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## Libyan Trip Sours

By CYNTHIA MANN

JERUSALEM (JTA) — The leader of a group of Libyans on pilgrimage to Moslem holy places here lashed out at Israel, dashing hopes that the unprecedented visit would herald a thaw in relations between Libya and Israel.

The nearly 200 pilgrims also announced they would cut short their stay in Israel.

At the same time, the group's anti-Israel remarks provoked right-wing Knesset members to call for the pilgrims' immediate return to Libya.

At a news conference, Haj Tajouri, leader of the Libyan group, called for the liberation of Moslem holy places from Israel, which he termed occupied territory. He also called for the establishment of a Palestinian state.

He pointedly remarked that the group's visit did not imply any recognition of the "so-called" State of Israel.

The comments contradicted earlier, more optimistic assessments by Israeli businessman Ya'acov Nimrodi, who helped organize the trip.

Nimrodi had insisted the visit signaled a political change in Israeli-Libyan relations and even spoke of Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi visiting here in the future.

But Tajouri said the trip was made only because the pilgrims could not get to Mecca for the annual haj, or pilgrimage. Saudi Arabia, he said, denied access to Libyan flights in honor of the international aviation boycott against that country, imposed after Libya's refusal to extradite suspects in the 1988 bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland.

Israel's Foreign Ministry refused official comments on the Libyan's remarks, saying the trip



JERUSALEM -- Daw Tajouri, coordinator of the nearly 200 Libyan Muslim pilgrims currently visiting Israel, at a press conference when he demanded the "liberation" of Muslim holy places from Israeli occupation. RNS Photo/Reuters.

should be seen in religious and not political terms.

But Deputy Foreign Minister Yossi Beilin pointed out that he had not been as "euphoric" as others about the pilgrimage in the first place. Still, he said, Israel must defend the freedom of access to all holy places.

Tourism Minister Uzi Baram, who had traveled to the Egyptian border to greet the pilgrims when they arrived Monday, said in the wake of the Libyans' news conference that his office had cut off all contact with the group.

Meanwhile, the Palestine Liberation Organization said the pilgrimage was a premature step by Libya toward normalizing relations with Israel and a futile effort to curry favor with the United States.

In New York, Lester Pollack, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish organizations said, "At the same time as he (Gadhafi) reaches out (to Israel), he continues to support terrorism and acquire weapons of mass destruction," Pollack said.

Gadhafi "knows what measures he has to take to change his relationship with the U.S. government and the American Jewish community," he added.

## Biden Signs with Senators Supporting Israel

By JOSEPH POLAKOFF

WASHINGTON, (PNF) — Although the House of Representatives appears on its way to approve the usual annual grants in aid to Israel and Egypt, a bipartisan group of senators are asking colleagues to join them in a letter to President Clinton pledging they will work with him to ensure that current levels of assistance to Israel will be provided.

The letter signed by Democrats Frank Lautenberg of New Jersey and Joseph Biden of Delaware and Republicans Hank Brown of Colorado and Mitch McConnell of Kentucky "commend" Clinton for his "consistent support for current levels of aid to Israel" but note that as the Middle East peace "negotiations intensify, Israel will be asked to make serious, difficult and tangible concessions in return for peace."

"Continuing assistance at current levels sends a crucial message to the Israeli govern-

ment and her negotiating partners," their letter adds. "The government and the people of Israel need to know that U.S. support is firm during this uncertain process."

The legislative process for aid has begun with the support of the House Foreign Operations Subcommittee of the Appropriations Committee for the grant of \$3 billions in military and economic assistance for Israel and \$2.15 billions for Egypt. Jordan is allocated \$12 millions in economic and \$9 millions in military assistance.

Congresswoman Nita Lowey (D NY) has made known that the subcommittee also has provided a requirement that U.S. aid be made available to Israel not later than Oct. 31 of the new fiscal year 1994 that begins next October 1 and allow \$475 millions of the \$1.8 billion of the military aid to Israel to be used for procurement there.

## Saudi King Speaks of Benefits of Ending Arab War with Israel

By LARRY YUDELSON

NEW YORK (JTA) — Optimistic statements about the prospect of peace with Israel, made last week by King Fahd of Saudi Arabia and Jordanian Prime Minister Abdul Salam al-Majali, represent a positive change in attitude, according to Israeli officials.

In a lengthy and wide-ranging message to 2 million Moslem pilgrims who came to Mecca last week for the annual Feast of the Sacrifice, King Fahd spoke about the inevitability and benefits of peace with Israel.

Despite the failure of nine rounds of bilateral talks to produce concrete results, Fahd said that "the continuation of the dialogue indicates a mutual agreement that there is no alternative to peace and that there must be serious, realistic efforts to achieve this just demand for all."

Majali went further, saying: "I'm optimistic in regard to the possibility of achieving a peace treaty between Israel and Jordan before I end my term as the temporary prime minister of Jordan." His term is scheduled to expire in November.

Jordan has been negotiating with Israel in

the bilateral talks in Washington, which are expected to resume later this month. Saudi Arabia is participating in the multilateral talks, concerning regional issues, which are also part of the process launched in Madrid in the fall of 1991.

These two statements, said an Israeli official, "demonstrate an important shift within some quarters of the Arab world, where peace with Israel is no longer a dirty word. It even shows a certain desire or yearning for this, an understanding that peace has more advantages for the interest of those countries."

King Fahd's remarks, said the official, are particularly significant, coming on the occasion of the religious pilgrimage. But the official also cautioned that the remarks themselves "are definitely not a breakthrough."

In his remarks, Fahd said Saudi Arabia would support any effort that "contributes to ending the state of war and enabling the region to invest all its resources and abilities in construction, growth and comprehensive development, offering all the people of the region prosperity after years of bitter war and success."

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## MBNA joins with JFS to Help Russians Resettle

Jewish Family Service, a Federal Agency, has gotten a big boost for its Russian Resettlement Program, from a new partnership with MBNA. MBNA assistance has enabled JFS to sponsor home buying seminars and English classes for new Americans. Programs such as these help new Americans rebuild their lives in the United States. The spirit of cooperation was fostered initially through the efforts of Craig Lewis, and others at MBNA, to make a difference in the community. After a series of meeting between people at MBNA and the JFS staff there emerged a number of programs on which the organizations could focus.

Perhaps the most significant project has been the English as a second language course financed by MBNA. According to Linda Vodovis, of Jewish Family Service, although at one time many Delaware schools offered an English as a second language course in the



Home buying seminar participants.

evenings, that is no longer the case. However new Americans still need such a class. Since many are employed during the day Jewish Family Service determined to arrange an evening English class for the Russians. MBNA agreed to sponsor a teacher for two "15 week" courses.

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## Carl Goerdeler Defied Hitler Within Germany

By PRISCILLA W. SIEGEL

Though Hitler was supported by the majority of Germans, there were a few heroic individuals who actively opposed him. Carl Goerdeler, a highly placed official, from early on recognized the danger Hitler posed for Germany and the world. This article is based on interviews in Heidelberg on December 18 and 21, 1990 with Marianne Meyer-Krahmer, daughter of Carl Goerdeler. Dr. Meyer-Krahmer has written the story of her father under the title of *Carl Goerdeler and sein Weg in den Widerstand*. (Carl Goerdeler and His Role in the Opposition) Herder Taschenbuch Verlag.)

On February 2, 1945 Carl Goerdeler, former mayor of Leipzig, was hung by the Gestapo for his participation in the failed July 20, 1944 Hitler assassination plot. How is it that this 60 year old man, described by his daughter, as politically conservative, patriotic, traditional, and an advocate of law and order, became involved in resistance and assassination? As Dr. Meyer-Krahmer tells her father's story, it is because of these qualities that her father became part of the resistance, the "other Germany."

Carl Goerdeler was born in 1884 in a small west Prussian town to an upper middle class family with "not a

lot of money, but a lot of status." The family epitomized the genteel, civilized culture associated with nineteenth century Germany. An effective negotiator with an honest concern for people, he became Leipzig's choice for mayor in 1930 at a time when Germany was experiencing the effects of world wide depression. His sound economic leadership of Leipzig, a city of 700,000, brought Goerdeler to the attention in 1932 of Hans Brüning, the then chancellor of Germany. Brüning sought Goerdeler's advice on Germany's terrible economic situation, and in 1934, Hitler, the new chancellor, also called on Goerdeler's economic expertise. Goerdeler deplored his country's humiliating and crippled position following the Versailles Treaty, but was strongly opposed to another war as a means of solving Germany's problems. When asked by Hitler for his advice, Goerdeler warned the new chancellor that it would be economic folly to start another war. Hitler's repressive-aggressive policies almost immediately set Goerdeler on an opposition course.

At the beginning, Goerdeler and his friends were convinced that Hitler could be forced out of power within two and a half years. But Hitler's

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## NATIONAL • INTERNATIONAL

### High Court Issues Two Rulings on Religion in Public Schools

By DEBORAH KALB

WASHINGTON (JTA) — In rulings that partially split the organized Jewish community, the Supreme Court this week decided two church-state cases that could have a major impact on religious activities in the public schools.

In one case, the court, without comment, let stand a lower court ruling allowing students to lead prayers at public school graduation ceremonies under certain circumstances.

That decision Monday, in Jones

vs. Clear Creek Independent School District, chipped away at a ruling last year, welcomed by much of the Jewish community, that barred the recitation during public school graduation ceremonies of prayers containing either God's name or biblical passages.

Since the high court did not hear the Jones case and merely let the lower court ruling stand, its decision sets no precedent and is only applicable in parts of the country bound by the lower court's rulings.

In a second case, Lamb's Chapel

vs. Center Moriches Union Free School District, the court decided unanimously Monday that an evangelical church group on New York's Long Island could use public school facilities to show a movie with a Christian theme, as long as it was done after school hours.

That ruling came as a disappointment to the leading Jewish defense agencies, but was welcomed by Orthodox and Reform groups.

But the Jones ruling proved disappointing to most in the Jewish community, who had supported the court's ruling the year before in *Lee vs. Weisman*. In that case, the court barred a rabbi from reciting a religious invocation during commencement exercises at a Rhode Island

### Israeli police break up ring of Palestinian counterfeiters

By HUGH ORGEL

TEL AVIV (JTA) — Israeli police have smashed a ring of Palestinian counterfeiters who are suspected of having circulated some 1 million shekels (roughly \$400,000) in fake money through the country.

The aim of the ring may have been both to raise funds for terrorist and nationalist organizations and to destabilize the Israeli currency.

The group also printed false documents and permits, which were supplied to Palestinians.

Police and army units arrested the press's owners, brothers Najer Abu

Kader, 22, and Awad Abu Kader, 30, at their homes.

A still undetermined number of counterfeit driver's licenses, family reunification permits, insurance policies and other documents for Palestinian residents of the administered territories were also allegedly produced at the Salem Printing Press.

The nine presses and three copying machines were capable of producing tens of millions of dollars in counterfeit currency and vast numbers of false documents.

Police announced the arrests and Continued on page 23



JERUSALEM -- An Israeli policeman holds up a set of counterfeit dollar bills after police broke a Palestinian counterfeiting ring. RNS PHOTO/Reuters.

### Transportation Tax by Any Name Won't Reduce Use of Arab Oil

By DAN WEINTRAUB

Editor of The Jewish Voice

The embattled Clinton Administration's economic plan is presently before the Senate Finance Committee in the Senate. It still includes an energy tax intended to help reduce the deficit and encourage a decrease in energy usage. Reports suggest the nature and the extent of the energy tax continues to change in hopes of gaining political support. Broadcast reports indicate that the compromise energy tax will levy transportation fuels and electric power. According to most experts, in its present incarnation, the energy tax offers little hope for reducing American dependence on Persian Gulf oil.

Dr. Steve Hegedus, Energy Conversion Institute of University of Delaware, explained "As the cost of energy goes up people think more about wasting it and therefore they start to use less" said Dr. Hegedus "and companies develop methods to use less energy."

Hegedus says an energy tax will encourage the installation of conservation measures; greater use of mass transit and the use of lower energy vehicles. However, Hegedus, and Eli Bergman of Americans for Energy Independence concur, increased energy costs will be so slight that the present proposals are not likely to change American's energy use patterns.

Hegedus conjectured that the present tax could be a "foot in the

door" to set the framework for additional revenue increasing measures which could change behavior and help reduce deficits. But "getting (an energy tax) started is a high hurdle."

According to Jerome Chanus of the NJCRAC, the organized Jewish community has generally been supportive of reducing energy dependence. Especially after oil shocks in the 1970s, explained Chanus, there has been an interest in reducing dependence on oil from the OPEC countries, which historically have been enemies of Israel. NJCRAC has not taken a position on President Clinton's proposed energy tax.

Chanus said NJCRAC supports the idea of an energy tax as a method of reducing dependence on Persian Gulf oil. "It's not as direct an impact as an import fee, but any measure designed to reduce consumption to alter the patterns of behavior... will decrease dependence on foreign oil." According to Americans for Energy Independence, America now imports fifty percent of the oil it uses; approximately 23% of which is from Persian Gulf countries.

Eli Bergman, Executive Director of Americans for Energy Independence, believes the Clinton Administration's proposed energy tax won't impact oil consumption as it is only likely to increase gas prices by five to eight cents a gallon. Bergman says seasonal fluctuations increase prices to a similar extent without an impact on consumption. Bergman

says a major tax, of fifty cents to a dollar per gallon, would have an effect to significantly reduce the deficit and reduce consumption. Such an increase, says Bergman, would still mean Americans would pay less at the pump than Canada, at about two dollars per gallon, or Europe, where prices range from three dollars to six dollars. Such examples demonstrate countries can be economically successful even though gas is priced higher.

Bergman says it would take a great act of political courage to propose a large tax since the availability of cheap gasoline is an icon of American culture. Bergman attributed Clinton's initial reluctance to embrace a gasoline tax to the earlier support of such proposals by rival Paul Tsongas, and later Ross Perot, during the 1992 Presidential election.

Earl Ross, a spokesman for the American Petroleum Institute, articulated the principal arguments against an energy tax. Ross believes an energy tax will lead to lost jobs, raised prices and disadvantages for American companies against its world competitors. Ross discounted the notion that energy is used wastefully in the United States. According to Ross, less oil is required to heat smaller homes in Japan, for example, than in the United States. Ross added that Japan works with lumber exported from the United States after the en-

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## BRIEFS

## NATIONAL • INTERNATIONAL

## Pepsi No Longer The Right One?

By CYNTHIA MANN

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Pepsi Cola has lost its kashrut license from a fervently Orthodox rabbinic authority here, but the soft drink is still deemed kosher by two other Israeli rabbinic authorities.

The fervently Orthodox Eda Haredit kashrut authority last week decided to withdraw its kosher seal of approval because of the soft-drink company's "immodest" advertising campaigns and its sponsorship of Saturday night rock concerts.

The Saturday night concerts, the rabbis said, led youth to violate the Sabbath by traveling to the concert areas before sundown.

Pepsi has decided to give up the Eda Haredit license without much of a fight, claiming that the rabbinic authority was making unreasonable demands and that the loss of the license would not hurt its business.

Officials of Tempo, the soft drink's local distributor, met with Eda Haredit representatives in an effort to reverse the decision, but to no avail.

Tempo managing director Reuven Avital said this week that the meetings failed to make headway — despite the authority's desire to reinstate the license — because the company would not back down on its advertising campaign.

"We have our principles and we can't find an agreement, so we will lose their approval," he said. "Our differences can't be resolved."

Avital predicted there would be no impact on sales here. He took pains to stress that the soft drink has kashrut licenses from two other religious authorities, one in Holon and one in Netanya, where the company's two plants are located.

He said people observing kashrut laws could still drink Pepsi because it is the only cola company that has opened its doors and disclosed its recipes to rabbinic authorities.

He also emphasized all three kashrut licenses remain on all the company's other products.

## Kollek to Run for Seventh Term

By CYNTHIA MANN

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Teddy Kollek, 82, who has served as mayor of this city for the last 27 years, has formally announced he will seek re-election for a seventh, record-breaking term.

Kollek, a Labor Party member, announced Wednesday he will once again run for mayor because he is better qualified than other prospective candidates and because he was being pressured to run by Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

Although there have been reports that Kollek had already reversed an earlier decision to retire from politics, Kollek called a news conference to make his candidacy official and also produced a certificate from his doctor declaring him to be in good health.

## Russia, U.S., Denounce Pravda Lies

By DEBORAH KALB

States News Service

WASHINGTON (JTA) — The United States and Russia have both denounced an anti-Semitic article that appeared in the Russian newspaper Pravda earlier this month.

The May 5 article included allegations that Jews engage in ritual murders, a trumped-up charge that often led to pogroms in czarist Russia.

In addition, the article also linked the murders of three Russian Orthodox priests to the long-standing efforts by American members of the Chabad Lubavitch movement to gain the release of their religious texts held at the Lenin Library in Moscow.

State Department spokesman Richard Boucher, briefing reporters last week, called the article "virulently anti-Semitic."

He said the United States had spoken to the Russians about the article on May 6 and 7, and that the United States "firmly supported the efforts of the Lubavitch community to regain custody of those books."

Boucher pointed out that while Pravda is no longer an official government publication, it has wide circulation, and "we are therefore concerned that articles such as this threaten the spirit of religious tolerance in Russia."

Both the U.S. government and the National Conference on Soviet Jewry were encouraged that the Russian Foreign Ministry spoke out May 14 against the Pravda article.

Boucher quoted the Russian statement as saying the article was "destructive in its manner, and facilitates the inflammation of nationalist and religious dissension."

He said the statement added that the Russian government "takes all the necessary measures for the effective guarantee of the rights of Russian citizens, regardless of their nationality or religion."

