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## BRIEFS

## NATIONAL • INTERNATIONAL

## Performers Try To Comfort Bus Riders

By NAOMI SEGAL

JERUSALEM, March 7 (JTA) — A group of musicians and clowns this week joined soldiers and police officers stationed along the No. 18 bus route in Jerusalem in an effort to reassure residents shaken by two recent terror attacks on the line.

"Our role is to lift morale," Gustavo, one of the musicians, reportedly said, adding, "This music is our weapon against terror."

Musicians strummed guitars and sang for passengers Thursdays on driver Avi Hefetz's bus.

Those on board joined in the singing and clapped along.

Hefetz, who plans to retire in two weeks after driving a bus for 27 years, attributed the almost empty bus to anxiety from the attacks and to the stormy weather outside.



Clinton visits Yitzhak Rabin's grave with Leah Rabin with stones to lay from the White House. RNS Photo/Reuters

## Ex-National Hadassah President Dies

NEW YORK, March 17 (JTA) — Frieda Sandberg Lewis, a past national president of Hadassah, died Feb. 29 in Deerfield Beach, Fla. Lewis, who was 85, was a resident of Manhattan and Great Neck, Long Island. She was born in Manhattan and graduated from Adelphi University.

Her involvement in the Jewish world was extensive. Lewis' association with Hadassah alone extended over four decades, culminating in her tenure as national president from 1980 to 1984. During her presidency, she presided over the creation of Hadassah International, which has branches in more than 30 countries.

Lewis, an outspoken advocate of Israel and the Jewish people, was also a past chairwoman of the World Jewish Congress-American Section and headed its Global Commission on Anti-Semitism for the United States and Canada; a lifetime member of the Board of Governors of Hebrew University; and a member of the executive and national board of the American Zionist Federation.

In addition, she was involved in the Jewish National Fund, the United Israel Appeal, the World Zionist Organization, the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council and the U.S. Holocaust Commission, among other groups.

## Clinton Urges American Jews Toward Peace

WASHINGTON, March 18 (JTA) — President Clinton is urging American Jews to rely on the historical triumphs of worldwide Jewry to stay the course toward peace in the Middle East.

"We are convinced that, ultimately, fear will overcome the adversity of terror, because overcoming that kind of adversity is the genius of the Jewish people and the history of the State of Israel," Clinton told more than 3,000 cheering participants at the United Jewish Appeal's Young Leadership Conference here.

As an overflow crowd stood on chairs chanting "four more years," Clinton took the stage Sunday night for his first public appearance since returning from last week's "Summit of the Peacemakers" in Egypt.

"The Jewish people have overcome every one of their would-be destroyers, denying them their goal, and in doing so reaffirming that what is good in human nature can prevail," Clinton said.

With this in mind, Clinton pledged to work with Israel in its war against terror.

As a follow-up to the Egypt summit, Secretary of State Warren Christopher will host a meeting of foreign ministers on March 28 in Washington to plan ways to combat international terrorism.

The UJA's Young Leadership Conference, a gathering of activists younger than 40, met here this week for a three-day conference that includes lobbying visits to Capitol Hill and some fund-raising by local communities represented at the gathering.

## Legendary Performer Burns Dies At 100 Years

By TOM TUGEND

LOS ANGELES, March 11 (JTA) — George Burns, hailed by President Clinton as "one of the great entertainers of all time," died Saturday at his Beverly Hills home.

He died 100 years and 49 days after seeing the light of day as Nathan Birnbaum on Manhattan's Lower East Side.

His amazing career as actor, singer, dancer and author started at 7, when he sang for pennies on street corners and in saloons.

In the next 93 years, he performed in just about every medium — from radio to movies to television.

His early years in vaudeville, during which he changed his names, acts and partners constantly, gave little promise of his future success. But his fortune turned in 1923, when he teamed up with Gracie Allen, a 17-year-old Irish-American actress.

Their act, in which Burns played the straight man to the daffy Allen, was an instant success.

After Allen, who had married Burns three years into their professional partnership, retired in 1958, Burns became a solo act, appearing frequently in night clubs in Las Vegas, London and other cities.

His career took another astonishing upturn when at age 80 he won an Oscar as best supporting actor for his role as an old-time vaudevillian in "The Sunshine Boys."

"Oh, God!" was his next film, in which he played the title role. He played God in two sequels as well. "I played God three times," he said at the time, "and without makeup."

In the 1980s, he continued his nightclub stunts and television appearances.

He attributed his longevity to his regular diet of martinis, the big cigars that were his lifelong trademark and pretty girls. Burns ignored medical advice to change his lifestyle and dedicated one of his four books to the widows of his last six doctors.

However, after he slipped and fell in a shower in July 1994, he became increasingly frail.

Burns was the ninth of 12 children of a Polish-born immigrant who was a part-time cantor and kosher food inspector.

"I came from an extremely devout Jewish family," Burns told a reporter some years ago. "My father had a beard that went from the third floor to the street."

As for his own beliefs, Burns said, "I'm not what you call a religious

## Mandela To Meet Hamas

By SUZANNE BELLING

JOHANNESBURG, March 7 (JTA) — Jewish communal leaders and leading South African politicians have reacted sharply to President Nelson Mandela's statement that he would meet with representatives of Hamas.

Members of the Islamic fundamentalist movement are said to be planning to attend a conference on the Middle East next month in Cape Town.



George Burns, one of America's best loved entertainers, died March 9th less than two months after his 100th birthday. RNS Photo/Reuters

man. I don't believe in the hereafter. If I don't make them laugh here, I'm not going to make them laugh anywhere else. I don't think there is an audience where I'm going, but I'll take along my music just in case."

He treated any religious problem rising out of his marriage to Gracie Allen with equal levity.

"I'm the only Jew in the family," he said. "Because of Gracie, the two children were raised as Catholics and I've got seven Catholic grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. I used to eat fish every Friday, but always with my hat on."

His closest friends were other Jewish comedians, including Jack Benny, Milton Berle, Don Rickles and Groucho Marx.

The conclave is being held under the joint auspices of the Afro-Middle East Centre for Research and Information and the Centre for Contemporary Islam.

Mandela has condemned the recent series of terrorist bombings in Israel.

But Tuesday he said he would be willing to meet with the Hamas representatives.

"My attitude is to see everybody who wants to see me whether I agree with his policy or not," Mandela said.

"It sometimes helps because I'm able to state my policy to them and to let them defend their own policy if they can."

Tony Leon, the leader of South Africa's Democratic Party, strongly disagreed.

"If the president believes that by meeting with Hamas he can change their views, he is sadly mistaken," Leon said.

Marlene Bethlehem, national chairwoman of the South Africa Jewish Board of Deputies, and Joe Simon, chairman of the South Africa Zionist Federation, called on "re-

Burns contributed millions of dollars to the Cedars-Sinai Medical Center for a research institute, which stands at the intersection of George Burns and Gracie Allen Drives.

He also donated funds to Ben-Gurion University in Israel.

When Allen died in 1964, after a 38-year marriage of legendary devotion, Burns arranged for the funeral services.

Although she was a Catholic, he opted for an Episcopalian service.

"I want to be buried next to her," he said later. "Since I'm a Jew, I can't be buried in Catholic consecrated ground. I hope I made the right compromise."

Burns was to be buried next to his wife.

sponsible politicians" not to meet with Hamas.

"We are angry that these people, whose hands are dripping with blood, intend visiting our country. Indeed, their terror deeds have been condemned by all — including our own government."

Perhaps the most poignant plea came from Robyn Lipner, whose grandmother, Sylvia Bernstein, 73, formerly of Johannesburg, and whose aunt, Gail Belkin, 48, formerly of Durban, were killed in the March 4 Tel Aviv bomb blast carried out by a Hamas terrorist.

"My family were innocent people. I believe it's absolutely disgusting and an insult that Hamas is coming to South Africa. I have tremendous respect for Nelson Mandela, but I don't think Hamas deserves to be met," she said.

A third former South African, Tali Gordon, 24, was also killed in the Tel Aviv blast.

Israeli Embassy spokesman Ze'ev Luria said the governments should kick out any Hamas member attempting to enter the country.

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Special PASSOVER Issue



Peace keepers Summit Sharm El Sheikh Egypt. RNS Photo/Reuters

Faith Groups Unite

By STEVE LIPMAN  
New York Jewish Week

MAMARONECK, N.Y., March 6 (JTA) — After a series of anti-Semitic graffiti incidents stunned this suburb north of New York City residents of varying faiths gathered to declare their solidarity in combating hate.

At a community-wide forum last week, Mamaroneck Mayor Joseph Lanza announced plans to form an interfaith anti-bias task force.

"The task force, composed of representatives from various religious and ethnic groups, will coordinate a variety of educational programs in local schools," Lanza told the 2,000 people who attended the gathering at Mamaroneck High School.

The community meeting, co-sponsored by the Westchester Jewish Conference, was convened after the series of anti-Semitic incidents in Mamaroneck and other Westchester County communities.

In the latest incident of vandalism, anti-Semitic graffiti were discovered Feb. 26 on the sides of two Jewish-owned houses in Mamaroneck's heavily Jewish Orienta neighborhood.

Eleven anti-Semitic incidents have been reported in Westchester County since December.

The Mamaroneck Police Department, which suspected that a single individual was responsible for several of the recent graffiti cases, has "people we are looking at," said Chief Edward Flynn. He added, however, that "no arrests are imminent."

The FBI also is investigating.

Two separate groups marched in the rain to the community forum — from the Larchmont Temple, about two miles away, and from the nearby Westchester Jewish Center.

Rep. Nita Lowey (D-N.Y.), a Jewish member of the U.S. House of Representatives who represents this area, called the program "a forceful rebuke to those who would invade our communities and desecrate our homes."

A petition urging members of the state Legislature to pass pending hate crime legislation, which would mandate stiffer penalties for bias crimes, was distributed.

Twenty Jewish and Christian clergy members attended the two-hour forum, and some 40 Westchester residents spoke at an open microphone voicing concern over the increase in anti-Semitism in the relatively quiet suburban area.

Rachel Lissy, a senior at Mamaroneck High School, said she checks her house "for swastikas" when she goes to school each morning.

"I find that I walk around with my head down, checking peoples' shoes," Lissy said, referring to the set of size 10 boot marks discovered at the sites of several anti-Semitic scrawlings several weeks ago.

The Westchester Holocaust Commission is offering a \$5,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the perpetrators. An equal reward has been offered by the town of Mamaroneck.

"It is important to get the word out that people who commit bias crimes, whether against Jews, blacks or any other group, will be apprehended and prosecuted," said Eugene Grant, past chairman of the commission.



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Passover Traditions

Artist Beth Weintraub created the cover for this issue of *The Jewish Voice*. The theme of Passover traditions touches all Jews in Delaware as we prepare for Passover like our ancestors have for many years. Well, maybe not exactly like our ancestors did. Today new traditions such as vegetarian dishes, and, in some homes, oranges on the seder plates can be found on Delaware's Passover dinner tables. But the Passover tradition of celebrating freedom lives on as the most observed among Jewish festivals.

On the cover the artist incorporates a family photo from 1902 into an illustrated Passover scene. On our far left (their far right) is Bertha Kessler, the artist's late grandmother. Although much has changed since the time when this Kessler family celebrated Passover, we still celebrate that unbroken link with our people. Here a specific family is shown but it is our universal, familiar evolving traditions associated with Passover that are recognized with this work.

Beth Weintraub's art work has appeared in *The Jewish Voice* for several years. Ms. Weintraub is an art specialist in the Washington Township School District in neighboring New Jersey.

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# Sounds In The Night

The calendar, as well as our psyche, tells us that Spring started a few days ago. Soon we will be opening our bedroom windows at night and the sounds of nature at night will enhance our sleep pattern; an owl hooting in the trees far off, spring "peepers" chirping, and Canada Geese honking in their V formations as they return from their winter feeding grounds. These sounds of nature tell us that all is well with the world, but then our peaceful sleep is jarred. A siren wails in the night as an emergency vehicle wends its way down Shipley, Valley or Possum Park Road. Parents of young adults awaken with a start, where are the children? all safe in bed at home? A quick check and you return to sleep reassured. How can we imagine the terror when a parent in Israel hears of another suicide terrorist in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv or Ashkelon. We can't.

After the horror and grief we ask: Where does Israel go from here? What should we as American Jews do? For Israel the answer, peace, is easy but the task ahead will be increasingly difficult. No one denies that every responsible and reasonable individual in Israel desires peace. The answer may not be to continue to pursue what has become known as "The Peace Process," but that all must begin the process towards peace. No single major

political party in Israel owns the "patent" for peace, they must work together and perhaps begin anew. The road to peace will be difficult. Prime Minister Peres and Mr. Arafat must again wage war, not with each other, but together against extremists and terrorists. The soon-to-be Israeli elections add an unknown factor; the question of unification or division of Hamas is another factor, continuation of the support of the process by the U.S. is critical.

American Jews must stand united with Israel and support its government's effort to combat terrorism. Each of us support Israel in our own way and with varying degrees of passion and commitment. Whether your support is political, economic, joining a mission to Israel, or one of many other avenues, your commitment is important and critical. This year conclude your family Seder with "This Year in Jerusalem With Peace".

**לשנה הבאה בירושלים**

And speaking of Spring and Passover, no Holiday in the Jewish calendar means bringing the family together more than Passover. Passover with the Seder(s) is celebrated by more American Jews than any other holiday on our calendar. Regardless of their degree of religious observance, Jews throughout our country

make special efforts to be with family for a Seder. The family gathering is a time for remembrance of Seders past, memories shared, laughter and tears. Embrace your loved ones a little longer this year, and its O.K. to say "I love you" and take a few minutes to call distant and perhaps nearly forgotten family mem-

bers and share the joy of the holiday. As we gather our families let us reaffirm our values of truth, justice, study, compassion, tzedakah, and g'milut chasidim (acts of kindness). The Talmud teaches "As my parents planted for me, so do I plant for my children." This year plant virtue for your children.

To our readers, and our fellow Jews everywhere we wish a "chag sameach," a joyous Passover, and may your sounds in the night always be peaceful.

## We mourn the victims of the recent terrorist bombing in Israel

Dominick Lonka, 29; Daniel Petanka, 33; Grafan Marian, 40; Mirtza Gipa, 39; Dimitro Kokoraska, 43; Bat-Hen Shahak, 15; Hada Dror, 15; Kobi Zaharon, 13; Inbar Attiya, 21; Dan Twersky, 58; Dan Gutman, 14; Yovav Levi, 13; Leah Mizrahi, 60; Tali Gordon, 24; Rahel Sela, 82; Sylvia Bernstein, 73; Gail Balkin, 48; Assaf Wax, 21; Daniel Biton, 42; Yitzhak Elbaz, 57; Boris Sharpolinsky, 64; Semion Trakashvili, 60; Yitzhak Yachnis, 54; Peretz Gantz, 61; Anatoly and Jana Kushnirov, 38 and 37; Masuda Amar, 59; Sweitlana Gelezniak, 32; Celine Zaguri, 19; Nevon Shabo, 22; Michael Yerigin,

16; Matthew Eisenfed, 25; Sara Duker, 23; Sgt. Yonaton Barnea, 20; St. Sgt. Gavriel Krauss, 24; St. Sgt. Gadi Shiloni, 22; Cpl. Moshe Rueven, 19; St. Sgt. Maj. (res.) Arye Barashi, 39; Cpl. Liya Nimotin, 19; Cpl. Merav Nahum, 19; Sgt. Sharon Hanuka, 19; Arik Gaby, 16; Sgt. Hofit Ayyash, 20; Flora Yehiyel, 28; Sgt. Yoni Levi, 21; Sgt. Chaim Amadi, 19; Sgt. Mjr. Uzi Cohen, 54; George Yonon, 29; Maya Bircan, 59; Sirinia Angel, 45; Ne'emah Zargari, 66; Gabriel Shamashvili, 43; Shemtov Sheich, 63; Anna Shengloff, 36; Rayah Daushvili, 55; Stephan Gidoi, 23; Valerine Karasion, 44;

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## VOICE MAIL

### Response To News Journal Columnist

Dear Editor:  
 The Wilmington News Journal recently published a letter that I had written in response to Norman Lockman's controversial column on Jewish and African-American relationships. The letter that was published was not the letter that I had written, but was an eviscerated version. I have complained to the News Journal. The letter that I wrote is as follows:  
 As a Jew, I am writing to voice my displeasure with Norman Lockman's February 6th column (Blacks and Jews Share Troubled Relationship).  
 Jews did not turn their backs on African-Americans to gain acceptance by the establishment. An incredible number of Jews were actively involved in the civil rights movement. (Recall that the three young men murdered in 1964 in Mississippi included one African-American and two Jews.) Yet although in the '60s Jews were beginning to gain acceptance in the greater society, it was still a time when Jews were excluded from jobs, neighborhoods and clubs and when colleges continued quotas that had historically limited Jewish students in our finest schools. (Note that the Jewish experience with quotas is that they exclude — which is why many Jews do not support affir-

mativ action.) If Jews had felt that to gain acceptance they had to turn their backs on African-Americans, why were they so visible and vocal in the civil rights movement?  
 Because the Jewish people come from a long tradition of justice and social responsibility, they are heavily involved in those organizations which champion the rights of the powerless and disenfranchised — whatever the race or ethnicity of those oppressed. However, Jews are also very wary of those who claim to hate them, having experienced in Europe during World War II the horrors to which such hatred can lead.  
 Sure, there have been Jewish bigots — and Jewish saints. (I recall one who spawned a religion.) As you are aware, there are also African-American bigots and saints. Every religious, national, ethnic and racial group has its decent — and abhorrent — members. But please don't blame the entire Jewish populace for the mistake of African-Americans in repudiating a caring ally. It wasn't the Jews who rejected the African-Americans, but African-American who demonized the Jews and drove them away.

Ellen S. Meyer

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## OPINION

# A Letter To Israel

By MICHELE BRAND MEDWIN

I wrote a letter to Israel last week, (the week of Purim), to Miriam and Dov. Miriam and Dov are the closest thing to family I have in Israel. I met them about 25 years ago. I was a 17 year old girl who had gone to Israel to study Hebrew on a Kibbutz Ulpan. They "adopted" me, and when the children of the kibbutz went to visit their parents, I went to visit Miriam and Dov, along with their two sons, Ami and Omri. Dov reminded me of my father. He had dark hair and was balding. Miriam was like a mother to me. She was always trying to get me to eat and then reminding me that I was gaining weight. She gave me a very harsh scolding one day when I came back from the beach looking like a 'lobster' (you'll forgive the expression).

When I left Israel after the Ulpan was over, I kept in touch with Miriam and Dov for over ten years. They knew all about my studies at Cornell. They heard about my marriage to Steve. They wrote me about a new member of their family. They told me that they enjoyed having me as their daughter so much, they decided to adopt a young girl. Her name was Simcha, which means happiness. I told them when Dan was born, and then later when I too had a daughter, Rachel. Slowly over the ten years, the letters became fewer and further apart and finally they stopped. I was a working mother with two small children and had so little time.

I still thought about Miriam and Dov on occasion, especially when something significant happened in Israel, for they were my personal connection to the Jewish State. I remember the Gulf War. I had to go on a business trip to California, which had been scheduled months before. I hated to be away from the news so I brought a transistor radio with me to the airport. As I was about to board the plane the newscaster said, "We have unconfirmed reports that Scud missiles are falling in Israel."

The stewardess made me turn off my radio. And for 6 hours, (it was a non-stop flight), I had to sit in the silence wondering what was happening to a country that had been my home for eight months, that was my people's home, that was my "family's" home.

I couldn't pay attention at the conference, so after much debate I decided to go home early. Because of the war, many planes were full, so I couldn't get a flight out until late in the afternoon. I had no patience to sit in seminars, so I took a drive to a desert preserve away from the city. There were very few people there. I felt like I was back in Israel. This desert could have been the Negev. The golds and oranges of this desert's sands were the same colors I remembered from Israel's desert. I sat down and wrote a letter to Miriam and Dov. It had been eight years since I had heard from them, eighteen years since I had seen them. I told them how worried I was. I told them how I yearned to be back in Israel and if it weren't for my children, I would be on the next plane over there. I told them how hard it was for me being here, every time there was an attack on Israel, there. Then I began to wonder, how could I write to them now. It had been so long. But more than the time element, I was a spoiled American who didn't have the courage to make Aliyah, to move to Israel. I could safely protect my children here in the United States while Israelis were helping their children put on gas masks. I had no right to tell Israelis how I felt. I wasn't living it. I didn't directly experience the pain, the losses and the fears, that all Israelis have experienced. I crumbled up the letter, and threw it away.

Three years later, I did get to go back to Israel, this time as a Rabbinic student. I debated whether or not to get in touch with Miriam and Dov. It had been over 20 years since I had seen them. I finally decided to look them up. My family and I were traveling in the Galilee and we stopped by the kibbutz. To my

dismay I had learned that they had left the kibbutz several years ago. It took me a while but I finally tracked them down. They had moved to a different kibbutz. We had a wonderful reunion. I brought my family to their new Kibbutz. They showed my kids around and treated them like grandchildren. I saw pictures of their grandchildren and heard about their two sons, and their daughter. We got together several times during our year in Israel. We went to their kibbutz most of the time. Once, they came to our apartment with one of their sons and his children and we had a wonderful family meal. It was great to have "relatives" in Israel.

