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Kimche Denies Knowledge Of Contra Connection

By EDWIN BLACK

David Kimche, the former director-general of Israel's Foreign Ministry who helped coordinate the Iranian arms deal, has declared in an interview that had he known in advance of the Contras connection, he would have never permitted Israel to participate in the operation. Moreover, he openly ridiculed the notion that he or any other Israeli might have originated the scheme to divert the funds to the Nicaraguan rebels.

During a wide-ranging trans-Atlantic telephone interview, Kimche, reached at his home repeated his vehement denial that he knew of the Contras connection in advance. "I learned of this affair exactly the same time that the whole United States learned it... the day it was published," declares Kimche. His reaction to the news was, "I thought it was ridiculous."

Because Kimche is no longer a government official, he has become Israel's unofficial "point man" on the crisis, verbalizing Jerusalem's frustration and anger. As such, Kimche again lashed out at the notion that Colonel Oliver North may have accused him of originating the scheme. Qualifying first, "I'm still not sure that he (North) actually did accuse me in front of the (House) Foreign Relations Committee— because he knows the

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ANSWER THE CALL

Super Sunday '87 Countdown Jan. 18, 1987

Super Sunday '87 is around the corner for the entire Jewish Community — it's just a week away. Super Sunday, throughout the country, is the official opening event of the United Jewish Appeal/Jewish Federation campaign. Throughout every Jewish community in the United States, from New York to Little Rock, Arkansas, thousands of volunteers will be calling upon their Jewish neighbors to meet the needs of their local Jewish community as well as their larger Jewish community throughout the world. In Delaware, Super Sunday '87 will enlist more than 100 volunteers

making calls to over 2000 Jewish families in our local Jewish community from lower Delaware to Pennsylvania. This year's Super Sunday chairpeople, Laney Gordon, Marc Pevar, Marcie Spivack, and Dennis Spivack, are looking forward to Delaware's most successful Super Sunday ever.

When you receive a call from one of your neighbors from the Super Sunday '87 headquarters of Patterson-Schwartz, Jan. 18, 1987, PLEASE ANSWER THE CALL. Jews from Delaware, Israel and throughout the world are depending on you.

Community Calendar

- Jan. 15- Jewish Singles, 21-29. An evening at the Comedy Cabaret, Wilmington. Happy Hour, 5:30-8 p.m., Showtime 8 p.m.
- Jan. 16- Federation Shabbat, 8 p.m., Congregation Beth Shalom, 18th & Baynard Blvd., Wilmington. Guest Speaker: Zeidan Atashi, Israeli Arab, Knesset member.
- Jan. 16- Federation Shabbat, 8 p.m., Congregation Beth Shalom, Queen and Clara Sts., Dover. Guest Speaker: Marjory Stone Levine, president, Women's Division of Delaware; UJA Young Professionals Cabinet.
- Jan. 18- SUPER SUNDAY, 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m., Patterson-Schwartz 913 Delaware Ave., Wilmington
- April 2- Fiddler on the Roof, sponsored by the Jewish Community at the Grand Opera House.

Call Federation office for details 478-6200.

Delaware Synagogues To Celebrate Federation Shabbat, Friday, Jan. 16

In a demonstration of Jewish solidarity all synagogues in Delaware will participate in Federation Shabbat on Friday, Jan. 16, 8 p.m. In New Castle County, services will be held at Congregation Beth Shalom, 18th and Baynard Boulevard; in Lower Delaware at Congregation Beth Shalom in Dover, Queen and Clara Streets.

The speaker for the New Castle County synagogues is Ziedan Atashi, an Israeli Arab of the Druze religion, who has been an elected member of the Knesset, the Israeli parliament, since 1977. Born in 1940 in Osifiya, a Druze village on Mount Carmel, he was the youngest of six sons. After losing his father when he was 10, he was sent by his older brothers to a secondary school in Nazareth.

Atashi served from 1961 to 1963 in the Israel Defence Forces; from 1963 to 1968 he was employed as an organizer in the Working Youth Movement of the General Federation of Labour (Histadrut). In 1968 he graduated from Haifa University with a B.A. in political science and Arab studies. He continued his M.A. studies in political science at the Hebrew University.

In 1969, Atashi began working as a reporter on Arab affairs for Israeli Television and later served until 1972 as the department's chief representative



Marjory Stone Levine



Ziedan Atashi

in the Haifa District. After teaching political science for two years at Haifa University, in 1972 he was appointed as the Consul for Information at the Consulate General in New York, being the first non-Jewish Israeli to hold a diplomatic post. From 1975 to 1976 he served as a member of Israel's Permanent Mission to the United Nations, and in 1977 was elected to the Knesset, and was re-elected in 1984.

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Guest Commentary

'Irangate,' Boesky And The Jews

By RABBI MARC H. TANENBAUM
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Which should American Jews worry about more — the Iran-U.S.-Israel-
Contra fiasco or the Ivan Boesky et. al. debacle?

We have been sampling informally the opinions of some Jewish leadership around the country, and preliminary interesting patterns are surfacing. Thoughtful Jewish leaders are telling us that there appears to be little reason for concern that "Irangate" is resulting in anti-Israel or anti-Jewish responses in their communities.

Most Americans — and the majority of the American press — view the Iran arms transfer as a flawed American foreign policy initiative for which Israel cannot be held responsible. If anything, Israel's willingness to help America in trying to save the lives of American hostages has had a generally positive effect, demonstrating that the Jewish state is a trusted ally.

The Boesky affair, on the other hand, has resulted in a quiet, but deeper anxiety. Most Jewish leaders we spoke with hope that fair-minded Americans will see the "insiders'" illegal actions as a matter of ethics, not ethnics. Many Jews believe that the Boesky affair is mainly a New York issue and hope that further revelations of illegality involving other Jewish financiers will not expand into a national issue.

National Jewish organizations are watching the Boesky-type scandals as carefully as the "Iranscam" events, and are preparing to develop strategies to counter the possible anti-Semitic exploitation of the financial manipulations, which could reflect badly on American Jewry as a whole. But Jewish agencies trust that American fairness and decency ultimately will not make those strategies necessary.

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum is director of international relations of the American Jewish Committee.



SAKHAROV BACK TO MOSCOW

NEWTON, MASS. — Tatiana Yankelevich, right, daughter of Yelena Bonner, reads a statement at her home Dec. 20 following a telephone conversation with Soviet dissident Andrei Sakharov. Sakharov and Bonner are being permitted to return to Moscow from their exile in the remote Soviet city of Gorky. At left is Bonner's son Alexei Semyonov, at center is Bonner's mother, Ruth. RNS PHOTO/Wide World

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Israel As Scapegoat

By YOSSI SARID

All eyes here are fixed on Washington, and we Israelis are horrified by the way our country is being turned into a scapegoat in the Iranian affair. To us, it looks as if President Reagan may be trying to save his own skin by sacrificing ours. Many Israelis are surprised. They should not be. Ronald Reagan has never been as good a friend or devoted an ally as he was thought to be.

For six years now, it has been said that President Reagan is good for the Jews and for Israel in particular. Indeed, his Administration is considered by many here to be friendlier than any since the creation of the Israeli state. Now, however, our great "friend" in Washington is shooting out wildly in our direction, proving in effect that "a friend in need is a friend indeed," as long as it is his need.

What's more — as if the President's accusations about "third-country" involvement were not enough — we are now sure to come in for our share of blame from the Congressional committees looking into the Iranian affair. Israel will undoubtedly be given a place in the findings of these committees, and its role will not be minimized. We can expect to receive all the dishonor to which we are or are not due.

I fear that much of the blame will be laid at our doorstep. I also predict that in the long run the Reagan days will be remembered as bad days for Israel, days of misunderstanding and disregard for our problems. It has been a long time since so selfish and egocentric an Administration — at least from Israel's point of view — has governed in Washington.

True, the Reagan Administration has been generous with Israel — generous to a fault. Its corrupting handouts recall the gifts that wealthy but light-headed parents lavish on their children — parents who have never bothered to find time for their children and never devoted any attention to their real problems. So, instead, such parents ease their consciences by slipping money into their children's pockets. When the children then get into trouble, as they often do, the parents go around telling themselves and their friends: "But we always gave them everything. We never spared a thing."

Of course, Israel's leaders are of age and should be able to bear the burden of political responsibility. Yet somehow, over the years, they have not been able to solve their country's problems on their own, without external assistance. And so they became entangled in a great web of obligations — until by now they are incapable of cutting themselves loose.

Nor is money the only issue. The Reagan Administration has carried on the struggle for Soviet Jewry with a high and mighty hand — and not

always, one suspects, out of love for the refuseniks or the prisoners of Zion in the Soviet Union. Indeed, most of the time, it seems more likely that this hawkish Administration, which staunchly opposes detente, has found it convenient to present its rivalry with the Soviet Union in the guise of humanitarian interest and concern for human rights.

Besides, American hawkishness has not secured relief for Soviet Jews. Fewer and fewer Jews have been allowed to go free in the six years that Mr. Reagan has been in the White House. In discussions of emigration, as on other topics, Washington has been haughtier than ever toward Moscow, and the practical results have been extremely meager. What the Reagan Administration apparently doesn't understand is that detente is good for the Jews — and has proved so more than once.

Of course, we Israelis were confused about that, too, at the time. Just as many Israelis now like and trust Ronald Reagan, many once mistrusted Jimmy Carter. His Administration was thought to be largely unsympathetic and was said to have snubbed Israel on several occasions. Then, as now, the common Israeli view was wrong.

True, Mr. Carter himself had increased aid to Israel, but he paid Israel less, in both cash and lip service. His Administration also occasionally took us to task for the way we were running our affairs. It was cool and often critical, and in a variety of ways it made our lives more difficult. But it was the Carter Administration that made peace between Israel and Egypt. That, too, was resented in Israel: it was said that President Carter raped Menachem Begin at Camp David. Yet without this heavy American pressure, we would not have achieved our first — and, for the time being, our only — peace with an Arab nation.

The contrast between the two Administrations couldn't be more striking: President Reagan would never have convened the Camp David conference in the first place. His advisers would have warned him that there was no real chance of success — that Mr. Begin would not withdraw to the pre-1967 borders of Israel or uproot settlements in occupied territory — and the President would surely have steered clear of the potential failure. Ronald Reagan would have spared us the peace because he would have wanted to spare himself a superfluous headache.

Why, he would undoubtedly have asked himself, should he take on this problem, too? Why take the risk? After all, the peace of Jerusalem is not the peace of Washington. If the Israelis themselves do not want peace, he would have argued, why

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DEADLINE

The next issue of The Jewish Voice will be published FRIDAY, JANUARY 23. The deadline for stories and photos is noon, MONDAY, JANUARY 12. Material should be sent or brought to the Jewish Voice office at the Jewish Federation of Delaware, 101 Garden of Eden Rd., Wilmington, 19803. (302) 478-6200. All articles must be typed, double spaced.

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Endowment Fund: Charitable Giving As A Tax Shelter

Under the Tax Act of 1986 the charitable deduction may be the only flexible deduction available to many taxpayers. Beginning this year the use of passive losses is limited; investment interest can be used only to offset investment income; there is a 2% floor on miscellaneous deductions; and consumer interest is eliminated. However one deduction that can be used to achieve some flexibility in planning is the charitable deduction.

For taxpayers who currently are highly sheltered there is an incentive to charitable giving because charitable contributions can be an effective shelter.

