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BONEI ISRAEL -- BUILDERS OF ISRAEL -
 - Albert Einstein Academy students pose on machinery which is preparing the site for the temporary AEA classroom.



BUILDERS OF PEACE -- ARAVA CROSSING, Israeli-Jordanian border -- Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin reaches for a box as President Clinton signs large maps and Jordanian Prime Minister Magali (R) looks on. Behind are Jordan's King Hussein (R), Israeli President Chaim Weizman, and U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher. Reaching to assist Clinton is Israeli negotiator Elyakim Rubenstein. Clinton was on hand to witness the signing of a peace treaty between Israel and Jordan that officially ended 46 years of war. CREDIT:RNS PHOTO/Reuters (Reproduction rights not transferable)

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 To Vote
 November 8**

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MOTIVATION

The annual UJA/Federation Campaign is underway. It's time to stand up and be counted. Again. This is the way we take care of each other. And the way we keep our covenant with the people of Israel. Our ability to deal with critical local issues affecting our community, our children and our elderly hinges on the success of this Campaign. As does the quality of life for the half million new *olim* we've helped bring to Israel. And the half million still to come. Our strength and our future are, as always, in our own hands.



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BRIEFS



Jubilant Israelis, waving flags and holding balloons, gather outside Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's office Oct. 26 to show their support of the signing of Israel's peace treaty with Jordan. The accord, witnessed by President Clinton, was signed earlier that day on the southern border between the two countries. CREDIT: RNS PHOTO/Reuters (Reproduction rights not transferable)

As Expected, US Grants Visa To Russian Nationalist Zhirinovskiy

WASHINGTON (JTA) — As expected, the State Department granted a U.S. tourist visa to Russian extremist Vladimir Zhirinovskiy, and Jewish leaders around the country condemned the decision.

Zhirinovskiy is set to begin a two-week visit Nov. 4.

"It's the wrong message at the wrong time," Rabbi Abraham Cooper, associate dean of the Simon Wiesenthal Center in Los Angeles, said in a statement.

A joint statement from the National Conference on Soviet Jewry and nine other major Jewish organizations called on Americans to condemn Zhirinovskiy's message of hate and let him know he is not welcome in America.

The State Department defended its action, saying that granting Zhirinovskiy a visa does not endorse his views or support his ambitions.

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NEW YORK — Members of El Al Israel Airline's Frequent Traveler Club, "Matmid," can now take advantage of this exclusive offer: any "Matmid" member who files roundtrip on El Al from the U.S.A. to Israel twice within a 12-month period can exchange their earned points for a free El Al roundtrip ticket to London from Newark.

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LOD, ISRAEL — Syrian Chief Rabbi Avraham Hamra is greeted by members of his community and Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres upon arrival at Israel's Beg Gurion airport Oct. 18. Some 3,700 Jews have left Syria since travel restrictions were eased in 1992. CREDIT: RNS PHOTO/Reuters (Reproduction rights not transferable)

NATIONAL • INTERNATIONAL

Casablanca Conference Ends With Pronouncements That The Boycott Is Over

By NAOMI SEGAL

JERUSALEM (JTA) — A regional economic conference in Casablanca, Morocco, concluded Tuesday, with Morocco's King Hassan II and Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres declaring the Arab boycott of Israel effectively over.

Hassan closed the historic three-day conference, which brought together Arab and Israeli leaders as well as business executives from around the world, by issuing a 14-point "Casablanca Declaration."

The declaration called for a partnership between government and business to develop the economies of the Middle East and North Africa.

Despite Israeli efforts, the formation of a regional development bank was not announced, after Saudi Arabia, the United States and several European nations expressed reservations about the plan.

Instead, a staff of experts will study the proposal and submit recommendations in six months' time.

While there were few concrete developments that emerged from the conference, Israeli delegates were pleased to find themselves on an equal footing with their Arab counterparts, who have largely shunned all relations with the Jewish state since its founding in 1948.

Delegates at the conference made a general call to remove obstacles that hinder economic growth in the region. They also called for open borders between Israel and the Palestinian autonomous zones of the Gaza Strip and West Bank Jericho enclave.

Morocco's king specifically urged Israel to lift the closure on the territories, put into effect after the terrorist attack on a Tel Aviv bus last

week that left 23 dead. Israel had already announced it would lift the closure by midweek.

Members of the conference set up a steering committee that will meet regularly. A second conference was scheduled to convene in Amman, Jordan, in April.

Peres said the conference, which gave Israeli and Arab business executives their first opportunity to make contact in an open forum, was proof that the Arab boycott of Israel was over.

"The boycott has died, even if it has not been formally buried," Peres told Israel Television. "The negative union for the boycott is being replaced by a positive one for economic cooperation."

The conference was also a channel for developments on the diplomatic front.

On the final day of the summit, Israel opened a liaison office in the Moroccan city of Rabat. Morocco is expected to open a similar office soon in Tel Aviv.

Peres and his Tunisian counterpart, Habib Ben Yahia, announced that the two countries would soon open Liaison offices in each other's countries.

Both Morocco and Tunisia established lower-level ties with Israel earlier this year.

Peres also indicated that the Persian Gulf states of Bahrain, Qatar and Oman may be next in line to establish ties with Israel.

While the 2,000 delegates attending the conference discussed regional development projects and cooperative efforts, Israeli business executives pointed out that no major deals were signed.

Israel To Help Save Life Of Critically Ill Jordanian Girl

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Less than one week after making peace with Jordan, Israel has said it will try to save a 12-year-old Jordanian girl who needs a bone-marrow transplant.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin gave the go-ahead for about \$7,000 to be spent on conducting tests to find a donor for Heba Shaban, whose fa-

ther turned to Rabin and Jerusalem's Hadassah Hospital for help in treating her critical case of anemia.

Dr. Shimon Slavin, head of the bone-marrow transplant center at Hadassah said the medical effort was an example of the good will that has been established between the two nations in an era of peace.

Knesset Members Assert Control On Temple Mount Visit

By NAOMI SEGAL

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Members of the Knesset's Interior Committee visited the Temple Mount on Tuesday to demonstrate Israel's firm control over eastern Jerusalem.

The trip was organized, said committee Chairman Yehoshua Matza of Likud, in response to a threat issued last week by Palestinian leaders to close the gates of the Temple Mount if Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert accompanied President Clinton on a planned visit to Jewish, Christian and

Muslim holy sites in the Old City.

In the wake of the Palestinian threat, which was made in an effort to show that they considered Jerusalem the capital of a future Palestinian state, Clinton changed his plans, saying he was too tired to make the visit.

Under the terms of the Palestinian self-rule accord that went into effect in May, discussions about the final status of Jerusalem are scheduled to take place in 1996.

They also said that on more than one occasion Arab delegates, especially the Saudis, shunned open contacts with the Israelis.

Some of the negative Arab reaction stemmed from the verbal sparring between Palestine Liberation Organization Chairman Yassar Arafat and Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin in their remarks at the opening ceremony on Sunday.

After Arafat declared that Jerusalem would be the capital of a Palestinian state, Rabin declared that Jerusalem was, is and will remain the capital of Israel.

Jerusalem entered the picture again on the final day of the conference, when Jordan's Prince Hassan said that Jordan would eventually transfer responsibility for the Muslim holy sites in eastern Jerusalem to the Palestinians — only after the final status of the city is determined.

Hassan later told an Israel Radio reporter that Jordan would not completely relinquish its ties to the holy sites.

He said he hoped that after Israel and the Palestinians resolve the final status of Jerusalem in negotiations set to begin in 1996, a council encompassing all groups who assert a claim over the Muslim holy sites could be formed to administer them.

"We hope we can evolve an Islamic council which is truly representative of Islam," Hassan said.



Israelis light memorial candles Oct. 22 near the site where 22 people were killed Oct. 19 when a Muslim extremist exploded a suicide bomb on a crowded bus. CREDIT: RNS PHOTO/REUTERS.

Russia And Israel's Technion To Launch Satellite

By HUGH ORGEL

TEL AVIV (JTA) — Russia and the Technion-Israel Institute of Technology in Haifa have agreed to a joint venture that will launch a satellite into space in 1995.

After a five-member Russian delegation arrived here to finalize details of the venture, the agreement was signed Monday between the Technion and the Russian STC Complex. The Russian firm was established in 1991 to convert Soviet military technology into Russian civilian enterprises.

EDITORIAL

Clinton's Mideast Visit Underscores Positive Role

The recent trip to the Middle East by President Clinton punctuates the constructive role his administration has played to date in encouraging a stable peace in the region. As a proud witness to the signing of the Israel-Jordan peace treaty; as a respectful visitor to Yad Vashem and as a prodding messenger to Syria's Hafez Al Assad, President Clinton put the full weight of the United States in place behind the forces of moderation.

Both Israel's Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Jordan's King Hussein acknowledged the role of the U.S. in encouraging their peace treaty and the expected role of the U.S. to help create conditions in which peace can succeed. At the signing, King Hussein expressed the hope that this "great valley in which we stand will become the valley of peace." Rabin said, "We must both draw on the springs of our great spiritual resources, to forgive the anguish we caused each other, to clear the minefield that divided us for so many years and to supplant it with fields of plenty." As the two countries established peaceful relations after nearly 50 years of conflict, the U.S. President symbolized this country's support for this progress.

Visiting Yad Vashem, President Clinton articulated his personal compassion for the victims of the Holocaust. In a ceremony he rekindled the eternal flame and laid a wreath at the symbolic grave for the 6 million Jews who perished in the Holocaust. He put on a yarmulke and said Kaddish for the 1.5 million

children who were victims of the Holocaust. In the visitors book at Yad Vashem, Clinton wrote, "Today we have come one step closer to the time when the people of Israel will live in peace with all of their neighbors, when the awful events of death and destruction memorialized here will be banished to the past." Yad Vashem Chairman Avner Shalev described Clinton as "one of the more interested and warm visitors I have met."

In Syria, Clinton pressed Assad for concessions or at least a message to the public of the Israeli democracy. The dictator fell short and his sluggish pace creates the danger that peace may pass him by. As peace moves forward around him Assad seems reluctant to take the necessary steps to join in. In recent weeks the secret exodus of Syrian Jews over the past few years has been largely completed. The Syrian Chief Rabbi has completed a journey from Syria to Brooklyn to Israel. It should be noted that Assad responded to steady diplomatic pressure and allowed nearly the entire Syrian Jewish community to emigrate. The prodding of Assad by the U.S. can help bring about Syrian-Israeli peace.

Encouraging signs continued at the Casablanca economic summit where public officials and business people from the U.S., Israel, Arab countries and elsewhere gathered to promote regional economic development in the Middle East. While there is still far to go, the American administration has been a constructive agent for progress in the Middle East.



President Clinton, assisted by U.S. Marines, lays a wreath in the Hall of Remembrances at the Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial Oct. 28, to honor the six million Jews who died at the hands of the Nazis during World War II. Clinton later said the time was near when Israel could live in peace and never again suffer death and destruction. CREDIT: RNS PHOTO/Reuters (Reproduction rights not transferable)

THE VOICE BOX

"If they receive no reinforcement from adult role models...[young people] will quickly figure out that parents consider Judaism to be kids' stuff."

-Deborah E. Lipstadt, Professor of Modern Jewish and Holocaust Studies at Emory University, writing in the October issue of *Moment* magazine

"Syria has made a strategic choice for peace with Israel."

-U.S. President Bill Clinton speaking to Israel's Knesset

"I couldn't believe anyone non-Muslim would care about this."

-Karen Danielson, an American Muslim participant in a women only Muslim-Catholic-Jewish dialogue, regarding a letter writing campaign against a greeting card company which sold a card which slighted Muslims

"Nobody in the Catholic Church is a better friend of the Jewish people than Archbishop Keeler. He's a mensch."

-Rabbi Mark Winer, vice president of the Synagogue Council of America, speaking of a newly named cardinal who was instrumental in removing a convent at the Auschwitz death camp.

"God brings everything we do to judgment."

