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Following first Iraqi attacks on Israel arrival of Patriots missiles welcomed

By DAVID LANDAU

JERUSALEM (JTA) — The arrival here January 19 of Patriot anti-missile batteries, along with a team of Americans who can expertly operate them, was welcome news to Israelis, who have been living under the daily threat of missile bombardments from Iraq.

The United States rushed the anti-missile defense weapons and their crews to Israel following two attacks on Israeli cities by Iraqi SCUD missiles. It is the first time since Israel was founded that foreign military personnel have landed on its soil to participate in its defense.

In addition to the Patriots, the U.S. aircraft carrier Forrester was reportedly sent to the eastern Mediterranean to help protect Israel from the Iraqi missile threat.

The advent of the unspecified number of missiles came as two senior Bush administration officials arrived to discuss Israeli involvement in the conflict with Iraq, which Saddam Hussein is trying to promote and the United States is still hoping to avoid.

U.S. Deputy Secretary of State Lawrence Eagleburger — on his second visit to Israel this month — and Undersecretary of Defense Paul Wolfowitz wound up a day of talks with Israeli leaders here Sunday night, talks described by the Prime Minister's Office as "friendly" and by the Defense Ministry as "constructive." The arrival here of Eagleburger and Wolfowitz coincided with the announcement that the anti-missile defense weapons had been deployed and were operational.

The Patriots and their operating crews arrived aboard U.S. Air Force Galaxy transports

from a stockpile in Germany.

The precedent of American participation in Israel's defense may have prompted Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir to emphasize on television Sunday night that Israel had not abandoned the principle of conducting its own self-defense, which has guided it "ever since the state was established and even before."

Shamir called for the defensive action to be "strong, smart and well considered." But he apparently has not ruled out Israeli retaliation for the Iraqi missile attacks. He vowed that Israel would "act in the most damaging way" against Iraq.

The high-level U.S. visits proceeded from three "very friendly, heart-to-heart talks with President Bush" Shamir had over the weekend. The premier said Bush "explained to me very cogently everything that he is doing, and what he expects from us, and what we can expect from him."

Shamir said the president had designated Eagleburger, second in command at the State Department after Secretary of State James Baker, to be his personal envoy and channel to the Israeli prime minister.

He said his conversations with Eagleburger and his aides related to "cooperation in the present situation and with a view to the future." Observers here deduced that the talks had to do with military, political and economic aid projects.

The precise locations of the Patriots were not disclosed, but at least one battery is closed to a populated area, to the evident gratification of nearby residents.

Israeli officials said the system — originally designed to be used against aircraft but now enhanced to intercept missiles — could not offer Israel total protection, but was certainly an important addition to the country's defenses.

Israel purchased two Patriot batteries from the United States. They were delivered two

months ago, but the Israeli crews have not completed their training in the United States, which reportedly takes up to a year. That may be speeded up now that the U.S. crews are here to instruct the Israelis. Israeli defense sources said the U.S. military teams were training personnel to take their place as soon as possible.

Success on Super Sunday 1991 called 'more crucial than ever'

"The success of Super Sunday, February 3, is more important than previously thought," stated William Topkis, President of the Jewish Federation of Delaware. The increased security that Israel must provide because of the war in the Gulf is expensive, Topkis said. Therefore, he noted, Diaspora Jewry must provide increased help with human services.

"The Israeli government cannot by itself shoulder the enormous burden of human services if, in addition, it is required to bear extraordinary security costs," stated Marvin Lender, National Chairman of the United Jewish Appeal.

Lender said the war in the Middle East "has not caused any reduction in the movement of Soviet Jews to Israel." Since hostilities began on January 17, Lender said that a total of 1719 Soviet olim and 180 Ethiopians arrived in the following 4 days (January 17 through 20) at Ben Gurion Airport. For the first 20 days

of January, 9311 new immigrants arrived in Israel. "This historic emigration must continue in spite of the war," Lender added.

"Drastically increased insurance rates on the flights to Israel have added a cost of \$150 per immigrant. Each day an additional \$100,000 is needed just for transportation. The Jewish Agency for Israel is in dire need of \$100 million dollars to cover current commitments," Lender concluded.

Topkis said, "For Super Sunday on February 3, more volunteers are urgently needed to call every Jewish household in Delaware." He ask that concerned Jews call the Federation office (478-6200) to volunteer their time and energy.

Super Sunday, chaired by Debra Kattler and Steve Biener, will take place at Patterson and Schwartz Realtors for New Castle County and B. Gary Scott Realtors in Sussex and Kent Counties.

Israel asks US for additional aid

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Israel has asked the United States for an additional \$13 billion in aid over the next five years. The request was made by Finance Minister Yitzhak Moda'i at a meeting Tuesday with U.S. Deputy Secretary of State Lawrence Eagleburger, according to an Israel Radio-Israel Defense Force Radio joint services report.

In making the request, Moda'i cited Israel's immigrant absorption burden and costs incurred as a result of the Persian Gulf conflict, which has made Israel a target of Iraqi missile attacks.

Moda'i told reporters that Israel could raise additional funds it needed from other sources. Eagleburger and his team of State Department and Pentagon aides had their second meeting with Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir on Tuesday. The Americans arrived in Israel on Saturday and there was no word when they planned to leave.