When we got back from Israel, we exchanged letters a few times. Then I got so busy. I kept meaning to write a letter to Miriam and Dov and somehow I just never found the time. But last week, I wrote a letter to Israel. I told Miriam and Dov how much pain I was in. I told them how I was thinking about them and wondering if they were all safe. I told them how I had written a letter to them during the Gulf War and never mailed it. I told them that perhaps this time, I felt that I could write to them. Because, just like the American who was killed in the Jerusalem bus bombing, I too am a Rabbinic student, and I too spent a year in Israel for my studies. And just like those Israelis who were killed on the "18" bus, I too rode that bus many times. I could picture the exact spot where the bomb exploded. Every Thursday afternoon, I would take the no. 18 bus, which passed right in front of my school, to Machaneh Yehuda. There in the open market, I would buy food for the coming Sabbath. This letter to Miriam and Dov, I mailed.

I know I am not an Israeli, and I will never know what fills their hearts and minds each time they listen to the news and hear of another terrorist act. But I can at least try to put myself in their situation and I can at least try to get even a small sense of what Israelis go



through every day. And that is what we all must do. We must try, no matter how hard it is, to imagine ourselves in their position: To try to imagine what it would be like if every time we walked in a shopping mall, that we knew that a bomb had exploded there once before; To try to feel what it must be like to have to account for all of your family members and your friends, each time word of a new terrorist act is heard. Then maybe we can understand when and why Israel does the things she does. We can all understand now, for the pain is still relatively fresh and the vivid images of bus skeletons are still etched in our memories. But as the memories fade, and we as Americans become more critical of Israel and hear others become critical of Israel, we must try to remember and to imagine ourselves in their place. I know for me, that I will try harder the next time, not to forget.

*(Editor's Note: Michele has lived in Wilmington with her family for sixteen years. In 1980 she graduated from the Pennsylvania College of Optometry and worked as an Optometrist in Wilmington. In 1992, Michele decided to pursue a vision of a different type and chose to study for the Rabbinic. She is currently a fourth year Rabbinical student at the Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion in New York City.)*

## The Rabbi Writes:

# Five Challenges for Pesach

By RABBI DAVID WORTMAN  
Congregation Beth Shalom

Several weeks ago, in synagogues around the globe, on the Shabbat before Purim, Shabbat Zachor — the Sabbath of Remembrance was observed. On that Shabbat, we read that we are required to remember what Amalek did to us when he tried to annihilate the Jews. Some have interpreted these verses as fostering a continual sense of collective paranoia. On the other hand, I see it as a dictum designed to defeat complacency, to prevent us from becoming so content that we let down our guard in the midst of a hostile society.

This is not an excuse for everyone to go out and buy guns. On the contrary, people with

guns often feel overly confident and secure, only to discover that at some point their own gun has been turned against them. Complacency and social fatigue may lead to victimization — victims of illegal and immoral use of guns, victims of the purveyors of hatred and bigotry, victims of corrupt societal institutions, victims of the passion of an obtuse and statistically insignificant segment of the population, victims of politicians who would change the fabric of America, relegating an increasing number of citizens to the fringes of that fabric.

Therefore, in the spirit of final preparations for Pesach, I would issue five brief challenges to the community. Rising to these challenges will accomplish the same goal as remembering Amalek. It will set up yet one more obstacle in the path of complacency.

1. Jewishness: The community must always remember that the first word in our identity is Jewish. This is what distinguishes us from other faith communities in the general society. The challenge is to nurture this difference and not be ashamed of it. Our policies, our conduct, our relationships with one another must be informed by the 4000 year old heritage which we have inherited from generations past.

2. Moral "Turfitude": The primary mission of the Jewish community has always been to strive for the betterment of the human condition. We must be wary of playing the turf game. There is room under the proverbial tent for all of us to work. In the final analysis, struggles for turf undermine the credibility of the effort.

The challenge is to be inclusive in bringing the community together to achieve consensus on a common agenda.

3. Civility: The assassination of Prime Minister Rabin in November was an extreme example of the logical extension of political rhetoric escalating beyond the bounds of civility and rationality. Never does the end justify the means. Never can we allow the temperature of the debate to rise so high again. The tenor of debate in this country is not much better. Listen to the ad hominem attacks launched by political candidates, frequently ignoring the issues. The Jewish community's challenge is to continue to strive toward providing the table around which all can sit, sometimes agreeing to disagree, on occasion being prepared to be outvoted — but always, always committed to maintaining the dignity of the debate and the civility of the discussion.

4. Israel: Every moment in Israel's 48 years of existence has been a pivotal moment in history. However, with apologies to George Orwell, just as all animals are created equal but some are more equal than others, so, too, is this moment in Israel's history more pivotal than others. She is engaged in a difficult, yet vitally important peace process. The long term benefits to Israel and the region, even the world, are too numerous to elucidate here. Yes, even in the wake of this week's tragedies, Israel and, by extension, we need to remain steadfast in our support of peace and in the process that has begun. The challenge is to

be more vocal and more passionate about our support. Israel needs us. We, individually and as a people, need Israel.

5. Domestic: From Oklahoma City to the current Congress, there are signs of rupture in American society. From budget cuts affecting the effective delivery of services to members of our community to the curtailment of individual and minority rights, this rupture will have a potentially devastating impact upon the American Jewish community. The challenge for us is to remain on the cutting edge of advocacy, coalition building, consensus building and education — all with the goal of stemming the tide that threatens to engulf America. No easy task.

Remembering Amalek helps to prevent complacency. Igniting the passion for justice that defines the Jewish community has the same effect. Please join in this passion and help to rise to the challenges that lie ahead.

*(Rabbi David Wortman is the interim rabbi at Congregation Beth Shalom in Wilmington. He also serves as the JCRC Director of Greater Philadelphia. He is married to Judy Wortman, the Executive Vice-President of the Jewish Federation of Delaware.)*





# Harry Cohen Foundation Enriches Community Life, Sadie Toumarkine Announces Gifts

By **MARVIN CYTRON**

*Acting Editor of The Jewish Voice*

At the January 11 meeting of the Board of Directors of the Jewish Federation of Delaware (JFD), Sadie Toumarkine announced substantial gifts from the Harry Cohen Foundation for distribution to a number of local agencies and synagogues. Since the inception of the Foundation in 1959 the total allocation to all beneficiaries is \$2,582,517 with the most recent year's gifts totaling \$19,970.81. Recipients of these gifts include the Milton and Hattie Kutz Home, The Jewish Community Center (JCC), the JFD and other local agencies.

The life of Harry Cohen is the classic story of Jewish immigrant to successful businessman to community leader and philanthropist. Mr. Cohen came to America about 1905 from Odessa and worked in this community simultaneously as a leather worker, coal stove blackener and barber until he saved enough money to open a small grocery store at 13th and Wilson Streets. Over the years his businesses ranged from autos, shirt manufacturing, real estate, and groceries before succeeding in furniture.

Harry Cohen was active and influential in the Jewish Community for

many years. In 1932 he enlisted other members of the community to develop a campaign to convert the, then vacant, Adas Kodesh Center on French Street into the Y.M./Y.W.H.A. which opened in 1934. Mr. Cohen was active in the early Jewish Federation of Delaware, serving as treasurer for two years, Campaign Chairman for two years and representative of the JFD to the National Council of the United Palestine Appeal.

A firm believer in communal Jewish education, in 1940 he wrote to, the then JFD President Milton Kutz, that a study be conducted of Jewish education in this city, with the result that The Associated Hebrew School was established in 1943. This institution remained active until the 1950s. In 1945 Harry Cohen offered \$50,000 toward a campaign for a new Y.M./Y.W.H.A. in the northern suburbs of Wilmington to meet the population shift from downtown Wilmington. While this offer was not accepted, he set up a building fund in his will which amounted to \$58,077, which was fortuitously close to his 1945 offer. Harry Cohen was also instrumental in raising funds for a 250 acre colony in Israel as part of the Jewish National Fund. When he died in 1957 his estate was one and a quarter million dollars. Sadie

Toumarkine the daughter of Harry and Yetta Cohen says that because he loved Delaware and the country was "so good to him" he left the entire business to charitable causes.

Ms. Toumarkine has been one of the Delaware Jewish community's leading lights for many years and recalls translating into English the grocery orders which her mother Yetta wrote in Yiddish. Sadie's husband, Sol, emigrated from Russia to this country, but his ship was turned around and he went to France. While there his name "Temarkin" was changed to "Toumarkine." Following his graduation from Harvard, Sol went to work for Harry Cohen starting as a salesman and eventually president of the furniture concern.

Sadie attended the University of Pennsylvania, even though her father did not believe in higher education for women. This was in an era where women were not allowed to attend day classes and she was required to go to class at night. While at Penn Ms. Toumarkine waited tables to help pay her expenses. In an interview last year for this paper Ms. Toumarkine recalled that educators at that time "didn't have time for women" she also remarked that "you know darn well I'm a feminist, I was born a feminist." In the mid-1960s Ms.

Toumarkine was the first Woman President of the Jewish Community Center, she is a mother, grandmother and role model for the Delaware Jewish Community.

There is a Jewish saying that "charity cures heartaches." Through

the generosity and vision of Harry Cohen, the foundation which bears his name, and the continued generosity of Sadie Toumarkine, many lives in our community have been enriched and "heartaches cured."



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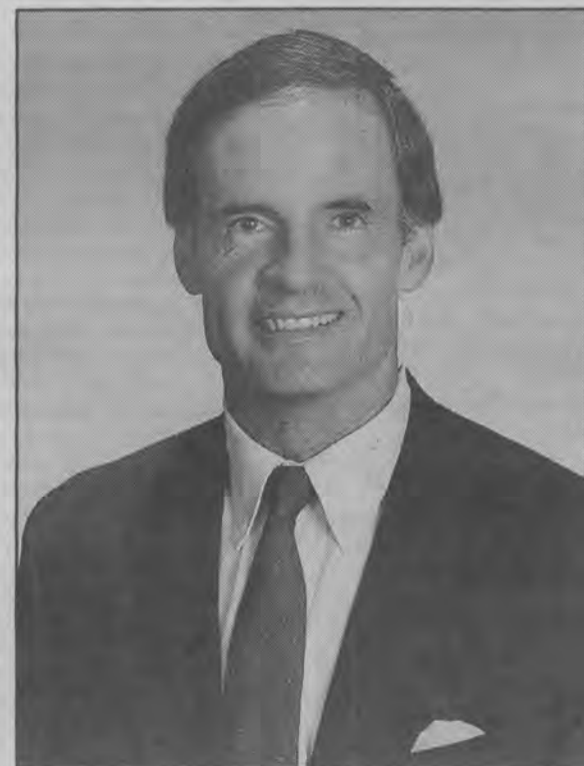
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# Lelaine Nemser Named Associate Director of JFD

By MARVIN CYTRON

Acting Editor of The Jewish Voice

Judy Wortman, Executive Vice-President of The Jewish Federation of Delaware (JFD), recently announced the appointment of Lelaine Nemser as Associate Director. "During the years that Lelaine has been with JFD she has served in a number of positions beginning as a staff associate six years and most recently as Campaign Director. In each function Lelaine has demonstrated her unique ability to utilize her organization and administrative abilities, combined with superb interpersonal skills to bring to JFD an outstanding record of achievement. Lelaine is respected by both her Federation associates and community leaders and this assignment will greatly enhance the effectiveness of our organization," said Judy.

In her new position Lelaine will supervise staff responsible for key activities of the JFD including The Jewish Community Relations Committee (JCRC), and the Young Leadership development program.



Lelaine Nemser

Lelaine will continue to serve as the annual Campaign Director, as well as managing a number of administrative functions. The appointment of Lelaine as Associate Director responsible for several aspects of the Federation will provide a greater opportunity to get out to the community, both Jewish and general, in order to provide an enhanced Federation presence," said Judy.

Lelaine is a native of Boston and a graduate of that city's Simmons College. She has been very active in Hadassah, having served as chapter

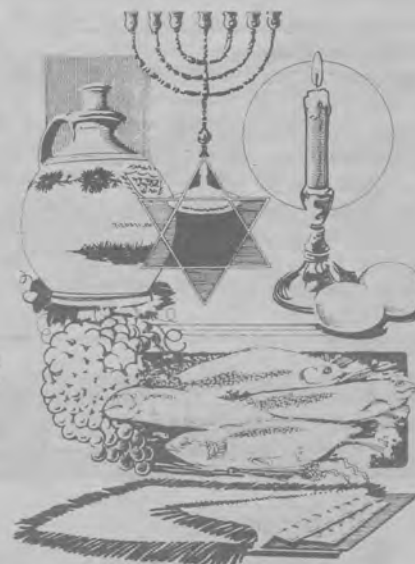
President as well as Board Member of Wilmington's Congregation Beth Emeth. Lelaine has lived in Wilmington since 1974 arriving here with her husband, Stuart, who at the time worked for the DuPont Company. The Nemser's have moved several times, including a year in Israel while Stuart worked as a consultant for the Weizman Institute. During that year Lelaine was able "to live" Israel, traveling throughout the coun-

try, learning Hebrew through the Ulpan method. The Nemser's have three children, Erica who is completing her PhD, Sharon who will attend medical school this fall and their son Ben a student at the University of Delaware.

"I am very excited about my new position and responsibility. While we have made great progress in the last few years (e.g. 25% increase in campaign from 1,200,000 to

1,500,000) there are many challenges that remain for the JFD both locally and internationally. By strengthening the Directors office we will be able to better and more effectively serve the Jewish community's needs. I look forward to working even more closely with Judy Wortman, Director of JFD, Toni Young, our President and Leslie Newman, our next President elect," said Lelaine Nemser.

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## Interfaith Holocaust Observance

David Lee Preston, staff writer for The Philadelphia Inquirer, will be the featured speaker at the annual Interfaith Observance of Yom HaShoah-Holocaust Remembrance Day, on Tuesday April 16, 1996, at Noon in the City/County Council Chambers, 800 French Street, Wilmington.

Preston is the son of George Preston and the late Halina Wind Preston who promoted Holocaust education in Delaware and for whom the Holocaust Education Center of the Jewish Federation of Delaware is named. He has written extensively on the experiences of his parents who survived the horrors of the Holocaust.

Other children of Holocaust sur-

vivors who will participate in the program are Regina Kerr, Linda Jaffe Vodovis, and Rabbi Peter Grumbacher.

Cantor Daniel Leeman, Rev. Laura Lee Wilson and the Wilmington Friends School Choir will take part in the program as well as state and local officials.

The Observance is jointly sponsored by the Christian Council of Delaware and the Eastern Shore of Maryland; Delaware Region, National Conference of Christians and Jews; the Interdenominational Ministerial Action Council; Jewish Federation of Delaware and Rabbinical Association of Delaware.

The community is urged to attend



David Lee Preston

this program which concludes at the Holocaust Memorial with prayers for the Six Million.

## Community Seder

Chabad House at the University of Delaware will be hosting a seder for the community, Wednesday Night April 3rd, the first night of Passover, 6:30 PM, on the campus of the University of Delaware. Everyone is invited to attend regardless of affiliation or level of religious observance. Call 455-1800 for more information.

The Seder Seminar is for those interested in hosting their own Seder and would like to brush up on the Haggadah, polish one's own Hebrew, or learn some interesting background that could spice up this year's Seder," says Rabbi Sneiderman of Chabad House. Chabad House at the U. of D. will be sponsoring Seder Seminars arranged for your convenience, please call 455-1800 for time and place.

## Wilmington Chapter of Hadassah To Share Combined Donor Events With Sisterhoods

Jerusalem 3000 will be the theme of the Combined Donor Event sponsored by the Wilmington Chapter of Hadassah, Sisterhoods of Congregation Beth Emeth and Congregation Beth Shalom on Sunday, April 21, 1996, at Congregation Beth Emeth. The registration will begin at 3:00 P.M., followed at 3:30 P.M. by the seminars. At the close of the seminar sessions, a dinner catered by CaterKart will be served. The dinner is scheduled to begin at approximately 5:30 P.M.

The program will consist of a series of demonstrations and lectures on various subjects from which attendees will be allowed to choose. One to three sessions may be chosen. The demonstrations will range from cooking, to hosting a Tea Party, Fashion Coordination and three sessions on Jerusalem 3000. Among the guest demonstrators will be David Banks, Executive Chef of Harry's Savoy Grill, Boscov's Kosher Catering Service, Sean Warner of CaterKart Cuisines, Stephen Hirschman, Chef and Owner of Kosher Affair, Janet Day, Owner of The Flavour of Britain, Joan Bernard, Director of Barbizon School of Modeling Agency. Arnold Kneitel will lecture on Jerusalem 3000.

The cost of the program for The Wilmington Chapter of Hadassah member or a female Congregant of Beth Emeth or Beth Shalom is minimum donor plus \$18.00 plate fee. The Donor Committee encourages

joint donor declaration for those who are members of two organizations. Guests are welcome for a \$35.00 fee which includes the plate charge.

There will be a limited number of people admitted in each demonstration. Make your reservation early to get into the seminar of your choice. For additional information call the following Chairpersons:

Kathy Greschler 478-0253 - Beth Emeth Representative  
Lois Chalawsky 475-3423 - Hadassah Representative  
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## Delaware's NCCJ Celebrates 50 Years

The Delaware Region, National Conference of Christians and Jews, will celebrate their fiftieth anniversary at their 1996 Annual Award Dinner on Wednesday, April 17, 1996 at the Holiday Inn, Downtown, Wilmington, Delaware. 1996 Dinner Chair is Howard E. Cosgrove, Chairman, President and C.E.O., Delmarva Power & Light Company.

In 1946, in the aftermath of the Holocaust, the Delaware Region's

Interfaith Clergy Dialogue became the first programmatic effort of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, Inc., to be initiated in Delaware. Today, fifty years later, this cornerstone program continues and has been joined by many others. Focused on education and persuasion, NCCJ programs attempt to address prejudice, to promote understanding and respect, and to improve human relationships. At this 1996 Annual Award Dinner, they will celebrate the past 50 years of effort and accomplishment and look forward, acknowledging that there is still much work to be done. They will remember and pay tribute to all previous Dinner Honorees, recognizing their

leadership and contributions in "Pursuing A Vision of Community Harmony."

The Delaware Region, NCCJ, invites the community to join in celebrating their 50th Anniversary. Tickets are \$150 personal and \$175 business and can be reserved by calling the NCCJ in Delaware, 655-0039.

## New President Selected For St. Francis Hospital

Richard Pryor, Chairperson of the St. Francis Hospital Board of Trustees, recently announced the selection of Steven C. Bjelich, FACHE, as the hospital's new President and Chief Executive Officer, effective April 15, 1996.

In announcing the appointment, Pryor said, "We selected Steve because he has extensive experience in leading complex, integrated organizations through periods of transition. He is particularly knowledgeable in helping organizations achieve excellent results, even in a managed care environment."

Bjelich previously held positions as Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer for Saints Mary and Elizabeth Hospital, Louisville, Kentucky, as well as health care organizations in California, Missouri, Illinois, Michigan, and Florida. He holds both his Bachelor's and M.H.A. degrees from Indiana University.

## Share Your Simcha With The JHSD

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In the early weeks, utilize Kegel exercises to strengthen the pelvic floor muscles and try pelvic tilts to tone abdominal muscles. Stretching is helpful because it helps to improve posture and relieve tension. Low intensity aerobic activities such as walking, swimming and post-natal exercise classes are also a good way to help control weight.

Exercise classes are a good way

of getting back into shape. They give you an opportunity to socialize with other new mothers at a time when many women may feel isolated. In addition, it's fun and you and your new friends can help motivate one another.

The Jewish Community Center is now offering a post-natal exercise program, Baby-N-Me. This class will incorporate the three major components of exercise: flexibility, cardiovascular endurance and strength training. In addition, your new baby will join you as an integral part of the class. Both of you will participate in low-impact aerobics, upper body toning and abdominal exercises. Strength training increases as your child grows. The heavier your child gets, the more weight you're lifting.

The class begins in April and will be led by former Fitness Center Coordinator and new mom, Kathy Holveck. For more information, contact Suzanne Rodriguez, Fitness Center Coordinator, at (302) 478-5660.

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For the course to accurately chronicle the chain of events, "Golda" will be shown at both the first and last sessions. The second session will feature "Cast a Giant Shadow". In 1948, Mickey Marcus, the first General of the Armies of Israel in 2000 years, defended Israel's independence from the six Arab nations intent on destroying the newborn nation. The movie, featuring an all-star cast, was filmed in Israel using its army as battlefield extras. This film will be shown on Yom Ha'Zikaron, Israel's Remembrance Day, and will be preceded by a community-wide memorial service.

All films in this course will be introduced and discussed by Ruth Goodman, a docent at the National Museum of American Jewish History.

For more information, contact Ella Zukoff or Mona Allen at (302) 478-5660.

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# JFS Appoints New Executive Director

Dory Zatuchni has been named Executive Director of Jewish Family Service of Delaware as of July 1, 1996 according to David J. Krigstein, President of the Board of Directors.

