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Elect To Hear Candidates' Views

By DAN WEINTRAUB
JCRC Director

State-wide races in Delaware include contests for the offices of the U.S. House of Representatives, Delaware State Treasurer, Delaware State Attorney General, and Delaware State Auditor.

Contestants for the U.S. House seat include the Republican candidate, current Congressman Mike Castle, and the Democratic candidate Dennis Williams an accountant.

The Democratic candidate for the position of State Treasurer is

Jack Markell, an attorney, who will challenge the Republican candidate, Janet Rzewnicki who now holds the post.

Republican candidate Jane Brady is running for reelection as Delaware State Attorney General. She will be opposed by either John Dorsey or David Finger. Both Dorsey and Finger are attorneys seeking the Democratic nomination on September 12.

Delaware State Auditor Tom Wagner, a Republican, is running unopposed. The Democratic party has not yet decided whether it will

field a candidate to oppose Wagner although at press time officials with the party indicate that is still possible.

This year the primary will once again be held on Shabbat. Jewish voters can contact their county department of elections to arrange in advance for an absentee ballot.

The Hadassah-JCRC Candidates Forum is a long-standing tradition serving Delaware citizenry. This year the Candidates Forum will be held on September 14, 1998 at the Jewish Community Center on

Garden of Eden road in north Wilmington at 7:30 p.m. This year the contested offices which will be featured at the forum will be the US Congressional seat, State Treasurer and Attorney General.

Lelaine Nemser, a long-time Hadassah activist and a former director of the Jewish Community Relations Committee, will serve as moderator for the event. Nemser is a newly elected member of the Board of Directors of the Jewish Federation of Delaware. In the event that the auditor's race becomes contested an effort may

be made to include those candidates as well.

Hadassah is the world's largest Zionist organization. The Jewish Community Relations Committee is the public affairs arm of the Jewish Federation of Delaware.

The Jewish Federation of Delaware does not endorse, support or oppose any candidates for public office at any level. For more information about the 1998 races or the September 14 candidates' forum call the JCRC at 427-2100 ext. 17.

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EDUCATION

Adult Institute of Jewish Studies Offers Broad Variety of Classes

A characteristic of the Jewish people for the duration of our existence has been that we are a people of the book. The love of learning and obtaining knowledge has propelled the Jewish people to heights of fulfillment. Education is something that is necessary for youths as well as adults. October marks the beginning of another year of study at the Adult Institute of Jewish Studies, a chance for continuing self growth.

On Wednesday evenings from October 14th through November 18, 1998; the Institute will convene at the Jewish Community Center, 101 Garde of Eden Road, Wilmington. Classes are scheduled from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and 8:45 to 9:45 p.m.

Starting Tuesday, October 20th through November 17, classes will be held at Temple Beth El, 301 Possum Park Road, Newark, Delaware at 8:00 p.m.

There are 18 varied classes given at the Jewish Community Center and 4 classes at Temple Beth El.

In addition to these classes, on Wednesday, November 18th, the Institute will be showing "The Long Way Home." This movie will be shown at the Regal Theater, Brandywine Town Center, Wilmington, at 7:30 p.m. "The Long Way Home" is an Oscar award winner for best documentary feature film. For the survivors of the Holocaust, liberation was only the beginning. This film examines the critical post World War II period and the plight of the tens of thousands of refugees who survived the Holocaust.

The registration fee for the Adult Institute, including admission to the film, is \$15.00. For admission just to the movie, tickets will be sold for \$7.00 at the Jewish Community Center and Beth El Synagogue.

Sponsors of the Adult Institute are Albert Einstein Academy, Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Congregation, Chabad Lubavitch of Delaware, Congregation Beth Emeth, Congregation Beth Shalom, Gratz Hebrew High School, Jewish Family Service of

Delaware, Jewish Federation of Delaware, Jewish Community Center and Temple Beth El.

The following instructors are teaching these classes for this semester:

JCC Wilmington:

Rabbi Daniel J. Satlow, Dynamic Jewish Prayer

Rabbi Laurence Malinger, It Hurts too Much to Live,

John Paul McGough, Christian Anti-Semitism, The Missing Link in Holocaust Studies

Dr. Vivian Z. Klaff, The Vanishing American Jew

Dov Seidel, Parshat Hashuvua Via Modern Hebrew Commentary Plus...

Lauren Pokras, Inter-marriage: Confronting the Present, Looking to the Future

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Dorothy Flippen, Not Just Our Four Mothers

Ruth Fisher Goodman, Yiddish Literature

Lauren Nassau, Why do we Do

That? The Way you Do the Things You do

Rabbi Peter Grumbacher, Oh, That's Right... They're in the Bible too!

Rabbi Sanford Dresin, From Moses to Moses

Rabbi Chuni Vogel, The Good, The Bad, and the G-dly

John Elzufon, Judaism and Christianity

Marc D. Pevar, Surf the Jewish Internet

Ann Jaffe, Basic Hebrew

Faith Queman, A Gift of Peace Community Artists, Our Community Shares the Work of their Hands
Temple Beth El Classes 8 p.m. Newark:

Dr. Marian Lief Palley, Current Issues in American Jewish Life
Rabbi Eliezer Sneiderman, Community in Jewish Thought
Rosalie Dior, Beginning Hebrew
Rabbi David Baruch Kaplan, Return to Eden

UD Seeks Families To Befriend International Students

The University of Delaware's Office of Foreign Students and Scholars Services is looking for persons in the Newark area willing to befriend international students. The volunteer Host Family Program is flexible and allows families to choose just how involved they become in the lives of the students they "host."

Currently, the program is in need of families who can host students overnight in their home for short stays while housing logistics are being finalized.

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EDUCATION

Gratz Hebrew High School

The entire Jewish community of Delaware has reason to be very proud that such a large percentage of our teenagers choose to continue their Judaic education beyond the B'nai Mitzvah years. This is due to the encouragement of the Rabbis and Educational Directors of our local synagogues, the financial backing of the Jewish Federation and most of all, the support of the families who realize the importance of this program in their children's lives.

At Gratz, teenagers meet weekly and establish life-long friendships

social activities in addition to the scholastic curriculum. It also offers advanced placement college credits and religious school teaching certificates to those who qualify.

Many Gratz graduates have become Jewish educators and youth group advisors. Most are active participants in Jewish community life. They serve as board member and leaders of synagogues and other communal committees.

Delaware youth are indeed fortunate to be offered the finest Jewish high school education available today. The choice is theirs!



Graduating Class of 1998.

Delaware Gratz Hebrew High School



as they study together. The program offers them a basic grasp of the tenets and history of Judaism. They become familiar with the treasure of Jewish thought and tradition in an intellectually challenging and stimulating manner. Through this knowledge, students come to feel secure and comfortable with their Jewish identity. They are then able to confront conflict and to make responsible choices within the proven moral and ethical framework that their studies at Gratz have provided.

Gratz is specially designed to meet the social and academic needs Jewish teens of all backgrounds. It offers them a variety of

For more information, call Marlene C. Milunsky, Principal, at 478-8100.

Gratz Presentation

Delaware parents felt the need for post Bar and Bat Mitzvah education for their children. Nothing comprehensive existed in Delaware to meet this need, and Jewish students had to travel up to Philadelphia to attend the high school division of Gratz College if they wanted to learn Hebrew as a language, and if they wanted to continue their studies beyond the synagogues' confirmation programs.

Delaware Gratz was founded in 1965 by a group of dedicated par-

ents, with the financial backing of the Jewish Federation of Delaware. It's purpose was to provide comprehensive Jewish and Hebrew education for post B'nai Mitzvot, including those students who had completed their synagogues' confirmation programs, and were in the 11th and 12th grades.

Delaware was the first and only Branch of Gratz College's high school program. Over the years, Gratz College has opened more branches of their high school in the Philadelphia suburbs, in Bucks County, Allentown and West Chester.

Delaware Gratz doubled in size over the past ten years, with the addition of all teens from the affirmation group from Adas Kodesch and the confirmation group from Beth Shalom. Not only is this better for the students socially, it also brings Gratz closer to its goal of being a true Community High School.

Last year (1998) Delaware Gratz had 9 teachers and 86 students from all denominations of the Jewish Community study together. We graduated 16 students, bringing the total number of graduates of our five year program up to 218.

Most Gratz graduates receive a diploma (92 credits), a teaching certificate (80 credits) and up to 12 or more advance placement college credits. Students may attend any number of classes they wish on Tuesday and Thursday evenings and Sunday mornings. Certificates of Achievement are awarded as well (30 credits), and individual credits can be earned for personal enrichment and for advance placement college credits. Tuition assistance is available for those who qualify.

For those Delaware Gratz graduates who have attended Gratz for 5 years and have earned 80 credits or more, a brand new Endowment Fund has been set up for a college scholarship, which is available only to our graduates, in the amount of \$625 per year, renewable for four years, totaling \$2500 in scholarship money per graduating student.

Together we studied history, ethics, morals, values and many facets of Judaism. We learn together using primary texts as well as textbooks, using discussion and role playing as well as research and

written work. Our goals are to develop an understanding and appreciation of our heritage, that will lead to a proud and positive Jewish identity, a love of Judaism and a love of Israel.

Delaware Gratz graduates are found actively involved in so many areas of their Jewish communities. Some have become rabbis, cantors and youth group advisors. They are active in BBYO and many of their synagogue youth groups, they have become leaders at all levels of these groups, leaders of their synagogues, and board members and chairpersons of many communal activities. Our Gratz graduates also include knowledgeable and informed college students, who (fortified with a strong Gratz background) maintain their own identity and help to promote Jewish welfare on campus.

We offer the highest quality Jewish education to all Delaware teenagers, and are proud to see those who choose it become strong links in the chain of our tradition.

Colleges and Universities in the United States currently accepting credits from Gratz College (as of June 17, 1998)

Albright College, Alfred University, Arizona State University, Baltimore Hebrew College, State NY University at Binghamton, Beaver College, Boston University, Bucks County Community College;

Carnegie Mellon University, Clark University, Columbia University, Cornell University;

Delaware University, Dickinson College, Drexel University, Franklin & Marshall College, George Washington University, Hofstra University, Holy Family College, Indiana University-Bloomington;

Ithaca College, Jewish Theological Seminary of America, Johns Hopkins University, Lafayette College, La Salle University, Lehigh University, Lesley College, Lock Haven University, Long Island University-C.W. Post Campus;

Moore College of Art & Design, Miami University, Millersville University, Philadelphia College of Textiles & Science, Rutgers University (State of NJ), Shippensburg University, State University of NY, University of Southern California;

Syracuse University, Temple University, Touro College, Tufts University, Tulane University, University of Delaware, University of Florida, University of Hartford, University of Manitoba, University of Maryland, University of Massachusetts;

University of New Hampshire, University of Pittsburgh, University of Tennessee, Vassar College, Washington University, West Chester University, Widener University, Wisconsin University.

JCC Children's Center 1998-99 School Year Begins

The Jewish Community Center Children's Center begins another new school year this fall. The main site, located in North Wilmington, offers full and part-time programs for infants through pre-kindergarten. The Newark site, located at Temple Beth El, offers part-time preschool programs for children ages two through pre-kindergarten. Our new site, located at Congregation Beth Shalom in Dover, offers a special Friday "Shabbat Shalom" program for children ages two through four.

Other exciting additions include the expansion of the Jack S. Jacobs, M.D. Infant Care Center, the addition of many new lunch bunch enrichment programs and new equipment for all three locations.

The philosophy of the Children's Center is based on the premise that children thrive when they are treated with respect and given opportunities to grow emotionally, intellectually and socially through meaningful age-appropriate experiences.

Ours is a child-centered, experi-

ential approach which respects the importance of children's play and the uniqueness of each child. We strive to create an environment rich in stimulation, yet gentle and accepting of each child as he or she develops at his or her own pace.

While children of all religious, ethnic and racial backgrounds are welcome, we are a Jewish school.

We seek to impart a strong sense of belonging by providing opportunities for children to share their common Jewish heritage. Celebrations throughout the Jewish calendar year, Shabbat programs and the active living of Jewish values daily in the classroom, bring authenticity to a child's Jewish life and makes for positive Jewish memories.