Treasury officials said Israel had lost \$1 billion from the slump in tourism caused by the Persian Gulf crisis and another billion in lost production as workers stayed home during the last week of missile attacks.

A Treasury breakdown released Tuesday quantified missile damage in Tel Aviv and its environs at \$30 million. On Monday, Income Tax Commissioner Moshe Gavish told the Knesset Finance Committee that the damage totaled \$10 million. But neither his nor the Treasury's figures included the severe damage reported from Tuesday evening's SCUD missile attack.

Israeli sources expressed confidence that all U.S. defense supplies currently "in the pipeline" or under consideration will be expedited in the wake of Eagleburger's talks here.

The State Department official came here after Israel agreed to refrain from an immediate military response to the first two Iraqi missile strikes, which hit on January 18 and 19. But in the wake of the January 22 attack, the Cabinet was considering a response.

Israeli leaders have stressed that Israel has merely deferred a response, not forgone its right to hit back.

Moda'i told reporters that no "deal" had been struck by which Israel would get aid in return for its continued forbearance. Israel made no such commitments, the finance minister said.

The talks with Shamir were believed to have focused on military coordination in the event Israel does intervene in the fighting against Iraq, the joint radio report said. Few details were made available by either side.

Federation Shabbat services to feature Israeli journalist



Israel Amitai

In order to share communal concern and demonstrate support for Israel and the Jewish people, all Jews are encouraged to participate in a Sabbath of unity and solidarity at Federation Shabbat services, announced William M. Topkis, Jewish Federation of Delaware President. On Friday, February 1, at 8:00 p.m., at Congregation Beth Shalom in Dover, the Lower Delaware Jewish community will celebrate Federation Shabbat while the New Castle County synagogues will mark the special service on Saturday morning, February 2, at Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth.

The guest speaker for both services will be Israel Amitai, a journalist, television producer and director, lecturer and media expert. Among Amitai's varied professional accomplishments is his coverage of the Camp David meetings with former U.S. President Jimmy Carter and former Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin. He was editor of one of Israel's daily newspapers, *Davar*. At the age of 15, Amitai served in the Haganah (Israel's underground defense force). He has also been a leader in the development of Israeli television production.

According to United Jewish Appeal, Amitai "knows his country and the region to the utmost depth, and in his speaking he analyzes and shares with his public up-to-date information to an incredible point."

The crisis in the Persian Gulf and Israel

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Editorial

How much should Israel take?

In the early morning hours of January 18 and 19, Saddam Hussein kept his word. Iraqi missiles hit civilian targets in Tel Aviv, Haifa and a couple of other less populated areas in between. Again, this week, the attack continued.

Hussein's pure purpose in attacking was to provoke war with Israel, thus splitting the U.S.-Arab alliance and creating some sort of unity among the divided Arab states: How many Arab countries would be seen doing battle with Israel against another Arab country?

So far, Israel has refused to be drawn in. And Israel should be applauded for the restraint it has shown.

The Jewish State, whose civilians have been terrorized by the Iraqi threat, has taken a real risk for the first time in its history by allowing itself to be attacked and allowing another country to assume the responsibility of defending it.

With the added help of Patriot missiles and the U.S. technicians now in Israel to operate them and additional U.S. defense off the coast with the Mediterranean, maybe Israel can remain a non-participant in the war.

For now, Israel is doing what is best in the greater picture. But that can only happen for so long. It must ultimately look out for itself. Many nations, including those involved in the international effort against Iraq, have expressed their appreciation of Israel's right — and, indeed, responsibility — to respond to the Iraqi acts of aggression against Israel's civilian population. If further provoked, Israel may respond by fighting back. That would be justified.

If not you...Who?

If not you ... Who? That is the theme of the 1991 Jewish Federation of Delaware annual campaign.

Good question.

The headlines in this and every issue of *The Jewish Voice* illustrate the crises, issues, activities and needs of Jews everywhere.

*Israel was attacked last week by the power-hungry and unpredictable Saddam Hussein. The Jewish State could very well be provoked into a war if Iraq continues to target Israel and its civilian population.

*This attack is not the first Israel has survived. The Jewish State sits in the middle of the volatile Middle East, living constantly with the threat of aggression. As it has done before — in 1948, 1956, 1967, 1973 and 1982 — the Jewish State must protect itself.

*A record 200,000 immigrants were resettled in Israel in 1990. War or no war, they are expected to continue to arrive in Tel Aviv. Israel must build the housing and create the jobs necessary to accommodate them.

*The Jews who remain behind in the Soviet Union are now enjoying the right to practice their religion. But they need to be educated with regard to all aspects of Judaism.

*There has been a rise in anti-Semitic incidents and racism across the United States, including very close to home at the University of Delaware. This must be confronted.

*Assimilation has become a serious threat to the continuity of the Jewish community and those who have chosen directions away from their heritage need to be coaxed back.

*Jewish day care services, Jewish education and services for the elderly — the Kutz Home, the Jewish Community Center, Jewish Family Service, Albert Einstein Academy, Gratz Hebrew High — need support in order to continue to serve the Delaware community.

*Jewish Family Service will be instrumental in resettling an estimated 68 Soviet immigrants to Delaware this year.