Newton To Speak At Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemoration



Dr. James Newton

Dr. James E. Newton, professor and director of Black American Studies at the University of Delaware will be the speaker in commemoration of the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The program, sponsored by Congregation Beth Emeth,

the Jewish Community Center and the Jewish Federation of Delaware will be held at the Center on Sunday, Jan. 18 at 7:30 p.m.

Newton, a native of Bridgeton, New Jersey received his B.A. from North Carolina Central University, a masters of fine art from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and a doctorate in curriculum development and research from Illinois State University. He is the author of two books and is an accomplished artist represented in collections throughout the country.

There will be a reception for Dr. Newton following the lecture.

Please call the Jewish Community Center 478-5660 to say that you will be there to honor the memory of Dr. King.

1986 Women's Campaign Raises \$200,000

The 1986 Women's Federation Campaign was one of the most successful ever. Just over \$200,000 was raised through the generous giving of the women of Delaware. This amount accounts for approximately 20 percent of the total funds raised last year.

The 1987 campaign shows every sign of being even more successful, according to Miriam Edell, this year's women's campaign chairperson. A strong cabinet has been assembled to chair the various divisions of the campaign, and work with Miriam and with Marjory S. Levine, women's division president. The cabinet includes Nancy Kauffman (\$1000 plus), Ellen Meyer (\$500-999), Judy Topkis (\$250-499), Laney Gordon (Super Sunday), and Marcie Spivack (Super Sunday).

As can be seen the women's campaign adds considerably to the funds raised and thereby to the services



Miriam Edell

that can be offered in our community and in Israel. Not only does the women's division add "plus" dollars to the campaign, but it affords an opportunity for each person to make a statement as an individual, as a Jew, and as the fulfillment of the Tradition of *Tzedekah* that our heritage teaches.

Federation Shabbat—

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Atashi and his wife have five children, two sons and three daughters.

Marjorie Stone Levine, president of the Women's Division of the Jewish

Federation of Delaware will speak in Dover. Levine is an attorney, active in the United Jewish Appeal Business and Professional Women's Cabinet and Chairperson of UJA/Federation Missions to Israel.

Kimche Denies Knowledge Of Contra Connection

(Continued from page 1) truth," Kimche denied that the word "Contras" was even mentioned during his two meetings with North. "In the first meeting (in a Washington restaurant in November 1985), there was another person present, (former National Security Council consultant) Michael Ledeen, who has since... averred that the word "Contras" didn't come up during that meeting."

In a second meeting shortly after in London, "there were Israelis, there were Iranians, and there was Robert "Bud" McFarlane and other Americans," recalled Kimche "...obviously in such a meeting with so many people, the subject couldn't come up. So I consider the whole thing to be ridiculous."

With some irritation, Kimche added, "If Colonel North did actually say what he is supposed to have said, then he is obviously, definitely lying—he is a liar. It is a malicious, vicious slander and it means that he or somebody else is indeed trying to make me or Israel a scapegoat."

Asked if he would have permitted Israel to participate in the operation had he known of plans to divert arms proceeds to the Contras, Kimche answered, "Negative." He

explained, "First, from the purely professional point of view, one should never link two plans or operations together. It's almost an elementary thing, because if one falls then the other one is immediately damaged." Kimche added, "the fact that he (North) is now saying that I proposed this is therefore also an insult to my professionalism."

"Second," Kimche continued, "this would mean that I was trying to persuade an American official to flaunt the Congress—something I would never dream of doing." Israel's veteran foreign relations specialist asserted that the Jewish State would never do anything to endanger its special relationship with Congress.

Details and Israeli perspectives notwithstanding, Kimche also detailed why the notion that the Contras scheme originated with him is not credible on its face. "It is a dubious honor to say that I succeeded in just one small conversation to send the whole of America's policy upside down," says Kimche. "That would mean tremendous powers of persuasion. Obviously, if that would be the case, I would advise the American foreign policy (sic) to do all sorts of other things." In jest, Kimche con-

sidered the subject of AWACS, arms to Arab nations and other vital issues Israel is unable to change US policy toward. "I just haven't got that power, I'm sorry to say," he declared.

Trying to place his role in perspective, Kimche insisted, "I wasn't the guy who thought it (the Iranian arms plan) up—as some journalists disclosed, nor was I the guy who masterminded it. ...Look, I was asked to come in to coordinate political affairs in July 1985. When I came over to the United States and tried to continue with this operation, I didn't come over as an Israeli Superman or an Israeli Mighty Mouse to bewitch the boys and make them do things they didn't want to do," he says. "I came to say this is what we in Israel are capable of doing. You people in the United States decide whether you want us to do it or not."

Reflecting continuing irritation over the controversy, Kimche insisted, "We did what we could to help create direct contact between the United States and Iran, which is what we were asked to do. We also did our best to bring about the release of the American hostages. ...Israel only acted in the Iranian affair in order to help with an ally. We entered in good will,

in good faith, with a feeling that this is what we have to do in response to an ally.

"We have a clear conscience," he assured. "And when I say 'we,' I'm talking about myself personally and about my political mentors. I know that what we did was within the framework of the alliance and friendship we have with the United States. Everything else as far as I'm concerned, is ridiculous."

Edwin Black is the author of *The Transfer Agreement:*

The Untold Story of the Secret Pact between the Third Reich and Jewish Palestine (Macmillan), winner of the Carl Sandburg Award for the best nonfiction of 1984 and nominated for the Pulitzer Prize. His syndicated weekly column written from Jerusalem is published by Jewish newspapers in 39 cities throughout the United States and Canada. This interview was conducted from Chicago.

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THE RABBI WRITES

Ira J. Schiffer
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Dor L'Dor

You may remember the article by Rabbi Yitz Greenberg, "Will There Be One Jewish People By The Year 2000?" His organization, CLAL, the National Jewish Center for Learning and Leadership, is active in planning programs to help insure that a healthy dialogue goes on among the movements in American Judaism.

On Dec. 9, CLAL and the Jewish Community Center of Chicago cosponsored a panel discussion with the four presidents or immediate past presidents of the Reform, Orthodox, Conservative and Reconstructionist rabbinical associations. In my capacity as president of the Reconstructionist Rabbinical Association, I had the pleasure of participating in a two-hour forum which compared and contrasted the views of these four movements in the areas of "Who is a Jew," "Conversion," "Jewish Divorce" and "Abortion."

While there exist substantial differences among the movements, the discussions were respectful and informative. In fact, one could hear the dynamics of ongoing change expressed by all participants.

A question I am still often asked, is "What is Reconstructionism?" Let me offer my opening remarks from the CLAL program:

Reconstructionist Judaism has been a part of the American Jewish community from the early decades of this century. Reconstructionism grew out of the thinking of Rabbi Mordecai Kaplan. Dr. Kaplan recognized the potential for contemporary insights and the evolution of Judaism for our times, which would come about from our living both as Americans and as Jews.

Kaplan had a keen understanding of the sociology of American Jewry and its voluntaristic nature. That is, one could freely choose not to identify as a Jew.

Our challenge, as Reconstructionists see it, is to create vital community structures which will recapture the spirit of *am yisrael*, the Jewish people, transposed into a new key, the key of 20th century America.

Kaplan's early efforts included the

creation of the synagogue-center; one facility which would serve the broadest range of religious, cultural, educational and social needs of a Jewish community. His dream was that differences in religious practice could be tolerated as expressions of various elements within a pluralistic community.

Peoplehood, our shared journey as Jews, could provide the umbrella for cooperative efforts in a broad spectrum of communal affairs. Today's Jewish Community Centers and Y's are an outgrowth of this philosophy.

The "havurah idea" was first developed in Reconstructionist circles. A pamphlet by that name was written in 1961 by my teachers, Rabbi Iras Eisenstein and Jacob Neusner.

To more fully implement the Reconstructionist approach to Judaism, the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College was established in 1968.

Reconstructionist Judaism offers a new rabbinic model. Our rabbis no longer function as *halakhic* authorities, because our communities no longer regard *halakah* as authoritative. We are teachers of our tradition, community builders and pastors. We are committed to building a more democratic Jewish community based on cooperation between rabbis and laity in the formation of religious standards and community policies.

Our challenge is to enable those who identify with the Jewish community to find it a supportive community for their Jewish growth. This in turn, strengthens the Judaism of our times.

The Federation of Reconstructionist Congregations and Havurot, the Reconstructionist Rabbinical Association and the College; work together toward these ends.

We are striving to meet American Jews where they are and move with them to ever richer levels of understanding and participation in the creation of the Judaism of our times; that expression of Judaism, which as the expressions of Judaism before us, will be our link *dor l'dor*, from generation to generation.

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should we, and why should we force anything on them? Why not let them fight it out? At the worst, America might then have to send more arms to the Middle East — not much of a risk.

President Reagan did once demonstrate an honest concern for Israel — but only once — in September 1982, when he presented his famous initiative for a resolution of the Middle East conflict. It was an important, positive step, a moment of true good will. Unfortunately, it did not last long. Menachem Begin

urgently convened his Cabinet and rejected the American initiative out of hand. President Reagan then proceeded to collect his papers from the table and withdraw.

Once again, it isn't hard to imagine his calculations. The last thing he needed was to open a front with Israel — certainly not with American Jewish voters and Congress peering over his shoulder. So he abandoned Israel to its next war — a war we will have to fight sooner or later. He spared Israel his initiative and spared himself a lot of political trouble.

Thus, the Reagan initiative fell by

ON THE OTHER HAND

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Single Issue, Double Issue, Triple And Quadruple

Criticizing Jews for unanimity of opinion is like accusing a rock band of having its amplifiers turned too low. Is there anyone left who hasn't heard that a group of three Jews will have four opinions on a subject (or is it five or six)?

And yet there has been a spate of verbiage during the past year expressing the fear that, as Senator Howard Metzenbaum put it not too long ago, "we're becoming too much of a one-issue community." The one issue the senator was referring to was, of course, Israel. Writing in *Present Tense* last fall, Larry Cohler concluded that "more and more American Jews have begun to raise serious questions and to express strong doubts about the efficacy and the wisdom as well as the morality of being identified with one issue — Israel."

There are too many counter-indications, I believe, to make this concern a valid one. One could be convinced just by observing the polarity and omnidirectionality of the incoming and outgoing mail in our household.

Jews in Delaware and throughout the United States dedicated tremendous energy and support to the desegregation of public schools; they have been active in support of the ERA and abortion rights; they have been in the forefront of the fight against prayer in the public schools; they have been active in opposition to extremist groups on both the Right and the Left; they have lobbied for hand-gun control legislation, and, yes, there are even Jewish members of the NRA.

I am confident that a careful analysis would show that Jews are politically active on one side or another (and usually on both) of virtually every major social and political issue in America, and that they are active in numbers far greater than their proportionate representation in the population. If anything, this is more so today than a decade or two ago.

the way, and relations between the two countries seemed only to improve. In the four years since, Israel has marched arm in arm with its great friend and ally, through adventure and connivance, from one end of the world to the other. We marched together to Lebanon, Iran and Nicaragua. We would be marching together still — who knows how far or for how long — if the Administration had not slipped and tripped us as it fell. Now, instead, it is Israel's turn to pay — to help save its friend in need.

