCAL

Holocaust Education Seminar draws over 150 teachers

More than 150 teachers in the public, private and parochial schools in Delaware attended the Holocaust Education Seminar recently sponsored by the Halina Wind Preston Holocaust Education Center.

Chairperson for the Seminar was

Joan Spieglman assisted by the Halina learn what issues are involved in Committee

Dr. Martin Sleeper, Vice-Chairman of Facing History And Ourselves, gave the keynote address stressing the need to help students

Wind Preston Holocaust Education making moral decisions as taught by



Steven Dombchik, president of Jewish Federation of Delaware, Dr. Martin Sleeper, guest speaker, and Joan Spiegelman, chairperson for the Holocaust Education Seminar go over program notes. caust Education Committee is a part

the tragedy of the Holocaust.

Participants selected two workshops from among the seven offered which demonstrated how teachers can integrate the lessons of the Holocaust into curriculum for various age levels and disciplines.

In the final session teachers met with Holocaust survivors, Ann Jaffe, Dorothy Finger, Terry Dannemann, and Arnold Kerr, to hear their eyewitness accounts.

Response to the Seminar was enthusiastic. Comments included "gave me a lot to think about and take back to the classroom," "my first exposure to this topic has occurred today," and "theme of contemporary life lessons for students was carried through-

The Halina Wind Preston Holo-

of the Jewish Federation of Dela-



Elinor Reamer Gumnit, an elementary classroom teacher introduces the Holocaust.

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Sheldon Weinstein, managing partner of the local law firm of Young, Conaway, Stargatt and Taylor, has served as president of Congregation Beth Shalom. He serves as counsel to and as a member of the Executive



Sheldon and Ruth Weinstein

committee of the Milton and Hattie Kutz Home.

In addition, Sheldon Weinstein, presently serves as chairperson of the Rabbi Jacob Kraft Educational Foundation and as a member of the

National Bank. In 1990, he was presented with the Jewish National Fund's highest honor, the Tree of Life Award. Ruth Weinstein currently serves

Project With Industry and Beneficial

on the Board of Directors of the Jewish Federation of Delaware and has also served on its Executive Committee. She is Operations Officer for the Information Technology Department of Wilmington Trust Company. She has served as president and campaign chairperson of both the Women's Division of Federation and Career Women's Division. She has been a volunteer in various leadership positions in the Community Campaign.

Participants will have the opportunity to make their contribution to the Community Campaign. A \$1000 minimum per person is requested. All applications should be submitted by December 31, 1992.

For further information and for an application, please contact Rhonda Cohen at (302) 478-6200.

Is the JFD meeting your needs?

What are the needs of the Jewish Community of Delaware? Through the Jewish Federation of Delaware's Vision Process, the JFD plans to identify and prioritize the needs of the Jewish community. Please come to an open meeting with the JFD Priorities Committee and tell us what you need most from the organized Jewish Community.

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LOCAL

JFS expands Resettlement staff

expanded its Refugee Resettlement staff because of growing needs.

The Director of the Resettlement program, Roberta Burman, has been joined by Linda Jaffe Vodovis, in the position of acculturation and employment coordinator. Eva Godesblat helps them both as a translator and clerical assistant.

Vodovis herself, a recent emigree, has returned to the United States after nine years of living in Israel. Her Russian born husband Yefim, ("Jeff") accompanied her with their two daughters Ma'ayan and Tali.

She has a B.S. from the University of Delaware with an extensive business and communications background working with large foreign populations.

Vodovis will be responsible for job development and placement of New Americans, a critical area leading to independence and success in, this, their new country.

She will also help with acculturation, to make the transition from their former culture to that of ours. Her responsibilities will include planning and implementation of community acculturation services that reflect the diverse nature of American Jewish life. The services will allow and encourage options on how Jewish identity is developed and expressed.

Other responsibilities will include: development of a Jewish community network to encourage effective joint volunteer participation with new arrivals; coordination of social, cul-

The Jewish Family Service has tural, and educational services; advocacy in the public sector to develop interest in and strengthening policies for hiring refugees.

To quote Vodovis, "The interpersonal relationships with the clients is Russia thirteen years ago, has been hired to assist with clerical and trans-

Guesblat has been actively involved with the Resettlement of New Americans in the West Chester, Pennsylvatate its program goals.

These two women bring a wealth of personal experience and skills to our staff, says Director of Resettlement, Roberta Burman. We're delighted that such empathetic, reliable and professional people are a part of this effort."

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Roberta Burman, director of the Resettlement Program of Jewish Family Service, with new staff members, seated left to right, Eva Goldesblat and Linda Jaffe Vodovis.

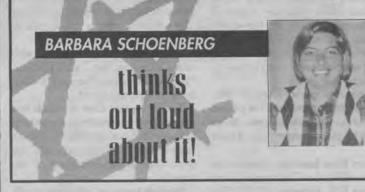
the most rewarding part of the job. I feel that I can offer them sound advice based on my own similar experience of starting life in a totally different country.

"The job search is a real challenge to me due to today's difficult economy. It is my hope that the Jewish community-at-large will help the newcomers find their niche among us."

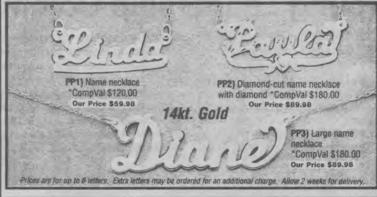
Eva Gudesblat, who came from

nia area with her husband, Yefim, for over four years. They, and other volunteers, have worked together to ensure the smooth deliver of services to all clients in that area.

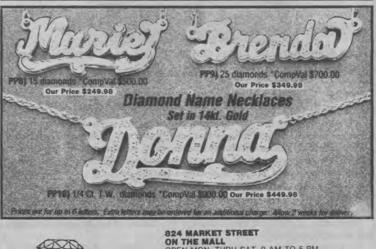
The mother of two sons, Gudesblat will now have the added responsibilities of maintaining all Resettlement records, reports, and the translation of all necessary documents and conversations to assist the staff to facili-



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Dr. Jeffries' talk at the University of Delaware, which drew an audience of about 400 students, faculty and community members, incorporated many of the same themes. In a sense, his talk might be described as two-tiered: overt and covert.

Overtly, his charismatic style, the use of his own successful life-story as a role model for African Americans, and his strident Afrocentrism had strong appeal to the blacks in the

The covert aspect of his comments, which reflected anti-Jewish sentiments, angered the Jewish audience. His "covert" comments included an allusion to the judge (who happened to be Jewish") who decided on a change of venue in the Rodney King case, or to Albert Shenker ("who is Jewish"), whose influence says Jeffries blocked the incorporation of Afrocentrism in New York's public school curriculum.

Vernese Edghill, responding to the "overt" message said that Jeffries' adhered to his announced topic, and that he delivered a positive message to African Americans. "He did not single out Jews," she said, "but he described how history and other cultures have affected African Americans.

Professor James Newton of the Black Studies Department at the University of Delaware saw in Jeffries'

speech a "strong pro-African stance" and that the speech "allowed students to make their own decisions about how to feel.

Members of the Jewish community heard something different. According to Rabbi Steven Booth, director of Hillel, "Jeffries' main message was to deliver a message of black pride and Afro-Centrism and a sense that they come from a rich culture of which they can be proud a message that Jews can understand and sympathize with. However, according to Rabbi Booth, he very subtly wove into his over two hour talk clear anti-Semitism. He made over 20 references in his talk to people who 'happen to be Jewish'...he sounds like a disciple of Farrakan.'

Lelaine Nemser, director of the local Jewish Community Relations Committee had a similar response. "In terms of his message, pride in the Afro-American experience — that was important. But he was constantly making comments about Jews. That message was anti-Semitic. And then there was no question period at the end of the talk.

In an analysis of Dr. Jeffries' lecture, Dr. Vivian Klaff, professor of sociology at the University of Delaware made the following observations: "It is clear from the content of Dr. Jeffries talk that he was extremely critical and at times abusive of the white population of the United States.

In addition, he clearly singled out the Jewish population as a separate sub-

The talk was 2 hours and 12 minutes...about 22 minutes (17 percent) of the talk titled 'Diversity in African Communities' was devoted to direct or indirect references to Jews and the community...The obvious question to be asked is why Dr. Jeffries found it necessary in a talk on African communities to devote this amount of time to a population subgroup who...have been subject to hostility and discrimination by...white popu-

Disturbed by the impact of Jeffries' anti-Jewish statements on "an audience which included many young impressionable students," Dr. Klaff sent a memo of concern to President David P. Roselle, with copies to other University administrators and community members. He requested that the University disassociate itself from the anti-Jewish rhetoric expressed by Jeffries and that the University should set as a goal "the improvement of understanding among racial, religious and ethnic groups on cam-pus." To this end, Klaff asked the University to establish a forum in which dialogue between groups could be created.

Dr. Klaff's memo has already achieved some positive results. A faculty committee has been appointed

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Panim El Panim Face to Face with JFD

Enthusiastic volunteers prepare for 1993 Community campaign

By SHARON H. SILVERMAN Special to the Jewish Voice

The 1993 JFD campaign is structured to be educational, successful ...and fun! Volunteers are grouped into four teams, injecting a note of friendly competition into the effort. In addition, Campaign Week events (January 31 through February 7, 1993) will offer something for everyone community-wide.

Events chairpersons, team captains and team members are poised for action. But what drives these people to give so generously of their

When Ben Epstein, Leadership Division Gifts Co-Chairperson, was with the U.S. infantry in WWII Europe, he marched through towns that had been Judenrein ("cleansed" of Jews). "Later, Stars and Stripes published pictures of what had happened to those Jews," Epstein says.

"I came home and have been fund raising ever since.

Epstein cites Jews' historical commitment to each other and our current position as one of the richest Jewish societies in history as reasons that we must play a major role in maintaining global continuity.

"Increased bigotry in the U.S. also raises a caution flag," adds Epstein.
"We need to strengthen our institutions to fight this trend."

Team Captain Cas Anolick has always liked to contribute something to the Jewish community. "It doesn't have to be anything gigantic," he says, "just a small amount of my

Anolick looks on solicitation calls not as a chore but as a chance for a pleasant, personal contact. "We listen to people's concerns and are a conduit back to the Federation," he explains. "We can also explain the

budget process and all the thought and consideration go into divvying up the money."

Jack Blumenfeld, another Team Captain, agrees with Anolick that it's crucial to raise enough money to support the survival of our local agen-

"We must educate the community as to what the Jewish agencies are doing and what their needs are," explains Blumenfeld. "We want to get a sense of cohesiveness in the community. Fund raising in teams is a way to develop this spirit."

Blumenfeld understands the demands that family and work create. But in order for our community to thrive, he feels that, "Supporting our Jewish agencies is just something we have to find the time for.'

Team Captain Barbara Schoenberg echoes those sentiments. She hopes to instill in others her enthusiasm about working for the community. Says Schoenberg, "I strongly believe that our community does not raise enough funds. 50% is lack of understanding as to what funds are for. During our lives we take from the community, and there comes a time when we have a responsibility to give back."

Schoenberg is optimistic about this year's efforts. "We're taking a whole different approach. We've instituted Campaign Week, tried to make it exciting and get people to participate in specific events," she says.

The fourth Team Captain, Deane Kattler, has been involved in JFD campaigns ever since coming to town more than thirty years ago. Kattler got started to set a good example for her children; she's never stepped

"The team approach is a way to put the f-u-n back in fund raising," Kattler says. "I'm basically a competitive person, so I'm looking forward to it.'

Leslie Goldenberg is Chairperson of the Chai Society Brunch. The event, for those who contribute \$1800 or more, is scheduled for January 31st in the Gold Ballroom of the Hotel Du Pont. New York Governor Mario Cuomo will be the featured speaker.

"I got involved because Jews have to support other Jews," Goldenberg says. "If we don't support our community and agencies, no one else

"I like setting an example for my children," she adds, "that it's impor-

tant to give your time, your money_whatever you can afford_to causes you believe in. I like my kids to know it's important to be Jewish and what that involves.

For Ellen Koniver, Community-Wide Event Chairperson, intense dedication to the Jewish community came four years ago when she and her son visited Israel. "I became committed to my Jewish heritage on that trip," she explains.

Koniver looks forward to a sizable turnout at Campaign Week functions. "We have Mario Cuomo coming in for our kickoff," she says. "Our hope is to get the whole community involved."