The Jewish Federation of Delaware, as the umbrella organization for the Delaware Jewish community, supports all of these needs — and more. But before the Federation can do its job, we must do ours.

On February 3 — Super Sunday — the Federation will ask the community to help. This is an opportunity for each and every one of us — regardless of affiliation — to be a part of the community, to be counted and to make a difference. There's a pricetag on providing services, on taking care of needs and on ensuring the survival of the Jewish community here and abroad. Your gift counts. When asked to give, please give generously.

If not you ... Who?

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

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Letters to the Editor

Gratz made a difference for this student

Having graduated from Delaware Gratz Hebrew High School this past June, I realize how difficult it is for today's Gratz student not only to keep up with the work of two high schools, but to participate in extra-curricular activities at the same time. Knowing how important it is to continue one's Jewish education, I now see how much I have benefited from my five years at Gratz.

To begin with, I have a stronger commitment to the Jewish people and a better understanding of all that they have gone through. The education course that I took earned me a teacher's certificate in addition to their regular high school diploma. This year, I am employed as a teacher's assistant in the Jewish Federation of Delaware's KiTov program. This program, which meets at Adas Kodesch Shel

Support Israel through campaign

As we watch and listen to the horrors of war in the Persian Gulf, we cannot help but be aware of how difficult life in Israel has become and how little we can do to help. At the very least we can demonstrate our support for Israel and the escalating needs of the Jewish people by expressing our commitment to this year's JFD campaign.

The Israeli government will fund the extraordinary security costs Israel now faces, but our financial support is more essential than ever to assist in human services and the resettlement of Soviet Jews in Israel.

I do hope that all of your readers recognize that through the JFD campaign, they have any opportunity to play a role in this historic moment.

Toni Young

Emeth, provides a Jewish education for youth with special needs. There, not only do I help teach, but I continue to learn as well.

Last month, I applied for entrance to several colleges. I attached my Gratz teacher's certificate, a copy of my transcript and a letter of recommendation to each one of my applications. Acceptance to two colleges came within ten days and a substantial four year academically-talented scholarship was awarded to me from one of the schools. I sincerely feel that having this "extra" education enabled me to receive early acceptance to these universities while it also enriched my knowledge of Judaism.

Perseverance and dedication do pay off. I strongly urge all Gratz students to stay and complete their education for someday they, too, will see what a tremendous reward it can be.

Donald Snyder

JCC is a caring place

As a former member and employee of the Jewish Community Center, I feel I must make it known to all the love, caring and concern expressed by the JCC staff.

Most people are not aware of the "behind the scenes" workings of the center. During the time I worked at the JCC I saw first hand on a daily basis how much the staff (under the leadership of David Sorkin) really cares. The JCC is constantly working toward the ultimate goal of filling the needs of the individual as well as the membership as an entirety.

I urge everyone to get to know the Jewish Community Center and its staff — it can be a rewarding experience. I know I will miss it.

Laura Pleasants

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Op - Ed

As Suez crisis and Yom Kippur war indicate, Saddam Hussein need only tie to win

By CHARLES KRAUTHAMMER

America is going to war uncomprehending. It seems inexplicable to us that Saddam Hussein should bring upon himself a war against the largest mass of armor and air power assembled since World War II. How can he possibly win? Why is he headed for suicidal war?

The answer is that he is not suicidal, nor does he have a great thirst for martyrdom. As the widows of his many political rivals will attest, his talent is making martyrs of others. On the contrary, Hussein thinks he can win.

How? Winning in the Arab context has a very special meaning. It means not losing against superior force. Tie goes to the weaker. Consider the last 40 years of Arab history. The Arabs have fought five wars against Israel (1958, 1956, 1967, 1973 and 1982) and lost every one. Yet at least twice they have turned battlefield disaster into political victory.

In 1956, Egypt, in a rout, lost the Sinai and the Suez Canal to Israel, Britain and France. But the Soviets threatened to intervene and Eisenhower backed Egypt. He forced Britain and France to withdraw from the canal in

humiliation. That finished them as the dominant players in the Middle East and contributed to our current predicament: Fifteen years later, a weary Britain abandoned the Persian Gulf, leaving it to the tender mercies of Iran, Iraq — and the United States.

President Dwight Eisenhower then forced Israel out of Sinai. The effect was to turn Egypt's Gamal, Abdel Nasser into hero of the Arab world for having stood up to both the Jews and the two imperial powers that had dominated the Middle East for half a century.

Nasser and his pan-Arab nationalism became the leading force in the Arab world until his next military adventure, the Debacle of the Six-Day War of 1967. That was utter defeat unchecked by a superpower bailout and unredeemed by a political victory in the United Nations. That is the war that Hussein does not want to reprise.

The model for Hussein is 1973. In the Yom Kippur War, Egypt fought Israel well enough for almost three weeks. Even though Egypt was by then on the verge of defeat, the superpowers stepped in and a cease-fire in place was

declared. Egypt had acquitted itself well enough on the battlefield that it could turn the stalemate into a postwar negotiation. Ultimately, it turned postwar negotiation into the fulfillment of Anwar Sadat's most cherished war aim: recovery of the entire Sinai.