We encourage children to know and respect their own heritage and to respect the cultures and traditions of others.

For more information on Children's Center programs or service locations, please contact Susan Kimm Gentry, Children's Center Director, at (302) 478-5660.

Welcome Back

As Albert Einstein Academy begins its 29th year of educating children in our community, we would like to wish a warm welcome back to all of our new and returning students, teachers and staff.

The Albert Einstein Academy remains faithful to its mission of providing a challenging educational program in a warm Jewish environment that will encourage each child to reach his or her fullest potential. Even with its expanding enrollment, the school maintains a low student/teacher ratio staffed by a dedicated team of faculty and administrators.

Housed in a renovated and expanded wing of the JCC, the school has more than 120 children in transitional Pre-K through sixth grade enrolled for the 1998-99

academic year.

A special welcome goes to our new principal, Mr. Michael Brassloff. He will join with the teachers and administration to ensure the high quality of the education our students receive. Mr. Brassloff is a reading specialist, a curriculum development specialist, and has been a teacher for more than 30 years. We look forward to having Mr. Michael Brassloff join the Einstein family.

The Albert Einstein Academy is a non-denominational institution that welcomes students from various religious backgrounds. Space is still available in some classes for the 1998 academic year. For further information contact Rabbi Ellen Bernhardt, Head of School, at (302) 478-5026.

EDITORIAL

Little Effort...Significant Rewards

We have all heard the phrase ... *it's real easy to criticize*. But how often do we take advantage of our political rights to make sure that we take action? Or is it so much easier to sit around and loudly voice our dissatisfaction then to have to get out of our comfort zone and physically do something with our voices.

Is this yet another sign of couch-apathy? Have we become so inured to our comfort creature of immediate gratification that participatory behavior is merely obsolete? So why is it that we choose not to express ourselves in one of our inalienable rights?

As democratic Americans we have a tool that we take for granted. Try this one on for size ... it is spelled V-O-T-E. The American Heritage Dictionary defines vote as a *formal expression of preference for a candidate for office or for a proposed resolution of an issue; the right to participate as a voter*.

We have the Primary approaching. Will we take this opportunity to finally use our

rights? Or will this be another case of ... well, it isn't convenient or I don't particularly care for the candidates ... the excuses are inexhaustible ... but what kind of message do we give our children when we choose not to take our responsibility of our citizenship seriously?

Saturday, September 12 is the Delaware Primary. Although it is on Shabbat, the Department of Elections is posting information about the logistics of absentee ballot. Absentee ballots have to be returned to the Department of Elections no later than 12:00 Noon, September 11, 1998. The Carvel State Building at 820 French Street will be open for the purpose of Absentee Voting. If you need any information about available times or how to exercise your responsibility to vote, the Department of Elections can be reached at 302-577-3464.

So that makes it relatively easy. Now the true issue. Does anything seem important enough to get us out of our chairs and vote?

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letter to the Editor:

The recent U.S. Embassy car-bombings and the proper, appropriate retaliation by the U.S. has elicited some interesting criticisms both at home and abroad. As expected, the usual "guilt-free" Mid-East parties are blaming Israel, along with the U.S.; a confused something to do with the Monicagate scandal and her supposed close ties to the omnipresent "Zionist Media-controlled Conspiracy/Jewish Pressure Groups," etc., etc.

However, in this same critical-of-America vein, during recent separate episodes of their CNN "Cross-Fire" television program, both Robert Novak and Pat Buchanan expressed their views that these bombings would not have occurred had there been no American support for Israel: (probably true - no reported attacks on embassies of Israel's enemies). Novak snarled that the bombings were the direct result of "America's knuckling under to Israel"; openly brandishing his viciously anti-Israel mindset. Those directly responsible for callously, wantonly and deliberately killing and maiming many hundreds of innocent, uninvolved Tanzanians and Kenyans, in order to get at a few Americans,

were only mildly censured - if at all. Not surprisingly, Bill Press, the "left-wing liberal" co-host, looked uncomfortable, fumbled with his notes but did not challenge these outrageous statements.

These talking-heads appear to insist that the terrorists would befriend us if only the USA distanced itself from Israel. If this isn't *knuckling under* to terrorism and offering aid, endorsement, and direct support to world-class enemies of civilization - what is it? - maybe sedition? Prior to WWII, the world "knuckled under" to a master terrorist, Hitler - and untold millions died!

Honest spokespersons, with entry to CNN-type national audiences, are badly needed to confront these ideologues, to challenge their arguments, and present factual refutations to counter such trash - which won't win the heads over but should place the truth before their audiences. We also need to proact and hit the terrorists first wherever they are - and to make it known that accepting and sheltering these international criminals in "neutral" nations will void their neutrality status.

Robert E. Barnett
Wilmington

Letter to the Editor:

I recently read one of the August issues of the paper and was disturbed at the omission of B'nai B'rith from the Glossary of Organizations as well as the local chapters listing.

The Wilmington Lodge of B'nai B'rith recently celebrated their 100th anniversary and installed a new, young president to take the reigns and rebuild the lodge with new activities and members.

I would appreciate any further listings in

the paper include B'nai B'rith. Also, if possible, would you please note the omission of B'nai B'rith in an upcoming issue. I will be preparing a release announcing the new president and I will send it with a photo in the next few weeks.

Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter.

Beth S. Buxbaum
Regional Director
B'nai B'rith Liberty Region

Letter to the Editor:

Regarding Paula Shulak's article (One Woman's Opinion) in the 8/14 *Voice* soliciting reactions: It is no coincidence that Male Renewal Movements have also occurred within Christianity and Islam. As our world gets only more complex, men's and women's needs for spiritual nourishment grow and we've become more vocal about that need.

The article refers to individuals who would be "concerned that a preponderance of one gender or the other in the ranks of spiritual leadership [would be] a bad situation." I am one of those individuals. Judaism is comprised of both men and women, so let's find ways to empower and impassion both Jewish men and women to live up to their spiritual potential rather than make it a gender issue.

The article goes on to suggest that a high proportion of female leaders in some Jewish circles is the result of feminism. If that's so, I am dismayed. In its purest form, feminism was intended to put women on equal footing with men, not raise women above men (it probably should've been labeled "equalism," but that's history). I think the trend is more likely due to economics; many Jewish leadership roles are either volunteer, or don't

pay as much as other professions involving equivalent duties. (I'm sure that will spark some lively discussion during the fast!) And many men, faced with the challenges of being bread winners, are either forced to or feel they must opt for the more lucrative jobs.

The article explains that the Jewish Men's Renewal Movement occurred, because in the process of empowering women, men either became disempowered or simply confused about their roles. That concerns me. Our faith has so much to offer! There should not have to be a power struggle. For anyone who wants a niche in Judaism, there is a place.

I guess I will always be in that minority of people who believe that with the right effort, things can be gender-neutral. I idealistically (and perhaps unrealistically) believe that gender-differences are too often an excuse for why men are from Mars and women are from Venus. With a little less socialization, men and women, boys and girls, can work as peers. And then, maybe renewal movements would serve the needs of anyone seeking spiritual refreshment, regardless of their gender.

G. Miriam Sigler

Voice Box

A clan and a family resemble a heap of stones; one stone taken out of it and the whole totters.

Genesis Rabbah

When we escaped from Cuba all we could carry was our education.

Alicia Coro

Do not call for black power or green power. Call for brain power.

Barbara Jordan

Whatever you do to your child's body, you are doing to your child's mind.

Penelope Leach

I touch the future. I teach.

Christine McAuliffe

I hear and I forget. I see and I remember. I do and I understand.

Chinese proverb

Education is what you have left over after you have forgotten everything you've learned.

Anon.

What you teach your children is what you really believe.

Anon.



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Dignitaries Receive Jerusalem Fund Israel 50 Anniversary Friend of Zion Award in Knesset

Delaware Senator Joseph R. Biden, ranking Democrat on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee joined New Jersey Governor Christine Todd Whitman, Lady Margaret Thatcher, former Prime Minister of Great Britain, and Ambassador Jeane Kirkpatrick, along with 100 other movers and shakers from North America, as well as Starbucks Chairman Howard Schultz, in a high-level 50th Anniversary mission to Israel where they met Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, Jordan's Crown Prince Hassan, former Prime Minister MK Shimon Peres, and Industry and Trade Minister Natan Sharansky. The mission was chaired by Broad Capital's Murray Huberfeld and D.H. Blair's J. Morton Davis.

The mission, held under the auspices of Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert, was sponsored by the Jerusalem Fund of Aish HaTorah. Senator Biden, Governor Whitman, Lady Thatcher and Ambassador Kirkpatrick were saluted for their outstanding achievements with the coveted Friend of Zion 50th Anniversary Tribute Award, presented by Prime Minister Netanyahu at a gala Knesset ceremony on August 27. The Jerusalem Fund Friend of Zion Award is reserved for statesmen who have played key roles in pro-

moting strong ties between Israel and the United States and Great Britain.

The Jerusalem Fund will also be honoring with its 50th Anniversary Tribute Award pioneers in international communications, finance, and entertainment who, as a result of their vision, talent and courage, have made the world a better place. Jewish tradition emphasizes that each person should say, "The world was created for me," - my talents and energies should be used to make a difference. The 50th Anniversary Tribute honorees are being recognized for their remarkable impact in many fields.

The Jerusalem Fund of Aish HaTorah is a potent, rapidly-expanding outreach organization committed to a worldwide renaissance of the Jewish people. It has hit upon a winning formula of intellectually stimulating programs that instill Jewish pride and promote Jewish unity. The Jerusalem Fund supports innovative Jewish education projects on five continents in 80 cities, 10 in the former Soviet Union alone. These programs include the flagship Discovery Seminars; the Jerusalem Fellowships; and, Aish HaTorah's Executive Learning Center at the Aish HaTorah World Center, where men and women at the pinnacle of their careers explore Judaism's timeless wisdom on contemporary issues.

Seaside Local Community Holds 2nd Annual Picnic

On Sunday, September 13 at 5 p.m. the Seaside Jewish community will hold the second annual Picnic by the Lake, held at the home of Lenora and Bob Cohen at 18 Edgewater Drive, Edgewater Estates, Lewes, DE.

Homemade southern fried chick-

en will be provided by Seaside, and special Jewish side dishes made by our members.

Entertainment is provided by the talented members of Seaside in a talent show produced by Gary Richman. Any of you who long for your talent to be discovered, this is

your break.

Cost for members is \$5.00, and non-members, \$8.00. For more information call Lenora Cohen, 645-0183, Gary Richman, 227-1972, or Lynne Chichi, 302-644-2209.

Ashley's 60th Birthday

By CHARLES K. KEIL
former Chairman of the Jewish Voice Committee

Ever wonder what your grandparents did for a living? How did they earn a living in the "old country?" What did they do in their leisure time (if indeed they had "free time?") What about those relatives they would speak of on occasion? Wouldn't it have been great if someone had written some of it down?

Yes, and it's going to be the same way with our generation. Unless... "Unless has met its match in the case of the Cytron family. Marvin Cytron, Beth Shalom congregant and former Jewish Voice editor, has put pen to paper, and in celebration of his brother's 60th birthday, written "A Narrative of the Cytron Family." Not an easy task but when completed, the cost/benefit ratio is right there. It's titled "1434"; that's all. Why? Because that's the address of the building where the three brothers grew up. (The youngest brother is a rabbi in

Minnesota; Ashley whose birthday was celebrated, lives in Virginia, and Marvin, the oldest is in Wilmington.)

In forty pages Marvin Cytron has told a great story. A few examples: parents' wedding photo; "coming to America, the goldenah medinah"; photo of steering and sleeping quarters; manifest of passengers for the United States. This is followed by references to all the "old timers" with appropriate comments. And anecdotes: example: the boys' positive comments about Aunt Belle's spaghetti sauce to which mom commented that it was more like ketchup. In this family booklet, photos abound with the traditional photos of Aunt Golde, Osher, Uncle Sol, Aunt Esther, etc. These photos are well integrated into the narrative.