-Britain's Prince Philip, the first British royal to visit Israel, writing in the visitor's book at Yad Vashem in a ceremony honoring his mother Princess Alice of Greece as a Righteous Gentile. Princess Alice saved a Greek Jewish family during World War II.

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JCRC Answers Libertarian

To the Editor:
 Richard Cohen's Letter to the Editor in the Oct. 21 *Jewish Voice* regarding the Candidate's Forum, jointly sponsored by Hadassah and the JCRC, accurately and properly noted the absence of Libertarian and other third-party candidates. Mr. Cohen is fully aware

that this exclusion is not "contrary to the spirit of the First Amendment" or the "American tradition of allowing candidates equal access to the electorate." These mandates apply legally to the government and perhaps ethically to the media, but certainly not to private, non-profit organizations such as ours. It is not the responsibility of Hadassah or the JCRC to provide a platform for Libertarians or other candidates, nor is it our job to assist those parties in attaining credibility in the community. That is their job and their challenge.

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OPINION

On Adult Education And Jewish Continuity

Asking Others (Our Children, Our Rabbi, And Our Intermarried) To Solve Our Problem



By DOV SEIDEL

Member Of The Jewish Voice Editorial Committee

On Adult Jewish Education and Jewish Continuity: Asking Others (our Children, our

Rabbis, and our intermarried) to Solve our Problem

Imagine that you are a member of a university committee whose role is to find a professor to teach French civilization and culture. Many professors have applied for the position, and you and your committee are interviewing one of the applicants. This question is put to the applicant: "What is your training in French?" The applicant replies "I have no training in French. I don't speak French." You would certainly be astonished that someone would presume to teach French civilization and culture without speaking French.

We, the adults in the United States, are trying to transmit Judaism and its culture to our children without, by and large, speaking and studying Hebrew (or Yiddish) with them.

When we send our children to schools to learn Hebrew, they size up the situation all too well: children, but not adults, are supposed to study this language — when I grow up, I can forget it all. And if the child asks the parent, "Why am I studying this language," what kind of articulate response do you think the

child will receive?

It is preposterous to think that we can make inroads in the troublesome area of Jewish continuity without addressing this issue. Americans have naive ideas about learning a foreign language. A level of commitment on the order of, say, four years of high-school training, doesn't suffice. It takes a long, continuous effort to begin to feel some self-confidence in a foreign language. This fact, by itself, is enough to make us feel discouraged on the question of Jewish continuity and of having some immediate effect.

The truth is that we can have an immediate effect. You don't have to be fluent in order to have a beneficial effect on your children. You merely have to set aside a fixed time, every day, or every week, for serious study.

Pirkeh Avot (1:15) tells us עשה תורתך קבע. "Make your study of the Torah a regular activity..."

The need to study (and Hebrew is the starting point) has been largely forgotten in our community, and we are paying the price. We also find, in Tractate Megillah of the Talmud,

p. 15b, this discussion:

"The Attribute of Justice said before the Holy One, Blessed is He: Master of the universe, what difference is there between these (the people of Israel) and these (the other nations of the world). The Holy One, Blessed is He, said (to the Attribute of Justice):

Israel engages in the study of Torah, whereas the nations of the world do not engage in the study of Torah."

When we begin to address this problem seriously, we will at the same time be strengthening the common agenda between Israel and the United States. There can be no doubt about this. The weakening of this agenda was recently reported in the Wall Street Journal of Sept. 14, 1994.

Has our community ever made available to its adults a sustained, well advertised, opportunity, supported by community leaders, to learn Hebrew? It is not money that prevents us from initiating such a program, it is will, and vision. If leaders begin to study, others will follow.

It's time to bite...the nectar.

The Rabbi Writes: Election Thoughts From The 'Holocaust Rabbi'



By Rabbi PETER H. GRUMBACHER

Special To The Jewish Voice

A number of years ago someone referred to me as the "Holocaust Rabbi" because I was the only one in our community considered to be a child of a survivor. Furthermore, I spoke as someone with that status at a Yom Hashoah

service. I was taken aback by that comment when I first heard it; I knew it was not meant to be an insult but I didn't know how I should feel. Across the years I have thought more and more about it coming to the conclusion that it is an honor, even a responsibility.

After twenty-two years in the rabbinate and the same length of time in Wilmington I have seen a blessed shift in Holocaust commemoration, one which stresses an educational component in addition to the emotional one. But the underlying reason for this change in emphasis is because the Shoah is becoming like other moments in the three thousand-plus years of the Jewish pilgrimage...ancient history and irrelevant to boot! Only a small percentage of youngsters appreciate the meaning of the Shoah and their parents aren't particularly interested in teaching it or, for that matter, learning it themselves. It is a small segment of our Jewish community that not only attends any Shoah-oriented programs but, more importantly, that can understand any lessons we should learn from it. So it is a double-edged sword that prompted us to rethink our commemorations.

It is at moments such as the upcoming elections that we should be cognizant of our history. First of all we are Americans and are still experimenting with democracy. If we do not vote we have not been true to the right we

have to do so; and it is a "right" bestowed upon us regardless of any other reason save that we are Americans with a far-reaching Constitution. If we abrogate that right we cannot complain.

Furthermore we have to know not only the party affiliation of the candidates but where they stand on every issue. From the one running for the highest office in any election to the most "insignificant," that person who is elected will represent you and me. I know life-long Republicans and life-long Democrats who vote straight party line. While I admire such loyalty I am disturbed that many of those same citizens have no clue as to whether their candidates' positions are truly the best for the country, the best for the state, the best for the community, the best for the Jews. It is not that there cannot be differences of opinion as to what is "best" but when we do not even question what a candidate believes, let alone wonder what the issues even are, then we are doing ourselves a disservice.

The right-wing has been encroaching on the political scene for a long time, and I know some members of the Jewish community who support conservative causes which, of course, is their privilege. I would hope, however, that as the religious right-wing forces gain more and more strength those same people will stand back and take a long hard look at the implications of support. The distance between conservative politics and the implementation of restrictive policies grows shorter when religion is thrown into the equation.

It is not liberal vs. conservative candidates upon which I am focusing; and I do hope that this is understood. It is the steady impact of religious conservatives entering the political sphere that I believe sincerely is an issue that can be raised by a rabbi. Other nations have grown tired of "foreigners" and "liberal" policies, and demonic figures have risen to take care of the problem. From the Senate to the school boards we have to be extremely vigilant of platforms and policies that are spoken and those that are unspoken.

In no way do I compare the current political scene to that which occurred sixty years ago in Germany. America maintains a unique strength, the absence of which was one reason the Third Reich was able to rise and be triumphant. Nevertheless one hears rumblings of "concern" about immigrants; one senses that it would be better for our children to be more "discriminating" in what they read; one feels the undercurrents of those who would homogenize America into the "Christian" nation they claim it is. How many of us are even aware of this backroom banter let alone are prepared to actively labor to work against it? Not all even want to, but it is in Jewish interests not to accept one way of thinking hook, line and sinker. All too often it has tragically come to haunt us when we have.

The bottom line is: just be vigilant with your ear to the ground.

(Rabbi Peter Grumbacher is the spiritual leader of congregation Beth Emeth.)

What Is In A Name?

By GARY A. TOBIN

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It's time for Jewish Federations to change their names. Different times and different places call for different names. Some names come and go and some are meant to endure. The name "federation" should go.

Very few people know what a federation is, or what it does. The name was artificially created to replace Jewish Community Fund, Jewish Welfare Fund, and a host of other names that at least gave you a clue to what the organization was about. When local "Jewish community chests" merged with the United Jew-

ish Appeal, which raised money for Israel and Jewish communities in need around the world, somebody came up with the term "federation." Slightly better than "confederation," I guess, to give some image of overall unity. The community chest and the United Jewish Appeal functions were joined together. Some federations have retained the name "United Jewish Appeal/Federation," which of course is confusing to everyone.

The name ought to tell you something about what is going on inside an organization. We have a pretty good idea what the American Cancer Society is about, or the World Wildlife Association. The March of Dimes is a little more unclear, but their marketing efforts are so extraordinary that we know they fight birth

defects. The Friends of Hebrew University is a no-brainer, and so is Israel bonds, even if it isn't a "charity."

At least the name United Jewish Appeal has some pizzazz. "United" is in there, which gives a sense of community and unity. The "Jewish" helps us know who the organization serves. And we have the "appeal," so at least people will know money is being raised.

What does Jewish Federation convey? It sounds something like a political council. We're suspicious that it raises money because most of the time that a Jewish organization sends us something in the mail or calls we assume they're raising money. But raising money for federations is a little problematic since there is nothing in there that indicates anything about the organization.

In most of the surveys I have done in local Jewish communities, at least half of the population could not identify the Jewish federation.

Many more thought the federation did things it didn't, while a number didn't know the things it did. All in all, the name usually conveys an amorphous mystery.

Which is too bad. Here we have an organization that raises more money for more Jewish causes than any other institution. Federations are involved in supporting Israel, the local Jewish Community Center, the home for the aged, and a wide array of other worthy Jewish causes. It usually supports the Jewish Community Relations Council, which is doing good work in intergroup relations and fighting antisemitism. Federations help send young people to Israel. They help families in crisis. The organizations do tremendous work. But you wouldn't know it by the name.

In focus group research that I have done, and personal interviews with donors to Jew-

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LETTERS

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Mr. Cohen correctly notes that there is a principle of fairness at stake, and for this reason inclusion of the third-party candidates was considered very seriously and responsibly by the coordinators of the Forum. Contrary to Mr. Cohen's speculations, the sole determining factor in the decision not to invite third-party candidates was the belief that a forum covering only three races with no more than six participants would be the most efficient and effective means to meet the educational interests of the community we serve. In fact, there were not only third-party candidates disappointed by this decision, but also candidates for other elected offices who hoped we would provide them with a platform for their campaign. For this reason we invited all candidates of all parties and offices to display their materials and be present for the reception following the Forum.

Future planners may reach different conclusions regarding the format of the Candidate's Forum, as happened in 1992. In the interim, I would encourage Mr. Cohen and the Libertarian party to continue to put their candidates and their issues in the public arena.

Rabbi Marla J. Feldman
JCRC Director

JCC's Children's Library Hailed

To The Editor:

The Jewish Community should recognize the outstanding efforts of the JCC to further the enrichment of our Jewish children. For the second year in a row, the JCC has made a commitment to the children of Delaware, this time by adding a preschool library to its facilities. This community project, which is currently

underway, is involving dozens of area businesses and families in order to make this unique library a reality. The library will contain an extensive Judaic section as well as secular books, an audiovisual area, and a computer area with children's software.

One area business in particular should be saluted for its commitment and cooperation in helping this venture come to fruition. Zany Brainsy, the children's store on Concord Pike, has allowed JCC members to purchase books and videotapes at a discount to help stock the library. In addition, Zany Brainsy provided coupons to the JCC for each book purchased so that the JCC can receive further discounts on book purchases. Over 600 coupons have been collected so far.

We should all remember that it is never too early to instill Jewish values in our children. Efforts such as these should be recognized and applauded, and I hope that others will follow throughout the Jewish community.

Amy Leviton

Says Ad Is False

To the Editor:

I take great offense at Bill Roth's misrepresentation of remarks made by Delaware U.S. Senate candidate Charlie Oberly at the Hadassah Candidates's Forum.

Roth's campaign has aired a radio commercial that slaps truth in the face.

In the ad, Roth cites Oberly's support of foreign aid, articulated at the meeting. Roth's ad suggests that Oberly's vote for foreign assistance also includes a vote on behalf of Saddam Hussein and Iraq. Since 1989, no American tax dollars have gone to Iraq. Bill Roth and his campaign team conveniently ignore this vital fact.

Sincerely,
Rebecca G. Block



Community Service Building Attracts JFD Letter of Intent Signed

By DAN WEINTRAUB

Editor of The Jewish Voice

The Jewish Federation of Delaware (JFD) has signed a letter of intent to move into the Community Service Building planned to open in downtown Wilmington in 1996. The DuPont company and the Longwood Foundation are backing the Community Service Building which will bring together 50 social service, cultural and other non-profit agencies.