This veteran volunteer assures others, "It doesn't matter who you are or what you give. Just to become a part of something means it will prove to be something bigger. You get a certain satisfaction if it's something you care about."

The campaign team gives high marks to the volunteer efforts that other community members put forth on a daily basis. As Jack Blumenfeld explains, "It's important not only to raise money, but to have people involved in the organizations. All of us should understand and appreciate the amount of time these volunteers devote to our community.'

Adds Deane Kattler, "I would like to see more people get involved as volunteers. When we first came to town I got involved to meet people, and I've made some lifelong friends. You get as much out of it as you put

Young Leadership Committee kickoff

The Young Leadership Committee of the Jewish Federation of Delaware has jumped into action for its 1992-1993 year with the naming of its Executive Committee, having the opening program and planning for a full year of projects, programs and

The purpose of the YLC is to

develop and nurture Young Jewish through doing. leadership, to increase involvement

in the Jewish community, to explore Jewish issues and identity and to gain an ownership and responsibility for the Jewish community and support of the Jewish organizations. Besides the serious aspects there is fun and friendship, laughing and learning



Sharon Mittelman and Aaron Gobier, co-chairs of General Program Committee.

Charities and taxes

It is ironic that just as charitable organizations are being asked to broaden their activities, often to provide services that government can no longer afford, policy makers are looking more and more to the non-profit sector as a source of revenue. Regulations limiting deductions, taxing not-for-profit organizations like businesses and other moves have already been written into the tax law.

Congress attempted to reverse some of these in H.R. 11 in response to pressure from the philanthropic community. President Bush vetoed the bill and Congress will have to draft a new one when it convenes in January.

Supporters of charitable institutions should be aware of two important changes that should be included.

Taxpayers should be permitted to claim a full charitable deduction for all gifts of appreciated property — including stocks and land — permanently beginning in 1993. At the present time donors subject to the alternative minimum tax are allowed to deduct only the purchase price - not the present value - of donated Items. This has had a significant dampening effect on large contributions from wealthy contributors.

The 3% floor on Itemized tax deductions is a serious problem in the current bill. Tax law has placed a 3% floor on itemized tax deductions, including charitable deductions, for individuals and families with incomes over \$100,000. This is scheduled to expire at the end of 1995. While these amounts may not be significant it is the first time that charitable deductions are taxed since the enactment of the income tax in 1917. Preserving the deductibility of charitable contributions is vital to our agencies and institutions.

The YLC is divided into five subgroups: the Community Involvement Committee chaired by Steven Hershkowitz and Marce Ross; the General Programs Committee chaired by Aaron Gobler and Sharon Mittelman; Fundraising/Super Sunday with Sue Busch and Jerry Weinstein; the Leadership Development Committee with Kathy Bloom and Julie Young; and the Political Action/Missions with Lisa Cain and Matt Denn. Each of the chairs is on the Executive Committee.

Each committee designs, plans and executes several activities or programs during the yearly calendar of events put together by the YLC Executive Committee. The Political Action/Missions Committee has already taken "action" by corresponding with the Delaware candidates for the November 3 election in order to publish their opinions and stands on issues of particular interest to the Jewish Community. The positions of the candidates were published in the October 30 issue of The Jewish

The Young Leadership Cabinet will continue the feature offered last year, liaison with the Young Jewish Adults of Delaware. This year the liaison is Brett Oblon; the liaison position was designed to strengthen the ties between the JCC, YJAD and the Young Leadership Cabinet.

On October 14, YLC hosted its inaugural meeting to orient members and to introduce the theme of "Our Future is Bright."

Barbanel explains, "Our theme is symbolized by a lighted menorah. The menorah symbolizes our established foundation. The flames represent the opportunity of young adults to be a guiding light and become leaders of the Jewish Community."

For more information about the YLC or future events, please contact Lelaine Nemser, JFD Staff Associate, at 478-6200.

Around the agencies



Left to right, Adele Ross, Ruth Handler, Nancy Sherr and Suzy Hefter enjoying the Forget-Me-Not Ball. Photo by Madeline Polss.

The 1992 Forget-Me-Not Ball given by the Auxiliary of the Milton and Hattie Kutz Home was held October 17 at Brandywine Country Club. Attended by more than 180 people, this year's Gala honored the Chairpeople of the past 24 Galas. An annual event, the Gala is the main fundraiser (with the Donor Luncheon in May) of the Auxiliary.

Funds are raised through individual underwriters of the program book and individual donations. In addition to these gifts, this year Dr. Moe Hochman made a very generous donation to the Auxiliary on behalf of Womens Imaging Center of Delaware, L.P. Proceeds from this year's Gala will go toward the ongoing operations of the Home.

Music was provided by the Marc Shaw Orchestra.

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ELLEN KONIVER Chairperson Jewish Family Service Community-wide Forum

As you may have already heard, the 1993 COMMUNITY Campaign, administered by the Jewish Federatio of Delaware, will be unlike any other campaign in Delaware's history. In addition to the Volunteer Leadership Cabinet, many of your friends and neighbors have joined the team on behalf of he Jews of Delaware, Isreal, and the World who benefit from the campaign. Watch future issues of The Jewish Voice, your mail, and some suprising other places, for further details (Yes it's true . . . Mario Cuomo is coming to Delaware!).

It's Time We All Started Thinking About It! **Watch For Details**

When the Russians come to America

Need help - Help Wanted

By ROBERTA BURMAN

Russian Resettlement Director Jewish Family Service

We all shudder, roll our eyes, or sigh in despair over the impact that unemployment has had on all of us. Everyone knows someone who is looking for work. They may be recent graduates, victims of bankrupt companies, or laid off due to cut-

However, in Russia there is no

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European live-in child care, up to 45 hrs./ wk. Legal non-profit cultural exchange program. Cost approx. \$170/wk. 215-860-1640 unemployment. People graduate and are assigned a job. Often, out of inertia or limited possibilities, they remain with the assigned job for many years, sometimes for the rest of their working lives. There is a pervasive feeling that their future is not in their own hands.

So what happens when Russians come here? Most newly-arrived refugees are frightened, have never had to use their own initiative, and need to be directed by a counselor to be

If you are an employer or know of someone in our community who can advise or assist a new American to find work, please call Jewish Family Service at 478-3906.

less dependent, and at the same time take an active role in choosing a career and obtaining employment.

New arrivals are unfamiliar with concepts such as freedom of choice, career counseling, or counseling in general. This, plus the inability to speak fluently in English or translate their past Russian occupations into current U.S. marketable skills, creates emotional havoc. Licensure and educational requirements often force people to make drastic career changes.

Individual input in the U.S.S.R. was always secondary to the objective needs of society. Regulating career development was the right of the State for the good of the national collective. In addition to their lack of exposure to career planning, the newly-arrived refugees face a more serious problem, their unfamiliarity with making decisions.

We, as Americans, need to have empathy, to be sensitive to the reason for their seemingly demanding or obstinate behavior, or their attitude of entitlement. Most often it is a direct result of co-existing with bureaucrats who treated them like non persons. One could only survive by life-long manipulative behavior; a behavior which is unfortunately continued here in this entirely new and unfamiliar culture.

By networking, using job mentors, and other innovative approaches, the JFS Resettlement Staff helped refugees arriving here, prior to 1991, to secure employment in five to six months after arrival.

For example, Sasha, a mechanical engineer, was matched with a Family-to-Family Volunteer who was also a mechanical engineer. At the same time, Sasha enrolled in an extensive English As A Second Language program (ESL). After several meetings with the Volunteer discussed interview techniques, grooming, exploration of areas of interest, targeting his specific field, and developing job leads.

Sasha needed to learn about the technology, in his field, as it exists in

the U.S., evaluate his strengths and weaknesses, and gain confidence in his abilities to handle interviews. He took an active role in the job search. The Resettlement Director and the Volunteer kept him in a goal-oriented mode to avoid the fear generated by an insight-oriented approach.

This doesn't mean that his wife and children did not experience a loss of a sense of security. Everyone starts with initial euphoria, and then begins a roller coaster ride of confusion, anxiety, anger, depression, and even illness as they adjust. Feelings of uprootedness and losses are powerful stressors, and they disrupt the functioning of even the strongest families.

But what happened to Sasha? He ultimately had two job offers. His

wife now works part time in a shop to improve her English. The children are very well adjusted in school, and their 13-year old will be Bar Mitzvah next spring.

But what about other families? They are not as fortunate. Since January 1992, only one person has obtained employment in Wilmington!

State benefits are being drastically reduced, and families are in a constant state of stress and fear for their very survival.

With this article is a short list of newcomers presently seeking employment. They would of course prefer work in the experienced fields, but will take entry level positions of any sort to support their families in a dignified way.

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extensive training and good skills in computer programming. He is an analyst and consultant with emphasis on distributed control systems. holds a Ph.D. in chemical engineering, specializing in solid fuel. She worked extensively in the research and development of composites and material science, and has numerous pub-

Leonid Petlyuk

is a mechanical engineer with design and production experience in the automotive and aircraft industry.

Mikhail Mazin

Alla Petlyuk

is a Ph.D. economist with supervisory experience in engineering project management, control systems and dynamic economical forecasting with computers.

Aleksey Alekseyev

has experience as a master jeweler working with mixed metals and precious and semiprecious stones.

Yelena Shutov

holds a Master's level electrical engineering degree, experienced with electromechanical instruments, high precision guidance systems, and inertial devices for space crafts.

George Shifrin

is a computer oriented electro-mechanical engineer with additional electrical mechanical experience.

Lillian Shifrin

is an electrical engineer educated in radio technology. She also has early childhood educational experience.

MBNA gift helps Kutz plan

Donald F. Parsons, Jr., president of the Milton & Hattie Kutz Home, recently announced that MBNA America Bank N.A. made a donation of \$50,000 to the Home.

According to Parsons, at least part of this gift will be used to assist the Home and the community in conducting market research to assess the future need and demand for a Jewish sponsored nursing in Delaware. This type of study has been deemed necessary by the Home's Planning Committee before moving ahead with plans to make improvements in the Kutz Home's now thirty-two year old physical facility.

In addition, the Home expects to use the MBNA gift to engage a consultant to advise its leadership on various options available to for a capital improvement and to implement some improvements in the Homes operation that should enhance the well being of its residents.

During the past year, the Kutz Home has benefitted in numerous ways from its relationship with MBNA. MBNA redecorated the Home's Library/Board Room and replaced flooring in the living and dining room areas. In addition, volunteers from the bank have made visits to the Home each week as part of a pet therapy program for the residents.

"We are indebted to the people of MBNA and their president, Charles Cawley. They have been true friends of the Home, sharing their time, expertise and personal warmth with our staff and residents. MBNA has brought many brightening touches to the Home, and has in fact helped in virtually every aspect of the Home's operation. The MBNA spirit has also helped our board members address the challenges we face with renewed enthusiasm," said Parsons.

"We look forward to working to-

gether with MBNA for years to come to benefit the Home, our residents and the community we serve."

The Kutz Home is the Delaware Jewish community's nursing facility for the aging, located on River Road in the Bellefonte section of Wilmington. Built in 1960, the Home must consider either extensively renovating or replacing its physical facility in order to be competitive with newer facilities in the area and to achieve greater efficiency.

The Planning Committee of the Home's Board of Directors is chaired by Elliott Golinkoff and is examining the feasibility of a various long range plans by which the Home will carry on its traditional mission of service to the elderly of the Jewish community.

The Home's Board and Planning Committee are working jointly with representatives of the Jewish Federation of Delaware in developing these plans.

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Dinkins asks GA leaders to help

By Debra Nussbaum Cohen

NEW YORK (JTA) -In remarks to several thousand Jewish federation leaders gathered here for the Council of Jewish Federations General Assembly, New York City Mayor David Dinkins asked for their help in repairing the rift between blacks and Jews.

In his welcoming statement to the delegates, Dinkins said he needed their aid "in healing the wounds that have opened up between our communities, because many more things

bind us together than keep us apart." He announced that Nobel laureate Elie Wiesel has agreed to spearhead a citywide campaign against anti-Semitism and hatred.

The rift between the Dinkins administration and parts of the Jewish community has widened considerably in New York since the acquittal last month of the only person thus far charged in the August 1991 murder of Hasidic scholar Yankel Rosenbaum in the Crown Heights section of

Dinkins offered a \$10,000 reward for information leading to the conviction of Rosenbaum's murderer, after the verdict was handed down October 29, but did not go to Crown Heights to address the angry Jewish community, as many there hoped he

At the G.A. on November 11, the mayor promised that newly installed New York Police Commissioner Raymond Kelly and he "are com-pletely committed to finding the people who took part in the lynching of Rosenbaum."

