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Israel's Rabin Martyred By Assassin's Bullet

Murder of Prime Minister Provokes Strong Reaction In Delaware

By DAN WEINTRAUB
 Editor of The Jewish Voice

The sudden, tragic assassination of Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin was felt deeply by the Delaware Jewish community and local supporters of Israel. The shock and sadness which was felt throughout the community was given voice by community leaders. At a memorial service for Rabin held this week, Ms. Toni Young, President of the Jewish Federation of Delaware, said "we come together in this moment of grief to remember and honor a great man, Yitzhak Rabin, the late Prime Minister of the State of Israel. We also come together as a family, a community, seeking comfort in the company of others who share our loss." Young said that "in the weeks and months ahead we must move forward to establish the lasting peace for which our prime minister gave his life. We must fulfill his vision. But tonight is the time to mourn. The time to remember a hero of the Jewish people, a man who rose from farmer to soldier to statesman, the first sabra to become Prime Minister of the State of Israel, a courageous leader who led his people from war to peace. Yitzhak Rabin embodied the history of the State of Israel. We salute him."

Judy Wortman, Executive Vice-President of JFD, told the News Journal, "Our sympathy, of course is with our brothers and sisters in Israel." She added, "We hope his death won't change the course of the peace process." The Jewish Federation of Delaware cosponsored with Rabbinical Association of Delaware a memorial service for Rabin this week which drew a crowd of Delawareans estimated to be in excess of eight hundred people.

Rabbi Sanford Dresin, Spiritual Leader of Delaware's Congregation AKSE, told *The Jewish Voice* that "the murder of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, by a fellow Jew and Israeli is equal in its enormity and potential for catastrophe to the assassination 2,500 years ago of the Babylonian appointed Jewish governor of Jerusalem, Gedaliah Ben Achikam, who too was murdered by a Jew opposed to peace with Babylon. The death of Gedaliah was a disaster for the Jewish people. It resulted in a slaughter by the Babylonians of the small Jewish community that had been allowed to remain in Jerusalem following the destruction of the first Temple. This tragedy has been marked ever since on the day following Rosh Hashanah by a fast day known as The Fast of Gedaliah."

Dresin continued, "I pray that the shock of Prime Minister's death, will awaken all Jews in Israel and Diaspora to just how wide a chasm has grown between Jews over the peace process." Dresin also prays that "responsible leadership will emerge that will be able to provide healing in the form of hope, comfort and reconciliation and not in the form of vindictiveness and arrogance so that Mr. Rabin's death will not have been in vain and that his memory will be for a blessing."

Dresin, the leader of the Rabbinical Association of Delaware, organized a community memorial service at AKSE for the martyred

Zionist hero on Monday, November 6 along with the leadership for the Jewish Federation of Delaware. Among the participants in the service were most of the state's leading public servants and rabbis. Also present were such spiritual leaders as Hillel's Rabbi Avraham Rosenblum who participated, Rabbi Larry Malinge of Temple Beth El who recited the lyrics of the Song Of Peace, Rabbi Emeritus Leonard Gewirtz of AKSE who offered a benediction and Rabbi Richard Kaplan of Temple Beth El. Cantor Daniel Leeman of ASKE and Cantor Norman Swerling of Beth Shalom both sang during the Memorial service.

Rabbi Marla J. Feldman, Director of the JCRC of the Jewish Federation of Delaware, noted that among those in attendance at the memorial service were Msg. Joseph Rebman of the Catholic Diocese of Wilmington, Rev. Vin A. Harwell of the First and Central Presbyterian Church and Rev. Tom Short of the Aldengate United Methodist Church.

Before leaving for a pre-scheduled conference in New York on Jewish concepts of healing, Rabbi Peter Grumbacher, Spiritual Leader of Delaware's Beth Emeth Congregation told *The Jewish Voice* that he was "shocked and saddened" by the slaying of Rabin. Grumbacher was "sickened by the fact that a Jew would do something so heinous, and disgusted to hear that the alleged assassin felt he was doing 'God's Work' when he planned his attack and pulled the trigger." Grumbacher continued, "'God's Work' is to pursue peace, not only in terms of the process going on for two years now but also with respect to healing divisions and accepting the democratic system within Israel. Fanaticism that results in assassination can never be labeled 'God's Work' under any circumstances."

Grumbacher believes that now "Supporters of Israel must rally behind reason. We cannot allow this to divide America's Jewish community any more than it is already divided. Perhaps as a result of this act people of reason in Israel and other Jewish communities will think a little harder and realize that dialogue and understanding are vital. Once again *sinat chinam*, senseless hatred, the source of destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem according to the rabbis, has pitted Jew against Jew. We cannot let that continue."

Rabbi David Wortman, interim Rabbi at Congregation Beth Shalom and Executive Director of the JCRC of Greater Philadelphia, substituted for the Council of Jewish Federation's Executive (CJF) Martin Kraar who had been scheduled to speak at the Dinner of Commitment, an annual local gathering of substantial contributors to the UJA-Federation Campaign administered locally by the Jewish Federation of Delaware. Wortman devoted the majority of his remarks last Sunday night to the tragic events of the previous evening. Rabbi Wortman's message was that "violence is never the answer to the solving of problems." Wortman referred to Prime Minister Rabin as a "man of vision and peace. His death is a tragic episode in the evolution of Israel."

Rabbi Moishe Goldblum, of Dover's Con-



FAMILY RABIN: JERUSALEM -- Leah Rabin, her daughter Dahli a Ben-Artzi Philosof (C) and granddaughter Noa Ben-Artzi Philosof (R) cling to each other as they grieve at the grave November 6. RNS Photo/Reuters

gregation Beth Shalom also led a memorial service in Dover on Monday, November 6 for members of his synagogue and area residents. Goldblum referred to Yitzhak Rabin as "the personification of the land of Israel and the people of Israel." He noted such contrasts as the fact that Rabin fought on behalf of the British in 1941 but was taken prisoner by the British in 1946. Goldblum recalled Rabin's service as Israel's ambassador to the U.S. Rabbi Goldblum also spoke of Rabin as "a man of

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Jewish Federation of Delaware Dinner of Commitment Achieves New Heights



Attendance in alphabetical order: Norman & Phyllis Aerenon, Henry & Barbara Beckler, Yetta Chaiken, Steven & Rhoda Dombchik, Steven & Miriam Edell, Bennett & Alice Epstein, Rabbi Maria Feldman, Paul & Gloria Fine, Marvin & Muriel Gilman, Frances Glenn, Al & Doris Heisler, Bentley & Clara Hollander, Garth & Ellen Koniver, Alan Levenson & Karen Morris, Richard A. Levine, Michael & Amy Leviton, Martin & Shelly Mand, Andrew & Barbara Miller, Irving & Doris Morris, Stuart & Lelaine Nemser, Andrea Rogosin, Irving & Charlotte Shapiro, Bernard & Ruth Siegel, Pat Sloan, Howard & Arlene Simon, Henry Topel, Sheldon & Ruth Weinstein, Rabbi David & Judy Wortman, Stuart & Toni Young.

The people pictured above attended the Dinner of Commitment, and together with others who did not attend but pledged for benefit of the 1996 Campaign, contributed \$576,000, an increase of 25%. Rabbi Wortman, replacing Martin Kraar who was on route to Israel to attend the funeral of Prime Minister Rabin, gave a moving address about the local, national and international needs of the Jewish people.

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great strength and yet one of great humility." Another theme discussed at the Dover memorial was how "the violence of speech can lead to violence of action."

Rabbi Avraham Rosenblum, Director of Hillel at the University of Delaware, played guitar along with Hebrew melodies at the memorial Monday in Wilmington. He told *The Jewish Voice* that a memorial service for students had been planned at the University's Newark campus for Wednesday, November 8.

Rabbi Chuni Vogel, Director of Chabad Lubavitch of Delaware, told *The Jewish Voice* that "the tragic assassination of Prime Minister Rabin is absolutely deplorable and as an act of murder 'commanded by G-d' outrageous and shocking. May the Healer of all flesh give us the strength, understanding and healing to overcome this terrible wound and bring unity, mutual respect, tolerance and love to Am Yisrael. In such diffi-

cult times, our consistent positive thoughts, words and acts of loving kindness to our fellow (person) are crucial in helping to bring the harmony and lasting peace that we all so desperately long and pray for."

Rabbi Vogel added "The saying goes 'Two Jews, three opinions' it must however end with 'but one heart.'" We may disagree and argue, but never personalizing to the point of brother against brother. This is a Halius - a defamation of G-d and the Jewish people, and our undoing." Vogel and Rabbi Eliezer Sneiderman of the Chabad House at U of D were among those in attendance at the memorial service in Wilmington on Monday.

Rabbi Kaplan of Temple Beth El was not available for comment.

Senator Joseph Biden Jr. took time away from a busy Washington schedule to attend the Wilmington Memorial. Speaking from the podium where he had praised "his rabbi" Rabbi Gewirtz a year earlier, the Senator spoke about his impres-

sion of the man Yitzhak Rabin who he had met many years before in Israel. Biden met Rabin when the unassuming military man was Chief of Staff to Golda Meir, who had told Biden, "We Israelis have a secret weapon, we have no where else to go." Biden recalled how his daughter remarked that the two men with whom he is pictured in photos in his study are Anwar Sadat and Yitzhak Rabin, both of whom are now dead.

As he had done in front of a Sukkah at the JCC just over two years ago, Representative Mike Castle, repeated how he had met Rabin in Israel just weeks prior to the signing of the Oslo agreement on the White House lawn. Castle said, in part "no man — Israeli, Palestinian or American — was more essential to Middle East peace than Yitzhak Rabin. Without his leadership, support and blessing, Israelis would probably have never accepted an arrangement that held great promise for peace but also contained great risks. History will honor him as a magnani-

mous leader of brave people — brave enough to fight against daunting odds — perhaps even braver still to make peace.

Governor Tom Carper, who earlier this year shared in the Delaware Jewish community's Super Sunday efforts, last Monday shared in the loss felt by our community in the senseless murder of Yitzhak Rabin. Carper recited a prayer of healing.

Wilmington Mayor James Sills, Jr. who last year helped celebrate Federation Shabbat, on Monday night read a Psalm in a moving tribute to Yitzhak Rabin. The Mayor offered words of comfort on an evening when many were grieving.

New Castle County Executive Dennis E. Greenhouse reacted as a concerned public leader and as a Jew to the tragedy. All the men who spoke were articulate and their comments heartfelt.

Senator William V. Roth Jr. was unable to break away from Washington given his new committee assignment. He sent a representative who

shared his remarks at the memorial service. Roth's comments, which were later read into the congressional record, included his sentiment that "Rabin combined his acute understanding of the obstacles to peace in the Middle East with his recognition that peace was essential to the security of his nation. The product is the historic roadmap in the Middle East we must now follow. It has not, nor will not, be an easy path. It will be all the more difficult in his absence." Roth noted that "while leaders matter, it is their visions that are enduring."

NPR Fires Reporter

National Public Radio (NPR) has fired an American journalist in Israel who, it turns out, is married to a Palestine Liberation Organization official.

Maureen Meehan, a part-time NPR reporter for two years, lied to the radio news service by saying she was not married to a PLO official.

BRIEFS

NATIONAL • INTERNATIONAL

Rabin Is Laid To Rest As World Pays Tribute To His Leadership



WORLD LEADERS AT FUNERAL: JERUSALEM -- World leaders watch as the coffin of assassinated Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin is placed on a stand during funeral services November 6. From left are German Chancellor Helmut Kohl, German President Roman Herzog, United Nations General Secretary Boutros Boutros Ghali, Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, President Clinton, Dutch Prime Minister Wim Kok, Dutch Queen Beatrix, and Israeli acting Prime Minister Shimon Peres. RNS Photo/Reuters



CLINTON, PERES AT FUNERAL: JERUSALEM -- President Clinton and Israeli Acting Prime Minister Shimon Peres are flanked by Israeli army General Danny Yatom (L) and army Chief of Staff Amnon Lipkin-Shahak who salute the grave during the funeral of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin November 6. RNS Photo/Reuters

By NAOMI SEGAL
JERUSALEM, (JTA) — In the city in which he was born, for whose very walls and gates he once fought, Yitzhak Rabin was buried on Monday. Leaders from around the world joined Israelis in silent prayer as Rabin's coffin was brought for burial at Jerusalem's Mount Herzl Cemetery.

Thousands of people lined the streets of Jerusalem, which fell silent as the motorcade carrying the flag-draped coffin made its way slowly to the cemetery from the Knesset, where Rabin had lain in state the previous day.

Rabin, 73, was struck down by an assassin's bullets after appearing before some 100,000 supporters at a peace rally Saturday night at Tel Aviv's Kings of Israel Square. According to police reports, Yigal Amir, an Israeli Jew, proudly confessed to the assassination, saying that God had told him to slay the Israeli leader.

On Sunday, some 1 million people filed past Rabin's coffin to pay their last respects, leaving behind poems, candles and bouquets of flowers to honor the slain soldier, statesman and peacemaker. President Clinton and his wife, Hillary, also paid their respects at the Knesset after arriving in Israel to attend the funeral. On Monday, when the coffin was carried in to the cemetery, Rabin's widow, Leah, surrounded by her two children and grandchildren, buried her head in her hands.