Hussein's strategy is precisely the same: to hold off the United States long enough and to bloody it badly enough to force a cease-fire and negotiation. If Hussein can reach the point that Sadat reached three weeks into the 1973 war, if he can go a few weeks and induce a bloodied America to sit down and talk, he has won.

He becomes the first Arab ever to stand up to a superpower in war. He comes to negotiations as an equal, with cards to deal (POWs especially). He is in a position to demand parts of Kuwait, a lifting of the embargo and retention of his military power. That leaves him dominant not just in Kuwait and the gulf, but in the entire Arab world. He emerges not just undefeated but victorious.

Critics ask: When will the United States know it has won? When Hussein falls, surrenders or unconditionally evacuates Kuwait. When will we know that Hussein has won? When the fighting is suspended and talks begin.

It is unlikely that Hussein will get to that pass, but not impossible. He has miscalculated enough times the strength of the enemy to believe that a victory of this sort is not a remote possibility (as it most surely is) but a likely possibility.

His most profound miscalculation is that, in this war, there is no superpower to put an

artificial halt to hostilities and save the losing side, as had happened in all the Arab-Israeli wars (except '67). With the Soviets on the sidelines, Hussein's only hope for a *deus ex machina* to call a halt to proceedings if the American war effort stalls is American public opinion.

Hussein's contempt for American staying power is well-known. The America he knows is the America of Lebanon and of Vietnam. He is convinced that if he can put up a fight, America will tire and sue for peace.

Hussein vastly overestimates both his capacity to match America on the battlefield and the American people's irresolution in the face of war. He has forgotten his de Tocqueville: "The selfsame democratic nations that are so reluctant to engage in hostilities sometimes perform prodigious achievements when once they have taken the field." Nonetheless, while his estimates may be inflated, his line of reasoning is not crazy. He may be wrong, but he is not mad.

Nor is he suicidal. Hussein has a strategy. That is why he risked war rather than capitulate to American demands for unconditional withdrawal. Capitulation meant humiliation and, quite possibly, as often follows in the Arab world, death.

War means a chance for victory. And with victory, glory. That is why he fights.

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Nancy Cruzan and the right to live

Courts have established the legal right to die, but 'legal' is not to be confused with 'moral'

By FRED ROSNER, M.D.

The death of Nancy Cruzan 12 days following the removal of her feeding tube in Mount Vernon, Mo., on Dec. 26 reignited the national debate about the right to die. In the United States, citizens are constitutionally guaranteed a variety of legal rights, including the right to privacy, the right to health care, the right to refuse treatment and the right to die. These are all *legal rights*.

Frequently forgotten is the fact that, as human beings created in the image of God, we have *moral obligations*. We have a moral obligation to seek healing when ill, a moral obligation to preserve our health and our lives, and a moral obligation to help one's fellow human being.

A cardinal principle in Judaism is that human life is of infinite value. The preservation of human life takes a precedence over all biblical commandments, with three exceptions: idolatry, murder and forbidden sexual relationships such as incest. Life's value is absolute and supreme.

Thus, an old man or woman, a mentally retarded person, a handicapped newborn, a dying cancer patient or a patient in a persistent vegetative state, all have the same right to life as you or I. In order to preserve a human life, the Sabbath and even the Day of Atonement may be desecrated or set aside. All other rules and laws are suspended for the overriding consideration of saving a human life. The corollary of this principle is that one is prohibited from doing anything that might shorten a life even for a very short time since the moment of human life is of infinite value.

In Judaism, the physician is given the divine license to heal but not to hasten death. When a physician's license to heal ends he becomes no different from a lay person. Every human being is morally expected to help another human in distress. A dying patient is no exception. The physician, family, friends, nurses, social workers and other individuals close to the dying patient are all obligated to provide supportive care, no different from walking, turning, talking, singing, reading or just listening to the dying patient. There are times when specific medical and/or surgical therapies are no longer indicated, appropriate or desirable for a terminal, irreversibly ill, dying patient. There is no time, however, when general supportive measures can be abandoned,

thereby hastening a patient's demise.

A wave of support is sweeping this country to consider artificial nutrition (i.e., a feeding tube) and artificial hydration (i.e., intravenous fluids) as medical treatments. Hence, when medical therapy is futile, it is justified to withhold or withdraw such nutrition and hydration. I believe that the denial of food and fluids administered by "artificial" means is no different from such denial when food can be given in a "normal" manner. The food provided is not transformed into an exotic medicine by pouring it into a nasal or stomach tube. Food and water given to any handicapped person does not become medical therapy simply because another person is needed to provide it.

Nancy Cruzan was not suffering in her persistent vegetative state. Her friends were suffering. The nurses and other caregivers were suffering. Society as a whole may have been suffering. However, it is prohibited to sacrifice someone's life to relieve others from suffering. Putting a bullet through Nancy Cruzan's head would have killed her instantaneously. Removing the feeding tube killed her in 12 days. Either act is the direct and proximate cause of her death.

The slippery slope has now reached the point where we are reclassifying the provision of basic supportive care such as fluids and nutrition as medical treatment to justify withholding or withdrawing it in certain cases. Where will the trend end? Will we soon consider active hastening of a person's death by a lethal injection to be acceptable legally and/or medically? Where will such decision-making lead us in relation to the senile, the elderly, the incompetent, the terminally ill, the malformed newborn? Are we willingly condemning such patients to death to allow them to "die with dignity?"