## Ms. Magazine Co-Founder Honored

The Brandeis University National Women's Committee (BUNWC) will honor Brandeis alumna and founding editor of Ms. magazine Letty Cottin Pogrebin at its 45th Annual Conference June 8-13.

Co-founder of the National Women's Political Caucus, Pogrebin will receive the Abram L. Sachar Medallion. A leading lecturer and political activist, Pogrebin is national co-chair of Americans for Peace Now, the U.S. branch of the Israeli Peace Now movement. She is the author of seven books including *Deborah, Golda and Me: Being Jewish and Female In America*.

## Jews Considered for High Court, But Should There Be A Jewish Slot?

By DEBORAH KALB

States News Service

WASHINGTON, (JTA) — As President Clinton neared a decision this week for a nominee to replace retiring Supreme Court Justice Byron White, two Jewish jurists were among the names reportedly at the top of his list.

The New York Times reported last week that Clinton had "made no secret of his desire" to appoint a Jew to the highest court in the land.

If he did so, it would resume a half-century tradition of there being a "Jewish seat" on the Supreme Court, which has been interrupted now for nearly 25 years. That tradition began with the appointment of Louis Brandeis in 1916 and ended in 1969 when Abe Fortas resigned.

Other Jewish justices to serve on the court during that period were Benjamin Cardozo, Felix Frankfurter and Arthur Goldberg.

Jewish communal leaders say they would welcome the presence of a new Jewish justice on the court but

are more interested in the president nominating a justice whose positions on various constitutional issues are in line with those of American Jewry.

Among those Clinton reportedly was considering for the seat were Judge Jon Newman of Hartford, Conn., who serves on the 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, and Chief Judge Stephen Breyer of the 1st U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Boston. Both are Jewish.

"Jewish justices in the past served with such distinction, and were a source of great pride to American Jews, and if a new Jewish justice served with distinction," that person would also be a source of pride, said Mark Pelavin, Washington representative for the American Jewish Congress.

"On the other hand, what is most important to us is their intellect and their views on the things that are important to us," he added.

"Of course, we would welcome another Jewish justice," said Samuel Rabinove, legal director of the Ameri-



BOSTON — Judge Stephen G. Breyer of Boston, chief judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit. RNS PHOTO/Reuters.

can Jewish Committee, "but our view is that we do not seek religious or ethnic seats per se on the court."

Steven Freeman, director of the Anti-Defamation League's legal affairs department, agreed.

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## Black Caucus Members Visit Israel

By CYNTHIA MANN

JERUSALEM (JTA) — A delegation of Congressional Black Caucus members ended an intensive five-day visit here saying they felt better-equipped to defend U.S. aid to Israel.

Seven members of the caucus joined the trip, which was co-sponsored by the caucus and the American Israel Public Affairs Committee.

"It was a very important trip because, while we knew a great deal about Israel, we had the opportunity to fill the gaps and will communicate (what we learned) to our constituents," said U.S. Rep. Major Owens

(D-N.Y.).

"This is a difficult year for the budget, and there will be a lot of controversy," he said, "and we'll be in the middle of it."

Owens said that during the trip, which was filled with briefings and site visits, the group was given "every reason" on a "firsthand basis" for the United States to "continue support for Israel, uninterrupted."

"There is a great deal of polarization between Jews and blacks in the United States, and we felt it was an opportunity" to build bridges, she said.

Manocherian said she believed that was accomplished, in part because of the exposure the visitors got to the myriad programs to help absorb Ethiopian immigrants.

Rep. Bennie Thompson (D-Miss.), said he found the trip "very enlightening." He said he will take back with him a much clearer sense of where the peace talks are headed, as well as of the "points of contention in the region."

Among those participating in the mission was Rep. John Lewis (D-Ga.), a member of the House Democratic leadership.

## Falash Mora Learn About Judaism

By MICHELE CHABIN

ADDIS ABABA, Ethiopia, (JTA) — Finding this city's lone synagogue is a hit-or-miss affair, with few street signs to point the way.



WOLLEKA, Ethiopia — Ayalnesh Aragwa stands in front of the home she bought cheaply when the black Jews of Wolleka abandoned their homes. The primitive hut where she and her five children live used to be a synagogue. RNS PHOTO/Reuters.

Set back off a mud-lined street, through a dusty courtyard and up a steep flight of stairs, the Sukkat Rachamim synagogue is the last remnant of a dwindling Jewish community.

For more than 60 years the shul has been the center of Jewish life for the Adenites, a tiny community of Caucasian Jews who immigrated to Ethiopia from Aden, the one-time capital of the former South Yemen, several decades ago.

At its height in the 1950s, the community numbered about 200; today, there are less than a dozen permanent residents plus a handful of Israeli diplomats and Jewish relief workers.

It came as a surprise, then, to find the synagogue filled to overflowing with worshippers on a recent Shabbat morning. It was an even bigger surprise to learn that, despite the presence of hundreds of men and women at Shabbat services every week, it is difficult to muster a minyan.

The problem: the vast majority of the worshippers are Falash Mora — Jews whose ancestors converted to

Christianity in the recent or distant past — and thus are not considered Jewish according to Jewish law.

In late 1990, the Israeli government, with the help of various Jewish organizations and bodies, encouraged Jews living in all parts of Ethiopia to move to Addis Ababa in preparation for the Operation Solomon airlift of May 1991.

After checking the religious background of the 16,500 people awaiting evacuation, Israeli officials informed 2,800 of them that they were not eligible to immigrate to Israel on the grounds that they or their ancestors had converted to Christianity.

Today, these 2,800 Falash Mora continue to live in Addis Ababa and another 1,200 have swelled their ranks. At the request of the Israeli government at the time of the 1991 airlift, the American Joint Distribution Committee has continuously provided the 2,800 left behind with food, medical care and monthly stipends.

The remainder, who moved to the

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EDITORIALS

# Some Thoughts for Father's Day

By DOV SEIDEL

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I went to an out-of-state Bar Mitzvah recently and, when it came time for the parents to make some remarks from the bima about their child, the father said that in his preparation for the day, he couldn't think of anything to say, and therefore consulted Bartlett's "Famous Quotations." My blood ran cold. Here is the sad evidence, if we need anymore evidence, of the tragedy of assimilation. From the glorious, unsurpassed well of Jewish writing, he can find nothing to draw. In the likelihood, he has not made the study of Torah a regular activity, as we are urged to do (Chapters of the Fathers 1, 15), nor could he read and savor any

of our literature in Hebrew. Certainly by the time a child is born, parents should be reading enough in their own literature so that they can not only serve as role models, not only derive great satisfaction and wisdom from their study, not only serve as a conduit of Jewish learning to their children and their children's children, but also have the ability to prepare a dvar Torah when their children and grandchildren become Bar or Bat Mitzvah. And what an impression would be conveyed to a child if, on the day of Bar Mitzvah, a parent were to leyn!

Keep Bartlett's "Famous Quotations" on the bookshelf, but don't accept it as a substitute for Torah learning.

LETTERS

# Prognosis for Jewish War Veterans

The JWV of the USA means many things to many veterans. This should be a focal point to bring veterans together for pleasure, recreation and programs.

We are looking forward to a better life in the future of our aging membership. The camaraderie of the earlier years should be redeveloped and shaped to confirm the future of the maturing veterans.

Our programs should shift to the betterment of social awareness that engulfs not only the veteran but his entire family. Programs and activities should, where possible, shift to day-time participation since many of our members find driving at night arduous and in many cases dangerous.

Harry Lubin  
Commander  
Department of Delaware, JWV of USA

# A Consensus President

By Franklin H. Littell

President Clinton has now backed off from another prominent public action. In this case, the victim left twisting and turning in the wind is Professor Lani Guinier of the University of Pennsylvania Law School. Ms. Guinier is reported to be a friend of the Clintons from their days at the Yale Law School. The President claimed that he hadn't read her writings before making the nomination, and that the real issue was his disagreement with some of her opinions.

Before teaching law, Lani Guinier — working for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) — had a high profile as a tough fighter for black rights. Her ideas — published in prominent journals such as *The Michigan Law Review* and *The Virginia Law Review* — have been thoroughly exposed in legal and civil rights circles.

This is by no means the only major area where Mr. Clinton has had a hard time acting out the role of President of the United States. Professor Guinier now joins the spotted owl and several other casualties of the backing and filling that has characterized the first months of the Clinton Administration.

Political commentators with a nose for blood are contrasting Clinton's One Hundred Days with the first One Hundred Days of FDR's presidency. Although half of the New Deal initiatives were later overturned, in a time of acute crisis and confusion FDR kept on the defensive those opposed to change. Today, with an astronomical national debt piled up during the previous administrations, with a dangerous uncertainty in European and Middle Eastern foreign affairs following the collapse of the Soviet Union, with the economic confrontation with what is now the other world power: Japan, with a spreading unease and confusion in the American economy, those on the defensive are found in the Administration itself.

Professor Guinier's opinions should not be left unread, and neither should they be dismissed as "trial balloons." Very few if any scholarly articles — written, re-written, worked over for hours, exploring insights that have simmered in the back of the brain during sleeping hours as well as boiled on the front burner during daytime — are written frivolously. What were the key ideas of Professor Guinier that the media put on the public agenda?

Whatever we may think of her specific proposals, Lani Guinier's articles show a refreshing clarity as to the importance of power in politics. Among white liberals, what Reinhold Niebuhr fifty years ago called "moralism" and

one of his colleagues at Union Theological Seminary called "preacher politics" is still an enervating posture. Politics is not centered, even in the TV age, in verbalization: politics remains a question of power (or powerlessness). Ms. Guinier thinks African Americans have suffered too long from powerlessness.

Jewish Americans — if they have any knowledge of the centuries their forefathers survived in European Christendom — should have less difficulty than others in the white society to understand how a powerless minority feels.

In her attempt to find fresh and imaginative ways to life the burden of powerlessness from the black minority, Ms. Guinier has discussed several structural changes. In constitutional theory, she rejuvenated an idea put forward by John C. Calhoun: that a "concurrent majority" be required in certain areas. Calhoun then was trying to protect the South's "peculiar institution" (i.e., slavery) by giving the slave states a second vote on measures where the majority should not have its way unchecked. Ms. Guinier suggested that to prevent simple majoritarian rule in neglect of the legitimate concerns of the black minority, structures be found to require the concurrence of white and black sectors. These ideas are worthy of public debate.

What is President Clinton's problem? He is obviously a well-meaning man, an idealist who wants the best for America. For one thing he seems to lack a sense of power and its responsibilities. Even after the disgraceful behavior of disloyal rightwing demonstrators against him at the Vietnam Memorial on Memorial Day, he still shows no apparent awareness of the cadres and caucuses that are lying in the bushes with their knives drawn to take advantage of every real and imagined mistake he makes. He could take a lesson from Martin Luther King Jr., who while choosing the way of nonviolence still was realistic enough to know that no privileged element gives up willingly a monopoly of power.

Being a man who is willing to suffer indignities to pull the country back together, Clinton tries at every hand to reach a consensus. He acts as though he were dealing with reasonable people, with discussants who can be brought by their patriotism and a good discussion to a near-unanimity on matters of public policy. But on some issues there is no longer time for extended discussion; on some matters the time for discussion came to an end when the American voters six months ago voted for action.

This is a bad time in the history of the republic to have a consensus President, with the resultant caretaker government. If it continues this way, 1996, is going to be a very mean year.



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## Try This in Gaza: A 'Trial' Palestine

### How to Give Mideast Peace a Fighting Chance

By JEROME M. SEGAL

Gaza, that desolate strip of land along the coast between Israel and Egypt, is where the Intifada started; it is where Hamas is the strongest; it is where socioeconomic conditions are the bleakest; and it is that part of the occupied territories that most Israelis would like to be rid of. On a daily basis, Israelis and Palestinians continue to kill each other in Gaza.

Yet the solution to the current impasse in Middle East negotiations may also lie in Gaza. By putting the final disposition of Gaza on the negotiating table, the Clinton administration could move both the Israeli-Palestinian and the Israeli-Arab conflicts a giant step closer to full resolution, giving rise to a new dynamic that could weather much political uncertainty.

When the Israeli-Palestinian peace talks resume, presumably in June, they will once again labor within the crippling framework of "phased negotiations." From the start, the Palestinians have objected to those restrictions that limit the current talks to negotiation of a five-year interim agreement, with real peace negotiations delayed until the third year of that interim period. In a recent meeting of the Israeli cabinet, Foreign Minister Shimon Peres essentially adopted the Palestinian position, arguing that Israel's interests also support a move to final status negotiations.

Arguing for the creation of a Jordanian-Palestinian confederation, Peres pointed out that the government of Yitzhak Rabin must recognize that several propitious factors may not endure: Neither King Hussein's health nor Jordan's stability can be taken for granted indefinitely; the Israeli right wing may at some time return to power; Israel's negotiating strength is greater today than it will be after several years of interim Palestinian self-rule. Prime Minister Rabin, however, was unmoved. He remains committed to the idea of a testing period of limited Palestinian self-rule.

Yet, emotionally, Israel is ready to do something decisive about Gaza. Rabin himself has

expressed the wish that it would just disappear, and some members of his cabinet have called for unilateral withdrawal. For the Israelis the problem is two-fold. Is there a way to withdraw from Gaza that will still give Israel the benefits of a negotiated settlement, putting in place a government with which it can live in peace? And can that withdrawal be done in a way that does not promote increased violence in the West Bank?

For the Palestinians, the Gaza issue is also problematic. The PLO has long been committed to a policy of establishing a Palestinian state in any part of the occupied territories from which Israel withdraws. Yet Palestinians fear that if Gaza's final status is decoupled from that of the West Bank, then Israel might never withdraw from the West Bank. And they fear that the political and socio-economic challenges of a Palestinian state in Gaza may prove too difficult to surmount.

Neither the Israelis nor the Palestinians are going to put forward a Gaza-first proposal, and this is just as well. If it came from either side, it would only exacerbate the fears of the other party. It falls to the Clinton administration to come up with a proposal that can satisfy the concerns of all and that would be addressed not only to the negotiators, but to the Israeli and Palestinian publics as well. The key elements of such a Gaza-first proposal are:

- Israel will in the near term withdraw completely from Gaza, allowing the Palestinians to establish a state, constitutionally committed to peace with Israel.

- This Palestinian state will have as its citizens not just Palestinians in Gaza but those in the West Bank and East Jerusalem as well, plus those in the diaspora to whom it extends citizenship. The first government will be elected by all Palestinians in Gaza, the West Bank and East Jerusalem. The elections will be supervised by an outside party (e.g., the U.N., the United States).

- The Palestinian government will have two

territorial dimensions: it will immediately exercise sovereign powers over Gaza, and it will administer autonomy in the West Bank for a five-year period. In addition, as the government of a new state, it will continue negotiations with Israel over the remaining interim and final status issues.

- The Palestinian state will be demilitarized, except for an internal police force operating in both the West Bank and Gaza. The government will assume responsibility for preventing violence against Israelis.

- The Palestinians will be free to pursue in final status negotiations their claim that East Jerusalem should be the capital of the Palestinian state, and in the interim to establish two provisional capitals, one for Gaza and one for the West Bank, joined by a high-speed rail linkage.

- The new government will also open negotiations with Jordan over possible confederation, an idea endorsed by the PLO and with appeal to both the United States and the Israeli government.

- The Palestinian state will be eligible for admission to the U.N. and will immediately exchange ambassadors with Israel, the United States and other countries.

- Israel will allow Palestinian laborers to continue to work in Israel but will reserve the right to seal its borders should that prove necessary to prevent attacks on Israeli citizens.

- Settlers in Gaza will have the option of living under Palestinian sovereignty or returning to Israel.

- The United States will commit itself to organizing an international development fund to provide substantial resources for economic development inside Gaza and the West Bank.

The five years of autonomy in the West Bank would be a test period allowing Israel to see what it is like to live alongside a Palestinian state. It would allow the Palestinians an opportunity to demonstrate both their commitment to peaceful coexistence with Israel and their determination to establish a democratic soci-

ety. Assuming that the Palestinian state met its commitments, after three years the final status negotiations would take up as its central issue the extension of Palestinian sovereignty to West Bank territory.

Were the United States to put such a proposal on the table, it would immediately transform the negotiations into true peace talks. The establishment of a Palestinian state and Israel's commitment to future negotiations over extending its sovereignty would make it easier to negotiate temporary terms for Palestinian authority on the West Bank and to defer consideration of Jerusalem. This major advance for the Palestinians would also make it feasible for Egypt, Syria and Jordan to each provide Israel with a good measure of the so-called "warm peace" it seeks. The proposal would also allow Israel to overcome its conceptual opposition to Palestinian statehood, while giving it an opportunity to test the nature of such a state prior to facing the practical and emotional issues of Palestinian sovereignty on the West Bank.

For the Palestinians, the plan would immediately end their statelessness and produce new structures of political authority that would give the Palestinians the wherewithal to deal with the threat posed by the radical fundamentalist Hamas. With the establishment of a nation state, the Palestinian ethos would evolve from the norms of a nationalist movement, to the familiar imperatives of national interest. Energies would flow towards meeting the challenge of democratic development. And most importantly, this proposal would create a framework of incentives for peaceful passage through the interim stage and on to a lasting peace.

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## JDL: Twenty-Five Years of Teaching Jews Self-Respect

By MOSHE PHILLIPS

Education Director, Jewish Defense League

This June will mark the twenty-fifth anniversary of the founding of the Jewish Defense League by Rabbi Meir Kahane. The first meeting held to organize the JDL was arranged by Rabbi Kahane and was held in a Manhattan synagogue on June 18, 1968. Rabbi Kahane was an editor of a Jewish newspaper in Brooklyn when he decided to call a meeting of Jews interested in fighting the rising tide of anti-Semitism in the New York City area.