But many in Crown Heights, as well as Jewish activists like Rabbi Avi Weiss of the Hebrew Institute of Riverdale, blame Dinkins for ordering police to hold back during the rioting in 1991, a charge Dinkins has consistently denied.

According to Weiss, Dinkins or another city official ordered police restraint during the rioting, and if he himself did not issue the orders, says Weiss, then the mayor has a responsibility to find out who did.

Police officials and Dinkins have said that police were simply caught unprepared by the outbreak of riot-

ing by blacks in Crown Heights, which began after the driver of a car in the Lubavitcher rebbe's entourage accidentally hit two black children playing on the sidewalk, killing one and injuring the other.

Jews sue **New York mayor**

New York Mayor David N. Dinkins and former Police Commissioner Lee P. Brown unconstitutionally discriminated against Jewish residents of Brooklyn's Crown Heights neighborhood by failing to protect them from ram-paging black gangs during four days of racial rioting last year, a class-action lawsuit filed Tuesday charges. Jews are outraged by the acquittal of a black teenager in the stabbing death of a Hasidic Jewish scholar during the Crown Heights turmoil.

The New York Board of Rabbis joined the African-American Clergy Council on November 4 and commended the mayor for his efforts.

Dinkins, however, seems frustrated by the fact that Jewish leaders in Crown Heights, and Weiss, continue to point to him as being responsible for what has happened in the Crown Heights case.

In his address to federation leaders, Dinkins asked for an end to what he called "overheated language," apparently referring to recent statements by Weiss and some Lubavitch

On Sunday, Weiss led about 300 demonstrators in a mock funeral in front of the mayor's residence.

"I know that the overheated language of the last few days can only divide our city further — and that it must give way to goodwill and understanding if we are to get beyond the terrible events in Crown Heights last year," Dinkins told the CJF plenary.

The major added that "no member of the African-American community has spoken out more forcefully and consistently against anti-Semitism than I - even when my own life was threatened for doing so, several years back, by a community leader who made anti-Semitic remarks.

"But so far, despite the best efforts of the best police department in the world, for the family of Yankel Rosenbaum and his community, there has been no justice. And the verdict rendered a week and a half ago by a Brooklyn jury only plunged them more deeply into grief and sharpened their pain.

"As a father and grandfather, as a son and a brother, I have some sense of the pain they feel — and I can hardly blame them for lashing out at any target in sight - even if that target is me.'



Rostock, Germany - With the new wave of neo-nazism, racism and antisemitism sweeping Germany, the city of Rostock alone has encountered more than 1,600 attacks, primarily against foreigners. Over fifty years ago, on Kristallnacht ("The Night of the Broken Glass"), November 9-10, 1938, the synagogue of Rostock (pictured) was desecrated and set on fire. Photo courtesy Simon Wiesenthal Center Archives.

Every teen to Israel

By LARRY YUDELSON

NEW YORK (JTA) - A trip to Israel will become as universal a rite of passage for American Jewish youth as a bar or bat mitzvah, if a new multimillion dollar effort succeeds.

The five-year project will set aside funds to help local federations promote summer trips to Israel and to provide scholarships for teens interested in taking the trips.

Those involved hope to raise the number of young Jews traveling to Israel from the current 8,000 a year to at least 50,000 annually by the year 2000. There are an estimated 350,000 Jewish teenagers in the United States and Canada.

Leading the newly announced effort is the CRB Foundation, which for five years has been researching the impact of Israel trips on Jewish identity. Partners with the foundation are the United Jewish Appeal, the Council of Jewish Federations, the Jewish Community Centers Association of North America and the Jewish Education Service of North

"The Israel Experience holds great promise for heightening awareness, strengthening identity and making a significant contribution to contemporary Jewish life, education and Jewish continuity," Charles Bronfman, president of the CRB Foundation, said as he announced the new program last week to 3,000 delegates attending the General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Fed-

The initial program will provide grants to up to 12 communities that agree to match the money and make Israel trips a community priority.

UJA will provide \$750,000 worth of grants over three years, which will form the bulk of the funding. Rabbi Brian Lurie, UJA executive vice president, has for some time called for all Jewish youth to visit Israel.

Hard times for Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES - The Jewish Federation Council of Greater Los Angeles is making severe cuts in its operations and staff in the face of falling contributions, rising deficits and increasing defaults on campaign pledges. Hard hit are the social and community agencies serving the area's 650,000 Jews, contributions to national organizations and funds channelled to Israel through the

United Jewish Appeal. Most of the blame for the cuts is assigned to the general economic recession, although improvident federation housekeeping during the flush 1980s did not

A portent of things to come was last year's decision to cut the budget of the country's second largest federation by \$3.5 million and its workforce by one fourth.

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AIPAC president quits

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president of AIPAC has resigned after revelations of a taped telephone conversation in which he falsely claimed to have cut a secret deal with the secretary of state and to have influenced the Clinton campaign on prospective Cabinet appointments.

The tape was made without the knowledge of the AIPAC president, David Steiner, and was sent to The Washington Times, which published excerpts of it in a story that appeared November 4.

The incident is an embarrassing blow to the American Israel Public Affairs Committee, which has been attacked in the news media over the years for being politically heavyhanded. The powerful pro-Israel lobby also has been stung in recent months by charges from Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin that its confrontational efforts to secure loan guarantees for Israel were counterproduc-

According to a confidential memo obtained by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that was sent November 3 to AIPAC's executive committee, Steiner received a telephone call about two weeks prior from a man who identified himself as a "major

potential political activist."

In an apparent effort to "encourage him to become more involved," Steiner told the caller stories about his own political involvement and "presented an inflated characterization of his contacts and dealings with major public figures," according to the memo.

The AIPAC president claimed to have had a meeting with James Baker while he was secretary of state that Steiner said secured a \$1 billion strategic cooperation deal for Israel. he also said he had negotiated with the Clinton campaign about who would become secretary of state in a Clinton administration.

Steiner was unaware the conversation was being taped by the caller, New York businessman named Harry Katz. Katz has been described in media reports as a man with a propensity to sue individuals and Jewish agencies.

After Steiner learned a tape of the conversation had been sent to The Washington Times, he issued a resignation statement, dated October 30. In it, he apologized to Clinton, Baker and AIPAC, calling it "a difficult and painful moment.'

"In an effort to encourage and impress what I thought was a poten-tial political activist," he said, "I made statements which went beyond overzealousness and exaggeration and were simply and totally untrue."

There were no 'deals' with Secretary Baker, nor any negotiations with the Clinton campaign, as I described, he wrote. "I know that many people in politics exaggerate their closeness to and influence with politicians to impress others, but what I did was wrong.

"I deeply believe that the relationship between the United States and Israel serves the highest interests of both democracies, and I intended to do nothing to harm this relationship," Steiner said.

AIPAC waited several days to go public with the development, in order to alert Baker, who is now White House chief of staff, and the Clinton

"AIPAC played no role in the negotiations over military assistance to Israel that he described," said AIPAC spokeswoman Toby Dershowitz. Continued on 11

Briefs

Austria's first synagogue in 68 years

WASHINGTON (PNR) — The first synagogue built in Austria in 68 years, a structure in Vienna for a Sephardic congregation, was officially dedicated October 18, the Austrian Embassy in Washington has reported in a press statement. Of the fewer than 15,000 Jews in Austria, about 5,000 are Sephardim from the former Soviet Union. The synagogue, is in the Leopold-Stadt section, a traditional Jewish district in Austria's capital, Eichtinger, said. Austrian President Thomas Klestil, referring to the Sephardim as an important part of Vienna's Jewish community, said many of its members "came to Austria from a world of fear and despair. We pray to God that they found here in Austria a world of hope and live without fear." The president of the Vienna Jewish community, Paul Grosz, said construction of the Sephardic center represents "a symbol of integration." From Joseph Polakoff.

Shoval remaining as ambassador

WASHINGTON (PNR) — Israeli Ambassador Zalman Shoval describes as "a canard" the report he is being removed as Israel's ambassador to the United States and adds that he will remain at his post here until the Passover holiday next Spring. Israeli Cabinet members informed Israeli media in late October that Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin was replacing Shoval with Dr. Itamar Rabinovich, the rector of Tel Aviv University who heads Israel's delegation in the peace talks here with its Syrian counterpart. At that time an Israel Embassy source replied the report was "speculation." In an interview Nov. 6 with this reporter, Shoval attributed the "canard" to "all sorts of people fighting for jobs." He mentioned no names. From Joseph Polakoff.

U.S. ads offer reward for terrorist info

WASHINGTON (PNR) - The State Department has launched a new international advertising campaign promoting its rewards for information on terrorists. Besides American publications the ads began appearing November 9 in Arabic, French, German and Russian media. The ad in Prvada in Moscow is the first-ever cooperative effort of this kind against international terrorism in U.S.-Russia relations. The State Department is also sponsoring a series of public service announcements available for radio and television in Arabic, French, German, Greek, Italian and Spanish. Anyone with information on terrorism should contact the appropriate territories in their own countries, U.S. diplomatic missions or write Heroes, P.O. Box 96781, Washington, D.C. 20090-6781, USA. From Joseph Polakoff.

Sabin pledges million to research

REHOVOT, Israel — Prof. Albert Sabin, famed developer of the oral polio vaccine, has pledged to give a total of one million dollars to support solar energy research at the Weizmann Institute, in Israel. He has already contributed two-thirds of that sum and, in a letter to Weizmann Institute President Haim Harari, he promised that the rest would be forthcoming soon. These funds, Prof. Sabin wrote Prof. Harari, "are designated specifically for research on the advanced technologies required for the conversion of solar energy into storable and transportable chemical energy — to a point where the first industrially feasible pilot plant can be built." Prof. Sabin has long and close links with the Weizmann Institute. A member of its Board of Governors for a quarter-century, he served as its President from 1970 to the end of 1972. From the American Committee for the Weizmann Institute of

Mazon awards record grants

Mazon: A Jewish Response to Hunger this week announced record grants of \$700,000 for the second half of 1992 to 94 non-profit agencies serving the hungry and homeless in the United States and abroad. The new allocations bring the total for the year to \$1.35 million, the largest sum granted since the organization was founded in 1986. An additional grant of \$50,000 announced by Mazon Chairman Lee H. Javitch went to the Los Angeles-based International Medical Corps for an emergency program in Somalia — a therapeutic feeding program for severely malnourished children. Mazon's latest grants will be given to emergency food assistance programs, food banks, advocacy groups for the poor, international hunger relief projects and multi-service organizations that provide food, shelter and counseling. From

Death in Iran draws protest

On March 17 a businessman named Bahman Samandari was summoned to the notorious Evin prison in Teheran, where he was secretly executed the next day. His widow learned of his fate on April 5, when prison officials handed her what they said was a copy of his will — but refused to tell where dari's sole crime was that he was a prominent adherent of the Bahai faith, a religion with some 400,000 followers in Iran that is deemed heretical by the ruling mullahs. But the sequel is hopeful: 52 Iranianborn scholars in America and Europe signed a letter condemning "this act of official lawlessness and brutality in the strongest possible terms." Their protest appeared recently as an advertisement in The Iran Times, published in Washington D.C. This is the first time a group of prominent, mostly Muslim Iranians have signed such a statement. From the New York Times.

Germany earmarks over \$6 million

BONN - The German government will provide Poland with \$6 million for long-overdue restoration work at the site of the former Auschwitz death camp. The decision was announced last Friday on the heels of a unanimous resolution by the German parliament calling on the government to fund preservation of sites commemorating victims of the Nazis.



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PROTESTAT DACHAU... DACHAU, Germany — Several hundred antifascists walk in a torch march at the site of the former Nazi concentration camp in Dachau November 7 to protest against the rising racism against foreigners and asylum seekers in Germany. Dachau was the first site of a Nazi concentration camp opened in March 1933 right after Hitler's takeover in January 1933, RNS PHOTO/Reuters



LIBERATOR AND SURVIVOR MEET...NEW YORK — David Yager, a survivor of the Buchenwald concentration camp, embraces Walter Woodson, a former sergeant with the 761st Tank Battalion at a reception in New York November 9. Yager and other concentration camp prisoners were liberated by the all African-American battalion at the end of World War II. Lisa Rosenblum, a director of a documentary on the battalion, is at left. RNS PHOTO/Reuters

Talks on refugees

OTTAWA, (JTA) — Last week's multilateral peace talks here on the Middle East refugee problem were far from a raging success, according to Canadian officials.