"Several factors have come together at the same time that make this Community Service Building ideal for the Federation," said Toni Young, President of JFD. "I am pleased to say that Albert Einstein Academy is doing really well and needs additional space for a library, classrooms and other necessities." Young explained that a portable classroom for which construction has begun is only a temporary stop gap measure for the growing day school; Einstein will need more space next year.

"By Einstein expanding gradually into space presently utilized by JFD they can keep costs lower than if they were building new space," Mrs. Young told *The Jewish Voice*. One benefit of the contemplated move by JFD into the new Community Service Building will be to clear space for this expansion by Albert Einstein Academy.

David Wakefield, Executive Secretary of the Longwood Foundation explained that a key benefit to JFD will be reduced costs. "We thought that if (non-profit) agencies worked in close proximity each could save some administrative costs and participate in more shared initiatives." The Longwood Foundation, which will be a principal founder in the project, took the initiative as several non-profit agencies were looking for more meeting, training and managerial space. These agencies which include Red Cross, Community Legal Aid and the Childcare Connection Agency will be tenants in the new facility. Wakefield explained each organization's needs for conference rooms, meeting rooms and the like could be reduced because of shared space. The Community Service Building will advantage smaller agencies who can turn to larger non-profits for expertise. Another attraction is free parking for volunteers and workers which will be provided a block away from the site.

The Longwood Foundation and DuPont have formed the Community Service Building Corporation to operate the improved facility on 10th Street between Shipley and Orange where the Montchanin building now stands. Renovations to the building will bring it up to current code standards. Sprinklers will be added and handicap accessibility will be provided in accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act.

Toni Young added that, "Delaware is fortunate that under the leadership of the Longwood Foundation a new corporation has been established to

create a center for non-profits in downtown Wilmington. The rent will be far below market prices. Because the Community Service Building Corporation will be contributing so much, everyone who moves into the building will effectively be getting a subsidy or grant."

At a recent meeting of the Board of Directors, Toni Young was authorized to sign a letter of intent to move into the Community Service Building. At the same time the Longwood Foundation has received inquiries from a number of other non-profit agencies.

The Longwood Foundation, which was incorporated in 1937 by former DuPont chairman Pierre S. duPont, is the state's largest private foundation, with a reported \$400 million endowment. It contributes 5% each year to social services groups including those involved with education, arts, the environment and housing.

Wakefield noted the role of the Delaware Association of Non-Profit Agencies which itself will be a key tenant at the Community Service Building. The Delaware Association of Non-Profit Agencies will save money for tenants by securing group rates for insurance and other services. Wakefield suggested that tenants can save additional costs by engaging in common seminars on career enhancement or management training.

David Wakefield also told *The Jewish Voice* that the central location of the Community Service Building will bring more volunteers and workers into the city. As the "hub of the metropolitan area" Wakefield said, "It needs all the help it can get." The city location offers access to public transportation and Wakefield expects the Community Service Building will have an influence on public vitality. Toni Young believes, "It is advantageous for Federation to be downtown where it can benefit from cooperation with other non-profit agencies."

Mayor James H. Sills also welcomed the Community Service Building reportedly saying it "complements the city's [revitalization] efforts by creating a critical mass of people" downtown.

Another appealing factor for tenants such as JFD will be that because of the renovated Community Service Building most non-profits will not have to conduct capital campaigns to provide new spaces. Presently just as Albert Einstein's need for space increases the Delaware Jewish community is involved with a capital campaign for the Milton and Hattie Kutz Home. A move by JFD into the Community Service Building means that a separate large scale capital campaign for Albert Einstein would not be needed.

The JFD will vacate its offices in late June of 1995 so that space can be prepared for Albert Einstein Academy for the fall 1995 academic year. Since the Community Service Building will not become available until 1996, the JFD is now exploring options for an interim office location.



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Richard David Levin Elected To JCCA Board of Directors



Richard David Levin

Richard David Levin was elected to the Jewish Community Centers Association (JCCA) Board of Directors at the Gateway Biennial Convention held last May in New York. He will serve a two-year term.

Levin was born in Philadelphia but considers himself a "lifelong" Delawarean with a long history in the community. He and his wife Marilyn have two daughters, Staci and Jill. He is a founding partner in the Wilmington law firm of Levin, Spiller & Twer, later known as Levin, Goldlust & Clark. In 1983, Richard became a partner in the law firm of Connolly, Bove, Lodge & Hutz.

While in high school, he served as President of the JCC Youth Board; however, his extensive Center involvement began when he returned to Wilmington following law school. Levin has served on and chaired many JCC committees, including the Membership, Budget and Finance, Personnel and Program Steering committees. He was first elected to

the Center Board of Directors in 1972 and joined the JCC Executive Committee in the mid-1970's. He was elected Vice-President in 1978 and served as President of the Center from 1990 to 1992. Richard continues to serve as an active member of the JCC Board of Directors.

Levin was the recipient of the Barbara Weiner Memorial Leadership Award and the New Leaders Award from the JWB (now JCCA) and recently received the Harry Cohen Leadership Award.

This year's Biennial provided an exhilarating learning experience in the complex issue of how to assure Jewish continuity in the 21st century. The sense of excitement and creative sharing of ideas and experiences was evident in myriad workshops and casual conversations as nearly 1,100 Jewish Community Center professionals and lay leaders from every corner of the U.S. and Canada — including 50 teenage participants — came together to discuss the future of the community center movement.

Levin is not the first member of the Wilmington Jewish community to serve on the JCCA Board of Directors. Judy Levy, Past-President, served a two-year term beginning in 1992.

Kutz Needs Volunteers

According to the State Office of Volunteerism the Kutz Home needs volunteers for one hour on Sunday to help with Bingo in the evening. The Kutz Home also needs help during the day maintaining and filling bird feeders donated by a local school. To volunteer for these or other opportunities in New Castle County call 577-6420.

Area ORT Chapter Honored In Atlanta

Last month Delaware's Sylvia Wagman and Ruth Rosenberg joined 450 delegates from throughout the United States convened for the 20th National Board Conference of Women's American ORT, in Atlanta. The National Board Conference focused upon charting the future of Women's American ORT through the development of a strategic plan for the organization and changes in its structure and policies.

Women's American ORT, an organization of membership chapters across the United States, supports vocational and technical training for Jews around the world, particularly in the United States, South America, France, India, Morocco and Israel. It is the largest affiliate organization of the World ORT Union and a major source of financial support to its central budget.

The ORT program encompasses some 50 countries and is the largest non-governmental network of vocational education and technical training centers in the world.

For further information, call Brandywine President Ruth Rosenberg, 529-1296 or Membership Vice President Annette Aerenson, 764-1844.

Brandywine Chapter-at-Large received these awards at the conference: for the All-Star Award - Honorable Mention; for Highest Dollar Oversubscription - Honorable Mention; recognition for Achievement in fulfilling goals for Donor, Golden Circle and Financial Assignment; and recognition for Conferences goals fulfilled in recruiting over 20 new members and completing at least 40% of financial assignment.



L to R, Sylvia Wagman, Brandywine Past President; Karen Melnick, National Board delegate; Sandi Isenstein, Women's American ORT National President; Ruth Rosenberg, Brandywine President.

Tigay Speaks

On November 6, Helene Tigay will speak to parents at Albert Einstein Academy about the importance of Jewish Education now and in the twenty-first century. During her presentation, Tigay will address issues for parents who are trying to raise their children in the Jewish tradition.

Helene Tigay is Executive Director of the Auerbach Central Agency for Jewish Education in Philadelphia. In addition to serving as a teacher and consultant in the field of Jewish Education for over 34 years, Tigay is also a certified school psychologist.

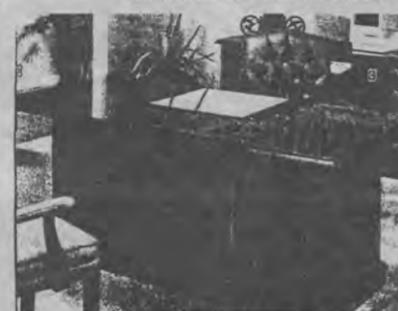
Albert Einstein Academy is a private elementary school that provides an innovative, nurturing environment in which children study both secular and Judaic subjects. For more information about Albert Einstein and Helene Tigay's presentation, please contact Ellen Bernhardt at 478-5026.



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Dr. E.M. Bronner At The JCC On November 13

Dr. E.M. Bronner, is the acclaimed author of *The Telling*. A literate, lyrical, and compelling tale of one woman's struggle with Orthodox Jewish Tradition as she seeks to honor the memory of her father. "Mornings and Mourning wit and mercy, anger and forgiveness, vision and resignation."

Dr. E.M. Bronner is a scholar, playwright, and novelist of distinction. Her books include *The Telling*, *Her Mothers*, and *A Weave of Women*.

Dr. Bronner will appear at the JCC on Sunday, November 13 at 3:00 p.m. Cost is \$2.00. The JCC is a beneficiary of the 'Live Jewish' Community Campaign administered by The Jewish Federation of Delaware.



Dr. E.M. Bronner, author of *The Telling*, will speak at the JCC November 13.

JNF Memorial To Slain Israelis

The Maryland/Delaware Region of the Jewish National Fund announced the establishment of a special project to commemorate the bombing massacre in Tel Aviv last week.

Howard Saval, Regional President, said, "It is not enough just to feel the pain. We have to do something to express our horror at these mindless

killings. The Maryland/Delaware communities are appalled and disgusted by this incident, and are looking for a way to show their outrage. The establishment of this project gives the communities an avenue in which to express these feelings. By planting trees in the Land of Israel, in beloved memory of those who were so tragically killed, we are sending a message to those that are avowed to destroy us: Our commitment to Israel's future and well-being is fundamental and will never

Supplies Sought For Sarejevo

Four Hadassah nurses recently returned from a humanitarian mission to Sarajevo. The nurses have compiled a list of items urgently needed by the community to insure survival as winter approaches.

The Wilmington Chapter of Hadassah has pledged its support to collect these needed items. The major needs of the community of Sarajevo include:

- (1) Pharmaceuticals
- (2) New tennis shoes and new boots.
- (3) Uniforms, scrubs, and lab jackets
- (4) IV and dialysis solutions
- (5) Soy formula and baby cereal (No glass containers)
- (6) Supply bags and back packs for public health nurses

All donations must be ready to be shipped from Wilmington by November 15.

For more information call Linda G. Harwitz, RN, BSN, Wilmington Hadassah Nurses council at (302) 478-3229.

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For more information call the Jewish National Fund at 655-5995.

Doroshow Elected President Of Delaware Trial Lawyers Assoc.

Delaware attorney Eric M. Doroshow has been elected President of The Delaware Trial Lawyer's Association. Doroshow is a 1971 graduate of Albright College in Reading, PA where he graduated with honors and a 1974 graduate of The John Marshall Law School where he was a member of law review. He is a member of the DE, PA, and DC bars and is senior partner of the law firm of Doroshow and Pasquale with offices in Elsmere, North Wilmington, Bear, and Dover DE and Pennsville, NJ. He is a member of Addas Kodesch Synagogue.



Eric M. Doroshow

B'nai B'rith Brunch

Wilmington B'nai B'rith Lodge 470 will be holding their MEMBERSHIP - BRUNCH on Sunday, November 6, 1994 at Claymont Hilton, Naamans and I-95.

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The emphasis of the menu will be fat and cholesterol free.

Non-Members are welcomed at the Brunch. Members: \$7.50; Non-Members: \$13.00



Stuart Schoffman, a founding editor of *The Jerusalem Report*, speaking Oct. 27 at the J.C.C.

"BREAKING the CODE: Strategies for Effective Leadership"

The Young Leadership Cabinet will host its first leadership development program of the year on Thursday, November 17, at 7:30 p.m. at the JCC.