A two-minute siren that sounded throughout the country marked the start of the burial ceremony. Representatives from some 80 countries, including 60 heads of state, came to Jerusalem for the funeral. Security measures in the capital were said to be the tightest ever.

Civilian flights out of Ben-Gurion Airport were suspended, as plane after plane carrying the foreign dignitaries arrived. Among those present were representatives from six Arab countries, including Jordan's King Hussein and Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak. Mubarak, who had never visited Israel's capital before, emphasized to reporters that he did

not consider this an official visit to the Jewish state, but a condolence call.

Palestine Liberation Organization leader Yasser Arafat did not attend the funeral, after Palestinian and Israeli officials reportedly told him that his presence in Jerusalem would provoke security problems and could prompt acts of outrage in Israel as well as among his own people. Clinton headed a delegation that included former presidents Jimmy Carter and George Bush, Cabinet members, former secretaries of state, some 40 members of Congress and American Jewish officials. President Ezer Weizman delivered the first of a string of eulogies by world leaders, close associates and family members. In their remarks, the speakers referred to the greatness of Rabin the leader; their deep affection and respect for Rabin the man; and their hope that a continued commitment to the peace process would be Rabin's lasting legacy.

In a moving eulogy, Hussein described the man who was once his enemy as "a brother and a friend." "Never in all my thoughts would it occur to me that my first visit to Jerusalem" by Israeli invitation would be "on such an occasion," said Hussein. The king also juxtaposed the slaying of Rabin with the 1951 assassination of his own grandfather, King Abdullah, which Hussein witnessed in his youth. Hussein was unsparing in his praise of Rabin, his co-partner in the Israeli-Jordanian peace treaty signed little more than a year ago. "As long as I live, I will be proud to have known him, to have worked with him, as a brother and as a friend and as a man. And the relationship of friendship that we had is something unique, and I am proud of that," said Hussein.

Clinton spoke of the late prime minister as a driving force in the regional peace process. "So let me say to the people of Israel, even in your hour of darkness, his spirit lives on, and so you must not lose your spirit," Clinton said.

"Legend has it that in every generation of Jews from time immemo-

rial, a just leader emerged to protect his people and show them the way to safety. Prime Minister Rabin was such a leader." Referring to the Torah portion in which God test Abraham's faith by asking him to sacrifice his son Isaac, Clinton said, "Now God tests our faith even more terribly for he has taken our Yitzhak."

Acting Prime Minister Shimon Peres, whose longtime political rivalry with Rabin turned into a partnership for peacemaking, pledged to carry on the torch. "Goodbye, my oldest brother, the bringer of peace. We will add and continue to carry this peace for near and far that you wanted and expected in your life and death," he said.

Perhaps the most moving eulogy was given by Rabin's 17-year-old granddaughter Noa Ben-Artzi, who tearfully described the personal pain she felt at the loss of the man she described as "my personal hero." "Grandpa, you were the pillar of fire before the camp, and now we're just a camp left alone in the dark, and we're so cold. 'We love you always, Grandpa,'" she said.

Rabin's coffin was later lowered into the grave. His headstone was to be inscribed in the same way as other Israeli soldiers: name, dates of birth and death, rank. Yitzhak Rabin, 1922-1995, Reserve Lieutenant-General.

After the dignitaries left the cemetery, ordinary Israelis flocked to the site, still struggling to cope with their grief. Crowds also gathered at the site of the assassination, at the Rabin home in Ramat Aviv and outside the official prime minister's residence in Jerusalem.

Meanwhile, at a custody hearing Monday in Tel Aviv, Amir, the 25-year-old Herzliya resident accused of shooting Rabin, expressed no remorse for his actions. Amir, a law student at Bar-Ilan university, said Jewish law sanctioned the killing of anyone who gave Israel's land away to the enemy. Police also detained Amir's older brother. Police reportedly told the court that Hagai Amir prepared the dum-dum bullets that were used in the assassination.

From Soldier To Statesman, Rabin Leaves Legacy of Peace

By MITCHELL DANOW
NEW YORK, (JTA) — In the final words of his final public speech, a call for peace was on the lips of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

Speaking at a pro-peace rally in Tel Aviv on Saturday night before some 100,000 supporters, Rabin gave voice to the pursuit that, more than anything else, defined and distinguished his second term as the leader of Israel.

"This rally must send a message to the Israeli people, to the Jewish people around the world, to the many people in the Arab world and indeed to the entire world, that the Israeli people want peace, support peace."

An hour later, the man who led his country in war and in peace was declared dead, the victim of an assassin's bullets.

The pursuit of peace did not come

easily to Rabin.

The old general who had repeatedly vowed never to negotiate with the "PLO murderers" later found himself at the center of the "handshake that shook the world," signing an accord with Yasser Arafat, the head of the Palestine Liberation Organization.

Rabin forever struggled to balance the possible benefits of peace with the demands of Israeli security and his longtime distrust of Israel's Arab foes.

And it was possibly because of these doubts, shared by many Israelis, that his people felt comfortable entrusting to Rabin — the most acclaimed hero of the 1967 Six-Day War — the daunting job of pursuing the peace process.

Perhaps at no time was Rabin's ambivalence about the task more evident than in the uneasy smile that

appeared on his weathered face when he exchanged that historic handshake with Arafat on the White House lawn on Sept. 13, 1993, to seal the Israeli-Palestinian peace process.

The chain-smoking, often gruff-sounding Israeli leader who recently said that the only place he would not smoke was in the White House — because he was not allowed — traversed many a blood-soaked battlefield on his long journey to the White House lawn.

In fact, he was barely out of boyhood when he got his first taste of war.

Born Yitzhak Robicov on March 1, 1922, to Russian parents who had immigrated to what was then British-mandate Palestine, he grew up hoping to become one of the pioneer farmers who would make the Land of Israel blossom once again.

But at the age of 19, he changed course, taking a step that would alter his fate — and that of a country that had not yet been reborn: He joined the Palmach, an underground elite commando unit led by Moshe Dayan, to fight British rule in Palestine.

He rose through the ranks, promoted first to platoon leader, then to deputy commander of an operation in 1945 that freed 200 illegal Jewish immigrants from the Atlit detention camp.

A year later, he was arrested by the British, along with hundreds of other Jewish leaders in what came to be known as "Black Saturday" and spent six months in a British detention camp.

In October 1947, Rabin was named deputy commander of the Palmach, where he met fellow member Leah Schlossberg, who became

his wife in August 1948.

In the 1948 War of Independence, Rabin commanded the Harel Brigade, leading them in the fight to open the road to a besieged Jerusalem, and liberating neighborhoods of the city.

After the war, he was a member of the delegation that signed the armistice agreements with the Arab states at the Greek island of Rhodes in 1949.

Rabin subsequently decided to pursue his military training, and in 1953 he graduated from the Staff College in Britain.

In 1954, he was named head of the Israel Defense Force Training Branch, where he was promoted to the rank of brigadier general.

During the next 10 years, he rose through a series of positions — commander of the northern sector from

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EDITORIAL

Thou Shall Not Kill

Shock, Grief, Pain.
The still youthful miracle of Israel has suffered a brutal, senseless, familial loss. Israel's slain Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's life embodied the Zionist ideal. The real-life inspiration for Exodus' Ari Ben Cannan continued to inspire over a long and distinguished career. The tragic assassination of Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin represents an unfathomable, heavy blow against the unity and decency of the Jewish people. This act, although apparently the work of a lone, cold-blooded young man, comes against a backdrop of over two years of escalating friction, ugly rhetoric and division within the Jewish people. The Jewish prohibition against *lashon hara* underscores our belief that words have consequences. Some opponents of the peace process and the policies of the Rabin administration have called the man who liberated Jerusalem a traitor (sic) and Hitler (sic), they have hung him in effigy and they have tried to thwart the functioning of the Israeli democratic process.

When some cheered the actions of Baruch Goldstein, who murdered more than two dozen Muslim worshippers in Hebron, it caused deep concern because how could a Jew do this? When a New York man punched Shulamit Aloni, an Israeli woman and Knesset member, it caused deep concern because how could a Jew do this? When threats were heard against Rabin it caused deep concern because how could Jews do this? These hollowed bullets caused tears and how could a Jew do this?

The Israeli born Yitzhak Rabin was a masterful military man and a warrior for peace. His military campaigns are studied at West Point and his peace overtures are admired around the world. He will be remembered not only for the historic liberation of Jerusalem but also as the realistic man who led his people in these first arduous, practical steps toward peace. Like Anwar Sadat, Yitzhak Rabin was martyred by an extreme element from within his own society as he sought regional peace. The Nobel Prize Winner saw the Israeli dominance of Palestinian Arabs within her borders as contrary to a Jewish way of life. The strength of the Sabra and a commitment to Jewish values underscored Rabin's real world vision.

This tough pragmatist's vision inspired many. An emotional President Clinton said of Rabin "Shalom Chaver" and ordered US flags to stand at half mast. While this small nation in the Middle East grieved world leaders gathered to pay their respects. Presidents Clinton, Bush and Carter, European heads of state and leaders of several Arab countries were among those paying their respects. While Egypt's Hosni Mubarak also made his first trip to Israel as President, it was Jordan's King Hussein whose eloquence about his friend exemplified the historic changes begun under Rabin's tenure.

Like Moses, Rabin has led much of the way toward the promised land but never arrived there. The single best way to honor the memory of the slain Prime Minister is to carry on his challenging work toward peace.

His path toward peace was not that of a foolish dreamer but neither was it the path of a closed minded militarist.

As the State of Israel comes together to move toward its future what steps can be taken to promote reconciliation, consensus and progress? Leaders should find a way to not only articulate the benefits of continuing the peace process but also take steps to provide a better sense of security for all Israelis. Many Israeli security experts have emphasized how the Oslo 2 agreement contemplates no withdrawal of settlers and in fact provides substan-

tial security for these Jews in the territories. If Jews can move away from the shameful rhetoric which has prevailed, then reasonable discussions can take place to narrow differences over policy. It is a hopeful sign that most Jews regardless of their politics have said in the strongest possible terms that violence against other Jews will never be acceptable.

Unfortunately there are still those who dishonor the word "Jew" by justifying or in some cases even rejoicing in this senseless murder. This is not the Jewish way and it is unacceptable. To this too we say "never again."

VOICE MAIL

Truman Was Good

To the Editor:

Re: Your article by Steve Cohen, "Harry Truman" Was He Good For the Jews?

My answer would be a resounding, Yes. If he hadn't moved, without delay when the partition of Palestine was voted in 1948, to recognize the infant state that was besieged by the Arab armies, there wouldn't have been a State of Israel. He had the guts to ignore the State Department, which according to his biography, was anti-Semitic, and the British whose policy was to appease the Arabs, for oil, and wouldn't let the displaced persons from the concentration camps, enter Palestine. They interred them in Cypress.

The 1924 immigration quota system prevented more than a handful of refugees, from entering the United States (a few who had relatives here). Besides our laws mandated that immigrants had to have a country of origin. The refugees were stateless. Basically there was no place for the refugees of the Holocaust to go except a Jewish State in Palestine, and its gates were closed by the British. Truman knew that the 80th Congress of the United States, under the leadership of Robert Taft, wouldn't do anything to relieve the plight of the refugees so that they could enter this country. After all this was the time of the ascendancy of Richard Nixon, who saw all refugees as commies, and we did not want more of them, we had enough under every bed al-

ready.

When Eddie Jacobson (his former partner in the failed haberdashery) showed President Truman a picture of Chaim Weizmann, and pointed to the bust of Andrew Jackson that President Truman had in the Oval Office, and said "Mr. President he is your hero" (meaning Andrew Jackson), here is the hero of the Jewish people. Truman made up his mind to see Weizmann, and decided then and there to recognize the State of Israel, as soon as the vote in the United Nations was official. Truman, who was never at a loss in making up his mind, made the right decision and Jews all over the world should revere his memory. He did the decent thing, and as one of the greatest Presidents of the 20th Century, that is now coming to an end. Incidentally, his immediate successor was never a friend of the Jews (as per the 1956 invasion of Suez by the Israelis, French and British) and was one of the worst Presidents of the 20th Century. There was a good deal of anti-Jewish bias the way Eisenhower handled the Rosenberg Spy Trial.

Truman after all did pretty good for a President that came up through the ranks of machine politics in Kansas City. We were lucky to have Harry Truman at a crucial time in our history.

Sincerely,
Samuel Kagel
Wilmington, DE

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PERES, RABIN JUST BEFORE KILLING: TEL AVIV -- Foreign Minister Shimon Peres (L) waves to the crowd as he stands alongside Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin Nov. 4 during a huge rally in support of the government's peace process. Yitzhak Rabin was killed by an assassin while leaving the pro-peace rally.

OPINION

The Importance Of The UJA - Federation Campaign

(Editors note: This opinion column was written prior to the tragic events of last weekend).

By CLARA HOLLANDER

UJA Federation Campaign Chairperson

As I walked out of the Holocaust Museum, after my second visit there, I couldn't help but have mixed feelings. One was tremendous disbelief for the millionth time, the other was tremendous anger at the whole world and the third was tremendous pride in ourselves.