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Not too long ago, for example, Jews were considered a secure part of the Democratic coalition. It's no longer so. A poll by CBS News reported that 30% of Jews voted Republican in the most recent congressional elections, 12% more than in the 1982 mid-term election, indicating that their support is not just for Ronald Reagan as an individual. A striking indication of the increasing bi-polarity of Jewish voting is in the 1986 re-election of Republican Senator Alfonse D'Amato in New York. He received 40% of the Jewish vote compared with only 3% in 1980, despite the fact that he ran against a Jewish challenger. Single issue? Single direction?

Kohler quotes Kenneth Bialkin, long time ADL leader and past president of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, as saying that "Jewish political interests are expanding, not contracting." Bialkin believes that Jews are backing conservative candidates in larger numbers not just because of their positions on Israel, but because they, as voters, have redefined their own interests in a conservative direction. "More than ever before in our history, assumptions and commitments are being evaluated and reevaluated, and a healthy diversity has developed in the community."

None of this is to deny that there is a strong, virtually unanimous support for the State of Israel among Jews, and that there are Jewish-supported PACs that back pro-Israel candidates with campaign contributions. But even this goes along with the considerable diversity of opinion among American Jews on Israeli politics and policy, a diversity pursued with so much passion that there are those who fear it could even adversely affect Federation campaigns throughout the country.

The political leanings and activities of American Jews are anything but "single issue" in character. If in the broad spectrum of their advocacy, including wide differences of opinion over what kind of nation and society Israel should be, there is a unanimity that the State of Israel must survive and secure among the family of nations, this should be neither surprising nor hard to understand. We have been a people without a homeland for almost 2000 years. During those centuries we have been abused, cursed, discriminated against, robbed and murdered. We have been the victims of a program of genocide unequalled in the pages of history. The third commonwealth of the State of Israel has risen with God's help and awesome human bravery from blood and ashes. If our support of her continued survival and well-being is "single issue" politics, God grant that it may never depart from our midst!

The Israel Economy

An Economic Revolution

Last week Israeli Finance Minister Moshe Nissim presented a sweeping new economic program to the Cabinet which could change the way Israelis live, work and do business. By reducing taxes, reforming the capital market and cutting government spending, Nissim hopes to put more money in the hands of the citizens, encourage private investment in business and stimulate general economic growth. The plan is intended to yield a 4% increase in the gross national product, a half-million dollar reduction in the balance-of-payments deficit annually, and a lower rate of inflation.

These revolutionary proposals have met considerable opposition from across the political spectrum. While the Israeli media have reported the basic outlines of Nissim's plan, the final version is being worked out in special committees which include Cabinet ministers and representatives of the Histadrut Labor Federation.

As presently constructed, the program reflects the recommendations of the U.S. - Israel Joint Economic Development Group (JEDG), the inter-government board set up in 1984 to help the Israeli government overcome its economic crisis. According to Herbert Stein, a member of President Reagan's Economic Policy Advisory Board and the JEDG, the first stage in economic recovery had to be stabilization.

Today, with inflation reduced from 445% to 18%, wages and prices relatively stable, foreign currency reserves up and unemployment manageable, stabilization has been achieved. Now, say economists, it is time for growth. "First you stabilize the patient, then you operate," said Pinchas Dror, economic attache at the Israeli Embassy. "That is what we have done."

In order to maintain a strong defense and an elaborate social welfare system, Israelis currently

pay as much as 60% of their income in taxes. The reform program would not only reduce the maximum tax rate to 45%, it would reduce subsidies on transportation, health care, education and basic food items. Nissim contends that although prices would rise, Israelis would have more money to spend due to tax reductions.

Those citizens who make less than \$6,500 annually and may not be able to afford higher costs—40% of the population—would be exempt from income taxes altogether. The reform plan would also eliminate many loopholes, shelters and advantages currently enjoyed by individuals and corporations.

By reducing subsidies, laying off government employees and slashing \$120 million from defense, the government plans to cut \$330 million from its budget next year. The government will also sell off companies under its control.

Defense Minister Yitzhak Rabin has stated that his Ministry's budget has already been severely cut in the past two years and strenuously opposes further reductions.

To stimulate business, the government will gradually lower current interest rates to conform to international standards. It will also liberalize its foreign currency policy to allow Israeli firms to take loans from abroad and give greater support to their foreign subsidiaries. On the other hand, subsidies would be eliminated from certain industries.

Proponents of the plan believe that by reducing government support for social services, consumers would use only those services they need, reducing government waste. They also contend that by giving workers a greater share of their wages, they will have more incentive to produce — and to remain in Israel.

Economist Stein told *NER* that in order to grow Israel must preserve its reservoir of skilled labor, especially if it wishes to remain competitive with other centers of high technology. "People must be made to feel that they are valued," Stein said. "Why should someone want to live in Israel when he could be living in Palo Alto, California making three times the salary and paying a marginal tax of only 28%? It places great strain on one's Zionist sympathies."

One of the key sticking points of the Nissim plan is a wage freeze which would per-



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 WASHINGTON — President Reagan receives a menorah from representatives of New York's Yeshiva University during a gathering at the White House Dec. 18. Herbert Tenzer, left, chairman of the university's board of trustees, and clothier Sy Syms, center, help present the gift. The young man at left is unidentified. RNS PHOTO/Wide World

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Lelaine Nemser Participates In Hadassah-Israel

Lelaine Nemser, formerly president of the Wilmington chapter of Hadassah, now living in Rehovot, Israel, participated here in Mediscope, a meeting of Hadassah-Israel. This is the organization established in Israel by Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America, to bring the message and methods of Hadassah to Israelis.

Speaking at the meeting of Hadassah-Israel, which took place at the Hadassah University Hospital on Mount Scopus last month, Annabelle Yuval, the newly elected president of the organization, said: "The membership of Hadassah-Israel consists of either former members of Hadassah in the United States now settled in Israel or Israelis who admire the Hadassah way of life. In addition, some members are tourists who come on lengthy visits to see their children, now living in Israel, or who spend several months a year here. Hadassah-Israel is part of the evergrowing Hadassah Medical Relief Association (HMRA), whose national chairman is Bernice Tannenbaum. HMRA has established chapters in 17 different countries in Europe and Latin America."

Over 500 members of Hadassah-Israel from all

parts of the country came to be briefed on several of the recent developments at the Hadassah Hospitals with regard to current health problems.

Lelaine Nemser said: "The establishment of Hadassah-

Israel enables members of Hadassah now living in Israel to carry on the type of service to the community they used to give in the U.S. through Hadassah. It helps both the country and their own absorption into a new world."



Lelaine Nemser, formerly of Wilmington, where she was president of the Hadassah chapter there, who is now settled in Rehovot, Israel, (left) participates in a meeting in Jerusalem of the newly formed Hadassah-Israel Organization. With her is Rose Joshua, former president of Hadassah-Israel, who was a member of the National Board of Hadassah before settling in Israel. Hadassah-Israel was formed to bring to Israel the message and methods of Hadassah, the largest Jewish women's organization in the U.S.

The Second Year At Gratz

The following students are enrolled in the High School I class of Delaware Gratz Hebrew High School: Adam Bowman, Evan Davidson, Laura Gilbert, Gennifer Goldenberg, Joshua Goldlust, Jeffrey Green, Avital Ini, Brian Mand, Margaret Presley, Donald Snyder and Boaz Vega.

These students follow a rigorous curriculum of Judaic studies conducted in both Hebrew and English.

On Tuesday evenings, they study Bible with Rivka Ini. They cover the first prophets, from David to the destruction of the Temple, with intensive study of selected chapters of the Books of Kings I and II. Emphasis is given to events and personalities that helped to shape the character of the Jewish people.

A literature class with Collette Ben David consists of Hebrew stories by I.L. Peretz.

On Thursday evenings, two Jewish Issues courses are taught by Jack Vinokur. The first one deals with Israel and presents a study of Zionism and contemporary Israel, Israel-Arab relations, Israeli culture, people, government

and religion. The objectives of the course are to awaken the student's sense of identity with Israel and the desire to visit there. The second one is an introductory course for the study of the Holocaust using a variety of media and specially selected literature.

For the last period on Thursday, Scott Slomowitz teaches a course on Siddur which analyzes specially selected prayers and investigates a wide range of topics concerning the meanings of Jewish worship patterns.

Sunday mornings, a Jewish Issue course taught by Lori Hubner includes a thorough study of the land of Israel which will culminate in participation in the "Knowledge of Israel" contest.

Bible 22, offered by Gladys Gewirtz, reviews the current weekly Torah portion. A detailed analysis of each Parasha gives attention to its structure, value-context and its potential contribution to the life of a modern Jew.

A Hebrew language class taught by Annette Baruch provides intensive and progressive development of Hebrew language skills, stressing reading, grammar

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Rabbi Sue Levy Installed

Sue E. Levy was installed as rabbi of Congregation Beth Shalom in Dover at Shabbat services on Dec. 12. Dr. Arthur Green, president of the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College of Philadelphia, participated in the service. Green, a close friend of Rabbi Levy's, was also her mentor and advisor while she was studying for her ordination.

Martin Mand, president of the Jewish Federation of Delaware, offered his greetings and stressed his belief that the Jews in Lower Delaware are an integral part of Jewish community in Delaware. Also in attendance were Dover Mayor Crawford Carroll and State Senator William Torbert.



Rabbi Sue Levy

The congregation responded warmly to each speaker and afterwards enjoyed the unusual delicacies prepared by the Sisterhood and Irwin Levy, the rabbi's husband, who is a professional baker.

Economic Revolution—

(Continued from page 5)

mit only gradual salary increases. Histadrut General Secretary Yisrael Kessar believes that the plan would harm the lower class by raising prices without raising salaries. Stein feels that in time Israel will have to abandon the current policy of linking wages to the cost of living, a Histadrut "sacred cow." "At some point Israel will have to move to more market-oriented wage determination, but that is too big a step to take right now," he said.

Stein expressed his hope that the plan would be accepted by the Knesset saying, "Many said that the stabilization effort was too difficult politically, but it turned out to be a political success."

In an interview with Israeli television, Finance Minister Nissim also expressed confidence. "I tend to believe that the plan in its entirety, with all its various components, will be adopted and I hope this will lead to a new era in the Israeli economy." Reprinted from the Near East Report

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Death And Dying

Autopsies, Organ Transplants And Embalming

By ALAN SCHOENBERG

The principal of *Kevod Hamet* (respect for the dead) should govern any decision regarding autopsies, transplants and embalming. Each of these procedures in the right context can not only show proper respect but contribute to the sanctity of life.

According to Jewish ritual, routine autopsies are not permitted because they violate the dignity of the deceased without reason. However, if the post-mortem examination is likely to save the life of another or discover the cause and thus the cure of a disease, it may be permitted. In other circumstances an autopsy may be decided upon by legal authorities, in which case the decision has been taken out of the hands of the family.

The legal authority in this case is usually the State Medical Examiner. Ali Z. Hameli, M.D. an interna-

tionally renowned forensic pathologist is the chief medical examiner for the State of Delaware. A competent professional, he has demonstrated respect for the religious beliefs of those coming under his jurisdiction. Although he has the authority to order autopsies he generally does not if the religious desires of the family disagree and there is not a legally compelling reason to do so. The most compelling reason for requiring an autopsy involves testimony in court as to the exact cause of death.

The medical examiner will take jurisdiction of a deceased under the following conditions:

1. Homicide, suicide and accidental death.
2. Cause of death unknown.
3. No physician will certify the cause of death.
4. Suspicious or unusual circumstances.