Jewish Family Service of Delaware provides a wide range of social services to the Jewish community and the community at large. It is a member agency of the United Way of Delaware, the Jewish Federation of

Delaware, and is accredited by the Council on Accreditation of Services for Families and Children.

Ms. Zatuchni will succeed Arnold Lieberman as Executive Director. Mr. Lieberman has been the Executive Director for the past twenty years and will retire after a distinguished career of thirty five years in social services.

Ms. Zatuchni, a Licensed Clinical Social Worker, is presently Assistant Executive Director. She developed

the agency's Empowerment Program for the elderly and created the adolescent counseling division to provide services to community centers throughout Wilmington.



Dory Zatuchni

## LATE BITS

NEW YORK — Nearly half of Reform and Reconstructionist rabbis officiate at intermarriages, according to a new survey.

NEW YORK — The issues of officiating at intermarriage and same-sex commitment ceremonies as well as the question of patrilineal descent are expected to figure high on the agenda of next week's annual gathering of Reform rabbis.

WASHINGTON — President Clinton urges American Jews to stay the course toward peace in the Middle East.

WASHINGTON — Congress dashes high hopes for anti-terrorism legislation, which was heavily supported by Jewish groups. What went wrong?

WASHINGTON — The Jewish community reacts to an award to Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan by a black newspaper association.

JERUSALEM — Tensions within the Likud opposition are expected to come to the surface with next week's primary.

WASHINGTON — Recent testimony of an Iranian Jew sheds new light on the secret exodus of Iranian Jews.

BUENOS AIRES — Argentina, Brazil and Paraguay agree to set up an anti-terrorism system in the trilateral border area, from where Arab terrorist cells are believed to operate.

JERUSALEM — Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres says Israeli forces will not carry out any large-scale action in southern Lebanon at this time.

JERUSALEM — Israeli sources say a report on Mossad agents being jailed in Damascus is inaccurate. JERUSALEM — Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert claims that three maps dividing Jerusalem are circulating.

MONTREAL — B'nai Brith Canada's annual survey of anti-Semitism shows an increase of reported incidents.


## Jerusalem 3,000 Wall Hanging Exhibit

Jerusalem, a city of great historical significance to the world's three major religions, this year marks its 3000th anniversary. Events are being planned throughout the world commemorating this auspicious event.


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munity Center in April. The Wilmington community is fortunate to be hosting this exhibit as it will only be in the country for a limited time before heading to Israel to be included in Jerusalem 3000 events there.

The JCC Art Gallery is open Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Friday and Sunday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. For more information, please call (302) 478-5660.

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Visa/MasterCard payments. *Deadline for placing orders is Friday, March 23, 1996.*

Dinners will be available for pick up on Wednesday, April 3 between 12 and 2 p.m. at the rear door (kitchen entrance) of the JCC. Local deliveries will be available at an additional charge. All meals will be supervised by the Va'ad Hakashruth of Wilmington. For more information or to place your order, call Susan Warner at 475-7775 weekdays between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

## Program On Symbols Of Faith

A noted Catholic cleric and a popular professor of rabbinic literature will lead a discussion on the meaning of religious symbols.

"Jewish Symbols in the Synagogue, Christian Symbols in the Church" will take place on Tuesday, March 26 at 7:30 p.m. at Baltimore Hebrew University, 5800 Park Heights Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland. The speakers are Dr. Steven Fine and Reverend Robert E. Albright. Admission is free. Information is available at (410) 578-6900 or (410) 466-9200 ext. 381.

Dr. Steven Fine is BHU Professor of Rabbinic Literature and History and the guest curator of "Sacred Realm: The Emergence of the Synagogue in the Ancient World," which is currently showing at the Yeshiva University Museum in New York. His topic is "Jewish Symbols in the Synagogue: Their History and Meaning."

The Reverend Robert E. Albright is the Director of the Division of Ministry to Higher Education, Archdiocese of Baltimore. His topic is "Christian Symbols in the Church: Their History and Meaning."

The program is co-sponsored by Baltimore Hebrew University and The Jewish Outreach Network Programs for Jews by Choice and Those Affected by Inter-marriage (A Joint Program of the Jewish Family Services and the Baltimore Board of Rabbis).



## JCC Hires New Fitness Center Coordinator

The Jewish Community Center is pleased to welcome Suzanne Rodriguez to its full-time staff as Fitness Center Coordinator. Suzanne has been with the JCC for over a year as a personal trainer and aerobics instructor. She is certified by the American Council of Exercise (ACE) and the American Alliance of Aerobic Instructors.

Suzanne has a BS degree in Physical Education from West Chester University. She plans to expand the current programs being offered and to reach out to a more diverse population. Please welcome her by stopping by and learning about the Fitness Center, or call the JCC at (302) 478-5660.



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**JFD Annual Meeting to Elect New Board of Directors**

The Annual Meeting of the Jewish Federation of Delaware will be held on Thursday, May 9 at 7:30 p.m. at Congregation Beth Shalom. The entire community is invited to the meeting.

The Nominating Committee has nominated the following individuals for election to fill vacancies on the Jewish Federation of Delaware Board of Directors:

Term to expire in May, 1997: Constance Kreshtool  
Term to expire in May, 1998: Robert Aerenson  
Term to expire in May, 1999: Benjamin Berger

Eileen Conner  
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Rick Geisenberger  
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David Krigstein  
Roger Levy  
Karen L. Morris, Esq.  
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Joan Spiegelman  
Connie Sugarman

The following individuals have been nominated as officers of the Jewish Federation of Delaware, June 1996 - May 1997:

President: Leslie Newman  
Vice Presidents: John Elzufon, Esq., Donald Parsons, Esq., Barbara H. Schoenberg  
Secretary: Clara Hollander  
Assistant Secretary: Jonathan Neipris  
Treasurer: Rick Geisenberger  
Assistant Treasurer: Suzanne Grant

The Nominating Committee, chaired by Bernard L. Siegel, consisted of Seth Bloom, Elliott Golinkoff, Deane Kattler, Martin G. Mand, Howard Simon, Joan Spiegelman.

Pursuant to the bylaws of the Jewish Federation of Delaware, other nominations shall be made only by written petition by any 50 individuals nominating petitions for members of the board of directors or as officers shall be sent to the secretary of the Federation at least five days before the annual meeting. Only board members may be elected to serve as officers.

**Passover At Hillel**

Two "Four Star Seders" and a Kosher Meal Plan: Wednesday and Thursday evenings, April 3 and 4 - 7:30 p.m.

Hundreds of students are expected to remain on campus for the "Holiday of Matzahs" beginning right after Spring Break.

The Hillel Student Center at The University of Delaware in Newark will be hosting Jewish students, faculty, and guests from across the campus community to the first large communal Seders ever held on this campus. In keeping with the tradition of making the Seder as festive as one can afford, "the service will be at least four star - four cups of wine and a piece of matzah!" joked Hillel director, Rabbi Avraham Rosenblum. "Actually, it's going to be a spectacular celebration of our history and spiritual journey. And the food will be great too!"

In addition, a daily Kosher for Passover meal plan will be available at Hillel's 47 W. Delaware venue facility, through the last days of the eight day holiday, April 10 and 11. The University of Hillel-Udel are facilitating this special arrangement as part of Campus Catering's recently launched Kosher Meal Plan.

"We are concerned that, because Spring Break ends just prior to the beginning of the holiday, students who opt to remain on campus be-

cause of the pressures of their studies might miss out on the opportunity to come together and experience Passover in a family style setting. The celebration of this holiday is critical in the process of establishing Jewish self-identity, family values, and nationhood."

The recitation of the Hagaddah, the story of the Jewish People's exodus from ancient Biblical Egypt after hundreds of years of enslavement, serves as each evening's format. Many Jewish groups have found imperatives for social action against prejudice and oppression in the narrative that ultimately commands the participant to visualize and personalize the experience of freedom. Hillel-Udel welcomes all interpretations of the Passover experience that promote identification with Jewish Communal life.

Those intending to attend the Seders, meal plans, or both, should contact Hillel-Udel by March 22, at 453-0479, or E-mail Rabbi Rosenblum at twang@udel, to make arrangements. The mailing address is 47 West Delaware Ave., Newark, DE 19117.

As another option, families from Temple Beth El in Newark, and other congregations in Wilmington, will also be extending their traditional home hospitality to students who would like to enjoy the first days of

the holiday in a more intimate setting. Call Hillel-Udel for more information.

Hillel-Udel was recently recognized by The Foundation for Jewish Campus Life-B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation, for its excellent campus programming.

**Make A Challah Cover**

A make-your-own Challah Cover. Class will be held at the JCC on April 28th at 11:30 a.m. This special hands-on family education workshop will be part of the community Jerusalem 3000 activities scheduled for April 28th from 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. This class is open to adults and children above third grade. No prior needlework experience is necessary.

Reservations are a must! A kit (which includes instructions, art patterns, and the cover) will be ordered for you when you secure your reservation with your name and check for \$12.00. Reservations must be sent in by April 2nd. Please send your check to Jewish Federation of Delaware at P.O. Box 2193, Wilmington, DE 19899-2193. For information call JFD at 427-2100.

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## JCC Preschoolers Visit Kutz Home

On Tuesday, March 5, fifteen four and five year olds dressed in their Purim costumes, visited residents of the Kutz Home. The children brought with them misloach manot (Purim baskets) filled with toiletries such as powder, lotion and shampoo. The items were donated by JCC members and staff.

The preschoolers were accompanied by their teachers, Laura Greenlee, Addie Richmond and Lisa Davis. Also present to help lead Purim songs was teacher Lauren

Rosé. Along for the ride (and to show off their Purim costumes) were David Sorkin, JCC Executive Director, Artie Allen, Assistant Executive Director, Susan Gentry, Children's Center Director, and Staci Berger, Children's Center Assistant Director! Everyone had such a wonderful time that a yearly tradition has begun.

JCC Preschoolers visit the Kutz Home.

## JCC Purim Van Makes The Rounds



The JCC Purim Van made its rounds masquerading through the streets of Delaware spreading Purim cheer and ruach about Camp JCC '96. Camp staff dressed appropriately for Purim, wearing costumes such as Mighty Mordechai Power Ranger, Purim Woman, a Camp Clown and the Kitchen Lady. As we arrived at area Purim carnivals, our purpose was clear. We wanted to let each family and potential camper know that we are truly interested in

having them join us for what is sure to be a great summer.

The Purim Van participants came prepared with camp songs and candy for all carnival goers. We began spreading ruach at Congregation Beth Shalom's carnival. Everyone was so surprised to see us in our outrageous costumes. Next we headed over to Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth's carnival, which was bustling with activity. Artie Allen, Assistant Executive Director and this year's Camp Director, spoke with several parents interested in the new offerings, particularly the add-on opportunities for full-day Olim campers. We then packed up the van and moved on to our next stop - Temple Beth Emeth. Speaking of packed, Beth Emeth was! It was a lot of fun watching people get soaked on the "Flush 'Em". Staci Berger, Children's Center Assistant Director and Assistant Camp Director, was busy talking to people about our fantastic CIT program for the summer. Upon successful completion of this extensive program, CITs are guaranteed a Junior Counselor position for next summer.

The Purim Van was back on its way, hoping to brighten more Purim carnivals and share our growing enthusiasm for the upcoming summer. We arrived at Temple Beth El ready for excitement. We were greeted by parents with children of all ages. Etai Belinky, Community Teen Coordinator, spoke with many teens about the outstanding line-up for our new ten-week Teen Travel Camp. And while Etai was schmoozing, Chris Mighton was busy talking to parents about our exciting Maccabi camps.

As part of our desire to see that all children have the opportunity to spend a great summer at Camp JCC, money saving coupons were handed out to everyone as an additional incentive to sign up immediately. "Today was a great opportunity," said Artie Allen, "for us to spread camp ruach and provide additional Purim spirit throughout the community." We were all quite exhausted after a fun-filled day celebrating Purim with the entire community. We're sure, however, that time will prove that it was worth it! For more information about Camp JCC, please contact Artie Allen at (302) 478-5660.



Jewish Community Center staff celebrates Purim. Shown (l to r) Nace Allen, Mona Allen, Phyllis Scherer and Ella Zukoff.

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## Raphael Abecassis Art Exhibit

The formal opening of the Abecassis Art Exhibit will occur on Sunday, April 28th in conjunction with the community wide Jerusalem 3000 celebration. This work stands on its own in the art world.

Raised in Southern Israel, the Moroccan born artist keeps his posters and prints affordable. He is one of the few artists that does original works on Parchment as well as watercolors on paper. Using his knowledge of composition and richness of color Abecassis reveals a universal spiritualism.

Exhibited throughout the world, his works are considered to be uplifting and meaningful. His subject matter consists of universally loved subjects as The Creation, Jonah, and Song of Songs. Many collectors describe his paintings as "alive."

The exhibit will be presented by Helen Glickenstein, owner of

Glickenstein Contemporary Art Gallery. She has worked with the artist personally for over eight years. Mrs. Glickenstein will discuss the symbolism in this series of posters and how themes reoccur in Abecassis's work.

At the exhibit opening on Sunday, April 28th at 2:30 p.m., Mrs. Glickenstein will be presenting a variety of works by Raphael Abecassis including works done especially for

## Women's Seder

The 4th Annual Women's Seder sponsored by the Jewish Family Service's Judaism and Feminism group, will be held on Sunday, April 7, at 5:30 p.m. at the JCC auditorium.

the Jerusalem 3000 celebration. A poster imprint for the Jewish Community Center will be unveiled at the opening. In addition, Judaica including tallis bags, plates, Mezuzahs and sculptures designed by Abecassis will also be on display and for sale. This exhibit will be available at the JCC from April 21st through May 26th.

Prompt reservations are a must, for the seating will be limited. The cost of the women's seder is \$10.00, and includes a light supper. A copy of the hagaddah, written and illustrated by Wilmington women, will be available for an additional \$5.00. The seder is open to women who are at least 12 years and one day old.

Members of the Judaism and Feminism group developed the concept of the women's seder in 1992, and spent several months writing a hagaddah that includes women's issues and concerns in the telling of the Pesach (Passover) story, and translates various blessings into language that is gender sensitive.

To reserve a place, checks payable to the Jewish Family Service should be mailed to: JFS, 101 Garden of Eden Road, Wilmington, DE 19803. For further information, contact Myrna Ryder at JFS, 478-9411.

## JCC Plans Sol Toumarkine Family Education Center

Plans are currently underway for the development of the Sol Toumarkine Family Education Center. The Family Education Center will be located on the second floor of the

Children's Center in the Jewish Community Center.

This center will serve as a resource center for both parents and teachers. A video library, childcare books and educational pamphlets are among the resources that will be available for use by JCC staff members, parents and other members of the community. The new resource center will be supported through donations to the Sol Toumarkine Memorial Fund. Contributions to this fund can be made at the JCC Front Desk. For more information or to make a contribution, call the JCC at (302) 478-5660.



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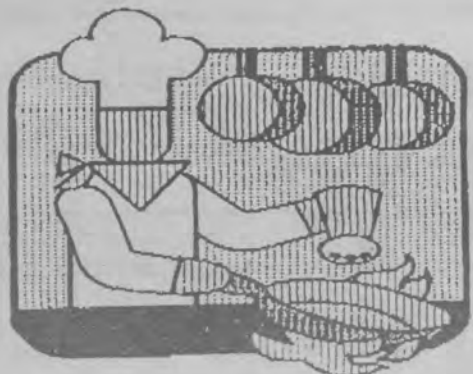
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In celebration of the historic 3000th anniversary of Jerusalem, the Jewish Community Center is offering a week's worth of programs (April 21 through April 28), many for the whole family.

On April 21, the Abecassis Art Exhibit opens and continues through the end of May. Although the formal opening will be held on April 28, the Art Gallery will be open and available for a "sneak peak".

Raphel Abecassis, internationally

known Israeli artist, will present a one-artist show and will include originals, serigraphs, lithographs, prints and posters as well as Judaica. The highlight of the show will be a series of images depicting Jerusalem.

On Tuesday, April 23, a community-wide Yom Ha'Zikaron memorial service commemorating the lives that were lost in pursuit of Israel's independence will be held at the JCC at 7:15 p.m. In light of recent events in Israel, tribute will also be paid to

those whose lives were senselessly, brutally destroyed by the suicide bombings in Tel Aviv and Jerusalem. This service is co-sponsored by the Jewish Community Center, the Rabbinic Association of Delaware and Jewish Federation of Delaware.

Following the service and in honor of Yom Ha'Atzmaut, Israel Independence Day, the film, "Cast a Giant Shadow" will be shown. In 1948, Mickey Marcus, the first General of the Armies of Israel in 2000 years, defended Israel's independence from the six Arab nations intent on destroying the newborn nation. The movie, featuring an all-star cast, was filmed in Israel using its army as battlefield extras. The cost of the movie is \$3.00 for members and \$4.00 for non-members.

At 10:45 a.m. on Wednesday, April 24, the "Lunch, Laugh and Learn" Series will celebrate Yom Ha'Atzmaut with a special Jerusalem theme." This program celebrates the beauty and spirit of Jerusalem and will be hosted by Mona Allen, JCC Cultural Arts Coordinator. The cost for this program is \$2.50 for members and \$3.75 for non-members and includes a special Israeli lunch.

The community-wide celebration of Jerusalem 3000 will be held on Sunday, April 28 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The schedule of events is: 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. - Childrens Games (K-2nd), Maccabiah (2nd-6th), Float Building (Teens), Israel Info Carnival sponsored by Gratz Hebrew High School; 10:30 a.m. -

Eli Avitar, Israeli Consul; 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Challah Cover Making Class (pre-registration is required); 12:30 p.m. - Abecassis Art Opening; 1:15 p.m. - Bazooka Bubble Gum Rain; 1:30 p.m. - Presentation of Maccabiah Awards, Raffle Drawing (Airline tickets to Israel, Israeli Souvenirs); 1:45 p.m. - Songs in celebration of Israel

On-going programs will include a travel room where teens and adults will share their Israel programs and travel agents will be providing information on travel to Israel. Adults videos will be run on the hour and children's videos on the half hour.

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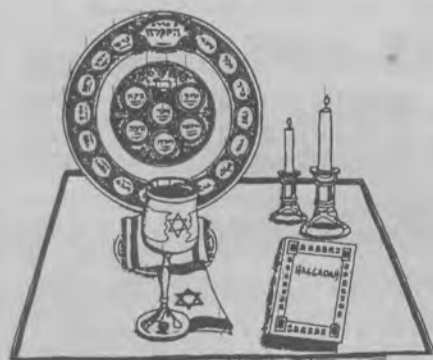
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## They Are Their Brothers' Keepers

By CARL ALPERT

**Haifa** - When two distinct problems turn out to be mutual solutions for each other, we have the making of a dramatic story. Here is the story, in brief:

Numerous young Israelis, after completing their military service, or sometimes after earning their university degree, seek a drastic change in life style before settling down. Thousands go off on adventure expeditions to India, to the Far East, to the jungles of South America - anything for a change. And many of them get into trouble. It's a problem.

The second problem is completely different. There are many tiny Jewish communities in remote corners of the world which are struggling to keep the Jewish spark alive. For the most of these Jewish populations are very small; they are not prospects for fund-raising campaigns, and therefore do not appear high on the lists of those who dispense aid. By way of example, there are places like Nairobi in Africa, Aruba and Curacao in the Caribbean, Baranquilla and

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Of course not everyone who applies is chosen. This year, of more than 600 applications, 29 were selected, and they are now serving in the very communities mentioned above, among others.

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Director of Areivim is 31-year old Motty Locker, who had himself been a volunteer when the program first started years ago. Miriam Nerenberg is Assistant Director.

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## FEATURE

## Jewish Women At Beijing



By Rabbi Emeritus  
LEONARD B. GEWIRTZ  
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"And G-d created Adam in His own image, in the image of G-d He created him, male and female created He them" (Gen. 1:27). Rashi (1040-1105) quotes the *Midrash Rabba* (8:1) that first G-d created the "human male and female" as one being with two faces back to back. In the second step, (Gen. 2:2), He separated them and made two beings. The first chapter in Genesis pronounces male and female as co-equal in Creation. This co-equal position of the female is reflected in Mosaic-Talmudic law, as we shall see. Clearly, the needs and rights of Jewish women are very different from the needs and rights of the women at Beijing, the fourth World Conference on Women (Sept. 3-15, 1995).

The Platform for Action adopted in the Final Declaration, presented these key provisions. (N.Y. Times, 9/15/95):

1. **Sex:** Women have the right to decide freely all matters related to their sexuality and child bearing; forced abortions are condemned.

2. **Violence Against Women:** Rape of women in wartime; domestic battering; genital mutilation of girls; harassment of women in the

workplace, are all violations of human rights and are condemned.

3. **Economic Power:** Women must have equal access with men to credit, and governments should support banking services for low-income women.

4. **Female Inheritance:** Governments must guarantee women equal rights to inherit equal to men.

5. **The Family:** Different societies have different family structures and relationships but women must not suffer discrimination because they are mothers.

As the Charter of the United Nations enunciates: "The purpose of international law is the empowerment of all women."