As a Jewish community we have every reason to be proud. We have risen out of the ashes of the Holocaust and established ourselves and our children as substantial contributing members of world society. When there was no one in the world to help us we united to help ourselves.

The United Jewish Appeal was created out of American Jewry's response to Kristalnacht, an orchestrated night of terror directed against the Jewish communities of Germany and Austria in November, 1938. Two months later on

January 10, 1939 the United Jewish Appeal was established as a central American fund-raising organization for relief and rehabilitation in Europe, immigration and settlement in the land of Israel and refugee aid in the United States. We certainly have succeeded in accomplishing those goals.

Today we can look back with a great deal of pride. We have built a nation and participated in its struggles from painful birth to its growth as a prosperous country. We have witnessed the miracle of Operation Exodus and the absorption of 564,880 Jews from the former Soviet Republic. Many of us were on the White House lawn to witness the history making handshake.

In November, 1995 the Jewish world has changed radically, however the basic premise of Federation is the same — Jews helping each other to:

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I'm thinking about the Jews of Germany in 1932. They were accepted members of the highest echelon of German society. Many of them felt more German than Jewish. Can it happen again? Today there is a visible and vocal rise in anti-Semitism: the skinheads, the militias and the rhetoric of Farrakahn. It is unbelievable to me that in 1995 we are witnessing the horrors of ethnic cleansing in Bosnia.

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(Clara Hollander is the Chairperson of the UJA-Federation campaign administered in Delaware by the Jewish Federation of Delaware (JFD)).

Planting For The Future

By RABBI MARLA J. FELDMAN

Director, Jewish Community Relations Committee

Once upon a time, the sage Honi was walking along the road, and he saw an old man planting a carob tree. Honi asked: "How many years will it take for this tree to bring forth fruit?" The old man said it would take seventy years. Honi asked, "Are you so healthy that you expect to live that long and eat the fruit of this tree?" The old man answered, "I found a fruitful world because the generation before me planted trees. So will I do for the next generation!" Honi sat down to have a meal and a great sleep came upon him. As he slept, a rocky formation enclosed around him which hid him from sight and he continued to sleep for seventy years. When he awoke he saw a man gathering the fruit of the carob tree and he asked him, "Are you the man who planted the tree?" The man replied: "I am his grandson." (Ta'anit 23a)

Long before Rip Van Winkle took his nap or Johnny Appleseed dotted the landscape with apple orchards, our rabbis stressed the

importance of leaving behind an improved world for those who follow. Generation upon generation, our ancestors planted and nurtured the seeds of community to bequeath to us a sturdy infrastructure and vibrant institutions to enrich Jewish life in Delaware. We are the generation that enjoys the fruit of our forebears' generosity. We pray in synagogues built by them. We educate our youth, care for our elderly and needy, fulfill our historic commitment to fellow Jews around the world and provide a creative environment for Jewish continuity here in Delaware because our predecessors laid the foundations of our community.

There are many in our community who continue to plant seeds for future generations. They do so through gifts and bequests to The Jewish Community of Delaware's Endowment Fund. Formally established in 1985, the Endowment Fund is comprised of both modest and substantial gifts, some restricted according to the donor's interests and others directed by the current community leaders. Over the years, the Endowment Fund has benefited



nearly every Jewish agency and synagogue in the state. It has provided funds for young leaders to participate in national conferences and youth to study in Israel. JNF, UJA, orphanages and eldercare facilities in Israel have received grants from our Endowment Fund. Most recently, the Endowment Fund provided the means to establish the JCC preschool at Temple Beth El and the current Population Study.

Some may think it crass for a rabbi to dwell on financial rather than spiritual matters. We are more comfortable letting financial experts

giving, not the 'why.' Why one chooses to bequeath a gift for future generations is a deeply spiritual matter. It defines our place in Jewish evolution, providing a link to our descendants just as we are linked to our ancestors. In my own will, I have made provisions for such a charitable gift. My "estate" is no more than my meager savings, possessions and a fairly decent Judaica library. It is not for any financial benefit that I have planned thus for my future, but rather to fulfill a spiritual and emotional need to be remembered.

For Jews, the afterlife is that which we leave behind when we die. For good or for bad, the impact upon the world that we make today is our legacy to our descendants. An endowed gift ensures that we will be remembered for our generosity in the future. It continues the tradition of planting seeds for future generations so that, long after we have departed, our descendants will find a "fruitful world."

"The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life." (Proverbs 11:30)

For information about the Endowment Fund, contact Judy Wortman at (302) 427-2100.

Back From The Abyss

By NECHEMIA MEYERS

Israeli Correspondent

When I walked through the streets of Rehovot this morning, less than 12 hours after the assassination of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, every second or third person seemed to have red-rimmed eyes.

For whether they heard the terrible news while watching television themselves, or had gone to bed early and were then woken up by a phone call from someone else who had been watching, they found it difficult to fall asleep afterwards.

Some people, like my wife and myself, took tranquilizers, but even this didn't always blot out the grief at Rabin's death, and fear about the future of Israel. This fear has grown in realization of the fact that Jewish leaders, no less than Arab leaders, can fall victim to home-grown fanatics.

Right-wing spokesmen have been quick to condemn the assassination in no uncertain terms, but there are observers here who nevertheless hold them morally responsible for the tragic event. Hebrew University Professor Zeev Sternhal, for example, had this to say: "Where political murders are concerned, I have always

felt that responsibility does not lie with the man who pulls the trigger. The real murderers are those who—by portraying their ideological adversaries as traitors—sanction the killing of those adversaries. This was true 50 years ago in Germany and Italy, and it is true in Israel today."

Though he doesn't name names, Sternhal accuses "some respected political leaders of creating the conditions in which the murder could take place."

Other commentators, like "Yediot Aharonot" columnist Nahum Barnea, believe that the Likud should not be held responsible for the murder since "extremist groups—not established parties—have fomented the atmosphere of violence in the streets of Israel." At the same time, Barnea believes that Likud leader Benjamin Netanyahu was being "short-sighted and irresponsible when he sought to exploit the prevailing atmosphere in order to weaken the Government."

Now Netanyahu and other right-wing leaders undoubtedly regret having associated, albeit indirectly, with the "Kahanist crazies," but that is water under the bridge. What counts now is their ability, and that of their left-wing

counterparts, to reach an agitation-free modus vivendi. For unless they do, Israel will be unable to overcome those elements in the Moslem world who will not rest until the Jewish State vanishes from the map of the Middle East.

Embarrassed Bar Ilan

Some of the Orthodox Jews to whom I spoke this morning in Rehovot bitterly claimed that their secular fellow countrymen were holding them collectively responsible for the assassination of the Prime Minister. This manifestly unfair generalization has sprung up because religious elements led the agitation against Rabin and the assassin himself, Yigal Amir, wore a skullcap and studied at a yeshiva.

But nowhere was there such consternation as at the Orthodox-oriented Bar-Ilan University, where Amir has been enrolled in recent years. Classes were called off and a campuswide assembly held, one at which participants pledged to fight intolerance and agitation.

N. Meyers

As has been pointed out over and over again in recent hours, the Jews of the 20th century should learn from what happened to the Jews of the 1st century, when internal political conflicts and rampant fanaticism led to the destruction of the 2nd Temple and nearly 2,000 years of exile.

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SPECIAL REPORT

Political Leaders Weigh Future
As Peres Takes Over Coalition

By DAVID LANDAU

JERUSALEM, Nov. 6 (JTA) — The assassination of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, coming just one year before Israel's national elections, has thrust to the forefront questions about the future leadership of the Labor Party and the political tactics of the opposition.

And tied up with both these issues is the future of the peace process, as Likud, the main opposition party, has stated that it is not bound by the agreements made by Rabin's government.

In the immediate aftermath of Rabin's death, Israel underwent a smooth transition of leadership within hours of what was one of the grimmest moments in the country's history.

Foreign Minister Shimon Peres was named acting prime minister at an emergency Cabinet session shortly after Rabin was killed Saturday night.

The Likud, led by Benjamin Netanyahu, announced that it would not contest the creation of a new Peres-led government.

"In Israel," Netanyahu declared Sunday, "governments change by election, not by murder."

Under current Israeli law, a government is deemed to have resigned with the death of the prime minister, and the president must set about the task of consulting with the political

parties in the Knesset about forming a new government.

The Likud, said Netanyahu, would recommend to President Ezer Weizman that he select Peres to form a new government.

Among the other opposition parties in the Knesset, the National Religious Party quickly announced that it would follow suit.

Only the ultrahardline Moledet Party, led by Rehavam Ze'evi, said it would oppose another Labor-led government at this time. But it was a statement of no political significance, given the Likud's gesture.

Netanyahu's action seemed to be sincere. After all, the whole nation was in too deep a state of mourning to be playing politics while Rabin's body lay in state outside the Knesset, prior to Monday's funeral.

Yet despite the presumed sincerity of Likud, Israeli political commentators could not help but point out the deft, indeed near-brilliant tactical advantage in the Likud's move.

By facilitating the swift creation of a new government, Israel's main opposition party is substantially reducing the prospect of early elections before the regularly scheduled voting in November 1996.

Peres' best chance of winning his party's nod to run for prime minister — and of beating Netanyahu at the ballot box — lies, in the view of most pundits, in an early election,

when the traumatic memory of the Rabin assassination is still fresh in the Israeli public's consciousness.

Indeed, several leading Labor figures — including Knesset member Hagai Merom, along with Nissim Zvili, party secretary — went public this week with their assessment that the party's best option now is to bring about elections as soon as possible.

If the elections were held soon, the reasoning goes, Peres could run as the champion of peace who is carrying forward not only his own bold vision, but also the political legacy of the martyred Rabin.

Because of his dogged pursuit of the peace process, and his close cooperation with Rabin in that endeavor, Peres is believed to risen in popularity, both within the Labor Party and among the Israeli public at large.

In his meetings with President Clinton, Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak and other world leaders attending Rabin's funeral, Peres reiterated his resolve to press ahead with the peace process despite the death of Rabin.

"I see our Arab neighbors, and I want to tell them peace is attainable, both here and with you," Peres said at the funeral Monday. "We are not allowed to postpone or hesitate in reference to peace."

True, Peres ordered a temporary closure of the West Bank for security reasons and suspended the Israel Defense Force's ongoing redeployment there pending a post-assassination Cabinet-level reassessment of the situation on the ground.

But he has made it clear that these measures in no way signal a slowing of the timetable for extending Palestinian self-rule in the West Bank.

Peres reportedly told French President Jacques Chirac during a meeting after Monday's funeral that Palestinian elections would take place as scheduled in January.

If early Israeli elections are not held, the dangers to Peres' election chances during the coming year — apart from the obvious one of renewed terrorist violence — could come from one of several quarters:

* Within the Labor Party, there is likely to be increased momentum to remove the aging Peres in favor of a younger man.

Among those who see themselves as suitable candidates for the premiership is Police Minister Moshe Shahal. A stronger candidate could be the leader of the Histadrut labor federation, Haim Ramon, a popular former minister under Rabin who broke away from Labor in 1993 over health reform but is now close to rejoining the party.

* President Weizman has grown increasingly critical of the government's peace policy in recent months. Although his outspoken reservations barely put a dent in his warm relations with the late Rabin, they have created a strain in ties with Peres. Some pundits feel that Weizman may be angling for the prime ministership himself.

* Leah Rabin was deeply affected by the long period of animosity between Rabin and Peres, despite their recent period of working together for peace. The question is whether she would articulate her views and whether they would influence the Labor Party or public opinion.

* The Israeli right will, with the passage of time, presumably recover from the massive blow that it has sustained with the murder of Rabin by a rightist-religious extremist.

Labor and its allies are pointing to recent harsh public assaults from the right — including demonstrations against Rabin in which he was branded a traitor and murderer — as inciting the killing or at least fostering a political climate for an assassin to emerge.

Netanyahu's quick decision to acquiesce in a new Labor-led government without a fight was believed intended primarily to deflect this potentially devastating attack on the entire right.

He and advisers will need to come up with additional actions in the weeks ahead to strengthen their image.

This will become increasingly important as the election campaign heats up. Netanyahu has made it clear that he does not feel bound by the recent agreements reached between Israel and the Palestinians.

If the Likud and the other parliamentary parties need to work to bounce back, that is all the more true with the Yesha Council, the main extraparliamentary organization articulating pro-settler activities and opinions.

Council leaders took to the airwaves within minutes of the assassination to claim not only that the alleged killer is not part of their movement, but, more importantly, that he could not have drawn his inspiration from their movement's ideology.

In a somber irony of fate, those who declared for three years that the Rabin government and its policies had delegitimized them, now find themselves facing a massive wave of delegitimization, led by the left-wing parties and the media, that could debilitate their political effectiveness

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SPECIAL REPORT



Tel Aviv -- The late Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin speaking to the huge peace rally November 4. RNS News Photo/Reuters.