5. Death occurs during or shortly after surgery
6. Death within one year and one day of an accident.
7. Abortion or suspected abortion.
8. Death while in prison or police custody.
9. Death resulting from employment.
10. Unclaimed deceased.
11. Cremation
12. Possible health hazard.

If a person who has been under a physician's care dies on the way to the hospital, the medical examiner will be notified. In most of these cases the investigator will contact the physician of record. If the death is consistent with diagnosis the medical examiner will release the deceased and the attending physician will issue the death certificate.

With the many advances of modern medical science, the religious community have taken another look at organ transplants. The preservation of life will supercede many former rulings against transplants. The revisions reinforce moral positions on the importance of human life.

Organs that can save a life or give a better quality of life such as a cornea can be used. This view says that the greatest respect for the dead is to bring healing to the living.

The argument that burial has not taken place has been answered that the transplanted organs will eventually be interred when the recipient dies.

The question of embalming has arisen many times especially when delays in burial are necessary. Jewish law prohibits embalming because the procedure allows the removal of blood from the deceased and Jewish law requires all of the body including blood to be buried.

This is the reason amputated limbs are to be interred rather than another form of disposition.

Delaware law regarding embalming is for the protection of public health. If the deceased is maintained in a refrigerated facility until within 24 hours of burial and there is not a public viewing, embalming is not required. If embalming is required for any reason, the removed blood may be collected and buried with the deceased.

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The Teen Scene

Little Sis, Big Sis

Last year, I was lucky enough to be a part of a wonderful program, and I would like to share my experiences with you.

It is called the Little Sister, Big Sister Program, and it is when an old member of BBG (Big Sister) shows around a new member (Little Sister) and sort of teaches them the ways of BBYO.

Well, I thought about this, for about 30 seconds, and knew that I wanted to be a little sister. I said to myself, "What a great way to meet new people."

So, I went up to the regional BBG mitmom and told her that I wanted to be a little sister. Just as I was telling her, Grace Sopal, a girl I had met before, was just about to

tell the mitmom that she would like to be a big sister.

I didn't know Grace very well, but we started and in less time than you could blink an eye, we walked right back up to the regional mitmom and explained our story.

"Grace and I had briefly met before, but, we had been talking and we would really like to be 'sisters,'" I explained. The mitmom agreed. Grace was now my full-fledged big sister.

At all of the conventions, I looked forward to seeing her and all of my new friends that she introduced me to.

Grace is in college, now, but we still write and talk to each other all of the time. In fact, just last weekend, I saw her.

As mitmom and a friend, I hope all of you new members out there will read this article because this is an excellent program. If you would like to be a Little Sister or a Big Sister, just get in touch with me and I will be sure that you get one. If you don't see me too often, you can call me at 239-2209.

The author, Roni Zarge, is a freshman at A.I. duPont High School. She is the daughter of Andrea and Martin Zarge of Newark.

Young Judaea Holding Convention For High School Seniors

Young Judaea has set aside the weekend of Jan. 23-25, for its annual Northeast Chug Yisrael Convention to be held at Pinemere Camp in Stroudsburg, Pa.

The convention will explore Israel options for high school seniors planning on spending their college freshman year in Israel. Emphasis will be placed on Young Judaea's Year Course. Discussions will include Israeli current

events, independence and spending a year away from family, and Jewish organizations on college campuses.

The convention is open to all high school seniors interested in exploring their relationship with the land of Israel. For further information, please contact the National Israel Programs Office, 50 West 58th Street, New York City, 10019, (212)303-8262.

Can You Answer These Trivial Pursuit Questions?

1. What video game got its name from a Japanese mis-translation of "King Kong"?
2. Where does the Beatles long and winding road lead?
3. Which room on a Clue Board boasts 3 doors?
4. How many dozen drops are there in a teaspoon?
5. What comic strip character's favorite baseball player is Joe Shlabotnik?
6. What material is Mona Lisa painted on?
7. What fell on the Sahara on Feb. 18, 1979?
8. How many of every 5 things you worry about will never happen?
9. Who was older Laurel or Hardy?
10. What kind of creatures are Beaver Cleaver's pets Smiley and Hoppy?
11. What country owns the Suez Canal?
12. What hospital is featured on TV's St. Elsewhere?
13. What figure does a Calcographer draw with?
14. How many toes does an ostrich sport on each foot?
15. What's the typical cruising speed of a housefly?

You will find the answers in the next Teen' section of the Jewish Voice.

Young Musician's Contest

Applications are being accepted for the 16th annual Contest for Young Musicians, sponsored by the Jewish Community Center.

The contest is open to pianists and instrumentalists, ages 16-24, and vocalists, ages 18-29. Applicants must live in Delaware or within 30 road miles of Wilmington; or attend school in Delaware or study regularly with a teacher in the same area.

The competition will be held Feb. 11-12.

Cash prizes and a performance at a winners'

recital are offered to winners in all three categories.

Applications should be sent to the Jewish Community Center, 101 Garden of Eden Road, Wilmington, 19803, no later than 5 p.m., Jan. 16.

For additional information and contest entry forms, contact Lillian Balick at 764-8672 or 655-6123.

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William M. Topkis The 1987 Jewish Federation of Delaware Campaign Needs You

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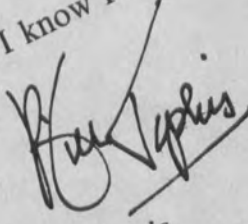
- * Provide for needs of Jews so that they may all live in dignity.
- * Strive to help make the world a better place for ALL people.
- * Help fulfill our obligation to ALL segments of our community.
- * Work to create a society where Jews can live freely as Jews.

By this 1987 campaign newsletter, I hope to inform you of the importance of your contribution and who benefits from the campaign—a campaign which in reality helps build a better community for all. It is not the funds raised but what services and programs the campaign funds provide which is the real bottomline. Please take the time to read this newsletter as it concerns you and those you love and care for. Hundreds of your friends and neighbors have volunteered their time and energy to help ensure the future of the Jewish people. They will be contacting you and all the Jews in Delaware for your 1987 Jewish Federation Campaign contribution. When you are called upon, please do your very best so that you, your children, grandchildren and people everywhere can be more assured of a life of dignity.

If you have any questions or wish further information, do not hesitate to call me at 731-7350 or Bob Kerbel at the Jewish Federation, 478-6200.

All Jews are responsible one for the other. I know I can depend upon you to do what you feel is right.

Sincerely,


William M. Topkis
1987 Campaign Chairman
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SUPER SUNDAY '87
SUNDAY JAN. 18, 1987
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YOUR MONEY AT WORK . . . JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER & JEWISH FAMILY CAMPUS

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- * Its programs for the handicapped that provide vital physical exercise opportunities in the JCC swimming pool.
- * Its after school day care programs that give children, whose parents work, a second home.
- * Its Jewish educational, holiday observance and festival programs that affirm our Jewish heritage and identity.

For these and the many more programs and services offered by the JCC, the Federation annual campaign is the lifeline of support. It does make the difference.



. . . JCC SENIOR CENTER



The Senior Center, at the JCC, is open Monday through Friday, with special activities scheduled on weekends throughout the year. Daily activities include physical fitness, discussion groups, various card games, pool, blood pressure testing, yearly flu shots, a choral group, cultural and recreational trips, speakers, birthday parties and holiday celebrations.

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ZIEDAN ATASHI

Friday, January 16, 8 p.m.—the Sabbath before Super Sunday— Congregation Beth Shalom will host the Federation Shabbat.

Ziedan Atashi, an Israeli Arab of the Druz religion and a member of the Knesset since 1977 will be the guest speaker.

Mr. Atashi was born in 1940 in Osifiya, a Druz village on Mount Carmel. He has served, from 1961 to 1963, in the Israel Defense Forces and was employed, from 1963 to 1969, as an organizer in the Working Youth Movement of the General Federation of Labor. From 1969 to 1972, Mr. Atashi worked as a reporter and chief representative on Arab affairs for Israeli Television. In 1972 he was appointed the Consul for Information at the Consulate General in New York, the first non-Jewish Israeli to hold a diplomatic post. From 1975 to 1976 Mr. Atashi served as a member of Israel's Permanent Mission to the United Nations.

Ziedan Atashi possesses a B.A. in Political Science and Arab Studies from Haifa University and continued his M.A. studies in Political Science at the Hebrew University.

SUPER SUNDAY '87
SUNDAY, JANUARY 18, 1987
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Super Sunday—it's a day of involvement for every Jew in Delaware. Super Sunday '87 will take place on Sunday, January 18, at the main office of Patterson-Schwartz Realty, 913 Delaware Avenue, Wilmington. On that day close to 100 volunteers will contact more than 2,000 households to enlist their support for the Jewish Federation of Delaware's 1987 Campaign.

Co-chairing Super Sunday '87 are Laney Gordon, Marc Pevar, Marcie Spivack, and Dennis Spivack.

In addition to raising funds to improve the lives of thousands of Jews here, in Israel, and around the world, Super Sunday's concentrated effort helps raise community consciousness of Jewish needs and concerns.

Thousands of volunteers in Federations across the country will be joining together in this all-out telephone drive to reach more people and raise more money in a single day than ever before. More people will participate in Super Sunday than in any other event of the 1987 Jewish Federation Campaign.

Super Sunday—January 18, 1987—Answer The Call—Don't Put This Call On Hold.



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Services provided by Jewish community agencies range from enriching the lives of healthy, independent older adults to providing intensive, multiple assistance to the most severely frail:

- "Graying of the community" is increasing demand for services from JFS, JCC and Kutz Home. This year JFS served 11% more clients in its Aged Services Department. No one is refused admission to the Milton and Hattie Kutz Home because of their inability to pay the full fee for the Home's care.
- There is a steady demand for the Home's services with over thirty new

admissions during the past year. Admissions are processed more rapidly in order to assist those whose need for care is pressing.

- In addition to continuous, long-term care, the Kutz Home also provides a day service for elderly who return to their own homes in the evening. If beds are available, the Home can provide short-term or respite care.
- While skilled nursing care is the major component of the Home's services, a rich program of social, recreational, educational and religious activities is offered residents.

Programs at Risk for Next Year

Over 60% of the Home's residents are unable to pay fully for their care and receive Medicaid. Unfortunately, Medicaid payments to the Home fall short by about \$10.00 a day or nearly \$3,700.00 a year for each resident assisted by this program. Furthermore, some needy residents do not qualify for Medicaid benefits and there is an even higher deficit in each of these cases. Therefore, without Federation dollars, the Home's services and ability to serve the neediest elderly would be at risk.



THINK ABOUT YOUR PARENTS AND THEIR PARENTS

What will you do if your parents or grandparents reach an age where it is no longer safe for them to live alone? It's not a subject most of us like to think about, but it's important that someone does.

The Jewish Federation helps to fund a home for the aged where our elderly can live with dignity. We offer educational and social programs which enhance the quality of all their lives.

If you want a good reason to give, consider how these projects give people, like your parents and their parents, good reasons to live.



. . . JEWISH FAMILY SERVICES

Throughout the year, this agency provides a wide range of therapeutic, educational and charitable services to all segments of our community.