In contrast to the needs for empowerment in economic and social rights, American women, many Jewish women, of the middle classes seek equality in religious ritual, like the ordination of women to the priesthood or rabbinate.

The list of needs of many Jewish American women reads as follows:

1. Jewish women should have the right to be counted in the *minyan* equal to men.

2. Jewish women should have the right to receive *Aliyot* to the Torah.

3. Jewish women should have the right to serve as a *Sh'liach Tzibur*, messenger of the Congregation, to lead the Congregation in worship.

4. Jewish women should have the

right to serve as witnesses on religious documents; and if ordained should have the right to serve on a *Beth Din*.

5. Jewish women should not be segregated behind the *Mechitzah* during a sacred service.

6. Jewish women should not be rated as "untouchable" during the menstrual period.

7. Jewish women should not be subjected to the shame of being an *Agunah*, when an unethical husband

refuses to issue a *Get* to his civilly divorced wife.

8. The morning blessing, *birkat hashachar*, recited by men sums-up women's inequality in their religious status: "Blessed art Thou, O Lord Our G-d, King of the Universe, who hast not made me a woman."

The apologetic disputation literature in the last century explains that the *Halakhah* may treat women with these "discriminatory" rules, but more important are the laws that assert women's basic economic rights: the *empowerment* to own property, independent of the husband; the right to inherit wealth equal to their brothers.

1. About 3000 years ago, Mosaic Law granted women three "basic rights:" If a man takes a wife, her food, her raiment and her conjugal rights shall not be diminished. (Ex. 21:10). The Talmud (*Ketubot* 47b) explains that this verse awards a wife food, clothing, and sexual gratification.

2. The *Mishnah* (200 B.C.E.) adds seven additional basic rights, called the "conditions of the *Ketubah*:" 1. healing in sickness; 2. redemption from kidnapping; 3. respectful burial; 4. support from husband's properties if she is widowed; 5. living in his house all the days of her widowhood; 6. provisions for young children from his inheritance; 7. if she dies first, her sons inherit her *Ketubah* (*Talmud, Ketvbot* 51a; and Rambam, *Ishut*, chapter 12, par. 1).

3. The *Ketubah*, marriage contract, instituted as a *takanah*, for the purpose of protecting the wife "so that he shall not regard it as easy to divorce her" (*Ketubot* 11a, Maimonides, *Ishut* 10:7). The *herem* of Rabbenu Gershom (1000 C.E.) prohibited divorcing a wife against her will, just as his *herem* outlawed polygamy among Ashkenazic Jewry, which has become universal practice in Judaism.

4. Wives may own personal property beyond the jurisdiction of the husband. There are types of women's ownership: *Nichsay Melug*, for which the husband may obtain the profits of her property, without responsibility over the property (*Talmud, Bava Kamma* 90a; Rambam, *Ishut*, Chapter 16, par. 1).

5. *Nichsay Tzon Barzel*: Husband has responsibility to look after her property and profits and losses are his (*Ibid.*)

6. *Property in Escrow*: - Wife may write over her property to a third party and husband has no jurisdiction over them (*Talmud, Ketubot* 79a; Maimonides, *Ishut* XXII:9).

7. Husband must not mistreat his wife (*Maimonides - Assault and Damages* IV:16). If a husband injures his wife during marital intercourse, he is liable for the injury done to her (*Ibid.*)

Women were "empowered" according to the *Halakhah*. But beyond the *Halakhah*, in the sacred literature of Judaism, in the *Aggadah*, we find the veneration and respect in which women are held.

The matriarchs are given equal status to the patriarchs... and G-d commands Abraham, "All that Sarah saith unto Thee, harken unto her voice" (Gen. 21:12). The grave of Rachel is holy like the grave of the patriarchs and matriarchs.

Deborah the prophet is equal to all the other prophets. Bath-sheba, mother of King Solomon and Hannah the mother of the prophet Samuel are among the great women in the Bible. The Book of Ruth and the Book of Esther the Queen, are named after great women with leading roles in biblical history. The *Song of Songs* glorifies pure love for womanhood as the 31st chapter in the Book of Proverbs glorifies the "Woman of Valour." The latter incorporated in the liturgy recited at the Sabbath table in honor of the wife and mother; as the *Song of Songs* is also part of the Sabbath liturgy. The prophet Isaiah prophesied about

the restoration of the people as the "Daughter of Zion" shall return. Hannah and her seven sons are the great martyrs in the apocrypha, Maccabees II, and play an inspiring role for the people. This *aggadah* is repeated in the Talmud, *Gittin* 57b.

In the Talmud Rabbi Akiba gives the greatest praise to his wife, Rachel, which any man can give, when he proclaims to his 24,000 disciples of the *Yeshiva*, "all that I am and all that you are - is hers." Beruria, wife of R. Meir, is recognized in scholarship and Torah knowledge equal to the Rabbis.

Many beautiful aphorisms are found in the Talmud that glorify the wife:

"Any Jew that lives without a wife lives without joy, without blessing, without goodness, without strength without peace" (*Yevamot* 62a).

"A blessing is found in the home of a person only because of his wife."

"A Jew without a wife is not a man" (*Yevamot* 63a).

"A man should always be respectful of the honor of his wife because a blessing is found in his home only because of his wife" (*Bava Metziah* 59a).

The final declaration of Beijing had nothing to offer to the Ethics of Judaism and the status of women in Jewish law, Jewish poetry, Jewish culture, and Jewish myths.

But the modern Jewish woman has a great question which troubles her; and this question also troubles Jewish men. If the woman is held in such high esteem and receives such an honored role in our sacred literature, why does the *Halakhah* relegate her to a secondary role and status in Jewish Religion? What is there deep in the psyche of the Mosaic-Rabbinic Tradition that puts our mothers, sisters, wives, and daughters on a high pedestal with glorious veneration for them as persons, yet relegates them to an unequal position in our religion?

(We shall try to understand this surprising contradiction in our next essay).

## Jewish Genealogy

By MARVIN BALICK

We have reached a juncture in time, when it is the responsibility of the Delaware Jewish community to chronicle the history of its families, especially now, as those of us born in the 1920s and the 1930s approach the conclusion of the twentieth century. It is our charge to leave an accounting of the generations who were fortunate to migrate to America. The story should be told of their accomplishments, and sacrifices, and the expectations our immigrant ancestors had for their children and about the opportunities they gave these children. In the midst of this recounting, we must remember the Jews who lived and died without a surviving record of their existence. We need only to look to the Holocaust period from 1933-1945, to see some large blank pages. Must this emptiness be permitted to expand, within the Jewish family unit?

All of us, the descendants of immigrants, should leave a narrative of the legacy of our ancestors and kindred members of the community. The *Jewish Voice* attempts to do this.

The Jewish Historical Society of Delaware needs our help in this area. Now, is the opportune time to compile a genealogy of your family - for your family. Willing, self-motivated people are needed. They must have a strong individual dedication.

Meet with representatives of the various branches of your extended family, preferably at a group session. You will need their sanction and working support. Speak especially to senior members of the family; they can give you valuable information and open vistas for additional research. You should consider not only a written summary of such discussions, but also recording them on videotape. Compose a questionnaire to obtain individual biographical information. Don't allow valuable family photographs to become lost, destroyed or useless; that is, for them to go unidentified as to person, place, date, occasion, etc.

Check the Delaware Jewish Historical Society for a copy of the pamphlet, "A Resource Guide to Delaware Jewish Genealogy," compiled by Julian H. Preisler. The State of

Delaware Public Archives Commission, in Dover, will provide you with worthwhile material. Of course, the Wilmington Library can be of help, as can the Recorder of Deeds and Wills. Consider the use of records maintained by the local Mormon Church. Review old telephone directories. Back issues of local and regional newspapers will provide a spate of information. Don't forget synagogue and cemetery records.

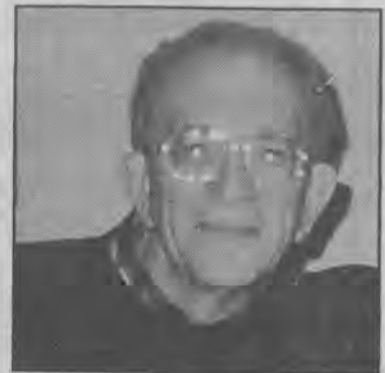
As you can see, many resources are at your disposal. In addition to those mentioned above, consider other paths. A must source is Miriam Weiner. She is a certified genealogist specializing in Jewish genealogy and Holocaust research. She can be reached at 136 Sandpiper Key, Secaucus, New Jersey 07094.

Consider next, material available on a national level to aid your research - especially in our nation's capitol, at the National Archives in the Library of Congress. Also, naturalization records from the Immigration and Naturalization Service will be helpful. Don't overlook passport applications, and passenger arrival

records, which may be found in the Diplomatic Records Branch of the National Archives. The Passport Office of the Department of State can be helpful. In addition, at the Washington, DC Archives may be found information regarding military pensions and service records. They also have available the "Mostor-Allen Directory of European Steamship Arrivals." This lists ships arriving in the port of New York for the period 1890-1930, and the port of Boston for 1904-1926. You may request the pamphlet, "Genealogical Records in the National Archives," which should be of additional assistance.

Find a young successor who will agree to accept and preserve the family documents. This person is to continue the gathering, periodic updating, publishing, and disseminating of the family history. He or she may also be involved in helping to organize a periodic family reunion. Of course, this person will accomplish a valuable service for the Jewish community as well as leaving a priceless legacy for their posterity.

Will you be the one to continue



Marvin Balick

the accounting begun in the Book of Genesis? If so, you will be the person who can respond positively to the plea from the past of those who implore - "Say that I lived, say that I existed and made a contribution to the lives to my posterity."

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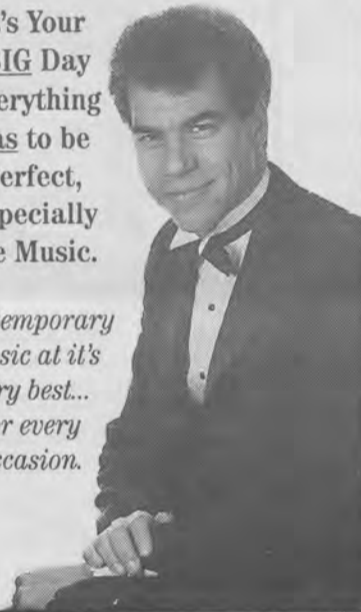
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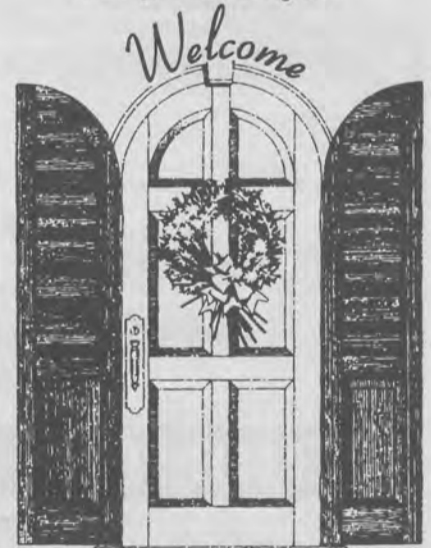
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## Kosher L'Pesach

# Thou Shalt Eat Vegetables

By HAROLD M. SCHULWEIS  
(Excerpted from Summer 1995  
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Kashrut has endowed us with a considerable vocabulary — *treif*, *glatt kosher*, *milchig*, *fleishig*, *pareve*, *shochet*, *chalaf*, *treibern*. The Torah, the Talmud and the Shulchan Aruch devote much attention to the subject. Yet, despite its prominent place in our sacred literature, there is something trivializing about keeping kosher in the mind of many Jews. Some have dubbed it "kitchen theology," a kind of "pots and pantheism."

The failure of *kashrut* to capture the imagination of the modern Jew reflects a failure to communicate the moral philosophy and poetry of this time-honored practice. Essentially *kashrut* has to do with the way we understand nature and human nature.

As a human being, I am not only part of but a custodian of nature. God has commanded me to multiply and be fruitful, to fill the earth and rule over the fish of the sea, the birds of the sky, and all living things. As part

God said: "I give you every seed-bearing plant that is upon all the earth and every tree that has seed-bearing fruit that shall be yours for food. And to every breath of the earth and to every fowl of the air and to everything that creepeth upon the earth wherein there is a living soul I have given every green herb for food" (Gen. 1:29).

Set before us is the ideal of creation, God's original intention: a world of herbivorous animals, a vegetarian universe. That ideal reappears in the vision of the Prophet Isaiah, who imagines the world at the end of history transformed from carnivorous to herbivorous living: "The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, the leopard lie down with the kid, the calf and beast of prey together, and a little child shall herd them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together, and the lion, like the ox, shall eat straw" (Isaiah 11:6). The optimal vision of creation is thus embodied in a vegetarian diet.

But the Torah is not a book of ideals. It reflects the constant struggle between the ideal and the real, between the vision and the facts. In the Bible, God discovers the powerful instinctive drives of human beings,

their appetite for blood, nature raw in tooth and claw. In the wilderness after the Exodus, the former slaves are bored with coriander seed, the vegetarian manna that falls from heaven. "Give us flesh," they demand. "Angry at this carnivorous obsession, God declares: "Ye shall eat (flesh) not one day, nor two days, nor five days, neither ten days, nor twenty days but a whole month, until it comes out of your nostrils and it be loathsome unto you" (Numbers 11:19-20).

But then God concedes to human nature's imperfections and enters into a second covenant: "Every moving thing that lives shall be for food for you as the green herb have I given you all. Only flesh with the life thereof of which is the blood thereof shall ye not eat." (Gen. 9:3-4).

In this covenantal concession to the carnivorous character of the human being, God is saying: If you must eat meat, do so with the awareness that you are taking the life of another. If you must take the life of another, do so with compassion. The first primordial law of *kashrut* is *ever min hachai*, you shall not cut a limb from a live animal — a revolutionary notion in an age of scarcity without the technology to preserve meat. Against the pragmatics of pagan culture, the Torah taught pity for the sentient creature.

A revulsion toward blood is evident throughout our biblical and rabbinic tradition. We are taught that life is holy, life is in the blood. When beasts or birds are slaughtered, the

blood must be poured upon a bed of dust and covered with dust. The message is clear: hide your shame and remember — you are not dealing with an inanimate object but with a living being.

We may think of ourselves as carnivores, but perhaps we were not meant to eat meat. Dr. William Clifford Roberts, editor-in-chief of the *American Journal of Cardiology*, writes: "When we kill animals to eat them, they end up killing us because their flesh, which contains cholesterol and saturated fat, was never intended for human beings who are naturally herbivorous."

The time has come for committed Jews to consider that both the moral thrust of *kashrut* and its health significance point to a vegetarian diet, a culinary choice that responds both to the ideal and the real of Torah in our lives. Having gradually eliminated almost all meat from my own diet, I know it can be done.

An incremental move toward *kashrut* can begin with eliminating from our menus veal (made from tethered anemic calves) and *pate de foie* (made from the livers of force-fed geese). They are *treif*; it is not kosher to feast on the tortured.

Another way to increase our consciousness about *kashrut* is to make Shabbat a vegetarian day, especially as it is our day of tranquillity and harmony with nature. In addition, I recommend that we eat vegetarian meals at our Passover seders.

(Editor's note: Rabbi Schulweis is a Conservative rabbi in California).

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## Kosher L'Pesach

# Can I Have Your Recipe For...?

By SUE CYTRON

Special To The Jewish Voice

This Spring will commemorate our 20th year in Delaware. When we were transferred here in 1976, courtesy of DuPont, we were on our tenth move and somewhat apprehensive of going through the process of establishing social relationships in a new community. Through a business associate of my husband we were introduced to a prominent member of the Delaware Jewish community who in turn introduced us to many members of this wonderful community. Our second day in Wilmington, we met Marty and Marcia Sloan who were from our home city of St. Louis, and Marty and my husband, Marvin, were in the same high school graduating class.

Having children the same age and common interests, we became fast friends and for a number of years were essentially neighbors. Our first Passover in Wilmington was with the Sloans and from that day forward, with the exception of an 18 month hiatus when we transferred to New York, Seder with the Sloans became a tradition. The Seder meal rarely varied, with the exception of some of the really weird Charoset Marvin would make, with Maracia and me sharing the cooking. I would always make the chicken soup using my mother-in-law's Matzo Ball recipe and my mother's recipe for potato keegle, or as those litvaks call it, kugel. Marcia would make the beef brisket and these three dishes would be the nucleus, and according to those assembled the "hit", of our meal.

Over the years our families have grown larger, all of our children are married, and we are all blessed with grandchildren. Fortunately, our chil-

dren live here in Delaware and recently one of Marcia's daughters and family moved to the D.C. area. Logistics and the size of our respective families will preclude us from sharing our Seder meal together for the first time in these many years. The past two weeks Marcia and I have been on the phone many times sharing our passover recipes, the matzo ball and potato keegle/kugel to Marcia, and the brisket recipe to Sue. Even though we won't be together this year, our shared recipes will help in part, the continuation of our tradition. While almost every family has a handed down recipe for these traditional dishes, we would like to share these with the readers of The Jewish Voice, especially for those who may be preparing their first Seder meal.

### Sarah Cytron's Knaidlach (Matzo Balls)

Marv and I were blessed with wonderful mothers and both marvelous cooks. Marv tells me there was always disagreement in his very large extended family as to who made the best matzo balls, Marv and his two brothers agree their mother made the best, we hope you concur.

4 eggs  
1 cup matzo meal  
1 tsp. salt

Beat egg whites until stiff. Separate yolks and beat and fold together with the whites, gently fold in matzo meal and salt. Refrigerate for 1/2 - 1 hour. Bring a large pot of water to boil (salted). Oil your hands and gently form into balls of about the size of an egg and drop into the boiling water. Cover and cook for 1/2 hour. Makes about 12 or more knaidlach depending on size. They will float to top when they are done. Adding

parsley or anything else is your option. ENJOY!

### Clara Weinreb's Potato Keegle/Kugel

I am from a family of five girls, and whenever we get together we reminisce about our mother's cooking. We were just together in Florida for a family reunion, and one sister made Momma's Potato Keegle as part of Shabbat dinner. While each of us has a favorite dish our mother made, we all agreed that this was our very favorite, we hope it becomes one of yours.

12 baking potatoes  
4 eggs  
salt and white pepper to taste  
paprika (optional)  
1 large onion, grated  
cooking oil  
9 x 11 oblong glass baking dish

Turn oven to 375 degrees. Grate potatoes, not too finely or use the grater on your food processor. Grate onion and add eggs, salt, etc. to potatoes. Meanwhile, put a little oil in bottom of the baking dish and have it heating in the oven while you are grating the potatoes. When everything is grated pour into hot oil and

make sure enough oil comes up over the sides and a little on top to brown. Sprinkle with paprika if desired. Bake for about 1 hour or until nicely brown. ENJOY! Serves 12 generously.

### Marcia Sloan's Brisket

1st cut or flat cut Brisket, 4 lbs. or larger  
1 pkg. of onion soup mix  
garlic powder  
Ketchup  
salt & pepper to taste  
foil

Season both sides of brisket with garlic powder, salt & pepper. Spread 1/2 of soup mix on bottom of foil lined roasting pan leaving excess foil to cover the roast. Add about 1 1/2 cups of water. Place brisket, fat side up on top of soup and water mixture. Add rest of soup mix to top of brisket. Spread ketchup evenly over top of brisket. Cover roast tightly with the excess foil. Roast at 350 degrees for about 3-4 hours (depends on size) Every hour lift foil on one side care-



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fully and add 1/2 cup water - RESEAL. When done, remove brisket, cool on plate. Pour liquid (should have about 3 cups) into a bowl. Refrigerate, fat will come to top and you can remove. Brisket should cool to room temperature before slicing. Slice against the grain. Brisket can be reheated with gravy. Brisket and gravy freeze well, freeze gravy separately. ENJOY!



At Passover, we recite these ancient words over the matzah on our seder table:

*This is the bread of poverty, which our ancestors ate in the land of Egypt.*

**Let all who are hungry enter and eat**

*all who are in need come and celebrate the Passover.*

This year, people among us are slaves to hunger, next year may they be free.

This year, we are here; next year, may we be a step closer to redemption.

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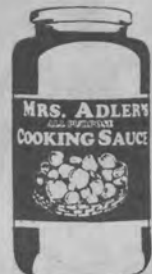
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# Pesach, Rabbi Gamaliel's Favorite Holiday

By TED ROBERTS

Ted Roberts is a syndicated columnist from Hunstville, AL. He writes humorous commentary on Jewish topics.

The Passover season is approaching. I like to refer to it as a season rather than a definite 8-day event, so my lovely wife will be inspired to prepare chopped liver and Canadlach and Gefilte fish for three months instead of eight short days.

Early in February I begin my campaign. I've picked my battlefield carefully. We're at the supper table, the evening paper propped in front of my aging eye with the catsup bottle. She's happy since I've committed to the kitchen cleanup. I begin boldly, "It says here that Rabbi Gamaliel always dined on soup and matzoh balls (and a small helping of chopped liver) on the third Wednesday before the fourth day of Pesach."