JDL first made headlines when it started security patrols in inner city neighborhoods to protect Jews from criminals. Later JDL attracted international attention when it began large scale militant protests to draw attention to the plight of Jews in the Soviet Union.

In the Jewish community today, where assimilation, intermarriage and apathy have spread like a cancer, it is important to remember the ideas that Rabbi Kahane taught to his young JDL activists twenty-five years ago.

JDL's ideology can only be understood and appreciated with the understanding of why Rabbi Kahane started JDL. Rabbi Kahane's

impact on the JDL cannot be overemphasized. Rabbi Kahane was the heart and soul of the JDL.

Rabbi Kahane has been greatly misunderstood, and since his assassination on November 5, 1990 his numerous critics have tried to write him off as a radical zealot who more or less "got what he deserved."

**Nothing could be further from the truth.**

Kahane was first and last a rabbi, which in Hebrew means teacher. Kahane spent most of his adult life as a Jewish activist. The main goal of his activism was to teach young Jews to be proud and to have self-respect.

Rabbi Kahane believed that post-Holocaust Jews have certain obligations. He thought that Jews must have a strong Jewish identity, and that a strong Jewish identity only comes from thoroughly understanding the Torah, a return towards authentic Jewish ideas and observance.

Another obligation Rabbi Kahane thought Jews have is to be able to respond swiftly and forcefully to anti-Semites. Rabbi Kahane taught his young JDL activists that if an anti-Semite

hits a Jew, than the Jew must hit him back. Kahane said that if the Jew fails to strike back at his attacker, or worse runs away, he only guarantees that the anti-Semite will attack him again and that he will do the same thing. Kahane often said that a failure to act in self-defense was a self-perpetuating thing and would eventually lead to a loss of any shred of self-respect.

Self-respect and pride, Rabbi Kahane taught are the products of knowing what it means to be a Jew and being able to defend yourself against those that hate Jews for simply being Jewish. Kahane believed that physical strength and self-defense training were crucial in order for a young Jew to have self-respect.

Another lesson that Kahane taught in reference to the Holocaust is that Jews must change the image of the Jew as a victim. Rabbi Kahane was often in violent confrontations with neo-Nazis, black militants, Soviet officials, and Arabs in an effort to show that **never again** would Jews allow themselves to be victimized. Kahane was often arrested because of those violent confrontations. He always took responsibility for his actions.

The reason that Rabbi Kahane started the JDL security patrols in the inner cities and the protests for Soviet Jews was that he believed every Jew has an obligation to come to the aid of another Jew who is in pain. Rabbi Kahane believed that the Holocaust must teach Jews that each Jew must feel the pain of another Jew as if it were his own pain and then act accordingly.

If more young Jews would take the time to find out who and what they are and be proud of it and stand up for themselves—they would earn their own self-respect and the respect of others. It has been more than two and a half years since Rabbi Kahane was murdered by Arab terrorist El Sayid Nosair. Many of Rabbi Kahane's critics predicted that Kahane's followers would be lost without him and that his movement would fall apart. This has proven to be wrong. JDL has continued to be active throughout the United States. Twenty-five years after Rabbi Kahane founded it the Jewish Defense League is still teaching both the Jew and the non-Jew what self-respect is and what "Never Again" means.

The Jewish Voice welcomes signed letters from its readers on subjects of interest to the Jewish Community. For verification purposes, include home address and phone number (day and evening). The more concise a letter is, the less likely it will need to be condensed. A name will be withheld upon request. Send letters typed, double spaced, to The Jewish Voice, 101 Garden of Eden Road, Wilmington, DE 19803.

## LOCAL

# MBNA and JFS Join Forces to Help Russians Resettle

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Elizabeth Balick was hired to teach the first class; and by all accounts she is a good choice for the job. The English class is offered at the facility of B'nai B'rith Lodge #470, through the generous efforts of Jack Levine. "I got a call from Roberta (Burman, Director of Refugee Resettlement) asking what nights are the facilities free?" explained Levine, who rearranged other groups' meetings to accommodate the English class. Remarkable on a tradition of involvement in the community, Levine pointed out that Balick is teaching the class in the Potter Auditorium named for her Grandfather.

The B'nai B'rith Lodge is located near the Naamans Road apartments where so many Russians have resettled. The Naaman Road apartments' concentration of Russian refugees has led Roberta Burman to refer to the area by the moniker Moscow on the Brandywine, in a recent News Journal story. This convenient proximity to the classroom for so many new Americans has also led to attendance of about 40 for the MBNA financed English class, according to Vodovis.

Another dynamic aspect of the partnership of MBNA and JFS has been a successful home buyer seminar relying on the expertise of MBNA



Roberta D. Burman, Director of Refugee Resettlement of Jewish Family Service, Kathy Pennington, Mortgage Loan Officer of Maryland National Mortgage Corporation, and Linda J. Vodovis, Acculturation and Employment Coordinator presenting the Home-Buyers Seminar at the JCC.

and others. Kathy Pennington of MPMC led the home buying seminar on three consecutive Mondays this

finance. Vodovis explained that the materials for the seminar were printed both in English and in Russian for the convenience of the new Americans. Sally Thomas says MBNA helped find experts to speak at the seminar. According to Thomas the home buying program is targeted for those who might purchase a home in the future. Russian refugees learned about mortgages, budgeting, credit and finance from such experts as a real estate agent, a home inspector, an attorney and a contractor, according to Thomas.

Boris Genyuk, who came over from Russia less than two years ago, attended the seminar and said "When I'll buy a house? I don't know, but now I understand banks, lending and the financial system (all of which) I need to know something about." For Russian immigrants, the efforts of JFS "help very much" according to Boris Genyuk.

Thomas called the home buying seminar "a good example of how our commitment (to the Community) comes to fruition." Vodovis sounded equally optimistic regarding the JFS partnership with MBNA, adding "Having a big company behind us allows us to create more successful programs. We are hoping to depend on MBNA and work with them more in the future."

Approximately fifteen to twenty MBNA people volunteered to assist in Refugee Resettlement, according to JFS's Vodovis, after a volunteer orientation at MBNA. At the orientation Burman, Vodovis, Resettling Russians Lilian Shifrin and Alex Shtarker addressed the MBNA people. The MBNA mentors are part of MBNA's "Share America" program. MBNA's Thomas explained "we want to be involved in welcoming Russians in getting settled ... and sharing America."



Participants of the Home-Buyers Seminar sponsored by MBNA bank and mortgage corporations, with Jewish Family Service.

## Adults at Beth Emeth in Bar/Bat Mitzvah Ceremony

By F.W. DeVRIES

Special to The Jewish Voice

Thirty adult congregants at Congregation Beth Emeth will be called to the Torah on Sat., June 12, at 10 a.m. These men and women underwent no Bar or Bat Mitzvah ceremony at age thirteen, and have chosen to undertake a year-long course of study to allow them to participate in this traditional "Aliyah."

All are invited to share in this Shabbat service and the Kiddush following. This is the first such adult ceremony in the history of this congregation, and future repetitions will probably to rare events. A major reason for this prediction is that so many more young men and women are undergoing this affirmation at the

traditional age of thirteen than in decades past.

Tradition admits to a second Bar Mitzvah for males upon reaching the age of eighty-three: This is at least in part based on the "three-score and ten" lifetime. Thus, at eighty-three, one has reached thirteen the second time!

A list of the participants follows: Jean L. Blumenfeld, Arlene F. Bowman, Oscar Bregman, Pearl K. Bregman, Susan A. Burstein, Edith F. Davis, Frederick W. DeVries, Lois A. Frankel, Beryl R. Gamiel, Linda K. Golden;

Eliza Gouverneur, Robin Haack, Timothy J. Habbart, Joy G. Honig, Jeanne F. Hurschman, Kathleen A. Kamen, Bruce P. LaPorte, Maureen

G. LaPorte, Millie E. Levin, Marian B. Lindbergh;

Carrie W. Littman, Joslyn R. Maerov, Marge K. Maerov, Leona G. Markewitz, Rebecca L. Mason, Ethel B. Parsons, Regina L. Ruben, Fay Rubenstein, Esther M. Timmeney, and Esther R. Zinman.

The class includes two married couples and two mother/daughter combinations.

The effort of providing tutelage and mounting this ceremony has been accomplished by Rabbis Peter Grumbacher and Sarah Messinger, School Administrator Mrs. Sue Paul, and Mrs. Myrna Pollock: Since many of the students had essentially no working knowledge of Hebrew at the beginning of the academic year, this is a signal accomplishment.

## Silverman Scholarship Awarded to Rosenthalis

Abigail Rosenthalis is this year's recipient of the Sylvia and Isadore N. Silverman Scholarship for Jewish Summer Programs. The Sylvia and Isadore N. Silverman Scholarship fund was established in 1989, on the occasion of the Silvermans' 55th wedding anniversary by their children and friends. The award honors their years of dedication to the Wilmington community, especially to Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Congregation and to the Boy Scouts of America. Scholarships are given each year to assist young people who will

participate in a summer program of Jewish study or enrichment.

Abigail will attend the JCC Day Camp. Abigail is completing the fourth grade at Marbrook Elementary School this year. She is a student in the AKSE Hebrew School. Abigail is the daughter of Rafi and Victoria Rosenthalis.

The Sylvia and Isadore N. Silverman Scholarship is open to all Jewish youth in Delaware. For an application for next year's award, call the AKSE office at 762-2705.

## Brandywine Educator Honored

By GINGER PINHOLSTER

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Brandywine School District educator, Jack H. Vinokur is widely lauded for his pioneering curriculum development, and for his efforts to promote desegregation of schools. Vinokur also teaches at Gratz. Now the director of secondary education and acting director of elementary education for the Brandywine School District, Vinokur has devoted more than 32 years to working with youngsters.

Recently Vinokur was honored by

the Northeast Alliance of Ministers, Businesses, Community Workers and Citizens. Established in 1976, the civic group emphasizes better educational opportunities for young people.

During the Alliance meeting, awards of appreciation were presented to Vinokur by Vera Murray, the recently retired director of elementary education for the Brandywine School District.

In the early days of desegregation,

kielbasa and Russian style dairy products (cheeses, kefir, and yogurt). Russian breads, cakes and candies tempt anyone who walks in. Party trays are available, made to order. Many of the items are picked up fresh by the Gesteraks, the owners, in Philadelphia and New York once a week.

Located at 2618 Philadelphia Pike at the corner of Harvey Road and Philadelphia Pike, the store is open Monday through Saturday from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m., Sunday from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m.

After coming here from the former Soviet Union, the Gesterak family has been in Wilmington for 2 1/2 years.

Murray said, Vinokur played a key role as a community peacekeeper — constantly counseling unhappy parents and working to keep anxious students motivated. "He is a sincere,

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# Gratz College Jewish Community High School Graduates

EDINA BETH BUZGON will be a 1993 graduate of Concord High School. Having just appeared in her school's spring musical, *The Wiz*, Edina also devoted much of her extra-curricular time to the Raiders' student government (executive board), newspaper (features editor and news editor), Ecology Club (secretary), A.F.S., Students Against Drunk Drivers and Drugs, and peer tutoring. Selected in her junior year to attend the University of Delaware's summer college program, Edina will be continuing her education at the same university. The daughter of Solomon and Ruth Buzgon, she is interested in either a business or law profession.



EDINA BETH BUZGON

DAVID BARNET COPELAND, son of Edward and Linda Copeland, will be graduating from West Chester East High School in June. A music devotee, David has been a member of both his school's marching band and orchestra pit. Additionally, he has participated in the 1992/93 District XII Band (PA), the 1992/93 Region VI State Band (PA) and the 1993 All-State Band (PA). Other organizations that he belonged to included National Honor Society, French Honor Society and the Chester County Concert Band. Although still undecided about a college and a major, David plans to pursue a career in music and/or physics.



DAVID BARNET COPELAND



DAVID N. GRUMBACHER

DAVID N. GRUMBACHER, who hopes to become a chef, will be majoring in culinary arts and hotel-restaurant management at Johnson and Wales University. A member of Congregation Beth Emeth's choir, youth group (BESTY) and Sunday school staff (cadet aide), this senior from Mt. Pleasant High School not only appeared in five school productions, but also played trombone in the Green Knights' band, jazz band and marching band. Other activities to which he belonged included Ski Club, Foreign Language Club and Blue/Gold (a service organization for Delaware's disabled children). David, whose parents are Peter and Suzanne Grumbacher, was employed as a counselor at Camp JCC and worked on Dave Brady's campaign this past fall.



JOSHUA A. HANDLER

JOSHUA A. HANDLER, who attends Mt. Pleasant High School, is a very busy eleventh grader. Besides playing the trombone in the band, Josh participated in drama, lacrosse and weight lifting. Other committees on which he served included the yearbook, student council, stage crew and school services. Added to his schedule were Minyonaires from Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth and work at the Wilmington Country Club. Josh, who wants to major in aeronautical engineering at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, hopes to join the police force and own a private commuter airline. His parents are Cynthia Handler and Richard Handler.

MARISSA JILL HOLOB, daughter of Gary and Adeline Holob, will be among Brandywine High School's Class of '93. Centering her academics around many activities, Marissa was a member of National Honor Society, A.F.S. (president), the gymnastics team, Ski Club, the literary magazine and both the marching and concert band. As a sophomore, she represented BHS at the Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Conference and in 1991 won a second place award in her school's oratorical contest. Other honors to her credit included receiving a scholarship to attend the March of the Living (a two week trip to Poland and Israel - spring 1992), being a Delaware delegate to the Japan/U.S. - summer 1992), and speaking at a community Yom Hashoah service (spring 1993). Her remarks from the Yom Hashoah service were reprinted in *The Jewish Voice*. She also has held numerous local and regional BBYO positions, volunteered at Camp Manito for the handicapped and is presently employed at the JCC's day-care center. Her future plans are to attend Emory University and major in political science and international relations.



DENISE JENNIFER JONAS

DENISE JENNIFER JONAS, daughter of Steven and Susan Jonas, is committed and dedicated to the preservation of our planet. A senior at Brandywine High School, Denise balanced her time between Students Against Violation of the Environment (president) and Future Educators of America (treasurer). Also, she has been a ski instructor at Big Boulder Ski Resort, a member of Congregation Beth Emeth's choir and a cadet aide in their Hebrew school department. In September, Denise will be a freshman at the University of Delaware majoring in education and minoring in environmental studies. She hopes to teach at either the kindergarten or first grade level.



MARISSA JILL HOLOB



SCOTT EON SNYDER

SCOTT EON SNYDER listed in *Who's Who Among American High School Students*, will be graduating from William Penn High School. Active in student council, Science Olympics and Math League, Scott also was a member of the Colonials' tennis team, academic team and the recipient of their Presidential Academic Fitness Award. Other activities in which this senior participated included Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Minyonaires (president) and Delaware Gratz Kneset (president). Always interested in pharmaceuticals, Scott worked part-time for two and a half years at Thrift Drug and in September will be attending the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science. He is the son of Frederick and the late Sandra Snyder.

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Gratz Grads



JEFFREY KAHN

JEFFREY KAHN, a member of National Honor Society, has set his future goals on becoming a C.P.A. and owning his own business. Calling William Penn High School his alma mater, Jeff was active in student council, Science Olympics and played on his school's tennis team. Additionally, he has served as the vice-president at Penn Acres Swim Club. The son of Jules and Priscilla Kahn, Jeff will be majoring in accounting at the University of Delaware.

LISAMAY KOPOLOVIC aspires to become an elementary school teacher after completing her education at the University of Delaware. A senior from A.I. duPont High School, Lisa was active in Drama Club, children's theatre, Junior Achievement (officer of the year) and Drama-Thespian (received four-star and honor bar award). The daughter of Peter and Sharon Kopolovic, Lisa also worked part-time for two years at McDonalds on Kirkwood Highway.



DEBRA LEBOWICH

DEBRA LEBOWICH has long been involved with children of all ages. A leader of Ketanim (services for three to six year olds), tutor at Ohev Shalom Hebrew School, afternoon teacher at Kehillah Early Learning Center, and junior counselor at Arrowhead Day Camp (three summers), Debbie will be attending the University of Maryland College Park to obtain a Bachelor's degree in elementary education. This Strath Haven High School senior not only participated in marching band (piccolo) and National Honor Society, but also represented her school in Paris as a three week foreign exchange student. Her parents are Robert and Phyllis Lebowich.



LISA MAY KOPOLOVIC



JOSEPH WILLIAM PRESLEY

JOSEPH WILLIAM PRESLEY, now a junior, continues to add to his list of honors and awards. Besides placing third on the regional Qualitative Analysis for Science Olympiad and receiving outstanding recognition on the American High School Mathematics Exam, Joseph is currently being considered as a candidate for the National Merit Scholarship Program. His extra-curricular activities at Great Valley High School included the literary magazine (an editor), Debate Club, Academic Challenge Team, Science Olympiad, Bio-Chem Club and German Club. The son of John and Alice Presley, he also worked as a newspaper carrier for the *Daily Local News*. Still not decided what college he will attend, Joseph plans to obtain advanced degrees in physics and pursue a career in the same field.

Creations Presents Wood Furniture Artist

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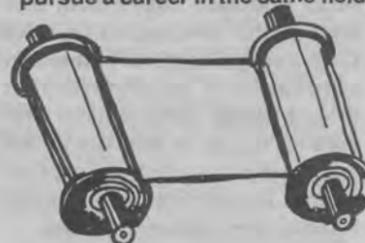
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Naches

Levine Receives Ph.D.