Rabin, They Heard You

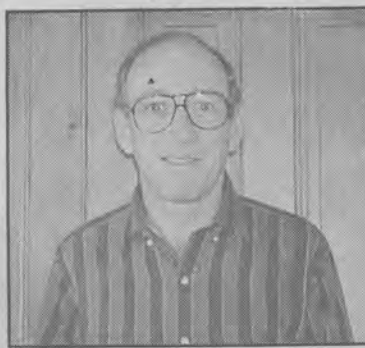
He spoke with authority but only after lengthy thought, He knew the human mind works slowly, since truth is not so cheaply bought.

And then at last his soul convinced his mind to choose the Olive Branch and Dove, The voice said, Choose not dominance, but love. Only someone who has fought and seen his comrades die, Seen wary soldiers conquer Jerusalem, then touch the Wall and cry, Seen farmers growing crops where once the desert reigned Could see the real message that our history contained.

A message that says judge yourself before you judge others, We're persecuted so we know too well the song of anguish and despair, That comes from the homeless. Are they not our brothers. So take that hand, he too leads a nation, he too must care Enough of Blood and Tears, Enough you said World leaders heard and went to where that message led. The message told by that line at Auschwitz, each with yellow star on sleeve, Their silence was because each prayed "I believe, I believe. I believe that peace is stronger than bullets or gas or pain." They rise again

Though one bullet found its dastardly mark. I pray your soul still hears the many thousands singing at that park. Each supporting your choice of history

Poem by Cas Anolick



Cas Anolick

LATE BITS

The following summaries relate to late breaking stories and other items of interest. Much of these were not available at press time in a more substantial form. Other items are included here to reflect current developments. These news

summaries are adapted from what has been provided to The Jewish Voice by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency (JTA).

NEW YORK — The New York rabbi who called for the assassination of Yitzhak Rabin is reportedly fired from his congregation.

BUENOS AIRES — An Argentine man reportedly surrenders to authorities, saying he was involved in the 1994 bomb attack on the Jewish community here.

JERUSALEM — Israel's investigation into the assassination of Yitzhak Rabin continues, with a roundup of right-wing activists and the resignation of the head of the ShinBet unit responsible for guarding the prime minister.

WASHINGTON — In the first tangible tribute to Yitzhak Rabin's legacy, Congress moves to extend legislation enabling U.S. funds to flow to the Palestinians.



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Another Move For JFD and The Jewish Voice

by DAN WEINTRAUB

Editor of *The Jewish Voice*
The Jewish Federation of Delaware (JFD) and the Jewish Voice are moving again. An air quality problem has prompted the organization and its subsidiary to relocate effective November 15 to 300 Delaware Avenue, Suite 920 in Wilmington, which is the PNC building for an estimated period of a year.

The new mailing address for The Jewish Federation of Delaware (JFD) and The Jewish Voice is P.O. Box 2193, Wilmington, DE 19899-2193.

Peres

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and indeed threaten their very existence.

Some settlement figures suggested Sunday that the assassination would ultimately lead to the removal of Jewish settlements in the West Bank because of this inevitable sapping of the settlers' strength.

David Lee Preston Set To Speak Before Sisterhood Group

David Preston will be the guest speaker at Congregation Beth Shalom Sisterhood Torah Fund Brunch on Sunday, November 19 at 11:30 a.m. David has been a staff writer with the Philadelphia Inquirer and Wilmington News-Journal. The son of Holocaust survivors George Preston and the late Halina Wind Preston of Wilmington has written three cover stories about his parents for the Inquirer Sunday magazine. His article "Journey To My Father's Holocaust" won a citation from the Overseas Press Club Of America and was a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize in feature writing. Mr. Preston's talk will also feature a new film by Janine Biden on a trip he and his wife took to his mother's home town in the Ukraine.

The Beth Shalom Sisterhood is joining with members of Conservative Synagogue Sisterhoods throughout the country in support of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America. The Torah Fund provides



David Lee Preston

financial assistance to seminary students enabling them to pursue their Judaic studies.

For reservations please contact Sue Gutter (798-9137) or Elaine Morganstein (478-8667). The community is welcomed to this event.

Grumbachers to Host Tour To Israel

At the conclusion of the 1995-1996 school year, Suzy and Rabbi Peter H. Grumbacher of Congregation Beth Emeth will lead a tour to the State of Israel for families, couples and singles. This will be Rabbi Grumbacher's fourth tour and will highlight the celebration of "Jerusalem 3000," the special anniversary of Israel's capital.

"Those who have never visited Israel before and those who have toured the Jewish State will find this to be of interest. Growth in all areas of the land has been incredible in recent years; new archaeological sites have been excavated; and the city of Jerusalem is especially inviting as thousands of tourists are making 1996 the year to visit," said Grumbacher.

If you are at all interested, plan to be at Congregation Beth Emeth on Sunday night, November 12th for an exploratory meeting. This will take place at 7 p.m. in the library. "There is no obligation so if you have even the slightest thought about joining them, please take an hour to hear about the details," said one organizer. All are encouraged to attend.

Hadassah & ORT Sponsor Art Auction

The Wilmington Chapter of Hadassah in conjunction with the Brandywine Chapter of Women's American Ort will co-sponsor a Fine Arts and Crafts Exhibition and Auction on Saturday evening, Decem-

ber 2, 1995 at the Jewish Community Center. The preview will begin at 7:00 P.M., the actual auction will begin at 8:00 P.M. the cost is \$10.

The Gallery presenting the auction will be Brewsters of Philadelphia. Included in the auction will be a collection of jewelry, crystal, pottery and paintings. Refreshments will be served. For more information please contact Eva Weissman at 478-4514.



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Israeli Film At U of D

On Thursday, November 30, at 7:30 p.m. the Frank and Yetta Chaiken Center for Jewish Studies of the University of Delaware will screen the Israeli film, "Because of That War," in Room 004 Kirkbride Hall.

Directed by the filmmaker Orna Ben Dov Nir, "Because of That War" is a rarely shown documentary about two Israeli rock musicians who record songs about the Holocaust.

Rock music and the Holocaust? This unlikely juxtaposition results in some very powerful compositions, because the two musicians — among Israel's most talented performers — draw on a deep personal connection to the Jewish catastrophe.

Soon after forming a rock group and forging a strong friendship, the two young men discover they have something in common: both are children of Holocaust survivors. Although neither has talked much about this family background before, the two soon realize that this legacy has shaped them and their families in similar ways. They turn to their art form — the popular music idiom — to express their complicated feelings. The director, also a child of survivors, creates a serious and engaging documentary which incorporates interviews with the musicians and with their parents as well as performances of the music composed to honor their parents' struggles and commemorate the victims. "Because of That War" is one of the first Israeli films to deal with Holocaust survivor families.

The film which will be followed by a discussion, is free and open to the public.

Mitchell Young To Speak About Czech Republic

This season's first supper, discussion meeting of Jewish Women International, formerly B'nai B'rith Women, will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, November 12th at the home of Ellen and Mel Pell, Chalfonte.

Mitchell Young, who recently returned from a year in the Czech Republic, will relate his impressions of life after communism, the Jewish community today and more. For information and reservations contact Ellen at 478-3050.

Blu Greenberg To Appear At The JCC

Blu Greenberg will be appearing at the Jewish Community Center as part of the Jewish Cultural Arts Author Series and the Engrained Forever Holocaust Art Exhibit on Thursday, November 30 at 7:30 p.m. Greenberg will be discussing her book, "Black Bread: Poems After the Holocaust".

"Black Bread" is poetry in its most earthly and human form, sharing the gamut of human emotion, from tenderness to horror, joy to despair, vulnerability to love. The poems are the work of Blu Greenberg, an American-born Jew scared by survivor's stories and memories.

Greenberg is also the author of "On Women and Judaism: A View from Tradition" and "How to Run a Traditional Jewish Household". The cost for the author lecture is \$2.00 per person. Tickets are now on sale at the JCC Front Desk. For more information, call Mona Allen or Ella Zukoff at (302) 478-5660.

PHASE II To See Engrained Forever

The PHASE II singles group will be attending a special showing of the Engrained Forever, a multi-media Holocaust art exhibit, on Sunday, November 19 at the JCC. A light brunch will be served at 11 a.m. followed by the exhibit tour. The cost is \$3 per person. Reservations are required by November 15th.

The Engrained Forever exhibit is now on display at the Jewish Com-

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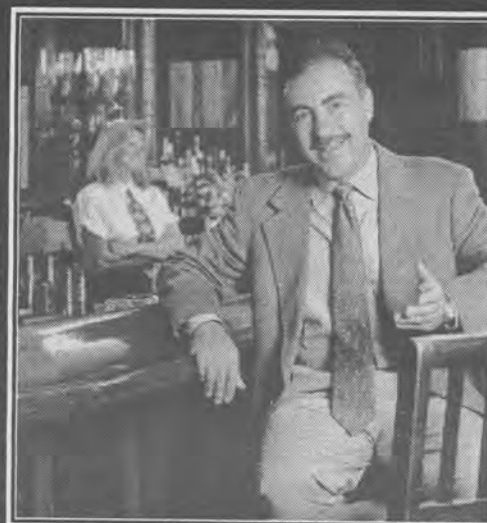
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Schulweis Book Reviewed

For Those Who Can't Believe Overcoming The Obstacles To Faith
HAROLD M. SCHULWEIS
 Harper Collins, 1994, 216 pp., \$20.00

Reviewed by **Marvin S. Cytron.**

"Everything you wanted to know about God but were afraid to ask" headlines the publisher's announcement for this thought provoking book by Rabbi Schulweis. While it is ambitious to believe that "everything" can be answered in one concise volume the author does address some difficult questions about faith and practice in Judaism. Rabbi Schulweis, a graduate of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, and recipient of numerous honors is spiritual leader of Congregation Valley Beth Shalom in Encino, California. He is also the founding chairman of the Jewish Foundation For Christian Rescuers, an organization that identifies and offers grants to those non-Jews that risked their lives to save Jews threatened by the agents of Nazi savagery.

In his introduction, Rabbi Schulweis positions his book primarily for two groups of Jews; "to those who are indifferent to established religion and to those who cling to the faith but are plagued by doubt". Drawing from challenges brought to him by congregants and non-congregants he provides examples of these perplexing issues. These include such questions that range from "Does God really hear prayer?", to "Where was God at Auschwitz?"

Each chapter of this eleven chapter book addresses a specific issue with the first three chapters examining such issues as "Where is God?", kinds of prayer and the miracles of the bible. This chapter discusses the conflict of scientific rationale versus miracles, particularly the plagues visited upon Egypt. Later chapters deal with the bible; is the bible the word of God or man? is it fact or fiction? A somewhat complex chapter addresses the many faces of God. Particular emphasis is placed on the two faces of God: "Elohim the God of the reality principle, the way things are, not the way they ought to be"

and Adonai that half of God that is the "ground of moral goodness".

The most moving and for some readers the most controversial chapter attempts to answer the difficult question of our generation; Where was God at Auschwitz? Rabbi Schulweis presents painful illustrations of the Nazi horrors and answers the question, in part, that Adonai was present in those non-Jews that risked their lives to save and protect Jews. He then describes many examples of these rescuers; "Where was Adonai in the Holocaust? Adonai was in Niuevelande, a Dutch village in which seven hundred residents rescued five hundred Jews, including one hundred Jewish children. The entire population of Niuevelande acted as rescuers. Every single household took one Jewish family or at least one Jew into their home. No one feared being informed upon by his neighbor because everyone was implicated in the crime of concealing a Jew. Adonai was among the simple folk, the house painters, bakers, postmen, who met frightened children at the trains and gave them food, shelter and love in their own homes."

The author concludes with two chapters devoted to ritual observance, one chapter to life events the other to the Holy Days and festivals and Jewish universalism of the events of life and the calendar.

Does this short book live up to the publishers enticement of answering "Everything you wanted to know about God"? No, of course not, but it does provide a fresh approach

to some very challenging questions. For Those Who Can't Believe is not a "casual read" but a serious book that deserves attention from both the committed and indifferent Jew. (Note: Rabbi Schulweis will speak at Wilmington's Congregation Beth Shalom on November 20th, at 7:30 P.M. The talk by Rabbi Schulweis is sponsored by the Kraft Educational Foundation, is open to the public and there is no charge for admittance.)



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The Beatles' MINYAN

By JOEL F. GLAZIER

Special To The Jewish Voice

November 1995 and the country is caught up again with the group The Beatles. A mini-series of their history broadcast this month, a new record release hits stores and feature stories may lead folks to wonder, depending on their ages, a) why all the fuss again? b) of course the fuss is warranted again, or c) who are (were) The Beatles? Perhaps readers of this newspaper wonder if there is any "Jewish Interest" in this musical phenomena.

In the Beginning...

In the 800 pages of THE TIME-TABLES OF JEWISH HISTORY, author Judah Gribetz mentions the old "Fab Four" only once: "1961—Brian Epstein discovers the Beatles in a local nightclub. He shepherds them to worldwide prominence." That entry is true but there are many other "Jewish connections" to this group and their musical success as this article will explore. Brian Samuel Epstein, oldest son of Harry and Malka ("Queenie") Epstein was born on Yom Kippur and raised in an observant home in Liverpool, England. A frustrated actor, Brian was set up in the record business within the family's prominent furniture company, I. Epstein & Sons. On a tip from a customer, he traveled to the seedy nightclub, The Cavern, and was immediately struck by the energy of The Beatles' music. Quickly dressing them up and getting them under his wing, he worked exhaustively to get the group the success he knew they deserved. With help from Dick James (Richard "Isaac" Vapnick), London music publisher, they successfully auditioned for EMI, the largest record company in England. He also got rid of drummer Pete Best, replacing him with Ringo Starr, a poor, uneducated musician, whose large nose and real name of Richard Starkey sparked rumors in America that he was Jewish. (He was raised a Catholic.)