"Since when does the Sports Section quote Rebbe Gamaliel?" says my lovemate and Tamudic scholar. She hates it when I read the Sports Section at the supper table. When the complaints get serious, I remind her of the Jewish love of learning and point out that even at our most sacrosanct supper - the first night of Pesach - we read the Haggadah right at the table. Propping it up with the catsup bottle, if we like. It's a Jewish thing ordained in the mythical FIFTH question of Passover; a question asked by the head of the family, not the youngest son. It goes like this; "Why is it, on all other nights we may glance at the Sports Section only briefly at the table, but on THIS night we read the Haggadah at the table for hours?" And I'll bet the Rebbetsen Gamaliel concurs.

Ah, Passover is soon. And as Master of Ceremonies, hider of the Afikomen, and Senior Exodus Scholar, I must begin my perennial rereading of the deliverance story.

For does it not say that "he who enlarges upon the tale of the outgoing - that one merits praise."

But I have to confess, I'm not a Haggadah fan. Like most healthy, red-blooded American Jews, I love the tradition of the four questions, the plague-naming ceremony with the wine, and naturally the songs, but some of the background material can be skipped without damage to your soul or intellect. We take our Exodus story neat - undiluted - from the Book of Books. What Haggadah can match the majesty of the Torah?

Just as my wife and daughter begin menu planning and cooking a week before the event, I start reading Exodus and Josephus and may be a commentary or two. Old foxes don't hunt without a plan - that's how they get to be old foxes. Listen, when Joseph enters the throne room to interpret the pharaoh's dreams, I guarantee you he spent the night before with his face buried in the latest texts on dream analysis.

I'm inspired by my partner who's in charge of the Pesach menu, the Pesach program, the Post Pesach cleanup, and the nine months of my life in the Post Pesach year. "Listen," she says as she chops apples and walnuts. "We want a nice service this year - right?"

"Sure, like always," I reply. "No, better. Don't rush it. Nobody's timing you." I know what's coming. She wants ceremony, not a headlong rush to the festive meal.

We go through this every year. She claims I'm skimpy on the ceremony, we can begin the Gefilte fish appetizer by 9:30. She swears I abbreviate the plagues to three, the four questions to two, the cups of wine from five to one. It's a bad rap. To hear her till it, you'd think I'd put the 630,000 Israelite hikers in a fleet of Ferraris to zip through the Nile Delta and Sinai peninsula, if it would speed

up the narrative. Untrue. Somehow she feels irreligious, profane - like I'm using an abridged Haggadah - if we eat before 11:00. This comes from her friends who are bit more observant than us.

"We didn't eat till 11:30," says her pal, Rosalee.

"Oh, you must have left something out," says another pal, Rachael. "Or maybe you forgot to recite some of the baruchas, because WE didn't even touch our fish till 12:15."

I'm sure that one year - not far off - the winner of the slo-mo Pesach marathon is gonna have the fish and soup and chicken and stewed prunes for BREAKFAST THE NEXT MORNING.

But contrary to my wife's comments, we usually have a languid discussion of the Exodus narrative. And we encourage the kids to participate. How? Simple. We ask questions and a correct answer gets a prize. So does an almost correct answer - so does an incorrect answer - so does any conscious reaction except a snore. Kids need encouragement.

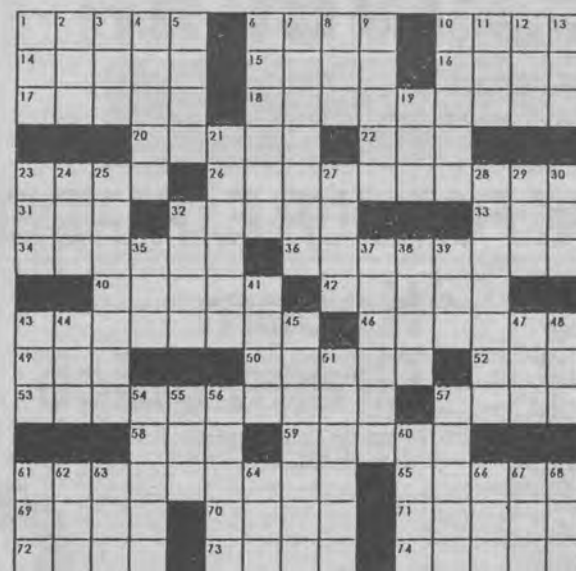
So, have a sweet Pesach and incentivize the kids to participate and remember that Rabbi Gamaliel always ate before 11:30.

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By Kathi Handler 1996

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- 1 Plague
- 6 Shmook?
- 10 Plague
- 14 Matriarch
- 15 Recline
- 16 Goliath
- 17 Talmudic rabbi
- 18 Avotenu
- 19 Golan
- 21 Telescope Inst.
- 22 Gimmel (Eng.)
- 24 Grande
- 25 Writer Irving
- 27 Studies
- 29 Flip
- 32 Anger
- 33 Israeli Prime Minister
- 35 Exist
- 36 Rhea and Yitzhak
- 38 Noah's landing pad
- 40 Muppet
- 41 Month
- 42 Hung in Sushan
- 45 Prepare for Pesach?
- 49 Zilpah and Rachel
- 50 Pesach egg
- 52 Enjoyed the Seder
- 53 Athletic org.
- 55 Growth
- 56 Unfit for sacrifice
- 57 Stooze
- 59 Hat
- 60 My son the
- 61 Round at Rosh Hashanah
- 64 The bush
- 68 Tart
- 69 Before
- 70 Son of Gad
- 71 Health Org.
- 72 B'nai B'rith Org.
- 73 That one
- 74 Karpas ritual

DOWN

- 1 Youth Org.
- 2 From across
- 3 Benjamite son of Bela
- 4 Rachel stole his idols
- 5 Iranian leader
- 6 Israelites
- 7 Levite temple builder
- 8 Irish name starter
- 9 Tsaban
- 10 Yeshiva goer
- 11 Sakkah?
- 12 Cantor and Goldman
- 18 Vigado
- 20 Musical job
- 23 Hamantaschen?
- 25 Jacob's sorespot
- 26 Solomon's find
- 27 Pharaoh's wheels
- 28 Evader
- 30 Gershwin
- 31 Genesis starter
- 33 Angel's door sign
- 34 Evened up
- 37 Pils.
- 39 Mode
- 41 Rachel's cenotaph?
- 42 Girl's name
- 43 Gives a horn?
- 44 Hagar's son
- 45 Military org.
- 46 Salk's contribution
- 47 El Al posting
- 48 King Saul's grandad
- 51 S. Y. Agnon
- 54 Internet service
- 56 Ephraim or Manasseh
- 58 Eliat, old style
- 60 Wine at Seder
- 61 Auditor
- 62 Secured the Afikomen
- 63 of Reason
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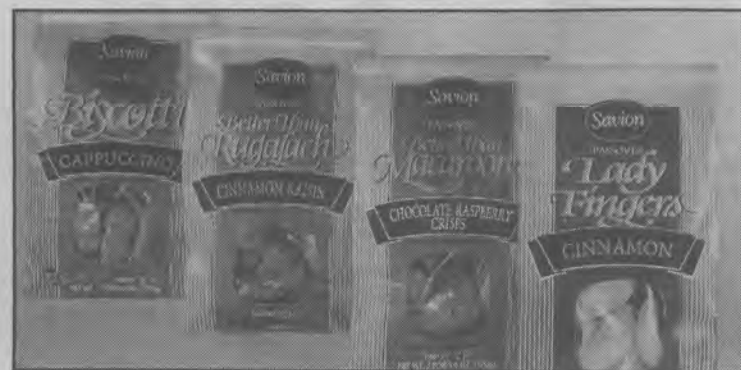
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# Passover In Israel

By CARL ALPERT

Haifa - The observance of Pesach in Israel is not limited to the Seder night (only one in Israel). In the days following the Seder, tens of thousands of Israelis will take to the road, visiting and even camping out in Eilat, around the Dead Sea, at the Kinneret, and at every available camping and picnicking site. Conspicuous among these internal tourists will be religious families. Not free to travel on Shabbat, they eagerly grasp at the opportunity to get about the country during *Hol Hamoed*, the intervening days of Passover. Even the yeshivot are closed during this week.

Experience of previous years has shown that the effects of the holiday can be felt some time before the actual Seder. The traditional thorough housecleaning expresses itself with the discard of vast amounts of junk. The city sanitation department in Jerusalem reports that in recent days their collections have averaged about 1500 tons a day, as against an average of 700 tons on normal days.

Hospital emergency wards and clinics, relying on past experience, have for some days been on special alert to take care of the victims of home accidents, chief among them falls from ladders or unsteady chairs.

Surveys indicate that about 70%

of the Jewish population will observe the kashrut laws and refrain from introducing *hametz* into their homes. While the usual markets and groceries will have only matza on sale, some Israelis will seek out Arab outlets where bread (*pitta*) will be available. A local Haifa paper provides a list of such stores. Ironically one such source of *pitta* is located on Eliyahu Hanavi Street.

As in the past, canine pets will be able to consume dog food strictly kosher for Passover, especially marketed for families who do not want to have non-kosher food in their homes during the holiday.

The big zoo in Jerusalem will presumably, like last year, also be kosher for Passover, and the animals will be fed a diet meeting the strictest requirements - this so as not to violate aesthetically the feelings of the large numbers of religious Jews who visit during the week.

In prisons and at all army camps the kitchens have already been scrubbed clean, and only foods with proper certification will be served. Packages sent to soldiers from home will not be released from the army mails until after the holiday.

Weight watchers have already been warned that one piece of matza contains 160 calories, equiva-

lent to two slices of bread. Two *kneidlach* contains 150 calories.

As in previous years, Jerusalem's water supply will be drawn from Yarkon springs, rather than from the national water carrier which receives its water from the Kinneret. Religious sources have in the past complained that water in the lake becomes *hametz* because of the bread bait used by fishermen. Rabbi Ovadia Yosef has indeed dismissed this fear, but religious perfectionists want to take no chances.

The collective ritual "sale" to an Arab of all *hametz* owned by the government will be watched carefully this year after it was revealed that Ahmed Mugarbi, who in the past had been the purchaser, was actually the son of a Jewish mother.

To tens of thousands of employees of major institutions Passover marks the time when their company gives them valuable gifts, or pays them special bonuses which often mount up to appreciable sums.

Last year McDonald's non-kosher restaurants made a special gesture for patrons who draw the line at eating bread on the holiday, by making their buns with potato flour, and frying their chicken in matza crumbs.

The day after Passover, Israelis of North African descent will set out



Passover - Jerusalem -- A Yemenite family enjoys a Passover seder on a moshav.

their festive tables loaded with delicacies in celebration of their traditional Maimouna holiday, which has become a national folk festival.

But not all Israelis will be at home. The festival marks the Exodus of the Israelites from Egypt, and many of the modern Israelis take the "exodus" literally by going on trips abroad during the long holiday. Indications are that in excess of 50,000 Israelis will be away from the country during this period. Every available plane and flight has been booked, and it is expected that on the eve of the holiday all records for departure will be broken at Ben Gurion Airport, with

a plane departing every five or six minutes.

Most popular destination is London, but there is hardly a corner of the world where Israelis will not be found. Many young people, heading for exotic destinations in the Far East, expect to take part in special Seders arranged by the Chabad movement. Last year no less than 500 Israeli backpackers munched matza and asked the four questions at a Seder in Bangkok, Thailand. The Israeli Seder in Katmandu, Nepal, is already a tradition of some years standing.

Wherever you are, celebrate the feast - and watch those calories.

## From Seder to Seder: A Sampling Of Rituals

By DEBRA NUSSBAUM COHEN  
NEW YORK, March 7 (JTA) — The Passover seder is a uniquely flexible ritual.

It works like a religious Rorschach inkblot test, as a perfect mirror of the way each participant in the seder relates to the Passover story of enslavement and redemption.

The basic elements of the story are retold each year — the suffering of the Israelites at the hands of the Egyptian taskmasters, the birth of Moses and his adoption by the royal family, Moses' attempts to get the Israelites freed from Pharaoh, Pharaoh's refusal, God's raining down the plagues upon the Egyptians and, finally, the Israelites' redemption.

But how the rest of the details of the seders are handled — from which haggadot are selected from among the hundreds that have been published to whether new ritual objects are added to the seder table — is as reflective as a mirror of the religious and political beliefs of various participants.

As the following stories of how some creative Jews celebrate their Passover reveal, the way individuals relive the exodus reflects perfectly who they are.

Ruth Westheimer, known the world over as the sexologist "Dr. Ruth," has spent the last couple of Passover seders at her daughter's home in the Bronx.

Until then, she would welcome about 25 guests at her own

seder table each year — guests who have included Episcopal Bishop John Shelby Spong, who is known for backing the ordination of homosexuals.

But there's never been any mention of sex at the seders of the diminutive counselor. "I'm keeping all of that life of mine separate from my family," she said in her trademark trill.

With her 5-year-old grandson, Ari, at her side, she reads the Passover text that every child of her generation used in Germany, titled "A Child's Haggadah."

She has a German-language version, and he reads from an English translation. "It pleases my little heart no end that with my grandson I am using a haggadah that I used in Frankfurt," she said.

But "any Jewish family gathering makes me sad because at the age of 10 I was sent to a children's home in Switzerland, where I became an orphan."

Her parents and grandparents were sent to Auschwitz and Theresienstadt, and she never saw them again.

"My personal triumph is that Hitler did not want me to have a grandson, and look what kind of grandson I have," she said, the pride audible in her voice. "He is the best."

Rabbi Arthur Waskow, a founder of the Jewish renewal movement, political activist and author, generally has about 20 guests at his seder table.

His seder table this year will include

a recently added element that Waskow first read about on the Internet.

Often at seders, participants relate the themes of slavery and freedom to their own struggles. At Waskow's home in Philadelphia, each participant will bring a "freedom plate," an object that represents a step toward freedom in their own lives.

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## Seder

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"Adding the physical fact of the objects as a focus for people to describe what has been going on for them in the past year intensified and elevated the process last year," Waskow said.

For his part, Waskow brought his just-completed manuscript, "Down to Earth Judaism," which he said had been a four-year struggle to write. "I brought the manuscript and dumped it on the plate. It represented liberation from some very hard work."

Waskow's seder plate will also include an orange.

This practice, which is being adopted at many seders, is thought to have begun several years ago when the feminist scholar Susannah Heschel was lecturing, and a man in the audience stood up and said, "A woman belongs on the bimah [as a rabbi] as much as bread belongs on the seder plate."

Heschel responded, "No, not bread, but an orange."

Women as rabbis represents "a transformation, not a transgression," Waskow said. "So for years we have put an orange on the seder plate and invariably someone asks why it's there, which leads to a discussion of what it means for women to be symbolically affirmed that way."

Waskow's seder will be built around the Conservative movement haggadah, "Feast of Freedom," as well as the "Shalom Seders," three haggadot combined into one volume, which Waskow published in 1984.

Rabbi "Yitz" and Blu Greenberg usually have 25 or 30 people at their lively seder table to celebrate the redemption.

Blu Greenberg, who is an author and speaker about women and Judaism, and her husband, who is the president and a founder of CLAL — the National Center for Learning and Leadership, use "an eclectic mix of haggadot," the rabbi said.

They pick several from their collection of more than 50 different types and rotate them each year.

They also use "The Fourth World Haggadah," which was published by the World Union of Jewish Students about 20 years ago. It focuses on "sensitivity to the downtrodden and liberation through social justice," he said.

He also likes to include a special reading, developed by CLAL 15 or 20 years ago, devoted to "the fifth child," the Jewish child murdered in the Holocaust who is not here to ask

a question.

His signature issue, religious pluralism, is reflected in the Jewish sources he cites at the table, he said, and these range from classical rabbinic commentators of the Talmud to Orthodox Rabbi Joseph Soloveitchik, Conservative Rabbi Harold Schulweis and Reform Rabbi Eugene Borowitz.

Liz Swados, a composer who recently finished scoring Bill Moyers' upcoming public television series, "Genesis Project," has celebrated the feast of freedom in many different ways.

Her favorite seders, she said, were during the three years in the 1980s that her oratorio titled "The Haggadah" was staged at New York's Public Theater at the time of Passover.

In the show, the Exodus story was acted out with Balinese shadow puppets, masks and songs to draw out the dual themes that "no Jew is free until everyone on the earth is free, and the passing down of stories through the generations," Swados said.

Matzah was passed out to the audience and at the end, the 24-member troupe — which included an elderly Yiddish actor, a lesbian cantor and well-known black gospel singers — sat down to eat a seder meal.

"It was a trip. It was my ideal seder, and I hope to do it again," she said. In the meantime, though, she usually joins friends at their homes for the seder.

Rachel Cowan, a Reform rabbi and director of the Nathan Cummings Foundation's Jewish Life Program, has between 35 and 40 people sitting around little tables in her living room for the reading of the seder, which is followed by a buffet dinner.

When her husband Paul, a journalist, was alive, he would always write something to read at the seder, she said.

He died of leukemia in the autumn of 1988. His last seder was held at his bedside in the hospital with just their family present.

"The next year I thought, 'How can we do it without Paul?'" she recalled. "Then we realized that now I was leading it, and that it goes forward and carries you on with its own momentum."

At seders then and now in the Cowan household, a theme is chosen for discussion. Last year, she said, the topic was the peace process.

"We don't sit around and read the text as it is," said Cowan. "It's about the meaning of Pesach that can be brought to our lives. We never quite

know what's going to happen, sometimes you can't stop the talking."

Texts used in the Cowan house include Waskow's "Rainbow Haggadah," a feminist haggadah from a Los Angeles Jewish women's group, and readings from Anne Frank.

At Julius Lester's seder table, participants use the haggadah that he put together while he was studying for his conversion to Judaism in 1982.

Lester is a professor of Judaic studies at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst as well as spiritual leader of Beth El Synagogue in St. Johnsbury, Vt., which he describes as "Reconservadox."

When Lester was preparing to convert and began assembling his own compilation of commentaries on the Exodus story, "it was very liberating to know that I could have my own relationship to this. It was one of the things that made me think, yeah, Judaism is for me," said Lester.

"My basic theme is seeing Passover as an inner drama," Lester said. "Judaism doesn't exist in institutions. It's our personal responsibility."

## Veggies

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Chill before serving.

Total calories per serving: 136  
Fat: <1 gram

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### VEGETARIAN KISHKE

(Serves 12)

This vegetarian kishke (stuffing-like mixture) is sure to please guests at your next Passover seder.

- 4 stalks celery, chopped
- 2 carrots, grated
- 2 onions, peeled and minced
- 2 cups water
- 1/4 cup oil
- 4 cups matzo meal
- 1 Tablespoon paprika
- 2 teaspoons garlic powder
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 1 teaspoon salt

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

Mix all the ingredients together in a large bowl. Spoon 1/4 of mixture onto a large piece of aluminum foil. Roll mixture in foil into an 8-inch cylinder. Do the same with the remaining mixture to form four 8-inch cylinders. Place cylinders on cookie sheet and bake in a 350-degree oven for 45 minutes. Turn cylinders over and bake 45 minutes longer. Remove foil and serve kishke sliced and warm.

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# SYNAGOGUE LIFE

## Passover Schedules

### Beth Sholom - Dover

Wednesday evening, April 3 - 6:00 p.m.  
 Thursday, April 4 - 9:00 a.m.  
 Thursday, evening, April 4 - 6:30 p.m.  
 Friday, April 5 - 9:00 a.m.  
**INTERMEDIATE SABBATH OF PASSOVER**  
 Friday evening, April 5 - 7:30 p.m.  
 Saturday, April 6 - 9:00 a.m.  
**CONCLUDING DAYS OF PASSOVER**  
 Tuesday evening, April 9 - 7:15 p.m.  
 Wednesday, April 10 - 9:00 a.m.  
 Wednesday evening, April 10 - 7:15 p.m.  
 Thursday, April 11, 9:00 a.m. (Yizkor)

For any further information please feel free to call Beth Sholom, Dover, at (302) 734-5578.

### AKSE

**Erev Pesach, Wednesday, April 3**  
 Slyum for first born 7:30 a.m.  
 Candlelighting 6:10 p.m.  
 Mincha-Ma'ariv 6:00 p.m.  
 First Seder in Evening

**First Day of Pesach, Thursday, April 4**  
 Morning Yom Tov Services 8:45 a.m.  
 Mincha-Ma'ariv 6:30 p.m.  
 Candlelighting no sooner than 7:11 p.m.  
 Second Seder 7:00 p.m.  
 (3rd Annual Community Seder at AKSE 7:00 p.m.)

**Second Day of Pesach, Friday, April 5**  
 Morning Services same as day before  
 Candlelighting for Shabbat 6:12 p.m.  
 Friday evening services 8:00 p.m.

Chol Hamoed (Intermediate Days)

**Saturday, April 6** (3rd day of Pesach)  
 Morning Yom Tov Services 8:45 a.m.  
 Mincha, Seudah Sh'lisheet & Ma'ariv 6:00 p.m.  
 Havdallah 7:13 p.m.