But what was "1434?" A home, yes. More than that. Downstairs housed the Cytron Dry Goods and Variety, and upstairs is where the family resided in St. Louis-home of the Browns and the Cardinals baseball teams at Sportsman's Park.

Marvin reiterates for the next Cytron generation, the family stories that earlier appeared in the Jewish Voice such as "Yom Kippur and the Pickle Works" and "The Pesach Goose." Day to day events are well related, titled "Sundays," "Downtown with Mom" and finally... "The Big Move" to a one family residence on Pershing Avenue.

Poignantly, the family booklet ends with "From life on [1434] Grand Avenue, we learned from Dad to be a mensch." No, the booklet does not bear a copyright. No, it's not for sale at your local bookstore (nor at Borders either). But it will be around for a very long time in the homes of Cytron generations, and in the memories of those in the years to come who want to know how their grandparents lived and worked. Importantly, it breathes life into the genealogy story of a family that came to America's shores, and lived the American dream.

So, how about putting pen to paper and doing the same for your offspring?

Sisterhood of Congregation Beth Emeth And NCJW Begin Domestic Violence Project

Sisterhood of Congregation Beth Emeth and the National Council of Jewish Women (Wilmington Chapter) are joining together to create and distribute domestic violence information. This innovative project will place posters in ladies' rooms throughout the area - often the one place where victims are alone and can safely read these materials.

Domestic violence is pervasive in Delaware, as it is elsewhere. Every year thousands of Delawareans are victimized, regardless of their age, their race, or their religion. Most troubling, children are devastated by witnessing such abuse.

Jewish families, unfortunately, are not immune to this tragedy. Research suggests that between 15 and 19 percent of Jewish women are victims of abuse. There are many obstacles that keep any victim from seeking help. The Jewish victim has additional pressures not to disclose the abuse and upset the peace in the home and her community. Observant women may be unable to leave because they would

be unable to keep Kosher or to continue the religious education of their children.

Help is available. There are many services throughout this area that offer assistance for victims of domestic violence. Some of the key programs include:

- 24-Hour Domestic Violence Hotline (crisis intervention and shelter services), New Castle County, 762-6110; Kent & Sussex Counties, 422-8058

- Advocacy Services, (help with court proceedings, safety planning, etc.), New Castle County, 577-2200 x. 3098; Kent & Sussex Counties, 856-2600

- Domestic Violence Coordinating Council, (Information & Referrals), 577-2684

Also, a committee is currently working at designing a poster that will be distributed throughout the area. It will include information about domestic violence and key phone numbers of resources for victims (such as the 24-hour domestic violence hotline number). Most importantly, there will be tear

off sheets at the bottom of the poster for victims to rip off and take with them.

Once the poster is developed, it will be distributed to grocery stores, fitness centers, churches and synagogues, restaurants, beauty parlors, doctors offices, and other establishments throughout the

area. The posters will be placed in bathrooms where victims will be able to read the information in private and, if it is safe to do so, will be able to take the tear-off sheet with them. These establishments will be regularly contacted to see if they need additional posters or replacement tear-off pads.

The domestic violence project can help provide critical information to individuals who may be in danger. You can help! Volunteers are needed to help make this important project a success.

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The Five Books of Moses for

Young People, by Esta Cassway, published by Jason Aronson. If you want to introduce elementary school children to the Jewish master stories of the Bible, this is the book for you. This author has a way of speaking to children. Even though the book refers to God as a He, I think most adults and children would really appreciate the effort to make the Bible understandable and captivating.

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OPINION

The Supreme English Language

By E.E. JAFFE, Ph.D.

Once again the question about English as the only official language in the USA has been debated. Some people demonstrated in Delaware who are interested in Spanish as another official language, protesting the "English Only" bill passed in the State House of Representatives. Demands by disparate groups for the institution of languages other than English are beyond comprehension when one considers the impact of English in the USA and worldwide.

English, the language of Shakespeare and Yogi Berra, has become the Esperanto, the universal language of the world. No matter what corner of the world one

visits the language one can use most effectively on the street or in government offices is English. Of course in the board rooms and on the Internet English has no equal. About 80% of all communication on the Internet is in English. Most scientific papers published in the world scientific press are published in English. English has truly become the international language.

English is being considered as the official language of the newly created Democratic Republic of Congo, formerly Zaire. It would replace French which was instituted first by the Belgians and later, of course, endorsed by the French. This is a great blow to the French who take great pride in their language. A movement toward

English is still gaining momentum. Algerians have reportedly dropped French as the principle foreign language taught in schools. English has replaced it. Other similar examples can be cited.

After all, Great Britain was the predominant colonial power in the 19th century and the USA is now the only remaining superpower on the face of the earth. America is the driving force behind international commerce and has an enormous cultural influence through American movies, music and books.

Indians and Pakistanis speak English because of their colonial status prior to 1946, the Chinese, Japanese and Koreans speak it because they want to trade goods,

ideas and services with the rest of the world. Russians absorb English because it is related to the dollar, their principle foreign currency. Taken together these peoples make up a major portion of the world's population.

David Crystal in his book "English as a global language" published by Cambridge Press deplors the spread of English throughout the world. Actually, at the creation of the Union it was not certain that the official language of the USA would be English. It could have been German. At least a quarter of the inhabitants of the original states traced their origin to German speaking regions of Europe. The original English immigrants were a definite minority.

The choice of language was not automatic. It was debated in Philadelphia. If the original leadership of the country had a different linguistic composition, German could well have become the American language. Obviously, it has not turned out that way. Today Crystal admits that English as a truly global medium may be unstoppable. That of course depends on the USA remaining in a dominant position in science, technology and trade. It is a fair assumption that this will be the case in the foreseeable future.

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Language

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Japanese institutions to teach their work force English. Nearly everyone is trying to improve their English because the language is frequently used incorrectly but is the only way a great number of people must communicate. Below are cited a few actual selections of

announcements made abroad in English, with obvious unintended wrong meaning. Although the expressions are comical in nature, they are authentic.

In a Bucharest hotel lobby the following sign was attached next to an elevator door: "The lift is being fixed for the next day. During that time we regret that you will be unbearable." Outside a Hong Kong dress shop an announcement states: "Ladies have fits upstairs."

And in a Swedish furrier's window a sign said: "Fur coats made for ladies from their own skin." These statements are attempts to communicate with the public in English to the best of people's ability. At present there is no substitute language which is used as widely as English no matter how well it is spoken. The above statements are obvious anomalies; most communications relate information in fully understandable English.

English is being taught all over the world, some people learn it for the first time, others try to improve their English no matter how slowly. It is only in the USA where some people fight to use languages other than English.

The English language has acquired a flexible structure in many areas of the world. Many words have been adopted from other languages and a variety of dialects and pronunciations are being used. English has borrowed words from many languages and the process continues. English has borrowed words from many languages and the process continues. Thus, piano and pizza come from Italian, fiesta and siesta from Spanish. English borrowed vodka from Russian, sauerkraut from German, boomerang from Australian and igloo from Eskimo. Yiddish made a significant contribution. "Chutzpah" was the title of a book by Alan Dershowitz published in 1991. And "bagels" were misdefined by a Second Circuit judge as "hard rolls shaped like doughnuts." Other Yiddish words adopted into English include "maven," "klutz," "shlemiel" and variations of "kibitz." "Shmooze" has recently become fashionable, and all of these are "kosher" to use in everyday English. The etymological question whether "kosher" comes from Yiddish or from Hebrew receives no clear, unambiguous answer. Recently, I came across the expression "ground-up schmutz" and the word "schtick." And words like "nudnick" and "meshugge" have made a dent and

may well be included in future dictionaries

Because of these and other characteristics of English it has a larger and more varied vocabulary than any other language. There are over 600,000 English words. Many are technical terms used by scientists, physicians, lawyers and other specialists. It is the technical specialists and businessmen that have an extraordinary influence in spreading English throughout the world.

In light of the progressive use of English as an international language it appears counterproductive and futile to insist right here in the USA that other languages be used for official business. These attempts will only exacerbate the inadequate attention paid to English in some communities, and bilingualism will defer integration of immigrants into the mainstream of American life - contrary to their own interests.



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AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE (AJC) - The major areas of activity are domestic community relations, community services, Jewish communal affairs, Jewish information and foreign affairs. AJC carries out its activities in cooperation with other national organizations, umbrella organizations such as the President's Conference and Jewish Council for Public Affairs (JCPA), local Jewish Federations and local CRC's, 165 East 56 Street, New York, NY 10022, 212-751-4000.

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ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE OF B'NAI B'RITH (ADL) - ADL reacts to immediate and urgent concerns of the Jewish communi-

ty: stopping discrimination against the Jewish people, securing justice and fair treatment for all citizens alike. Its major current objectives: combating and counteracting manifestations of anti-Semitism and religious bigotry in the U.S. and all over the world, 823 United Nations Plaza, New York, NY 10017, 212-490-2525.

CJF - See UJA/Federations of North America, 111 Eighth Avenue, 11th Floor, New York, NY 10011, 212-284-6500.

GA - The General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations has become the central meeting place of American Jewish leadership. It takes place annually and is scheduled in a different community each year. It is attended by over 2,000 delegates from local Federations. Its agenda deals with a broad range of domestic and international Jewish concerns.

HIAS - Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society is the refugee and immigration agency of the organized American Jewish community. Since its formation in 1880, it has assisted over four million Jews to escape areas of danger and find new homes in secure communities. At the request of the United States government it has represented the Jewish community in arranging for the settlement of various other refugee groups such as Indo-Chinese, Cubans and Africans. 200 Park Avenue South, New York, NY 10003, 212-674-6521.

ISRAEL BONDS - State of Israel Bond Organization created in 1951, seeks to provide large scale investment funds for the economic development of the State of Israel through the sale of State of Israel Bonds. 730 Broadway, New York, NY 10003, 212-677-9650.

JEWISH AGENCY FOR ISRAEL (JAFI) - This is the organization in Israel which carries out humanitarian programs to aid in the resettlement and absorption of immigrants. It maintains programs and services for language and vocational training, housing, social welfare, rural settlement, youth care and preschool and higher education for Jewish immigrants from every corner of the earth. In 1979, the Agency added a Project Renewal unit which plays a central role in the ongoing program to rehabilitate distressed neighborhoods. 110 East 59 Street, New York, NY 10022, 212-752-0600.

JCCA - The Jewish Community Center Association (formerly JWB) is the North American central resource and service agency for Jewish Community Centers, YM and YWHA's and communal camps. It also fosters Jewish culture through Lecture Bureau, Jewish Book Council and Jewish Music Council. It provides strong programming links between North American Jewry and Israel. It is accredited by the United States Government to meet the religious and educational needs of Jewish

military personnel, their families and patients in VA hospitals. 15 East 26th Street, New York, NY 10010, 212-532-4949.

JCPA - Jewish Council for Public Affairs, formerly National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council (NJCRAC) organized in 1944, is the coordinating organization for local Community Relations Councils and the major national community relations agencies. 443 Park Avenue South, New York, NY 10016, 212-684-6950.

JDC - American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee is in its 75th year of providing basic life supporting services to Jews in communities in Europe, Asia and Africa, transmigration services to Soviet Jews in Europe and programs in Israel for the aged, the handicapped, underprivileged preschool children and others. JDC also contributes funds to the worldwide vocational training programs of the Organization for Rehabilitation through Training (ORT), 711 Third Avenue, New York, NY 10017, 212-687-6200.

JESNA - Jewish Education Service of North America (formerly American Association for Jewish Education). Designed to meet local communal needs in the field of Jewish education in the Jewish communities of the U.S. and Canada. Including curricular and staff development programs, placement and studies. Department of Pedagogic Services includes the

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JNF - The Jewish National Fund, organized in 1901, is the exclusive fund raising agency of the World Zionist movement for purchasing, developing and reclaiming land in Israel. Title to JNF land is held in the name of the Jewish people and is leased on a long-term basis to settlers, 42 East 69th Street, New York, NY 10021, 212-879-9300.