Led by David Garfield, principal of David L. Garfield Associates, the program will focus on components of leadership; identifying roles; developing a code of leadership; and learning how to deal with situations that break that code.

Mr. Garfield has held many positions of leadership in the Jewish community throughout the Delaware Valley, including past president of the Jewish Community Center of Southern New Jersey and past President of the Philadelphia Federation of Reform Synagogues.

The program is free and open to all YLC Cabinet members. For more information, please call Marla Feldman at the Jewish Federation of Delaware, 478-6200.

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YLC Launches Program

The Young Leadership Cabinet recently conducted an orientation program.

About 35 people attended "Premiere Night" on Thursday, October 13, 1994. There were many new faces among the group... people willing and eager to make a contribution to the Jewish Federation of Delaware (JFD) and to make new friends and to enrich themselves.

The evening started out with a casual social hour... followed by a game of "Jewish Family Feud."

The game was created by the YLC Executive Committee, and spearheaded by Pam-Sue Schwartz, Mike Schwartz, Aaron Gobler, and Carol Bank.

Each of the committee chairs shared their goals for the year, and recruited members.

The Young Leadership Cabinet for '94-'95 is headed by Sharon Mittelman. The chairs of the committees are as follows: General Programs: Mike Schwartz and Carol Bank; Leadership Development: Debra Kattler and Mary Davis; Community Involvement/Political Action: Dennise Rosenstrauch and Michelle Shiro; Super Sunday/Regional Mission: Jon Foreman; and Campaign Event/Membership Recruitment: Pam-Sue Schwartz and Liz Turk.

Anyone who is interested in joining the Young Leadership Cabinet or participating in programs should call Marla Feldman at 478-6200. The YLC is a beneficiary of the 'Live Jewish' Community Campaign administered by The Jewish Federation of Delaware.

JCC Membership Sale

The Jewish Community Center is celebrating its 25th Anniversary at the Garden of Eden Road location. In honor of the celebration, a special membership promotion is now being offered. New members can save \$100 when they join the JCC from now through December 31, 1994. Save \$75. when you join and save another \$25. when you renew after your first year of membership.

The JCC Fitness Center state-of-the-art facilities include lifecycles, treadmills, stairmasters, Nordic track skiers, exercycles, rowers, versaclimbers, strength training equipment, free weights, fitness assessments and personal training and aerobic classes. Also available for members use is an indoor swimming pool, whirlpool, steam and sauna, racquetball courts, full court gym, outdoor pool and toddler pool as well as multi-purpose sports fields and courts.

This special offer is for new members only and is not applicable to memberships that have expired after April 1, 1994. Call Ella Zukoff, Membership Director, at (302) 478-5660 for more information on this membership promotion. The JCC is a beneficiary of the 'Live Jewish' Community Campaign which is administered by the JFD.



Members of Young Leadership Cabinet at "Premiere Night."



YLC members pictured bottom row, L to R: Dr. Elizabeth Turk, Dennise Rosenstrauch, Debra Kattler, Sharon Mittelman, Carol Bank. Second row, L to R: Mike Schenk, Bonnie J. Helfand, Jan Foreman, Pam-Sue Schwartz, Michael Schwartz, Rhonda Foreman.

Open House At AEA

On November 14, parents interested in a quality education in both secular and Judaic studies are invited to an open house at Albert Einstein Academy. Located at the Jewish Community Center, 101 Garden of Eden Road in Wilmington, Albert Einstein Academy holds classes for kindergarten through sixth grade.

Einstein's outstanding teaching staff is committed to providing an enriching and innovative atmosphere in which all children are encouraged to excel in their own areas while learning to value their heritage and community.

The Open House will be held at the school from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. For more information, please contact Lori Finkel, Recruitment Coordinator at Albert Einstein, 478-5026.

Rais Lecture This Sunday

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Elliot Rais will be speaking at the JCC on Sunday, Nov. 6 at 3:00 p.m. cost is \$2.00. The JCC is a beneficiary of The 'Live Jewish' Community Campaign which is administered by The Jewish Federation of Delaware.

Pomegranate Guide Of Judaic Needlework

The Jewish Community Center, as part of its Cultural Arts program is pleased to present the Pomegranate Guild of Judaic Needlework, Delaware Valley Chapter.

There will be an opening reception on Sunday, November 6th, 1994, from 1-3 p.m. Members of the Guild will be present to answer your questions, and show their exhibitions of Needlework.

Workshops are scheduled for November 30, 1994. Registration is \$15.00 plus kit.

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Contact Nathan Barnett (302) 478-5660 for more information.

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October 17th at Albert Einstein Academy was the 2nd annual Principal for a Day program sponsored by the Delaware Chamber of Commerce on which they match CEO's of Delaware companies to Delaware schools. Here we see Mr. Larry Wilson, president of Harry S. Wilson Insurance Co. participating in a lesson with the Einstein Kindergarten. From left to right, Jenna Xarhoulakos, Larry Wilson, Eric Rosen.

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An Interview With Rabbi Stephen Booth, Director of Hillel At The U of D - A Journey Toward Becoming A Rabbi

By JORDAN SOPINSKY
Jewish Voice Intern

It was during a hot July afternoon when Rabbi Stephen Booth and I sunk into the easy chairs of the air-conditioned lounge in the Hillel Center located on the campus of the University of Delaware. Outside, a shiny ten-speed bicycle sat on call for its owner, the Rabbi. Rabbi Booth had granted my request to interview him about his

journey towards becoming a rabbi. Basically, I had found an acceptable way to stick my nose in his business after having my curiosity piqued by his mentioning the fact that before he went to rabbinical school, he had been part owner of a bicycle co-op in Minnesota. He mentioned this during a class he taught last spring semester. I awaited the details but he did not provide them. Taking matters into

my own hands, I decided that the readers of the Jewish Voice might find his story as interesting as I would. I was in luck because he agreed to the interview. With pencil and pad in hand, I hurriedly jotted notes as Rabbi Booth told me his story.

RB: When I was in third grade, I threw a tantrum. I yelled and screamed that I wanted to go to Hebrew School. My parents were not

religious and so this was somewhat of a surprise for them. They agreed, however, and off I was sent to Hebrew School.

JV: What prompted the sudden interest?

RB: It wasn't all of a sudden. Several of my classmates at public school left class early on some days to attend catechism. I had always been intensely interested. After a while, I figured that since I was Jewish, I

should attend Hebrew School. I have always been a spiritual seeker and this was the first time I expressed my desire to learn about my religion. Unfortunately, since I was starting Hebrew School later than most kids do, I was way behind. The other children already knew the aleph-bet and were learning words while I struggled to catch up.

JV: Not a very spiritual experience.

RB: No, it wasn't. After a year, I attended a different school for a year. The result was the same. So that ended my Jewish education for the time being. Then, when I was nearing Bar-Mitzvah age, a great-aunt of mine told me that I had to have a Bar-Mitzvah. She found me a "Bar-Mitzvah factory," which is a synagogue that would give a Bar-Mitzvah to anyone. I was taught a few lines of Hebrew to say and I read a speech that someone had written. I remember looking at the creases in the rabbi's black shoes and thinking, "How can this man talk about me like he knows me when he doesn't?"

JV: When did things start to turn around?

RB: Well, during my first few years at the University of Minnesota, you wouldn't have found me at Hillel. However, I was very involved with social action on campus. It wasn't until the first World Hunger Day that I finally set foot inside Hillel, which was co-sponsoring the event. It was also the very first time I had fasted. It was a very moving experience for me. I also explored meditation, yoga, and other spiritual endeavors. I finally realized, however, that integrating an identity based on social justice and being a Jew made the most sense to me. I had to work harder to integrate these two. My teshuvah, or return, perhaps began with that event. Rabbi Moshe Adler, the director of the Hillel there, and his successor, Rabbi Irv Wise, both had a profound influence on me.

JV: What did you do after graduation?

RB: I held various jobs until I started to work at the Free Wheel Bicycle Co-op in Minneapolis. It was a very community-minded business where tools could be rented so that people could repair their own bikes while employees awaited requests for help. During this period of time, Shabbat was becoming more and more important to me, and I was permitted to take every other Saturday off, even during our peak season, as well as Jewish Holidays and Friday evenings. I also took adult-ed classes at the Minneapolis and St. Paul Talmud Torahs.

I kept searching for a synagogue I could feel good in but time and again, in several cities, I walked in cold and a stranger, and left the same way. One year at High Holidays time, while in Chicago, I wanted to say Yiskor for my grandmother. However, I found that either the synagogues I called were full, or else I couldn't afford the ticket. Until I contacted the Jewish Reconstructionist Congregation of Evanston. "Hi, this is Arnie," is how Rabbi Archie

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Booth Interview

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Rachlis answered the telephone, and when I asked him about ticket prices he said, "Anything you want to contribute." That was the first "regular" synagogue that I ever felt comfortable or welcomed in.

I had many significant experiences after that. I got to meet people like Rabbi Lynn Gottlieb, Rabbi Zalman Schachter, and Arthur Waskow, who became important role models for me. In addition, a meeting with a particular non-Jew had a deep effect on me. I was invited to come to a seasonal gathering of Native Americans in Northern Minnesota by Eddie Benton-Banai, of the Ojibwe tribe. I had met him at a Hillel Shabbaton where Jewish and Native American traditions were shared. At the end of the gathering in Northern Minnesota, he told me that I was welcome there, but that I also came from an ancient, rich, wise tradition. He thought it would be a more mutual experience if I learned more about my own tradition and then came back to have a more reciprocal sharing. Recently, I sent him a few pages of my spiritual autobiography, which I wrote at rabbinical school, that describe the effect he had on me.

JV: Then what?

RB: For two months, I took a bike tour of Israel. It was my first visit there and it was a transformative experience for me. There is nothing like

the experience of being a Jew in a Jewish country, and getting to celebrate major holidays as part of the majority culture.

When I returned to the States, I took more Jewish adult-ed classes and got involved with Havurot. In the warm, informal, spiritual surrounding of a Havurah, my ability to integrate Jewish practice into my life as an adult began to develop.

JV: Sounds like rabbinical school was close at hand by this point.

RB: Sort of. I got to the point where I said to myself that I wanted to know what a rabbi knows. It wasn't so much that I wanted to be a rabbi as much as having the knowledge that a rabbi has. Working at the cop and taking night classes just wasn't cutting it. I began to look into various graduate programs in Jewish Studies, communal work, and rabbinical schools. Although interested in many different programs, I found myself especially attracted to the dynamic people I met connected to the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College and the Philly community. I decided to go to the RRC because that's where I felt I would grow the most, get more rooted in tradition, and be able to live and promote a Judaism that modern Jews could really find meaningful.

I lived in Mount Airy while attending the RRC and in Mount Airy, I found a rich, diverse Jewish life. There was a tremendous harmony between all of the people, half of which were either Jewish or black. I was able to walk to four different

minyans from my house and found myself dwelling with many knowledgeable, committed Jews.

In the fall of '89, I began my student pulpit at Beit Tikvah in Baltimore, where I would continue for the next three years until my graduation in '92.

JV: That takes us almost to the present. How did the undergraduate who could not be found at the University of Minnesota's Hillel become the director of the Hillel at the University of Delaware?

RB: On the mundane level, my wife was finishing graduate school in Philadelphia and I needed a job I could commute to. However, I think my lack of involvement as an undergraduate has become an asset for me here. We've got a great core of Jewish students who come to Hillel, but the majority of Jewish students are not unlike I was as an undergraduate: extremely resistant to coming through the door of Hillel. So I go out to them on campus. I find my own experience makes it easier for me to relate to the students. You see, what matters is not only if they will come into the Hillel building (though that helps.) It is also important to reach out and help them retain or regain a positive Jewish identity they can relate to, and at the same time express their ambivalence or disappointment at what Judaism, the Jewish community, or their parents gave them. I think I'm an easier person to do this with than perhaps an imposing rabbi, who has always had a solid

Jewish identity. I guess I've walked in the shoes and in some ways perhaps I still do. Together we can figure out how it could be.