**Sunday, April 7** (4th day of Pesach)  
 Morning Service 8:00 a.m.

**Monday, April 8** (5th day of Pesach)  
 Morning Services 7:30 a.m.  
 Mincha-Ma'ariv 5:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, April 9** (6th day of Pesach)  
 Morning Services 7:30 a.m.  
 Candlelighting 7:16 p.m.  
 Mincha-Ma'ariv 7:00 p.m.

**Seventh Day of Pesach, Wednesday, April 10**  
 Morning Yom Tov Services 8:45 a.m.  
 Candlelighting 8:18 p.m.  
 Mincha-Ma'ariv 7:00 p.m.

**Eighth Day of Pesach, Thursday, April 11**  
 Morning Yom Tov Services 8:45 a.m.  
 Yizkor 10:45 a.m.

Mincha-Ma'ariv 7:15 p.m.  
 Pesach ends at 8:19 p.m.

### Congregation Beth Shalom

Thursday, April 4 9:30 a.m.  
 Friday, April 5 9:30 a.m.  
 Saturday, April 6 9:30 a.m.  
 Sunday, April 7 9:15 a.m.  
 Monday, April 8 7:40 a.m.  
 Tuesday, April 9 7:55 a.m.  
 Wednesday, April 10 9:30 a.m.  
 Thursday, April 11 (Yizkor) 9:30 a.m.  
 For more information, please call Beth Shalom at 654-4462.

## Candle Lighting

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**APRIL**  
 5TH — 6:11 PM  
 12TH — 6:18 PM  
 19TH — 6:24 PM

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# SYNAGOGUE LIFE

## Holocaust Memorial Commemoration

On Monday evening, April 15, 1996, at 7:00 p.m., the Rabbinical Association of Delaware (RAD) will hold a service commemorating the Holocaust. This Yom HaShoah event will take place at Congregation Beth Emeth, located on 300 West Lea Boulevard.

Can there be prayers after the Holocaust? Theodore Adorno stated that no poetry could be written after Auschwitz. Prayer is poetry. Each catastrophe of Jewish life — the destruction of the Temple, the bloodbaths of the Crusades, the pogroms of Eastern Europe — was followed by an outpouring of Jewish prayers which fixed these events in the liturgy and in the memory of the Jew-

ish people. The confessional prayers of the High Holidays (slichot); the mourning chants of the Ninth of Av (kinot); the memorial prayers which included the martyrs of all the millennia of Jewish history: this was the poetry of Jewish prayer for the times of darkness.

Then came Auschwitz; and there were many scholars and rabbis who could no longer say the old prayers for the new event. The Holocaust was different. It was unique. The old prayers had given comfort with their assertion that the suffering was part of the Divine Plan, "afflictions of love" (yissurim shel ahavah) through which the children of God were purified. They reminded Jews of their

own sins (mipne chatta-eynu) through which they had been exiled from the land and from the nearness of God. They taught acceptance. The Testing of Abraham (the Akedah) often became the structure for an edifice of glowing faith.

Isaac was not sacrificed; but a million children died in the camps. The survivors of these events — all the survivors, all of the Western world — need new poetry and prayer after emerging out of the darkest circle of the Inferno. In the Jewish tradition, there are those who have turned to silence as an act of faith or in rejection of faith. More than fifty years have passed. The time has come to create a new prayer of hope and inspiration.

Our guest speaker, Rabbi Gustav Buchdahl of Temple Emanuel in Baltimore, will speak on "The Transformation of Tragedy." Rabbi Buchdahl has served Temple Emanuel in Baltimore since 1963. He was ordained at the Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion (HUC-JIR), earned his Master of Liberal Arts

degree from Johns Hopkins University and was awarded his Doctorate of Ministry also from HUC-JIR. Rabbi Buchdahl has lectured extensively on the subject of Jewish detectives in fiction, an outgrowth of his dual interest in detective stories and the human response to evil. He has also lectured on the origins of the Holocaust and helped create a German-Jewish dialogue called a New Generation.

The service on Monday, April 15, 1996 at 7:00 p.m. at Congregation Beth Emeth, will be conducted by the sixth grade Albert Einstein Academy students. Following the service, memorial candles will be kindled by second and third generation families.

## AKSE Community Seder

Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Synagogue invites the community to its 3rd Annual Seder to be held on Thursday, April 4, 1996 at 7:00 p.m.

This 3rd Seder, which is Glatt Kosher, will be catered by Steve Bonner of Ala Carte Caterers. The meal includes wine, gratuities and waiter service.

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## Rabin Biography Released

The first biography of Yitzhak Rabin to interpret the events before and after his assassination comes to bookstores this April. **Shalom, Friend: The Life and Legacy of Yitzhak Rabin** (Newmarket Press, 352pp, illus., \$24.95, hardcover) is written by more than a dozen writers and editors who covered Rabin's career for *The Jerusalem Report*, Israel's premier English-language publication. *The Report* was the first publication to reveal potential right-wing plotting to assassinate Rabin months before it occurred. The book includes insider views of the Rabin role in the peacemaking process, and examines Israel's current situation and diplomacy in the peace process, which insiders believe might be leading Israel on a perilous course.

The book also details accounts of the main events of Rabin's life: his army years and triumph in the Six-Day War; his marriage to Leah Schlossberg and his family life; the period he served as Ambassador to the United States; his political career in Israel and his changing attitudes toward Yasser Arafat and Shimon Peres. But more than a biography, Israel-watchers and those who care deeply about the State will be particularly interested in the in-depth accounts of events taking place after the assassination, as the country and Jews around the world come to terms with one of the most tragic political deaths in modern Jewish history.

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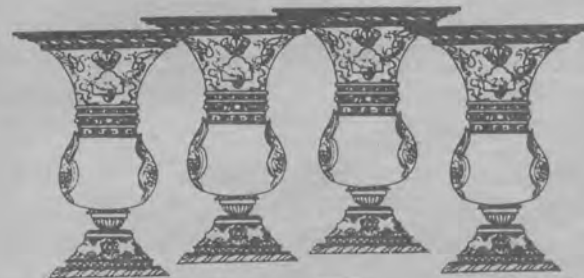


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SYNAGOGUE LIFE

NEWS & COMMENTARY

# Roth, Castle, Greenhouse, Sills At Beth Shalom's Mitzvah Day

Wilmington's Congregation Beth Shalom's third annual Mitzvah Day was highlighted by remarks from a number of elected State, New Castle County and City of Wilmington officials. Delaware's Senator William V. Roth citing from Proverbs commended the nearly 100 congregants and friends of Beth Shalom on their dedication to charity and service for the community. Congressman Michael N. Castle presented a copy of The Congressional Record in which he recognized this past Sunday as the Congregation's dedication to community service. Official proclamations were presented by County Executive Dennis Greenhouse and City of Wilmington Mayor, James H. Sills.

This year's program included visits and meals brought to homebound synagogue members, and a choral group entertaining at both the Kutz and Parkview Homes. Volunteers spent the day baking cakes and bread for guests at the Ronald McDonald House, while another group prepared meals and served at Sojourners Place in Wilmington. As in years past a number of members provided help with a number of synagogue projects including polishing the Torah crowns and finials, as well as needed work in the library and kitchen. For the third year in a row a group of adults and children sorted and packed donated food items at the Newark Food Bank; these items are then distributed to the needy.

During the brief service that preceded the various activities Rabbi David Wortman described Mitzvah Day as the one day that the Beth Shalom family does what they do all year long, as individuals in fulfilling obligations to fellow members of the community. With this year's Mitzvah



Joyce Kaufmann (L) and her sons, Andrew and Jonathan join Dina Lipschultz at Ronald McDonald House.



day close to Passover a reminder for Mazon, the annual drive for funds for food for the poor, was made by Can-

tor Swerling. The co-chairs for this year's event were Anita Sobel and Byrna Rappaport.

# Philatelic Group at the JCC

The Jewish Community Center is interested in forming a group for collectors of Israeli stamps. The Israel Philatelic Agency of North America is coming to the JCC on Sunday, April 28 for the community-wide Jerusalem 3000 celebration. The agency, a division of the International Governmental Philatelic Corporation of Israel, has made the Wilmington community a fabulous offer. Just present this article to the agency representatives at their booth and they will give you a free souvenir sheet of stamps. This sheet, over 10 years old, is limited to one per

person. The agency is eager to meet Israeli philatelics (stamp collectors) and will also offer free appraisals for Israel collections. For information or to make an appointment for an appraisal, contact Mona Allen at (302) 478-5660.

# Russian Contest for Cantors

By LEV KRICHEVSKY  
MOSCOW, March 10 (JTA) — Just six years ago, there were no cantors in Russia, a place that once had a rich cantorial tradition.

But earlier this month, the men's choir of the Moscow School for Cantorial Arts received first prize in the International Folk Choral Competition held here.

The Moscow group beat 29 other choirs from Israel and across the former Soviet Union in the competition, held under the auspices of the Russian Culture Foundation.

Vladimir Pliss, who runs the school and is chief cantor of the Moscow Choral Synagogue, conducted the group, which was formed three years ago.

Pliss' choir has appeared in concert throughout the former Soviet Union and Western Europe.

The political situation has changed in the former Soviet Union in the last decade, making it possible to practice Judaism more openly.

As a result, the cantorial tradition has reappeared.

Pliss said that six years ago, "all Russian cantors either left the country or died, and the synagogue in Riga, Latvia, remained the last to have its own cantor."

In the early 1990s, Pliss and other musicians — with the help of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee — embarked on a project to advance the cantorial arts, almost forgotten among Russian Jews.

"We believed that cantorial art

would help in bringing the assimilated Russian Jewry emotionally closer to its roots," said Pliss, who studied cantorial singing with Joseph Malovani at Yeshiva University in New York.

Today, there are many cantors in Russia, some of whom have continued their studies in the United States or have found positions in American congregations.

Others work in Russia, mainly in Moscow, which today has two professional cantorial choirs.

However, Pliss said, the Russian capital does not need so many cantors, which is why the school plans to conduct workshops for young Jewish musicians from outlying areas who are interested in the vocation.

The first seminar is set for this summer in the Volga region.

Russian synagogues generally do not have funds to support cantors.

"We have teachers, promising youth, but we cannot provide most of our cantors with the synagogue practical experience," Pliss said.

He added that the JDC and the Russian Jewish Congress are working on a program that would make it possible for synagogues to offer young Russian cantors long-term contracts.



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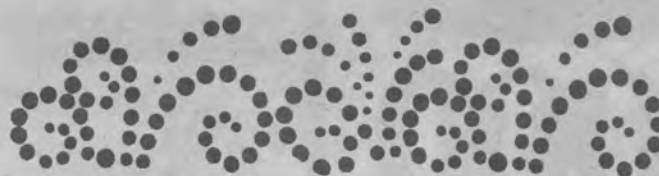
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## NEWS &amp; COMMENTARY

# There's Nothing New Under The Sun (Especially Chicken Feet)

By TED ROBERTS

Well, what goes around comes around, they say; and Ecclesiastes, one of the less humorous books in our bible, puts it more sedately, "there's nothing new under the sun." And as usual, the Book of Books - the Zayde of all Books - is correct. I'm sure the Ecclesiastical comment is referring to barbecued chicken feet, which I encountered last week in a trendy Chinese eatery.

As I enjoyed a bowl of these babies at a Szechwan eatery, a vision of my old bubbe's face appeared on the table top. The closest she ever came to Chinese food was a glass of hot tea in her kitchen. BUT she was boiling up chicken feet in her soup years and years ago when the menu in the three or four Chinese restaurants in America could be printed on a fortune cookie note. "Chop Suey" it said. And on weekends they added "Chow Mein."

How true it is that today's craze was yesterday's bore! My grandmother served chicken feet in her soup (why waste?) and artfully convinced me and my little brother that it - not the breast - was the real delicacy. (I think she worked part time at the used car lot). Then as I ma-

tured into a sophisticated consumer of Chicken Rochambeau, Chicken Marengo, Chicken Diablo, and Chicken Breast Nintendo, I forgot that chickens had feet. Forty years

fatter thanks to DNA research. And guess why it's on the menu? To reward the Jewish customers who have subsidized the oriental food business for years. Jews have long used Chi-



of chicken breasts prepared with all imaginable sauces obliterated the memory of my grandmother's tasty delicacy. With a mouth full of chicken breasts Cacciatore, who could remember that the creator had fashioned plump pulkis and feet to carry those breasts around.

Now forty years later, Oriental chefs are dishing out marinated, pickled chicken feet. Nothing has changed. It's the same foot. Same color, same shape - maybe a little

nese food to commemorate major evens. "It's Joey's bar mitzvah, let's go have Chinese," Or "Well, Bennie's gone, but he didn't suffer, let's stop at the Chinaman." Or "Listen, TOMORROW we declare Chapter 11 - TODAY let's order in some Chinese."

Picture a meeting in the kitchen of a four-star Chinese restaurant. The owner and the chef sit across a chopping block from each other. The atmosphere is heavy with the smell of

ginger, soy sauce, sherry, and scientific inquiry like when Edison turned to his assistant and stated; "You know, it would be great if we had electricity so when you got up at night to relive yourself you wouldn't fall into the fireplace."

The owner speaks. "We need to have a fancy, shmancy dish that'll thank our Jewish customers for paying \$12.95 for a half ounce of meat and 20 cents worth of Chinese cabbage."

"You mean like when we gave 'em Kreplach and called it Won Ton?"

"Yeah, but something new."

"Like General Pao Kae Chung's Mandarin Chicken - which was a stewed hen in chicken schmaltz with a touch of sesame and soy sauce?"

"Yeah, yeah."

"Like when our oriental brothers, the Japanese, came up with pickled herring and rice; and called it Sushi?"

"Exactly."

The chef looked down to think, then looked up with inspiration flashing in his brown, almond eyes.

"I got it," he calmly declared. "What's the magic word in the Jewish heart - Bubbe - that's what. And what did Bubbe do all day besides talk to the kids on the phone?"

"I dunno," said the boss as he picked at an overstuffed egg roll.

"I'll tell you what she did. Just like my mama in Shanghai she worried about feeding her family with a handful of copper coins. And that meant turning fish heads into ginger spiced delicacies that made you think you were sitting at the emperor's banquet

# Trial of Rabin's Assassin

By NAOMI SEGAL

JERUSALEM, March 17 (JTA) — Arguments in the trial of Yigal Amir came to a close this week, with the defense contending that murder charges against the confessed assassin of Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin should be dropped.

After two months of testimony, the defense and prosecution rested their cases in Tel Aviv District Court on Sunday, leaving Amir's fate in the hands of a three-judge panel.

Their verdict is not expected for

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table. The Bubbe did the same magic with chicken feet. But soy, sherry, and ginger root weren't in her pantry."

I'm fairly confident that's what happened and that's why really creative, oriental pleasure palaces offer up Chicken Feet Dim Sum.

So I'm one of the few Caucasian customers who orders the chicken feet. The Oriental proprietor and his waiters smile profusely - delighted to find an eater who appreciates this exotic, Far Eastern cuisine. Bubbe wouldn't believe it.

## A Day of Events

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12:30 p.m.

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# NEWS & COMMENTARY

## Assassin

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several weeks, lawyers said after Judge Edmond Levy adjourned the court Sunday.

In her closing remarks, prosecutor Pnina Guy argued that Amir, a 25-year-old law student, should be convicted of premeditated murder.

"He expressed no remorse. On several occasions he said he was proud of killing the prime minister and vowed that he would do it all over again."

She also asked the justices to accept the opinion of three psychiatrists who examined Amir and concluded that he did not suffer any mental or emotional disturbances, temporary or otherwise.

Amir has pleaded innocent to charges of premeditated murder. He said he wanted to paralyze Rabin in order to remove him from the political arena and stop him from continuing the peace process with the Palestinians.

Defense attorney Shmuel Fleishman said the premeditated murder charge, which carries a maximum life sentence, should be dropped because his client did not intend to kill the prime minister. Another defense attorney, Gabi Shahar, asked the court to convict his client only of attempting to kill Rabin, because the possibility of a second gunman could not be ruled out.

Amir fired three times at point-blank range, Shahar said. Two bullets hit the prime minister, and one a bodyguard, wounding him. But, he also said, eight bullets were later found Amir's gun, in a clip that could hold 8. If there were nine bullets to begin with, "how do you get a clip with eight bullets left over, after firing three times?" Shahar said.

He then floated a theory that "someone topped off the clip with blanks and then fired at Rabin using a different gun equipped with a silencer at the very moment Amir pulled the trigger."

Several witnesses testified that someone shouted, "Blanks, blanks" when Amir fired, but the person has remained unidentified.

"It's not enough to cast doubt on evidence and suggest various theories," Levy said. "You have to support your theories."

The judge said he would soon announce when the court would hand down its verdict.



Mayor Rudolph Giuliani rides the #18 bus in Jerusalem as a gesture of solidarity.

## Acquittal of Neo-Nazi Leader Spurs Call For Hate-Crimes Laws

By AGNES BOHM

BUDAPEST, March 11 (JTA) — Thousands of people gathered here to protest the acquittal of a Hungarian neo-Nazi leader who had been charged with inciting racial hatred.

Sunday's demonstration came after a Budapest municipal court ruled last week that there was insufficient evidence to convict Albert Szabo, who openly declares himself the direct ideological heir of the man who

led the Hungarian Nazis during World War II.

Szabo's trial began in November, after he and five of his followers were charged with wearing Nazi uniforms and with displaying Nazi flags and other symbols at public demonstrations.

They were not charged with organizing anti-Semitic demonstrations, because such gatherings are not illegal under Hungarian law.

All six were cleared by the municipal court.

The state prosecutor announced

that he would appeal the case to the Supreme Court.

After the trial, Szabo said in an interview on Hungarian radio, "Jews and Gypsies are over-represented in the economic and political life of Hungary."

Szabo, 40, fled Hungary in 1956 when the country was under Communist rule.

When he returned here some five years ago, he founded the World National Popular Rule Party, which was patterned after the wartime Arrow Cross Party of Ferenc Szalasi.

Hungary had a pre-war Jewish population of nearly 1 million. About 90 percent of the Jews fell victim to the Holocaust under the Szalasi regime.

Szalasi, a Hitler collaborator, was executed after World War II as a war criminal.

Szabo's acquittal prompted Sunday's demonstrators to call for changes in Hungary's hate-crimes statutes.

A new, comprehensive anti-hate bill that has been approved by the Hungarian government is expected to be brought soon before the Parliament.

The bill provides for prison terms of up to five years for anyone convicted of a crime motivated by ethnic, racial or religious hatred. It would also make Holocaust denial a punishable crime.

The leadership of Hungary's 80,000-member Jewish community expressed hopes for the bill's swift passage.

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# NEWS & COMMENTARY

## Polish Leader Condemns Work On Mini Mall Near Death Camp

By ALISSA KAPLAN

NEW YORK, March 12 (JTA) — The president of Poland has condemned the construction of a mini-mall across the street from Auschwitz.

President Aleksander Kwasniewski was quoted in news reports as saying that he believes that the site for the shopping center is inappropriate, regardless of legal circumstances that might allow for it to be built.

Plans for the mall included a home and garden center, supermarket, fast-food restaurant, clothing and textiles stores, and a parking ramp.

The president's press office also said he had assured Knesset Speaker Shevach Weiss in Israel that he would take action to resolve the issue.

In addition, the Polish culture minister, Zdzislaw Podkanski, who formally supervises the museum at the camp, reportedly said he had told the local governor to halt construction and the local authorities to review the construction permit.

The plans for the mini-mall have outraged Jewish groups around the world.

Kalman Sultanik, vice president of the World Jewish Congress and a Holocaust survivor, said in an interview that he had appealed to the Polish president on the matter Tues-

day morning, communicating his distress about the mall.

"It's grotesque and insensitive," Sultanik said, adding that Auschwitz represents all the Nazi camps in Poland.

Some 1.6 million Jews were killed at Auschwitz-Birkenau during World War II.

According to news reports, town officials and top Auschwitz museum administrators agreed to the mini-mall.

Museum Director Jerzy Wroblewski said the plan was "in no way harmful" and accused the media of misrepresenting it.

He added that the project would "bring order" to the zone around the death camp, a 547-yard protective zone established in 1979 to keep the area's character and mood.

Wladyslaw Bartoszewski, 73, a former Auschwitz inmate who now heads the museum's council, said he believed that the mall project was created out of "thoughtlessness," not "ill will."

Fueling the fire is the contention of the project's Polish developer that there is nothing wrong with the idea.

The developer, Janusz Marszalek, and a German partner planned to open the mini-mall in a renovated

factory and warehouses in early June.

"How can that desecrate the memory of this place?" Marszalek was quoted as saying. He said the project would create jobs in Oswiecim, the town of 45,000 where Auschwitz is located.

Marszalek is also the president of the Polish Catholic organization that now is housed in the former Carmelite convent at Auschwitz.

Jewish groups previously campaigned against the convent and a church at the site, saying that the camps are a huge graveyard and the major symbol of the Holocaust, in which 6 million Jews died.

Rabbi Avi Weiss, national president of the Coalition for Jewish Concerns-AMCHA, was one of those actively opposed to the presence of the church and convent. One of Weiss' protests, in 1989, ended with convent workers kicking him and his followers — in the presence of police.