JTA - Jewish Telegraphic Agency is a worldwide news service reporting news concerning the Jewish people. It has correspondents and offices in various parts of the world. In the U.S. and Canada, JTA provides a daily News Bulletin, a weekly News Digest, a daily press and wire service for out-of-town newspaper subscribers and a news and feature service for the American-Jewish weekly press, 330 Seventh Avenue, New York, NY 10001, 212-643-1890.

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implementation of programs for these purposes, 730 Broadway, 2nd Floor, New York, NY 10003, 212-780-9500.

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CJF - Council of Jewish Federations

UIA - United Israel Appeal

UJA - United Jewish Appeal

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The Convention theme is "Ask and learn." Delegates will have the opportunity to ask and learn many times in plenary sessions and daily services, in study groups and intimate workshops, at meal times and during festive celebrations.

Delegates will meet outstanding women who are making an impact in the fields of politics, entertainment, literature, and education, when Alice Shalvi, rector of the Beit Midrash in Jerusalem, moderates Women Empowering Women at the opening plenary on Sunday afternoon. Dr. Judith Hauptman (Jewish Theological Seminary), Rochelle Udell (Self Magazine) and Dr. Ellen Frankel (Jewish Publication Society) will be featured panelists.

Congregation Beth Emeth News

Congregation Beth Emeth Brotherhood

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Reform Movement Trains Its First Class Of 34 Outreach Fellows To Assist Rabbis

Thirty-four laypeople from all parts of the country and Costa Rica have completed the initial part of the Reform movement's first Outreach Fellows Program for Conversion Certification and are about to begin working in partnership with Reform rabbis in their local communities.

The program, which is sponsored jointly by the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, the Central Conference of American Rabbis, and Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion (HUC-JIR), trains fellows to mentor and facilitate discussions of the thorny issues that arise during the conversion process, said Dru Greenwood, director of the Commission on Reform Jewish Outreach. Each fellow will facilitate six to 10 sessions held in conjunction with Introduction to Judaism

classes, which usually run from 16 to 20 weeks.

"We hope to enrich and normalize the conversion process," Greenwood said. "Through these sessions, the fellows will help those considering conversion to realize that they are not alone in addressing family issues and finding a place for themselves in the Jewish community," she said. "The sessions are also designed to underscore that conversion is a very individual process and should be undertaken for oneself, not for one's partner or in-laws."

The sessions will explore issues such as "How will I tell my parents?" and "When will I really feel Jewish?" The fellows may also schedule trips to a mikvah or Jewish museum, arrange a class on Jewish cooking, or host a Shabbat dinner for the participants and

their partners. The fellows will receive full certification only after they have successfully completed the mentoring and facilitating of a group in their local community.

The intensive five-day training program included a briefing on rabbinic requirements for conversion by Dr. Mark Washofsky, a discussion of how adults learn by Rabbi Sam Joseph, and a review of the "Who is a Jew?" issue from a historic and current perspective by Dr. Michael Meyer, all of whom are professors at HUC-JIR, as well as extensive training in how to facili-

tate the sessions.

The Outreach Fellows Program was created in response to an unprecedented increase in the number of people interested in learning about and converting to Judaism. "Everywhere we've offered our introductory courses about Judaism, in large and small cities, we've seen a tremendous response," Greenwood said. "And an ever-increasing number of those who take these classes are becoming Jews-by-choice," she said.

In the four years since the UAHC first piloted A Taste of

Judaism: Are You Curious?, a free three-week course, more than 12,000 people have taken the sessions which introduce Jewish spirituality, ethics, and community in an effort to encourage non-Jews to experience the richness of Judaism. Many of the participants in these classes go on to take the intensive Introduction to Judaism classes which are offered in nearly 700 of the UAHC's 875 congregations.

The Reform movement's Outreach programs can be traced

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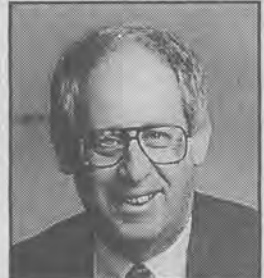
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Reform Movement

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to December 2, 1978, when Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler called upon the Board of Trustees to establish a commission that would address the needs of individuals converting to Judaism, intermarried couples, children of intermarriages, and those interested in learning about Judaism.

Since its beginnings almost 20 years ago, the Reform Outreach effort has grown to include a rich offering of programs and resources designed to meet a wide variety of needs, including those of individuals who are interested in exploring and or choosing Judaism; interfaith couples contemplating marriage or couples who are already intermarried and deciding in which religion they will raise their children; parents and children of intermarried

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Outreach directors in each of the UAHC's 14 regions assist in implementing these programs at UAHC congregations and are available for consultation. The Outreach Department has also published a wide variety of resource materials for individuals and synagogues.

"Clearly there is an untapped need for this new program," Greenwood said. "We already have a waiting list for our next session."

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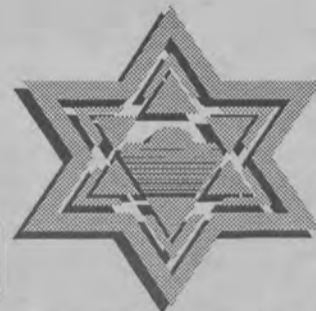
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By TED MATTES

It was January 17th, 1991, and the Iraqi Scud missiles were dropping in Israel, at Ramat Gan, in Haifa, where I have family, and near Tel Aviv. I knew that "I had to be there." I contacted the "Volunteers for Israel" program, SAR-EL (an acronym for Sherut Le Yisrael, which means service to Israel), and by the end of April, I was on my way.

This has become an annual trip for me. It has enabled me to give of myself to Israel and has introduced me, not only to their young soldiers, but to people, Jew and non Jew from all over the world.

I arrived in Israel on my first tour of duty with eager anticipation, and was stationed at the B'Had Naval Training Base in Haifa. It is located in the downtown area of the City. I did not know where I would be serving until I got off the bus. Our group consisted of twenty-eight men and women ranging in age from thirty to seventy. They were from all over the United States, as well as England, Holland and Portugal. About fifteen to twenty percent were non Jews. We were issued uniforms and met our Madricha (the young soldier that would watch over us during our stay.) She gave out our daily jobs, made weekend travel arrangement for us, and handled any questions or problems that arose.

We lived in the barracks with the soldiers and took our meals with them in the dining hall. They loved talking with us. They would use these opportunities to practice their English, as they all wanted to visit the U.S. after they completed their service or during a leave. They found it difficult to believe that we paid our own way to Israel to work as we did!

During this first experience, our group as a whole packed and inspected gas masks, painted, built offices, sorted laundry, did kitchen



Ted Mattes at warehouse for large truck parts - T'zrifin Army Base 1996.

and bakery duty, and tended grounds. If someone was unable to do an assigned task, there was no problem as another job was always available. At our farewell dinner Bernard Weiss of Illinois and myself were singled out and received a special commendation for the offices we were able to build. Needless to say we were most proud!

One of the highlights of that year was meeting my cousin, a third generation Israeli. She came to pick me up at the B'Had, armed with the Mattes Family History book, *How Are We Cousins?* On page two hundred fifty-eight there is a picture of me, and she kept checking it until she found me. That weekend led to an introduction to fifty family members I had never previously met, but who now play an important part in my life.

When I left Israel in 1991, I felt a real sense of accomplishment. I had been blessed by a banker and cab driver, and thanked by hotel

clerks and shop keepers. Israelis appreciate what the workers of SAR-EL do. I knew that I would return to work again.

The three week program serves the military only. To join it, you must fill out an application and have a physical examination and an interview with a SAR-EL representative. Your ticket to Israel is subsidized, and you can remain in the Country to tour on your own after the program is over. The two most important things needed when you go are flexibility and a good sense of humor!

During the program, volunteers are taken as a group on two sight-seeing day trips to various areas throughout the land. In the evenings, there are activities in which you can participate. Weekends (Friday noon until Sunday morning) are free, and you can travel on your own if you so desire.

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bases. They have ranged from Golani Junction in the north to Eilat in the south. My duties have varied. In addition to some of the ones mentioned above, I have packed and checked medical and surgical supplies, worked in a supply warehouse, refurbished tank sprockets and on one tour of duty (can you believe it) actually did electrical work on the Israeli version of the American P.T. boat.

I have worked with people from South Africa, Brussels, France, Canada and New Zealand as well as the ones in 1991.

One of the best things that has come to me from my annual tours of duty is the number of close friendships I have formed with people all over the world. We are in contact with each other and visit whenever possible. I have even arranged to meet and work with some of them on my return trips to Israel.

SAR-EL is a wonderful program for both men and women, young and old alike, from eighteen to seventy plus years of age. Some of the other volunteers from the Wilmington area who have served in this program are: Faith and Lou Brown, Gloria and Jake Hoffman and Arnold Kneitel. Our experiences have all been similar. I'm planning to return this fall for Number 7. Won't you consider joining up for the love of Israel and an experience you will never forget!

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Quantity And Quality In Jewish Life

By Rabbi LEONARD B. GEWIRTZ
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I read the following paragraph in a U.N. World Teach newsletter that made me think about Jews and the national character of our people.

"If we could, at this time, shrink the Earth's population to a village of precisely 100 people, with all existing human ratios remaining the same, it would look like this: There would be 57 Asians, 21 Europeans, 14 from the Western Hemisphere (North and South America), and 8 Africans. 70 would be non-White, 30 White; 70 would be non-Christian, 30 Christian; 50 percent of the entire world wealth would be in the hands of only 6 people; all six would be citizens of the United States; 70 would be unable to read; 50 would suffer from malnutrition; 80 would live in substandard housing; only one would have a college education."

When one considers the world from this perspective of the quantity of people in it, the Jewish people with only eleven million people, do not appear on this list of people in the world. The Jewish presence among peoples and religions of the world is too small quantitatively to be reckoned. The Hebrew-Jewish presence and role in civilization has always been a qualitative one, and then predominantly in Western Civilization.

This qualitative character has been the Jewish mark of identity from the dawn of our appearance on the stage of history to our present day.

The Torah defines our people's character as described by Moshe Rabbainu:

"For thou art a holy people unto the Lord thy G-d; the Lord thy G-d hath chosen thee to be His own treasure out of all peoples that are upon the face of the earth.

"The Lord did not ??? His love upon you, nor choose you, because ye were more in number than any

other people - for ye were the fewest of all peoples...

"Know therefore that the Lord thy G-d, He is G-d; the faithful, G-d, who keepeth the Covenant and the mercy with them that love Him and keep His commandments to a thousand generations" (Deut. 7:6, 7, 9).

This spiritual, ethical character has defined the nature of Hebrew-Jewish peoplehood throughout our existence. Not all individuals in our people's existence were true to this high calling, but the national - collective identity of the Jewish people adhered to this group inheritance. Though many individuals in the history of our people drifted away because of their inability to live with the covenant, the history of the Jewish people remained loyal to this ethical covenant with G-d. The teachers of our Torah-faith community accepted the Mosaic-ethic, *Torat-Moshe*. They expanded upon it, and interpreted it to make it a *Torat Hayim*, a living Torah, adequate to the daily needs of an ethical people in all the centuries and circumstances of its life.

In great contrast to all the nations of the world, the Jewish people have a small population, a small geography, and for the greater part of Jewish history we owned no geography. Diaspora Judaism is Jewish life without geography. It is only in the last fifty years that we have regained Jewish geography. And this dream of a return to our own geography was kept alive by our Covenant and our covenantal literature.

Modern Jews in Israel and in the Diaspora need to understand this unique character of our peoplehood. We are a People of the Book, a people with a Covenant with G-d, to obey His commandments. These commandments molded us into a Covenantal Community, unique in the history of mankind.

Our modern Jews need to understand that these commandments are ethical and ritual in nature and became the substance of our way of life. The *Talmudic* Rabbis reach this truth.

"R. Simlai when teaching said (*Makkoth* 23b.): Six hundred and thirteen precepts were communicated to Moses, 365 negative precepts, corresponding to the number of solar days in the year, and 248 positive precepts corresponding to the number of parts in a person's body.