Phyllis Levine has received her PHD from the University of Washington in Seattle. She is the granddaughter of Mr. Harry Klein of Claymont, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Allen Levine of Heatherbrooke, wife of Dr. Larry Bornstein and mother of Jacob and Zachary.



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Еврейские организации Новой Англии призвали администрацию Уэлсли-колледжа принять меры против преподавателя Антони Мартина, который распространяет в колледже антисемитскую пропаганду. Мартин предлагает студентам в качестве учебного пособия к вводному курсу по истории афроамериканцев книгу явно антисемитского характера.

В книге "Тайные отношения негров и евреев, том 1" утверждается, что евреи играли доминирующую роль в торговле черными рабами. Также выдвигается идея о том, что евреи генетически предрасположены к порабощению других народов. Книга была издана организацией "Нация ислама", возглавляемой известным своими антисемитскими высказываниями Луисом Фараханом.

Отставив свои взгляды в полемике по этому вопросу, Мартин распространил печатное издание на 4-х страницах под названием "Негры и Евреи в Новостях Уэлсли", где снова утверждается, что евреи таят злобу по отношению к американцам африканского происхождения и поэтому постоянно с возмущением критикуют его (Мартина), обвиняя в антисемитизме.

Четыре региональные еврейские организации - Антидиффамационная лига, Американский еврейский комитет, Американский еврейский конгресс и Совет по делам еврейской общины выразили особое негодование в связи с упомянутой публикацией и обратились в Уэлсли-колледж с просьбой пересмотреть преподавательский статус Мартина.

Уэлсли - широко известный женский колледж в штате Массачусетс, еще не предпринял никаких действий в отношении Мартина. Хотя колледж официально раскритиковал книгу за антисемитизм, заявление совета попечителей "о принципе академической свободы", сделанное в прошлом месяце, полностью поддерживается администрацией Уэлсли.

Заведующий кафедрой, на которой преподавал Мартин, Селуин Каджо, осудил его за использование книги, изданной "Нацией ислама". Реакция Мартина пока неизвестна.

Translation of Russian Article:  
Wellesley Prof. Uses Anti-Semitic Text

NEW YORK (JTA) — Jewish groups in New England have called on Wellesley College to take action against Anthony Martin, an African studies professor who assigned a book widely viewed as anti-Semitic in his introductory class in African American history.

The book, *The Secret Relationship Between Blacks and Jews, Volume I*, asserts that Jews dominated the African American slave trade and suggests that Jews are genetically prone to enslaving others. It is published by the Nation of Islam, which is led by the controversial Louis Farrakhan.

As the debate over the issue heated up, Martin distributed a four-page newsletter, "Blacks and Jews at Wellesley News," stating that there is ongoing Jewish resentment toward African Americans and blasting critics who called him anti-Semitic.

The regional chapters of four Jews groups — the Anti-Defamation League, the American Jewish Committee, the American Jewish Congress and the Jewish Community Relations Council — were particularly outraged about the newsletter and have asked Wellesley to review Martin's tenure status.

Wellesley, a prominent women's college in Massachusetts, has so far not taken any action against Martin. Although college officials criticized the book as anti-Semitic, they are standing behind a statement issued last month by the school's board of trustees, which supported "the principle of academic freedom."

Martin's use of the Nation of Islam book was condemned by his own department chair, Selwyn Cudjoe. Martin could not be reached for comment.

Eleanor Weinglass  
Appreciation Reception

On Tuesday, June 15, 1993, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Board Room of the JCC, the members of the Albert Einstein Academy family will sponsor a reception in appreciation and recognition of Mrs. Weinglass' five years of dedicated

service to the Academy and its students. All parents and interested members of the community are invited to join us for this special evening.

For more information please call Cindy Goldstein at 475-9598.

Excerpts from Yucht  
Israel Talk to JFD Meeting

By RENE and JOE YUCHT  
Shalom from Israel.

When we first heard about the HINENI III mission, we thought it would be a nice vacation for us. We could spend 10 days in Israel and see a few sights. We had never been to Israel before, although we both

wanted to go there. So when this trip was announced, we quickly signed up for it.

As we came closer to our departure date, a meeting was held for those going on the trip. That was when we first heard that this mission

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## Temple Beth El and JCC Childrens Center Work Together

Beginning September, 1993, the Children's Center of the JCC will offer a first Judaic group experience for children ages two and three at Temple Beth El in Newark. Ann Herman, Director of Education at Temple Beth El, expressed her excitement about this joint program: "We are looking forward to a cooperative experience between Temple Beth El and the JCC and hope the "Shabbat and More" program will be just the beginning of a Jewish pre-

school at Temple Beth El."

"Shabbat and More" will take place on Friday mornings from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and will include holiday celebrations, Shabbat (complete with challah and grape juice), indoor and outdoor play, group experiences and more.

The first session will consist of 10 Friday classes. "We feel very strongly that there is a need for a Judaic program in Newark and Temple Beth El has been very much a partner in

establishing this new program," commented Jane Hormadaly, Director of the JCC Children's Center. Registra-

tion materials are available at Temple Beth El and at the Jewish Community Center.

For further information, contact Jane Hormadaly or Susan Kimm Gentry at 478-5660.

## Infant Care at JCC

Child care for infants, 6 weeks to one year old, will be offered by the Children's Center of the Jewish Community Center, beginning in September of 1993.

In response to a critical need for quality infant care in North Wilmington, sited by Child Care Connection, the Children's Center will provide care for nine infants with

a 1:3 adult/child ratio.

For information on this new infant care program, call Jane Hormadaly, Director of the Children's Center at 478-5660.

## JCC Transitional Kindergarten

In response to the new state legislation which requires children to be 5 years of age by November 30, 1993 in order to enroll in public school kindergarten, the Children's Center of the Jewish Community Center will

offer a transitional kindergarten program beginning September 1993.

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## Travelogue

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would not be a vacation. IT WOULD BE AN EXPERIENCE! Being the skeptics that we are, we heard what was said, but did not comprehend what the words meant. We were more concerned about the accommodations at the hotels, the meals, because we heard that the food in Israel would not be to our liking, how much time would be available to go shopping, and how good was the security. All the questions were later answered.

There were twenty-three people on the mission from Delaware. When we landed, it was Israel's 45th Independence Day. One day we went to Ashkelon and visited an absorption center. This is where the new immigrants are first housed in Israel for 6 months until they are able to get along on their own. In the center we met immigrants from Ethiopia, Chile, Argentina, Russia and other countries. The Ethiopians stay there longer because of the difficulty they are having learning Hebrew. It is amazing how all these people from various backgrounds are getting along together. It will take time and a lot of money because the Israeli government gives each family unemployment funds if they are not working and in order for these people to get a job they have to speak and understand Hebrew.

While we were in Tel Aviv, we probably had one of the finest evenings we ever experienced. Our bus went to the city of Holon and took us to the Jesse Cohen Village. This area is named for a former Delawarean who left money to start a community in Israel. Today Jesse Cohen Village is mainly supported by citizens of Columbus and Dayton, Ohio through PROJECT RENEWAL. The community center in Jesse Cohen Village is named after J.M. Lazarus, formerly of Wilmington, who donated money to build this and other centers. It was here that we each met with a member of an immigrant family who took two Delaware couples to

his or her home for dinner. We went to the home of a former Russian doctor of pediatrics. Her 11 year old grandson acted as our translator. The entire family came from Russia. Her son and daughter-in-law were dentists in Russia, but like the grandmother cannot practice their profession until they can speak and understand Hebrew. They prepared a native Russian meal for us and for the first time we had real gefilte fish, for it still had the bones in it. Our ability to carry on a conversation was limited because only the dentists' son, the 11 year old, spoke some English and we could not speak Hebrew or Russian. Time went by all too quickly and we soon had to leave to go back to the center. We all left with tears in our eyes and kissed them good bye. We vowed that when we return to Wilmington we would spread the word about the Jesse Cohen Village and its needs. We were told that Wilmington, Delaware was one of the sponsoring cities, but Wilmington has not offered much support to date for Project Renewal. We hope that this will now change because of our visit. We then met with the director of the Community Center for the Jesse Cohen Village who explained their problems and needs. This visit alone was worth the price of the trip.

We saw the Dead Sea scrolls which are housed in an ultra modern building, a blending of the old and the new. We ate dinner in a restaurant fashioned after the Roman Eateries during the Second Temple Period which was almost 2000 years ago. We all will remember, each in our own way, our visit to Yad Vashem. Whether it is your first visit to Yad Vashem or your 15th, the effect is the same. It is a monument to man's inhumanity to man! The experience was touching and sobering to us, and enlightening to the young German tourists who were never taught in their schools about the holocaust. Once they saw the undisputed evidence, even they now believe. Many of us were fortunate to participate in a special YIZKOR service that our group arranged in the memorial hall. Some of us will recall the visit to an old age home and the care being given to the elderly and sick people.

Others will remember the basement of the day care center and meeting with the elderly from various countries where the only common bond was that they were Jewish. We shall never forget the sight of the young 18, 19 and 20 year old Israeli soldiers with their guns over their shoulders. Nor will we ever forget our trip to the military cemetery near Yad Vashem. The residents were all so young with the average age about 25 years. Yes, this was an experience!

Space does not permit us to recall all the other things we did or saw on this mission. Each participant will remember something special that happened to him or her. As far as our initial vacation questions were concerned, the answers are as follows:

1. The hotel accommodations were first class in all three cities.
2. The food was better than anyone expected.
3. There was plenty of time for shopping and our group surely helped the Israeli economy.
4. The places that we visited in Israel were safer than the streets of Wilmington.

The 10 days passed all too soon for us. We'll always remember a member of the group who was staying longer in Israel waiving the Israeli flag in front of the hotel as the busses left for home.

It was then that we finally comprehended that this was not a vacation, BUT AN EXPERIENCE! It was an experience of and for the heart. Because we were able to meet with the new immigrants, the Kibbutznicks, and the Israeli government officials, one on one, we learned more, we saw more, and we comprehended more, than if we had just taken any trip to Israel. As a result, the experience turned out to be medicine for the heart. We think that we can speak for all those who went on the mission and state that we were provided more than we were promised. We have taken a few trips before and we can unequivocally state that this was the best experience ever due to the hard work of, inter alia, Shelly and Ruth Weinstein and Lelaime Nemser. It has been our pleasure!

# SYNAGOGUE LIFE

## DELAWARE'S SYNAGOGUES

<p><b>ADAS KODESCH SHEL EMETH</b> (Traditional) Affiliation: Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America Washington Blvd. and Torah Drive, Wilmington 762-2705 Rabbi Sanford Dresin Rabbi Emeritus Leonard B. Gewirtz <b>SERVICES</b> Friday -- 8 p.m. Saturday - 8:45 a.m. Sundays, holidays -- 8 a.m. Monday through Friday -- 7:30 a.m. Monday through Thursday -- 5:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>BETH SHOLOM CONGREGATION OF DOVER</b> (Conservative) Affiliation: United Synagogues of America Queen and Clara Sts., Dover 734-5578 Rabbi Moshe Goldblum <b>SERVICES</b> Friday -- 7:30 p.m. Saturday -- 9:30 a.m. <i>Discussion of Torah Portion takes place following Saturday morning service.</i></p> <p><b>CONGREGATION BETH EMETH</b> (Reform) Affiliation: Union of American Hebrew Congregations 300 Lea Blvd., Wilmington 764-2393 Rabbi Peter Grumbacher Assistant Rabbi Sarah Messinger <b>SERVICES</b> Friday -- 8 p.m.</p>	<p>Saturday -- 11 a.m. Morning Minyan - 7:55 Monday through Friday <i>A Torah Study group is led by the rabbi on Saturdays at 9:30 a.m.</i></p> <p><b>CONGREGATION BETH SHALOM</b> (Conservative) Affiliation: United Synagogues of America 18th and Baynard Blvd., Wilmington 654-4462 Rabbi Herbert Yoskowitz <b>SERVICES</b> Friday -- 8 p.m. Saturday -- 9:30 a.m. Sundays, Secular Holidays -- 9:15 a.m. Mondays &amp; Thursdays, Rosh Hodesh -- 7:30 a.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Friday -- 7:55 a.m. <i>A Torah discussion is led by the rabbi during Saturday morning services.</i></p> <p><b>MACHZIKEY HADAS CONGREGATION</b> (Traditional) B'nai B'rith Building 800 Society Blvd., Claymont 798-6846 Friday -- 8 p.m.; Saturday -- 9 a.m.</p> <p><b>TEMPLE BETH EL</b> (Reconstructionist) Affiliation: Federation of Reconstructionist Congregations &amp; Havurot 301 Possum Park Road, Newark 366-8330 Rabbi David Kaplan <b>SERVICES</b> Friday -- 8 p.m. Saturday -- 10 a.m. <i>A Torah study group meets on Saturdays at 9 a.m.</i></p>
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## Correction

\* Cantor Norman P. Swerling is associated with Congregation Beth Shalom rather than Temple Beth Emeth as stated in our last issue.

## Librarians Against Israel?

By DEBRA NUSSBAUM COHEN  
NEW YORK (JTA) — A Jewish librarian has charged the American Library Association with anti-Israel bias in planning a session on Israeli censorship for its annual convention next month.

The panel discussion, titled "Israeli Censorship: There and Here," is one of more than 2,000 offered at the June 24-July 1 New Orleans convention, which 18,000 librarians from around the country are expected to attend.

According to the Jewish librarian, who asked not to be named for fear of losing her job, the discussion will be no more than an excuse to bash Israel.

The librarian, from the Atlantic City, N.J., area, said that anti-Israel sentiment within the 50,000-member ALA has been growing over the past few years.

"This unabashed hostility toward Israel is simply the culmination of many seasons of persistent pressure and quiet agitation," she said.

There has been "a long process"

within the ALA "to single Israel out gradually," she said. "The trend with Israel is to have the language go stronger and stronger."

"Once they were able to single out Israel for censure, they no longer had to disguise their Israel-bashing session as a 'debate,'" she said.

In 1991 the ALA conference hosted a program titled "Israeli Censorship: the Occupation and Library Closings."

"They claimed they couldn't find anyone to take the Israeli side, so it was all pro-Palestinian," she said.

At the 1992 convention, according to the July/August 1992 issue of American Libraries magazine, "Israel got reprimanded when the council passed a resolution calling for the government of Israel to end all censorship and human rights violations in the Occupied West Bank and Gaza, and in Israel itself."

"An attempt at last year's conference (1991) to chide Israel turned into a resolution protesting censorship in the entire Middle East instead."

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## Falash Mora

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capital after the airlift against the express wishes of the Israeli government, receive emergency medical care and vaccinations but no food or stipends.

An Israeli government committee, headed by Absorption Minister Yair Tsaban, last month established guidelines for admitting some of the Falash Mora to Israel.

According to the guidelines, the 4,000 Falash Mora now in Addis Ababa, as well as an estimated 30,000 living in the countryside, are eligible to immigrate to Israel only through family reunification, the Law of Return, or a "return" to Judaism.

The Falash Mora at the synagogue on Shabbat morning "are finding their way back to Jewish life," said Rabbi Menshem Waldman, an expert on Ethiopian Jewry and the Falash Mora.

Over the past two years he has spent several weeks with the Falash Mora in Addis Ababa in an attempt to determine whether their return to Jewish ritual is motivated by a sincere desire to be Jewish, or — as some critics claim — an attempt to escape from the poverty of Ethiopia by feigning a love of Zion.

"If you ask me whether the Falash Mora of Addis can count in a minyan, I have to say no," said Waldman during an hour-long walk to the synagogue on Shabbat morning.

"Nor do I consider them fully Christian. They are in the process of returning to their Jewish roots, and are therefore not considered converts. I have lived with them, prayed with them, and have seen their community change its behavior from Christian to Jewish. These people pray every day, they do not work on Shabbat and they do not eat non-kosher meat."

The rabbi makes a distinction be-

tween those 2,800 who have been in the capital under the auspices of Jewish organizations for the past three years, and those who have arrived more recently.

"I cannot vouch for people who I do not know firsthand, and I cannot vouch for those still in the villages, many of whom are leading a Christian life," said Waldman.

"I can only tell you that I know the community of 2,800 in Addis, and its members want to be Jewish. They want to progress, and I hope that we will be able to assist them."

Despite a decision two years ago by the Chief Rabbinate to set up a program of Jewish study for the Falash Mora, it has not yet been instituted.

In the meantime, said Waldman, "The community does what it can to learn about Judaism. A copy of the book 'To Be a Jew' has been translated into Amharic, and the Falash Mora are studying it chapter by chapter. They receive three hours of religious instruction a day, funded by the North American Conference on Ethiopian Jewry. It's not enough, but it's a start."

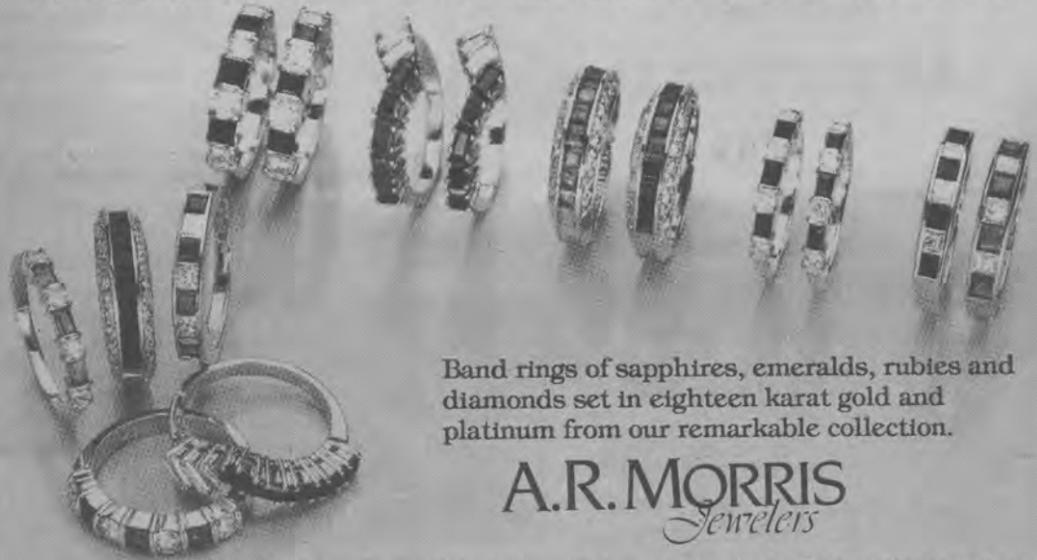
According to halachah, said Waldman, "Those who can prove that their mother and grandmother were Jewish and who seriously, honestly want to be Jews — who leave behind Christian practices and embrace Jewish faith, prayer and learning — can return to Judaism with the approval of three recognized religious leaders."