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 - Assisting middle aged children and their elderly parents in planning "where mother or father will live" . . .
 - Visiting a Jewish patient at Delaware State Hospital . . .
 - Describing "Jewish Identity" to the members of the Leadership Development Program of the Jewish Federation of Delaware . . .
 - Distributing "Passover Baskets" to needy Jewish families . . .
 - Conducting assertiveness training for a group of senior citizens at the Jewish Community Center . . .
 - Accompanying 25 handicapped young adults on an all-day outing to Hershey, Pa. . .
 - Providing an overnight motel room for a transient Jewish family passing through Wilmington . . .
- These are just a few examples of services provided by JFS. Since previous funding sources are decreasing or depleted completely, JFS has become much more dependent on the Jewish community for financial support to maintain its services.

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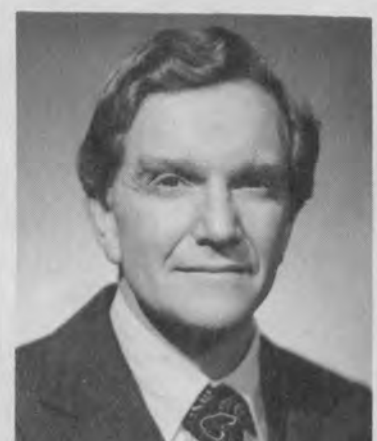
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Delaware Gratz Hebrew High School has the largest enrollment in its history—68 students. It is a branch of the prestigious Gratz College of Philadelphia. The goals and objectives are to provide a quality secondary educational experience for the young people of Delaware through a comprehensive five year program of Hebrew and Judaic studies.



Gratz provides students with a quality secondary Jewish education that helps teenagers develop into knowledgeable and committed members of the Jewish community.

THINK ABOUT YOUR CHILDREN

Your contribution to the Federation also goes to support educational, recreational and social programs for Jewish children.

You don't have to be a parent to appreciate the importance of providing our youth with a healthy environment in which to grow and learn.

Places like the Jewish Community Center offer excellent pre-school programs, as well as sports, theater and other activities for people of all ages.

In these ways, your pledge not only works today, but is an investment in tomorrow.

THE JUDAIC WORKSHOP

• **The Judaic Workshop**—a little known program. The Judaic Workshop provides a Jewish educational experience to educationally exceptional young adults who have learning disabilities and who could not be served by congregational religious schools. Presently housed at Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth, a Jewish enrichment program is held every week for those who would not otherwise have any Jewish education.

HILLEL AT THE
 UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE

• **Hillel at the University of Delaware**—With more than 1,200 Jewish students on the campus, Hillel has an active paid membership of over 300 undergraduate students. Shabbat dinners, services, social and cultural events are held weekly.

What we need and have not provided:

- The facilities at Hillel House are totally inadequate. There is no kitchen; the one meeting room cannot seat more than 30 people.
- There is a need for a full-time Hillel director. Presently, funds are available for only a part-time counselor.
- The offices at Hillel are in need of new office equipment.

. . . KI TOV CLASSES

Ki Tov is a program for children who cannot be mainstreamed into regular afternoon class, but who also do not belong in the "Judaic Workshop for Exceptional Children." The children enrolled in this program are capable of learning about themselves as Jews and about Holidays, Bible and language, but must be taught in a small class setting using individualized instruction and attention. In the past, Jewish education for these children has been neglected. The program is financially supported by the Jewish Federation of Delaware, and the Milton & Hattie Kutz Foundation.

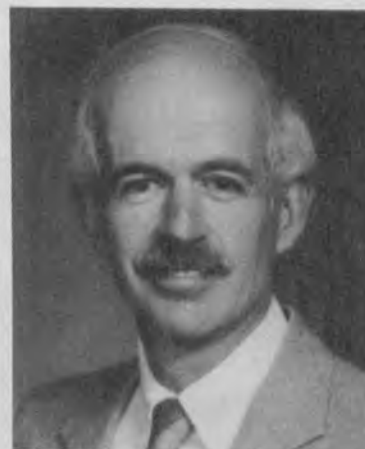
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JEWISH AGENCIES IN DELAWARE FACE CRISIS

At the July 7, 1986 Jewish Federation of Delaware board of directors meeting, allocations for 1986-87 were approved for all of our local Jewish agencies, national agencies and the United Jewish Appeal. It was a very difficult meeting as most of the agencies did not receive the funds they believed necessary to provide the services needed. In addition, it was necessary to again reduce our contribution to Israel (UJA) by 10% — from \$500,000 to \$450,000.

The agencies' needs were there, their budgets were accurate, and no agency requested more than absolutely needed — what was not available were the funds to be allocated. As our community grows and our needs expand, our campaign must grow significantly. This has not been the case.

Below is a summary of the 1986-87 allocations:

NATIONAL & OVERSEAS ALLOCATIONS

COMMUNITY RELATIONS AGENCIES:

American Jewish Committee	500.
American Jewish Congress	500.
Anti-Defamation League	500.
Jewish Labor Committee	300.
Jewish War Veterans	200.
NCJRAC	2,625.
NCJRAC—Service Fee	685.
National Israel Task Force AAAPME	100.
National Conference on Soviet Jewry	250.

CULTURAL AGENCIES:

Jewish Braille Institute	150.
B'nai B'rith Youth Services	300.
Nat'l. Fdn. Jewish Cultural Appeal	2,000.

EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICE:

Jewish Education Service of North America	1,150.
Assn. of Jewish Family, Children's Service	450.
Jewish Telegraphic Agency	300.
Conference of Jewish Communal Services	200.
National Jewish Welfare Board	4,000.

OVERSEAS:

HIAS	1,850.
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COUNCIL OF JEWISH FEDERATIONS

(Dues Formula)	20,775.
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THINK ABOUT WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF YOU DON'T DO ANYTHING OR CONTRIBUTE LESS THAN YOU CAN.

You probably think someone else will take care of it if you don't. After all, one donation can't make that much difference, right? Wrong.

If everyone who felt that way would make a pledge, it would add up to enough support for all these important Federation programs and more. Especially now, with severe Federal budget cuts in educational and social programming, your pledge counts. You count.

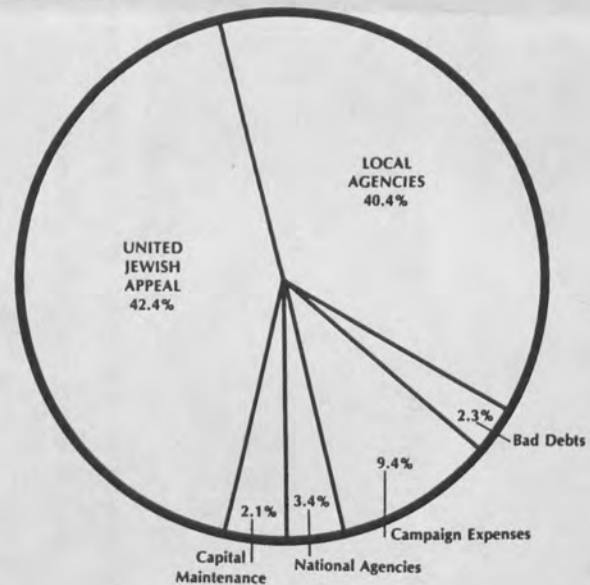
So, this year, instead of doing nothing or the same as you did last year, do something you've never done before. Right now, make a tax-deductible contribution to the Jewish Federation of Delaware.

Think about it. If you're still not convinced, or if you have any questions, please call Bill Topkis at 731-7350.

LOCAL AGENCIES & PROGRAMS

Albert Einstein Academy	33,500.
Delaware Gratz High School	27,820.
Hillel Counselorship U of D	23,367.
Jewish Community Center	72,600.
Jewish Family Service	21,000.
Milton & Hattie Kutz Home	50,000.
Lower Delaware Jewish Community	7,000.
Newark Jewish Community	6,000.
Judaic Workshop	956.
Jewish Voice	1,800.
Jewish Community Relations Committee	4,500.
Jewish Federation—Administration & Programs	150,591.
Endowment Fund	8,000.
Youth Service Force	5,850.
Sub Total Local	429,184.
National & Overseas Agencies	37,035.
United Jewish Appeal	450,000.
TOTAL	916,219.

TOTAL 1986 CAMPAIGN
\$1,064,000
(as of July 7, 1986)



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YOUR MONEY AT WORK . . .
 . . . FOR JEWS IN ISRAEL

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 By Supporting The People In Israel*

Through our support of Israel we participate first-hand in the rebirth of the Jewish homeland—a miracle our forefathers died for, a miracle we are privileged to witness.

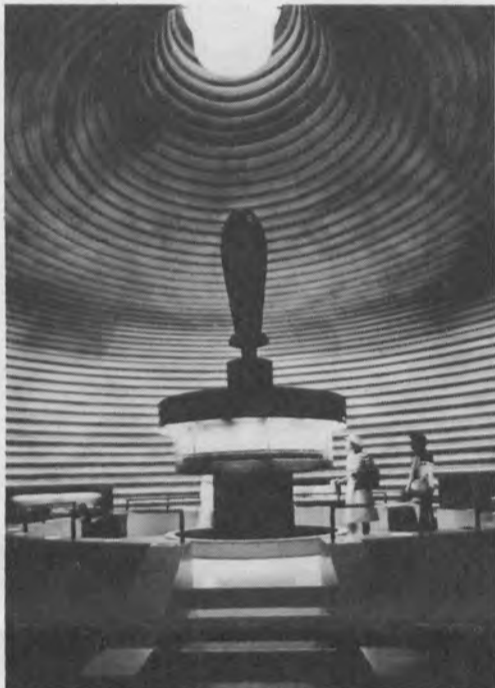
Today, Israel is faced with the most severe economic crisis in its entire existence. One-third of Israel's budget is spent for defense, and another third is used to repay debts and interest incurred in the establishment and development of the state. The government has cut spending in the only third of the budget with any leeway: social welfare programs which directly affect hundreds of thousands of needy Jews. At such a time, our role is more critical than ever.

By supporting the Jewish Federation Campaign through your gift to the 1987 Campaign, funds are allocated to the Jewish Agency in Israel to provide:

- Absorption centers, temporary housing, medical care, food, clothing, vocational training for immigrants—more costly and complex than ever for the thousands of

Ethiopian Jews who must make the transition from a medieval life to a modern, technological society.

- The growth of rural settlements—essential if Israel is to improve its economy and become self-sufficient. Large stretches of land need to be developed with high-tech communities in the northern Galilee and agricultural communities in the Negev and the Arava region.
- Youth Aliyah programs for 18,000 youngsters from economically or socially disadvantaged families. Most participants live in a Youth Aliyah village or school while receiving educational and vocational training. These villages are home for thousands of Ethiopian youth who arrived in Israel without family.
- Rehabilitation of disadvantaged neighborhoods through Project Renewal. The Jessie Cohen neighborhood (originally developed by the Wilmington family of the same name) of Holon, Israel is our Project Renewal responsibility. A new potential for a better life has been developed because of our partnership with the residents. Delinquency, crime, blight have been substantially reduced. New day care centers, senior citizen and youth clubs and projects have been developed. Education for the adults has begun—one new library and playgrounds have been completed, much of this by the citizens of Jessie Cohen, with our financial help.



THINK ABOUT WHAT'S
 HAPPENING IN THE MIDDLE EAST

Frightening, isn't it? Suddenly, not only are Jews the targets for terrorism, but so is every American.

The Federation provides aid to Israel for medical needs, as well as education, immigration and welfare programs. We also arrange for people in the United States to visit Israel, so they can better understand the issues and the people who create a safe harbor for Jews all over the world.