After appearing on 3 successful ED SULLIVAN SHOW broadcasts, The Beatles became a household name in America. On that February 1964 visit to New York, struggling impresario Sid Bernstein booked two Beatles concerts at Carnegie Hall and convinced manager Epstein a return visit to the states would be a necessity. Bernstein later promoted their

first major stadium rock concert, successfully selling 56,000 tickets. The precedent setting outdoor concert was to be duplicated many times in the future.

The group continued recording hit records, sometimes referring to highlights in their own life. The song, "Penny Lane" described a neighborhood shopping area, where still standing, is Chalkins Kosher Bakery. Were some of Chalkins' rugaluch inspiration to Messrs. Lennon & McCartney? Articles about the group followed as they toured the world. Ray Coleman, broke from his Orthodox rabbi family tradition and began editing England's major music newspaper, and became a confidant and later a respected biographer of the group.

The Wanderings...

At their first American press conference, NY disc-jockey Murray The K (Kauffman) became known as a "fifth Beatle" due to his hitting it off so well with the group. A then young Miami disc-jockey, Larry Kane (Editor's note: now the evening news anchor on Philadelphia's Channel 3) was the only American reporter allowed to accompany the group on their 1964 American tour. A "minyan" was growing in the Beatles entourage. Manager Epstein penned his autobiography, A CELLARFUL OF NOISE, in 1965. In the Monty Python satirical film of the group "The Rutles," the Epstein character's account was titled "A Cellarful Of GOYS." The real Epstein wanted to take The Beatles on a concert tour of Israel but the financial arrangements with the then weak and unstable Israeli pound proved too difficult.

During the Six-Day War in 1967, Epstein arranged for an autographed copy of one of John Lennon's books to be donated as an auction item for London's Israel Emergency Fund. Epstein often donated funds when asked to various Jewish causes in England and received many awards in the successful Jewish person category. He was scheduled to address the East Finchley Hebrew School in September 1967, a week after his accidental fatal overdose of drugs. After the Shiva week, his mother Malka showed up to fulfill the engagement. Epstein's memorial service was held at the New London



Sid Bernstein, pictured here called Brian Epstein "a mensch."

Synagogue with all four Beatles attending (in yarmulke). Noted British Progressive Rabbi, Louis Jacobs officiated.

A Mishpocheh of marriages, managers & producers...

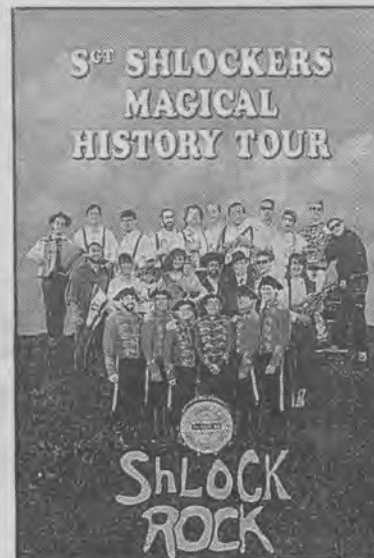
Creative and business tension pulled at the group after Epstein's death. John Lennon remarried and enlisted the aid of Allen Klein to be their new manager. Paul McCartney married and wanted his new in-laws, the Eastmans, as managers. Linda Eastman took Paul as husband number two and was a product of Scarsdale, New York. Her father, entertainment lawyer Lee Eastman, had changed the family name from Epstein to better "assimilate"

Yoko Ono took John as husband number three and she, too, was a product of Scarsdale, New York. Allen Klein was the product of The Hebrew Orphanage and proudly displayed plaques he received from B'nai Brith on his office wall. The Beatles last album was produced by producer extraordinaire Phil Spector.

As marriages and managerial struggles interfered with The Beatles' cohesion, their work started diversifying into films and projects around the world. John Lennon was even interviewed on Israeli Army radio (by current Knesset Member Eliezer Zanberg) and sang a few verses of "Hava Nagila." On their landmark honeymoon recording of "Give Peace A Chance," the Lennons included Montreal rabbi Abraham Feinberg in the chorus.

After the group broke up, their solo careers continued to blossom. Quiet Beatle George Harrison turned toward non-Christian religions. Beatle Ringo Starr married wife number 2, Barbara Bach (Goldbach) an actress from Queens, New York he met on a movie set. John Lennon chose record mogul David Geffen to manage his comeback album. Sadly in December 1980 Lennon was murdered. A month later a memorial to John Lennon in the form of a Jewish National Fund forest was started near Safad, Israel, where today the John Lennon Woodland stands proudly with its marker in English and Hebrew noting the area as a living memorial to the crusader for Peace.

Through the 1980's Israeli activist Abie Nathan ran his Voice of Peace pirate radio station in the Mediterranean beaming Lennon's peace anthem "Give Peace A Chance," daily to Israel and neighboring lands. In fact, Yasser Arafat, King Hussein and Prime Minister Rabin chimed in on the same phrase at their historic handshake ceremonies. Did they know that Prime Minister Golda Meir had planted the "acorns for peace" sent to her by John Lennon back in 1969? And did



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they realize that a major tourist attraction in the Red Sea town of Eilat is a Yellow Submarine, named for the famous Beatle song and movie?

While none of The Beatles were Jewish, their careers and lives certainly had some Chosen connections in their spouses, managers, biographers, promoters, producers and fans. A "minyan" of connections is easy to count and with two Jewish wives among them, egalitarian minyans could exist, too.

(Joel Glazier, a teacher, has lectured and written on The Beatles. Joel coordinated fundraising and publicity for the John Lennon Peace Forest. He received his first Beatle album as a Bar Mitzvah gift in 1964.)

1995, Joel F. Glazier



This is a take off of the Beatles "Rubber Soul" album cover. National Lampoon's parody photo "Rabbi Saul" also served as the cover for a Beatles bootleg record.



Sid Bernstein also recalled that Brian Epstein lived by verbal agreements for the Beatles affairs. Pictured is a Brian Epstein biography and a Hebrew language book about the Beatles.

Sidebar -

People of The Book

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Blu Greenberg's "Black Bread" Reviewed

Blu Greenberg, *Black Bread: Poems After the Holocaust* (Hoboken, NJ: Ktav, 1994)

Review by Professor MICHAEL BERENBAUM
(Editor's note: Blu Greenberg will be at Delaware's JCC on November 30 at 7:30 p.m. to discuss her book)

Blu Greenberg has written a searing work. Less about the Holocaust, *Black Bread* focuses on a consciousness of the Holocaust that intrudes into our daily lives. Her poems are composed of ordinary experiences: shopping, talking exchanging gifts, and of life cycle events such as weddings, birth, and shiva, as well as the give-and-take of daily life where the ordinary is transformed by a consciousness of the extraordinary. She describes the moments when Auschwitz meets Riverdale and Treblinka the Upper West Side.

Greenberg is known for her commitment to Jewish feminism and this collection of poems is deeply rooted in a woman's experience. She writes of the mikvah and of the shower; of shopping at Loehman's and buying just the proper dress. The brand name and the style are specified, but they evoke no association in this reviewer's mind. Yet amidst it all, the shadow of the Holocaust looms large — it intrudes, it overwhelms, it casts a shadow over ordinary every day activities.

Some poems are particular to survivors' experiences. They say all that need be said; they are respectful of what cannot be said. Let us examine one such poem.

ROMEO AND JULIET

But they saw him at Auschwitz
And he never came out
So She waited nine months

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Blu Greenberg's "Black Bread"

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And dreamed of him every night
Then married a landsman
And had two children
But six years later
He came back to life
Victims again
All.

Were she to have written less, we could not understand. If she had written more, volumes might have been needed.

The mother of five, Greenberg writes of her family as children, as they mature. She shows us how the everyday can trigger images of the Holocaust. On such example is her poem at a family trip to the Beach, on a hot summer day without air conditioning and without a rest stop for her son's urgent need.

The thought passed
In and out
In an instant
For twenty
Thirty
Forty
Hours
No doors opened
No air-conditioner hummed

And after all
J.J. only had to...

Those of us who work with Holocaust material understand that the station wagon became a train wagon and but for a fleeting instant she glimpses some sense of what it must have been like.

Greenberg is compassionate to survivors. Of a neighbor she writes.

About herself, she never complains
Never
Only once

To whisper quickly
That she has no children
Because of the experiments.
Of a class mother she writes:
Sometimes
She gossips a bit
Sometimes even
With a bit of sting
How mild a way
To vent a rage.

Some of her poems vent her rage as an American Jew at the suffering of the Jewish people.

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Of this century
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Of dying on a train
is significantly lower
With small margin of error
Than in a car, bus, boat or plane
Except for Jews.

No where does she rage more than in the signature poem of the collection.

BLACK BREAD

Black bread
Top seller
At our health food store
Potato peel
Vitamin rich
Says Adelle Davis

Had they known
It kept Jews alive
A few days longer
They would have served
White bread and mashed potatoes.

In a brevity of words, Greenberg describes the indescribable. A daughter who converted to Judaism without knowing that this was the religion her parents had abandoned as they

traveled the Atlantic to safety in America. Of the childless child of a survivor she writes:

Blossom's pristine womb
Was shrinking
As her practice expanding
The clock ticking away
And no man in sight.

No choice. The end
Of Reb Elimelech's line.

Much of the poetry is associated with plane travel when we are crowded, herded, hot and dependent en route to a destination. One breast feeding mother quieting her child triggers the memory of another mother at another time when the child's cry was no just mere annoyance to fellow passengers, but fatal, lethal.

She pulls the infant
Tighter and tighter
To the breast
Until he cries no more.
A special kind of mother.

Generations from now when people ask what was it like to live in the presence of survivors only decades removed from the event, Greenberg's sparse and powerful words may be cited as an appropriate response.

The work is difficult because it demonstrates how a consciousness of the Holocaust shatters our soul and transforms our experience. Those who live with this consciousness will discover in Blu Greenberg a soul mate. Those who don't, will learn that there is much to fear, much more to confront.

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Words & Music

Margulies, Marcovici and Manhattan

By STEVE COHEN

Special to The Jewish Voice

Donald Margulies is a 41-year-old Brooklyn native whose parents also were born in this country. There were no Holocaust survivors in his family. An assimilated baby-boomer, Margulies first became aware of the Holocaust during the Eichmann trial when he was seven years old. This makes his writing about the Holocaust even more creative. He touched on the subject in his *Sight Unseen*, which was nominated for a Pulitzer Prize and presented by the Philadelphia Theatre Company in 1993. His latest play to be produced, *Model Apartment*, deals with it seriously and powerfully.

Model Apartment is currently at Primary Stages on 45th Street in New York for a limited run. It is about the flight of two survivors, from concentration camps to freedom, from Brooklyn to Florida, and from their troubled daughter to...an unsettling future.

Margulies' earlier play, *What's Wrong With This Picture?*, dealt humorously with a return from death and received a glamorous Broadway production. *Model Apartment* has an opposite take on the subject. The stage set is modest and convincing, the acting is naturalistic, almost minimalistic, and superb. The effect is harrowing. *Model Apartment* will have you up in the middle of the night thinking about it.

One of Margulies' coming projects is an adaptation of a Sholom Asch Yiddish classic, *God of Vengeance*, commissioned by Long Wharf Theatre. Theatre Communications Group is about to publish a collection of Margulies plays. I've seen four of them, all excellent. Others have

yet to be staged on the East Coast. Margulies says he's looking forward to what he calls their "delayed premieres."

By coincidence, a few hours after observing one side of Jewish life at Primary Stages, we saw another side in a program called *Songs of the Diaspora* at the 92d Street Y. The New York Festival of Song, headed by Michael Barrett and Steven Blier, has been presenting the music of various cultures in recitals and on recordings since 1988. In this case, the music was in German, French, Yiddish, Ladino and English — and all of it was distinctly Jewish.

Four singers, with Barrett and Blier at the piano, sang a Kaddish by Ravel, a Hispanic/Turkish wedding song by Algazi and Broadway jazz by Gershwin, among the varied highlights. The most touching was a fiddler's song by Leonard Bernstein. The funniest was the campaign ballad of a Yiddish-American woman running for president, acted and sung by Tovah Feldshuh.

This program, with its variety of moods and styles, went far beyond what's normally thought of as Jewish music.

...