Weiss said in a telephone interview Monday that he ultimately places the blame for the mall project on the Polish church and the Polish government, both of which, he said, have "no moral backbone."

Weiss made it clear in the inter-

view that he would go to great lengths to stop the construction of the mall, "even if it means sitting in front of tractors."

The project also reportedly drew condemnation from the regional newspaper Trybuna Slaska, which last week called for it to be halted in a story headlined "Supermarket Auschwitz."

In addition, Szymon Szurmiej, chairman of the Coordinating Committee of the Jewish Organizations in Poland, said, "It is simply unthinkable that directly in front of the biggest death factory of all time" that a "supermarket is to be built."

He added, "Maybe tomorrow they'll set up roulette tables in the barracks."

## Non-Partisan Political Skills

Delaware's population is more than 50 percent female, yet women hold less than 20 percent of the elected political offices at the state level. That's why the YWCA of New Castle County will hold its second non-partisan political skill-building seminar for women on Saturday April 20, from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. at the Buena Vista Conference Center in New Castle.

Those attending the seminar will learn communication and presentation skills from former Delaware state senator and professional trainer Margo Bane Woodacre.

The fee is \$35 and includes a continental breakfast, lunch and a wine and cheese reception. The registration deadline is April 5. For information call Stephanie Moller at the YWCA at (302) 658-7161.

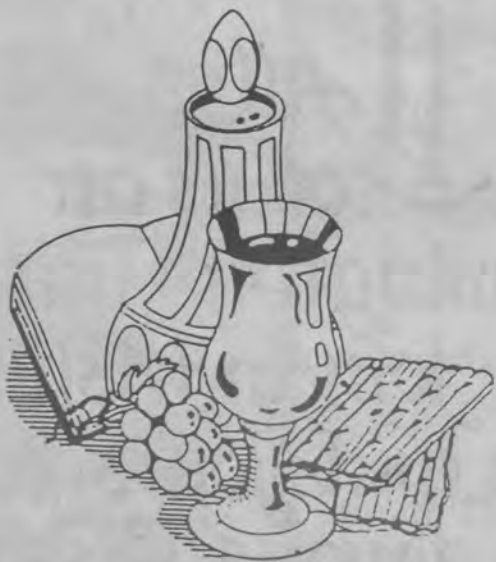
## Osteoporosis Conference

A conference on osteoporosis sponsored by the Preventive Medicine and Rehabilitation Institute of the Medical Center of Delaware features expert presentations and workshops on nutrition, diagnosis and treatment, estrogen replacement, exercise, and prevention for premenopausal women, children and adolescents. Registration fee: \$10. To register call PMRI at (302) 428-4272. Saturday, March 30, 1996, 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Arshat Hall, University of Delaware, Wilmington Campus, Pennsylvania Avenue.

## Editorial Policy

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# NEWS & COMMENTARY

## Recapture Of Klinghoffer Killer

**By DANIEL KURTZMAN**  
 WASHINGTON, March 17 (JTA) — U.S. and Italian officials have stepped up efforts to recapture a Palestinian hijacker of the Achille Lauro cruise ship who escaped during leave from an Italian prison. The United States offered a reward of up to \$2 million for information leading to the capture of Youssef Magied al-Molqi, who was convicted of the 1985 murder of Leon Klinghoffer, an American Jew who was shot in his wheelchair and thrown off the deck of the hijacked cruise ship. Molqi fled a church-run shelter in Italy on Feb. 28 while on a 12-day good-conduct leave from prison, where he was serving a 30-year sentence.

The State Department also announced that it is prepared to resettle informants and their families in the United States — signaling the high priority Washington is assigning to the case.

Italian authorities, who also offered an unspecified reward for information about Molqi, reportedly are investigating six people in connection with his escape. Molqi was the third Achille Lauro hijacker to escape while on leave from an Italian prison.

Only one of the hijackers remains in custody.

U.S. officials have criticized the Italian law that permits cooperative inmates to spend time out of jail, regardless of the crime they committed.

The U.S. reward was offered under the State Department's Heroes program, which designates payments to informants in terrorist cases.

The program has been credited with leading to the 1995 capture in Pakistan of Ramzi Ahmed Youssef, wanted in connection with the Feb. 26, 1993, World Trade Center bombing.

A similar reward was offered for two Libyan suspects sought in the 1988 bombing of Pan Am 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland.

## Brandywine Cooks & Books

Brandywine Cooks & Books is a new fund-raiser for the Tatnall School special benefits Committee. It will take place on Wednesday, April 10th at the lower school Welles Activity Center. There will be fourteen nationally recognized cookbook authors

## US Postal Service To Issue First Ever Chanukah Stamp

**By TOM TUGEND**  
 LOS ANGELES, March 6 (JTA) — Last fall, the 360 students at the Kadima Hebrew Academy launched a letter-writing campaign to persuade the U.S. Postal Service to issue a first-ever Chanukah stamp to complement the familiar Christmas postal themes.

Late last month, the young lobbyists' petition got its stamp of approval, directly from Postmaster General Marvin Runyon in Washington.

"I think your idea is a good one," wrote Runyon in a letter read to a cheering audience of Kadima kindergartners. "I am happy to tell you that the Postal Service will be issuing a Chanukah stamp this year."

Altogether, the 5- to 12-year-old students upped the income of

Runyon's operation by mailing hundreds of letters, with some sending as many as four each.

Most pupils also included proposed designs for the stamp, heavy on menorahs, candles and dreidels, said George Lebovitz, headmaster of the Conservative day school in Woodland Hills, a Los Angeles suburb.

Lebovitz said the project, besides being a lot of fun, served three pedagogical purposes.

"It gave the kids practice in writing, it was a lesson in applied democracy and it focused on a Jewish theme," he said. "It also built a lot of pride in our youngsters."

Woodland Hills Postmaster Mike Madrigal said the student campaign proved that even in the era of e-mail and faxes, it still pays to write letters.

The Postal Service gets 30,000 to 40,000 requests a year proposing new stamps. Over the years, there have been numerous suggestions for Chanukah stamps, said Terri

Bouffiu, Los Angeles spokeswoman for the Postal Service.

However, the Kadima campaign struck a special chord in Runyon's heart and he personally pushed the approval of the Chanukah stamp, said Madrigal of the Woodland Hills post office.

The project was originally proposed by the parents of a Kadima student, and the letters were initially dispatched to California's two Jewish U.S. senators, Barbara Boxer and Dianne Feinstein. They, in turn, forwarded the mail bags to Runyon, along with design suggestions.

The stamp, designed by Hannah Smotrich, a graphic design instructor at the Corcoran School of Art in Washington, shows a somewhat abstract image of a menorah with nine multicolored candles resting on a horizontal base.

The stamp will go on sale in October as part of the Postal Service's new Holiday Celebration series.

Israel will issue a stamp with the same design later this year.

working together with fourteen of the Brandywine Valley's outstanding restaurants and caterers to prepare a delicious dining event.

The evening will begin with a patron's part (5:30-7:00 p.m.) at a cost of \$100 per person (\$70 tax deductible). At 7:00 p.m. the doors will be open to the general public at a cost of \$30 per person. Tickets can be purchased in advance for a reduced price of \$25 per person.

(Call (302) 658-0558 or (302) 368-3026).

The following is a partial list of the cookbook authors participating and the book titles: Marie Simmons - *A to Z Bar Cookies, A to A Muffins, Lighter, Quicker, Better*; Nick Malgieri - *How to Bake*; Joan Nathon - *The Children's Jewish Holiday Kitchen*; Miriam Rubin - *Grains*; Francis Price - *Healthy Cooking for Two or Just You*; Jack

Czarnecki - *A Cook's Book of Mushrooms*; Ruth Glick - *100% Pleasure*.

Author Joan Nathon will be featured on WHYY TV12 with students from the Tatnall School preparing two items from her cookbook (*The Children's Jewish Holiday Kitchen*). This coverage is still being formulated but she will most likely prepare Matzah Pizza's and Chocolate Covered Matzah.

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**Restaurant Review:**  
**A Taste Of The Past And More**

By **MARVIN CYTRON**  
*Acting Editor of The Jewish Voice*

Wherever there was a Jewish neighborhood there was always a special delicatessen. So if your favorite pastrami spot was in Philadelphia's Strawberry Mansion, New York's Lower East Side, St. Louis's Easton Avenue or Wilmington's Second Street area, that taste is back in Wilmington. Jonathan's recently opened at 408 Philadelphia Pike with a complete menu of the old favorites as well as an enticing array of Middle Eastern selections.

Those Wilmingtonians that frequent Philadelphia will recall Jonathan's of that city located near Jefferson Hospital, that has now moved to our town. Operated by David and Catherine Adadgi, Jonathan's offers New York size corned beef, pastrami and chopped liver sandwiches. The menu lists a selection of lox, sable, whitefish and other fish platters with parve cream cheese and bagels. Grill selections include chicken, veal, rib steaks, shish kebobs, as well as a children's menu.

The plus of this remodeled "deli" is the Middle Eastern cuisine. For the vegetarian diner Jonathan's offer homous, and falafel as well as eggplant, Israeli, tabouli, Turkish and Moroccan salads served with fresh pita bread. For a taste of Tel Aviv

there is schawarma. If you ask "what is schawarma?", go and try it!

Jonathan's is open Monday to Thursday, 10:30 - 8:00, Fridays until 3:00, closed on Sabbath and religious holidays but open on Sundays 10:30 to 9:00. Jonathan's is glatt kosher, offers a take out menu (302-762-5838, fax 762-5680) and specializes in catering and trays for the home or office.

Deserts are not forgotten, with Baklava a specialty as well as huge cakes, a chocaholic's dream. For the "nosher" there are also potato pancakes, gefilte fish, kishke, and stuffed cabbage. Jonathan's will have their official grand opening right after Passover, but you can beat the crowds and get a sandwich or other selection before the holiday.



Jonathan's "Deli's" David and Cathetine Adadgi.

**Peddling Exhibit At Philadelphia Jewish History Museum**

As a daughter of immigrants whose children went on to college and entered the professions, Clara Braslow is justifiably proud of their success. But she is prouder still of what her parents were able to achieve through hard work, tenacity and optimism.

"American Jews at Work: Selections from the Collection," opens at the National Museum of American Jewish History, 55 N. 5th Street, on March 27. With close to 200 artifacts, it focuses on the strategies that immigrants and their children used to "make it" in America.

The theme of resourcefulness in Clara's family story is echoed throughout the exhibition. Between 1880 and 1920, two and a half million Jews left their homes in eastern Europe, determined to build new lives in America. And while they realized that instant wealth was not a guarantee, they expected at least to find a way to lead independent lives.

Among immigrant - and second-generation Jews economic success often meant compromising with tradition by working on Saturdays, the Jewish Sabbath. Many Jews, however, sought jobs within the Jewish community, working for kosher butchers, bakeries and dairies, Yiddish language newspapers, or even matchmakers.

"American Jews at Work" features trade cards and advertisements from these businesses as well as the actual items they produced: a milk bottle from the Hebrew Dairy in Baltimore, a tin of Barton's Passover chocolates, a ceramic jug from Margulis Kosher Wines, and a Yiddish typewriter used in the Philadelphia office of Der Tag.

Jews also carved out distinctive niches in the larger economy. Many had arrived with skills in cigar and cigarette making or from the needle trades that matched the demands of the urban economy. Their experience is illustrated in the exhibition by photographs of sweat shops, tailor shops and retail clothing stores, along with advertisements, cigar tins and labels, trade cards, hangers and practical tools. These include a sew-

ing machine, a set of cobblers tools, and a tailor's shears and iron.

Street marketing, too, became a way to make a living in densely populated neighborhoods. Selling from pushcarts, many Jewish immigrants developed a bustling commerce in a wide variety of commercial goods, creating what a columnist for a popular Yiddish newspaper described in 1903 as a "great department store on wheels."

Evident throughout "American Jews at Work" is the variety of occupations that Jews pursued in their quest for both independence and economic advancement. The exhibition even looks at those Jews who found work in sports and entertainment, boxer Louis "Kid" Kaplan and composer Irving Berlin.

Over time, the children of immigrants followed a traditional path from peddler to merchant to professional. Mitchell Bernstein, a prominent Philadelphia physician, was the son of an immigrant cigar maker who eventually established his own shop. Though a letter from Bernstein, on view in the exhibition, complains of possible anti-Semitism upon applying to medical school, he went on to establish a successful medical practice.

"American Jews at Work" remains on view at the Museum through July 21, 1996.



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# Holocaust Remembrance Week

Shimon Peres, Prime Minister of Israel and successor to Yitzhak Rabin, will be Sir David Frost's guest on the next broadcast of *...talking with David Frost*, airing Friday, March 29, at 10 p.m. ET (check local listings) on PBS. In keeping with Sir David's commitment to news making programming, the interview will be taped within days of broadcast and just weeks before Israel's national election, seen as a critical juncture in the Middle East peace process. Sunday, April 7, 10 p.m.

**PASSOVER: TRADITIONS OF FREEDOM**

PASSOVER: TRADITIONS OF FREEDOM, airing Sunday, April 7 at 10 p.m. on TV 12, retraces the historical importance and meaning of rituals in the Passover celebration. Filmed in Israel and throughout the U.S., the one-hour program intertwines ancient customs and individual family stories with the history of traditional Passover foods.

Below: A Bill Moyers Special about six great religions premieres March 26 on PBS.



To commemorate National Holocaust Remembrance Week, FRONTLINE embarks on a four-year-long journey to search for what happened to the shtetl in Bransk and to uncover the origins and depth of Polish anti-Semitism. In "Shtetl," airing Wednesday, April 17, at 8 P.M., on PBS (check local listings), filmmaker Marian Marzynski, a Polish-born Jew hidden as a child by Catholics, and Zbyszek Romaniuk, a twenty-nine-year-old Pole with a curiosity for Jewish history, confront the memories of Nazi terror and explore the state of Polish-Jewish relations. Filmed in Poland, the United States, and Israel, "Shtetl" is a universal tale of Jews and those who lived around them.

On November 8, 1942, Nazi soldiers rounded up the Jews living in a shtetl, a small village, in Bransk, Poland, and ordered the town's farmers to provide horse wagons to transport them to a nearby train station. Within twenty-four hours, Bransk's 2,500 Jews died in Treblinka's gas chambers. Their shtetl died with them.

Jews had lived in Bransk for more than four hundred years. In fact, Poland was home to the world's largest Jewish population for centuries. There, Jewish culture was bound together by firm spiritual ties, by a common language, and by a sense of

destiny, and shtetls existed as a community to its inhabitants and a society to a larger population. But Jewish existence in Poland was nearly destroyed by the Holocaust when nearly six million Jews perished. For more than fifty years, many have searched Poland's haunted world of Jewish ancestry looking for understanding of history.

"Shtetl" is a very unusual film about the Holocaust," says executive producer David Fanning. "It unfolds almost as a detective story, where the viewer is in the center of the action-empowered to be a private eye through the process of the main character's discovery."

As part of FRONTLINE's National Holocaust Remembrance Week commemoration, the series will rebroadcast on Tuesday, April

16, the acclaimed "Memory of the Camps," a 1945 film made by British and American film crews who were with the troops liberating the Nazi death camps.

"Shtetl" is produced and directed by Marian Marzynski.

Funding for FRONTLINE is provided by the Corporation for Public Broadcasting and public television viewers.

Additional funding for "Shtetl" is provided by The Righteous Persons Foundation.



Zbyszek Romaniuk restores a Jewish cemetery.

## Passover Kids Video

By DAN WEINTRAUB  
Publisher's Representative

If you are not a parent of young children living in a home that's wired for cable then you are probably not familiar with the animated characters known as the Rugrats. I'm not, I don't and I wasn't. *The Jewish Voice* received for review a promotional copy of a Sony Wonder and Nickelodeon video called "A Rugrats Passover," and subtitled as a "Special Double-Length Holiday Cartoon." Nickelodeon is a cable television channel which provides children's programming. This tale within a tale features a modern day Passover observance and a variation on the Biblical Passover story.

"Rugrats," as you might expect, refers to animated toddlers and infants who are in no way idealized in this cartoon world. According to the people selling the video the Rugrats "takes a baby's eye-view of the world and is one of cable's highest rated regular series and Nickelodeon's top rated program." If this cartoon is in any way typical of this age of the Simpsons then holiday cartoons for children today are a far cry from a Charlie Brown Christmas. The animated characters are quirky, the families are dysfunctional and the humor is slightly unconventional. This story literally turns the concept of an Egyptian Pyramid upside-down.

Needless to say the kids are going to love it. Many parents may enjoy watching it too. While it is nice to see a Passover themed cartoon on the market it is obvious that the creators struggled in presenting the role of the Creator. Moses comes across like the lone hero. And in this version it is babies, not Jews, who are slaves to a girl Pharaoh.

The Rugrats does touch on real-life themes but without being didactic. A Rugrats Passover portrays two-career families, intermarriage, intergenerational conflict and the divergent attitudes towards religious observance. Among the fun moments are a discussion of how to pronounce "herb" as in "bitter herbs," the animated grinding of fish for gefilte fish, Grandpa Boris' Passover tale and the site gag of a young child making a

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## MARCH

Sunday \_\_\_\_\_ 10

**Adas Kodesh Shel Emeth Sisterhood Speaker/Brunch:** 11-1; Bert Green, Realtor will discuss real estate development in the Wilmington area; \$5 per person. Please reserve by March 4th. Call Andrea Finestrauss, 764-0318.

## APRIL 1996

Sunday \_\_\_\_\_ 7

**4th Annual Women's Seder,** sponsored by the Jewish Family Service's Judaism and Feminism group, 5:30. Location is to be arranged. For further information, contact Myrna Ryder, at JFS, 478-9411.

Monday \_\_\_\_\_ 15

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**Sunday \_\_\_\_\_ 21**

**Donor Dinner Meeting** of Wilmington Chapter of Hadassah, Cong. Beth Emeth Sisterhood and Cong. Beth Shalom Sisterhood with talk by Arnold Kneitel on Jerusalem 3000 along with workshops 3-7 p.m. at Beth Emeth.

**Saturday \_\_\_\_\_ 27**

**Congregation Beth Emeth** is hosting a talent show and silent auction. The auction starts at 7 p.m. with hors d'oeuvres being served. The talent show starts at 8 p.m. Gourmet desserts will be served later in the evening. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$5 for children 13 and under. Make checks payable to Congregation Beth Emeth and send to Beryl Gamiel, 621 W. 38th Street, Wilmington, DE 19802. RSVP by April 20.

**Sunday \_\_\_\_\_ 28**

**The Jerusalem 3000 Committee** of the Jewish Federation of Delaware will present the Jerusalem 3000 Extravaganza in Wilmington, DE: an all day celebration for all ages with music, entertainment, games, vendors, food and educational opportunities. The event will be held at the JCC of Wilmington. The extravaganza will last all day. There is no charge for the event. For more information, call (302) 427-2100.

**Albert Einstein Academy** invites the community to a special scholarship evening at the Delaware History Museum in Wilmington. World-renowned author Chaim Potok will speak, and proceeds from the event will go to Albert Einstein Academy's scholarship fund. For tickets and further information, please contact the school at 478-5026, or event chair Sylvia Wagman at 475-8531.

**Tuesday \_\_\_\_\_ 30**

**Women's Torah Study Group** will meet, 7:30-9:00 p.m., in the upstairs library of Congregation Beth Emeth. This Group meets every 2nd and 4th Tuesday night (except some holidays).

### MAY 1996

**Friday \_\_\_\_\_ 17**

**Celebration in conjunction** with Yom Yerushalayim, 7:30 p.m. Congregation Beth Shalom, Dover, Delaware.

**Sunday \_\_\_\_\_ 19**

**The Jewish Community Relations Council** of Greater Philadelphia and the Young Leadership Council of the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia will cosponsor an Israel Independence Day Celebration: The theme is Jerusalem 3000. This event includes a parade; a bazaar with Israeli food, merchandise and information; local entertainment; interactive educational activities for children, participatory Israeli dancing, and ceremonies with dignitaries. The event will take place at the Judge Lewis Quadrangle, Independence Mall in Philadelphia from 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM. There is no charge for this event which is open to the community. For more information, call Shira Kosoy Moses at (215) 922-7222.

**Monday \_\_\_\_\_ 27**

**Congregation Adas Kodesh Shel Emeth** in Wilmington, Delaware, the annual celebration of Israel -Cafe

Tamar will take place. Cafe Tamar features performances of Israeli dancing and music at Congregation Adas Kodesh Shel Emeth in Wilmington. The event takes place in the evening with the charge and further details to be announced. For more information, call (302) 762-2705.

### Ongoing

**Women's Torah Study Group** will meet from noon to 1:30, at Myrna Ryder's office at the Jewish Family Service, 101 Garden of Eden Road, Wilmington. This group meets every 2nd and 4th Thursday lunchtime (except some holidays). Women of the community are welcome. Both groups are studying Devarim/Deuteronomy. For more information, call Eliza Gouverneur at 322-4103.

**Women's Torah Study Group** will meet, 7:30-9:00 p.m., in the upstairs library of Congregation Beth Emeth. This Group meets every 2nd and 4th Tuesday night (except some holidays).