Now, more than ever, your support is needed to ensure the survival of Israel—the only democracy in the Middle East and the only ally America can count on in that area.



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YOUR MONEY AT WORK . . . JEWISH COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE

The Jewish Community Relations Committee of the Jewish Federation of Delaware was formed for the following purposes:

1. To interpret Israel's position and needs to the American public.
2. To work on behalf of oppressed Jews in the Soviet Union, in Arab lands, and throughout the world.
3. To work to counteract anti-Semitism and insensitivity to Jewish concerns.
4. To work within our state and nation to assure that our Jewish community can participate fully in the general life of the community in order to foster creative survival of Jewish values and religious heritage. Because this happens only when all groups are accorded equal opportunity, equal rights and equal justice, the JCRC participates to the limit of its resources to promote the democratic system utilizing, whenever possible, resources both within and outside the Jewish community.

To accomplish these purposes JCRC maintains contact with our Congressional delegation and our local elected officials.

THINK ABOUT THE THREATS TO RELIGIOUS FREEDOM RIGHT HERE IN THE U.S. AND ABROAD

Just pick up the newspaper today and you'll see what we're talking about.

Anti-Semitism is on the rise around the world, embodied by neo-Nazi groups. Many of these groups hide behind less treacherous names, but their goals remain just as treacherous.

Prayer in school and other policies aimed at blurring the separation of church and state are being advanced by well-funded religious lobbies. Quota systems for hiring and for school admittance, which in the past have been used to keep Jews out, are once again being proposed.

These issues affect you whether you are religious or not. We fund the Federation Jewish Community Relations Committee.

We need your support to protect these important Constitutional rights. Your rights, which if not fought for, will be legislated out of existence.

Under the leadership of Jack B. Blumenfeld, JCRC chairperson, the committee is involved in an ambitious program. The Israel Task Force chaired by David Margules is planning a joint program with the Jewish Community Center to mark Israel Independence Day, and programs to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the birth of David Ben-Gurion. The Church-State-Interfaith Task Force has distributed holiday calendars and guidelines to all Delaware schools and is continuing to work on adoption of religious neutrality policies by state schools.

Joan Spiegelman is chairing the Halina Wind Preston Holocaust Education Committee which is now a joint Jewish Community Center/Jewish Federation of Delaware committee under JCRC auspices. This group sponsored a community presentation of the film "Shoah." It is also engaged in building a Holocaust Resource Center and Speakers' Bureau; educating teachers to teach Holocaust; and looking toward introduction of a school Holocaust curriculum. A Yom Hashoah program is planned for April.

Stanley W. Balick is continuing as chairperson of the Soviet Jewry Task Force which is engaged in raising community consciousness about the plight of Soviet Jews. Petitions have been signed, cards have been sent to refuseniks, and synagogue and youth groups have been involved in related activities. A community program is planned for the Spring.

YOUR MONEY AT WORK . . .

for Ethiopian Jews

- 35 percent of those who arrived during Operation Moses have been placed in permanent housing. The challenge is to provide mortgages and find apartments to house the remaining families.
- High-risk groups—one parent families, the elderly and the chronically ill—require continued social services.
- We must make sure the Jewish Agency can maintain these support services for Ethiopian Jews—even if *aliyah* from other countries of distress should impose sudden burdens.

for Israel's Farmers

- The austerity measures that arrested Israel's runaway inflation imposed hardship on her farmers.
- High interest rates, combined with competition in European markets have left more than 7,000 families in 114 rural communities with overwhelming debts.

DO YOU PERSONALLY BENEFIT FROM YOUR GIFT TO THE JEWISH FEDERATION 1987 CAMPAIGN?

Here's your chance to find out. Just take a minute to answer the following questions:

	YES	NO
Have your children or grand-children benefited from our Jewish community's pre-school, day care, camping or youth services?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you know a student who attends the Gratz Hebrew High School, Albert Einstein Academy, Judaic Workshop, the new Ki Tov Special Education Program?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Has the Jewish Voice enhanced your knowledge about the local Jewish community and Jewish life?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
In helping your child select a college, are you influenced by the presence of a Hillel chapter on a college campus?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you take pride in the fact that our Jewish community is influential in achieving freedom for Soviet and Ethiopian Jews?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Have you or your family availed yourselves of personal counseling or family life education?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are you aware of the nutrition, social, friendly visiting, counseling and educational programs that Delaware's elderly population receives from our social service agencies?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you know someone who has used the services of the Kutz Home, JCC senior center, or B'nai B'rith Apartments?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Would you like to have more Jewish social and cultural programs to attend?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

If you have marked "yes" to even one of these questions, you now have your answer. You know exactly how you benefit from your gift to the Federation campaign. These are but a few of the ways in which you actually gain when you give a gift.

In addition to its major support of Israel, the Campaign actively—and significantly—contributes to services and organizations that benefit everyone in our community.

**PLEASE REMEMBER HOW THE FEDERATION HAS TOUCHED YOUR LIFE,
WHEN YOU'RE CALLED UPON TO MAKE YOUR 1987 CAMPAIGN GIFT**

- For humanitarian and strategic reasons, Israel cannot allow these settlements to fail.

for Second Generation Pioneers

- This year, our Campaign is funding vocational training programs in rural areas, support for indebted settlements, agricultural research and two new industry-based settlements—one in the Galilee and one in the Negev.

for Youth Aliyah's Israeli-Born Students

- In 1971, the Jewish Agency opened Youth Aliyah to Israelis from impoverished

neighborhoods. At present, some 85 percent of the 18,500 students in Youth Aliyah come from disadvantaged families.

for Israel's Aged

- The number of people in Israel aged 75 and over will increase from 100,000 in 1980 to 170,000 in 1990, a rate of increase greater than in any Western country.

Around the World

- In 33 other countries around the world, JDC functions at the turning point every day.
- 300,000 Jews in Latin America and 600,000 in France rely on JDC's help to strengthen their Jewish schools, communal organizations and leadership.
- 7,000 Jewish children in Moslem countries attend JDC-supported schools. 400 people of all ages enjoy a JDC-funded Jewish camp in Yugoslavia.
- Holocaust survivors in Eastern Europe depend on JDC's meals-on-wheels, clothing distribution, cultural programs, and medical and religious supplies.

The Teen Scene

Newark B'nai B'rith Youth Organization

When talking about Newark B'BYO, one word invariably comes up — youth. Over 80 percent of our chapter is in the eighth, ninth, or 10th grade. This provides a lot of excitement as well as some minor problems. For instance, we have very few drivers. But, the parents really come through and pick up the slack. And then, there is the inexperience and immaturity of young members, but who really cares if you have fun?

Our chapter is only one and a half years old, but B'BYO has already really influenced many of our members' lives.

We hosted the IT (In-Training) Convention at the end of October, and that weekend will be remembered for a long time. Working on a regional event helped our

members grow and mature, and the hard work and effort put in by so many people showed how much the Newark Jewish community cares for its youth.

Newark Cohavim has now attained over 50 members which is a really astounding figure. Last year, we had 35, and our goal was to reach 40 members this year. Scott Hirsch and Roni Zarge, our *moreh* and mitmom, have worked hard at getting new people involved. We have reached outside the Temple Beth El community itself to try to interest teens who are unfamiliar with Jewish youth groups.

The chapter is young, and the prognosis for the future looks good. Only one board member is a junior or older,

so the potential for leadership is great. There are many future presidents in the group! However, this year is far from over — there is still a long way to go until Spring Fl-ing in May, and I am sure these months will be eventful ones.

The author, Barry Herman, is a junior at Newark High School. He is the son of Ann and Mike Herman of Newark.

You Too Can Open Your Heart And Your Home

The JCC in cooperation with the Israeli Consulate of Philadelphia will be hosting two Israeli students from the 1987 Israel High School Mission. These students will arrive on March 22 and stay until March 29, 1987. We hope that someone in our community could extend home hospitality for these students. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Shelley Gitomer at the JCC at 478-5660.

Room Of My Own

Phone ringing,
Sunlight peering through slots
Playing games with specks of dust,
Clothes peeking from half-closed drawers.
Room of my own.
They tell me you are my haven — my solitude,
and so you are.
I creep there and quietly close the door to
shut out the noises of the world.
I daydream. I fantasize — you are the only
one to hear my inner thoughts.
They tell me you are cluttered and so you are.
I tiptoe through myriads of kneesocks without
mates, battleworn sneakers and pairs of
ribbons minus one.
I alone can find the magical route through the
maze.
Stuffed animals with jaunty hats and button noses,
Scenes of surf gazing down from the walls,
Throw pillows of rainbow colors,
Desk piled high with all but books,
Photos of heroes dotting the closet wall.
All this and more —
Room of my own.

Volleyball And Dinner For 7th-12th Graders

Look forward to a great night of dinner, "volleyball, and kibbitzing." Volleyball will begin at 5:30 p.m., dinner at 6:15 p.m. The cost for this get-together is \$2.75 per teen. Paid reservations must be made one week in advance of the scheduled date." Call Shelley Gitomer at 478-5660 to register.

The dates are: Tuesday, Jan. 20; Tuesday, Feb. 17; Tuesday, March 17; Tuesday, April 28; Tuesday, May 19.

The JCC Hang-Out For 9th-12th Graders

Join your friends at the JCC for swim and gym activities. Enjoy movies while munching on snacks from 8 p.m. until 11 p.m. The cost for each fantastic evening is \$3.50 per teen. It's the place to be, so circle these dates on your calendar and register now by calling 478-5660.

The dates are: Saturday, Jan. 31; Saturday, Feb. 28; Saturday, March 28; Saturday, April 25; Saturday, May 30.

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Cut it out, and attach it to the game board printed in the October 31, 1986 issue of The Voice.

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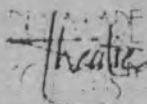
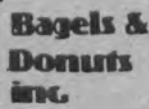
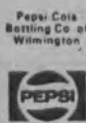
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Family Policy

By Arnold Lieberman,
Executive Director



The American Jewish Committee recently announced the creation of their "Task Force on Family Policy"

whose charge is to develop criteria for its policy positions in the area of family policy.

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Fundamental changes in American life in recent years have confronted the family with new challenges, for which there is no consensus regarding how to deal with these issues.

Besides our obvious stake in the national issues, we Jews have certain specific concerns of our own. Since the family unit has traditionally been the bedrock of Jewish continuity, the rise in Jewish divorce and the resultant plight of single-parent families have put new burdens on Jewish communal agencies. The tendency of Jewish women to enter highly competitive professional careers has sharpened the demand for more and better Jewish-sponsored day care. Also, the trend toward later marriages has created a large singles population that Jewish organizations have not yet been able to integrate comfortably into Jewish communal life.

As usual, the conditions above which refer to the national picture, also apply to our own community. We are confronted with the problems of the single-parent family and the need for child care on a regular basis at JFS. We also meet clients periodically who, among their other problems, do not feel accepted by our Jewish community due to their single status.

Efforts are being made to deal with these problems in our community, as well as in other Jewish communities all over America. However, it is being done on an ad hoc basis, rather than setting specific policies and working toward solutions on an overall basis. Therefore, the need for the AJC Task Force.

As is also usual, until policy is set, JFS is ready to help anyone who is experiencing these problems here and now. Call us at 478-9411.