"David came and reduced them to eleven principles, as it is written, 'A Psalm of David: Lord, who shall sojourn in Thy Tabernacle?'

- 1) He that walketh uprightly;
- 2) worketh righteousness, and
- 3) speaketh truth in his heart; that
- 4) hath no slander upon his tongue;
- 5) nor doeth evil to his fellow;
- 6) nor taketh up a reproach upon his neighbor;
- 7) in whose eyes a vile person is despised;
- 8) he honoreth them that fear the Lord;
- 9) he sweareth to his own hurt and changeth not;
- 10) he putteth not out his money on interest;
- 11) nor taketh a bribe against the innocent.

He that doeth these things shall never be moved" (Psalm XV).

"Isaiah came and reduced them to six (See Isaiah 33:15, 16).

"Micah came and reduced them to three principles. As it is written

(5:8), 'It has been told thee, O man, what is good, what doth the Lord require of thee?'

- 1) only to do justly, and
 - 2) to love mercy; and
 - 3) to walk humbly before thy G-d.'
- "But it is Habakkuk who came and based them all on one principle, as it is said, 'But the righteous shall live by his faith [in G-d]' 2:4."

R. Simlai is teaching that all 613 commandments are important but the purpose of these Torah commandments is ethical living as defined by David, by Isaiah, by Micah, and by Habakkuk. These prophets and David teach that mankind and the Jewish people should live by the rational, ethical, autonomous principles that can be universally accepted. Beyond these universal principles, we as a Covenantal Community are also called upon to obey the theonomous - divine laws as a Holy People and a Kingdom of Priests (Exodus 19:6).

Rambam, Moses Maimonides (1135-1204), "The Great Eagle" in his *Guide to the Perplexed*, third section (Chapter 54), after explaining the reasons of the *Mitzvot* in a rational and ethical manner, concludes his magnum opus with the doctrine of knowing G-d, His ways, and His thirteen ethical attributes (Fr 34:6,7). These, he says, should serve as a

guide for our daily activities. The Rambam quotes Jeremiah and condenses the thirteen attributes of G-d to three ethical principles:

"But let him that glorieth, glory in this, that he understandeth, and knoweth Me, that I am the Lord who exercises 1) loving kindness, *Hesed*, 2) justice, *Mishpat*, and 3) righteousness, *Tzedakah* in the earth" (Jeremiah 9:23).

The Rambam reminds us that we should imitate G-d in our daily affairs with *Hesed*, *Mishpat*, and *Tzedakah*.

The faithful, committed Jewish person is loyal to his Judaism and Jewish way of life because these three ideals promulgated by the sacred texts in Torah, Prophecy, *Tahmud* and *Rambam* are essentially the same principles and ideals of every Jewish person in heart and character. These are the ideals that have been practiced in the Covenantal Community, and the Jewish person found satisfaction with being a Torah-true person.

Although the Covenantal Community was by comparison small quantitatively, compared to the nations with large populations and geography, they believed that the quality of their Jewish life was superior to the life of the powerful, large nations of the world.



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Albert Einstein Academy Conducts Institutional Assessment and Welcomes New Principal

Rabbi Ellen Bernhardt, Head of the Albert Einstein Academy, joins with the Board of Trustees in welcoming Mr. Michael Brassloff to the staff of the Albert Einstein Academy as Principal for Curriculum and Instruction. Following an Institutional Assessment, conducted in the Spring by Drs. Steve Brown and Robert Vogel, experts in the field of education, the recommendation to hire as assistant to the Head of School was implemented.

Mr. Michael Brassloff comes to the Academy with over thirty years of experience as teacher, reading specialist, supervisor and acting principal. He has taught in the Philadelphia and Norristown public schools. Michael and his wife, Mona, live in Philadelphia and are active in their synagogue and in Jewish life.

Albert Einstein Academy has witnessed tremendous growth in recent years. In the last six years enrollment has climbed from 70 to 121 students enrolled for the 98-99 academic year. The Academy is the only Jewish Day School in Delaware and serves children and their families from pre-kindergarten through sixth grade.

Expansion of the school through eighth grade is being explored.

According to Dr. Steve Brown and Dr. Robert Vogel, "The Albert Einstein Academy has made enormous strides in the past half dozen years. Under the talented and dedicated stewardship of Rabbi Ellen Bernhardt the school has literally reinvented itself inside and out. From revitalized physical plant to a most positive community image, to serious consideration of curriculum and instruction, the school has expanded its horizons and furthered its institutional mission. As part of this renaissance, exciting professional steps were taken in the form of self study which led to accreditation, a school assessment and long range planning process conducted by ISM (Independent School Management). These critical self evaluations are the hallmarks of professionally run institutions which take themselves and their constituents' needs seriously."

Albert Einstein Academy is accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools and is a constituent of the Jewish Federation of Delaware. For information, call 302-478-5026.

Annual Jewish Women's Gathering Planned

The Fourth Annual Jewish Women's Gathering will be held on Thursday, October 8 at 6:45 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center. The evening will feature Rabbi Rayzel Raphael who will present a program entitled, Bible Babes A Beltin'. This interactive, musical program brings to life tales of Miriam the prophetess, the Matriarchs and Deborah, as well as other obscure and unnamed women in the Bible. A dessert buffet, along with information on various women's organization, will be available prior to the presentation.

Raphael currently serves as rabbi at the Levv Ha-Ir Reconstructionist Congregation in Philadelphia and

is the Director of the Graduate Student Project of Hillel of Greater Philadelphia. She has received numerous awards and fellowships including the Stein Prize for Jewish Women's Studies Research from the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College, William Haber Award for Excellence in Programming from York University in Toronto, Canada, Wexner Graduate Fellowship, Sherman Fellow from Brandeis University and the Senior Educator's Fellowship from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem in Israel.

This Women's Gathering is being sponsored by the JCC Cultural Arts Department, AKSE

Sisterhood, Beth Emeth Sisterhood, Beth El Sisterhood, Beth Shalom Sisterhood, Beth Shalom (Dover), Brandywine Chapter of ORT, Judaism/Feminism of JFS, Hadassah - Wilmington, Hadassah - Newark, Hadassah - Lower Delaware, Jewish Women International, Kutz Home Auxiliary, Newark Jewish Community Network Committee and the National Council of Jewish Women.

The cost is \$7.00 per person and advance registration is required. For more information, contact Ivy Harlev, JCC Program Director, at (302) 478-5660.

Special JCRC Meeting Scheduled for Sept. 9

By DAN WEINTRAUB
JCRC Director

The Hadassah/JCRC Candidates Forum, scheduled for September 14, will be a primary focus for the September 9 meeting of JCRC at 7 p.m. at Beth Emeth. Guest speakers Ken Robertson of Dover Air Force Base and Roy Klein of the Dover Chamber of Commerce will discuss plans for the October Nickel Grass 25

Celebration commemorating Delaware's historic role in Israel's Yom Kippur war.

Another topic of discussion for the September 9 JCRC meeting is church state issues at Delaware's high school graduations and public

parks. All JCRC members are expected for this special meeting with guest speakers. For more information log on to the JCRC web page at <http://www.shalomdel.org/jcrc/html> or call (302) 427-2100.

Notice to Needy Holocaust Survivors

Jewish Family Service (JFS) will assist Holocaust survivors in our area with completing the Swiss Fund Needy Victims of the Holocaust/SHOA application. JFS has been appointed by the World Jewish Restitution Organization of The American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, Inc. to provide this service.

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1. Be Jewish
2. Have lived in a country under

the Nazi regime, under Nazi occupation or under the regime of Nazi collaborators.

3. Be a citizen or permanent resident of the US currently.

4. Be in self-determined financial need currently.

If you are eligible, call the toll-free number to request an application. The Application Processing Center telephone number is 1-800-549-6864. Completed applications must be received by the Application Processing Center no later than November 30, 1998.

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INSTITUTE FOR CONTEMPORARY MIDRASH - WHAT'S THAT?

By PAULA SHULAK
(with MARION HAMERMESH
and MERYL GARDNER)

"If the text does not apply to us, it is an empty text ... we take the text in relation to ourselves, understanding ourselves in its light, even as our situation throws its light upon the text, allowing it to disclose itself differently, perhaps in unheard of ways."

Gerald Brins, *Midrash and Allegory: The Beginning of Spiritual Interpretation*

The term, Midrash, may be familiar to some readers who have heard their Rabbi interpret the Torah reading on occasion. But when a Rabbi does refer to midrash, it is often connected to the thoughts of some scholar who wrote in earlier times and whose esoteric interpretations are sometimes foreign and convoluted to 20th Century Jews. Not so with the visionary leaders of a new movement, who have established in the Institute for Contemporary Midrash (ICM) an opportunity for modern Jews to interpret in their own creative way the words of Torah. This summer three Delaware residents had the opportunity to attend the Summer Training Intensive (STI), a week long seminar sponsored by the ICM at Elat Chayyim, a retreat center in New York State. Here in our own words are our impressions of that week.

(Marion Hamermesh writes

below of her experience at Elat Chayyim over the past two years.

"I have attended the Institute for Contemporary Midrash/Summer Training Intensive twice. In 1997, I studied Dance Midrash with JoAnne Tucker, director of Avodah Dance Theater. And in 1998, I returned to study Bibliodrama with Peter Pitzele who originated the technique and Deborah Baer Mozes, Director of Theater Ariel in Philadelphia.

I went that first year because it sounded as if it would satisfy a long-held fantasy - to go on a retreat during which I would be able to dance, swim, read, hang out and eat healthy, vegetarian food (that someone else cooked), unaccompanied by whining carnivorous children. The fact that this opportunity was available to me in a Jewish context was a welcome and splendid supplement to my own dreams.

I spent most of that week in the yurt - a round hot, humid tent with a spot of sun that came in through the window in the roof and moved across the suspended wooden floor marking time passing - a dancer's dream space. We studied text, we danced, we drummed - a little slice of heaven.

At the end of the week, Joanne and her assistant Kezia Gleckman Hayman told us that we were obligated - not just permitted - but obligated to carry the lessons they had taught us into our communities. Taking them at their word, I

have embarked on a journey of continuing my Jewish learning - studying Hebrew, Rabbinic history, Talmud, and Rabbinic Midrash - and extending my toolbox - studying community arts techniques with Liz Lerman and returning to ICM/STI to study Bibliodrama. By increasing my knowledge base and learning techniques which use spoken language as well as body language to engage and explore texts, I am even better able to fulfill that obligation which JoAnne and Kezia so generously placed on me last year.

Referring both to our perceptions and understanding of the text as well as to who we had become during the week, the diplomas they presented to us that first year say MIDRASH TRANSFORMS. Hanging proudly on my bedroom wall, this original xerographic print, by artist and faculty member Jo Milgrom, confirms what I already know about that experience and reminds me each day of the importance of keeping our sacred texts alive."

(This next section contains the words of Meryl Gardner as she describes her experience at the National Havurah Institute following her stay at Elat Chayyim. Meryl studied Dance Midrash and describes the ICM week as "...a transformative experience that exposed me to parts of myself I hadn't seen before. It gave me skills I am eager to try out in the Jewish

community. Fortunately, I had that chance at the National Havurah Institute which I just attended last month.")

"I taught 4 sessions - 6 and 7 year olds, 8 and 9 year olds, 10+ year olds and adults. It was quite a learning experience and I am still charged up.

I asked everyone to pretend they were soaking in a wonderful bath or shower. Then I read the traditional blessing before studying Torah and pointed out that the blessing in Hebrew contains the words "la-ahsoke b'divrei Torah" which means to busy oneself in the words of Torah. But it sounds like "soak" so I invited participants to soak in the words of the Torah and feel themselves surrounded by and floating in Torah.

One little boy started to get undressed to take his bath! After the children finished "bathing," the musicians came in, one at a time, about twenty of them, and the music director said, "Play any note you like, just think wet!"