I hadn't realized how much I missed Andrea Marcovici until I attended her gala return to the Oak Room of the Algonquin last week. The television and motion picture actress has made an additional reputation in recent years as a cabaret singer, and you've heard me praise her work. But she took time off during her high-risk pregnancy, and now that she's the forty-plus mother of a healthy daughter, she's back. There's no one as fine as Marcovici in this intimate art form. She and her partner at the piano, Glenn Merbach, successfully blend musical skill, smart programming and charm. Even those who haven't seen her before leave the room feeling that Andrea

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PANIM EL PANIM

(Face to Face with JFD People)



Charitable Reminder Trust Can Be A Perfect Tax Planning Vehicle

By JORDON ROSEN, CPA
Special to The Jewish Voice

While current gifts to charity usually result in an immediate tax deduction, many individuals are not aware of the multitude of advantages in establishing a charitable remainder trust. If asked to place a substantial portion of their assets in an irrevocable trust, the typical concerns would be (1) "I need the income from these investments when I retire", and (2) "I want to leave these assets to my heirs". With proper planning, both of these objections can be overcome, with a host of other advantages. Let's explore.

The basic concept of the charitable remainder trust (CRT) is that you place assets (stocks, bonds, real estate, etc.) into a trust which makes annual payments to you either as a set percentage of the value of the assets contributed (annuity trust) or a percentage of the value of the trust as determined each year (unitrust). Furthermore, the trust term is generally stated as either a stated number of years (not to exceed 20), or for the donor's (and spouses's) lifetime. This provision provides a steady stream of income to the donor that would otherwise be lost had the assets been contributed directly to the charity. At the end of the trust term (or death of the donor), the assets "remaining" in the trust are distributed to the charitable organization(s) you listed in the trust document.

No Capital Gains tax: If appreciated securities or real estate are contributed to the trust, there are no tax consequences as to the appreciation that has built up in the assets when contributed. Furthermore, the trust can generally sell the assets with no income tax considerations. A definite plus since the donor would have otherwise had to pay tax had he or she sold the securities outside of the trust and would only be able to donate the net proceeds.

Diversity and Yield: If the trust sells off a security with a low yield, it now has the capacity to diversify its investments; allowing for a larger annuity payment to the donor that

he or she would otherwise not have had. Again, a plus.

Income Tax Deduction: A charitable tax deduction can be taken in the year the trust is funded. The deduction, although not dollar-for-dollar, is based on the length of the trust, the payout rate, and the ages of the income beneficiaries. For example, a \$100,000 contribution might yield a \$40,000 tax deduction. Thus, setting the trust up in a year in which you are in a high tax bracket makes sense. If appreciated property is contributed to the trust, the annual tax deduction is limited to 30% of adjusted gross income with a 5-year carryover period to use up any excess. Contributions of ordinary income property such as cash have an annual limit of 50% of AGI.

Another plus.
Estate Tax Considerations: Since the assets are contributed to an irrevocable trust, their entire value, not just today's value-but the value at your death, are not part of your estate. With rates starting at about 37% and going as high as 55%, this technique can save substantial tax dollars!

Finally, the concern about ultimately leaving one's estate to charity rather than heirs. The solution is to establish an irrevocable life insurance trust to hold a policy of relatively equal value on the life of the donor which will pay the proceeds to your children or grandchildren at your (or your spouses's) death. Since the policy is in an irrevocable trust, its value is also excluded from your estate. To boot, you can use some of the income tax savings we discussed above to pay the premiums. Under most circumstances, a currently owned policy can be transferred to the trust as long as the insured survives the transfer by more than three years.

Pooled Income Funds: These funds are generally established by community foundations to allow smaller contributions to a "pool" of similar contributions which work in the same manner as if the individual had set up the CRT himself. In short, the fund pays an annual

amount to the donor until such time as the donor designates or dies; with the remainder going to a specified charity(ies). This has broad base appeal and allows individuals to fulfill their philanthropic intent with smaller contributions to the fund.

In conclusion, charitable remainder trusts have a great value for both planned charitable giving purposes as well as from an income and estate tax planning perspective; and should be strongly considered. Jewish Federation of Delaware has both the documents to help you establish a charitable remainder trust as well as the professional support to work

with you and your tax advisor to help you meet your philanthropic goals as well as providing for the future of you and your heirs. For further information, please contact Judy Wortman, executive director of JFD at (302) 427-2100.

(Jordan Rosen, CPA is a partner and director of taxation at the Wilmington accounting firm of Barbacane, Thornton & Company specializing in tax planning for individuals, businesses and trusts. He is also a Trustee of the Jewish Community Endowment Fund of Delaware and a vice-president of the Wilmington JCC.)



Physical Therapy Assistant Margaret June and resident Mueiel Scheing departing for Kutz Home outing to Fox Point Park on Manavan.

A Walk Around Einstein ... Random Thoughts and Observations

By Rabbi ELLEN BERNHARDT
Principal, Albert Einstein Academy
GESHER CLASS (pre-kindergarten)

The children are busily making puppet horses. The class theme for the month is animals and they are learning the song, The Old Grey Mare. They loved the Hebrew word for horse — SOOS!!!

GAN - Kindergarten
Mmmm... does that smell delicious! They roasted pumpkin seeds. Not only did they roast them, they counted, sorted and graphed the numbers as well. There were 588 seeds.

Process: cut, scoop, dry, margarine, bake, salt, eat, yum!

FIRST GRADE
In Jewish Studies and in General Studies the children are learning about weather. Ask Aaron to tell you about the mezeq avir (weather) in Hebrew, Rachel will show you how she charted weather patterns. They sing songs in Hebrew and in English.

SECOND GRADE
They just finished reading a story in Hebrew and now they are excitedly learning math. Ask Rina how old June would be if Kevin is 13. David counted backwards and subtracted to get the answer. Dmitry can subtract so well!

THIRD GRADE
Shared their endangered species

projects. Ask Felicia about whales, Rachel about buffaloes (she told me that there are 50,000 and used to be endangered but are no longer), and Noah about red wolves.

FOURTH GRADE
Are in the middle of a science experiment. They observed the surface water. They measured the temperature of water and soil. Ask Briana why the soil is cooler than the water. Lara knows about the sun's energy and converting it into heat energy.

FIFTH GRADE
Are learning the Maariv service to participate at Adas Kodesh Shel Emeth Synagogue next Friday night. Lucy, Marissa, Rose and Elliot are so proud of what they have learned in Hebrew since joining the class. Now they are heading to gym to learn soccer skills.

SIXTH GRADE
Are divided between the library and the computer lab. Two children are doing research in the library on the continental divide, two students are working at the computer editing and publishing their original written work and Svetlana is getting extra one-on-one help in reading.

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Fresh Air and Physical Therapy For Katz Home Residents

Twenty-two Kutz Home residents and eight staff members spent a delightful afternoon, October 12th at Fox Point Park in Edgemoor. They walked or wheeled themselves on the riverview path, watched the ships, played horseshoes, sipped ginger ale, conversed with each other and otherwise enjoyed the warm sunny fall weather.

This outing was the brainstorm of Casie Brinton, physical therapist at the Kutz Home. Brinton is employed by HealthCare Rehab Systems of Norristown, Pennsylvania. HealthCare Rehab Systems provides comprehensive, aggressive and individualized rehabilitation therapy services to the Kutz Home. Services include occupational and speech therapies in addition to physical therapy. Their goal is to help the resident reach his or her highest level of functioning.

Brinton, in cooperation with Bernice Edwards, the Home's Activities Director and Social Service Designee Mollie Epstein, organized the Fox Point Park trip in celebration of Physical Therapy Month. MBNA America provided a wheelchair accessible van and a wonderfully kind and helpful driver.



Kutz Home resident Nettie Tomases and Physical Therapy Aide Millie Anderson enjoy the sunshine and the river at Fox Point Park.

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After 18 Years Ray Freschman Retires from JCC

By HELENA J. BRODSKY
Special to The Jewish Voice

Ray Freschman began working at the Jewish Community Center in what was supposed to be a temporary position as Assistant to the Senior Center Director. She received a call from Syd Kneitel, then Director of the Senior Center, in September 1977 to run the JCC's new Kosher lunch program under the newly developed Title III program run by New Castle County Senior Services. Eighteen years, and many thousands of kosher meals later, Ray Freschman is retiring.

In 1961, Ray Crespy came to Wilmington from Manhattan as a newlywed, having just married Morris Freschman. She quickly became active with their three children, David, Neal and Iris, as well as the AKSE Sisterhood, her neighborhood civic association and B'nai B'rith Women - Covenant Chapter, where she served as president in the mid-70's.

"When I started at the Senior Center, I knew many of the ladies from my association with B'nai B'rith Women ... It felt like I was coming home." Back then, Ray not only ran the nutrition program and kitchen with Blanche Moore, head cook and dear friend, she also led a lively weekly discussion group on Friday afternoons about the "Jewish Book of Why?"

Following the retirement of Syd Kneitel and the return of Gal Shifron

to Israel, Ray was promoted to the position she held until her recent retirement, Senior Center Coordinator. She continued with programs that had been developed by Kneitel and Shifron, adding, modifying and eliminating as the times and interests of the seniors changed. "I tried to go with the times," says Freschman. "Interests change, and our program changed with them."

One of the programs Freschman added was the highly successful Candlelight Dinners, begun in 1991. One added benefit of these dinners was that it gave those seniors who had not yet retired a chance to socialize with friends and, "give them a night out with dinner and entertainment." With the inception of these dinners, Ray included entertainment each evening. She merged the Wilmington International Photography Exhibition, already a highly successful program held at the JCC, with a Candlelight Dinner in February each year, coordinated a Remembrance Service at the Jewish War Veterans Wall in the JCC with the Jewish War Veterans, and introduced the Indian holiday of Diwali to "her seniors" with a combination Chanukah/Diwali celebration.

Additional programs which she added or brought to the Center included the "Lunch, Laugh & Lecture Series" with a special guest speaker, flu and pneumonia shots, "Aqua Ex-



Morris and Ray Freschman are all smiles at a celebration in her honor.

ercise" with New Castle County Senior Services, "Health Facts" with the JCC Recreational Services staff, and AARP's 55 Alive/Mature Driving program.

Along with these successful programs, Ray also made physical improvements to the Senior Center. Along with the Site Council, new furniture and a TV/VCR were purchased with moneys donated over the years to the Friends of the Senior Center Fund.

"No good deed ever goes unno-

ticed." So it was with Ray Freschman. In 1992, Freschman was honored during Simchat Torah services at Congregation Beth Shalom for all her hard work and dedication to the Senior Adult population of Wilmington.

Mention the name Ray Freschman, and people smile. Richard D. Levin, past president of the Jewish Community Center, smiles as he tells the story of "Richie's Deli", held yearly at Chanukah Choopla. Formerly "Moishe's Deli", Richard

took over making the delicious kosher steak sandwiches one year and, in late October the following year, Ray called to remind him to "drop everything. You have to make the steak sandwiches at Choopla again this year." Thus began a tradition that continues today.

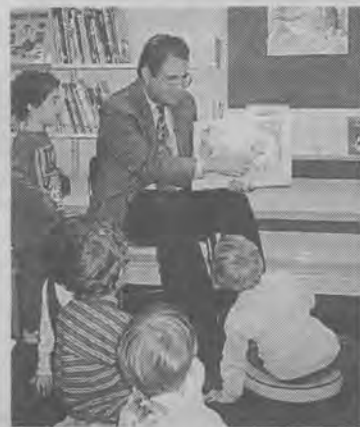
David Sorkin, Executive Director at the JCC, spoke at the retirement party held for Freschman. "If one word could be used to describe Ray, it would be caring. Ray cared about her family, her friends and co-workers, even the kosher chickens she ordered from Philadelphia. ... And if they were late, then Ray cared about "The Chicken Man", said Sorkin. "And, Ray made sure you cared about them, too."

Of the future of the JCC Senior Center, Freschman said "The Senior Center must continue to be a place for seniors to go to be with their friends. It should be a place to enjoy their retirement years, to keep their minds active and bodies physically fit, using all the JCC has to offer." And of her long-standing association, "the Senior Center of the JCC has meant so much to so many people. It's a place where friendships are renewed and new ones are made," says Ray. "People have found that there is so much to be done during retirement years. My association with the Senior Center has given me a chance to expand my outlook on every day life." Even though she has officially retired, many in the Delaware Jewish community will look forward to still seeing her smiling face around the JCC Senior Center and "her seniors".

Meet the Rabbi Series To Be Held At JCC Children's Center

Rabbi Peter Grumbacher from Beth Emeth Congregation visited the three and four year olds at JCC Children's Center on Friday, October 20.

Rabbi Grumbacher was the first rabbi to visit the Children's Center as part of the new "Meet the Rabbi Series". Local rabbis will be invited throughout the year to meet with the pre-school children to talk what a rabbi does and share story time together.



Rabbi Grumbacher reading to children.

anguish of waiting to be taken by the Nazis: "Only a matter of minutes, I said to myself, any second now the Germans will find us. It will be quick, right in the courtyard up against the wall. A quick bullet to the brain would be merciful ... Tears and saliva flowed from me; all my sphincters opened; nothing was left inside but the faint palpitation of waiting"

The book portrays a myriad in which human beings respond to extreme conditions, some with devotion and loyalty, others with hatred and betrayal. The cost for the author lecture is \$2.00 per person. Tickets are now on sale at the JCC Front Desk. For more information, call Mona Allen or Ella Zukoff at (302) 478-5660.