JV: Do you find being a Reconstructionist Rabbi either helps or hinders your work with such a wide variety of students on a college campus?

RB: That's a good question. It is important to realize that Hillel in this sense is very unlike most synagogues. We need to provide services and community for a population that includes many who are still very attached to the Reform, Conservative, or Orthodox communities they grew up in. In fact, it is our job to help them as they grow into their adult selves so that when they leave here they will hopefully make real contributions to these movements and the communities they live in.

As far as my being trained in the Reconstructionist movement, I find that to actually be an asset. One of the core principles which the founder of our movement, Rabbi Mordechai Kaplan (z'l) stated, was that for Jews to thrive in America today, we have to affirm the strength we can find through "diversity within unity." In short, we are pluralists. We are one people, *am ehad*, even though we may express that identity through different movements and differences in practice. And this is the message I tell the students, that we are all Jews here, and whatever movement we wish to identify with, we should be proud as Jews. Then we can celebrate together as Reform, Reconstructionist, Conservative, and Orthodox Jews. I find my movement identity actually helps me to affirm the movement identity of all the students, because I feel no sense of competition with them on this, or any sense that one movement is any better than any other. A wider variety of students I believe can also relate to me, because I am not a symbol of some competing movement. On this campus, I am primarily a Hillel rabbi, and as such I support all the movements.

JV: Finally, we are sitting here in your new building (The Abe and Pearl Kristol Hillel Building), you are the first full time director, and the Jewish population and activity on this campus is certainly growing. Could you say something about your vision for the future of Hillel at the University of Delaware?

RB: There is so much I could say. So much is possible. The support of the Delaware Jewish community has been so tremendous, through the



Rabbi Booth's first trip to Israel.

thousands of hours put in by our dedicated board of trustees, by the hundreds of individual contributors, and by the Jewish Federation of Delaware. The infrastructure is almost fully in place. At the moment we are stretched pretty much to our limit in terms of what we can provide on campus. Our active student board is creating and running a wide variety of good programs. Our membership this year will be at least 350 students. Through lots of work on my part doing outreach to the University community, our presence and voice is being heard more and more every day. This University is very dedicated to supporting minority groups on campus, and finally the Jewish students needs are beginning to be taken into account. Our Jewish student population is now over 1700. Together with the faculty, there are certainly over 2000 Jews on campus.

My vision follows something the Hillel director at the University of Pennsylvania said to me before I came here. He said that no longer is the goal of Hillel only to have a safe haven, a "home away from home" on campus. Beyond that, our goal is to help make the whole campus community be a positive and encouraging place to be fully Jewish. so my vision is twofold:

First, we will see an even bigger and stronger community based here in our building. With the addition of more professional staff resources, we could double our membership and vastly increase the number and variety of programs we offer, thus involving a larger and more diverse student population. I sometimes am jealous at the variety of programs offered

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Delaware JCC's Film Series

As part of the Jewish Community Center's Film Series, one of the performances will be specifically geared for children. It will be presented on Sunday, December 11th at 3:00 p.m.

The following are brief descriptions of the four films to be shown:

1. Animated Book of Esther - In the days of Ahasuerus

This video presents the story of Purim using computer-animated images accompanied by narration from the text of the Megillah expresses traditional approach. ANIMATED COLOR; 25 min.; AGE 8 TO ADULT.

Making use of animation, this Hanukah video, narrated by Judd Hirsch, utilizes lights as an analogy for words, both oral and written. It follows the Jewish people and their devotion to learning from Mt. Sinai to the conquest of the Jews by the Greeks. The repressive measures of the Greeks against Jewish learning caused the Jews to flee to the hills when the lights disappeared and the Menorah was cold. Fortunately someone found a light and filled the menorah. COLOR: 23 min.; AGE 6 TO 13.

3. Passover at Bubbe's
Bubbe's Boarding House. Puppet characters help Bubbe prepare for the Seder. They are surprised by a

talking Haggadah and are magically whisked back to Egypt during the time of the Pharaohs. COLOR; 30 min.; AGE 3 TO 8.

4. The Giving Tree

Author Shel Silverstein's classic book comes to life with the author narrating his story of the relationship between a boy and a tree, and the many aspects of giving, receiving, love. ANIMATED. COLOR; 10 min.; AGE 9 TO ADULT.

Cost is \$2.00. The JCC is a beneficiary of the 'Live Jewish Community Campaign administered by The Jewish Federation of Delaware.

"Schindler's" Video Available In Holocaust Research Center

Three copies of Spielberg's "Schindler's List" have been donated to the Halina Wind Preston Holocaust Education Center from Blockbuster Video in College Square Shopping Center. The Halina Wind Preston Holocaust Education Resource Center is a lending library located in the Jewish Community Center. The Resource Center is open by appointment only. For information regarding borrowing or contributions, contact Rabbi Marla Feldman, 478-6200. The Halina Wind Preston Holocaust Education Resource Center is a beneficiary of the "Live Jewish" Community Campaign which is administered by the Jewish Federation of Defense.

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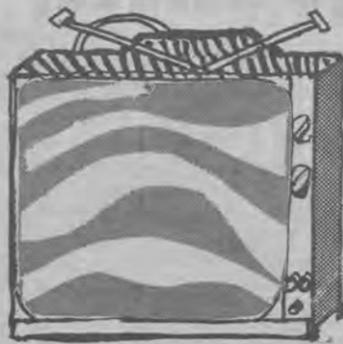
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ORT Story Time For Jewish Book Month

The Brandywine Chapter of Women's American ORT will hold its 3rd annual storytime on Wednesday, November 9, at 2:00 p.m. The storytime in conjunction with Jewish Book Month will be held at the Concord Pike Library on Route 202. This special storytime will feature Jewish books read by ORT members. Rebecca Fisher, children's librarian, will prepare a display and a list of Jewish books available at the library.



Elliot Rais will speak about his book 3 p.m. Nov. 6 at the J.C.C.



with superb vocalists and idiomatic conducting by John McGlinn. The Liveart CD gives us a vivid idea of how the current Hal Prince production sounds in the theater, and the singing is almost as good as on the RCA. There'll be times when you won't want to sit through the entire show and the Liveart excerpted version will give you what you want.

Or, if you're like me, you can spend an afternoon enjoying both recordings, one after the other. And I'm ready to acquire the re-issue next month of the 1960's Lincoln Center revival which included Barbara Cook.

Review Of Fact Or Fraud

Fact or Fraud? *The Protocols of the Elders of Zion*, By Goran Larsson, AMI-Jerusalem Center for Biblical Studies and Research, San Diego.

By Rabbi ROBERT L. WOLKOFF

Anyone who has studied the history of antisemitism cannot help but be struck by the pure perversity of it. It is as if the deepest backwaters of the mind are suddenly transformed into a social and political reality. Anti-Semitic texts are, unfortunately, legion, but the most important is a peculiar forgery called *The Protocols of the Elders of Zion*. It purports to be a record of a secret meeting of Jewish leaders, conspiring to subvert civilized values and subjugate the world. Without knowing better, one could imagine that the *Protocols* were merely a bad joke.

The terrifying fact is however that with the exception of the Bible no book has been printed as often in the 20th century. What this indicates about our supposedly "modern" era can be left unsaid. Still, the thinking behind the *Protocols*, and even the text itself, keeps on popping up like some poisonous mushroom — from the ravings of Farrakhan to the halls of academia in Uppsala, Sweden, from the Holocaust deniers at the Institute for Historical Review in California to the royal palace in Saudi Arabia (where the book had been given as a gift to newly arrived diplomats).

Fact or Fraud is a concise, well-illustrated, review of the history and impact of this peculiar text. The author, Goran Larsson, is not well known in the U.S. but for years, as director of the Swedish Theological

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Hamlisch, Hamlet, Hammerstein And More

By STEVE COHEN

On today's musical landscape, about halfway between Stephen Sondheim and Marvin Hamlisch, comes the songs of Maltby and Shire. Maltby lyrics are clever and Shire's music is easy on the ears, but they haven't created a unique genre that stands out.

Philadelphia Area Repertory Theatre currently is presenting *Closer Than Ever*, a revue that Maltby and Shire created in 1992. There's a common theme (relationships) but no story line. It touches some hearts and elicits laughter and applause, but it left no strong lasting impression.

The singing was adequate and the staging a bit over-charged. Director Charles Gilbert was much more effective when he mounted Sondheim's *Assassins* last season. Apparently he works better when there's a unique subject and story. Clearly, I preferred his earlier accomplishment.

Woman in Mind, a comedy by British playwright Alan Ayckbourn, opened this Wednesday, November 2, at the Delaware Theatre Company. First produced in London in 1985, *Woman in Mind* displays Ayckbourn's sharp comic insight into everyday life.

The cast and staging are by England's Palace Theatre Watford, as an exchange for the Delaware production of *A Trip to Bountiful* which the local company sent to England last season.

Shakespeare's *Hamlet* is currently being presented by Novel Stages at the Temple University Center City theater in Philadelphia. This is an abridged version that takes some liberties with the original and succeeds. This *Hamlet* and *Ophelia* are a passionate couple, and the Danish prince is not as indecisive as many productions have portrayed him.

Artistic Director David Bassuk is running a series of pre-theater discussions with Jewish groups. He feels that the play has religious themes, which he views through his Jewish perspective. For example, the question of whether a hero should listen to supernatural voices. Could *Hamlet's* visions come from God, or could they be temptations from the devil? These are interesting topics to explore, even three centuries re-

moved from the author's time.

CD recordings of Broadway show music would make good holiday gifts.

Sondheim's *Passion*, winner of the 1994 Tony as Best Musical, is on the Angel label. Sondheim says that *Passion* is his most personal play. It's the story of how a man is drawn into an affair with a woman who is physically ugly and how his life is changed by her.

The listener finds himself mesmerized, almost hypnotized by the music, just as the leading man is mesmerized by the woman. Though the setting is Italy and the emotions are operatic, Sondheim doesn't try to imitate opera composers. This isn't Puccini; it's "just" first-rate Sondheim and worth hearing.

Rodgers & Hammerstein's *Carousel* has been revived in a dark and dramatic production that stresses the issue of wife-abuse. I was resistant to enjoying the recording of it because I love the original cast album with John Raitt so much. After hearing the music of the new production on Angel, I'm now ready to recommend the 1994 version as the best on record.

Michael Hayden's voice has less heft than Raitt's, but he's more vulnerable and touching. The two leading women are superior to the original cast. And the best thing about this CD is that it runs much longer than the original cast LP, so we can hear entire scenes with their full orchestral accompaniment.

Showstoppers from our grandparents' time are revived on an RCA CD called *Golden Days*. It features Jerry Hadley crooning some gorgeous melodies by Sigmund Romberg and Victor Herbert. On the title track he duets with the voice of Mario Lanza. Their blend of harmonies and shading far surpasses anything on the recent Sinatra Duets album.

I've followed the revival of *Show Boat* since its Toronto premiere, and now it's time to compare recordings of it. Competition is between the new cast CD, starring Mark Jacoby, Rebecca Lukers and Lonette McKee, and a complete 3-CD recording on RCA which stars Jerry Hadley, Federica von Stade and Teresa Stratas.

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Institute, he has been on the forefront of interreligious dialogue, for which he has been uniquely honored by the State of Israel.

Larsson is a masterful pedagogue, and he has organized this book in most effective fashion. He describes the fundamental premise of the *Protocols*, and demonstrates how it was derived from a variety of sources twisted to anti-Semitic purposes. He then shows how the work burst into world-wide prominence, and its contribution to the Holocaust.

Larsson writes "With Auschwitz and the 'final solution' behind, it is unbelievable that this black chapter of human inhumanity is not concluded. "Unbelievable or not, it is anything but. Larsson describes the adaptation and use of the *Protocols* in four different contexts: the Communist world, Islam and the Arab world, Neo-Nazis, and in a Christian circles, both conservative and liberal.