But the talks did achieve something of a breakthrough in getting Israel for the first time to discuss the refugee problem with Palestinian negotiators.

All in all, some 38 delegations participated in the talks, including the United Nations. But Syria and Lebanon were no-shows.

Israel has refused to attend an earlier session of the multilateral working group on refugees here last May and had threatened to pull its delegation out this time around.

The Israelis objected to the inclusion of Mohammad Hallaj, by his own admission a member of the Palestine National Council, as head of the Palestinian delegation. The PNC is the Palestine Liberation Organization's so-called parliament-in-exile, and Israeli officials have refused to sanction PLO involvement in the peace talks.

But the Israeli delegation acquiesced after it was announced that Hallaj's membership in the PNC had in fact "lapsed" late last year.

The talks began in earnest last Thursday and focused on seven themes, according to Marc Perron, head of the Canadian delegation, who chaired both rounds of talks here as well as the opening organizational meeting in Moscow last January.

Clinton

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Although America's Jewish population is under six million, or less than two and one-half percent of the country's 253 million people, Jews constituted four percent of the voters in the November 3 election, The Times "Portrait of Electorate" showed.

A pre-election campaign waged

nationwide by the Synagogue Council of America that enlisted 20,000 volunteers and support from 2,700 synagogues brought more than 200,000 new Jewish voters on the registration rolls. in addition, Hillel of B'nai B'rith and the American Israel Public Affairs Committee registered 30,000 college students on campuses.

AIPAC

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"These were initiated by the meeting between Israeli Prime Minister Rabin and President Bush in Kennebunkport in August, and continued to completion by Israeli and American negotiating teams during September and October." She added: "On no occasion has the Clinton campaign engaged in discussions with Mr. Steiner or AIPAC about personnel matters at any level."

Mayer Mitchell, chairman of AIPAC's board, and Tom Dine, its executive director, paid tribute to Steiner in their memo to the executive committee.

"We know that you will, upon hearing this news, share anguish for a colleague who has given everything to our cause and this organization, a man of the highest character who, during a period of physical stress, made a very human error."

This is a "body blow to a very important institution in Jewish life that has been under attack," said a prominent Jewish leader. "What makes it more tragic is that it was self-inflicted."



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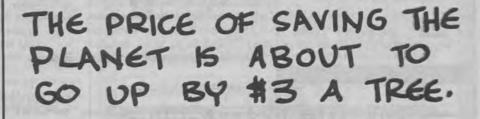
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Inside Israel

From Sarajevo to a safe haven in Israel

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A harmless sonic boom is enough for Natasha and her children to brace themselves for bombs and bullets. Out of Sarajevo and in Israel only one week, they're still living with the horrors of war...the anticipation of the bullet that could rip their lives apart. They are already worn by the trauma. Natasha's husband, Zlatan, has been hospitalized with an ulcer and nervous exhaustion since he arrived in Israel.

"We stayed in Sarajevo until we could stand it no more," says Natasha. She continues, "We came away with 22 pounds of baggage each. We left behind two houses, two cars and all kinds of luxuries." After a pause, she adds, "But we were inflicting terrible psychological scars on our children, hiding from artillery fire in bomb shelters like scared rats. Here, my children are learning to smile again.

The Jewish Agency arranged for Natasha and her family to leave Sarajevo by bus for a Croatian port city; from there they were flown to Belgrade and then on to Israel. The Jewish Agency is funded by American Jews through United Jewish Appeal/Federation campaigns. Operation Exodus, a UJA/Federation campaign is helping Israel absorb hundreds of thousands of new immigrants from the former Soviet Union.

The crisis in Yugoslavia has brought over 550 Jews to Israel, including 150 children who are living at Jewish Agency-funded Youth Aliyah villages. Natasha, who looks far more fashionable than war weary, says, "We are bitter about what has happened. But we feel lucky that as Jews we have the option of building new lives

the anti-Semitism his late parents knew all too well. During the World War II collaboration between the Croats and Nazis, Romano's father was transported to the Jasenovac concentration camp. The younger Romano remarks, "My father es-

war will not blow over so easily." He continues, "As Jews, this is not our war. We are neither Serbs, Croats or Moslems. I was not prepared to fight for any of the para-military groups in Bosnia, but I would be prepared to join the Israeli Army."



Although Izo Romano (No relation to Natasha Romano) shares Natasha's sentiments, he's trying on a Jewish identity for the first time. Romano says, "I must be candid and say that we hardly knew we were Jewish." Romano was largely shielded from caped but the rest of the family perished there."

Discussing the historic underpinnings of the conflict in Yugoslavia, Romano says, "The Serbs and Croats have always hated each other. This

With a long sigh, Romano says that despite his parents' experiences during the Holocaust, his generation was proud to be Yugoslavians. He adds, "Now we must build new lives and learn to be proud Jews and

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Jewish villains in Acre and Tel Aviv

By NECHEMIA MEYERS

Though my wife and I were several decades older than most of the other people at the recent Acre Fringe Theater Festival, we still had a marvelous time.

We were very impressed by the three plays we saw (out of the 30 presented), plays which we felt were worthy of the commercial stage. And between performances, we wandered through the courtyards and streets of Acre's predominantly Arab Old City, where jugglers, mimes, guitarists and dancers seemed to be enjoying themselves no less than the people watch-

Moreover—unlike the situation at many overseas festivals — there were no drunks, not a hint of hostility or violence. Even when, as sometimes happened, there were more ticketholders than chairs in the underground, Crusader-era vaults where most of the plays were presented, people already sitting down cheerfully crowded closer together in order to make room for everyone.

The only sour note, for my wife and I, was the blatant ideological bias of most playwrights and plays. To the extent that they dealt with the Middle East conflict, as many did, the Arabs were always the good guys,

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while the Jews were the bad guys.

This was the unmistakable message of "Hirbit Heza," one of the productions we saw. Based on a story by distinguished Hebrew novelist Yizhar Smilansky, it describes how hundreds of Arabs were driven out of their village by a Jewish military unit during the War of Independence in 1948. The members of that unit are not only doing a nasty job, but, for the most part, sadistically enjoying every minute of it.

Another play which we viewed, "Abir," showed five Palestinian women willing to take enormous chances in order to defy their cruel Israeli overlords, though, truth to be told, it also dealt with the problems these women face in their own, maledominated society.

After seeing "Abir," I asked the playwright who wrote it, Hagit Ya'ari, why it was that all Israeli plays whether staged in Acre or Tel Avivportray the Jews as villains, the Arabs as victims. Surely, I said, there must be some Arab villains too.

While admitting that not all Arabs are without fault, she nevertheless argued that it was justified to emphasize Jewish guilt "because, after all, we are the conquerors."

But no play presented in Acre, no matter how one-sided its presentation of Jews and Arabs, can compare in outright viciousness with "Life

According to Agfa," a much acclaimed new film on Tel Aviv night life that was scripted and directed by Assi Dayan, son of the late Moshe

The two Arabs in this film, both of whom work in the kitchen of a Tel Aviv pub, are likeable young men who are much abused by Jews in general and Israeli soldiers in particular, represented in this instance by members of the "saiyeret" commando unit. A half-dozen of them come into the pub, beat up the Arabs and are thrown out. But they return at the end of the film when - like a bunch of Chicago gangsters in an old Hollywood B picture - they fire away with their submachine guns until the Arabs and everyone else in the pub is

Psychologists may argue that Assi Dayan is trying to get back at his late father, a leading symbol of the Israeli military. Yet this hardly gives him the right to present members of the country's most famous army unit responsible for, among other things, the Entebbe rescue operation - as a bunch of ruthless gangsters. For that matter, it is hard to understand why the Dayan movie was supported by public money from "The Fund to Encourage Quality Films."

Opinions may differ as to whether "Life According to Agfa" is a quality film; it certainly isn't an honest one.

Arts and Entertainment

Words and Music: Cabaret Acts

By STEVE COHEN

My focus in this week's column is cabaret: the art form of popular song performed in an intimate setting. I'm not speaking here of the show by that name (with a capital "C"), but check elsewhere on these pages for a contest involving Cabaret.

I love theatrical spectacle. You may recall that I praised the big Zeffirelli production of "Falstaff" at the Metropolitan Opera, and that's just one example. Nevertheless I also love, and sometimes crave, a quiet evening over glasses of wine at a romantic table for two, listening to cabaret.

One of the best places to find this is the Barrymore Room at the Hotel Atop the Bellevue in Philadelphia. If Wilmington has such a spot, I'd like to hear about it. But I'm speaking not only of Wilmington. New York City can't match it either.

With plush decor, frescoed arches, high domed ceiling with stained glass and with curved windows overlooking the Philadelphia skyline, the Barrymore Room tops the best of Manhattan. Closest to it is Rainbow and Stars in the RCA Building. But Rainbow is hard-edged; the look is mirrors and glass and the attitude is intimidating. The Barrymore Room is, in contrast, warm and comfort-

It's subdued and genteel. John Barrymore himself probably would be thrown out of it if the stories I hear about his rowdy private life are true.

cabarets charge \$30 or \$35 a person to enter, and have drink minimums of \$15 or so. The American Music

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Festival Theater at the Barrymore Room charges \$18.50 a person (less for members) and has only a \$5 food or drink minimum. I have no financial interest in this, though this may sound like a commercial. I just enjoy a bargain and think that you might

A few weeks earlier the American Music Theater Festival presented Phoebe Legere in the Barrymore Room. She is an avant garde artist who has performed at trendy New York clubs and also played piano and accordion at Camegie Recital Hall. Leggy, slit-skirted, with long blonde

Totally without reservation I can praise the November 8 performance by Tovah Feldshuh. She appeared in the overly-large Keswick Theatre in Glenside, and provided a solid hour and twenty minutes of songs, stories and dancing that had me wanting

Feldshuh has awards for her work as "Yentl" on Broadway and television's "Holocaust," as well as "Lend Me a Tenor" and "Sarava." I also saw her as "Peter Pan," but most of the audience had forgotten that, and they seemed amazed that she sang so well.

She started with special material, "My real name is Terri Sue," and throughout the show she explained in song and story her background and her career. There were changes of costume and changes of voice, as she touchingly portrayed a child, her grandmother and her vocal teacher.

Especially moving were the Yiddish song "In Cheder," "Never Never Land" from "Peter Pan," a newsong by local composer David Israel, and medleys of Gershwin and Burton Lane ballads. All of this was with beautiful voice and clever, original arrangements. Even in the big house. she communicated in an intimate

To the producers at the Barrymore: Can we have the pleasure of seeing and hearing Tovah Feldshuh in your

The next AMFT Cabaset at the Bellevue is David Staller's tribute to the music of Noel Coward and Cole Porter, December 3 to 12.

As reported earlier in one of my columns, Delaware Symphony Conductor Stephen Gunzenhauser offered a prize to a listener who could identify his mystery encore. The winner, David Hanks, won a pair of tickets to the next symphony concert. So can you. See our contest elsewhere on this page.

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The most recent performer in the room was Susannah McCorkle, renowned as a leading artist of this genre. She did not disappoint. Backed by tasteful jazz/pop piano and standup bass, she sang the songs of Gershwin, Porter and Rodgers with grace and with taste. She also introduced a new and clever romantic song by David Frishberg. Her voice is not large or dramatic and she communicates with subtle coloring and shading. McCorkle's style emphasizes words and her material was love and romance. Her commentary between songs was warm, unaffected

hair, she sang cajun, Willie Nelson. Muddy Waters, Cole Porter and her own compositions, while accompanying herself at the piano.

At one point Legere turned to the ringsiders and said: "I know I scare the pants off most of you." We weren't scared. We were just put off by her abruptly changing styles and oddball commentary. Even when a performer is not to your taste, you can find amusement and adventure in the experience, as we did that night. The American Musical Theater Festival says that it is dedicated to showcasing "new and adventurous musical theater." That's what it did with

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Off Broadway Bubbe Meises came from Russia, resembled my By CECEIL EHRICH

Special to The Jewish Voice

Tucked away on a quiet street in Greenwich Village, New York City, is the small and renowned Cherry Lane Theatre. It is definitely off-off Broadway!

Currently playing there is a charming and nostalgic play, "Bubbe Meises" (bubbe stories). The play is a one woman show, written and performed by Ellen Gould. The musical direction and arrangements are by Bob Goldstone.