Waldman acknowledged that "there have been many mistakes in the past. About 2,000 Falash Mora are now living in Israel because no one checked their religious identities. We must now be very careful to verify that all who claim a desire to return to Judaism are telling the truth."

"The Jewish community has a responsibility to help all those with Jewish roots, and who sincerely want to lead a Jewish life, to return to Judaism. But liars cannot be tolerated."

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## ARTS • ENTERTAINMENT • BOOKS

# Book Review: Buckley Chastises Conservative Anti-Semites

**"In Search of Anti-Semitism"**  
By William F. Buckley Jr.  
Continuum. 207 pp. \$19.95

Reviewed by  
**SANFORD PINSKER**

Anti-Semitism is easy to recognize, but difficult to define. William F. Buckley Jr.'s extended meditation is not designed as a definitive treatise on anti-Semitism's long, complicated history, but rather as a way of raising questions about its current manifestations. In this approach, he focuses on the tricky, increasingly controversial business of which essayists, political pundits or talk-show gladiators (people such as Joe Sobran, Gore Vidal and Pat Buchanan) might or might not be enemies of the Jews.

Granted, Buckley has very specific, very political objectives in mind — namely, how to curb the excesses of certain contributors to his own magazine, the *National Review*, and, further, how to placate Jewish neo-conservatives such as Norman Podhoretz who worry, with good reason, about the nasty turn that Israel-bashing has taken. What is at stake, in short, is nothing less than a struggle for the soul of the political right — what its composition shall be, and what postures it will assume. Buckley, of course, is no stranger

when it comes to the older forms of what one might call social anti-Semitism. These he acquired by osmosis, if you will, around the family dinner table. As he tells us, snobbishness of this sort was "routinely spoken" during the times and places of Buckley's youth; and he goes on to admit that, in 1937, he shed tears because he was deemed too young to be included in the band of seven or eight children in Sharon, Conn., who thought it would be great sport to burn a cross outside a Jewish resort.

That Hitler's Germany was preparing new definitions of state-sponsored anti-Semitism did not occur to Buckley at the time (he equated the cross-burning with a Halloween prank), but in this regard Buckley was hardly in the minority: Most Americans did not take the implications of Kristallnacht (Nov. 9, 1938) with the seriousness it deserved.

I belabor this anecdote from Buckley's distant past for two reasons. His subsequent professional life constitutes an admirable track record of distancing himself, and his movement, from any anti-Semitic taint (in 1957, he ruled that no writer appearing on the masthead of the *American Mercury* — a magazine whose anti-Semitic drift was becom-

ing alarmingly evident — could also appear on the masthead of the *National Review*). But at the same time, Buckley's defense of the *Dartmouth Review's* diatribes suggests that he continues to think that some anti-Semitic slurs can be dismissed as undergraduate "pranks."

For example, a thoroughly offensive piece titled "Ein Reich, Ein Volk, Ein Freedman" (which links *Dartmouth's* Jewish president with Hitler) elicits this response: "The article in question was in dubious taste, but its appearance does little more than remind us that sometimes sophomores do sophomoric things." I would remind Buckley, first, that such "sophomores are old enough to join our armed forces and to vote in our national elections; and, second, that a liberal-arts education — especially at a prestigious institution such as *Dartmouth* — ought to be fashioned from richer, more humane stuff.

*In Search of Anti-Semitism* is divided into two parts, the first drawn from Buckley's long essay in the December 1991 issue of the *National Review*, and the second from the exchange of letters it occasioned. No doubt much of the book's current

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## Words & Music: Falsettos

By STEVE COHEN

What is the Best Musical Currently on a New York Stage?

My selection is *Falsettos*, which opened last season at the Golden Theatre on 45th Street, and which won Tony Awards for Best Music and for Best Story for a Musical in 1992.

It is a romantic musical comedy about coming of age in a modern Jewish family. You may have heard that this is the show about a man who leaves his wife for another man, and that is true. That is the plot hook that sets up the play. But it is much more. As one of the songs puts it, *Falsettos* is about friends and lovers and parents with children. And it's about coping with unexpected family crises. Mostly, it is about the coming of age of a very bright Jewish boy, as he learns surprising things about adult relationships.

*Falsettos* was conceived by Will-

iam Finn, a 40-year-old Jewish man from Natick, Massachusetts. (His family name was altered at Ellis Island.) It is the combination of two one-act musicals written and composed by Finn in collaboration with director James Lapine. The first act was originally presented Off-Broadway in 1981. Remarkably, the three leading male characters were being played until a few months ago by the same men who originated them: Michael Rupert, Stephen Bogardus and Chip Zien. Two other cast members, Barbara Walsh and Heather MacRae, also played their roles in previous versions. It's unique to see a cast with such long-time connection to the creation.

Finn chose the name *Falsettos* because it describes people singing outside the normal range of the voice, "and these were characters outside the normal range at the time I started writing." He says "I'm still obsessed

with these characters. I am not interested in writing about anyone else. Everything that moves and grips me in the theater can be told through these people."

One of the strengths of *Falsettos* is the way we really get to know and care about the five principal characters. We identify with them because most of them are smart, articulate and Jewish. They are funny. Under stress, they quip. Under the most traumatizing pressure, they cope and they endure. Often they laugh at themselves, and we laugh with them.

Two of the funniest scenes are when everyone attends a Little League baseball game and they sing: "We're watching Jewish boys who can't play baseball play baseball," and the scene when the family is trying to plan a Bar Mitzvah with a nouvelle kosher caterer: "I make kneidlach so delicious you'll think they're Italian."

There are many other highlights, such as the scene when the psychiatrist tells the twelve-year-old boy that it's normal to hate his parents: "Everyone hates his parents; it's in the Torah. You grow up, you grow old, you hate less."

The show-stopper is the wife's "I'm Breaking Down" number. It's hilarious and touching at the same time, sung and acted by Barbara Walsh.

That brings us to a discussion of the music. It sneaks up on you, in more ways than one. The show starts without an overture and there's no orchestra in the pit. Just a small combo located on a platform above

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## Librarians

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But this year, a number of councillors argued successfully that there was no reason not to single Israel out," the magazine account said.

A resolution protesting Israel's deportation of a Palestinian librarian, Omar al-Safi, was also passed by the council, which is the 175-member policy-making body of the ALA.

According to ALA officials, the organization has occasionally been critical of other governments for inhibiting access to information and

has spoken out on behalf of individual librarians and writers who were imprisoned.

"We rarely address governments, but because so many issues regarding access to information are international, we address those," said Peggy Sullivan, executive director of the ALA.

The session on Israeli censorship will be the only one focusing on a single government this year, she said.

Sullivan said that describing it as Israel bashing "is a strong statement to make.

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### Chamber Festival Includes Klezmer Sound

For its eighth season of four chamber music concerts in June, the Wilmington Music Festival returns with its characteristic variety of music from many sources and for varied combinations of instruments. To be held once again in the fine acoustic setting of the concert hall of the Wilmington Music School at 7:30 p.m. The second concert on Sunday, June 20 brings back favorite guest artists, clarinetist David Krakauer and

pianist Marcantonio Barone. Two well-known works, Beethoven's popular Trio for clarinet, cello and piano and Faure's virtuosic Piano Quartet are contrasted with the Suite from "Gimpel The Fool" by David Schiff which utilizes the quirky musical idiom of the klezmers, popular performers in the ghettos of Germany and eastern Europe in the 18th and 19th centuries.

Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors and students, and \$1 for children 8-15 when accompanied by an adult. Series tickets are \$32 adults, \$28 seniors/students and \$4 for children with an adult. Group rates are also available by calling (302) 762-0739. Tickets may be ordered by sending a check to the Wilmington Music Festival, 507 Brentwood Drive, Wilmington, DE 19803 or purchased at the door.

### Silent Stein to Perform at University

Mime Daniel Stein, a non-verbal actor, will perform at 8 p.m. in Loudis Recital Hall of the University of Delaware on Wednesday, July 7.

Stein has performed as a mime in original works since 1976. He has performed in 25 countries and at all major theatre festivals.

Tickets for Stein's performance will be available at the door. Tickets are \$8 for the general public and \$5 for students and senior citizens.

For more information call the Office of University Relations in Newark at (302) 831-8741.

### Blatant Polish Anti-Semitism Greets Cast of Spielberg Film

By TOM TUGEND

LOS ANGELES (JTA)—The cast and crew of "Schindler's List," the Steven Spielberg film about the German businessman who saved more than a thousand Jews in Poland during the Holocaust, have been shocked by the overt anti-Semitism they have encountered while on location in Krakow.

In an article in the Los Angeles Times, journalist David Gritten reports that one of the cast's Israeli actors was approached at a hotel bar by an elderly Polish man and asked if he was Jewish.

When answered yes, the old man insultingly drew his finger across his throat, then pulled his fist up behind his neck to indicate a noose.

British actor Ben Kingsley, who stood nearby, leaped at the man, and a scuffle ensued.

"We've seen anti-Semitism at first hand, and it fills me with despair," said Kingsley afterward.

In another incident, actor Ralph Fiennes, dressed for his role in an SS uniform, was approached by a woman.

"She told me in Polish that the Germans were wonderful people and that they didn't kill anyone who didn't deserve it," he said.

The crew was also shaken by a woman who started walking across the set during shooting and was gently stopped by crew members.

"Who cares about the (expletive) Jews?" she shouted.

Some Poles connected with the film have been deeply disturbed by the incidents. Cinematographer Janusz Kaminski, who immigrated to the United States in 1980, said flatly that he now dislikes his native country, which he thinks "has an inferiority complex."

"The fact is, some Poles were traitors and sent Jews to their deaths," he said, adding that "Poland is still an anti-Semitic place."

Franciszek Palowski, a Polish broadcaster who serves as film consultant, noted that the book "Schindler's List" has never been published in Poland.

"The book destroys the cliché that existed in Poland that there were no good Germans," Palowski said.

"There is also jealousy here, I think. Poles take the view that no one ever

wrote a book about Poles who saved Jews," he said.

### Recording Made of Newly Discovered Bernstein Work

SANTA MONICA, CA—Leonard Bernstein's "Psalm 148"—written when the maestro was 14 and recently discovered—has been recorded for the first time.

With the recent completion of a recording by the Milken Family Archive of 20th Century American Jewish Music, much of Bernstein's Jewish music will be preserved on CD.

The Eastman School of Music provided the setting and many of the performers for a unique collaboration—creation of a recording entitled "Leonard Bernstein: A Jewish Legacy." The recording sessions took place May 16 and 17 at The Eastman School.

Under the baton of Samuel Adler, professor of composition at The Eastman School, "Psalm 148" and a number of other little-known Jewish choral and instrumental works of Bernstein received their first recorded performance.

Soloists included three Eastman

professors: pianists Barry Snyder and Jean Barr, and flutist Bonita Boyd. Tenor Howard Stahl, executive director of the American Conference of Cantors; baritone Michael Sokol; soprano Angelina Reaux, and organist Aaron Miller joined choral forces and instrumentalists from The Eastman School in recording the Bernstein CD.

The new Bernstein recording will be included in The Milken Archive.

The spectrum of music in The Milken Archive is wide, including synagogue service music; Yiddish, English, and Hebrew theatre and folk music; and composed concert works.

The purpose of the Milken Family Archive of 20th Century American Jewish Music is to document "the best artistic efforts by recording the highest level of their performance," said Isaacson. These recordings will be made available to libraries, musical institutions, and Jewish communal organizations, and internationally to the general public.

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sive losses amid slogans that have cost us much and achieved nothing."

Fahd's remarks were not free from traditional attacks on Israeli positions: He placed the onus for the slow pace of the talks on the Israelis and spoke of the priority of "the rights of the Palestinian people." But at the same time, he acknowledged the need for "security and peace for all."

"The facts of history prove that conflicts and wars achieve no victory and produce no gains," said the king.

"The Israelis must be convinced that the policy of expansion is no longer acceptable to the international community, and that the security guarantees it used to demand continuously cannot be achieved by ignoring the rights of the Palestinian people and continuing hegemony,

tyranny and the occupation of the land, but by peaceful coexistence between neighboring states and peoples."

Tom Smerling, director of Project Nishma, a Jewish organization that conducts programs on security and peace and is supportive of the current peace process, said the statements by Fahd and Majali appear to reflect changes under way in the Arab world.

"There has been some change in the way a number of Arab governments talk about Israel and talk about peace," he said. "Clearly, rhetoric isn't enough, but this is where you have to start."

"We've often said peace is impossible until the Arabs moderate their rhetoric; this suggests that they're doing so, though unfortunately they're continuing to make many hostile statements."

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## Educator

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dedicated educator," Murray said. Vinokur's career includes stints as a teacher and assistant principal at Mount Pleasant High School. He also has served as director of secondary education and special services for the Mount Pleasant School District, and as director of secondary education for the New Castle County School District.

He also received letters of commendation from Wilmington Mayor James H. Sills Jr. and New Castle County Executive Dennis E. Greenhouse. He also was recognized by various individuals, including Monroe Gerhart of the Colonial School District, and Robert Kasey Jr. of Creative Grandparenting.

The Alliance meeting took place at the Church of Our Savior, off Northeast Boulevard at East 28th Street.

Andrew Ricketts was also honored.

## Buckley

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interest is occasioned by Buckley's tortured conclusion that Pat Buchanan has crossed the hazy line that separates those who legitimately criticize Israel from those whose animus is clearly anti-Semitic.

How and where to draw that line in the Middle Eastern sand is what makes *In Search of Anti-Semitism* such an important book. For in roughly the same way that those who disagree with blacks — about affirmative action, entitlement programs, or the virtues of separatism — are not automatically racists, I would insist that those who raise questions about Israeli policy are not automatically anti-Semites.

I am, however, convinced that most Jewish Americans are extremely sensitive about what they perceive as manifestations of the new anti-Semitism. For better or worse, switchboards will not light up if Jewish Americans are portrayed in a nega-

tive light on TV shows or in Hollywood films, but dramatizations sympathetic to the cause of Palestinian liberation, especially if they go out of their way to feature "sensitive Arab terrorists" and unpleasant Israelis, are a very different matter.

The former instance, of course, is evidence of an older anti-Semitism, one that perhaps found its fullest expression in Laura Z. Hobson's *Gentleman's Agreement* (1947) and that no longer threatens most Jewish Americans in quite the ways that it did their grandfathers. By contrast, Gore Vidal's accusation, in the pages of the *Nation* magazine, that Jewish Americans are guilty of "twin loyalties," raises, once again, issues one would have thought had been put to rest decades ago.

In the final analysis, readers do not have to agree with Buckley's politics to recognize his considerable skills as a writer and thinker. Nor, I think, need one share his tentative conclu-

sions about the new anti-Semitism (for example, that it must be motivated "by a desire to disparage") to realize that he has helped to sharpen the terms of an important cultural debate.

Indeed, the exchanges included in this book — covering the spectrum from Norman Podhoretz (*Commentary*), A.M. Rosenthal (*New York Times*), Martin Peretz (*New Republic*) and a host of others — are precisely that, a "debate" in the best sense of the word, and an excellent way for common readers to become fully informed about a crisis whose dark history still clouds our collective future.

*Sanford Pinsker is a professor of humanities at Franklin and Marshall College. This review, which originally appeared in The Philadelphia Inquirer, is reprinted with the permission of Sanford Pinsker.*

## Words &amp; Music

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the stage. The show is entirely sung, in an intimate style with the band unobtrusive in the background. Finn is talented in writing for combinations of voices, with three or four characters expressing different emotions. And in "Unlikely Lovers" he writes a beautiful duet that turns into a stunningly-blended quartet.

Finn borrows a technique of Kurt Weill from his German musical days: setting a horrifying lyric to a catchy dance tune. He also uses the Sondheim style of rapidly shifting moods, with interruptions and asides and contradictions. The total effect is not Weill nor Sondheim and certainly not Richard Rodgers. It is original.

The music is available in a two-CD on the DRG label. Instead of Barbara Walsh, we get to hear Faith Prince, who played the part before the Broadway opening (and before she became

the star of *Guys and Dolls*.)

The creative history of this show is unusual. Finn wrote an off-Broadway musical in 1981 called *March of the Falsettos*, set in 1979. According to Finn, he remained obsessed with the characters, and finally in 1989 he returned to them and wrote *Falsetto land* about what happens to those characters two years later in their lives, in 1981. He chose 1981 because that was the year when AIDS began to be noticed, but before it was given a name. And the reaction of the characters to the disease is part of the second act plot.

The action is two years later, but Finn wrote the music almost a decade later, and the composer's greater maturity shows in the second act.