Author Fanya Heller

Fanya Gottesfeld Heller will be appearing at the Jewish Community Center as part of the Jewish Cultural Arts Author Series on Thursday, November 16 at 7:30 p.m. Heller will be discussing her book, "Strange and Unexpected Love: A Teenage Girl's Holocaust Memoirs".

The true story of a Jewish family saved during the Holocaust by two Christians - Sidor, a Polish peasant, and Jan, a Ukrainian militaman. She was a young woman when the Nazis took control of her hometown, Skala in eastern Poland. The first to come to her aid was Jan, whom she had never met but who had admired her from afar. The two soon fell in love, but everything changed after the war. Fanya's father vanished, and the family suspected Jan had killed him.

In "Strange and Unexpected Love", Heller recalls the constant

JCC Exec Seminar in Israel

David Sorkin, Executive Director of the Jewish Community Center, has been selected to participate in an unprecedented seminar on Contemporary Jewish Issues for the Jewish Community Center, to be held in Israel from November 27 through December 12, 1995.

This fifteen day new study program will feature an active itinerary

designed to engage the people at the forefront of Israeli society, combined with teaching by some of the top academics in the country.

The purpose of the seminar is to enable a select group of JCC executives to study Israel and its relationship to contemporary Jewry. It is a reflective seminar for people who have previously been involved with systematic study of major disciplinary areas of Jewish life. It differs in conception and framework from pre-



David Sorkin

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Arthur Kurzweil At Temple Beth El

Arthur Kurzweil's name has become synonymous with Jewish genealogy and the pursuit of family history by an ever-growing number of Jews throughout the world. He is the author of *From Generation to Generation: How to Trace Your Jewish Genealogy and Family History* (Harper Collins), a text book, *My Generations* (Behrman House) and *The Encyclopedia of Jewish Genealogy* (Jason Aronson, Inc.). Mr. Kurzweil, author, publisher, and teacher, is Vice-President of Jason Aronson, Inc. and Editor-in-Chief of the Jewish Book Club. "His lively, humorous, moving presentations have made him one of the most popular speakers for audiences of all ages" said a Temple Beth El spokesperson. He will be the featured speaker at the Temple Beth El's Men's Club Breakfast on Sunday, December 17th. The buffet breakfast begins at 9:30 AM followed by the program at 10:30 AM. Please call 366-8330 to make reservations for the breakfast.



Arthur Kurzweil

Jerusalem 3000 Concert At Beth Shalom

Cantor Norman Swerling of Wilmington's Congregation Beth Shalom will join the **ROBYN HELZNER TRIO** in a musical celebration of **JERUSALEM 3000**. The event sponsored by the Kraft Educational Foundation will be held at the Synagogue, 18th & Baynard Blvds., Sunday December 10th, at 7:30 P.M. The Robyn Helzner Trio will present a dynamic ensemble performance of both traditional and contemporary folksongs reflecting the musical heritage of Jewish communities throughout the world. Since the release of their highly acclaimed recording **A FIRE BURNS**, this vibrant and versatile ensemble has appeared in con-

certs and festivals nationwide, inspiring Jewish communities through the power of Jewish music. These annual musical concerts under the direction of Cantor Swerling has been a popular and highly acclaimed tradition at Beth Shalom. Cantor Swerling, who will participate in this concert as he has in previous year's concerts, has been with Beth Shalom for ten years. Tickets which are available at the Synagogue office (302-654-4462) are \$15.00, Seniors and Students \$10.00. Concert Sponsor and Patron Designations are \$100 and \$50.00 respectively and they each include two tickets. Chairperson for the Jerusalem 3000 Concert is Eddi Chaikin.

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Dr. Jack Fischel At Beth Emeth

Congregation Beth Emeth invites the community to Shabbat services on Friday, November 17 at 8 p.m. when Dr. Jack Fischel will speak on the subject, "American-Jewish Jewish-American: The Question of Identity in American Literature." Dr. Fischel will be the Rosenthal Jewish Book Month lecturer, and annual program established by Mr. and Mrs. Murray Rosenthal and Miss Clair Rosenthal to encourage the reading of Jewish books.

Dr. Fischel is the chairperson of the Department of History at Millersville (PA) University. He received his Ph.D. from the University of Delaware and for the past thirty years has been on the faculty of Millersville University. The recipient of numerous awards and honors, Dr. Fischel is a columnist for the National Jewish Post and Opinion writing "About Books" on a weekly basis. He lectures extensively on topics concerning American History, Hitler and Nazi Germany and Israel and the Middle East among many others.

"Professor Fischel will be speaking during Shabbat evening worship and we encourage you to join us as we mark Jewish Book Month," said a Beth Emeth spokesperson.

New Year's Eve Party Planned By Beth Emeth

The Special Events Committee of Congregation Beth Emeth is planning a New Year's Eve Party to be held at the synagogue from 9:00 p.m. until 1:00 a.m. The evening will include dancing to music provided by a disc jockey, an open bar with hard and soft drinks, a hot and cold appetizer buffet, coffee bar, desserts, fun, games, and a champagne breakfast — all for \$45.00 per person. All are welcome. Friends are encouraged to make reservations together or separately by December 10th with Susan Cobin of 7 Austin Road, Wilmington, DE 19810, Phone (302) 478-9593.

Rabbi Harold Schulwels will speak at Congregation Beth Shalom on Monday, November 20 at 7:30 p.m.

Governor Carper Is Featured At AKSE Brunch

On Sunday, November 12, 1995, the A.K.S.E. Men's Club will feature Governor Tom Carper, Delaware's 71st Chief Executive. The Governor has been invited to speak on the topics of education, land use reform and the effect of recent federal legislation on State social services, according to Robert S. Weiner, President of the A.K.S.E. Men's Club. As always, the A.K.S.E. Men's Club monthly Sunday brunch is open to the public. Brunch is scheduled at 9:30 a.m. and the program will be from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. The cost is \$3.00 for an all-you-can-eat Sunday brunch.

Governor Tom Carper began his first term as Governor on January 19, 1993 after serving five terms as Delaware's Congressman in the U.S. House of Representatives and six years as State Treasurer. He has been elected to statewide office nine times, more than anyone in Delaware history. He is married to the former Martha Stacy from Boone, NC. They reside in Brandywine Hills in Wilmington with their two young sons, Christopher and Ben.

Reservations for non-members are suggested and can be made by contacting the A.K.S.E. office at (302) 762-2705.

Prayer In Public Schools

Discussion Set in Dover

Congregation Beth Shalom, Queen and Clara Streets, Dover invites the community to a discussion of prayer in the public schools, during Friday evening services, November 17, 1995 at 7:30 p.m.

The guest speakers will be: Reverend Vin Harwell, First Central Presbyterian, Wilmington; Charles E. Venable, the Christian Coalition, Dover.

Refreshments will be served and all will be invited to join the discussion.

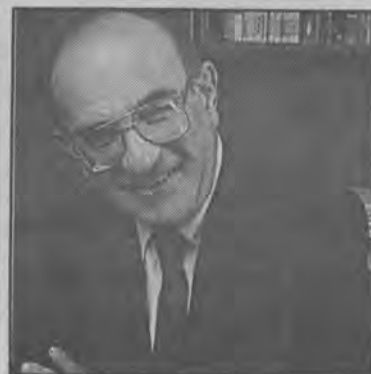
For further information, call the synagogue at 734-5578 or Phyllis Levitt at 674-4680.

Beth El Chanukah Bazaar

CHANUKAH BAZAAR at Temple Beth El on Sunday, December 3rd at 11:00 am. There will be crafts and games for kids and one stop shopping for all your Chanukah needs. Lunch will also be available. Temple Beth El is located in Newark at 301 Possum Park Rd. For more info., call 366-8330.



Kutz Home residents and staff enjoy sukkot party.



Shabbaton Weekend At Beth El

All are welcome to celebrate Shabbaton at Temple Beth El on Friday evening and Saturday morning December 15 & 16. This second Shabbaton for people of all ages is a service with the theme "Turning On To The Miracles In Our Lives." "The committee, under the direction of Jennifer Zinn, is hard at work to give Shabbat special meaning to all who attend" says a Temple spokesperson. There is a pasta dinner on Friday evening at 6:30 PM followed by services at 8:00 PM. Saturday morning services begin at 10:00 AM and will be followed by a Kiddush lunch, songs and joy. Call the Temple Beth El office at 366-8330 to reserve for the dinner or lunch.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Entries for the Calendar of Events are due on the Thursday deadline, published in The Jewish Voice. Copy should be typed and double spaced. Entries are preferred on 3 1/2" floppy disk or via E-mail. Please include day, date, time, place, brief description, and contact person.

NOVEMBER

Saturday _____ 11

Beth Shalom Veteran's Day Shabbat. A service in recognition of the 50th anniversary of the ending of World War II.

Club Night at the JCC. 7:30 p.m. Children in grades 3 through 6 will enjoy a variety of activities with a monthly rotation of a movie or open gym night. The cost is \$6.50 for JCC Members and \$9.50 for Non-Members. For more information, call Elyse Greer at (302) 478-5660.

Monday _____ 13

Are You Scared of Your TV? 7:30 p.m. What is appropriate for children to watch? How can you use your TV to teach children. Co-Sponsored by Jewish Family Service and the JCC. Free of charge. For more

information, call Artie Allen at (302) 478-5660.

Wednesday _____ 15

Candlelight Dinner and Remembrance Service. 5:45 p.m. After the dinner portion of the evening, members of the Jewish War Veterans will hold a Remembrance Service at the JWV Memorial Wall at the JCC. For more information, call Michael Grossman at (302) 478-5660.

Thursday _____ 16

Cultural Arts Authors Series with Fanya Gottesfeld Heller. 7:30 p.m. Heller will discuss her book, "Strange and Unexpected Love: A Teenage Girl's Holocaust Memoirs". The cost is \$2.00 per person. For more information, call Mona Allen or Ella Zukoff at (302) 478-5660.

Sunday _____ 19

Beth Shalom Sisterhood Torah Fund Brunch. 11:30 A.M. at the Synagogue, 18th & Baynard Blvds. Speaker will be David Preston of the Philadelphia Inquirer.

Monday _____ 20

Rabbi Harold Schulweis will speak at Congregation Beth Shalom on his book **FOR THOSE WHO CAN'T BELIEVE; OVERCOMING THE**

OBSTACLES TO FAITH. Under the auspices of the Kraft Educational Foundation the event is open to the community, no admission charge. 7:30 P.M., 18th & Baynard Blvds.

Tuesday _____ 21

Senior Center Thanksgiving Luncheon. 12:00 noon. Members of the Stroke Club and the Kutz Home will join seniors for a traditional Thanksgiving meal. A holiday donation is requested. For more information, call Michael Grossman at (302) 478-5660.

Thursday _____ 30

Cultural Arts Author Series with Blu Greenberg. 7:30 p.m. Greenberg will discuss her new book, "Black Bread: Poems After the Holocaust". The cost is \$2.00 per person. For more information, call Mona Allen or Ella Zukoff at (302) 478-5660.

DECEMBER

Friday _____ 1

Wilmington's Congregation Beth Shalom annual retreat at the International House, Atlantic City. The scholar-in-residence is Dr. Samuel T. Lachs, noted lecturer and professor. His topic will be **JEWISH TRADITION DOES SPEAK TO THE MODERN PERSON.**

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Ongoing

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

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CORRECTIONS:

In our last issue Judge Aida Wasserstein's name was printed with three "s" rather than two. Rabbi Rosenblum's band was "internationally" acclaimed not "intentionally."

A World of Difference In Jewish Life

By SYLVIA G. LEVEN

Special to The Jewish Voice

The Organization for Rehabilitation through Training, or ORT, is a grassroots fundraising organization which supports a network of vocational and technical schools around the world. ORT helps to preserve Jewish communities around the world. On Sunday October 22, 1995, the Brandywine Chapter-at-Large of ORT hosted a Paid Up/New Members Brunch at Delaware's JCC. Ms. Laura Richlin, workshop presenter at the United Nations International Women's Conference in Beijing, China, spoke on her experience at this historic gathering of over 20,000 international participants. Ms. Richlin is a trainer and educator who has been actively involved in social change and human rights. She has been conducting workshops for unlearning racism, sexism, and anti-Semitism for many years. She also does extensive work with young women from area high schools focusing on self-esteem, mutual respect and empowerment.

Another guest speaker was Yosef Moalem, a 26-year old student at ORT Syngalowski in Tel Aviv Israel whose life has been profoundly influenced by ORT Israel, which is the flagship of the world ORT program. Yosef was born in Israel on Kibbutz Ginossar. He has recently completed his degree in electronics at ORT Syngalowski, having previously studied biology for one year at Ben-Gurion University of the Negev. He is also a veteran of the Israel Defense Forces, most of his service was spent in Gaza.

Yosef is one of four brothers, Two of which completed their secondary education at ORT schools. One brother attended the ORT school in Ramat Gan, the other in Givatayim where he received a practical engi-

neering diploma in construction. Yosef notes several factors which he believes make an ORT education distinctive: the teachers who pass on their love of such subjects as physics and math to their students; the extra help that is given students after hours; and the excellent organization of the course work.