Larsson uses the metaphor of "roots" and "fruits" in describing anti-Semitism's history and consequences. He was probably thinking

of a verse from the Christian scriptures (quoted in the book), "Beware of false prophets...You will know them by their fruits...Every sound tree bears good fruit, but the bad tree bears evil fruit." As a devout Christian Larsson is deeply troubled by the fact that the roots of the bizarre fantasies in the *Protocols* are to be found in Christianity — even if the medieval idea that Jews were the servants of Satan has now been nearly completely transmuted into a secular form. Indeed, the *Protocols* were composed by a Russian Orthodox priest, Sergei Nilus, and the text was recited, immediately after publication, in every church in Moscow.

If this is the "fruit," then it is not hard to judge the tree, and "Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire." Larsson has made it his life's work, as a Christian, to take responsibility for this state of affairs, and *Fact or Fraud* can in this context be seen as his latest contribution.

This is a book which deserves a wide readership. It would be enlightening for a private reader, and could be used in a variety of educational contexts (youth groups, adult education, Jewish-Christian dialogue).

A Different Kind Of 'Federation' Helps Brandeis



In a bold attempt to go where no man has gone before, Brandeis University and Paramount Pictures will take on a new enterprise with the world premier of "Star Trek Generations."

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Sumner M. Redstone, chairman of the board of Viacom Inc. said, "We are happy to lend the support of Paramount's popular 'Star Trek' franchise to the university's efforts in this important scientific area."

While there are more extensive examinations of the *Protocols* themselves (Norman Cohn's classic *Warrant for Genocide* comes to mind), Larsson focuses on the use of the

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The "Star Trek" generations converge in "Star Trek Generations" starring Patrick Stewart and William Shatner. In the futuristic adventure film, a mysterious astronomical phenomenon bridging different time frames brings face-to-face Captain Jean Luc Picard (Stewart) and Captain James T. Kirk (Shatner) — the two famous captains of the Enterprise in the 24th century. [Editor's note: both captains are allied with the United Federation of Planets which

is not related to The Jewish Federation of Delaware]

Sumner M. Redstone, Brandeis visiting professor, will chair the event with Brandeis graduate Gates McFadden who stars as Dr. Beverly Crusher, the chief medical officer on the USS Enterprise-D, and Brandeis trustee and alumna Barbara C. Rosenberg.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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NOVEMBER

Friday 4
YJAD (Young Jewish Adults of Delaware) Synagogue Drop-In. Call Merrilee at (302) 655-0687.

Sunday 6
Elliot Rais lectures at the JCC on

Stealing the Borders as part of the JCC's Cultural Arts Program. 3:00 p.m. at the J.C.C. Author to speak. \$2.00 for lecture.

Monday 7
AKSE Sisterhood, at 7:30 p.m., speaker Myrna Ryder of Jewish Family Services, will give a talk on the topic "Love and Sex in the 90's - A Jewish Perspective." For information call AKSE at 762-2705.

JCRC Meeting, 7:30 p.m. Temple Beth-El, Newark.

P*H*A*S*E 2 of Del Valley Singles (30s, 40s, 50s). Jazz Brunch at The Bourbon Street Cafe, Rte. 2 off 195, 11 a.m. Call Harriette at 302-654-3626.

Jewish Community Relations Committee Meeting, 7:30 p.m. Temple Beth-El, Newark.

Saturday 12
YJAD (Young Jewish Adults of Delaware) Swim and Gym Party. Indoor pool party and open gym, including volleyball. 7 p.m. to 12 p.m. Call Michele at (302) 892-4255 or David at (609) 678-8029 (h) or (302) 992-0400 (w).

Sunday 13
Beth Emeth Brotherhood Breakfast Programs, 9 a.m. at Beth Emeth. Speaker: Daniel Weintraub, Editor, *The Jewish Voice*. Topic: "The Role of Delaware's Jewish Community Newspaper." The cost for breakfast is \$3.00 per person.

"Mornings & Mourning: A Kaddish Journal" by E.M. Brouer. 3:00 p.m. at the J.C.C. Author to speak. \$2.00 for lecture. Part of the J.C.C. Cultural Arts Program.

Thursday 17
P*H*A*S*E 2 of Del Valley Singles (30s, 40s, 50s). Restaurant Sampler at The Japanese Hibachi Restaurant, Rte. 202, 6:30 p.m. Call Artie at 302-478-5660.

Young Leadership Cabinet program featuring David Garfield, from Cherry Hill. Mr. Garfield is an expert in Leadership skills development.

7:30 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center. For more information call 478-6200.

Saturday 19
The Auxiliary of the Milton and Hattie Kutz Home presents their annual Gala at the Brandywine Country Club at 7:00 p.m. Dinner dance featuring Dane Anthony and his band from Atlantic City. For information and reservations contact Joy Honig at 478-9737.

Sunday 20
A.K.S.E. Men's Club Brunch: Evelyn Lobel, Executive Director, Delaware Region, National Conference of Christians and Jews. 9:30 a.m. Topic: The Psychology of Prejudice.

YJAD Sundae Sunday. Make your own sundaes and video day at Ethan and Barry's, at 7:00 p.m. Call Barry at 302-792-9375.

DECEMBER

Sunday 11
Children's Film Series (Animated Book of Esther, The Giving Tree, Lights, Passover at Bubbe's). J.C.C. 3:00 p.m. \$2 for film. Part of the JCC Cultural Arts Program.

Wednesday 14
NCJW's Julia B. Blumberg Remembrance Day. Speaker: Toni Young, Jewish History in Delaware. Open to the community.

Sunday 18
A.K.S.E. Retreat to Summit Hotel and Conference Center, Sunday River Ski Resort, Maine. For registration information contact Bob Weiner at 302-658-8700 (day).

Temple Beth El Men's Club Breakfast Meeting: Dan Weintraub, Editor of *The Jewish Voice*, will discuss "The Role of The Jewish Community Newspaper." 9:30 a.m. \$5.00 charge. Open to all. Call 366-8330.

Beth Emeth Brotherhood Breakfast Programs, 9 a.m. at Beth Emeth. Speaker: Ella Zukoff, Membership Director, *Jewish Community Center*. Topic: "How the Jewish Community Center Can Enrich Your Jewish Life." The cost for breakfast is \$3.00 per person.

Sunday 25
National Museum of American Jewish History "Being Jewish at Christmas", noon to 4 p.m. A day's worth of entertainment that has become a Museum tradition. Music by Sally Mitlas and the Sally Mitlas Ensemble, a unique group that specializes in Jewish and American music, and storytelling by Bernice Sherman, Philadelphia's "Alphabet Lady," who tells tales for children of all ages. \$2 per person (children 6 and under admitted free). Call NMAJH at (215) 923-5978.

JANUARY 1995
Sunday 15
Film "The White Rose" J.C.C. 3:00 p.m. \$2 for film. Part of the J.C.C. Cultural Arts Festival.

Sunday 29
A.K.S.E. Family Spaghetti Dinner and Concert featuring Cindy Goldstein vocalist, and Bob Weiner and the Rittenhouse Square Barber-

shop Quartet. \$8.00 per adult, \$4.00 per child (12 & under). For ticket information, contact A.K.S.E. office, 302-762-2705. Snow Date: Sunday, February 5, 1995.

A.K.S.E. Men's Club Breakfast and Speaker, Social Hall, A.K.S.E. Brunch at 9:30 a.m. Open to all congregants

Ongoing

"Mosaic: Jewish Life in Florida" at The National Museum of American Jewish History. From the Sephardic merchants who settled in Pensacola in 1763, to the Russian immigrants arriving today, Jews have a diverse and fascinating history in Florida. This new exhibition — comprising over 500 items — has been assembled from the scrapbooks and attics of Florida's living Jews and documents Jewish settlement and acculturation in the Sunshine State. Through December 31 at The NMAJH in Philadelphia. Call (215) 923-5984.

"Coming To Delaware: The Amish, Jewish and Italian Farm Communities" will be on display through June 30, 1995. The exhibit will feature the stories of three ethnic groups which settled on farms in Delaware during the first quarter of the 20th century. The goal of the exhibit will be to foster an understanding of multicultural differences and similarities in farming and farm life in Delaware. The history of why the Amish, Italians and Jews migrated to Kent County, Delaware, how they approached farming, their success as farmers, and their lifestyles will be explored in the exhibit.

Exhibition through Nov. 18 — Artist Judy Schwab is exhibiting a variety of works in Clayton Hall, on the University of Delaware's Laird Campus, Route 896, north of Newark. Schwab is the Delaware Division of the Arts' 1994 Established Artists Fellow in the area of sculpture. Gallery hours are 8 a.m.-8:30 p.m., Mondays through Thursdays, and 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Fridays. The exhibition is free and open to the public. For more information on the exhibit, call (302) 831-8839.

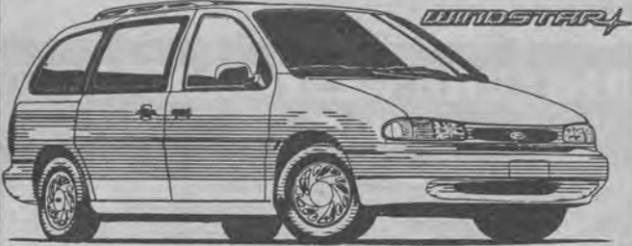
Protection From Abuse Seminars. The Project For Domestic Violence Reform, Inc. will sponsor monthly seminars on the use, filing and hearing of Protection From Abuse Petitions by victims of domestic violence. The seminars will be conducted by an attorney trained and experienced in family law. It will be the fourth Wednesday of every month from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at the Delaware Technical and Community College, Wilmington Campus, Fourth and Orange St., and is open to the public without charge.

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

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SYNAGOGUE LIFE

Cantor Swerling To Officiate At JWV and JCC Event

A Candlelight Dinner and Remembrance Service at the JCC Senior Center will be Wednesday, November 16 at 7:00 p.m.

Members of the Jewish War Veterans of Delaware have been invited to join the JCC Seniors for a dinner and birthday celebration.

Following dinner, at 7:00 p.m., a Remembrance Service will be held in front of the Jewish War Veterans Memorial Wall at the JCC. Cantor Norman Swerling of Congregation Beth Shalom will officiate.

Transportation will be available. A reservation and dinner donation are requested. Call 478-5660. The JCC is a beneficiary of the 'Live Jewish' Community Campaign which is administered by The Jewish Federation of Delaware.

AKSE Congregation Family Spaghetti Dinner Features Two Musical Acts

The Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Family Spaghetti Dinner will be Sunday, January 15, at 6:00 p.m.

The menu is all you can eat spaghetti, meatballs, vegetarian sauce, salad, garlic bread, cookies, coffee, tea and soft drinks.

The food is prepared by Chef Jacques.

The entertainment will be Cindy Goldstein, vocalist and Bob Weiner and Rittenhouse Square Barbershop Comedy Quartet.

The charge is \$8.00 per adult and \$4.00 per child (12 and under). For ticket information contact: A.K.S.E. Office 762-2705.

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4TH — 4:38 PM

11TH — 4:31 PM

18TH — 4:25 PM

25TH — 4:21 PM

Liebling to Speak at Beth El

On Friday, November 4, Rabbi Mordechai Liebling, the Director of FRCH (Federation of Reconstructionist Congregations and Havurot) will be the guest speaker at Temple Beth El in Newark. Rabbi Liebling will discuss how Judaism has developed over the past 4000 years and continues to evolve today.



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is excited about the opportunity to share with the congregation some of her favorite current Broadway hits," says Congregation spokesperson.

Bob Weiner returns with his new quartet, the current Atlantic Division champs, RITTENHOUSE SQUARE. They will be singing a variety of acapella musical selections ranging from jazz and rock to modern contemporary and comedy.

Grumbacher And Mueller To Lead Interfaith Tour Of Israel

From February 25 through March 6 Rabbi Peter H. Grumbacher of Congregation Beth Emeth and Pastor David Mueller of Concordia Lutheran Church will lead a tour of Israel for all interested participants.