The simple set consists of two huge portraits of Miss Gould's grandparents, maternal and paternal. I was instantly drawn to the play, since her paternal Grandmother Annie, who

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Ish Voice. She resides in Wilm-

own Russian grandmother, Sophie.

The maternal grandmother Gittel, is a sociologist, full of zeal and heart. She calls her lovely grandchild "Meeskeit" just so no evil eye should look upon her "poo poo."

Grandmother Annie, a big and robust woman, is full of spirit and love of life. She calls her granddaughter "Dahling" and advises her "to take more from life, than life takes from you." Even on her deathbed, her granddaughter recalls her grasping in the air for the last bits of life.

Miss Gould plays all three roles, and captures the essence of each character's soul. Although the play is in English, there is a mixture of pathos, humor, insight and song reminiscent of Yiddish theatre.

Ellen Gould portrays a modern young woman, walking precariously with destiny. She is uncertain of her goals, afraid of commitment, afraid to take a chance on life. She turns to her grandmothers and their wonderful "Bubbe Meises" to help guide and shape her own life. There is a lovely tale told by each "bubbe," but it always seem to stop short of the important message at the end of the play, the young woman stands shakily balanced on the "gangplank of life." At that "moment of truth," the words of her grandmothers echo in her mind. As they help to guide her way, she says, "My grandmothers are dancing inside me.'

In a world filled with angst, there is something tender and refreshing about reaching backinto one's memories to find the wisdom, and feel the continuity that links our modern world to our past and our tradition.

The theatre program contains a note from the Talmud, "That which comes from the heart enters the heart." This little gem of a play did touch and enter mine.



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Synagogue Life

Bring the Bar Mitzvah to Bubbah

By MICHELE MEDWIN

Special To the Jewish Voice In the fall of 1990 it began.

We received a letter from Rabbi Grumbacher and Rabbi Messinger informing us that the date for our son's Bar Mitzvah would be October 24, 1992. It was hard to believe that our 'little boy' Danny, was growing up. It was even harder to believe that we were old enough to have a son who could be a Bar Mitzvah.

We joyfully called our family and friends to tell them of the date. Since we have alot of family who live out of town we wanted to give them plenty of notice.

We also called Bubbah. Bubbah is Dan's 97 year old great-grandmother. She came to America from Russia as a young girl. Although she is not even 5 feet tall, she has always been full of energy and spunk and is as sharp as a tack. Bubbah promised Dan that she would be there for his Bar Mitzvah. Since Dan is the oldest great-grandchild this would be the first Bar Mitzvah of that generation for her.

At every family gathering that we went to Bubbah renewed her promise to Dan to be there when he became a Bar Mitzvah. But, as is common with the elderly, last June, Bubbah fell and broke her hip. We all prayed that with surgery and rehabilitation that perhaps Bubbah would have enough time to heal so she could be with us. She even sent her response card back that she was coming to the Bar Mitzvah and was looking forward to being with us.

About a month before the Bar Mitzvah, we got a call from Dan's grandparents. They had spoken to the social worker and doctor at the Nursing Home that Bubbah was staying at and they were concerned that she just was not healthy enough to

make the long trip from Manhattan to Delaware. As much as she wanted to be there they felt that it was not in her best interest to travel. Sadly, we

Then we found a way to solve the dilemma. Bubbah was staying at the Jewish Home and Hospital for the Aged in Manhattan. The social worker said, "Why don't you bring the Bar Mitzvah to Bubbah? We have Sabbath services here every week and our Rabbi is creative and inventive and would love the opportunity to have a Bar Mitzvah at the Home." Suddenly a sad moment turned into a joyous occasion.

The nursing home staff was all excited. Never in the history of the Home had they ever had a Bar Mitzvah. The residents were all excited. How many years had it been since any of them attended a Bar Mitzvah? And we were all excited. We would be able to share our Simcha with Bubbah.

Dan's 'second' Bar Mitzvah was held the week after his true Bar Mitzvah which had been at Congregation Beth Emeth in Wilmington. Slowly but surely the 'congregation' began to enter the chapel. They came in wheelchairs, with walkers and with canes. Excitement filled the air. Bubbah was dressed in her fanciest dress and all the residents were shouting 'Mazel Tov' to her.

Dan began the service with an opening prayer. Rabbi Michael Resnick and Cantor Ellen Weinberg continued. Then it came time for the Torah Service. The Ark was opened and the Torah taken out. Dan and the Rabbi proceeded with the Hakafot, Dan was carrying the Torah and the Rabbi was leading him as they wove in and out of the chairs and wheelchairs of the congregants.



Rebecca "Bubbah" Medwin and Bar Mitzvah Dan Medwin

Shouts of joy and 'mazel tov' filled the room as residents reached out to touch the Torah and to touch Dan. The joy of the Torah and the joy of youth blended together. Here was visible evidence that their Heritage was being carried on, that Judaism was everlasting. Tears filled our eyes as the joy of the residents filled our

Family members and residents were alternately given Aliyot to read from the Torah.

As exciting as it was for the residents to see Dan and Rachel at their Home, it was thrilling for us to see the residents participating fully in the services. Some residents were wheeled up to the torah, some were

assisted as they walked up to the

People who seemed to be unaware of their surroundings suddenly came alive. Torah blessings were chanted, mumbled and read in various voices and even through loose false teeth. It was comforting to know that Judaism can be a part of our lives always, at all ages.

As the service ended, Rabbi grabbed Bubbah in her wheelchair and the Cantor began to sing Hava Nagila. Bubbah led the hora, with the Rabbi pushing her chair as we all formed a line behind them and danced around the room.

What a joyous sight. These are memories that will last a lifetime. Dan truly is a Bar MITZVAH!

Thanksgiving – Bringing the holiday home

By RABBI JEROME EPSTEIN Executive Vice President The United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism

Jews are no strangers to the notion of giving thanks. We acknowledge the Devine three times a day in our prayers, and our Shabbat and yom tou liturgy is filled with praise of God. While Thanksgiving (with a capital "T") is not in itself a Jewish holiday obviously, there is no biblical injunction to gather with one's family, eat traditional American fare, and think about Pilgrims and Indians - it provides us with yet another opportunity to reflect, to praise, and to express our gratitude.

Like most cultural phenomena, Thanksgiving provides us with raw material for a "midrash" that will help us explain our circumstances, cope with life's complexities, and move forward. In a sense, it gives us an opportunity to synthesize two traditions, allowing our Jewish teachings to inform and influence the celebration of this quintessentially American holiday.

We each have personal reasons to give thanks. But it is also appropriate to consider other, more general reasons for expressing gratitude. First, we should be thankful for the special blessings that derive from living in America. With all of its problems, our nation remains a democracy where we can be different, affirm our religious identity, practice our unique rituals, build day schools for our young, open summer camps for children of all Jewish denominations, and support a plethora of community organizations. We needn't be fearful to speak out in support of Israel. We have access to legislators, courts, the press and all institutions of government. We have a home where we can live fully as Jews.

Second, we should give thanks because we have survived as a people. We have rebuilt our homeland, Eretz Yisrael, and vibrant Jewish communities can be found all over the world. It is instructive to realize that — with all that has gone before - we can still stand up and affirm our Jewishness in a predominantly non-Jewish world.

If our strength is challenged today due to intermarriage and assimilation, our determination to survive remains as strong as ever.

Third, those of us who gather together with our families and friends enjoy a special blessing. To be surrounded by loved ones is to realize the greatest happiness one can enjoy, and it is certainly an activity applauded by our tradition. The Torah enjoins us to "teach our children." What better, less painful way to do this than over a sumptuous meal, discussing the underlying reason for the gathering. Whether we instruct our children in their obligations to God or their responsibilities toward their fellow man, or toward the environment, the holiday "aura" sets just the right mood for discussions of this kind.

Fourth, even with the recent presidential election, it is virtually certain that the American economy will take some time to restore to the position where all families have homes, jobs, and the wherewithal to enjoy large turkey dinners. Thanksgiving is a perfect time to realize that we should not take these gifts for granted. It is also a time to give tzedakah - to share our bounty with others. We make the holiday ours - render it more "Jewish" — by remembering that since our good fortune ultimately comes from God, we are obligated to share it with others.

When stopping to consider those gifts for which we must be grateful, the proper kavanah, or motivation, can elicit surprisingly deep responses. Like everything else in life, what we ultimately gain from the holiday will depend on what we bring to it.

Let us each bring a keen appreciation of our good fortune — as well as our unique Jewish sensibilities - to the Thanksgiving table this year, enhancing the experience for ourselves and our loved ones and raising the event from the status of a dinner to the heights of a spiritual celebration. Let us thank God for our blessings, share them with others, and teach these lessons to our children. Then, truly, the day shall assume the honorary status of a Jewish holiday.

Announcements/Events

Interfaith service planned Jewish Experience in Western Europe

The Delaware Region, National Conference of Christians and Jews and the religious communities of New Castle County invite the entire community to join in worship at an Interfaith Thanksgiving Service on Wednesday, November 25 from 12:15 to 1:00 p.m. at First and Central Presbyterian Church, Eleventh and Market Streets in downtown Wilmington.

The service, unique in its interfaith nature, will celebrate the unity of humankind against those forces which seek to divide and separate us.

Responsive readings, passages from sacred texts, hymns and litanies have been selected or written for the service with a view to that universal language with which all may feel comfortable and to which all may

The Center city Chorale of Wilmington will provide inspirational music for the event. Rev. Vin Harwell is the service coordinator.

For additional information, please contact the Delaware Region, National Conference of Christians and Jews at (302) 655-0039.

Historical Society seeks volunteers

The Jewish Historical Society is looking for a volunteer to staff its archives, which are located at the Historical Society of Delaware Research Library in Wilmington.

Needed is someone who can work at least 10 hours per week, is attentive to detail and likes working with old papers and documents.

For more information please call Helen Goldberg, JHSD President at 764-8328 or Julian H. Preisler, cur-

Previous experience is appreciated but is not a prerequisite.

The Adult Education Committee of Congregation Beth Shalom will present Professor Robert Chazan of New York University on Sunday, November 22 at 7 p.m. as part of its year-long program entitled "ASHKENAZ: The World of Our Ancestors."

His lecture is entitled "The Jewish Experience in Western Europe." He will survey the major differences in Jewish communal life in Germany and France as contrast to Jewish life in Poland and the Russian Pale of Settlement.

Dr. Robert Chazan is currently the Scheuer Professor of Hebrew and Judaic Studies, and is Chairman of

He has taught previously at the Jewish Theological Seminary, Ohio State University, Tel Aviv University, and Queens College. He has B.A., M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from Columbia University, as well as B.H.L., M.H.L., and rabbinical degrees from the Jewish Theological Seminary.

Professor Chazan has published widely in medieval Jewish history. His books include Medieval Jewry In Northern France; Church, State, and Jew in the Middle Ages; European Jewry and the First Crusade; Daggers of Faith: Thirteenth-Century Christian Missionizing and

208 Cheltenham Road, Newark and

the Department of Hebrew and Judaic Studies at New York University. Jewish Response; and Barcelona daic Studies at New York University. 1263 and Its Aftermath.

Professor Chazan served as past

This lecture is the second of four lectures for the 92-93 season which are covered by a series admission of \$15 per person. Individual lectures are \$5 at the door. The lecture will take place at Congregation Beth Shalom, 18th and Baynard Blvd., Wilmington.

scheduled in Newark

March for unity

A march and rally to celebrate

diversity and proclaim the need for

harmony will be held on Sunday,

November 22 from 2 to 4:30 p.m.

rent JHSD Archivist at 655-0365.

Rudnitzky

at NCJW

The topic for the Wednesday, cil of Jewish Women (NCJW), is

with both individuals and couples.



Yvette Rudnitzky

to speak

December 9 general meeting of the Wilmington Section, National Coun-"Divorce."

She was born in Brooklyn, in 1942. She received her R.N. degree from Brooklyn Jewish Hospital, and worked as a nurse for several years in New York City at Mt. Sinai Hospital, where she met and marned her hus-

band Jerry. They have two sons. After a decade plus a year or two of full-time mothering and part-time schooling, to finish her undergraduate degree, she went back to graduate school full-time.

Rudnitzky is a graduate of the Bryn Mawr School of Social Work. Her first employment was with the Jewish Family Service of Delaware.