Dear Rachel

Dear Readers,

One of the delights of the secular new year is the leisure to reflect on what has passed. Even as the whole Gentile world bustles, I rejoice in not having to cook holiday dinners, buy presents or *kasher* a Passover kitchen. Here at Jewish Family Service, I have the opportunity to look back on the column that you, our readers, and I have created over the past year.

Marriage and parenting questions came up more often than any other category of letter this year. Some questions were very traditional, such as etiquette at marriage ceremonies. More often the things that troubled you related to the "new" Jewish family. Blended and single parent families are evidently producing the need for new answers. Many marriages are still trying to adjust to the changing roles of men and women. Questions about childrearing are perennial. But the graying of America

and American Jewry is very evident here in Delaware as you balance your needs with those of aging parents.

Finally, your concerns about Jewish identity for family members and the community are quite evident. Whether the issue is as broad as anti-Semitism or as specific as your child's intermarriage, your desire for a healthy Jewish environment comes through clearly.

From all of us here at Jewish Family Service, our best wishes for a healthy and happy 1987. We look forward to hearing from you as you share your joys and concerns in the coming year. It's a pleasure to share this column with you.

Rachel

Send letters to "Rachel, c/o Jewish Family Service, 101 Garden of Eden Rd., Wilmington, DE 19803." Names and details will be altered in published letters to protect your privacy.



UJA LEADERS ACT FOR SOVIET JEWS . . . Leonid Slepak (third from left), son of long-time Soviet Jewish refuseniks Vladimir and Masha Slepak, is shown with some of the many National United Jewish Appeal leaders who have visited his parents to give them hope and bring their message home to the United States. Myrle and National UJA Vice Chairman Bernard Borine of Philadelphia (left) visited the Slepaks in 1977. UJA National Chairman Martin F. Stein of Milwaukee, next to Leonid, and Ruth and Alan Ades of New Bedford, Mass. (right) visited them in August. "Our arms are linked as are our hearts," Stein said at their recent meeting in Washington, D.C. "We will not rest until your parents and the 400,000 Jews who have asked to leave the Soviet Union are freed."

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Guide For Older Delawareans

Joint ownership of property is sometimes suggested as a method of reducing the costs in probating an estate, and that is desirable in some instances. Such ownership does not avoid inheritance tax which might be due, however, and it may have disadvantages.

For married couples joint ownership in some form is usually wise. It allows the survivor to automatically receive the property, whether real estate, motor vehicles, bank accounts, etc., when the first spouse dies.

Joint ownership may save probate expenses but it will not save inheritance taxes, and such ownership may cause problems when the joint owners are not spouses.

If you were to add one of your children's names to your

deed, you would not be free to sell the property at any time unless the joint owner agreed. If you would otherwise be eligible for a property tax exemption because of age or disability, you would lose a part of the exemption by having a co-owner who is not eligible for a tax exemption.

In addition, you may be responsible for gift tax if you make someone a gift of part of the ownership of your property.

Finally, the joint owner might be able to force you to sell the property against your wishes, and if the property is owned by joint owners with the right of survivorship, you would not be able to will any part of the property to another person. The survivor would get the entire property

upon the death of the joint owner.

In the case of a jointly owned bank account either party may withdraw money at any time. This means that all of the money could be withdrawn by one of the parties. Also one could be liable, if the other overdraws a checking account.

Joint bank accounts automatically go to the survivor when the first person dies, so money in such accounts cannot be left by will to someone else.

Before getting involved in any joint ownership be sure you know the advantages and disadvantages and the alternatives. Consultation with an attorney is desirable.

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Obituaries

Samuel H. Morrison
Samuel H. Morrison of Hamilton House Apartments, 1403 Shallcross Ave., died Sunday, Dec. 28 at Wilmington Hospital.

Mr. Morrison, who had been a manager for the Arthur Clothing Store on Market Street, retired in 1970.

He is survived by his wife, Hazel B.; a son Eric B. of Wilmington; and a grandson.

A memorial service was held in Gracelawn Memorial Park Chapel, North Du Pont Highway.

Interment was in the adjoining memorial park.

In memoriam the family suggests contributions to the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Association, Greater Wilmington Chapter, Graham Center, 1708 Gilpin Ave., Wilmington 19806.

George J. Melman
George J. Melman, 74, founder of Melco Inc. and co-developer of hospital over-

shoes, died Tuesday, Dec. 30 in Sacred Heart Hospital Emergency Room, Chester, Pa.

Mr. Melman, of 1302 Tulane Road, Green Acres, founded the industrial supply company in Wilmington in 1957. He also was its co-owner and president. He retired in 1984.

He was one of the developers of an overshoe used for the first time in Delaware Hospital in 1959. It was designed from a paper-like substance called Scott Dura-Weve and had a rubber-sheath conductive sole which grounded static electricity.

Mr. Melman was a former chairman of the promotion committee of the Wilmington Businessmen's Association.

He was a captain in the Army Air Corps during World War II, and served for three years in the South Pacific.

He is survived by his wife, Judith F.; two daughters, Dana Bosk of Baltimore and Kerry Melman of

Philadelphia; three sisters, Ellen Melman, Barbara Bernstein and Muriel Sherwin, all of New York; and two grandchildren.

Services were in Temple Beth Emeth, 300 Lea Blvd.

Interment was private. In memoriam the family suggests contributions to the Honey F. Golby Scholarship Fund, care of Delaware Law School, P.O. Box 7474, Wilmington 19803.

Harry Shor
Harry Shor, 93, of the Milton & Hattie Kutz Home, River Road, near Bellefonte, died Wednesday, Dec. 31 in Wilmington Hospital.

Mr. Shor moved to Delaware two years ago from Trenton, N.J. He was a farmer in Suffern, N.Y., for most of his life. He retired in 1968.

He was a member of the John A. Kennedy Lodge, AF&AM. He was a 32nd-degree Mason, and a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

His wife, Frieda, died in 1966. Surviving are a son, Dr. A. Louis Shor of West Chester, Pa.; a daughter, Kenie Zutkoff of Timonium, Md.; three brothers, Julius of Great Neck, N.Y., Max of Forest Hills, N.Y., and Abraham of Las Vegas, Nev.; two sisters, Beatrice Nacht of Fresno, Calif., and Ethel Oblan of the Bronx, N.Y.; and a grandson.

Graveside services were in Mount Zion Cemetery, Queens, N.Y.

In memoriam the family suggests contributions to the Kutz Home, 704 River Road, Wilmington 19809, or to the Jewish National Fund, 1405 Locust St., Philadelphia.

Sara G. Harwitz
Sara G. Harwitz, of 9714 Eclipse Place, Gaithersburg, Md. formerly of Wilmington, died Thursday, Jan. 1 in Shady Grove Hospital.

Mrs. Harwitz was a homemaker in Wilmington for many years. She was a graduate of Wilmington High School.

She is survived by her husband, Edward L.; a son, Richard B. of Mount Kisco, N.Y.; a daughter, Harriett Margolis of Gaithersburg; four sisters, Rose Koffler, Sadie Keil and Eva Greenstein, all of Wilmington, and Elizabeth Rosenberg of Chicago; and three grandchildren.

Services were in Chandler Funeral Home, 2506 Concord Pike, Wilmington.

Interment was in Beth Emeth Memorial Park, Faulkland Road, Wilmington.

Hilde Ingersoll
Hilde Ingersoll, of 217 Duncan Ave., McDaniel Crest, died Saturday, Jan. 3 in Christiana Hospital.

Mrs. Ingersoll was a medical librarian at Riverside Hospital from 1981 until she became ill. She previously was a homemaker.

She is survived by three sons, Frederick of Naples, Fla., Stephen of Claymont and Michael of Chicago; and two grandchildren.

Services were in

Schoenberg Memorial Chapel, 519 Philadelphia Pike.

Interment was in Beth Emeth Memorial Park Faulkland Road.

In memoriam the family suggests contributions to the American Cancer Society, 1708 Lovering Ave., Wilmington, 19806.

Archbishop Of Cracow To Organize Seminars

NEW YORK (JTA) - Franciszek Cardinal Macharski, the Archbishop of Cracow, has agreed to organize seminars there "on the meaning of Auschwitz to Christians and Jews."

In a letter to Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum, director of the American Jewish Committee's International Relations Department, Macharski stated that "such a seminar can contribute to the deeper understanding of what role Auschwitz plays in Jewish awareness, what it is to Poles and to Christians in general, and finally what it should be to the entire mankind." He added that the seminars could "produce positive influence" toward friendly relations between Polish Catholics and Jews.

The AJCommittee original-

ly proposed the seminars because of a project by the Catholic Church in Poland to build a Carmelite convent on the site of Auschwitz, the death camp in southeastern Poland where some three million Jews perished. The project was suspended after world-wide protests, including many by ranking members of the Catholic hierarchy in Europe and the United States, as well as the Jews.

John Cardinal Krol of Philadelphia was one of the leading protestors. Cardinal Macharski described the proposed seminars as urgent, "considering the period of the last 40 years characterized by inconceivable lack of communication in regard to Polish-Jewish religious dialogue."



BACK IN SOVIET CAPITAL
MOSCOW — Andrei Sakharov speaks with reporters at the train station Dec. 23 after arriving in Moscow after seven years of banishment to Gorky for his human rights advocacy. The Nobel Peace Prize winner took the occasion to criticize the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan. RNS PHOTO/Wide World

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Organizations in the News

Beth Emeth Sisterhood

"Taking Control: 10 Steps To A Healthier Life And Reduced Cancer Risk" is the theme of the program to be presented at the Jan. 13 Meeting of the Sisterhood of

Congregation Beth Emeth, Elizabeth A. Zwaskis, nutritionist, speaking on behalf of the Delaware Division of the American Cancer Society, will present a public education program on cancer prevention. Zwaskis has taught normal therapeutic nutrition at the Nursing School of Wilmington, Widener University and the University of Delaware. She also has made presentations at the Brandywine YMCA and the American Heart Association. All questions will be frankly answered by the speaker. Luncheon will be served preceding the program, at noon. Please call Carole Bernstein for luncheon reservations and complimentary child-sitting (475-6259).

Jewish War Veterans.
There is no charge for the breakfast. The guest speaker will be Jack E. Shattuck, chief of voluntary services at the Veterans Administration Hospital, Elsmere, Delaware. He will discuss very interesting information.

welcome to participate. The program will focus on Soviet Jewry and address such questions as: Who are the Refusenicks? Why should they matter to us? Is there anything we, as individuals, can do?

Marvin Verman, guest speaker, is co-chairman of the Soviet Jewry Council of Philadelphia, and active with the National Conference on Soviet Jewry. He is an architect, who has traveled twice to Russia, meeting each time with many Refusenicks. After 20 minutes of remarks, Verman will lead into a dialogue with the audience, aiming at developing an agenda for action by the group.

Beth El Sunday Breakfast Program

Temple Beth El's Men's Club will hold its monthly Sunday breakfast program Jan. 18, at the synagogue, 301 Possum Park Rd., Newark. Breakfast begins at 9:30 a.m.; program begins at 10:35 a.m. The community is

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Jewish War Veterans

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All members are urged to attend this meeting. Important matters will be discussed.