This tour will highlight all the important sites for those who have never visited Israel or those who would like to return. While there will

be visits to a number of places mentioned in Christian Scriptures, the emphasis will be on the history of Israel and the places so important to gain a fuller understanding of the place of the Jewish State in the contemporary world.

An informational meeting will take place on Sunday evening, November 13 at Concordia Lutheran

Church on Silverside Road. The cost of the trip is \$1995, and a \$150 per person deposit is required to secure your place.

This interfaith experience promises to be a wonderful opportunity to learn from each other, and if you have any questions please call Rabbi Grumbacher (764-2393) or come to the meeting.

Women's Health Forum

Television personality, Bertice Berry, will open the second annual Planned Parenthood Women's Health Forum on Saturday, Nov. 19, at the downtown Holiday Inn at 8th and King Streets. Honorary Chair and Emmy award winning newswoman Pat Ciarrocchi, of KYW News 3, will host the event, which is open to women ages 13 through maturity. Ms. Ciarrocchi recently spoke at the Breast Cancer Aware-

ness program at the JCC.

Beginning at 8:30 a.m. the event has a registration fee of \$10 for the first person in a family, and \$5 for all other family members.

A scholarship fund will provide free admission for any girl or woman who would like to attend, no questions asked.

For more information, or to register, call Planned Parenthood of Delaware, (302) 655-7296.

Radio City Spectacular

The Playhouse Theatre will be celebrating the greatest stage productions from New York's Radio City Music Halls' 60-year history from No. 11-20. The spectacular features the Rockettes and actress/singer Susan Anton. For more information, call the Box Office at (302) 656-4401.

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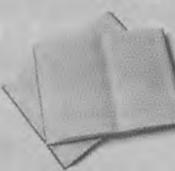
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Jewish Book Month Lecture Features Author

Congregation Beth Emeth invites the community to its Jewish Book Month program on Friday evening, November 11 and Saturday morning, November 12 as Rabbi Stephen M. Wylen presents the Rosenthal Jewish Book Month lecture. Rabbi Wylen, spiritual leader of Temple Hesed, Scranton, Pennsylvania, is the author of *Gossip, The Power of the Word*. He will discuss the book at Shabbat evening services. On Shabbat morning he will examine traditional texts to discover "the virtues of the Jew." Services begin at 8 p.m. on Friday, and it will be during worship that Rabbi Wylen will speak. On Saturday morning Rabbi Wylen will begin his program at 9:15.

In addition to *Gossip...* Rabbi Wylen is also author of *Settings of Silver: An Introduction to Judaism*, published by Paulist Press, and awaits the publication of both a sixth-grade

textbook as well as a volume entitled *The Jews in the Time of Jesus*. He is an adjunct professor in the University of Scranton and in June of this year was a Fellow of the Coolidge Colloquium, Association for Religion and Intellectual Life.

Married and the father of four, Rabbi Wylen was born and raised in Philadelphia and served congregations in Seattle and Huntington, WVA before beginning his rabbinate in Scranton.

The community is invited.

Temple Beth El's Mens Club Features Reidel After Rosen

On Sunday, November 20 at 9:30 a.m. Temple Beth El Men's Club features Leslie Reidel and students from the University of Delaware's Professional Theatre Training Program to give us a sampling of the dramatic skills being developed in the program. This could serve as a preview

for the December 10 performance of the parody "The Learned Ladies" that is being sponsored by the Men's Club. Tickets are available at the Temple office at \$13 each. That performance begins at 7:30 p.m. at U of D Hartshorn Hall.

Leslie is a member of Temple Beth El and is a professor of theatre at the University. He is a co-founder of the PTPP having come to Delaware in 1989. Students in the program will present demonstrations of monologues and dramatic scenes. A number of students in the program are well advanced in their theatre skills, with some having Broadway experience. This is a great chance to get up close to drama.

Jordan Rosen was the guest speaker at Temple Beth El Men's Club breakfast meeting on Sunday, October 16 presenting "1994 Year End Tax Planning Tips." His presentation included several charitable gift planning ideas such as the Charitable Remainder Trust. He also explained the need for written acknowledgment for charitable contributions of \$250.00 or more according to the changes in the 1993 tax law. About fifty congregational members attended the presentation by Mr. Rosen who is a Tax Partner at the Wilmington CPA firm of Barbacane Thorton & Company. Mr. Rosen is active in Jewish activities in the Delaware area having served as the chairman of the budget and finance committee of the Jewish Community Center for three years. He currently heads the endowment development program. He also serves as a Trustee of the Jewish Community Endowment Fund.

Temple Beth El Men's Club holds regular monthly meetings with speakers presenting a broad range of Jewish and secular topics. The meetings are open to the community, and a fee is charged for the breakfast preceding the main presentation.

Elderhostels In December

During the week of December 12 and December 19, the Jewish Community Center will sponsor two Elderhostels.

Elderhostel is an educational opportunity for people 60 years of age and older who want to continue expanding their intellectual horizons and develop new interests and enthusiasms.

Since its founding in 1975 with 200 pioneer hostellers on five college campuses in New Hampshire, Elderhostel has experienced dramatic growth and popularity. In 1992, more than 250,000 hostellers enrolled in our programs in all 50 states, the 10 provinces of Canada, and 47 countries abroad.

The entire community is invited to participate in this program. The cost is \$150.00 for JCC members and \$175.00 for non-members.

The December 12th program will include: Judaism, Sex and Sexuality Jewish Impact on Broadway Finding Her Voice.

The December 19th program will replace Judaism, Sex and Sexuality with Change and Continuity in America. The rest of the program will remain the same.

For more information, call Nathan Barnett, Elderhostel Coordinator at



In a weekend where Rabbi Leonard Gewirtz was honored with the dedication of a sanctuary in his name, one highlight was his leading a Minyonaires reunion.



Arlene Simon and Kevin Gross, both instrumental to the Gerwitz tribute weekend and sanctuary dedication.



Rabbi Gewirtz with John Elzufon and Howard Simon during the tribute weekend. Senator Biden spoke Friday night.

(302) 478-5660. The JCC is a beneficiary of the 'Live Jewish' Community Campaign administered by the Jewish Federation of Delaware.

Mother Wove The Morning

Jewish Family Service, Hadassah and Sophrosyne are collaborating to show a film of the one-woman play "Mother Wove the Morning" by Carol Lynn Pearson. In this play, Pearson searches for what she calls "the female face of G-D" from the vantage point of 16 women in history, and calls for a "re-integration of the feminine divine into our religions." Concerning this play Pearson says, "One of the most important things that is happening in the consciousness of the human family today is the return of the feminine. To be part of this wonderful adventure is more thrilling than I can say."

The film will be shown on Monday, December 12, 1994 in the Library Lounge of the JCC. It will begin at 6:45 p.m., and will be followed by a discussion. For further information contact Myrna Ryder at Jewish Family Service, 478-9411.

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Portrait of Rabbi Leonard and Gladys Gewirtz at AKSE near the sanctuary named for the Rabbi.

Esther M. Broner Lecture At The J.C.C.

The third author/lecture of the 1994-95 JCC's Cultural Arts Festival will be Esther M. Broner.

In her latest book, *MORNINGS AND MOURNING: A KADDISH JOURNAL*, award winning author Esther M. Broner weaves a compelling tale of one woman's journey through grief in search of connection and community within Jewish orthodox tradition.

After the death of her father, Broner sets out to say Kaddish — the daily eleven-month-long ritual of mourning, normally performed by the eldest son. In innocence and ignorance she joins "the kaddish synagogue," hoping to find solace in prayer and strength in fellowship. Instead, she is greeted by other members with suspicion and fear.

As a woman seeking to fulfill a traditionally male task, Broner finds herself immersed in a world for which she is ill-prepared. Amidst a ragtag group of the faithful — including an occasional street person recruited to make up a minyan — she is forced to sit hidden behind a veil and urged to quiet "feminine" obedience.

Grief-stricken yet determined, Broner persists, finding relief and respite in the quiet period of schloshim and strength in her daily battle to say the kaddish. Throughout her account are vivid remembrances of her gentle, scholarly, and fiercely liberal father; hilarious descriptions of her run-ins with defenders of ultra orthodoxy; and humorous account of the men in the syna-

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Massachusetts Speaker At Hadassah Meeting

Hadassah's Paid Up Membership meeting on Monday evening November 14, 1994 will take place at the J.C.C. at 7:30 p.m. and will be followed by a dessert.

Ann P. Kazar, a member of the National Speakers Board will discuss: The American Scene, Meeting the Challenges.

Ann of Andover, Massachusetts, is the Coordinator of the Hadassah New England Area Cooperative. Ann is the immediate past president of the Northern New England Region, former President of the Lowell, Massachusetts Chapter and currently serves as a member of Hadassah's National Services Division Task Force.

Other than Hadassah, Ann was the 1984 recipient of the YWCA Community Service Award. She was the Director of G.L.O.V.E. (Greater Lowell Opportunities for Volunteer Experience), Coordinator for B.A.D.D.D. (Business Against Drunk and Drugged Driving), Chairman of Operation Exodus 1991, Chairman of Parent's Committee for Greater



Ann Kazar

Boston, Brandeis University and President of the Board of Jewish Family Services of the Merrimack Valley.

Ann is married to Herb Kazar. She is the mother of two children, Dan and Robin.

The Mesibovs: A Family of Farmers

By JORDAN SOPINSKY

Jewish Voice Intern

"It's not a way of earning a living," explains Freda Mesibov. "It's a way of life."

And so it was, and still is for her and her husband, Marvin, since 1947 when they bought a farm chicken business. "He was going to either be a salesman or a farmer," related Freda about her husband. "He had a problem with his eyes and couldn't continue to work as an accountant. He needed to get out in the open."

It opened up a way of life for him that he was unaccustomed to. However, Freda knew farm life. Her mother and father, immigrants from Poland and Russia, had at first come to New York where her father worked as a hat maker. Out of the blue, he decided to be a farmer. He traveled around the U.S. in search of a place to settle and, with the help of the Jewish Agricultural Society, settled in lower Delaware. When asked what he knew about farming, Freda's father would reply, "Nothing, but I'll learn."

His neighbors taught him how to saddle a horse, milk a cow, and till a field. It was a hard life. Before the depression, they had apple and peach trees, but then pulled them out

in hopes of making a better living at truck farming. They then grew tomatoes, beans, watermelon, and cantaloupe.

"It was a hard life for Mom and Dad," Freda relates. "My father had to go up to New York every so often in order to make money in hat making."

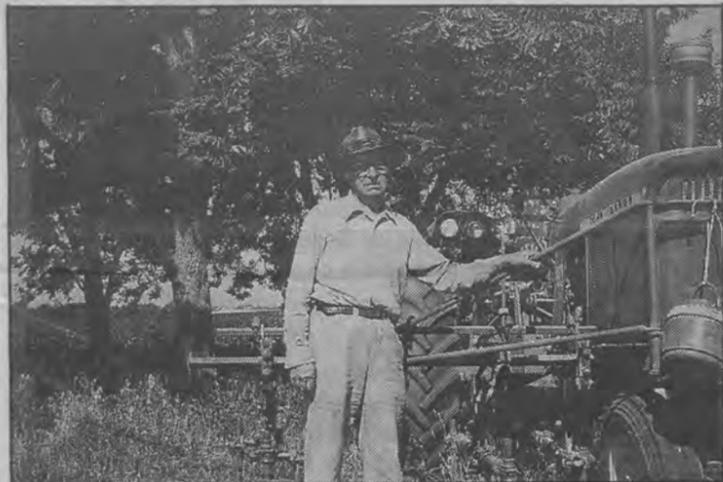
Freda was the only Jewish child at the public school she attended. Her family attended synagogue on the High Holidays. Her four sons all had Bar-Mitzvot.

For 60 years Freda's father, Jacob Markowitz, lived on their farm. All four of his children remained on farms. Freda's children, however, have decided that farm life is not for them.