The meeting is at 10 a.m. at the home of Phyllis Railson. Sweet breads and coffee will be served. Please call 571-1241 for reservations.

president of the Association for Jewish Studies. He is a fellow of the American Academy for Jewish Research and has been awarded honorary doctorates by the Jewish Theological Seminar and Gratz College.

Chabad offers Talmud

Chabad of Newark is offering an Introductory Class in Talmud.

The class is studying Mesechta Megillah which deals with in the laws

The class is offered twice a week. For more information call Rabbi The class meets Mondays or Wednes-Sneiderman at 455-Chai (1800). days at 7 p.m. at the Rabbi's house,

Classes in Mysticism, Hebrew, and Chumash will be forming soon. Call for more information.



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The event, which is being called Unity Day, is being planned by a coalition of community and university groups and leaders. When asked about the fact that the Ku Klux Klan is planning to parade down Main Street on the same day,

Gary Hayman, president of the Newark Branch of the NAACP, said, "We are encouraging people to not be spectators at their event but participants in ours. The best response to their presence is to stay away from it

and join us."

People will gather for the march at 2:00 at the parking lot of Newark High School, East Delaware Avenue. The march will begin at 2:30 and move up Main Street to Old College, Main and North College, where the rally will be held at 3:30. The march will be held rain or shine. In the case of inclement weather the rally will be moved into the Carpenter Gym next to Old College.

"The purpose of Unity Day is to give the Newark and University community an opportunity to state clearly that diversity is not something to be feared and that harmony is a value to be sought. We need to break the silence when it comes to hate crimes and groups," said Hayman.

Organizers say that Unity Day is just the beginning of a positive response to the recent rise of hate crimes and the presence of such groups as the KKK in the community. The group, yet to be named, is working to develop long range plans and programs to address the systemic problems which give rise to misunderstandings, hate and divisions among people.

To march and rally on the 22nd is not enough," says The Rev. Louise Robeck, Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Newark. "We are committed to work toward the day when we won't need to hold Unity Days.'

Houses for sale

Sisterhood Congregation Beth Emeth has been in the business of selling houses, in the form of individually designed pins, for the past

These pins are designed and manufactured in Maine by Lucinda, Inc. The proceeds from the pins that Sisterhood has sold are being donated to CHILD, INC., a shelter for homeless, battered, and abused women and their children.

The pins are purchased by Sisterhood with the agreement that they be sold for \$10 apiece.

Lucinda, Inc. is the corporation established by Lucinda Yates, the artist who came up with the idea of

designing house pins when she failed to find volunteer work in her community. Sisterhood signs a contract with cinda stating that all of the proceeds of the pins be turned over to a community shelter. To date, Sisterhood has donated \$700 to Child, Inc. and will be donating additional funds prior to the coming holiday season. The pins have raised over \$300,000 nationwide.

Pins are on display at Congregation Beth Emeth in the Judaica case in the lobby and are available in the

For more information about buying pins, please call me at 475-

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

		December 1992
	9:30 a.m.	
200	10:00 a.m.	Beth Emeth Sisterhood Board Meeting
B	12:00 noon	Beth Shalom Sisterhood Board Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Beth Shalom Downtown Study Group JPS Executive Committee Meeting
-	7:30 p.m.	JFD Priorities Committee Town Meeting (Dover)
	8:00 p.m.	JFS Board of Directors Meeting
	olos pinn	JCC No Pre-School
-		JFS Annual "Friends of JFS" campaign through 12/31/92
2	9:30 a.m.	NCJW Executive Committee Meeting
	10:30 a.m.	NCJW Board Meeting
	6:00 p.m.	JCC-YJAD (Singles) Co-ed Volleyball
-	7:30 p.m.	AEA Board Meeting
	7:30 p.m.	Beth El Board of Directors Meeting
	8:00 p.m.	JCC Adult Institute of Jewish Studies Class #6
-		JCC No Pre-school
	1240 -	*JCC Senior Center Candlelight Dinner
3	7:30 p.m.	JFD Priorities Committee Town Meeting (Wilmington)
	7:30 p.m.	ORT General Meeting
4		*Beth Erneth Scholar in Residence
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	6:30 p.m.	BBW Couples Discussion Group
		*AKSE Sisterhood Chanukah Carnival *Beth El Sisterhood Chanukah Bazaar
		*Beth Emeth Scholar in Residence
7	7:30 p.m.	JCC Board Meeting
. 8	7:30 p.m.	AKSE Executive Committee Meeting
-	7:30 p.m.	Beth Emeth Regular Board Meeting
	7:30 p.m.	Beth Shalom Board Meeting
9	10:00 a.m.	NCJW Genera Meeting
-	2:15 p.m.	ORT Storytime at Concord Pike Library
8	5:00 p.m.	JCC Dynamic Adults
в.	6:00 p.m.	JCC-YJAD (Singles) Co-ed Volleyball
	8:00 p.m.	*Beth El Sisterhood Meeting
10	10:00 a.m.	Kutz Home Auxiliary Executive Board Meeting
	6:00 p.m.	JCC-YJAD (Singles) Chanukah Party
	7:00 p.m.	ORT Donor Dinner
	7:30 p.m.	JCC Jewish Book Month Program
12	7:30 p.m.	Wilmington Hadassah Chanukah Event
13	9:30 a.m.	*JCC Club 34 Beth Emeth New Member Breakfast
2.0	7:00 a.m.	Beth Shalom Adult Education
-		*JCC Chanukah Choopla
		*Wilmington Hadassah Chanukah Choopla Crafts
14	7:30 p.m.	Wilmington Hadassah Executive Board Meeting
15	12:00 noon	Beth Emeth Sisterhood General Meeting
	12:00 noon	JFD Inter-Agency Staff Development Program
	7:00 p.m.	Newark Hadassah Hebrew Auction
	7:30 p.m.	JCC Jewish Great Books
16	6:00 p.m.	JCC-YJAD (Singles) Co-ed Volleyball
	7:30 p.m.	ORT Board Meeting
17	7:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	JFD Board of Directors Meeting
18	7:30 p.m.	JCC Youth & Family Dept. Committee Meeting *JCC Children's Center Chanukah Celebration
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20	9:30 a.m.	Beth El Men's Club Meeting
1000	11:00 a.m.	Beth Shalom Bio-Ethics Group Brunch
	1:00 p.m.	Kutz Home Auxiliary Chanukah Celebration at Home
1	2:30 p.m.	ORT Chanukah Party for Soviet Children
		*JCC Club 56
21	7:30 p.m.	AKSE Vaad Ha Kashruth Meeting
1000	5:30 p.m.	AEA Chanukah Dinner
22	7:30 p.m.	Beth Emeth Executive Board Meeting
	7:30 p.m.	JCC Budget & Finance Committee Meeting
	7:30 p.m.	JCC-YJAD (Singles) Chavurah Discussion
23	8:00 p.m.	AKSE Board of Governors Meeting
23	6:00 p.m.	JCC-YJAD (Singles) Co-ed Volleyball
	7:30 p.m.	AEA Executive Committee Meeting *JCC Senior Center Candlelight Chanukah Dinner & Party
24		*JCC Health Screening at Fitness Center
		*JCC Winter Camp Begins
-		JCC Pre-school Vacation Starts
25		*JCC Family Day Program
		JCC Center Open
		*JCC 2 on 2 Basketball Tournament
27	9:00 a.m.	AKSE Men's Club Breakfast
100	11:30 a.m.	JCC-YJAD (Singles) Brunch & Tour Chaddsford Winery
100	-	*JCC Teen Connection Program
28	7:30 p.m.	JCC Executive Committee Meeting
30	6:00 p.m.	JCC-YJAD (Singles) Co-ed Volleyball
31		JCC Community New Year's Eve Gala

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Announcements/Events

Community New Year's Eve Party planned at JCC

The Jewish Community Center is co-sponsoring a Community New Year's Eve Party to be held on Thursday, December 31, 1992 from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the JCC, 101 Garden of Eden Road in Wilmington.

The event will feature music by Philadelphia's own John Lewis Orchestra, an open bar and delicious Kosher food by CaterKart Cuisines. A babysitting service will also be avail-

The cost for the evening is \$75.00 per person and tickets are available at the JCC or at your local syna-

The Community New Year's Eve

Party is being co-sponsored by Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth, Temple Beth El, Temple Beth Emeth, Temple Beth Shalom, Temple Beth Sholom of Dover and the Jewish Community

For more information contact Jane Goldberg, chairperson at (302) 762-

Basket Brigade seeks donations

The Basket Brigade of Delaware, a group of 30 volunteers from New Castle County, is seeking donations of foodstuffs and kitchen items with which to make up Thanksgiving baskets for homeless and needy families.

This is the second year that the group has organized this effort; which includes collection, assembly, home delivery of items appropriate for a traditional Thanksgiving dinner. They rely solely on donations.

"This year we hope to provide 500 families and 100 of our homeless neighbors with a Thanksgiving that they will always remember," says Tinsman, co-chair of the program.

The Brigade's major sponsors are Shoprite Market, Amalfitano's and Leonetti's bakeries, and the Coca Cola Bottling Company of Wilmington, Inc. In addition over 40 local New Castle County merchants contribute to the program.

The Brigade is made up entirely of volunteers and organizes exclusively for this purpose each November. They include with each basket a note which reads "This comes to you from someone who cares about you. All we ask is that you take care of yourself well enough to be able to do this for someone else someday.

Following the delivery of the baskets November 25 the volunteers are celebrating completion of their endeavor with a buffet dinner. To donate goods, recommend a family for the service, or volunteer, please contact Mark Tinsman (302) 325-1693 or Steven Fertig (302) 475-3200.

Pinemere information night

Pinemere Camp, a Jewish overnight camp located in the Pocono Mountains will be having an informational program at the home of Amalia

Bronfman Youth Fellowships in Israel

This summer a group of outstanding Jewish teenagers in the U.S. and Canada, coming from a variety of secular and synagogue backgrounds and entering their senior year of high school, will be recipients of the Bronfman Youth Fellowships. They will spend five weeks of study, dialogue and travel in Israel.

The Bronfman Fellows will be selected on the basis of character, intellectual interests, special talents and leadership qualities. Merit, not financial need, is the standard of selection for the program. Program activities begin on July 11, with a return from Israel on August 18. All meals will be kosher, and Sabbath activities will be in the spirit of the day.

Based in Jerusalem, the Fellows will engage in an intense interaction with a diverse rabbinic faculty and counselors, representing a wide range of Jewish perspectives. They will explore Jewish text against the background of Israel's land, culture and customs ... take part in seminars with some of the country's most penetrating political and cultural figures ... debate ideas and search for insights, on the different ways to define oneself as a Jew today, all in an atmosphere of mutual respecand open dialogue.

Fellowships cover all expenses including roundtrip transportation between New York and Israel, room and board, travel in Israel and incidentals. Completed applications must be postmarked by February 1, 1993. For a descriptive brochure and application form, please call or write at once to: The Bronfman Youth Fellowships in Israel, 17 Wilbur Street, Albany, NY 12202, Telephone: (518) 465-6575.

and Rand Snyderman on Thursday, December 10 at 7 p.m.

Pinemere accepts boys and girls, ages seven to fourteen for four week sessions in both July and August.

Parents and their children interested in meeting Pinemere Director, Bob Miner, and seeing slides and a video of the camp as well as talking to parents of current and former campers, are invited to contact Amalia Snyderman at 764-2145 or Bob Coonin at 658-9027

Notice to Kosher Consumers

Rabbi Nathan Schorr will continue to serve as Rav Hamachshir of the Va'ad Hakashruth of Wilmington until the hiring of a new Orthodox rabbi by Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Congregation.

Mark Wagman Chairman Va'ad Hakashruth

Dear Rachel

Dear Rachel,

I have never been a lightweight, but I gained 85 pounds when I was pregnant with my daughter, and never lost it. It is now almost seven years, and for the first time I am on a diet that is working for me — a slow, steady healthy diet that is teaching me how to eat to live instead of living to eat. Which brings me to the reason for this letter. Thanksgiving is coming up, and we are going to my mother's. My mother is a dyed in the wool, 24 carat food pusher. She is the living incarnation of the stereotypical Jewish mother. I am terrified that a two hour feast will turn into a four day food orgy, and I'll regain everything I've lost and then some. There is no acceptable excuse for not coming, as far as she is concerned, and she will hate me and nag me if I refuse the food. So what do I do?