The phrase "quality of life" or "quality of existence" embodies within it a concept of worthiness with connotations of personal character and social status. Should a decision as to whether life is worth living be determined on the basis of pain, suffering and from a consideration of its deviancy from normality? When a person cannot function in society because he/she is mentally deficient or physically malformed, that person is socially dead. Should such individuals not be allowed to live

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Snapshots: A week in Israel

By CHERYL and KEN KAMM

Five Wilmingtonians, members of Congregation Bath Shalom, traveled to Israel from January 6 to 13 on a Mission of Solidarity with Israel. Scores of Israelis thanked us for coming. Our boost to their morale was a hundredfold greater than our boost to their tourist industry (which was also appreciated). We were joined by hundreds of others on similar Missions from many American cities. All of Israel knew we were there, and collectively and individually said, "We're so glad you came, please come again soon." Following are some 'snapshots' of life as we saw it during that busy week.

SNAPSHOT: In a cheerful kindergarten at an absorption center for new immigrants (olim) near Jerusalem, four-year-old Jews from Ethiopia, Russia and Minnesota are busy drawing with crayons at the same table, smiling and singing songs of peace. These children are just some of the new faces of Israel.

SNAPSHOT: In the community center of a low-income "renewal neighborhood" built on sand dunes just south of Tel Aviv, a matronly former director of schools in Moldavia, arrived in Israel just eleven days ago, is tutoring youngsters in proper use of English. She and her young students are full of energy and enthusiasm. She says, "The Ulpan (Hebrew class for new arrivals) was full and had a long waiting list. I didn't want to just sit in my apartment all day, so I volunteered. Now I am contributing to my new country."

SNAPSHOT: Wednesday evening in a huge auditorium at the Givat Ram campus of Hebrew University, not far from the Knesset, the B'nai B'rith Hillel Symphony Orchestra, made up of students, professors, and Jerusalem residents, is about to begin a concert of Mozart and Mendelsohn to a standing-room-only audience. The tympanist is a nineteen-year-old student from Wilmington. Eight of the musicians are newly arrived Jews from Russia, who add incredible power and meaning to *Hatikvah* as our people's anthem is played to open the concert. The audience is glowing with warm emotion; there are few dry eyes at this musical proof of "Ingathering from the Exile."

SNAPSHOT: In the streets and shops of Jerusalem, there is not a feeling of panic, but of careful preparation. People are buying extra provisions, but no more than in Wilmington on the day before a snowstorm. People are calmly taking precautions against the potential of a few missiles or warplanes sent by a madman, which might penetrate Israel's strong defenses. Life goes on, for there is much to be done. In addition to the "normal" work of earning a living in Israel, there are new taxes to help fund the ingathering and integration into society of more than a thousand new immigrants from Ethiopia and the USSR each day.

SNAPSHOT: Up on Mount Scopus, at the Hebrew University, in a classroom for advanced Hebrew language, half the class, most of those from Western Europe and North and South America, left Israel in response to the increased threat of military attack; just one or two Westerners are left among the 12 Russian olim who spend five hours each day polishing their skills in Hebrew. There is much talk about how Israel will be well-protected by the Israel Defense Forces. Some say that protection will come from God as well.

SNAPSHOT: Late Saturday night, January 12, at Ben-Burion airport, El Al has added two more 747 flights to New York, supplementing the usual 1 a.m. Sunday departure. Hustle and bustle, but no panic. Some students are saying they wish their parents were more understanding, and would let them stay. We five from Wilmington agree we'd want to stay for several more weeks, but we've not made arrangements to stay away longer than a week. We pray that God will help the Israel Defense Forces protect our people and land of Israel. We want to come back to Israel as soon as we can.

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Dvar Torah

Parshat Beshalach, January 26th

The Shabbat of song

By SHOHAMA WIENER
 Special to The Jewish Voice

It happened again yesterday. I wanted to share a song with a group that had come together for Jewish study and celebration, and I said, "Here's a song that came through me lately." Before I could say any more, someone asked, "You mean you wrote it?" I hesitated and replied, "You might say that, but I don't think that's true. I only know that this song came through me. It feels to me as if there were a beautiful balloon in the air containing within it a holy song, and I saw it and grabbed onto its string. Now, you might say it's my balloon, and my song, but it really isn't."

Song, like other forms of art, has this incredible power to carry holy energy, if we only let it come through us. We just need to be there and let it happen. In this week's Torah portion we find a good model for this.

This Shabbat is called *Shabbat Shirah* — the Sabbath of Song — because we read in the week's parsha "The Song of the Sea," the song that Moses and Miriam sang after the children of Israel had safely escaped from the pursuing Egyptians by fleeing through the parted waters of the Reed (Red) Sea.

According to the text (Exodus, Chapter 15), "Then sang Moses and the Children of Israel this song unto the Lord, and they spoke, saying:

*Ashirah l'Adonai, ki gaoh gaah,
 Sus v'rochvo ramah vayam.*

I will sing unto the Lord, for He is highly exalted.

The horse and his rider He has thrown into the sea." The song is a vivid description of God's might in battle for the Israelites.