Then the 8 and 9 year olds came in and they danced with the musicians playing. We were working on VaEtchanan (portion of the week) and it includes the Shema so I thought it would be easy. I learned, my goal was to create a sense of echad, unity, between pairs of children dancing and musicians playing. They both had fun. I'm not sure they felt a deep spiritual expe-

rience, but they got a sense of improvising and blending in a Jewish context. Then the musicians left and the 10-12 year olds came in. We worked on movements related to unity, first trying to create one from two with mirroring, then working in groups of threes, then sixes, then all twelve. (Nice that G-d gave me a number like 12. I just love it when things work out like that!) We finished by throwing an imaginary ball of ruach (spirit) around the group, sharing our spiritual energy. The teacher really got into it; for the finale, he put the ball of ruach in the center of the circle and let it expand to cover everyone. I really enjoyed learning from him and the children.

If you would like to arrange for a Contemporary Midrash program for your organization, call any of the following:
Marion Yager Hamermesh (Echo Works), Dance Midrash and Bibliodrama, 302-764-9343, 500 Milton Drive, Wilmington, DE 19802, hamerdel@concentric.net
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AJC Urges INS To Enforce Legislation

NEW YORK – Citing a member of Hamas who entered the U.S. despite legislation that forbids his entry, the American Jewish Committee has urged the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service to investigate this matter and "take appropriate steps to enforce existing legislation so as to prevent promoters of terrorism" from "slipping through this preventive net."

In a letter to INS Commissioner Doris Meissner, AJC Executive Director David A. Harris noted AJC's support for the Antiterrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act in 1996 which, among other provisions, provided for the exclusion from the U.S. of representatives and members of foreign organizations designated by the Secretary of State as terrorist groups.

"Unfortunately," wrote Mr. Harris, "individuals who are excludable may be slipping through this preventive net and entering the United States to engage in inap-

propriate and potentially unlawful conduct."

Specifically, Mr. Harris cited Sheik Wagdi Ghuniem who, according to journalist Steven Emerson, is well known for his "exhortation to commit violence against the Jews." Ghuniem spoke in New York City at a May 24, 1998 conference sponsored by the Islamic Association of Palestine and other organizations. Mr. Harris stated that, according to observers on the scene, "at this conference Ghuniem's anti-Semitic vitriol was on full display ... During his speech, vendors were hawked pro-Hamas materials, including a tape which Emerson describes as 'championing the Izzadin Al-Qassem death squads of Hamas.'

"Of particular concern in light of the antiterrorism provisions enacted in 1996," the AJC letter continued, "is the report that Ghuniem was barred last winter from entering Canada because, according to a Canadian immigration official, their 'system indicated he was a

member of the Muslim Brotherhood and Hamas.' The Muslim Brotherhood and Hamas are among the organizations designated by the Secretary of State as terrorist groups pursuant to the authority vested in her by the 1996 Act."

The AJC letter concluded: "Ghuniem may be but one of dozens of foreigners who are regularly crisscrossing America on lecture tours, spewing their venom and raising money to support the work of terrorist groups in the Middle East and elsewhere."

The American Jewish Committee works diligently to defend democratic freedom against domestic and international threats to America's security and supports the adoption of strong anti-terrorism measures. As recent events attest, the war against terrorism, in all its insidious forms, requires determination and resilience. It is a critical struggle. Security and stability the world over depends on it.

Bnai Brith Backs US Attack Against Terrorist Targets in Afghanistan, Sudan

JERUSALEM – Tommy P. Baer, international president of B'nai B'rith, who is in Israel for the organization's biennial, international convention, issued the following statement from Jerusalem today:

"B'nai B'rith supports the actions of President Clinton in ordering the bombing of suspected terrorist targets in Afghanistan and Sudan. Terrorists must know that the murder of Americans will be responded to quickly and forcefully.

"While the use of force should always be a last resort, the failure to act only encourages additional terrorism.

"The acts of cowardly terrorists affects innocent people of all ages, religions and races and must be stopped by the coordinated response of the international community. We urge all governments to join the United States in its relentless pursuit of those responsible for the Aug. 7 U.S. Embassy bombings and to take all necessary steps to deter terrorism.

"B'nai B'rith has long recognized the serious nature of international terrorism and has supported effective legislation and actions in the past and it will continue to do so."

ADL Commends Generali Settlement with Holocaust Survivors

NEW YORK – The Anti-Defamation League (ADL) commended the Italian Insurance company Generali for its \$100 million settlement with Jewish Holocaust survivors and victims' heirs on Holocaust-era claims.

In a letter to Guido Pastori, General Counsel and Deputy Director of Generali, Abraham H. Foxman, ADL National Director, said, "Finally, after 50 years of struggle and frustration by these survivors and victims' heirs who were wrongfully prevented from reclaiming their policies, Generali has become the first European insurance company to reach such a settlement."

Mr. Foxman continued by saying that Generali has set a standard for other European insurers and banks by reaching this agreement and establishing its Holocaust Memorial Fund.

"We hope," he said, "the other insurers and banks will follow Generali in working towards a measure of justice and honoring the victims and lessons of the Holocaust."

World Union For Progressive Judaism Honors Leah Rabin and Rabbi Jerome K. Davidson

The World Union for Progressive Judaism will honor Mrs. Leah Rabin and Rabbi Jerome K. Davidson, Senior Rabbi of Temple Beth-El in Great Neck, New York at a formal dinner on September 13, 1998 at Windows on the World in New York City. Each will receive the organization's prestigious International Humanitarian Award.

Yeshiva University Ranks High in Survey

For the third consecutive year, Yeshiva University (YU) has been ranked one of America's top universities in the annual *US News and World Report* survey. The 1999 survey, published August 21, ranked YU 42nd out of 228 schools, up six places from last year's ranking.

The survey divides college and universities in America into four categories – national universities, national liberal arts colleges, regional universities, and regional liberal arts colleges. Schools within each group are then compared using a variety of quantitative and qualitative criteria, including academic reputation, faculty resources, and retention, designed to measure the quality of undergraduate programs. Graduate and professional programs are rated in separate surveys.

YU is included within the national university category along with 227 other schools. These 228 schools, in turn, are divided into tiers based on their overall quality scores. Yeshiva University's rank of 42nd places it among the top 50 schools that comprise "tier one" in the 1999 survey.

Ukraine Synagogue Damaged by Fire

KIEV, Ukraine (AP) – One of Ukraine's largest synagogues has been damaged in a fierce fire, and the chief rabbi says that investigators suspect arson.

The fire in the sanctuary of the synagogue in Kharliv raged for several hours before firefighters put it out, said Kharliv's chief rabbi, Moshe Mosowitz.

The sanctuary was being reconstructed and had no electric wires or gas pipes at the time, which has led investigators to believe the fire was caused by arson, Mosowitz said.

"An accident is very unlikely," he said.

The flames spread to the ceiling of the sanctuary, which is as high as a five-story building, but the Torah scrolls were saved, he said.

Kharliv is Ukraine's second-largest city and home to its second-largest Jewish community, numbering more than 50,000 people.

Russia and Ukraine have seen several attacks on Jewish cemeteries and synagogues in the past few years.

The Kharliv synaagogue was built around 1910, but shortly afterwards converted into a sports stadium by the Soviet government. It was returned to the Jewish community and was reconsecrated as a synagogue in 1990, Mosowitz said.

Electronic Biosensors Provide Breakthrough In Detecting Genetic Diseases

Electronic biosensors that are sensitive to DNA and capable of detecting hereditary disorders quickly and cost-effectively have been developed by a team of researchers at The Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Currently, the researchers have biosensors that identify cystic fibrosis and Tay-Sachs.

"Until now, it has been possible to detect genetic disorders only through expensive, time-consuming laboratory procedures," Prof. Itamar Willner, who heads The Hebrew University team, explains. This cost-effective biosensor technique is non-invasive and provides accurate electronic readouts from only a drop or two of blood of saliva in just over five minutes.

"Many other genetic disorders will be detectable using the same principles," Prof. Willner explains. "The system is also effective during early pregnancy and for rapid tissue comparisons."

This innovative system examines the DNA sector in which the faulty gene may lie. The recognition of a particular property by the sensor is translated and amplified in the form of an electrical current for positive identification.

Tay-Sachs is a genetic disorder found particularly among Ashkenazic Jews. One in 30 people in this community is a carrier of the defective gene. Those who inherit the disease have a lack of a critical enzyme, which results in paralysis, blindness and death at an age ranging from six months to five years. Testing is important because it enables potential mates to determine their chances of bearing children with Tay-Sachs.

Several varied bioelectronic systems are being developed in Prof. Willner's laboratory ranging from those involved in dealing with basic scientific problems and extending to development of practical devices.

Using this method, The Hebrew University researchers have developed sensors for the detection of glucose in diabetics and for the detection of the sexually transmitted infectious disease stimulated by the Chlamydia trachomatis microorganism. In the same way, the researchers are developing biosensors for detecting explosive materials and environmental pollutants. Various sensors developed by The Hebrew University researchers are now undergoing advanced development in various

commercial enterprises.

Other significant breakthroughs by medical researchers at The

Hebrew University include the development of a new cancer drug, Doxil, which improves the results of chemotherapy in AIDS patients suffering from Kaposi's sarcoma; new identification and therapeutic methods for degenerative neural diseases such as Alzheimer's and Parkinson's; development of a new treatment for multiple sclerosis; a method to locate a single cancer cell among millions of healthy ones and a drug to prevent reblockage of arteries cleared through angioplasty.

The Hebrew University was founded by leading statesmen and scholars including Chaim Weizmann, Sigmund Freud, Martin Buber and Albert Einstein. After its cornerstone was laid in 1918, The Hebrew University opened in 1935. The scholarship and research done at the University formed the basis for Israel's science, technology, medical systems, education, agriculture and economy. Today, more than 24,000 full-time students from Israel and over 30 countries attend classes at its four campuses.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

One Woman's View

By PAULA SHULAK

In a recent issue of the Jewish Voice, Connie Kreshtool wrote a cogent article about the Nicholas and Alexandra Exhibit currently at the Riverfront Arts Center reminding us as Jews that while the life and times of the Russian Czars may be of interest in this period of detente between the Soviet Union and the US, we should not forget that it was those same Czars who issued edicts and fomented destruction and terror on our ancestors who lived in Russia in the 1800's.

I agree wholeheartedly with Connie's reminder, but as a volunteer docent at the exhibition, I strongly suggest that you should, nonetheless, make an effort to visit the Riverfront Center and see for yourself this magnificent presentation of the opulence that was de rigueur for the royalty of Europe at that time.

Reading the historical material which was necessary in order to become a docent, I have learned a tremendous amount about a period of history that up until now has been shrouded in mystery, not only for me but for the entire world. I will not attempt in this space to describe the exhibit because we have all been bombarded in the press and through Broughton International's marketing department with innumerable pictures and words about the over 700 items which make up the show. (And a show it definitely is!) I have chosen instead to spend a few moments telling you about the items of interest to me as a Jew which I found in the galleries. There are four in particular, but I am sure if you have a keen eye and you attend the exhibit, you will spot more.

Of course, the most obvious items is the one which is highlighted in Gallery IV, the room which is devoted to the wedding of Nicholas and Alexandra. Prominently displayed in the case immediately to your left as you enter are several ornate gifts which were sent to the Czar and Czarina by their subjects. And there in a splendid blue velvet casing is a congratulatory notice from the Jews of the Kishinev community. The gold Russian inscription on the outside is all that you can see (with the date of 1894), but right next to it is a similar gift from the peasants of another area, magnificently done in illuminated script and beautiful colors. I imagine that the inside of the Kishinev gift is similar in detail. My first reaction was to wonder how both the peasants and the members of the Jewish community could possibly afford such obviously expensive gifts. And my second reaction was to ask why in heavens name the Jews would send any gift to a repressive and autocratic ruler who, if Connie's description is accurate and I have no reason to believe it is not, was doing his best to annihilate his Jewish subjects in one way or another? A strange item indeed!

The second display I would mention does help to bear out Connie's point, but its inclusion in the exhibition is, in my opinion, proof of

sorts that this exhibit is not a whitewash. In Gallery X b, which is a replica of Nicholas' study, there is a small picture on the right wall as soon as you enter. It is a photo of Piotr Stolypin who was a Prime Minister and Minister of Internal Affairs during Nicholas II's reign. The accompanying text points out that Stolypin was responsible for repressive measures against spokesmen who were opposed to the Czar's policies, but that he incurred Nicholas' displeasure when he called for removal of most of the civil rights restrictions against the Jews. The Czar vetoed Stolypin's plans and the restrictions remained (possibly worsened). It's a small picture but at least it is there for all to read!