Thanksgiving? No Thanks

Dear Thanksgiving,

Give thanks for the wonderful opportunity for growth which has presented itself to you. Not only have you found a healthy diet plan that works for you (give yourself a pat on the back for that), you now have an opportunity to fix some misconceptions that have plagued your family for at least two generations.

Your mother has mistaken a symbol of love for love itself. Food is nurturing, and unlike other addictive/abused substances, necessary for life. But too much food can be almost as destructive as not enough. Help your mother cut link that ties "more food" to "more love." Decide in ance what you are willing to eat this Thanksgiving, allowing yourself a little bit of indulgence for the feast itself. Then try to talk to your mother. Let her know in advance that you will be eating a special, "healthy" diet. If your program has medical supervision, tell her you are following doctor's orders. Reassure her over and over that you are not rejecting her, just some substances that are bad for you. When she forgets and pushes you to have another helping, turn her down politely and unemotionally. If necessary, remind her that it's bad for you. Have patience. Coming to terms with this aspect of your relationship with your mother will set a good example for your daughter.

Send letters to "Rachel, c/o Jewish Voice, 101 Garden of Eden Rd., Wilmington, De 19803." Names and details will be altered to protect your privacy.

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Calendar of Events

The Calendar of Events is a community service of The Jewish Voice. The Calendar of Events is an expanded version of the Community Calendar (monthly) for events between publication dates of nonprofit organizations and agencies whose meetings or events are open to the general public. Entries are due on the Copy Deadline, published in each edition of The Jewish Voice. Please include day and date, time, place, brief description and contact person.

NOVEMBER

Fitness Center of the Wilmington

Jewish Community Center - First

Year Anniversary Party. Comedy

Cabaret with Kosher catered food

and beverages. Cost is \$15 per per-

son. Tickets available by calling A.J.

Congregation Beth Sholom Ce-

lebrity Auction, 8 p.m., Queen &

Clara Streets, Dover. Doors will open

at 7:00 p.m. for viewing of the items

before the auction begins. Cost is

\$3.00 per person. The auction pro-

ceeds will go toward the general

synagogue fund. Items to be auc-

tioned, include TV scripts

autographed books by Jeffrey Ar-

cher, Reggie White, Steve Allen, Lily

Tomlin, Elie Wiesel and Tom Hayden;

autographed pictures from Dan Quayle and President-elect Bill

Clinton, along with political cartoons

from Herblock and an autographed

Joe Biden poster. Tickets are avail-

able at the synagogue office and will

Young Jewish Adults of Dela-

ware Brunch and Bowl. Brunch at

TGI Friday's Concord Pike,

Wilmington, 11:30 a.m. Bowling at

1;15 p.m. at Silverside Lanes, Con-

cord Pike, Wilmington. Brunch is

pay-as-you-go. Bowling cost is \$6

which includes two games and shoe

rental. Reservations by November

20. For reservations or more infor-

mation call Barbara Effron at 302-

Gratz College Sephardic

be on sale at the door.

Sunday

322-9094.

Lipstein at 302-478-5660.

Saturday

ture, recital and exhibit opening and reception at the National Museum of American Jewish History, 55 North Fifth Street, Philadelphia, Professor Yitzchak Kerem of Aristotle University, Thessaloniki, Greece and the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, will speak on "Five Hundred Years of Sephardic Settlement in Greece" at 3 p.m. Recital on "The Music of Greek Jewry" at 4 p.m. with Cantor Alberto Mizrahi, tenor of Anshe Emet Synagogue, Chicago. Reception and exhibit opening "From Salonika to Cruacao: A Sephardic Odyssey" at 5 p.m. For more information call 215-635-7300.

Sisterhood of Congregation Beth Shalom Paid-Up Membership Luncheon, 12 noon at the synagogue, Dover. For reservations contact Cheri Bragg, 422-6231.

Tuesday

Senior Center of the Wilmington Jewish Community Center - Thanksgiving Luncheon, 12 noon. Special luncheon for seniors, R.S.V.P. volunteers and members of the Stroke Club. Holiday donation is requested. Registration is required. For more information call Ray Freschman at 302-478-5660.

Fitness Center of the Wilmington Jewish Community Center - Freedom from Smoking Clinic begins, 7 ciation. Cost is \$60 for JCC members; \$90 for non-members. Preregistration is required. For more information call A.J. Lipstein at 302-478-5660.

Monday

The Children's Center of the Wilmington Jewish Community Center - Jewish Experience for Families of Young Children with Rabbi Jeffrey Eisenstat, 7:30 p.m., for parents and grandparents to explore the holiday of Chanukah. Cost is \$4 for JCC members; \$6 non-members. For more information call Jane Hormadaly at 302-478-5660.

DECEMBER

Wednesday

Young Jewish Adults of Delaware Coed Volleyball in the Jewish Community Center gym beginning at 6 p.m.

Thursday

Wilmington Chapter of Hadassah meets at the Jewish Community Center, 11 a.m. to noon for a talk by

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to consider these issues, and Dr. Klaff has received several supportive responses from University administrators.

And at a November 2 meeting of the University Faculty Senate, Dr. Margaret Anderson, Vice Provost for Academic Affairs read a statenent expressing concern about the ssues of racism, anti-Semitism, omophobia, and sexism at the Uniersity of Delaware. She specifically entioned Jeffries' talk, referring to

appealed to African American students" feelings of alienation, promoting their desire for recognition and inclusion at the expense of Jewish students and faculty."

Future plans from the Provost's office call for a panel discussion on the subject of anti-Semitism and racism, a spring "Delaware Dialogues," with speakers from polarized points of view, and the implementation of a University course for Fall 1993 in which faculty address critical University issues.

to 8 a.m. A seven week clinic to help Newark workshop on stiffy bows.

those ready to quit smoking. Spon- Member Helene Tanny will instruct sored by the American Lung Asso- in making stiffy bow baskets. Begins

after the business meeting at 7:30 p.m. Please call 366-8330 for a list of supplies.

Congregation Beth Emeth presents an evening of humor and stories as Moshe Waldoks, scholar and lecturer, in Jewish Humor -Cabaret Style on Saturday, December 5 at 8 p.m.

Moshe Waldoks is the Rosenthal Jewish Book Month Visiting Scholar from December 4 through December 6, presenting lectures at Shabbat evening and morning as well as on Sunday morning.

\$8.00 per person (\$10 at the door). For reservations or more information call the synagogue

(764-2393).

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Myrna Ryder of Jewish Family Services in a program entitled "Making Jewish Memories". There is no charge for this program and refreshments will be served. RSVP to Sharon Sternberg 478-4851 or Ann Jaffee 762-5882 by November 24.

Sunday

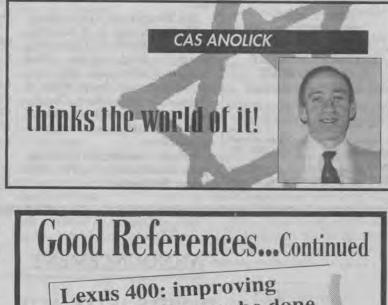
Sisterhood and Men's Club of Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth invite the community to a Holiday Bazaar from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the synagogue social hall. Vendors will offer all manner of attractive and practical gifts, including crafts, books, Tupperware, and Avon cosmetics. Lunch will be available. For a \$15.00 fee, you can rent a vendor table and sell your own wares. Call Dianne Seidel at 479-0490 to make a reser-

Jewish Folk Arts Society's Fifteenth Jewish Folk Arts Festival. 11 to 6 p.m. University of Maryland, College Park at the Stamp Student Union. For more information contact The Jewish Folk Arts Society, (301) 230-1369 or by TDD (301) 984-1670.

Youth and Family Department of the Wilmington Jewish Community Center. Second Annual Family Hoedown and Hayride, 7 p.m., Kids activities: bobbing for apples; refreshments and professional square dance caller. Cost for advance registration for members is \$8 per person or \$20 per family, advance registration for non-members is \$10 per person or \$25 per family. Pre-register by December 2 at the JCC Front Desk. For more information call Michael Grossman at 302-478-5660.

its dangerous aspects: "...that he Temple Beth El Sisterhood of Newark Annual Chanukah Bazaar, 11 a.m. Wide variety of gift items including menorahs, dreidels, wrapping paper, party goods, children's books, and gifts will be available. Craft tables and games for children of all ages, including raffles for 2 bicycles. Lunch served. For information call 366-8330, Temple Beth El, 301 Possum Park Road, Newark.

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Lexus 400: improving on perfection can be done

It's tough to improve on perfection, but the 1993 Lexus 400 LS sedan proves it can be done. It also proves that Lexus listens to its customers.

This car received worldwide applause when the 1990 model was introduced. Other manufacturers began dissecting it to learn how it was made. As for customer satisfaction, it zoomed to the top of the list.

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Obituaries

Kessler unveiling

A memorial stone will be unveiled on Sunday, December 6, at 2 p.m. in Beth Emeth Memorial Park in memory of Mrs. Bertha Keil Kessler, wife of the late Jules Kessler and mother of Mark Kessler and Frank Kessler.

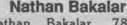
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Nathan Bakalar, 78, of Wilmington, died November 4 of congestive heart failure in St. Francis Hospital, where he was a patient.

Mr. Bakalar was a patent lawyer and partner in the law firm of Connelly, Bove, Lodge & Hutz.

He was a member of the American Bar Association and Delaware Bar Association.

He was a graduate of City College of New York, where he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa.

He is survived by his wife, Ida K.; two daughters, Susan Lubin of South Orange, New Jersey and SharonBakalar of Moorestown, New Jersey; and four grandchildren.

Instead of flowers, the family suggests contributions to American Heart Association, Wilmington.

Anna Kemper

Anna Kemper, 87, died November 13 at The Kutz Home, Wilmington, where she was a patient.

Mrs. Kemper was a homemaker. She is survived by a daughter, Marilyn Polakoff of Hallandale, Florida; a daughter-in-law, Lillian Kemper of Wilmington, who cared for her; a brother, Joseph Marks of Margate, Florida; a sister, Dorothy Bloom of West Palm Beach, Florida; four grandchildren and six greatgrandchildren.

Instead of flowers, the family suggests contributions to The Kutz Home, Bellefonte.

Esther C. Small

Esther C. Small, 68, of Phoenix, Arizona, formerly of Wilmington, died November 2 of cancer at home.

Mrs. Small was a bookkeeper at Dial Corp., Phoenix, and had been an assistant purchaser at Wilmington Medical Center in the late 1960s to early 1970s. She moved to Phoenix in 1976.

She was a member of Congregation Beth Emeth, Wilmington.

Her husband, Bernard, died in 1979. She is survived by a son, David, and a daughter, Joan Small, both of Phoenix; and a brother, Norman Caney of Philadelphia.

The family suggests contributions to the American Cancer Society, 92 Reads Way, New Castle, Del. 19720, or American Red Cross, 910 Gilpin Ave., Wilmington.

Joseph Graff

Joseph Graff, 84, formerly of Bradford, Pennsylvania, died November 1 in Forwood Manor, Brandywine Hundred, his residence since 1988.

Mr. Graff was a lawyer for 58 years and owned J. Graff Law Firm in Bradford until he retired in 1988.

He is survived by his wife, Blanche Katz Graff; a son, Dr. Harold of Greenville; a daughter, Norma Carson of Havertown, Pennsylvania; five grandchildren and two greatgrandchildren.

Instead of flowers, the family suggests contributions to Temple Beth El, Bradford.

Robert M. Graf

Robert M. Graf, 68, of Jupiter, Florida, formerly of Wilmington, died November 2 of congestive heart failure in St. Mary's Hospital, West Palm Beach.

Mr. Graf had owned Cartwheel's, a national mail order business, since 1972. He sold novelty coin jewelry. He moved to Wilmington in 1976 and continued the business until returing in 1989. He also had sold silver dollars and coin jewelry from carts at Philadelphia International Airport. Earlier, he worked at Vanity Fair Corp., Cleveland, for 18 years. He moved to Florida three years ago. He was an Army Air Corps veteran.

He was a 1950 graduate of New York University with a bachelor's degree in marketing and finance.

He served on the New Castle County Chamber of Commerce board of directors from 1981-82.

Mr. Graf owned and bred Standardbred racehorses and was a member of the U.S. Trotting Association. He was a member of Philadelphia International Airport Managers Safety and Procedures Committee.

He is survived by his wife of 35 years, Robley K. Graf; three sons, Jeffrey S. of Wilmington, Ronald D. of Boothwyn, Pa., and Michael B. of Dover; and a sister, Shirley F. Graf of New York City.