The Jewish War Veterans and the Temple Beth Emeth Brotherhood will have a joint breakfast on Sunday Jan. 25, at 9 a.m. at Temple Beth Emeth, Lea Blvd. Members, wives, the Ladies Auxillary are invited to attend and any veteran who wishes to join the

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Theater Review

'I'm Not Rappaport'

By STANLEY W. BALICK

"I'm Not Rappaport," the Tony award winning comedy hit was in Wilmington for eight performances beginning Tuesday, Dec. 16, featuring its original stars, Judd Hirsch and Cleavon Little.

The play, which also won the Outer Critics Circle Award, was staged by Daniel Sullivan who directed the Broadway production. It centers around the adventures and misadventures of two lively senior citizens who strike up an unusual friendship in Central Park in New York.

According to *New York Times* reviewer Dena Kleiman, a "special chemistry" exists between Hirsch and Little. The action and conversation is fast moving and shifts quickly evoking various emotions. Kleiman describes the stars as "two irascible and inseparable octagenarians. One (Hirsch) can't stop telling stories. The other (Little) can't stop listening." The two characters' unique relationship is described by Little who commented, "Judd is like a truck crossing the

desert and I'm a bird flitting from side to side. He never knows what I'm going to do. I have secrets — little things I may do or I may not do. I'm not always predictable for him."

The play is very well written and there are many outstanding lines. Judd Hirsch in the title role has a complete command of his lines and seems to have been born for the part. Little lends great support. Anyone who has known an elderly Jew of

European descent, in this case Lithuanian, will immediately recognize the accent, gestures, and colloquialisms with a great fondness. Kirsch's character is an intellectual, a philosopher, and a revolutionist who has lost little zeal through age. The pair play off each other beautifully, displaying a sharp sense of comedic timing. "I'm Not Rappaport" is well worth seeing. Those who didn't, can still see it in Philadelphia at the Forrest Theatre until Jan. 11.

Pan American Maccabiah Games

Caracas, Venezuela will be the host country for the '87 Pan American Maccabiah Games on July 16-27, 1987. Over 1500 competitors from 17 countries will represent Pan American Jewry in the prestigious sports event which augments the World Maccabiah Games held every four years in Israel.

Competition will be held in the Hebraica with the president of Venezuela in attendance. Because team selection, team training camp and travel arrangements takes time, please contact Jeffrey

Laikind at U.S. Committee Sport for Israel (215) 546-4700 for further information concerning your sport. For the sport of Karate (fighting and form divisions with team fighting), please contact karate chairman, Moe Dinner at 9043 N.E. 37th. Pl., Bellevue, Wash. 98004.

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The Jews Of Eastern Europe

The following report was compiled by Eva Mitchell, board member of the World Conference of Jewish Communal Service.

Hungary

(Pre-war Jewish population 820,000) The week before our arrival the community had observed the 40th anniversary of the deportation of 600,000 Jews. Today, there are approximately 90,000 Jews in Hungary of whom close to 80,000 live in Budapest. It is also the only country in Eastern Europe which has a rabbinic seminary (training rabbis from all countries in this area, including the Soviet Union). It is probably the only one of the countries we visited where there is a Jewish future.

There is an active Jewish community; there are Jewish Old Age Homes, clothing centres, day care centres, kosher kitchens, with meals-on-wheels facilities, a Jewish choir and a comprehensive welfare service. Hungary gave the impression of being the most affluent of the countries we visited and certainly its economy is recognised as more buoyant. For those, like our 'clients,' on low pensions, life would be very difficult without the financial aid of CBF (and to a much larger extent of 'Joint'). One example; there are 2,000 Jews in Budapest who receive aid of one kind or another. It was here in Budapest that we first appreciated the care taken by

the leadership of these Jewish communities to guard the dignity of the individual recipients of aid.

Czechoslovakia

Of the 356,000 Jews before World War II, 5% survived. Today 6,000 are registered with the Jewish community. The leadership estimate that there are between 15/17,000 Jews in the country. One conjecture for non-identification given was a very understandable post Holocaust dread of lists. We visited Prague (not only a beautiful city, but with an almost tangible, though melancholy, aura of the glorious Jewish past) and we visited Bratislava. In Prague too there is a kosher restaurant in a beautiful community centre. Cash grants, subsidies for kosher facilities and assistance to enable the leadership to maintain the infrastructure for services to their communities comprise a large part of the aid. Similarly in Bratislava, a kosher kitchen provides the focal point of Jewish contact for elderly, frail survivors. While staying in Prague we visited Tereszin (Theresienstadt) — the grim fortress and the town where so many of our people found themselves the victims of Nazi brutality — with more to come in what was too often a waystation enroute to the death camps. Prague impressed us with its sense of Jewish history and saddened us — is there a Jewish future?

Yugoslavia

Of the 75,000 Jews before the War, 60,000 were killed. Today there are only 6,000 souls, scattered throughout 30 communities, the main one in Belgrade, Zagreb and Sarajevo. Again like in Czechoslovakia, it is estimated that there are probably another 2,000 Jews who do not acknowledge their Jewish identity.

Yugoslav Jewry see themselves as an ethnic and national minority, rather than a religious community. There is an unusually high degree of intermarriage. There are only approximately 100 welfare cases in the entire community; there is one rabbi; there is a Jewish Old Age Home in Zagreb, occupied by 80/909 old people. It is considered a 'model' Home in Yugoslavia.

There is a high rate of inflation which is presenting problems and it is envisaged that with inflation between 60/70% and pension increases only up 25%, this will present more difficulties.

We paid brief visits to Dubrovnik — ghost like with Jewish memories and its now closed ancient Synagogue (1325). Seven Jews when we were there; one of the seven looked after the other six. And Split, a small community of 80; a closely knit family.

A strange community with a strong history of partisan participation and close ties with Tito... A vanishing Jewry and yet an annual

thriving Maccabiah, an exceptionally interesting Youth Camp facility and in proportion quite a number of educated young people, mostly young professionals, giving rise to a renaissance of interest in Jewish history and culture. These symptoms plus an educated committed leadership, despite numeric evidence, made us wonder if perhaps there is a future in Yugoslavia.

Rumania

About half of the pre-war population of 800,000 Jews perished in World War II. Today there are 380,000 Rumanian Jews living in Israel, incidentally the largest national grouping, so far exceeded by none, in the State of Israel. Rumania's Jewish life is a conundrum. Today less than 28,000 people, 98% of the Jews, are registered with the community; the most comprehensive network of any of the countries we visited. 68 communities, 60% of the Jews are over 60 years old. 3 Rabbis, 106 synagogues (not all in daily use), 12 in Bucharest itself. 106 kosher kitchens serving 25,000 meals a week (500 meals-on-wheels in Bucharest alone). A sophisticated and thorough welfare service — and much, much more.

In all 6,200 Rumanian Jews receive aid, some the whole range, supplementary pensions, clothing, medical services, nursing, home help and admission to Old Age Homes. Bucharest has 308 beds and in

addition there are 108 beds in the provinces.

Most of the recipients of the aid are, of course, survivors and 'singles,' frail and old.

We also visited some of the small 'shtetl' of Moldavia in Eastern Rumania. In many of these towns before the war, the Jewish population was greater than the non-Jewish. Today the remainder still carry on with an active Jewish life — they point sadly to the sites and sometimes the ruins of where synagogues and schools had been.

Poland

Poland before World War II was home to 3½ million Jews, linked to Poland for over one thousand years. Today, the pitiful remnants number about 8½ thousand who identify with either the religious or cultural part of the community. The average age of Polish Jewry is 74 years; the average age of Krakow's 600 remaining Jews is 82 years. This was not so much a mission as pilgrimage to the biggest Jewish cemetery in the world.

In this community there are memorials to and memories of what was, and cemeteries and some old people. It is a country which has enormous economic problems which makes our aid even more essential. The kosher canteens do provide a nourishing mid-day meal as well as the Jewish contact; the supplement to pensions, the prescriptions made up in (Continued to page 16)

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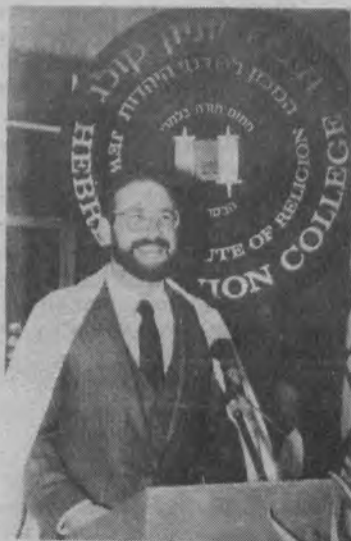
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The week of dedications marked the formal opening of the Skirball Center for Biblical and Archeological Research, the Skirball Museum, and the Mildred and Bennett Trupin Family Torah Center on the expanded campus of the Jerusalem School of Hebrew Union College. More than 300 leaders of Reform Judaism from around the nation and the world attended these historic ceremonies.

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JEWES OF ETHIOPIA EXHIBIT

NEW YORK—At left, an Ethiopian Jew holds the Torah in the village of Uzaba; at right, a woman holds unleavened bread for Passover in Wolleka, Ethiopia. The photos are part of an exhibit at New York's Jewish Museum that examines the Ethiopian Jews, or Falashas, through unique documents, photos and artifacts of daily life never before exhibited. The exhibit runs until April 19, 1987. RNS PHOTO/Moshe Bar Yuda, Doron Bacher

Jews Of Eastern Europe —

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the West — these are tangible ways in which we can help and this aid is given with permission of the Polish authorities.

Of course, there is still a popular Yiddish Theatre in Warsaw, supported by the State, but mostly Poland is

Jewishly ghostly, sad echoes of the past. Here too the small community is administered by dedicated, mostly retired Jews, whose concern for the individual enables him to retain a little dignity and comfort.

Lastly, we visited Auschwitz and the adjoining

camp Birkenau... the enormity of this hell on earth numbs the senses. Standing in a field at Birkenau where there were still vestiges of human ashes after 40 years, by chance there was a fierce thunderstorm, thunder and lightning cracked and roared over this hideous place — a Goetterdaemmerung scene.



SUPER SUNDAY '87 IS AROUND THE CORNER...WE NEED YOUR HELP

JEWISH FEDERATION OF DELAWARE

ONE PEOPLE. ONE DESTINY

Sunday, January 18, 1987

To Be Held At:

PATTERSON-SCHWARTZ

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Wilmington, Delaware 19806

More people will participate in Super Sunday than in any other event of the 1987 Jewish Federation of Delaware Campaign. This is your chance to be one of them... and make fund-raising history, too.

Join thousands of volunteers in Federations across the country in an all-out telephone drive — to reach more people and raise more money in a single day than ever before.

Give us two hours of your time on Super Sunday.

- To call your friends and neighbors
 - To ask them to join you in helping our fellow Jews at home, in Israel and around the world — through our community campaign.
- The calls you make may determine the quality of Jewish life in the years ahead.



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Please mail to: Jewish Federation of Delaware
101 Garden of Eden Road
Wilmington, Delaware 19803

Please reserve a telephone for me.

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone # (Home) _____ (Bus.) _____

Affiliation _____

I will be able to staff the telephone from:

10:00 am to 12:00 pm 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm

12:00 pm to 2:00 pm

I'd also like to help with follow-up calls: (7-9 P.M.)

_____ 1/20, _____ 1/21, _____ 1/22,

_____ 1/27, _____ 1/28, _____ 1/29

NOTE: You will be requested to be at the phone center for Orientation and Training 45 minutes before your session begins. If you have not made your 1987 pledge, you will be given the opportunity to do so at the close of your Orientation & Training session.