Towards the end of the song, we find a verse that has become a part of every morning and evening service: *Ni chamocho ba-elim Adonai, mi kamocho nedar bakodesh. Norah tehilot, oseh feleh.* "Who is like You, Lord, among the gods? Who is like You, majestic in holiness, awesome in splendor, doing wonders?" Singing this twice daily reminds us that salvation is always possible, no matter how great the difficulties.

Following this song, we have a one-sentence retelling of the escape from Egypt, and are informed that, after the crossing of the sea, "Miriam the prophetess took a timbrel in her hand, and all the women went out after her with timbrels and with dances.

*Shiru l'Adonai, ki gaoh gaah,
 Sus v'rochvo ramah vayam.*

Sing ye to the Lord, for He is highly exalted.

The horse and his rider He has thrown into the sea."

That's all of the song that Miriam sang that is included in the text. It is left to our imaginations to consider what else she sang, and in what manner. We know she sang. We know she danced. We know that the women did this with her. And we know that she merited the title *Neviah* — prophetess. What did she prophesy? The Torah doesn't tell us.

Perhaps it doesn't tell us for a good reason. Perhaps her singing and her dancing were in and of themselves a form of prophecy. We know from our Bible that there were bands of prophets who sang and danced. What did they prophesy? We don't know.

Perhaps it was the activity, the process which in and of itself led to an exalted state of connection to God. This certainly is true among the Hassidim, and it is also the custom for some havurot and some synagogue groups to include singing and dancing as part of the davening.

It is interesting that the song Miriam sang has only one verse of words. Perhaps the rest was *niggun*, wordless song? Was Miriam our first Hassid?

It is important for Jewish tradition that the Song is called "Song of the Sea," and not "Song of Moses" or "Song of Miriam." It is important that this song focuses only on the greatness of God, and not on the greatness of the individuals that sing it. There is a story which illustrates this point.

The Seer of Lublin was once confronted by another rabbi (let me not mention his name), who said to him, "How is it that so many people come flocking to hear you, who are not very learned in scholarship, while I, who am so learned, attract only a few?"

"That's easy," said the Seer. "They come to me because I know that I know so little, but I speak the word of God, who is so very great. They do not come to hear you precisely because you think you know so much and that your learning is so great. You leave so little room for God."

Humility, according to Jewish tradition, is one of the holiest of qualities, probably because it opens a person to be a vessel or channel for God's blessings. When we sing or dance, we have an opportunity to open ourselves, our bodies, as vessels for Universal energy. We could think of our bodies as instruments, and the Holy One as the player. Our breath, which comes from the Source of Life, is to our bodies like the bow is to the violin. If we open to this process, then song becomes a holy experience, and not an arduous production.

Miriam, the prophetess, the singer, the dancer, was also, according to rabbinic legend, a healer. It is said that wherever Miriam went, a well of living waters would follow her, and that this well brought healing and comfort to all who partook of it. Most of us know the Israeli song and dance *Mayim, Mayim*, which is based on the words

Massachusetts gets tough new hate crimes and kosher laws

By BETTE KEVA

The Jewish Advocate

BOSTON (JTA) — Two unrelated issues of serious concern to Jews were addressed by outgoing Massachusetts Gov. Michael Dukakis before he left office on January 2.

Among his last official acts, the governor, who was the 1988 Democratic presidential candidate, signed into law on December 28 the Hate Crimes Reporting Act, which will require law enforcement agencies in the state to keep detailed records of bias-related crimes.

On his final day of office, Jan. 2, he signed a consumer protection bill specifically aimed at protecting consumers of kosher foods and products by tightening regulations on their labeling, display and sale.

Massachusetts was, in 1882, the first state in the Union to adopt laws protecting the kosher consumer. But the legislation had not been revised since 1929. One of the provisions of the new law increases the fines for mislabeling or misrepresenting non-kosher foods to between \$500 and \$2,000. Previously fines had ranged from \$10 to \$100.

The Hate Crimes Reporting Act, which goes into effect 90 days after its signing, provides the police and district attorneys with another tool to fight crimes of hate and prejudice in Massachusetts. In addition to having two of the strongest anti-hate statutes in the country, the Commonwealth will now have data-gathering requirements that could advance efforts to eliminate such crimes.

"It will give us a much better idea of where they are happening in the state, how severe they are, which groups are being targeted most frequently and which communities are hit most often," said Sally Greenberg, civil rights counsel for the New England region of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

The bill requires police officers investigating criminal acts motivated by bias or bigotry based on race, religion, disability or sexual orientation to fill out a form describing the incident.

The forms will be sent to the Crime

Reporting Unit of the Department of Public Safety, where the information will be compiled and analyzed in an annual report.

"Right now, we have no statistics," said Greenberg, "aside from what specific groups and some police units gather. This bill will be very useful. It brings a consciousness to hate crimes. It's a data-collection device to give us much more information." Greenberg helped draft the bill, along with members of several area civil rights groups. The bill was co-sponsored by former State Sen. William Golden and Rep. Augusto Grace.

Preliminary statistics for 1990 indicate that hate crimes in Massachusetts did not increase by the staggering 1989 rise of 171 percent over 1988. However, 1990 brought Holocaust revisionists and Ku Klux Klansmen into the limelight more often than in the recent past, observed Greenberg, who views this as an indication of extremist activity.