Instead of flowers, the family suggests contributions to American Association of Kidney Patients, 1 Davis Blvd., Suite LL-1, Tampa, Florida.

Sylvan Solomon Goodman

Sylvan Solomon Goodman, 75, of Wilmington, died November 17 of a heart attack in Riverside Extended Care Pavilion.

Mr. Goodman was dairy department manager of Pantry Pride stores, went to different stores, didn't work at one in particular. He retired in 1979 after more than 40 years.

He was a member of Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Congregation, Harry Fineman Post of Jewish War Veterans and Deborah Heart and Lung Association.

His wife, Sylvia, died in May 1992. He is survived by a son, Freddy of North Hollywood, Calif.; two brothers, Jerome and Al both of Baltimore, and a sister, Ruth Kahn of Baltimore.

The family suggests contributions to Deborah Heart and Lung Foundation, in care of Edith Steinberg, 1403 Shallcross Ave., Wilmington 19806.

Leonard Schneider

Leonard Schneider, 63, of Marco Island, Florida, formerly of Wilmington, died November 4 of heart failure in Florida Medical Center, Fort Lauderdale.

Prior to moving to Florida, Mr. Schneider was self employed as a manufacturer's representative. In Florida he was a real estate broker and salesman.

He is survived by a son and daughter, Stewart and Jessica Schneider, of Marco Island; his mother, Hannah Schneider, of Claymont; a brother Edward Schneider, of Marco Island; and two sisters, Elaine Pizor and Marcia Margolin, both of Wilmington.

The family suggests contributions to Jewish Family Service, Congregation Beth Emeth, or the American Heart Association.

Mollie Zubrow

Mollie Zubrow, 85, of Philadelphia, died November 10 of pneumonia in Jefferson Park Hospital, Philadelphia, where she was a patient.

Mrs. Zubrow had been a bookkeeper in Philadelphia.

Her husband, Morris, died in 1991. She is survived by two daughters, Miriam Siegel of Wynnewood and Suzanne Paul of Wilmington; a sister, Ann Robbins of Pembroke Pines, Florida, and four grandchildren.

Instead of flowers, the family suggests contributions to Temple Beth Emeth, Wilmington.

Emma F. Glick

Emma F. Glick, 92, of Wilmington, died November 13, in Wilmington Hospital, where she was a patient.

Mrs. Glick was a secretary in several Wilmington offices, retiring in 1955 after 35 years.

She was a member of Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth, Wilmington.

Her husband, Robert, died in 1984. She is survived by a son, Edward A. of Wilmington; a step-son, Norman R. of Cedarhurst; a brother, John Frankfurt of Wilmington; four step-grandchildren and two step greatgrandchildren.

Instead of flowers, the family suggests contributions to Chabad of Delaware, Wilmington. leg bo

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Frances Birnbaum

Frances Birnbaum, 85, of Wilmington, died November 5 of heart failure in Riverside Hospital, Wilmington, where she was a patient for five days.

Mrs. Birnbaum operated Katz's Children's Center, 30th and Washington Streets, from 1955 until 1969. Before that, she was in the catering business.

A native of Haigerloch, Germany, she came to the United States in 1938. She was an active member of the Sisterhood of Beth Emeth Congregation and Hadassah.

Her first husband, Karl Wolfsheimer, died in 1955. Her second husband, Leo Birnbaum, died in 1991.

She is survived by a son, Phil Wolfsheimer of Wilmington; a daughter, Joan Almon of College Park, Maryland; a stepson, William Birnbaum of Los Angeles; a stepdaughter, Judy Perlman of Carlisle, Pennsylvania, and six grandchildren.

The family suggests contributions to Congregation Beth Emeth, Wilmington.

Cecelia M. Lukoff

Cecelia M. Lukoff, 81, of Wilmington, died November 2 after surgery in Wilmington Hospital, where she was a patient.

Mrs. Lukoff was a homemaker.

She was a member of Congregation Beth Emeth and its Sisterhood, Hadassah, National Council of Jewish Women, Delaware Commission on Aging, Governor's Committee for Reduction of Architectural Barriers and Academy of Lifelong Learning.

She organized volunteers to tutor children at Springer Intensive Learning Center and developmental kindergarten at P.S. du Pont Elementary School.

She was active in the USO during World War II.

She is survived by her husband, Continued on 19

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Business Briefs



Steven E. Edell

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Steven L. Edell, D.O., Chairman of the Department of Radiology at Riverside Hospital and Extended Care Pavilion has been appointed President of the Greater Wilmington Chapter of the American Cancer Society.

Dr. Edell is a graduate of Rutger's University and the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine. He is board certified in both Radiology and Nuclear Medicine and is a fellow of the American College of Radiology. He was formerly Assistant Professor of Radiology at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania.

"My goal as President," says Dr. Edell, "is to make the American Cancer Society accessible to the public for various discussions on the different types of cancer." Dr. Edell hopes to increase public awareness concerning the American Cancer Society and its programs through lectures and symposiums focusing on prevention and early detection of various types of cancer.

Presently, Dr. Edell is Chairman of the Department of Radiology at Riverside Hospital and Medical Director of the Women's Imaging Center of Delaware. He is also an instructor in Radiology at John Hopkins University School of Medicine and Clinical Professor of Radiology at the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine.

Tinkoff

The Medical Center of Delaware Department of Surgery announces the appointment of Glen Tinkoff, M.D., as the director of trauma and assistant director of surgical critical care.

In addition to continuing his practice as a trauma surgeon, Tinkoff will coordinate and assure the quality of service provided by the trauma team at the Medical Center's Christiana Hospital. He will also educate and supervise residents in trauma activities and continue his research in trauma and injury management.

A 1982 graduate of the University of Cincinnati School of Medicine, Tinkoff most recently served as associate director of the Allentown Hospital Division of Trauma, Lehigh Valley Hospital Center, Allentown, Pennsylvania. He was also a clinical assistant professor of surgery at Hahnemann University, Philadelphia, and an associate of Surgical Associates of the Lehigh Valley.

Mudrick

Paul S. Mudrick of Chadds Ford, Pennsylvania, has joined Colmen Management Company as Vice President.

Colmen is a privately owned Philadelphia based investment banking firm whose principal business is serving as an intermediary and advisor in merger, acquisition and divestiture transactions and related matters such as strategy development, business planning and the raising of equity and debt capital.

Mudrick joins Colmen after more than thirty years of business experience related primarily to healthcare. He previously was the principal owner of Central Drug Company and Central Drug Labs which were sold to Rite Aid Corporation. He was also a co-owner of Central Medical Equipment Co., which was sold to Avon Products Inc. and is now a division of Abbey Healthcare Group Inc. He is currently a partner in Central Physiological Labs (a pulmonary diagnostic testing firm).

Mudrick will provide, to clients of Colmen, brokerage assistance in connection with the purchase and sale of healthcare businesses.

He is a graduate of Temple University School of Pharmacy.

Fishman

Rischa Fishman is the newest member of the Editorial Committee of The Jewish Voice, according to Dr. Barry "Dov" Seidel, Editorial Committee chair.

Rischa is a former elementary school teacher, an English teacher, a Paralegal, and has been the editor of the National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW) newsletter for the past six years. She presently serves on a national policy-making committee of the National Council of Jewish Women

Locally, she is a past president of the Wilmington Section of the NCJW is a former member of the Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC), a former member of the Adult Education Committee of Congregation Beth Shalom, and is presently on the Board of both Hadassah and NCJW.

Born in Brooklyn, New York, she spent her young married life in the Boston area and now resides in North Wilmington. She is married, the mother of three and the mother-inlaw of one

CORRECTION

Please note that there was an incorrect program listing in the Jewish Community Center's Jewish Book Month advertisement in the October 30, 1992 issue of The Jewish Valee

The program scheduled for Sunday, December 13-"Uncle Moises" Classic Yiddish Drama/Trip to Jewish Film Festival in Philadelphia is being sponsored by Congregation Beth Shalom. For information call (302) 654-4462.

Sarajevo

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The evacuation from Sarajevo, the eighth such mission by the JDC, took on a dramatic character right from the start.

Despite a supposed cease-fire that took effect within the city limits last Thursday, 10 mortar shells exploded an hour before the vehicles arrived.

At 9 a.m., volunteers at Sarajevo's Jewish Community Center unloaded the food and medicine in the trucks, which was to be distributed on a nonsectarian basis to those in need.

Then, at 10:00 a.m., just as the busloads of refugees were preparing to depart the beleaguered city, Bosnian soldiers came on the scene. Before they would allow the convoy to leave, they said, the Jewish community must get written permission from either the Bosnian president or the Defense Ministry.

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"Despite all the permissions we had received, we were very concerned that we would not get the people out," admitted Dragen Danon, a former member of the Sarajevo Jewish community.

"It took the Red Cross two months to get one convoy out, and the next day they had to cancel everything because a bus driver in the convoy was killed by a mortar shell," he explained. "We had gotten all the right permissions on the previous day, but the soldiers in the field wouldn't accept this."

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After several hours of frantic phone calls to government officials, the convoy was allowed to leave.

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By wartime standards, the 16-mile trek from Sarajevo to Kiseljak went very smoothly. "We heard only occasional sniper fire and one mortar landed 100 meters away from us,"

said Finei, "For residents of Sarajevo, that represents a peaceful day."

Upon reaching Kiseljak, the refugees purchased oranges and bananas — the first fruit most have seen in seven months.

But the tension that was beginning to melt away returned a couple of hours later, as five of the six buses could not navigate Bosnia's steep mountain passes. Snow hugged the road as temperatures plummeted to well below freezing.

The door of one bus was torn off as

The door of one bus was torn off as it attempted a sharp turn, trapping the other buses on the narrow precipice. People stood shivering in the pitch darkness as workers, and then the Bosnian police, tried to free the bus. Four hours later, they succeeded.

Throughout Saturday night, the convoy was stopped at Bosnian, Moslem and Croatian checkpoints. Through the misted windows, one could see villages reduced to rubble a few months before. Buildings and bridges were damaged or destroyed; plastic sheeting took the place of glass windowpanes.

While most of the terrain through which the convoy passed has been calm for months, a few stretches were risky. In the wee hours of Sunday morning, the buses had to cross a dam in plain sight of Serbian snipers. Realizing the risk, the bus drivers sped across the dam, then across bumpy dirt roads potholed from mortar blasts.

Exhausted by the tension earlier in the day, many of the evacuees slept, oblivious to the potential danger outside the window.

Others-tried to lighten the mood with a funny story or anecdote. During an especially uncomfortable part of the trip, Eli Elierzri, the JDC field operator, dismantled a bulletproof vest he had worn in Sarajevo to reveal a dozen bars of Swiss chocolate.

Even so, the time passed slowly no more so than at the Croatian border, where every passenger was examined for typhus, which had been spotted in Sarajevo. The checkups took two long hours at a time when the refugees were at the end of their rope.

Once in Croatia, people's moods became brighter. The excitement built as the local police took the lead and escorted the convoy into Split. onlookers waved as the lead bus moved forward, sporting the blue and white flag of the JDC.

Dozens of people waited expectantly for the refugees to disembark. Some had come to meet family members; some simply hoped to hear new of home.

There were, indeed, some tearful embraces, but in the end, most of the evacuees were alone. They milled around, pale and weary, searching for a face that was not there.

"We are all so tired," said Mira, who stood beside her two daughters, Tina, 22, and Milana, 25. Pointing to Tina, who stood on crutches, she said, "First my daughter must have surgery to repair leg muscles injured by a mortar blast. What will happen after that is anyone's guess."

The Jewish Agency for Israel immediately took charge of the Jewish evacuees, while other groups took responsibility for the Moslems, Serbs and Croats. Some of the Jews will go to Israel. Most will not.

Vahiva Biscevic will go to Switzerland, where she has family, to start over again. "But I still dream of returning to Sarajevo one day."

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Stanley; two sons, Paul M. of Rockwood Woods and David M. of Weldin Farms; a sister, Ruth Feder of Vineland, N.J.; and six granddaugh-

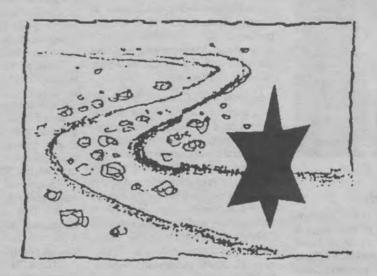
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