*Falsettos* is a ground-breaking musical. As *Oklahoma!* in the 1940's and *A Chorus Line* in the 1970's, *Falsettos* does things that have not been done before. It should be seen by anyone who loves the heritage of American musical theater.

I would recommend *Falsettos* because, beyond the historic and innovative qualities, *Falsettos* has warmth, tenderness and lots of laughs. I hate to sound like the cliché, but I really laughed, and also cried. My wife and I had to wrap our arms around each other during the last scene, and so did many others in the audience. We could see the couple in front of us doing it, and that couple happened to be actor Mandy Patinkin and his wife. It must take a lot to cause actors to react emotionally, forgetting that they are in an audience watching a play. So I recommend *Falsettos* for the emotional kick.

*NOTE: After I wrote this review Michael Rupert retired from his role in "Falsettos". His part has been taken by, of all people, Mandy Patinkin, who sat with us in the audience that night. Patinkin's past starring roles have been in "Evita," "Sunday in the Park With George" and "Secret Garden."*

## Play Modified to Blunt Controversy

By DEBRA NUSSBAUM COHEN  
NEW YORK (JTA) — After negotiations between producers, the American Jewish Committee and the Anti-Defamation League, a play about the life of Jesus will open in New York on June 5, after a temporary delay in its schedule.

The negotiations took place after Protestant and Jewish leaders protested the way the play portrayed Jews and Judaism, which prompted the producers to suspend its New York debut.

The New York performances were scheduled midway through the show's 32-city North American tour.

"Jesus Was His Name," a \$24 million spectacle, will change in several ways before another audience sees it, according to the ADL.

Critics said that the play's visual effects, rather than the script itself, contain grotesquely anti-Semitic im-



ages of Jews and Judaism.

As a result of negotiations, the characters representing the Jewish Sanhedrin will no longer wear black robes and death masks, the ADL said in a statement.

An announcement will also be made before each performance to "reinforce the ADL statement in the program which stressed that virtually all Christian denominations reject the accusation of deicide against the Jewish people," according to the ADL.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**Entries for the Calendar of Events are due on the Copy Deadline, published in each edition of The Jewish Voice. Copy should be typed and double spaced. Please include day and date, time, place, brief description and contact person.**

**JUNE 1993**

**Tuesday 22**

**Jewish Community Center** - The Blended Family, 7:30 p.m. Remarriage after divorce can be full of challenges. When you add the issues of bringing together two new families with children, the challenges become even more dramatic. This session will address some of the issues confronted by a blended family. The participants will have an opportunity to explore different ideas that can help build positive relationships. Led by Myrna Ryder, Director of Family Life Education, Jewish Family Service. Pre-registration required at JCC Front Desk by June 17. For more information, call Sharon Richman at 478-5660.

**Wednesday 23**

**YJAD** will hold an Event Planning

**Librarians**

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"The organizers' position is anti-Israeli, and the focus of it will be negative," she said. "By publicizing it widely, they are bringing it to the attention of people who do not agree. We believe people should have access to the information about these issues."

Session from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the JCC. August, September and October events will be planned and scheduled. Pizza and beverages will be provided at no charge. Contact Dan Loewenstern at (215)444-1839 before June 22.

**Thursday 24**

**Jewish Community Center** - First Annual Sports Classic at the DuPont Country Club. Golf, Tennis and Lawn Bowling Tournament. Advance registration required. For more information call the JCC at 478-5660.

**Friday 25**

**Several members of YJAD** (Singles 20's and 30's) will participate in Shabbat Services at Temple Beth Shalom (18th & Baynard Sts.) at 8:00 p.m. Contact Roz Sherman at (302) 762-2739 for more information.

**JULY**

**Wednesday 21**

**Jewish Community Center** - Family Matters, 7:30 p.m. Do you have unresolved issues or conflicts with other family members? Do you and your siblings get along? Join us as we explore our participation as adults in our own families, and gain some tips

The New Jersey librarian who brought the story to light in an interview that tax dollars often pay for librarians to attend the annual meetings.

"If I had gone to this year's convention, taxpayers would be laying out \$1,500 for me to be exposed to this propaganda," she said. "The public has a right to say 'we won't pay for these programs'," she said.

to making the time spent together more pleasant. Led by Myrna Ryder, Director of Family Life Education, Jewish Family Service. Pre-registration required at JCC Front Desk by July 16. For more information, call Sharon Richman at 478-5660.

**Ongoing**

**Lower East Side Tenement Museum**, 97 Orchard Street, New York City, walking tours include Peddler's Pack: A Jewish Heritage Tour. Chartered in 1988, the Tenement Museum seeks to promote tolerance and historical perspective through the presentation and interpretation of immigrant experiences on Manhattan's Lower East Side, a gateway to America. For dates and times call 212-431-0233.

**National Museum of American Jewish History**, 55 N. 5th Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 215-923-3811 exhibit: "The American Jewish Experience." About Jewish settlement in this country from 1654 to present.

**Young Jewish Adults of Delaware** coed Volleyball on Wednesdays in the Wilmington Jewish Community Center gym beginning at 6 p.m. Games are non-competitive. Admission is \$1 for JCC members, \$2 for non-members. Call Mike Schenk for more information: (215) 558-3781.

**Jewish Community Center Art Gallery** features a series of graphic

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art works through February 28 by African American artist James Newton, Professor and Director of Black American Studies at the University of Delaware, through February 28 in tribute of the Martin Luther King Holiday and Black History Month. For more information call Sharon Richman at 478-5660.

**Jewish Community Center of Wilmington Art Gallery** - Art Exhibition in Observance of Yom Hashoah. The Gallery will feature an art contest by students of the Philadelphia High School for Creative and Performing Arts. Contest is sponsored by the Auerback Central Agency for Jewish Education, the

Memorial Committee for the Six Million Jewish Martyrs and Gratz College. For more information, contact Sharon Richman at 478-5660.

**Yeshiva University Museum**, 2520 Amster-dam Avenue, New York City exhibition through July 30 of paintings by Russian born artist Berta Kuznetsova. These vibrant Impressionist style paintings of faces reflect her transition from a closed society to an open one. Hours Tuesday through Thursday, 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday noon to 6 p.m. Admission \$3 for adults, \$1.50 for senior citizens and children ages 4-16. For more information call 212-960-5390.

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**JCC First Annual Sports Classic**

The Jewish Community Center of Wilmington will be holding its First Annual Sports Classic on Thursday, June 24, 1993 at the DuPont Country Club in Wilmington.

The Sports Classic will include golf, tennis and lawn bowling tournaments. Golf participant entry package includes green fees, golf cart, buffet lunch, on-course snacks and refreshments, use of lockerrooms and awards reception with open bar and hor d'oeuvres. The tennis and lawn bowling entry packages include use of courts/rinks, snacks and refreshments, use of lockerrooms and awards reception with open bar and hor d'oeuvres.

The overall sponsor of the First Annual Sports Classic is Beneficial National Bank.

Prizes will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th place teams for all tournaments. There will also be several golf tournament contests. The format for golf is handicap/fivesome scramble. The format for tennis will be mixed doubles round robin and the lawn bowling format is triples with experts on each team.

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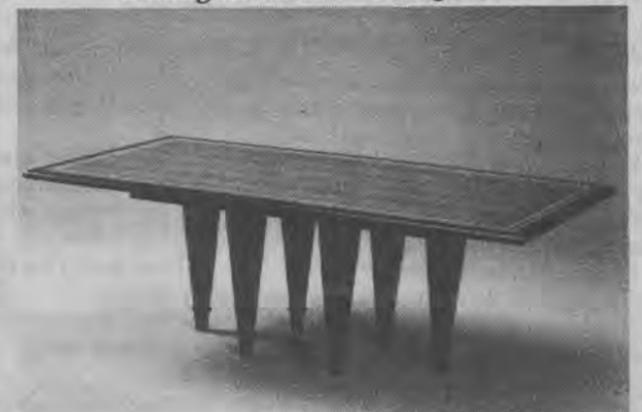
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WASHINGTON (PNR) — The Israeli Government has added expenditure of \$30 million more over the next two months on public works in the territories to ease living conditions there for the Palestinians, the newspaper Hadashot reported May 24. The funding will provide employment for about 20,000 laborers, it said. A review of the program will be made at the end of the two months.

In another action favoring the Palestinians, the government for the first time since the territories were closed off from Israel nine weeks ago has allowed Muslims to enter Jerusalem for weekly prayers. About 5,000 people came by buses from Judea and Samaria and joined as many or more others who live in Jerusalem to pray at the walled city's Al-Aqsa Mosque. Israel sealed off the West Bank and Gaza in March after 13 Israelis were killed by Palestinians.

## Israel's Energy Answer Blowing in the Wind

By HUGH ORGEL

TEL AVIV (JTA) — Israel has postponed consideration of purchasing nuclear reactors for electrical power until a new generation of smaller and safer reactors is available, Energy Minister Amnon Rubinstein has disclosed.

Rubinstein noted that richer countries are working on a "smaller, safer nuclear reactor" which will abolish the "fears and anxieties" associated with present reactors.

But while the nuclear reactor future is being pushed further away, the Israel Electric Corp. is pushing ahead with plans to set up a giant \$70 million wind farm for the production of electric power in the Golan Heights, despite uncertainties about the long-term political future of the heights.

Eli Ben-Dov, head of the wind energy section of the IEC's research and development division, said that in the event of a peace treaty that changes the status of the region, the scheme could go ahead as a joint development between Israel, Syria and Lebanon.

## Six European Countries Help Restore Auschwitz

WASHINGTON (PNR) — Six European nations have committed approximately \$16 million to preserve the remaining barracks, crematoria and grounds at the Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camp, the Auschwitz-Birkenau Preservation Project has announced in New York.

Germany has pledged the largest amount, \$9 million, with the governments of Greece, Norway, Belgium, Holland, Denmark having committed the remainder. Israel has also agreed to participate in the project.

Holocaust survivors Ernest Michel and Kalman Sultanik, both Americans, are co-chairmen of the project which has financial support of the Ronald S. Lauder Foundation.

Lauder, a former U.S. ambassador, honorary chairman of the committee, has determined that \$42 million would be required over a period of four years to preserve and maintain the integrity of the original site and its exhibits.

Besides Lauder, Sultanik and Michael, committee members announced are James Frantz and George Wheeler of the Metropolitan Museum of Art; Judith Levinson of the American Museum of Natural History; Theodore Prudon, an architect; Rebecca Rushfield, a former project director of American Friends of Israel Museum; and Marjorie Federbush, vice president of the Lauder Foundation.

## Kuwait Pledges End To Boycott of Firms That Do Business with Israel

JERUSALEM, June 8 (JTA) — The Israeli government and American Jewish groups have lauded an announcement by Kuwait's foreign minister that his country will no longer adhere to the "indirect" Arab boycott of companies that do business with Israel.

Kuwaiti Foreign Minister Sabah al-Ahmed al-Jaber al-Sabah announced the policy change Tuesday in Kuwait, but said his country would continue to honor the primary Arab boycott, which bars doing business with Israeli companies or in Israel itself.

Nonetheless, Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres hailed the news and said other Arab states should follow suit.

"I welcome it," said Peres. "The time has come for all the countries to put an end to this ugly politics" by embracing open economic borders and free trade.

A statement issued later by Israel's Foreign Ministry added that "peacemaking and an economic boycott are incompatible. Therefore, the Israeli government will continue to work for a region where the free flow of goods is the cornerstone of economic cooperation and development."

## Army Major in Jail for Espionage

By HUGH ORGEL

TEL AVIV (JTA) — Israel has revealed for the first time that a former major in its army intelligence corps is serving a prison sentence for spying on behalf of an unnamed country.

There has been speculation that the unidentified country is the United States, but there has been no comment on that possibility from either

Israeli or American officials.

The first details of an espionage case involving Maj. Yossi Amit were published June 2, after Israel's Supreme Court lifted a secrecy ban that had been in effect since Amit's arrest in 1986.

Amit, a former resident of Haifa, was apparently tried by the Haifa District Court in 1987 and sentenced to a 12-year prison term at a time

when the maximum sentence for espionage was only 15 years. The maximum has since been extended to life.

Israel reportedly had offered to exchange this man for Jonathan Pollard, the former U.S. naval intelligence officer convicted and sentenced to life in prison for spying on behalf of Israel. But Washington was reported to have rejected the deal.

## Multilateral Talks on Environment Continue in Tokyo

By CYNTHIA MANN

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Progress was reported by participants to the Middle East multilateral talks on the environment, which completed another round in Tokyo this week, despite efforts by the Palestinian delegation to politicize the proceedings.

The parties agreed to establish a new group of experts to devise a comprehensive regional strategy for

environmental action that would operate in a peaceful Middle East.

According to reports by Israel's Environment Ministry, the Palestinian delegation injected politics into the Tokyo meetings by raising the issue of deportations and curfews in the administered territories.

The delegation also requested the creation of a national Palestinian agency for the environment.

Peleg urged the parties not to depart from the environmental agenda.

"This is not the business of the multilateral talks," said Peleg, who is the director general of the Environment Ministry.

The Palestinians were also urged by the Japanese facilitators to focus on projects that could attain immediate results and to stay faithful to the spirit of the working groups rather than veer off the track.

## A Look at the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange

By CARL ALPERT

HAIFA — One who has visited the New York Stock Exchange, or has even only seen pictures of the place, may smile with condescension upon seeing the floor of the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange (TASE), where some 70 to 80 people sit around long tables, each with a battery of telephones and computer screens. Yet that little Exchange, with a 1992 turnover of over \$27 billion had in that year the best record of any financial market in the world. The Tel Aviv index increased by 65%, compared to 21.5% for Hong Kong, 14% for Switzerland, and 4.5% for the U.S. Most of the other leading markets showed declines.

The amazing growth has continued into 1993. Even when the governor of the Bank of Israel warned, a few months ago, that investors should not regard the bourse as an insurance policy, and that the Exchange was in fact a financial bubble, the subsequent abrupt fall in prices was overcome in a relatively short period.

While institutional investors account for the bulk of the trading, the man in the street is also active, and many have accumulated fortunes, at least on paper. The spectacular success of the Tel Aviv Bursa, as it is known in Hebrew, has attracted foreign investors as well. Where the original purchase of securities is made in foreign currency, the investors from overseas may repatriate dividends, interest and principal in such currency.

Some 1200 securities are listed for trading, with a market value as of Dec. 31, 1992, of \$60 billion.

There are 25 seats on the Exchange, 13 of them occupied by banks and 12 by brokerage firms. Many economists believe this leads to a possible conflict of interests, since the banks, as members of the Exchange, are interested not only in normal trade, like the brokers, but

also in pushing the securities, particularly the mutual funds, which they themselves offer for sale. This means that the representatives of the banks on the floor wear two hats, as our guide at the Exchange told us — as honest broker and as an interested party. There is pressure in some circles to separate these interests.

Trading on the Exchange is carried out on several levels, and we present here a simplified exposition. First is the Karam, or computerized trading, which covers about 750 securities, mainly the smaller ones. The system does not require any bidding from the floor nor the services of an auctioneer. At the beginning of the day all bids to buy and all offers to sell, based on the prices of the day before, are submitted by members of the Bursa and fed into the computer. These are balanced out, one against the other, and a mathematical formula is applied which automatically determines the price at which each security will change hands, taking into consideration the exact proportion of excess of supply or demand. That price means valid for the entire day. Should there not be an equal number of buy and sell offers, the investors who placed their orders early get priority.

With that out of the way, open trading begins with the securities, about 100 in number, which have the highest average of daily turnover, constituting about 70% of such turnover. At the outset, buy and sell offers of these blue chips are matched against each other and transactions effected. This system is known as Meretz.

Then come the variables, in the same securities, usually in packages of \$3,000 minimum each. During the day five rounds of trading take place as the auctioneer announces each security in turn, and open deals are made at agreed prices. At another round, the list is taken up in

reverse order, so that no security will be at a disadvantage in the event that any last minute news has become available which may affect prices. Different prices may prevail at each round, of course. The final round opens with prices frozen for the rest of the day, as determined at the preceding round, and final transactions take place only at that price, which also constitutes opening price for the following day.

If there are wild fluctuations, changes are limited to no more than 10% (up or down) and then proclaimed as buyers only or sellers only. This strait jacket for fluctuation remains in effect for only two days, and thereafter the results are determined by free market action.

The "merchandise" consists of 46.2% stocks, 44.3% government bonds, 6.5% industrial bonds and 3% convertibles, like options, etc.

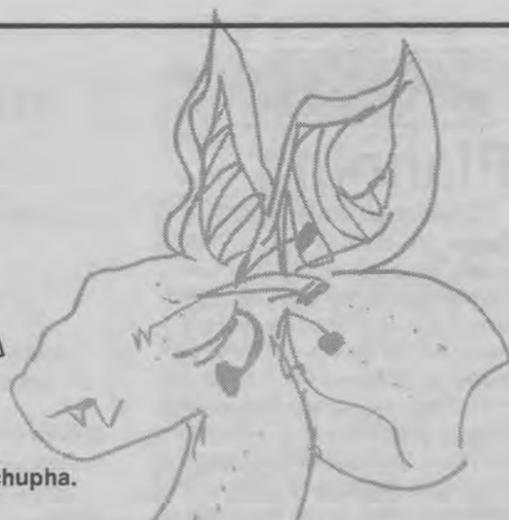
One of the big inducements for public investment in the Bursa is that there is no capital gains tax. Periodic rumors to the effect that such a tax is being considered, usually result in a run on the market. The latest on this front is assurance by the Minister of Finance that he will not make any move to tax capital gains until he receives the recommendations of a committee which he appointed to study tax reforms. There is a 25% tax on dividends and a 35% tax on interest, which are deducted at source.