The third thing I will mention is an interesting point which once

again goes to prove that as different as people are, they are still the same. One of the traditions of Russia which is represented in the exhibit by a number of items is the custom of welcoming guests or inaugurating events in a certain way. You may have read in the paper that on the first day of the exhibit, at which time the Riverfront Center was officially opened, state and city officials were greeted by the visiting Russian dignitaries with a ceremony of "bread and salt." This is an old custom and in the exhibit there are several displays of large ornate plates carved or decorated with gold and silver as well as stunning large salt cellars to match. They were obviously used in the days of the czars, but I could not help won-

dering if somewhere in the ancient history of Russia there was not a connection with the Jewish custom of using salt on challah when we say the motzi! Who knows what strange twists history can take?

Finally, if you carefully examine the incredible 200 foot panorama watercolor painting of the Czar's coronation, you will find one panel depicting Moscow at Night. At the very left of this panel there are a series of stars which are used as decorations along a bridge. And lo and behold when I looked closely, I noticed that they are 6 pointed stars, not the type one would expect to find. Again an enigma, or another insight into just what artisan may have designed those decorations?

Whatever you may feel about the country of Russia and the repres-

sion which was suffered by our forbears under the rule of the Czars, I believe it is worth the time and effort to visit the Riverfront Center and view this outstanding exhibit. Hours are from 9 A.M. to 8 P.M. with the last tour at 6 P.M. Leave at least 2 to 3 hours to really get a good look; there is an enormous amount to see. The paintings leave something to be desired because for the most part, to my untrained eye, they seem to look like reproductions although I have been assured by James Broughton himself that they are indeed originals. You must make reservations so call first but don't miss this chance of a lifetime. Wilmington is the only place on the East Coast where this exhibit will be shown.

The Dover Art League's A Collage Of Culture: Many Visions, One Community

By RITA ROSEN POLEY
Curator

Rita Rosen Poley, an artist in her right, is the Art Critic for Philadelphia's JEWISH EXPONENT where her column "Sketches" appears regularly.

A COLLAGE OF CULTURES: MANY VISIONS, ONE COMMUNITY IV, AN EXHIBITION OF WORKS BY EUROPEAN-BORN ARTISTS IN DELAWARE is the fourth exhibition in this series. In the previous three years, under sponsorship of the Dover Art League, COLLAGE OF CULTURES has examined the visual culture of various communities that add texture and vibrancy to the fabric of life in Delaware. The prior three exhibitions focused upon migrant and seasonal agricultural worker artists, Native American descendant artists, and artists of Asian-Pacific descent. As an artist myself, the second generation of a family of immigrants from the Ukraine, the conceptual theme of this project has a personal resonance for me, and I am very pleased to have been asked to serve as curator for this particular exhibition.

I approached the work of selecting artists with a certain curiosity. Would the work of these artists betray their origins? Would the imprint of their upbringing be stamped upon the imagery, or upon their choice of media? Did a certain nostalgia for the homeland permeate their choice of subject matter? Would there be a certain similarity among the work of those artists from democratic countries? And would there be a different, but just as discernible, similarity among those artists from backgrounds of oppression? And, finally, would the fact of their immigration to the United States produce a clash of cultures, rather than a collage of cultures, in these works? As the selection process continued, these questions became even more relevant as I found that many of the

artists chosen came to this country as mature adults and had worked in the arts in their native countries.

To be a visual artists it is almost axiomatic that one must be rooted in a certain place for a certain period of time. Such is the condition of the plastic arts that, in general, to participate one needs the physical space of a studio and the proper equipment, whether that be an easel, brushes, a drawing table, models, a kiln, a darkroom, a weaving loom, or whatever. An artist also needs the time necessary to encounter ideas, and to ponder a response to those ideas which can translate into his, or her, unique visualization. And, finally, the arts flourish in a free and open society. Seven of the birth countries of these artists were not under a true democratic form of government for most of the twentieth century.

The artists in this exhibition have each made a move from the native environment of their separate homelands to a new and strange land. Their reasons for leaving their homelands are varied. Their reasons for choosing to live in Delaware are also varied. Most chose the state because of a work opportunity; some because of the proximity to relatives; some because of a geography reminiscent of home. In making such a basic change, each has uprooted not only a way of living a physical life, but also, a way of perceiving, the vision of an artist, has been forever altered.

However, if we look back through recent history, we can find instances in which these luxuries of time, physical space, and the proper equipment were denied the artist, and, even so, great art resulted. Most typically, it is during times of a great struggle for political and religious freedom that certain artists, with urgent immediacy, and while witnessing the horrors of war, have recorded what they have seen to stunning effect.

In this vein are the photographs of the Civil War battlefield by Matthew Brady; the drawings and paintings by Francisco Goya of the Spanish War against invading French forces; the political drawings of Honore Daumier, with their reverence for the dignity of the poor and the oppressed; the World War II photographs of Jewish families taken by Roman Vishniac just prior to their destruction in the Holocaust; and the editorial drawings of the battles of the Allies against the armies of the Axis powers, by newspaper artist Ernie Pyle, which, along with the photographs by Vishniac and the drawings of Katje Kollwitz, comprise an integral treasure of visual documentation of the horrors of World War II. The graphic drawings, paintings, and riveting photographs by these six artists have become icons as images of the terrible, dehumanizing, inhumanity of war and oppressions.

More often than not, however, war does not lead to the production of great art. Because of the associated dislocation and instability, the luxury of working as an artist is difficult, if not impossible, for most to achieve during wartime. Artists are often among the first to be targeted as victims by totalitarian governments. Therefore, artists are more likely to go into hiding to escape imprisonment or forced conscription. World War II saw the destruction of almost an entire art movement, as most of the artists considered Italian Futurists died in battle. During World War II, the expressionist painter Chaim Soutine died while hiding from the Nazis in France, because he could not get treatment quickly enough for a stomach disorder. Charlotte Salomon died in a concentration camp after she was exposed by Nazi collaborators in Northern Italy, almost at the very end of the war. Her sensitive paintings, still on display in Amsterdam, give

poignant testimony to a career of great promise, tragically denied.

During times of war and its aftermath, it is more likely that a period of transition, rather than a time of creativity, becomes a way of life. Population shifts often occur as people seek refuge from political oppression and from the economic distress that often accompanies conflict between peoples. It is also often the case that great economic distress, famine and hunger, unassociated with armed conflict, such as the famine in Ireland at the turn of the century, is enough to spur large scale migration.

In the coming millennium, the twentieth century will certainly be remembered as a time of major population shifts. Into the United States alone, thousands upon thousands emigrated from almost every country in the world, and in this exhibition, we mark the remarkable recent influx of artists from Europe into the Delaware community.

This exhibition will witness the fact that, for most of this group, art is universal. The vision of each is entirely personal, and seemingly unaffected by the imprint of either an involuntary birthplace or the purposeful choice of a new homeland.

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This exhibit may be seen at the Dover Art League, 21 Loockerman Street from September 6 - October 16, 1998. A reception where guests can meet the artists will be held SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 1998 NOON - 4:00 P.M.

It will also be at THE WILMINGTON LIBRARY, 10th and Market Streets for the month of DECEMBER. A special program will be part of the LOOP on FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3, 1998 beginning at 5:50 p.m.

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NACHES

Schenk Birth

Dennice and Michael Schenk of Owings Mills, MD proudly announce the birth of their daughter Ellen Deborah Schenk who was born on Saturday, June 13 at Sinai Hospital in Baltimore, MD. Dennice and Michael have lived in the Baltimore area since September, 1996, and Ellen is their first child. Ellen's Simchat Bat was on Sunday, August 2 at the couple's home; the ceremony was officiated by Rabbi Daniel Feder.

Ellen's grandparents are Cheryl and Gary Rosenstrauch of Harrisburg, PA and Sandra and Stuart Schenk of Chadds Ford, PA. Her great-grandparents are Mrs. Ida Fonaroff of Wilmington, DE, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Rosenstrauch of Fort Lauderdale, Mrs. Jean Sensel of Hancock and Mrs. May Weiser of Tamarac, FL. Ellen's great-great-grandmother is Mrs. Helen Ankeney of Hagerstown.

LaPorte Receives Ludlum Scholarship

Jacob LaPorte, a 1997 Brandywine High School graduate, just completed a summer undergraduate research fellowship at the University of Delaware. Jake worked on "Investigating Unique Strand Transfer Capabilities of Poly-ethylene-Glycol." Entering his sophomore year, Jake is the recipient of the William and Helen Billsborough Ludlum Scholarship awarded to an undergraduate chemistry major based upon acad-

emic excellence. As a result of his academic achievements his freshman year Jake has been invited to join and has accepted membership in Alpha Lambda Delta, a National Academic Honor Society and the National Society of Collegiate Scholars. Jake was also named "Distinguished Freshman" for his service in DUSC (Delaware Undergraduate Student Congress).

OBITUARIES

I. PAUL DROWOS

I. Paul Drowos, 75, formerly of Green Acres, Brandywine Hundred, died at his residence, the Kutz Home, Bellefonte. Mr. Drowos was manager for Stern's Furniture and Town and

Country Furniture for 43 years, retiring in 1992. He was a member of Congregation Beth Shalom and past president of its Men's Club. He was past president of Montefiore Mutual Benefit Society and an Army veteran of World War II. His wife, Jean S. Drowos, died

in 1992. Survivors: sons, Jeffrey of Boca Raton, Fla., and Stuart B. of Ridgewood, Penny Hill; daughters, Dianne D. Seidel of Green Acres; seven grandchildren. Contributions: Kutz Home or Congregation Beth Shalom.

ROBERT B. AKELL

Robert B. Akell, 77 of Green Acres, Wilmington, DE died August 29 at home. Survivors: wife, Dorothy, son, Paul S. Akell of Claymont; two daughters, Sandra A. Seidel of Wilmington and June Akell of

Londonerry; brother, William Akell of Stoughton, MA; sister, Frances Cohen of Swampscott, MA; stepson, Herbert H. Hirzel of Wilmington, two step-daughters, Lynn Wrightson of Ypsalanti, MI and Cheryl Heiks of Newark; 12 grandchildren, and five great

grandchildren. In lieu of flowers the family suggests contributions to Congregation Beth Emeth, 300 West Lea Blvd., Wilmington, DE 19802 or Delaware Hospice, Suite 100, Clayton Bldg., 3515 Silverside Road, Wilmington, DE 19810.

EVA GOODMAN GREENSTEIN

Eva Goodman Greenstein, 94, of Senior Quarters of Chestnut Hill, 495 East Abington Avenue, Philadelphia, PA, died August 29

at Chestnut Hill Hospital, Philadelphia. Survivors: son, Garry G. Greenstein of Wilmington, daughter, Janet Greenstein Potter of Philadelphia; sister, Elizabeth Rosenberg of Rochester, MN, 9

grandchildren, 6 great grandchildren, deceased son, Arthur Greenstein who died in 1995. In lieu of flowers the family suggests contributions to Children and Family First, 2005 Baynard Blvd., Wilmington, DE 19802.

NATHAN DRESIN

Nathan Dresin, 87, of Wilmington, died at the Riverside Extended Care Pavilion. Mr. Dresin who resided at the Kutz Home, lived most of his life in Brooklyn, N.Y. He was a plumbing and heating contractor for nearly 50 years. Mr. Dresin achieved international prominence as an expert on: the construction of Mikvaot - Jewish ritual pools. He designed and built many Mikvaot throughout the United States and was a recognized authority on the Talmudic laws pertaining to their

construction and lectured on the topic at Yeshiva University's Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary in New York City. During WW II, Mr. Dresin served as a Defense Contractor, engaged in the fabrication of artillery pieces. He was a graduate of the Yeshiva and Mesifteh Torah Vodaath in Brooklyn N.Y. Mr. Dresin was a founder of the Young Israel of Buschwick Synagogue in Brooklyn and a recipient of the State of Israel Bond's Leadership Award. An accomplished Cantor, Mr. Dresin led many Jewish High Holy

Day services for which he always refused any form of honorarium or remuneration. Survivors: Wife of 58 years Vivian Blitz Dresin; Son Rabbi Sanford L. Dresin, spiritual leader of Congregation Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth; Daughter Iris Dresin Goldberg of Forest Hills, N.Y.; Sister Sadie Dresin Edelson of Brooklyn, N.Y.; two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Contributions may be made to Nathan Dresin Memorial Fund, Congregation Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth.