ORT Shabbat At Beth Shalom November 18

On Friday, November 18, 1994, 8:00 p.m. at Congregation Beth Shalom the Brandywine ORT will host its second ORT Shabbat. The speaker, Judy Horowitz, is a member of ORT Field Committee out of the Philadelphia Region and is also the Brandywine Chapter at Large's Advisor.

For more information call Ruth Rosenberg at 529-1296.



Jacob Markowitz, Freda Mesibov's father, with his tractor on their Delaware farm. To see other photographs of Jewish farmers in Delaware go to the Delaware Agricultural Museum, located at 866 So. DuPont Hwy., Dover, DE 19901; tel: 302-734-1618 for part of its "Amish, Jewish, and Italian Farm Communities" exhibit.

CLARIFICATION

The October 21 issue of *The Jewish Voice* featured an article by Jordan Sopinsky entitled "Jewish Farmers in Delaware" on page two. Insufficient credit was given to Charles Salkin, director of the Division of Parks and Recreation at the Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control. Mr. Salkin has been researching Delaware's Jewish farmers with the aid of a fellowship provided by the Delaware Humanities Forum for the past eight years. He was generous enough to allow *The Jewish Voice* to use the information he has been gathering. The article was exclusively based on the work of Mr. Salkin. In addition to the research he has provided for the Jewish community, Mr. Salkin has also served the Jewish community as the president of Beth Shalom Congregation from 1987-1989 and has been very active in many other areas in the Jewish community, including The Jewish Historical Society of Delaware.

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Zany Brainy Features Holiday Event

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OBITUARIES

SILVERMAN UNVEILING: A monument in memory of Sylvia Silverman, who died Dec. 15, 1993, will be unveiled at 10 a.m. Sunday in Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth section of the Jewish Community Cemetery, Foulk Road.

Mrs. Silverman lived at 910 W. 24th St., Wilmington.

Shlomo Carlebach, Beloved Rabbi And Songwriter, Dead At Age 69

By LARRY YUDELSON and SUSAN BIRNBAUM
NEW YORK, (JTA) — Rabbi Shlomo Carlebach, the composer of Am Yisroel Chai, who touched thousands as a rabbi and songwriter, died

last week of a heart attack at age 69. Born in Germany in 1925, Carlebach came with his father, Rabbi Naftali Carlebach, to the United States in 1939. After his father died in 1967, he and his twin brother, Rabbi Eli Chaim Carlebach, took over their father's synagogue, Congregation Kehillat Jacob on Manhattan's Upper West Side. He recorded his songs on more than two dozen albums, songs with lyrics mostly from the traditional prayerbook and the words of the prophets. "When we daven, we daven with Reb Shlomo's tunes," Rabbi Avi Weiss, the activist rabbi and longtime friend, said in a eulogy Sunday. "We think they have been around forever, but they came from Shlomo's soul." This is true not only in Orthodox synagogues, but in Conservative havrutot, Reform summer camps, and in Hasidic shtiebel.

And it was true inside the Soviet

gulag as well.

In 1965, Glen Richter and Yaakov Birnbaum, leaders of the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry, asked him to compose a song for the movement. The result was the tune, "Am Yisrael Chai" — "the Jewish people live" — which became the theme song for an entire community. "From the time his records started getting in to the Soviet Union, we would be told that this was the movement that sustained Jewish activists," said Richter. Carlebach traveled to Moscow in the early 1970s, singing strong as KGB agents glared. Two decades later, as Communism was fading and Judaism beginning to return, he went back.

Carlebach was trained as a traditionally Orthodox rabbi. He studied at the Yeshiva Torah V'daath in Brooklyn and at Bais Medrash Gavoah in Lakewood, N.J., both strictly Orthodox institutions. In the 1960s, at the height of the Hippie movement, with its spiritual headquarters in San Francisco and neighboring Berkeley, Carlebach founded the House of Love and Prayer in San Francisco as a way to draw back young Jews who had felt alienated by Judaism and were drawn to Eastern religions made popular during the Hippie movement.

Carlebach had residences in Manhattan, Toronto — where he had a wife and two daughters — and in Israel on Moshav Me'or Modi'in, which he founded. His twin brother, Eli Chaim, died about four years ago. Like the great blues musicians who died penniless, Carlebach received barely any money from his songs; at his funeral, contributions were sought to pay for burial expenses. While his songs were recorded by dozens of other musicians, he received little credit and fewer royalties.

Her husband, Arnold Seltzer, died in 1985. She is also survived by another daughter, Karen Makoski of Oakhurst, N.J.; two brothers, Sigfried Mannheimer of Glencoe, Ill., and Samuel Mannheimer of Evanston, Ill.; and a granddaughter.

Reporter, Age 45 Dies From Cancer

SAN FRANCISCO (JTA) — Tamar Kaufman, award-winning senior staff writer for the Jewish Bulletin of Northern California, died in her El Cerrito home Saturday morning following her third bout with cancer.

She was 45.

A native of New York, Kaufman was a citizen of both Israel and the United States.

In her nine years at the Bulletin, as well as in her private life, Kaufman championed the rights of the disabled, the disadvantaged, gays and lesbians, and women. She won a national Simon Rockower award — the top prize for Jewish journalists — for an editorial on women's right to pray at the Western Wall.

The family has asked that donations in Kauffman's name be sent to the New Israel Fund, P.O. box 91588, Washington, D.C. 20090-1588, to help promote the status of women in Israel.

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The Jewish Voice Enters The Information Highway

By DAN WEINTRAUB

Editor of The Jewish Voice

Suzanne Grant, Chairperson of The Jewish Voice Business Committee made a written recommendation for the acquisition of a computer and modem to enhance the preparation of *The Jewish Voice*. The recommendation was approved by Toni

Young, the President of the Jewish federation of Delaware (JFD). *The Jewish Voice* will now receive news stories over the modem. This step is expected to increase efficiency and reduce costs. Contributors to *The Jewish Voice* are invited to submit articles or press releases to the new E-MAIL box of *The Jewish Voice*.

Broner Lecture

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gogue who are at turns shocked, titillated, and paternally protective of her presence. What emerges is a power of tradition and the amazing capacity of the individual to alter those traditions that exclude, denigrate or silence.

Mornings and Mourning will be published in November 1994.

Tickets for the lecture on November 13, 1994 are \$2.00 each. The lecture will begin at 3:00 p.m. The JCC is a beneficiary of the 'Live Jewish' Community Campaign which is administered by The Jewish Federation of Delaware.

What's In A Name?

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ish federations, and non-donors, has shown there is high name recognition among the baby-boomer and twentysomething generation with the term "federation." This should be good news for Jewish federations. But it isn't. That's because the name recognition has nothing to do with the Jewish part of Jewish federation. It has to do with Star Trek. Baby-boomers and their descendants are more likely to be familiar with the United Federation of Planets, that intergalactic consortium of worlds that is out there fighting the Klingons in the original Star-Trek and working more closely with them in Star Trek: The Next Generation, than the Jewish Federation. Is this the image that we want for our biggest Jewish fundraising and planning organization?

Every organization wants people to know its name. But Jewish federations should not have the primary association with their name being science fiction. It's hard enough to get people to volunteer and contribute money without having either conscious or subliminal thoughts about outer space and interplanetary councils.

On the other hand, name recognition of United Jewish Appeal is quite high, and people know the organization is raising money for Jewish causes.

Many communities in the last few years have been changing their name from their local Jewish community's nomenclature to include the name "federation." This movement has come from the desire of all federations to have a national unity where everybody knows the name of this organization from one community to the next. It is a sound rationale. People do move from place to place and the local umbrella organization that raises money for Jewish causes should have a unifying, singular

Fraud

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Protocols in a modern political context.

By underscoring the protean nature of the *Protocols*, Larsson helps the reader understand the otherwise inexplicable, but clearly unholy, alliance between Christian leftists, Moslem fundamentalists, right wing Neo-Nazis and left wing communists: all are united under the banner of anti-Semitism, or its modern variant, anti-Zionism.

In 1967, Norman Cohn write "Today the whole story is already almost forgotten — so much so that it is quite rare, at least in Europe, to meet anyone under the age of forty who has even heard of those strange ideas." To which Larsson comments, "Unfortunately, this statement a quarter of a century ago is no longer accurate. Even if the source to a large extent may have been forgotten, the ideas continue to flourish and bear their bitter fruits."

Understanding the perverse attraction of the *Protocols* is therefore not merely an exercise in historical curiosity. It is a practical moral and political necessity, Larsson rightfully contests the idea that "the important thing is not so much what we think but what we do. After having witnessed the evil fruits of the Anti-Semitic lie, we ought to be careful of what thoughts are planted in people's minds."

(Rabbi Robert L. Wolkoff contributes reviews and opinions to Jewish newspapers throughout the country.)

handle. The problem is, Federation is the wrong one. We could spend much more time and money "marketing" the name "Federation." But it would be better to take the opportunity to create a better label.

Now there is some talk about a corporate restructuring of UJA and the Council of Jewish Federations. Please, in the name of harmony, do not name the organization a year or two from now the United Jewish Appeal/Council of Jewish Federations - UJA/CJF. Such a name would only make a messy situation even more confusing. And it will encourage local federations to keep calling themselves a Federation. Bad choices.

A major change of a name is complicated, and can be time-consuming and costly. The Council of Jewish Federations would have to change its name, or expand it. But it would be worth it. The United Jewish Fund and the Jewish Community Fund are possibilities. The United Jewish Appeal may do just fine, or the United Jewish Appeal and Council. That introduces the concept of fundraising and a Jewish polity of sorts. Other

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Booth Interview

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at other universities, but I realize that with time, it is possible here as well.

Hillel should also become a vibrant spiritual community on campus, with Jews of all ages participating in Shabbat services, Holidays, etc. This building should hear the voices of wonderful daavening regularly - a dynamic Jewish community.

Secondly, we are working to create that visible Jewish presence on campus. We will be expanding our presence so that in addition to programs for primarily undergraduate students, we will have dynamic programs for graduate students and faculty and employees of the University as well. (This is important if we are to truly effect the University as a whole for the good of the Jewish students.)

Not only will Jewish concerns be heard in many more committees on campus, but we will see more Jewish art and culture as well. Several years from now, people from all over Delaware should be coming here at least once a year for a major event

Rosenthal Book Month

Lecture — Congregation Beth Emeth is hosting the Rosenthal Book Month Lecture during the weekend of November 11. The guest author will be Rabbi Steven Wylen from Temple Hessed in Scranton, Pennsylvania. His book is entitled, "Gossip, the Power of the Word." Come hear him speak on Friday evening, November 11 and Saturday morning, November 12. For more information, call Congregation Beth Emeth at 764-2393.

names, of course, could be created. Maybe we can even have a national contest. If Exxon can do it, so can the Jewish federations, the Council of Jewish Federation, and UJA.

All in all, it would be better when someone gets a call from the organization that's trying to raise money for Israel, feed the Jewish hungry or house the frail elderly, that they have an association with something other than rocket ships, space ships, or even worse, ask the question that so many ask, or at least are thinking even if they're afraid to say so: "What's a Jewish Federation?"

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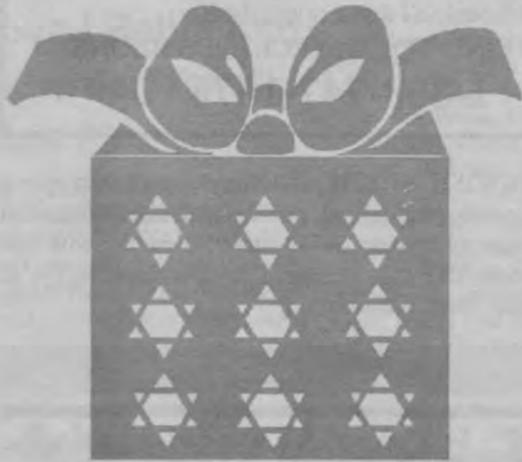
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