What does it cost to trade? A Fact Sheet handed out by the Bursa comments laconically that commissions are "negotiable."

Is the business too much to handle for the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange, located at its new building at 54 Ahad Ha'am Street? There has been serious talk of opening a second exchange, to be located in Jerusalem. At any rate, trading in securities has come a long way since the first stock exchange was set up primarily by German Jewish refugees in 1935.



Joy under the chupha.



## How to Plan a Jewish Wedding in Delaware

"There is no such thing as a generic Jewish wedding, no matter what the rabbi tells you, no matter what the caterer tells you, no matter what your mother tells you."

- Anita Diamant

There are computer programs, magazines, bridal consultants and department store employees who can help you plan a wedding. These resources can only take you so far especially if you are looking for a personal celebration or would like to reflect your Jewish heritage. What is the best way to start planning one of

life's most glorious moments?

### Books

The book *The New Jewish Wedding*, by Anita Diamant, is perhaps the best reference for planning a Wedding. Diamant explores traditions of marriage, modern options, conflict resolution, planning, celebrating, rituals and living. Diamant explains historical traditions which are informing modern wedding celebrations. She also has answers for where to celebrate, how to choose a rabbi and when Jews marry non-Jews.

Chaim Potok wrote "I am very impressed by this book - by the air of openness and spirituality that pervades its pages."

*The first Jewish Catalog, The Second Jewish Catalog and The Third Jewish Catalog*, are also good resources as you plan your wedding. *The First Jewish Catalog* includes practical tips and explains the various elements of the wedding. A footnote details interesting customs such as the badhen - a jester, who, according to European tradition, had the job to be "actor, singer, poet, philosopher, and master of ceremonies." In *The Second Jewish Catalog* and *The Third Jewish Catalog*, Sharon and Michael Strassfeld turn the attention to other issues including the Shidduch, leaving home, and intermarriage.

### Bands

How do you select the right band for your Jewish Delaware wedding? According to Bandleader Janis Nolan suggest that when couples are interviewing Bands they should see video tapes of the band at an affair rather than in the studio. "In the studio you don't see the interaction between the band and the guests" said Nolan "the band can alter the studio sound and you don't see the band drawing the dancers onto the floor." Another tip from Nolan is to try to line up the music first because otherwise the better bands may be booked. "The band is one of the keys to a successful wedding: say Nolan. "I have had people book our band and then find a location."

Nolan suggested a band should have a sound technician so the sound is not so loud that guests can't hear themselves think. Versatility is important, according to Nolan, a band should play not just Top 40 but songs for all age groups from big band music to the songs of today. Both a male and female vocalist is another plus according to Nolan. Look for a band that plays continuously, says Nolan, who plays light piano music during meals. Nolan says it is important to hire a well-rehearsed band with players who are used to playing together. Nolan says to find a band with excellent current references as well as the ability to cooperate with the caterer.

Stu Weit is a bandleader who goes the extra mile to honor special requests. "I have spent hours in the library researching special songs" say Weit. Some bands don't play more than a few special tunes for couples. Weit says, if asked, "I will assist the couple in selecting a photographer, florists, decorators, effects and

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themes." Weitz was weaned on the music of Sinatra, Cole Porter, Gershwin and the like, yet he also loves the music from when he was a young man in the era of such 1960's sounds as Motown, the Beatles, the Four Seasons, Dion, the Rolling Stones, Dave Clark Five. "We play a variety of music to give everyone a chance to dance," says Weitz. "My expertise, after doing hundreds of parties, is the ability to read the crowd."

A popular new face in the world of wedding bands is Jonathyn Ashe. Ashe's band skillfully plays everything from traditional Jewish songs, upbeat contemporary music and popular standards. What sets Ashe apart is his background. The bandleader played guitar and contributed background vocals to the Tommy James and the Shondells multi-million selling hit "Mony, Mony." Ashe has also developed a reputation as a vocalist for club performances of mellow ballads by Van Morrison and other contemporary artists.

Eddie Davis has particular appeal to Wedding parties because his band features three incredible vocalists. His band is known for its "high energy presentation."

### Food

The food at a Delaware wedding should be as individual as the affair itself; there are many kosher meals which fit the bill. Tasteful kosher catering in Delaware often means Zaydie's Place. According to Linda Siedenstat, the catering manager at Zaydie's Place, a summer kosher wedding can run the gamut from full-course dinners to buffet "in a million different ways". Zaydie's Place catering is Delaware's first Glatt Kosher caterer under the supervision of Rabbi Vogel.

For indoor affairs during the summer Zaydie's Place can provide hot

or cold hors d'oeuvres, cocktail hours, and dinners. Outdoor weddings under a tent might feature buffet style fresh vegetables, great fruit displays or tempura. Zaydie's Place catering specializes in desserts such as cheese-cakes, fruit pastries or rum balls. Zaydie's Place also prepares dishes with tofu including tofutti.

### Places

Delaware has a number of excellent Synagogues where a Wedding is always at home. Others may prefer the elegance of a hotel such as Sheraton Suites. According to *The New Jewish Wedding*, "You can raise a huppah anywhere. Although there are customs and conventions about 'appropriate' locations for weddings, just about any place can be made a holy place by human action and intention."

### Ketubah

It is not unusual to see a colorful, ornate Ketubah, the Jewish marriage contract, used in a Delaware wedding. According to Riva Brown, an artist and calligrapher at Delaware's Living Letters Studio, there is a long and rich history of Ketubah ornamentation which comes and goes depending on the trends of the day. Ketubot which are over a thousand years old might be just as intricate as today's. Now a wide variety of Ketubot are available however, according to Brown, the most special



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 her hand calligraphy Brown's studio also features such mechanized lettering. "So much is available now with computerized, or photo lettering" says Brown, "it's at your fingertips, but it's mechanical." Brown explained that a wedding invitation or Ketubah created "by hand has a warm human look... as good quality calligrapher combines the technical excellence of mechanical printing with the warmth of a hand creation."

*The First Jewish Catalog* explains the concept of hiddur mitvan or "adornment of a commandment." "The principle of hiddur mitzvah suggests that when a joyous commandment requires a physical object for its performance, that object should be as beautiful as possible."

**Gifts**

For some a wedding gift means a place setting or silverware. But today many young couples appreciate Judaica as they start their lives together.

Joan Wachstein recommends gifts from a Synagogue gift shop such as Congregation Beth Emeth Synagogue's sisterhood Gift shop. A young married couple much appreciate "items of Judaica they could use to celebrate holidays and life cycles in their future years together," said Wachstein. She mentioned the book "Gates of the House," put out by Central Conference of American Rabbis, as a thoughtful gift which would be appropriate for its prayers, readings and instructions for the Jewish Home. The Sisterhood Gift Shop at Congregation Beth Emeth Synagogue also features such appropriate wedding gifts as Mezuzot, Seder Plates, Chanukiot, High Holiday Cards, Talit, Kippot, Kiddush Cups and Candlesticks. Special orders are also available.

Roz Scott, Gift Shop Chairperson at Beth Sholom Congregation of Dover also says religious items make a nice gift for couples. The Beth Sholom Congregation of Dover Gift Shop features "Beautiful Israeli Vases, pretty decorative dishes, kiddush cups, seder plates which are all nice wedding or shower gifts." Scott says "a chalah board and chalah knife makes a nice gift if a couple keeps the Sabbath." The gift shop at Beth Sholom congregation of Dover can obtain most catalog order items within two or three days.



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Julie received her Doctorate in Clinical Psychology from Indiana

University of Pennsylvania. She is in practice at Associates in Health Psychology in Wilmington, Delaware. Her fiance has a business degree from Mitchell College, New London Connecticut. He is a service consultant for Sears Automotive and also operates his own business in Delaware. A September 1994 wedding is planned.

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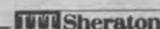


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## BRIEFS

## Energetic Debate on Clinton Proposals

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ergy intensive processes are completed in the United States. It is the position of the American Petroleum Institute that an energy tax will hurt domestic American energy suppliers and eventually increase reliance on foreign oil.

Martin Raffel, of NJCRAC, believes European's greater reliance on Mideast oil than the United States, causes Europeans to be more responsive to Arab political positions. According to Raffel, this prevents Europe and Japan from offending Arabs. This may help explain why there is not more resistance to the Arab led boycott of Israel.

Eli Bergman, of Americans for Energy Independence, took exception with what he viewed as Organized Jewry's inconsistency on issues of energy independence from Persian Gulf sources. "The Jewish community is concerned about not raising imports, but with forked tongue marches to the environmental drum and works against domestic oil production." Bergman saw inconsistency in the opposition of certain Jewish organizations to exploration of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, in Alaska for oil. Drilling for oil in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR) is opposed, by such organizations as the Sierra Club, because the potential for oil resources from this untouched ecosystem is significantly less than what would be realized through conservation. It is

also argued that potential for any oil in ANWR has not been demonstrated.

For the most part, Delaware's elected leaders have not viewed the various energy tax proposals as an opportunity to wean America off a dependence on foreign oil. Senator Joseph Biden, according to a spokesperson, originally said he could support a broad based energy tax with provisions to eliminate the burden on the poor. However, as Mike McCabe of Senator Biden's staff stressed, since no one knows what the eventual energy tax proposal will look like, the Senator will wait to take a position on the proposal within the scope of the entire deficit reduction package. McCabe did allow that Senator Biden generally believed that an energy tax could promote energy independence through a combination of conservation, the development of alternative fuels, such reduced consumption would have a positive impact on the environment according to Biden's spokesperson. However, McCabe reiterated, Biden would not take a position on the Clinton energy tax proposal until it is in a final form.

Senator Bill Roth and Congressman Mike Castle have been opposed to an energy tax despite its potential as a mechanism to reduce American reliance on OPEC oil. Castle spokesman Claire De Matteis said Congressman Castle opposed an energy tax because he is not in favor of a tax

increase without a spending cut. Verna Hensley, a spokesman for Senator Bill Roth, said the Senator was adamant in opposition to higher taxes because of the possible impact on the economy and job creation. Hensley added that Senator Roth has however focused on efforts to conserve energy and to develop alternative forms of energy. Senator Roth has expressed concerns that, in his view, an energy tax, in one of its various forms, could adversely affect Delaware farmers, Delaware's chemical industry, and Delaware's senior citizens earning less than \$30,000.

Delaware State Auditor Tom Wagner has sought an exemption for State governments from the BTU Energy Tax. The BTU Energy Tax refers to an earlier form of the Clinton Administration energy tax. Such exemptions, as that sought by Wagner, according to other experts, diminish the ability of an energy tax to reduce federal deficits and scale back reliance on foreign oil.

It remains to be seen what form the energy tax will take. At press time the future of the Clinton Administration's economic proposal is uncertain. The energy tax alone is not likely to wean America away from a dependence on foreign oil. At least until a peace agreement is completed, and Israel's interests are no longer hampered by Arab efforts, the American Jewish community should continue to follow energy issues.

## Israel Accepted by UN Committee

UNITED NATIONS (JTA) — In another milestone in Israel's slow road toward a normal role in the United Nations, Israel has for the first time been accepted as a member of one of the world body's committees.

The United Nations Committee on Information decided on Tuesday, without a formal vote, to accept Israel's application for membership.

That approval requires confirmation from the General Assembly, which is expected when that body reconvenes in the fall. Opposition was voiced by some Arab countries on the committee.

Those requirements have excluded Israel from joining committees, among them the Security Council, because the Arab states have prevented it from joining the Asian regional caucus. Israel's efforts to be accepted into the Western European and Others group have not yet been successful, despite prodding from the United States.

France and England remain opposed to Israel joining their regional group, according to an official with the Israeli Mission to the United Nations, not because of the Arab position but because "it's like a fraternity club, and they don't want to have new members in the club."

## Police Question in Colan On Threats

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Police have questioned right-wing settlers in the territories and Golan Heights in connection with threats made by activists that they would take up arms to resist Israeli withdrawal from these lands.

As Israel has been engaged in negotiations with Arab parties that could eventually lead to territorial concessions in exchange for peace, some settlers said they would fight against any government-ordered withdrawal.

Such threats are being treated by police as possible criminal incitement to rebellion. The authorities are also investigating reports that some right-wing settlers have begun stockpiling weapons to be used in a future struggle against withdrawal.

Some of the Golan residents who have already been interrogated said they never meant they would take up arms against the Israel Defense Force.

They said they only meant to indicate they would wage a "legitimate" struggle, exercising their democratic rights to remain on the land where they currently live.

Residents of Moshav Neve Ativ in the Golan, some of whom are under investigation, have charged that left-wing figures within the government have been using the police as a political instrument to pressure the Golan residents into submitting to territorial concessions.

## Japanese Know of Holocaust

By JOSEPH POLAKOFF

WASHINGTON (PNR) — A leading Japanese industrialist associated with American and European organizations said "we in Japan are very cognizant of the tragedy that befell the Jewish people" and through the Japanese news media "know about" the opening here of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum. He also said that "in general, the Japanese people are not discriminatory towards other people."

Shoichi Saba he was asked whether the Japanese would use the museum's presentation of Holocaust episodes to help bring greater understanding of the Holocaust's impact on humanity since there has been a spate of anti-Semitism in Japan.

## Sixth Trade Center Indictment

NEW YORK (JTA) — A Palestinian who entered the United States illegally one year ago, carrying manuals on how to make explosives, became the sixth man to be indicted in the bombing of the World Trade Center.

Mohammad Ahmad Ajaj, 27, was accused by a Manhattan federal grand jury of conspiring with at least five other suspects to plant the bomb that exploded Feb. 26, killing six people and injuring more than 1,000.

The indictment alleges that Ajaj and Ramzi Yousef, a suspect still at large, traveled together from Pakistan to New York and that Ajaj brought with him manuals containing instructions on the assembly and use of explosives.

## Jewish Seat Continued

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"The criteria should be merit, the best-qualified person for the job. We would not recommend that the person be chosen by ethnicity," Freeman said. "By the same token, we would be pleased if the best-qualified person happened to be Jewish."

And some scholars and legal experts held similar positions to these Jewish organizational professionals.

"I'm appalled by the notion of a Jewish seat on the Supreme Court," said Harvard Law School Professor Alan Dershowitz. The idea "should be anathema to Jews."

Dershowitz said that Supreme Court seats should be based on merit, not on a "quota that suggests they should be allocated in a representative manner."

Jews, he pointed out, do not even represent 1/9 of the population. But Jews have a long tradition of distinguished legal service, and therefore, if the seats were merit-based, he said, it might make sense for there to be more than one Jewish justice on the high court.

He also pointed out that many of the Jews under recent consideration for the court have not been active members of the Jewish community.

"What do we as a Jewish community gain from having a person who happens to be Jewish on the court?"

It's an anachronistic notion," he said.

Dershowitz and other experts said that at the beginning of the century, when Brandeis was nominated to the court, it was important to have a Jewish justice, but that times have changed.

"The notion of a Jewish seat was particularly important at a time when Jews suffered all sorts of discrimination," said Robert Katzmann, a professor of government and law at Georgetown University who specializes in the judiciary.

"Having someone Jewish on the court was a reminder of the importance of eradicating discrimination. Nowadays, there is not the same need as there was then," he said.

Others have argued, however, that having a Jew on the court is still important for the Jewish community.

Judge Stephen Reinhardt of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Los Angeles wrote in a 1989 article in the *Cardozo Law Review* that "the only place where Jews have been represented at the highest level of our society, and have thus been able to serve as a symbol of hope to Jewish youth, has been the Supreme Court."

"It is wrong that the only branch of government in which Jews have been able to reach the top has now been closed to them at that level for an entire generation," he wrote.

Some court-watchers feel that either Breyer or Newman would be a

positive addition to the bench.

"Both men come out of the progressive traditions of the Democratic Part and have had wide experience, not just in the judiciary but in the world of Washington," said Katzmann.

He noted that Breyer had served as the chief counsel to the Senate Judiciary Committee and that Newman had worked for former Sen. Abraham Ribicoff (D-N.Y.), both in his Senate office and at the Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

Breyer and Newman are just two of many jurists whose names have been floated in recent weeks. Often, White House officials use the press to send out "trial balloons" and see whether nominees are shot down when exposed to public scrutiny.

Another possibility, Chief Judge Gilbert Merritt of the 6th Circuit Court of Appeals in Nashville, was criticized this week by the Simon Wiesenthal Center for his involvement in the case of John Demjanjuk.

Rabbi Marvin Hier, who is dean of the Los Angeles-based center, said in a statement that he was "very concerned" that Judge Merritt, "without any apparent justification on the record," reopened the already completed extradition case of convicted Nazi war criminal John Demjanjuk "and, as a result, called into question the judgement of the U.S. judges who had previously ruled on the case."