**JCC Art Gallery Exhibit** - Continues through April 1996. "Memories of My Life in a Polish Village" by Toby Fluck. Gallery hours are Sunday and Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. For more information, call Ella Zukoff or Mona Allen at (302) 478-5660.

**Exhibition: "THE ASSOCIATED: A 75th Anniversary Retrospective,"** tracing the growth and development of Baltimore's Jewish community federation and its agencies, through historic photos, artifacts, and memorabilia. From January 21 through June 2, 1996 on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Sundays from noon to 4:00 p.m. at The Jewish Historical Society of Maryland, 15 Lloyd Street, Baltimore. Admission fee is \$2 for adults; free of charge for Society members and children age 12 and under. The sponsors of this event are The Jewish Historical Society of Maryland and the Jewish Community Federation of Baltimore.

**Young Jewish Adults of Delaware's (YJAD's)** co-ed, non-competitive volleyball league continues every Wednesday night from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

**Handbook Available On Internship Opportunities In Israel.** Have you ever considered working in Israel as an intern or volunteer? A book, entitled *Volunteer and Internship Possibilities In Israel*, can make that dream a reality. Published by the Joint Authority for Jewish-Zionist Education, this handbook is perfect for students, young professionals and potential *olim* interested in exploring employment opportunities in Israel.

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### Video

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mess with matzah toppings. In the end Passover is shown to bring the family together.

A Rugrats Passover, by Sony Wonder and Nickelodeon Video is on sale now for \$9.98 in stores. The Nickelodeon network will also air the program periodically over the next several weeks. I would rate "A Rugrats Passover" as two Passover pancakes out of four.



# OBITUARIES

## LORETTA BICOW

Loretta Bicow, 60, of 2426 Lori Lane, South Tarleton, Brandywine Hundred died on March 5.

Mrs. Bicow was a self-employed food marketing demonstrator for five years.

She is survived by her husband, Irvin; son, Howard L. of Exton, Pa.; daughters, Marti Dellobuono of Somers Point, N.J., and Jacqueline Sue Bicow, at home; and a granddaughter.

Contributions can be made to the Delaware Hospice.

## MIRIAM U. GREIBACH

Miriam U. Greibach, 92, of 1203 Greenway Road, Brandywine Hundred, died Monday March 4th, of multiple organ failure in Foulk Manor

South, Brandywine Hundred.

Mrs. Geribach was a former member of Temple Israel of New Rochelle, N.Y., and its Sisterhood and a life member of Haassah and ORT, a worldwide organization for rehabilitation and training. She taught physics at Hunter College and science and mathematics in New York City for several years until retiring to raise her family. Her husband, Emil, died in 1976.

She is survived by daughters, Rita Panar of Wilmington and Sheila Greibach Carlyle of Los Angeles, and a grandson.

Contributions can be made to: Hadassah, in care of Ruth Goodman, 2806 Bodine Drive, Wilmington 19810.

## Garson Bat Mitzvah

Julie Keil Garson celebrated her Bat Mitzvah on December 30, 1995 at the Jewish Center of Princeton in Princeton, New Jersey. Julie is the daughter of Drs. Eliot and Lea Keil Garson, the granddaughter of Judge and Mrs. Charles K. Keil of Wilmington and of Dr. Helen S. Garson and Mr. H. Neil Garson of Reston, Virginia.

Her great-grandfather is Mr. Isadore N. Silverman of Wilmington. Julie's great-grandmother is Mrs. Faye Solomon of Florida.

## Local Resident Joins Leadership Council

Ruth Rosenberg, a resident of Wilmington, has been named to the President's Young Leadership Council of Women's American ORT. The Council is composed of 12 women, all under the age of 45, drawn from throughout the United States.

The members of the President's Young Leadership Council were selected on the basis of their leadership potential. Each member is expected to develop one major project

or program in her community to bring greater visibility to Women's American ORT, as well as to mentor future leadership for the organization.

Ms. Rosenberg has been an active member of Women's American ORT for seven years. She has served in many leadership positions and is currently President of the Brandywine Chapter-at-Large.



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## Words &amp; Music

## From Germany to Saigon

By STEVE COHEN

Arthur Miller's latest play, *Broken Glass*, takes us back to the time of the *Kristalnacht* when Nazis smashed Jewish windows and began the first stages of the Holocaust. In the text and in the advertising for the production now at the Plays & Players Theatre, we are asked: What was it like to be an American Jew in October 1938?

For my American Jewish family it was a month of settling in at our new home in an outlying part of Philadelphia. My parents had just moved away from the old neighborhood where the rest of their families lived; it was almost an hour's drive to visit my grandparents, aunts and uncles. Though we were still in the same city, everyone asked why we had moved to such a distant location. And that is precisely the point that Arthur Miller is making.

If West Philly to Oak Lane was considered far removed, how much more distant was Germany?

My parents were trying to connect with neighbors who would play mah jong with my mom or share gardening tips with my dad. Other day-to-day problems too: where to find a synagogue and how to co-exist with our next-door neighbors, the O'Donnell's, who were taught that every Jew was personally guilty of killing Christ.

My parents heard that the Ameri-

can Nazi Bund had anti-Semitic rallies in a neighborhood two miles away, but they trusted that was too distant to have to worry about.

The family in *Broken Glass* hears about the pogroms in Germany and says, "Oh, that's the other side of the world." Some ask how Hitler is any different from the many anti-Semites who have been persecuting Jews for centuries. Others are worried but wonder what an individual Jew in the United States can do about it.

The husband and father is an upwardly-striving accountant in Brooklyn who's proud to be the only Jew working for a mortgage company. He tries to avoid the connection between his life and the lives of Jews in Germany.

The attractive and healthy wife and mother becomes suddenly paralyzed and the play revolves around the attempt to find the cause. Is she paralyzed with fear? Fear of the Nazis, or of something else? Or is it impotency? Hers, or someone else's, or everyone's at that time?

In its focus on the solving of a mystery, this Miller play reminds me of his first hit, *All My Sons*, which was written two years before his *Death of a Salesman*.

This play has imperfections. It isn't a masterpiece, but it's head and shoulders above most other new dramas. Miller's writing is poetic, and

at the same time realistic and often humorous. The Philadelphia Theatre Company production is stunningly staged, wonderfully performed, and runs until the end of March.

You may not realize the local connection of the Delaware Valley with *Miss Saigon*. The musical, now at the Forrest Theatre in Philadelphia for an extended run, is an up-dating of the "Madame Butterfly" story. And that story was written in 1900 by John Long in his home which overlooks the Little League baseball diamond in Elkins Park.

Long's novel was turned into a Broadway drama by David Belasco and then into an opera by Giacomo Puccini.

Claude-Michel Schonberg and Alain Boublil specifically chose to make the Puccini opera the model for their show. Re-set around the end of the Vietnam War, *Miss Saigon* has been running in New York for years. This production is the first in our area.

Schonberg and Boublil were almost too ambitious. To the personal tragedy of the Asian girl and the American military man they added the spectacle of war, the plight of homeless refugees and the anguish of Vietnam vets. Not content with that, they also added a subtext about greed and commercialism, a shooting, a flashback scene and a ghost.

picked up by more than 100 public radio stations over a period of three years.

"One People, Many Voices" is divided into three parts. The first section focuses on the roots of Jewish music and how Jews influenced and were influenced by the peoples with whom they lived and made music. This section sums up 2,000 years of musical history, including hasidic melodies, Ladino and Yiddish songs and cantorial music, the latter featuring famous voices like Yossele Rosenblatt.

The second part, called "Downtown/Uptown," picks up on American Jewish music at the turn of the century as immigration soared and Jews entered the mainstream of American cultural life. During this period a vibrant Yiddish theater was born, and Jews like Benny Goodman and George and Ira Gershwin helped usher in the era of jazz and the Broadway musical.

The third part, "American Jewish Music Comes of Age," looks at Jewish music as Jews entered the core of American life in the 1960s and beyond, with popular musicians like Paul Simon and Barbara Streisand, as well as "crossover" artists like Leonard Bernstein taking center stage in American musical life. It was also the period of klezmer revival groups like Kapelye and the Fabrengen Fiddlers, which helped popularize klezmer to an increasingly wide population of Jewish and non-Jewish listeners.

For information on copies of "One People, Many Voices," call the National Foundation for Jewish Culture at (212) 629-0500 ext. 213.

And, I almost forgot, the famous helicopter. None of this was in the original.

You might think this would be too much. But it all works. *Miss Saigon* engages the emotions and is exciting theater.

Although I loved Jonathan Pryce in the original Broadway cast, this new production touches me more. Maybe it's because I now have a two-and-a-half year-old son, the same age as Kim's (Butterfly's) son when he appears in the second scene of the first act.

The son becomes the focus from that point to the end, and that's what gives the play its kick. The sounds, lights and props help to make this a good show. But the central drama about a woman's devotion to her son, in *Miss Saigon* and in *Madama Butterfly*, is what haunts you afterwards. It's the ingredient that has made the novel, the opera and the show into the classics that they are. A new two-CD set on Angel presents

the complete score of *Miss Saigon* with a double-sized orchestra.

For anyone who thinks there was a misprint above...yes, I was alive in 1938, and yes I do have a two-and-a-half-year-old son.



Robert Duval to portray Adolf Eichmann in "The Man Who Captured Eichmann."

## A Passover Book For Children

Reviewed By MARVIN CYTRON

Acting Editor Of The Jewish Voice

*The Matzah Ball Fairy*

Carla Heymsfeld, Illustrated by Vlad Guzner

UAHC Press, 1996, \$11.95

Looking for a special Passover gift or Affikomen reward for a primary grade student or a "read to me" child? Carla Heymsfeld, an elementary school reading specialist, provides a fantasy story for the young reader along with the joy of Passover that may be the answer.

In preparation for Passover, Freida Pinsky strives to make her matzah balls light and fluffy but to no avail. Magically the Matzah Ball Fairy appears and with a special ingredient the matzah balls are light and fluffy.

As the family, from near and far gather for the Seder and family meal, Frieda discovers that she used too much of the magic ingredient and family members float off in the air after eating the matzah balls. Once again the Matzah Ball Fairy appears and saves the day. Vlad Guzner, the illustrator, originally from Russia has captured the family gathering of the Seder in this richly illustrated book.

A special postscript explains the holiday of Passover and matzah balls for the non-Jewish reader. A special addition to the postscript with a matzah ball recipe would have been welcome, but there is an extra page where one can add her own recipe before she gives this book to a child or grandchild.

## Award Winning Radio Series of Jewish Music

The radio program "One People, Many Voices: Jewish Music in America," produced by the National Foundation for Jewish Culture, received the industry's highest honor—the Corporation for Public Broadcasting Award for Arts and Humanities.

The six-hour program, first heard

on National Public Radio, will now be available for pleasure or study both in its New York and California branch.

"One People, Many Voices," has given me a chance of sharing with an audience my own Jewish musical heritage," said Theodore Bikel, who hosted the program, which was

## The Dead Seder Mythology

NEW YORK, March 7 (JTA) — The Grateful Dead may be gone as a musical group since the death last year of its leader Jerry Garcia, but Jewish-related mythology about the much-beloved band lives on.

The Dead's large Jewish following has long speculated about the religious practices of Mickey Hart, the only Jewish member of the Dead and the band's drummer.

He has been rumored to have been the guiding force behind the annual Passover seder that the Dead held backstage each spring when they played in New York City. It was a 45-minute gig between the sound check and the sound check and the opening of the show.

The band's publicist, Dennis McNally, said the abbreviated seder was enjoyed by about 20 members of the Dead entourage, including sound guys and roadies, but that Hart would show up only for about five minutes of the ritual.

The last two Passover shows that the Dead played in the New York area were catered by Lou G. Siegel, a kosher deli in Manhattan.

The deli owner's son, Myles Share, got the catering gig through people he met at the shows he attended as he followed the band across the country in true Deadhead style.

Along with the requisite matzah ball soup and chopped liver, Share provided the seder participants with special yarmulkes, made of purple suede and stamped in gold with the Dead's signature "Steal Your Face" logo.

The haggadot bore the same logo, and became a hot collectible among Jewish Dead fans, Share said.

One of the yarmulke-and-haggadah sets was sold at a synagogue auction in Marin County, Ca-

lif., for \$500, he said.

Many of the Dead's Jewish fans claimed that the band scheduled shows in New York around Passover and Yom Kippur each year so that Hart could be with his mother for the holidays.

Grateful Dead spokesman Dennis McNally denied that report, calling it "a folk tale."

Hart was unavailable for comment, busy in the studio in the final stages of mixing his latest solo album.

But his personal assistant, Howard Cohen, set the record straight about Hart's Passover seder style.

"In the seven years I've known him, he's never had a seder," said Cohen. "He's not really what you'd call a practicing Jew."

McNally, the Dead's publicist, agreed.

"Mickey is a drummer," he said. "He worships the beat. His religion is percussion."

## Shtetl

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into a library. We organized an ensemble and the children went to learn to sing songs. Soon we had a seder at Passover and were more open about the holidays and our religion."

JDC has a staff of only 14 professionals in its Kiev office, including the security guard that accompanies them on all excursions in this crime-ridden country. Mindful of its limitations, especially in the vastness of the challenge across the former Soviet Union that spans eleven time zones, JDC pursues a long-term strategy of community independence.

The **JEWISH VOICE**  
**FEATURE**

# A Shtetl Story

By **GERALD S. NAGEL**

*Shtetl - Yiddish diminutive: A small town in Eastern Europe, Russia, Ukraine or elsewhere, mainly insulated by geography and culture, where Jewish life thrived, then eroded, then was destroyed by the Nazis... or so we thought.*

Here in an isolated village 65 miles south of Kiev, about as far to Kiev's south as Chernobyl is to its north, the temperature has not reached 0° for days — from the minus side. It rose to -3°F, but slipped quickly back to -17°F. The ground is frozen solid, and the ice-encased snow, with nary a footprint of beast or man, extends for miles in all directions.

Life is cruel throughout Ukraine, as in much of the former Soviet Union, especially in the relentless, unforgiving, almost unbearable winter. But compared to Kiev, where nearly all toilets seem broken, where nothing has replacement parts, where automobiles however old, filthy and noisy at least lumber along the main streets, life in Bogoslav is not only frozen by the weather, but seems frozen in time.

Outwardly nothing much has changed here since Sholom Aleichem wrote his *Tevye the Milkman* stories in this town in the 1870s, basing his fictional village of Anatevka, made famous in the musical *Fiddler on the Roof*, on Bogoslav and other remote outposts. The Jews have been fiddlers on the roofs more than Sholom Aleichem could have imagined, the most devastating fall being in World War II, which decimated the town's Jewish population by 3,000 to a few hundred, of whom 240, mainly elderly Jews, live here today. Yet the fiddlers are climbing back on their roofs.

Nobody in his right mind should want to come here, yet Meri Zizov, an Israeli who has come back to Ukraine to help ease the plight of Jews and others, is definitely in his right mind.

Zizov is a 34-year old Kiev native who feels so strongly that he has to give back what he has gotten that he left the sunny climes of Israel where life is a struggle but not compared to that in Bogoslav, moved to Kiev for a few years, and comes to outposts like Bogoslav about 180 days a year.

"The people here need my help," said the tall, burly Zizov, who looks like the Israel policeman he once was, but who speaks with a softness like the steps of a ballerina caressing the dance floor at the National Open House in Kiev. "The phrase in Hebrew is 'ain b'rera,' which means 'there is no choice,'" he said, "I have to do this."

Zizov works for the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, known throughout the former Soviet Union, Eastern Europe and the 57 countries where it carries forth its humanitarian programs as the Joint. It is funded mainly by American Jews, through contributions to United Jewish Appeal annual campaigns with Jewish federations across the U.S. The Joint is one of several humanitarian organizations in Ukraine with a specific mission to aid Jews, although it invariably helps nearby non-Jews as well.

Zizov's wife not only understands his commitment, but loves him enough to have accompanied him to Kiev where she is studying to be a dentist at the Ukraine National University.

"I know that I will have to retake some courses and study some more to pass the qualifying examinations in Israel where standards are higher," she said in Hebrew, "but I don't care. I love Meir and what he is doing, and lives will be saved because of it. So if I have to work a little harder when we return to Israel, after all, it will be worth it. How can I want to be a dentist and help make teeth healthy, if I let others suffer, or even die, because I wanted to study in Israel?"

On this frigid day, Zizov was bringing food packages to Bogoslav's elderly Jewish shut-ins, along with Boris Grinberg, a local leader. They trekked from his van, which couldn't negotiate the snow-laden side street, up the snowy walk, bending his head slightly beneath the net bough of an iceberg-like tree, and rapped on the door of Luchlya Rondal.



**Jewish community volunteer Boris Grinberg (right) delivers a JDC food package to Luchlya Rondal, an 81-year-old shtetl dweller in Bogoslav, Ukraine.**

She greeted them in Russian, still the main language of Ukraine even though Moscow no longer controls this newly independent country to its south. She stood there for a moment, in her coat, an old scarf draped across her hair and ears and knotted beneath her chin, exchanging pleasantries before inviting them and two visitors inside. They quickly filled up the bigger of the two tiny rooms as she opened the package and removed the foodstuffs that would carry her into the rest of the winter, through the spring and to the distant warmth of summer.

"Is good, is good," she said, the silver on her remaining teeth glistening as she smiled. "The Joint keeps me alive," she said gladly. Then a pause. "We need so little, but we need it so much."

Mrs. Rondal has lived in Bogoslav her whole life, 81 years. Like tens of thousands of elderly women in the former Soviet Union today, her husband was quickly conscripted by Stalin to fight the invading forces of Hitler and, untrained as soldiers, undisciplined and in disorganized brigades, they were quickly killed. She and others have been widows for over fifty years.

She worked as a bookkeeper in the town and was able to support herself but her children, except for a daughter who lives in Dnepropetrovsk, a city 200 miles south, succumbed, probably to the cold and pneumonia. Mrs. Rondal has diabetes and other illnesses. An estimated 42 percent of Jews over 70 in Ukraine suffer from three or more chronic diseases. JDC estimates that a third of the Jews in Ukraine, as throughout the former Soviet Union, are over 65.

In much of Ukraine, conditions are horrendous, and of the 20 percent who said they believe they need hospitalization, 43 percent said that they would not go unless the situation was critical because, as another elderly Bogoslav woman, a non-Jew, said, "When you go into the hospital, you may not come out."

Mrs. Rondal said her main fear was not lack of food because she receives the Joint's packages. Nor of isolation because she does have a telephone and Sonya Abramovitz, one of the town's Jewish volunteers, who visits her often. Nor does she fear the cold, pointing to the coal-burning heater in her apartment. "I fear that I will have no medicine," she said, throwing up her hands, as if to suggest it could happen.

Medicine is in short supply in Bogoslav, in the hundreds of shtetls. Medicine is more readily available in Kiev, where there is a black market. However, the shortage is sufficiently chronic that doctors are now legally authorized to list as the cause of expiration on death certificates: lack of medicine. "Do not forget to tell the people in America they must help," Mrs. Rondal warned. "We are glad for the help of the Joint, but we need a lot more help."

As the group rose to leave, a visitor asked to use the bathroom. "Of course," Mrs. Rondal said and, like a good hostess, she led the visitor to the outside door, opened it, pulled close her coat, and pointed to the outhouse several feet away.

The Joint Distribution Committee has a worldwide budget of \$65 million, including \$12 million for the former Soviet Union, of which \$2 million is for Ukraine. Its core mission is to provide life-sustaining products like its food packages, food being the inner core of the most basic philanthropic initiative. Zizov and his aides regularly bring coal, firewood and other necessities to Bogoslav's isolated, mainly elderly Jews.

JDC not only helps Jews to live, it helps them to live as Jews. Boris Grinberg, who was born in this shtetl in 1938 and has lived here his whole life, has been part of this effort.

"When the Joint came here and said they could help us revive Jewish life here, I was very afraid," he said. "We have not experienced much direct anti-Semitism in recent years, but Ukraine has been inhospitable to its own Jews many times over the centuries and I worried what my

neighbors would think, or do, if our Judaism became obvious. I think I was afraid also to feel myself Jewish."

He had reason to worry. The Nazis killed tens of thousands of innocent Jews across Ukraine. One of the worst tragedies of the Holocaust took place in Kiev, where the Nazis killed 36,177 Jews on Rosh Hashanah 1941, at a ravine called Babi Yar. "My father's whole family was killed there," said Yehuda Wagner, Zizov's JDC counterpart in Kiev. "The Nazi officers kept their men drunk so they wouldn't stop. Children, women, men, the sick, everybody killed." But

Jewish life endured and, like a spark at the wick of a candle, is being renewed once again.

Astoundingly, despite the losses from the Holocaust, and the opportunity 150,000 Ukrainian Jews have taken to move to Israel since 1990, there are still 500,000 Jews in Ukraine. That is more Jews than in any country except for the U.S., Israel, Russia and France.

"JDC came here before Purim in 1992 and we learned the Purim spiel (play)," said Grinberg. "We received matzoh for Passover, tallitot (prayer shawls), and we soon had enough religious books to make a small room

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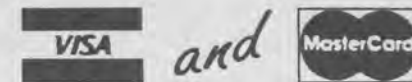
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