From Katzrin in the north to Eilat in the south, an ORT school features in major towns and cities throughout the land. The full range of ORT's vocational and technical programs is found in Israel. These programs run the gamut from helping disadvantaged youngsters move into the mainstream of Israeli society to offering an advanced hi-tech curriculum at the ORT Joseph Harmatz School of Engineering and at the ORT Braude International Institute of Technology. ORT has spearheaded Israel's educational system since 1948. Today, 90,000 students are enrolled annually in more than 140 schools. More than one-sixth of the work force of the 300 Israeli hi-tech companies are ORT graduates. Special training and retraining programs have been established to meet the needs of recently arrived Ethiopian and Soviet immigrants. In 1993, ORT Israel reached a milestone with the graduation of its 400,000th student since the State's founding in 1948. Apart from academic subjects, Syngalowski specializes in science and technology, electricity and electronics, mechanics, computers and industrial management, and is noted for the very high level of its studies and research, for the matriculation results, which are among the best in the country, and for its student body, of which 25% (per cent) are new immigrants.

Women's American ORT, founded in 1927, is the largest affiliate organization of World ORT Union and the largest single contributor to the

world ORT program. Through chapters across the United States, the organization acts on a wide-ranging domestic agenda.

On the local level, the Brandywine Chapter of ORT, the Organization for Rehabilitation through Training, has co-sponsored several events with other Jewish organizations and held events such as Storytime at the Concord Pike Library, and ORT Shabbat services. Other upcoming ORT events include ORT Shabbat at AKSE at 8PM on November 17, the ORT/Hadassah Art Auction on December 2, a general meeting-"Share Your Wares" at Ilene Diamond's house on December 5 at 7PM, and a Chanukah Party at A. I. DuPont Institute, on December 20

For more information on how to become involved with ORT, or about any of its upcoming events, please contact Ruth Rosenberg-President Brandywine Chapter-at-Large (302) 529-1296, or Membership Vice-President-Annette Aerenon (302) 764-1844.



Ms. Laura Richlin (standing) speaks at an ORT meeting.

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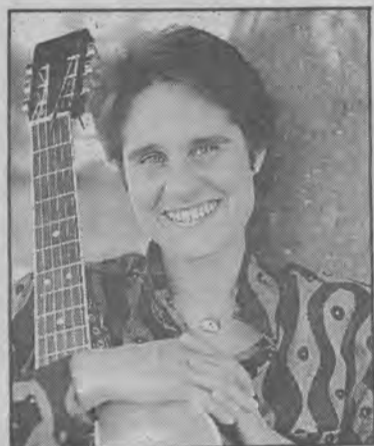
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Goldenberg-Goldman

Dr. and Mrs. Edward Goldenberg of Greenville announce the engagement of their daughter, Gennifer, to Scott Goldman, son of Herb and Nancy Sherr of Kennett Square and Bob and Elena Goldman of Houston, Texas. Gennifer, a graduate of Tower Hill and the University of Rochester, plans to pursue a career in medicine. Scott, a graduate of Wilmington Friends School and the University of Rochester, is an electrical engineer with Nortel in their Cala region based in Florida. A May 1996 wedding is planned.



Debbie Friedman

Kerwan Birth
Phyllis Holtzman and Arnold Holtzman want to announce the birth of their grandson Samuel Asher Kerwan 10/25-95 born to Linda and Tom Kerwan, Jefferson Hospital.

Med School Admissions
Sharon Nemser was admitted to Jefferson Medical School.
Craig Koniver has received early acceptance to Jefferson Medical College.

Schwartz Birth
Pam-Sue and Michael Schwartz had a baby boy on 10/24. Named Alex Philip (for his paternal grandfather, Abraham "Al" Ploener and maternal grandmother, Florence Barg), he was 7 lbs., 12 oz., and 21" long.

Debbie Friedman a popular Jewish musical recording artist (at left) will perform on Saturday, January 20th at Beth Emeth at 7:30 p.m. as part of the UJA - Federation Campaign. For more information call (302) 427-2100.



Comedian Adam Sandler to perform at UofD on November 16.

Grease At The Playhouse

WILMINGTON, DE — It's time to rock n' roll — 50's style — with the brand new TOMMY TUNE PRODUCTION of the musical hit, GREASE!, coming to the Playhouse Theatre in Wilmington, DE, November 14-19, 1995. This production stars Debbie Gibson, Sally Struthers and Adrian Zmed.

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Performances of GREASE! are Tuesday through Sunday evenings at 7:30 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. (no Wednesday matinee). Ticket prices range from \$41-\$55. To purchase tickets or for more information call the Box Office at (302) 656-4401. Special group rates are available for designated shows by calling (302) 594-3166.

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Keeping Our Jewish Family Strong

New Castle County Federation Shabbat Friday, January 12th
Adas Kodesh Shel Emeth Congregation...8:00 p.m.
Guest Speaker: Eviator Manor, Consul General, Israel
Event Chairpersons: Perry and Sheila Goldlust

Special Shabbat Study Session Dialog with Community Rabbis Saturday, January 13th
Adas Kodesh Shel Emeth Congregation...4 p.m.

Chai Dinner Sunday, January 14th
Winterthur Museum...6:30 p.m.
Guest Speaker: Wolf Blitzer, Military Affairs correspondent, CNN News
Event Chairpersons: Dr. Michael and Amy Leviton

Dover Federation Shabbat Friday, January 19th
Beth Shalom...8:00 p.m.
Guest Speaker: Linda Scherzer, CNN News
Event Chairpersons: Sue Salkin and Steven Schwartz

Community Event...Debbie Friedman in Concert Saturday, January 20th
Congregation Beth Emeth...7:30 p.m.
Event Chairperson: Rabbi Larry and Samantha Malinger

Delaware's Super Sunday Sunday, January 21st
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
New Castle County Chairperson: Debbie Sadoff



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From Soldier to Statesman, Rabin Leaves Legacy of Peace

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1956-1959; IDF chief of operations from 1959-1960; deputy chief of staff from 1961-1963 — to become the seventh IDF chief of staff Jan. 1, 1964.

It was as chief of staff that Rabin led the IDF to victory in the lightning Six-Day War, in which Israel seized the West Bank and eastern Jerusalem from Jordan, the Gaza Strip from Egypt and the Golan Heights from Syria.

Years later, Rabin publicly admitted that he had suffered a brief "breakdown" in the tense days leading up to the war.

But he also said in a 1975 television interview that the 1967 liberation of the Western Wall, which he had failed to liberate 19 years earlier during the War of Independence, was the "fulfillment of a dream" and the "peak of my life."

In 1968, Rabin left the military and was appointed ambassador to the United States, a post he held until 1973.

In the spring of 1973, Rabin returned to Israel and became active in the Labor Party.

He was elected a member of the Knesset in December 1973, and when then-Prime Minister Golda Meir formed her government in April 1974, he was appointed minister of labor.

After the near-disaster of the 1973 Yom Kippur War, when Israel was caught off guard by Arab forces, Rabin, a relative political novice, was the choice of the ruling Labor Party to succeed Prime Minister Golda Meir, who resigned June 2, 1974.

At 52, he became the youngest — and first native-born Israeli — ever to lead his country.

Asking the Knesset to approve his new government, he referred to Israel's social crisis since the Yom Kippur War and pleaded for national unity.

"Some have forgotten the ancient historic lesson that because of needless hatred, Jerusalem was destroyed," Rabin said.

In June 1976, Rabin's government issued the order to carry out the Entebbe raid in which Israeli commandos liberated hijacked Air France passengers from the Uganda airport.

In 1977, Rabin was forced to resign when it was discovered that his wife held an illegal bank account in the United States.

After the May 1977 elections, in which Menachem Begin became the first Likud prime minister, Rabin served as a Knesset member in the opposition Labor Party and was a member of the Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee.

In the national unity governments that Likud and Labor shared from 1984 to 1990, Rabin served as minister of defense.

In that capacity, he orchestrated the withdrawal of IDF forces from Lebanon and established a security zone in southern Lebanon to guarantee the safety of Israel's northern border. It was also during his tenure as defense minister that the Palestinian intifada, or uprising, broke out in 1987 in the territories.

In a stern but controversial order, Rabin told the troops to "break the bones" of the Palestinian protesters. Rabin was elected chairman of the Labor Party in its first nationwide primaries, conducted in February 1992.

Running on a slogan of "peace

with security," he led his party to victory in the June 1992 Knesset elections.

A month later, Rabin formed Israel's 25th government, in which he held the dual portfolios of prime minister and defense minister.

This provided him with the confidence to pursue his peace policies — a course that was to lead to the famous handshake with Arafat and to the equally historic signing of a peace treaty with Jordan on Oct. 26, 1994.

Also last year, Rabin shared a Nobel Peace Prize with Foreign Minister Shimon Peres and Arafat, the man long branded a terrorist by Israel.

Rabin's assassination took place two weeks after he appeared before the U.N. General Assembly and delivered a speech in which he warned world leaders about the dangers of terrorism.

It also took place little more than a month after he traveled to Washington for the Sept. 28 signing of the agreement to extend Palestinian autonomy in the West Bank.

The prospect of an Israeli withdrawal in territories Israel held since 1967 prompted widespread protests by the Israeli right, which viewed the actions of the Rabin government as a blow to the dream of a Greater Israel.

Rabin's dream of peace also led to the nightmare of assassination.

Rabin survived by his wife; two children, Dalia and Yuval; and three grandchildren.

His death left Israel in a state of shock and grief, and prompted messages of condolence from leaders the world over.

Peres, the longtime political rival of Rabin who became his partner in the quest for an enduring regional peace, delivered an emotional speech in which he referred to a scrap of paper containing song lyrics that was found in Rabin's shirt after he was shot.

The lyrics were of a song of peace that Rabin and his fellow Cabinet ministers had sung at Saturday night's rally.

"A bullet can tear through a piece of paper. It also can tear a body," said Peres, who was named acting prime minister at an emergency Cabinet meeting shortly after the assassination.

"But a bullet cannot destroy the ideal of peace."

President Clinton, an admirer of Rabin, was visibly shaken and on the verge of tears when he voiced his goodbye to the Israeli leader within hours of the assassination.

"Shalom, chaver," said Clinton: "Goodbye, friend."

JCC Exec

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vious seminars and trainings offered by the Jewish Community Centers Association (JCCA).

The program was developed by ongoing consultation with blue-ribbon academic and professional committees. Emanating from the seminar will be a resource book which will be available to all professionals in the Jewish Community Center field.

This seminar is made possible through the very generous auspices of the Wexner Foundation of Columbus, Ohio, and is being coordinated by the Jewish Community Centers Association of North America.



Words & Music

Dr. Ira Cheshkin and a volunteer conducting the Delaware Jewish Population Study.

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is their close friend. So winning is her performance that most of the audience is now looking forward to her next engagement at the Algonquin in December, when her material will be exclusively Jerome Kern and Irving Berlin.

This historic room — once the hang-out of Dorothy Parker, Alexander Woolcott and their literati pals — is now the comfortable year-round home for cabaret, gracious service and excellent food.

Pomp, Duck & Circumstance is being seriously reviewed by restaurateurs as well as drama critics. Fashionable, up-scale patrons filled the place on our recent visit. It's clearly an event. The ambience is overwhelming: a lush velvet Belgian tent with stained glass art deco windows. As a dining experience, Pomp Duck is good but not memorable. The best course is, appropriately, the sliced, seared duck. The antics of the waiters are tiresome and witless.

Ah, but the entertainment! I enjoyed the acrobats, tumblers, jugglers and musicians immensely. Here are acts that would have made Ed Sullivan thrill, and we see them at an unusually close range. A clown who juggles eggs with his mouth and sings like Tiny Tim actually came to our table to perform.

As a value? When you consider what a normal Manhattan dinner costs, plus show tickets, plus cab fare to travel from dinner to the theater, this all-inclusive tab isn't as outrageous as it seems at first.

Documentary At JCC

(see photo at left)

The sweeping family chronicle, KADDISH, will be shown at the JCC on Sunday, December 3 at 3:00 p.m. as part of the Jewish Cultural Arts Fall Program Series.

From an early age Yossi Klein, now known as Yossi Klein Halevi, received a special education. He was prepared for another Holocaust. So were other children in Boro Park, the largest Orthodox survivor community in America, and this candid portrait of a young Jewish activist coming to terms with his father's traumatic history, is as bracing as any fiction. Through his writing and activism, Klein attempts to carry on the legacy of struggle passed on to him by his father. A portrait emerges of a young man whose world view and personal outlook have been principally shaped by an event that took place before he was born.

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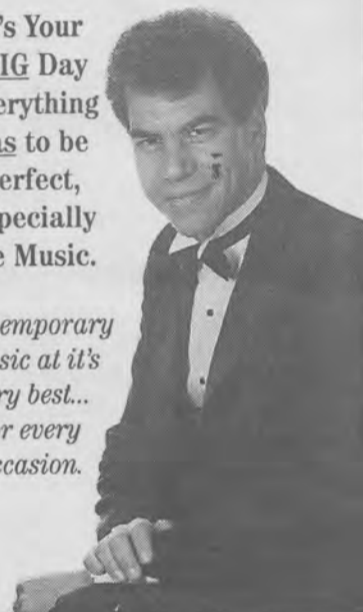
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