"The Organization of New England Revisionists meets in Burlington, Mass., regularly, and Tom Herman, a Klansman and former policeman, have been active this year. These are trends," she said.

Although ADL is still compiling figures for 1990, Greenberg believes that the numbers of incidents have increased from 1989.

The kosher food bill was sponsored by State Rep. John Businger and Rabbi Rachmiel Liberman, executive director of the Lubavitch-Jewish Educational Center in Brookline, a heavily Jewish suburb of Boston.

The law prohibits fraud and deception in stores and restaurants with respect to labeling and selling kosher foods and products. For example, foods labeled "kosher-style" or "Jewish-style" will have to reveal in large type that the product is "non-kosher." The law mandates more stringent requirements for advertising and labeling "kosher for Passover" foods and also covers foods labeled "pareve."

The state Attorney General's Office will be responsible for overseeing and enforcing the legislation.

Combined Federation endowment assets over \$2.1 billion

Results of the 1988-89 Annual Survey of Federation Endowment in the United States and Canada show combined assets exceed \$2.1 billion. The annual increase of nearly \$500 million reflects the great success of Federation endowment programs.

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Charitable allocations from the endowment funds reached an all-time high of \$277 million. About one-third was directed to the annual campaign, another third to Federation-related programs and agencies and the remainder was divided between other Jewish causes and non-Jewish organizations.

More and more communities are finding that their annual campaigns are unable to meet all their local needs and overseas commitments. Endowment income has become increasingly important to fill the gap.

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Local Jewish families worry for children in Israel

By CELIA GANS

Special to The Jewish Voice

They range in age from 19 to thirtysomething. They are single, married and the parents of one or more children. They work in essential industries, on kibbutzim, in offices, in classrooms and for the government of Israel. They are the men and women from the Wilmington community who have chosen to live in Israel: in peace and in war. And they have the full support of their parents.

No, it has not been easy, admit Rabbi Leonard and Gladys Gewirtz, Jake and Gloria Hoffman, Ed and Ann Jaffee, Ken and Cheryl Kamm, David and Judy Mellon, Dr. Leonard and Ruth Rosenbaum, Tom and Ruth Seidel, Rabbi Nathan N. and Bea Schorr and Jerry and Sandy Turnhauer, knowing that their children and grandchildren are threatened by Iraq's arsenal of conventional, chemical and biological weapons and by its leader, Saddam Hussein. Yes, they fear for their children's and grandchildren's health and safety. Yet when their children tell them, "This [Israel] is our home," or, "I'm not going to run every time there's a problem," these parents understand.

They applaud their children's conviction; they are proud of their commitment to Israel — its present and its future.

They also applaud the technological wonders of the international telephone network. Thanks to the miracles of modern telecommunication, they are in regular contact with their children, experiencing almost firsthand the sirens, sealed rooms, gas masks, tents and bubble helmets of the SCUD raids, sharing their fears and their anger with Hussein, and their gratitude toward the United States.

Those from our community currently living in Israel include: Yossi and Deborah Gewirtz and their children, Noam, almost 5, and Renana, 2, who live outside Jerusalem. Yossi made aliyah in 1975, during the first crises in Lebanon, and is currently involved in the Information and Education Office of the Israeli Defense Forces (Reserves); Deborah is an occupational therapist with the Kupat Cholim (national health service). The family, says Gladys Gewirtz, has invited another neighborhood family with children to share their sealed room, and, though her grandson is fearful of putting on his mask, the children are a comfort to one another. "We believe Hussein to be an outlaw and a demon," says Gewirtz, "and fear he will do anything. But, like Jews everywhere, we hope and pray for the best."

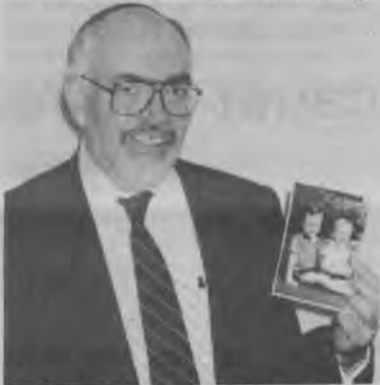
Steve and Marilyn Hoffman, parents of two daughters, Ayelet, 5, and Maayan, 17 months, have lived in Israel for seven years, currently in Har Chalutz, a settlement one hour into the Galilee from Haifa. His children, according to father (and grandfather) Jake Hoffman, report that although "everyone is tense, there is no panic. We're taking it in stride." Steve, Marilyn and the children spent Thursday night in a shelter, and expected to spend Friday night in one as well. Steve, who made aliyah after completing an M.B.A. in accounting and working for Price Waterhouse for two years in the United States, expected to return to work on Monday. "It's true, Gloria and I are a bundle of nerves," says Jake, "but we know Steve has no intention or thought of leaving."

According to Ann Jaffee, her daughter Linda has lived in Israel for 8 years, and is the mother of two Sabra girls, ages 5 and 2. "Linda says



Sandy and Jerry Turnhauer hold a photo of their daughter, Esti, who made aliyah in 1987. (Photo: Celia Gans).