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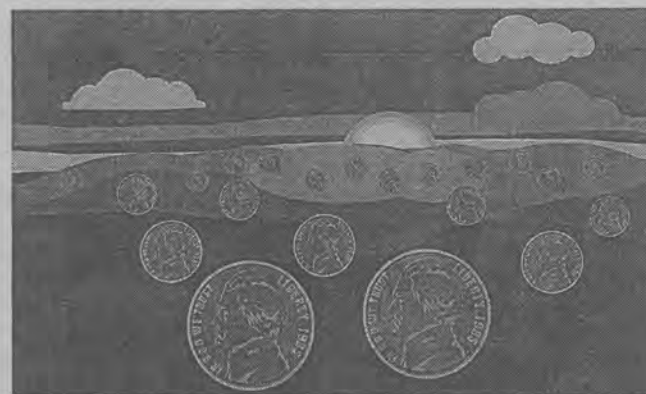
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Entries for the Calendar of Events are due on the Thursday deadline published in *The Jewish Voice*. Please provide entries in the same format as seen on this page. The *Jewish Voice* fax number is 427-2438.

SEPTEMBER

WEDNESDAY 9

Family Court mandated education course for parents who are separating or divorcing. By developing awareness and strategies that help parents and children cope, each parent can continue to play a vital role in their children's lives. The class is offered for two evenings every month at the JCC in North Wilmington. The fee is based on a sliding scale. Anyone is welcome. Contact Lauren Pokras for registration, (302) 478-9411.

FRIDAY 11

Free Education Program Available for Seniors. On behalf of the Mental Health Association in Delaware, the Division of Services for Aging and Adults with Physical Disabilities, and the University of Delaware Health Center, an educational program will be taught to seniors 55 years or older, on how to serve as peer counselors in either an individual and/or group setting. If you are interested, call the University of Delaware Health Center at (302) 831-0003 by September 11 for more information and to request an application.

MONDAY 14

Hadassah and JCRC Candidates' Forum 7:30 p.m. at the JCC. For more information call the Jewish Community Relations Committee at 427-2100.

TUESDAY 15

Pacem in Terris is hosting an **International Peace Day Fair** at Rodney Square from Noon to 1:30 p.m. In 1981 the United Nations designated the third Tuesday of September as the International Day of Peace. This date was selected because it coincides with the opening of the regular session of the United Nations General Assembly in New York. At the U.N. Headquarters, the day is observed through a special ceremony near the Peace Bell in the West Court Garden in front of the Secretariat Building. The Peace Bell, cast from coins donated by people from 60 countries, was pre-

sented to the U.N. by the United Nations Association of Japan. The Secretary-General delivers a special message, then rings the bell, asking people throughout the world to reflect for a moment on the universal goal of peace during a moment of silence.

Cholesterol Education Program at the JCC Fitness Center, free. Learn the fundamentals of cholesterol and how they relate to you. Fitness Center Coordinator, Suzanne Rodriguez. Pre-registration is required at the Fitness Center Control Desk. For more information call Suzanne at (302) 478-5660.

Liberty Bell Cruise. The Jcc Senior Center is offering a special trip which includes round-trip transportation, a four-hour cruise on the ship as well as live entertainment and a full buffet lunch. The motorcoach will depart from the JCC at 10:15 a.m. The cost is \$48.00 per person. For more information or to make reservations, call Wendi Weingartner, Senior Center Director, at (302) 478-5660.

WEDNESDAY 16

Congregation Beth Shalom Sisterhood's Annual Membership event, Ice Cream Social. 7:30 p.m. at Congregation Beth Shalom, Queen and Clara Streets, Dover, DE. Join us for an evening of fun, food, and special music, and don't miss this opportunity to become involved with Sisterhood and all it has to offer! For more information call 734-5578.

SATURDAY 19

The Dover Art League, Inc. presents A Collage of Cultures IV. Many visions, one community, an exhibit of works by European-born artists in Delaware. Curated by Rita Rosen Poley at the Dover Art League, through October 16, and on tour through 1999. Opening reception Noon-4 p.m.

SUNDAY 27

1998 Delaware AIDS Walk. 11:30 a.m. registration, 1:30 p.m. step-off, Brandywine Park, Wilmington, DE. Last year's AIDS Walk raised over \$100,000 for AIDS Delaware, the state's oldest and largest AIDS service organization. All walkers will receive a beautiful AIDS commemorative button. Parking will be available at Brandywine Gateway Parking Garage on King Street, between 13th & 14th streets)

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Teen Hour at the JCC Fitness Center. Teens, ages 14-16, are welcome to join our Certified Personal Trainers at the JCC to have fun and learn about working out. Emphasis will be placed on weight training technique and cardiovascular exercise in a group setting. Teens who complete 8 classes within a session can graduate to full use of the JCC Fitness Center facilities. Teen Hour is free of charge for members and

is offered on Sundays from 4 to 4:45 p.m. and on Wednesdays from 4:30 to 5:15 p.m., beginning Sept. 9. For more information, contact Jay O'Neill, Head Trainer, at (302) 478-5660.

Meet the Physical Therapist. Bob Catalano from Rehabilitation Consultants will be available every Wednesday at 12:00 noon in the JCC Fitness Center. For more information, call Suzanne Rodriguez, Fitness Center Coordinator at (302) 478-5660.

Young Jewish Singles of Delaware 20's and 30's. Weekly volleyball and dinner sampler after. For more information or to be put on our groups mailing list call Phil Gross at (302) 652-6688.

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Volleyball. Every Wednesday, YJAD plays non-competitive volleyball outside on the sand court that is part of the JCC's Family Campus. If it is raining, we play in the gym. After volleyball, we go out to a local restaurant to schmooze and dine. 6-8 p.m. Cost: \$1 JCC members; \$2 non-members. Call Ethan for info at (302) 792-9375.

The Arden Folk Guild is sponsoring "Beginning International Folk Dance II" classes. Nine Wednesday evenings, beginning September 16-November 11, 1998. Including special evening of French music and dance, at The Arden Gild Hall, The Highway (just off Harvey Road), Arden, DE, 7:30-9:00 p.m. \$25. for the series. For more info call Donna at (302) 655-1247 or Jenny at (302) 762-2818.

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Please consider helping out one day a week. Our class hours are Sundays, 10 AM - 1 PM, and Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7 PM - 9 PM.

You may call the school at 478-8100 to explore the possibilities, and our Volunteer Coordinator will get back to you to make the arrangements.

KIDS BOOKS

In God's Name, by Sandy Eisenberg Sasso, published by Jewish Lights. This beautiful little book is a nice way to introduce a child to the idea of God. For that matter, adults could use the book for the same purpose. The story it tells is simple, yet profound.

The Five Books of Moses for Young People, by Esta Cassway, published by Jason Aronson. If you want to introduce elementary school children to the Jewish master stories of the Bible, this is the book for you. This author has a way of speaking to children. Even though the book refers to God as a He, I think most adults and children would really appreciate this effort to make the Bible understandable and captivating. For a catalog of Jewish materials for children, send \$6.50 and request A Guide to Jewish Children's Books available from: Jewish Book Council, 15 East 26th St., New York, NY 10010.

Pittsburgh Man Seeks Information On Parents

Mr. Howard Lowenberg, Pittsburgh, is seeking anyone who could help him determine the fate of his parents, Louis Lowenberg and Ricka Lowenberg. Their address before 1939 was 13 Muster Street, Datteln, Germany. He knows that in February 1942, they were deported to Riga. From there they were sent to concentration camps in the Baltic region and at the end of 1943 were killed. Anyone who may have any information on the gravesites of the Lowenbergs should call the Jewish Federation of Delaware, 427-2100.

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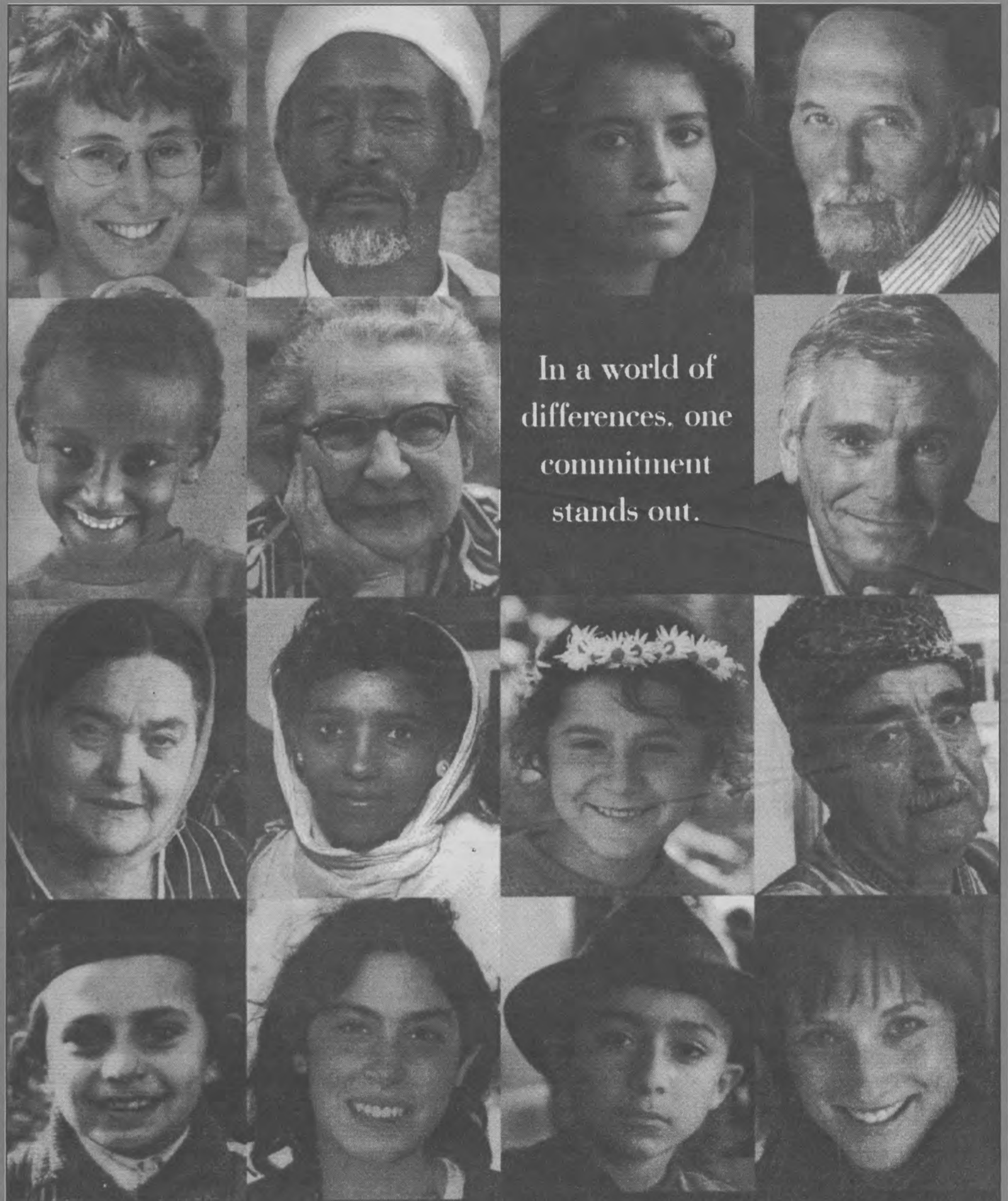
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