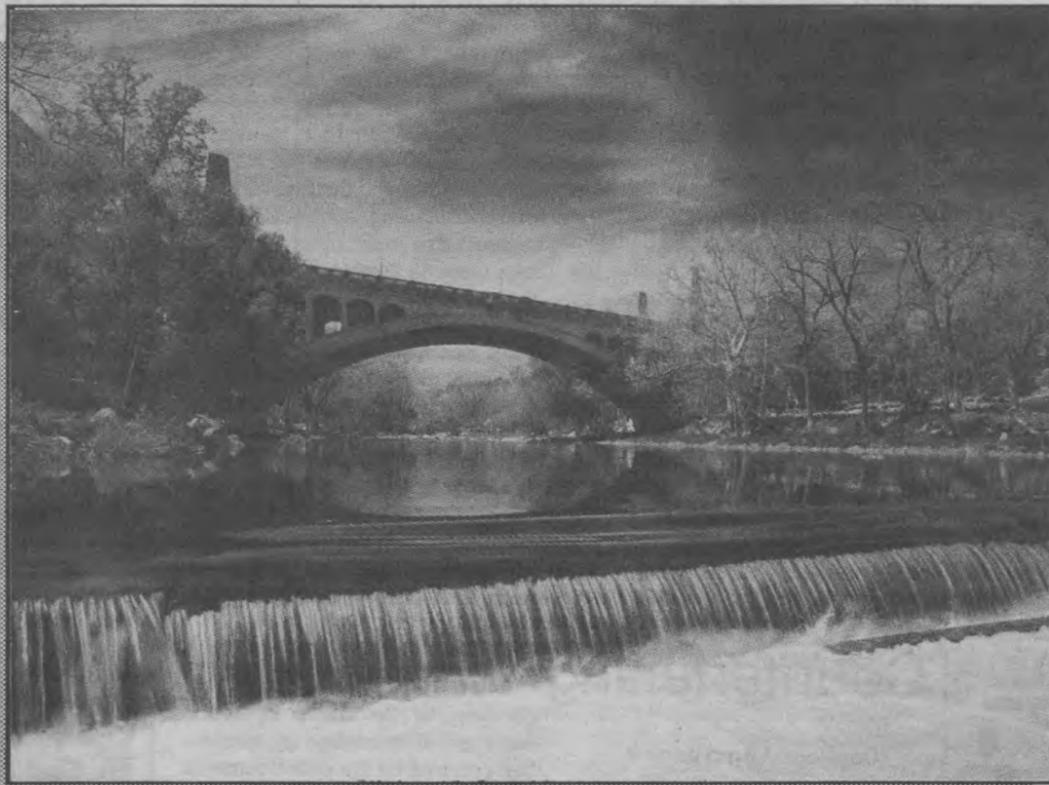




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## OBITUARIES

**Richard S. Goldbacher**

Richard S. Goldbacher, 71 of Meriden, Brandywine Hundred, died Friday, 6/4/93 of leukemia in Christiana Hospital.

Mr. Goldbacher founded and operated Claymont Fuel Oil Co. for more than 30 years. He sold the company to Burns & McBride Inc. on his retirement in 1980.

He was born in Philadelphia. He served in the Army Air Transport Command during World War II.

He was a Mason and a member of Corinthian Lodge 20, Wilmington. He was secretary and past president of Brandywine Rotary Club.

He is survived by his wife, Sylvia; a daughter, Sue Ann Livingston of Yardley, Pa.; a son, Raymond S. of Falls Church, Va.; two sisters, Betty Olson of Lake Placid, Fla., and Dorothy Abrams of Clearwater, Fla., and two grandchildren.

Instead of flowers, the family suggests contributions for research to the Leukemia Society of America Inc., Delaware Chapter, Wilmington.

**Benjamin Stolper**

Benjamin Stolper, On June 4, 1993 Benjamin Stolper, age 86 of 8410 Society Dr., Claymont. Husband of Rose Stolper, father of Shreen Grossman and Abigail Bloch both of New York City. Step-father of Richard Jablow of Green Acres, Noel Jablow of Chalfonte and Sheila Frater of Saverna Park, MD. Also survived by 4 grandchildren, 8 step-grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests contributions to your favorite charity. Arrangements by Schoenberg Memorial Chapel.

**Henry G. LeBost**

Henry G. LeBost, On June 3, 1993 Henry G. LeBost age 91 of 1005 N. Franklin St., Wilmington. Father of Ginger Weiss of Windsor Hills. Also survived by 3 grandchildren.

Friends may call at the home of Ginger Weiss, 110 Cambridge Dr., Windsor Hills. In lieu of flowers the family suggests contributions to Wilmington Senior Center, 1901 N. Market St., Wilmington 19802 or Jewish Community Center, 101 Garden of Eden Rd., Wilmington 19803. Arrangements by the Schoenberg Chapel.

**Frieda Marie Irwin**

Frieda Marie Irwin, 40, of 502 Laurel Ave., Pennrock, Holly Oak, died Tuesday, May 25, of breast cancer in Christiana Hospital, where she was a patient.

Mrs. Irwin was a homemaker. She is survived by her husband,

Peter N.; a daughter, Jennifer A. Lloyd of Pennrock; her mother, Erika G. Biloon of Claymont; and a brother, David J. Biloon of Dartmouth Woods.

Instead of flowers, the family suggests contributions to American Cancer Society, New Castle.

**Leonard Herman**

Leonard Herman, 74, of 3105 Society Drive, Claymont, died Wednesday, May 26, of a heart attack at Washington (D.C.) Hospital Center.

Mr. Herman was a production manager for a furniture cushion maker, Sherwood Corp. of Spring City, Tenn. He retired in 1984 after 10 years. Earlier, he managed an auto upholstery maker in Memphis, Tenn.

He was a member of Beth Shalom Congregation, Jewish Community Center senior center and its Site Council, the Harry Fineman Post of the Delaware Jewish War Veterans, and the Jewish Federation of Delaware.

He came to Wilmington eight years ago. He was raised in The Bronx.

He is survived by his wife, Bettye

L.; a son, Dr. Jay H. of Glenside, Pa.; a daughter, Marilyn Levin of Cardiff; and four grandchildren.

Instead of flowers, the family suggests contributions to the Jewish Community Center, Wilmington.

**Arthur Penn**

Arthur Penn, 89, of 100 Kings Point Drive, Miami Beach, Fla., died Saturday, May 22, of apparent heart failure in St. Francis Hospital, Wilmington.

Mr. Penn was a resident at The Kutz Home in Bellefonte, Del., since March. He was a sales manager for Dorman Cheese Co., New York City. He retired about 1972 and moved to Florida.

He was a life member of Flatbush (N.Y.) Jewish Center and a former member of Companion Masonic Lodge, New York, and Knights of Pythias, New York and Florida. In Florida, he was a member of Concerned Citizens of Miami, was active in senior citizens affairs.

His wife, Bertha, died in 1986. He is survived by a son, Sheldon of Northminster, Brandywine Hundred, Del.; a sister, Ida Madansky of Brook-

lyn, N.Y.; and three granddaughters.

**Sandra Snyder**

Sandra Snyder, 49, of 11 Black Road, Penn Acres, near New Castle, was dead on arrival Tuesday, May 25, at Christiana Hospital, apparently after heart failure at home.

Mrs. Snyder, a homemaker, was a Philadelphia native.

She was a member of Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Congregation and its Sisterhood, Deborah Heart & Lung Foundation and the PTAs at George Read Middle School and Colwyck and Wilmington Manor elementary schools.

She was a member of the pool board of Penn Acres Swim Club.

She is survived by her husband, Frederick; two sons, Donald and Scott, and a daughter, Dana Snyder, all of Penn Acres; two brothers, Arnold Singer of Owings Mills, Md., and Barney Singer of Medford, N.J.; and a sister, Susan Spitzer of Philadelphia.

Instead of flowers, the family suggests contributions to Cantor Morris Markowitz memorial fund, Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Congregation, Wilmington.

## Pfeffer of AJ Congress Dead at 83 Championed Church-State Separation

By SUSAN BIRNBAUM

NEW YORK (JTA)—Leo Pfeffer, a longtime lawyer for the American Jewish Congress who championed the cause of separation of religion and state, died June 4 in Goshen, N.Y., of heart failure following a hip injury suffered in a fall. He was 83 and lived in Middletown, N.Y.

Pfeffer was on the AJCongress staff from 1945 to 1964. He remained as a consultant until the mid 1980s.

He argued cases before the U.S. Supreme Court, among which was the case of a notary public denied a commission for refusing to take the oath affirming belief in God.

In a unanimous ruling in that case, the Supreme Court struck down a provision of the Maryland Constitution which required a "belief in the existence of God."

Besides being the AJCongress legal counsel, Pfeffer served as director of the congress' Commission on Law and Social Action and was the organization's special counsel.

He also worked for other groups,

including the Committee for Public Education and Religious Liberty, an independent organization.

"He was my mentor," said Marc Stern, co-director of the AJCongress Commission on Law and Social Action. "I learned church-state (issues) from him." Stern said that Pfeffer, who authored several books on church-state relations, "literally made the field."

"And he came into it, he used to tell it, quite by accident. He had just come on staff, and the Everson case (on school busing) and McCollum (a released-time case, in which volunteers were allowed to teach religion classes in public schools) were working their way up to the Supreme Court and he was assigned to prepare a memorandum."

Pfeffer "found himself persuaded that the Jewish community ought to insist on strict separation. And from there a great career was born," said Stern.

"He litigated many of the cases on church-state in the Supreme Court," Stern said. But "what's less well-

known" is "he was an equally diligent advocate on behalf of religious liberty."

"He brought many of the challenges to the Sunday blue law" regulating mandatory business closings, said Stern. He added that Pfeffer "was also a great advocate for civil rights and civil liberties."

Pfeffer, who was born in Hungary and came to the United States when he was a young child, taught at Long Island University, the New School for Social Research, Mount Holyoke College and Yeshiva University. He authored several books, including "Church-State Freedom," "Creeds in Competition" and "God Save this Honorable Court," on the role of the Supreme Court.



**JERUSALEM -- Israel's new Sephardic Chief Rabbi Ellyahu Bakshi-Doron, who represents Jews in Israel from Arab countries, is blessed by one of Jerusalem's holiest sages Rabbi Kadouri after his inauguration. Both men wear traditional Sephardic festive dress. RNS PHOTO/Reuters.**

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## Counterfeiting

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raid Wednesday, a week after the Bank of Israel warned the public to be on guard against "top quality" fake 100 shekel (\$40) bills.

The press was also used to produce intifada pamphlets, which the owners told police interrogators they were forced to produce by intifada activists.

Police sources said they were still investigating whether terrorist organizations were behind the entire counterfeiting operation.

The investigation which led to the

discovery of the fakers' operation was sparked by intelligence information received by the police some six weeks ago.

As the raid on the press was taking place, other police units simultaneously raided locations in the nearby village of Jaba, where the brothers were believed to be hiding some of the fake money.

Nearly 200,000 shekels (\$82,000) in fake bills was found.

Police said the raid was launched after they were tipped off that the brothers planned to begin producing a large quantity of fake bills in the coming days.

They said more arrests could be expected.

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# Carl Goerdeler

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“Hitler was radical, Goerdeler was conservative; Hitler wanted war, Goerdeler wanted peace; Hitler wanted law and order based on his own ego-maniacal notions, Goerdeler wanted law and order based on democratic principles.”

power increased, and the opposition was being killed off and forced out. Goerdeler first confronted the Nazis in 1936 when he was asked to have the statue of Felix Mendelsohn-Bartholdy removed from the plaza of Leipzig's concert hall. Mendelsohn, though baptized, was a Jew as far as the Nazis were concerned, and paying public honor to a Jew was an affront to this new Aryan minded regime. Other acts of defiance added to Goerdeler's problems with the Nazis.

Goerdeler refused to cooperate in the changing of Jewish street names in Leipzig, and, despite the boycott, the family continued to patronize Jewish shops. In November of 1936 while Goerdeler was on a trip to Scandinavia, the "under mayor" ordered the removal of the Mendelsohn statue. When he returned, and found the statue gone, Goerdeler, in protest, resigned his position as mayor of Leipzig. He must have realized at this point that it was no longer possible to influence the system by working from within.

From 1937-39 Goerdeler established contacts with the international community. Convinced that when the world was alerted to the dangers of Hitler by a patriotic German such as himself, international pressure would stop the German dictator. With support from influential and supportive Germans such as the industrialist Robert Bosch of Stuttgart and the Reichsbank president, Schacht, Goerdeler travelled to France, England and America to convey warnings about the destructive path on which Hitler was embarked. In secret meetings with the Scottish industrialist Arthur P. Young, Goerdeler documented the situation in Germany including the information that Hitler was testing international reaction to his policies, an indication that the dictator could be deterred. (These papers have been published by A.P. Young as *The X-Documents*). While in England in the spring of '39, Goerdeler contacted Chaim Weitzmann and provided Weitzmann with this detailed information especially emphasizing the danger to Europe's Jews. Weitzmann had already met with Chamberlain urging England to allow increased Jewish immigration into Palestine and had received an icy reception. Goerdeler's exposé was similarly received as Chamberlain was bent on a policy of appeasement. Goerdeler had a similar lack of success in America.

Goerdeler, as part of the incipient German resistance and at great risk to himself, was assigned the task of enlisting the support of the military in overthrowing Hitler. According to

Dr. Meyer-Krahmer, "Father knew about how the Jews were being treated in Poland" and in his letters to the generals noted "you must look at what we are doing to other people: Jews, Poles and others, and you, as a general, cannot protect these criminal actions." Though Goerdeler was unsuccessful in organizing a military coup, he remained an active and central figure within the small, but growing network of the German resistance. He established connections with Leo Baeck, the Jewish philosopher and leader of German Jewish affairs. Optimistically, Baeck in consultation with Goerdeler and others developed a blueprint for the future of Jews in a post-Hitler Germany. Robert Bosch, in the meantime, continued to provide funds for German Jewish emigration and Goerdeler continued travelling around the country trying to mobilize an active plan to topple the Hitler government. Designated by the opposition as the possible new German chancellor after Hitler, Goerdeler travelled abroad to establish connections and to educate himself about the world outside of Germany. In August of 1939, he went to Palestine with his son, and the two returned enthusiastic about the blooming desert created by the Jews. Dr. Meyer-Krahmer reports that her brother, realizing the discrepancy between the mad German world and the outside, begged the family to emigrate.

“His daughter says that he returned from the States with the disheartening report that Roosevelt was impressed with the way in which Hitler managed to change the economy of Germany.”

But, says Meyer-Krahmer, "Father felt that he had to stay to help change things."

With the disastrous German defeat at Stalingrad in 1943, Goerdeler was sure that the German people would now be ready to abandon Hitler. But despite declining German morale, Hitler's grip on the nation seemed unbreakable. By 1944, Goerdeler and fellow conspirators concluded that Germany and its victims could only be saved by physical removal of the dictator. And so the assassination plot was hatched. Count Claus von Stauffenberg was to leave a briefcase containing a time-bomb in Hitler's headquarters on July 20. Marianne Meyer-Krahmer describes that she knew something about her father's activities but did not have knowledge of the assassination plot. When her father came into her bedroom to say goodbye on July 18, 1944, she didn't know his mission and could not know it would be the last time she would see him. But on the evening of July 20, when she heard the radio newsflash that an attempt had been made on Hitler's life, that the attempt failed, followed by Hitler's "reassuring voice" Marianne knew that she would never see her father again. The Gestapo arrived at the family home the next day, and for the following ten months Marianne, her mother and sister were prisoners,

first in police custody, and then in Stutthof, Buchenwald and Dachau. Her father went into immediate hiding, and despite a one million mark ransom for his capture, managed to elude the Gestapo for about two months.

In September 1944, realizing that his capture was inevitable, he travelled to the village of his parents' burial, was recognized, and turned over to the Gestapo. After a brief show trial, the death sentence was issued. Goerdeler was held prisoner until February, when the death sentence was carried out, as the Gestapo attempted to extract more informa-

## Two Rulings

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public high school.

In the Jones case, however, the court let stand a multi-part test allowed by the lower court. Under this test, prayers could be said at graduation ceremonies if a majority of students approved, if they were offered by a student, if they were not-sectarian and if they did not try to convert other people.

"It's disappointing," Samuel Rabinove, legal director of the American Jewish Committee, said of the Jones ruling. "It opens the door to something the majority closed the door to in *Lee vs. Weisman*."

The decision "is going to cause trouble for Jewish communities across the country," said Marc Stern, co-director of legal affairs for the American Jewish Congress.

Steven Freeman, director of legal affairs for the Anti-Defamation League, said that in combination, Monday's rulings in Jones and Lamb's Chapel are "reflective of a troubling trend."

The ADL had supported the losing side in the Lamb's Chapel case, but Freeman said that the court's ruling in that case was "not particularly objectionable."

"What is objectionable," he said, is that the line is becoming blurred in cases involving religious activity in schools.

Freeman, and others in the Jewish community, said it is reassuring that in its Lamb's Chapel decision, the court referred to the so-called Lemon test, named after the 1971 case *Lemon vs. Kurtzman*.

The Lemon test, supported by many Jewish groups, requires all government activity to meet three criteria: Its principle purpose must be secular, its effect must neither enhance nor inhibit religion, and it cannot involve excessive government entanglement with religion.

Some of the court's more conservative members have expressed unhappiness with the doctrine, but in Monday's decision, the majority joined an opinion referring to Lemon.

The Jewish community had not been unified in its view of the Lamb's Chapel case. Supporting the evangelical group were some Orthodox Jewish groups and the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, the Reform movement's congregation arm. The ADL had taken the opposing side.

David Zwiebel, director of governmental affairs for Agudath Israel of America, said his fervently Ortho-

dox group was pleased with the court's decision in Lamb's Chapel, because it "could have a very important impact on Jewish institutions, just as it did on the particular church in this case."

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Priscilla W. Siegel, a Delaware resident who spent a year in Heidelberg, Germany where she conducted this interview. Marianne Meyer-Krahmer visited Siegel in May 1993. Krahmer lectured to 45 students at Mt. Pleasant High School.

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Lemon test, which COLPA opposes as too restrictive.

Stern of AJCongress observed that in its ruling, the court carefully pointed out that the activity in question — the showing of a religious film on child rearing — took place after school hours, was not directed at students and was not sponsored by the school.

Rabbi David Saperstein, director of the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism, said in a statement that the court's actions Monday represent "one victory, one setback" for church-state separation.

His group had supported the religious group in the Lamb's Chapel case. Saperstein said the court's decision shows that "religion will be accorded equal protection under the First Amendment to all other forms of expression."

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