Israel is well organized to cope with the crises," says Ann, "and praises Israeli radio for issuing clear instructions to citizens, with regular updates on events throughout Israel and the Gulf." Linda's husband is employed in an essential industry, and has gone into work regularly since the first day of the SCUD attacks. Although no buildings in their immediate neighborhood received direct hits, shrapnel



Rabbi Nathan Schorr displays a photo of his grandchildren who live in Raanana, near Tel Aviv. (Photo: Celia Gans)

did reach close to their house on the outskirts of Haifa. Linda, who has lived in Israel for 8 years, also expresses gratitude toward the United States, says Anne, "for doing the job on Hussein that Israel would have to do in the years to come."

The "Channel 6 Kids," as Cheryl Kamm refers to her children, Gregg, 19, and Stevie, 23, are living one mile from the Dome of the Rock in the center of Jerusalem. Daughter Stevie, who recently made aliyah, is taking graduate work in political science graduate, and her brother, a University of Delaware musician and student plans to work and study in Israel for a year, have been appearing regularly on local TV since the Kamms' recent visit to Israel with Rabbi Herbert Yascowitz of Temple Beth Shalom. Her children's strongest emotions, says Cheryl, are directed toward America's peace protesters. "Stevie, Gregg and their friends truly feel that these marchers are undermining U.S. and international support for Israel and the war."

Almost-grandparents David and Judy Mellon are perhaps the most anxious of Wilmington's parents. Their daughter, Lisa, is 8 1/2 months pregnant, and, says Judy, "we expect a phone call anytime now." In view of her condition, and the government's instructions about staying close to home, Lisa has made "on call" arrangements with a neighbor. In 1988, Lisa and husband Aaron are

employed by ISCAR, a multi-national precision tool company. Her husband, who is technically trained, works in robotics; bi-lingual Lisa prepares conference and sales materials for the overseas markets using sophisticated desktop publishing hardware and software. "Although we respect Lisa greatly," confesses Judy, "we know flying into a war zone to see our new grandchild isn't a comforting prospect."

Her greatest insight into her relationship with daughter Cindy in Israel, says Ruth Rosenbaum, came during a recent telephone conversation when she realized that, "because of the seven hour time difference, I'm always calling into the future and Cindy is always calling into the past." On Saturday, son-in-law Eyal was called to active duty, reports Ruth, and Cindy, with daughters, Nufar, 5 1/2, and Noga, 8 months, moved from their home near Haifa to Eyal's parents home on an established Anglo-Saxon kibbutz. "Cindy has been very positive throughout this crisis," according to her mother, "and her maturity has impressed us." The Rosenbaums feel fortunate to have recently spent time with Cindy. Physician/father Leonard was present during Cindy's labor and delivery of Noga during a five-week stay in Israel in the summer, while Ruth stayed an extra two weeks to help with new baby care. Cindy's sister Marcy, a University of Delaware student, visited with Cindy and her family from December 26 through January 6.

Rabbi Nathan and Bea Schorr's grandsons are third generation Sabras, reports their proud grandfather; in fact Doron, now almost four, was born on his father's birthday. His name, explains Rabbi Schorr, means "gift." The family, mother Drorit (Dodi), an attorney, father "Aby," not a nickname from his Hebrew name 'Abraham', but from his initials 'A.B.', a civil engineer, Doron and brother Amitai, age 2 1/2, live in Raanana, a northern suburb of Tel Aviv. His daughter, says Rabbi Schorr, explained to the children that they would need to go to their sealed room "whenever there is bad air." The children remained calm, he says, and played with their toys during the alerts. During recent calls, says the Rabbi, Dodi said she sensed in Israel a new respect for the United States, for the United States military capability and for President Bush. "Before Operation Desert Storm," says the Rabbi, "all most Israelis knew about the American military was 'training

accidents..."

Son Morry's problem during the current crisis, says Tom Seidel, may be unique: how to get gas masks on Kibbutz Metzuba's 26,000 turkeys! Yes, says Tom, the birds are "for real," and so is his son's now 15-plus year commitment to his life in Israel. "Morry graduated from high school in June of 1975, left for Israel on September 1, and joined to IDF. He has never talked about returning to the United States to live. Israel is his home, his wife Arza's home and his 6 year old daughter's and 14 month old son's home." The family's kibbutz is located about an hour from Haifa, and Arza, a Sabra, is working toward a master's degree at the Technion. Though the current situation has closed schools, restricted movement and caused disruptions, Morry reports no shortages of food, water or other essentials. What does his wife Ruth think of the current situation? "She's a militant," admits Tom, "her attitude is: beat them."

"Thanks," is what her daughter Esti (Esther, English name Susan) says to her parents Sandy and Jerry Turnhauer when they speak with her in Ramat Gan, a Tel Aviv suburb. "Thanks for not asking me to come back. This is my home." Esti, who made aliyah in 1987, is currently teaching English in the Tel Aviv area. She is now living with "more prepared" friends, says her mother, while she completes the purchase of her own apartment. "Esti was ready to move in," says Sandy, "but some vital piece of paper needed by her bank always seems to be missing. Maybe the current crisis will do something to reduce Israel's infamous red tape." As of Monday, Esti reported to her mother that she had heard rockets during night alerts, but saw no damage close to her building. "Although we are concerned about her safety and comfort," admits Sandy, "Esti is a serious young woman, who is totally committed to Israel and its people."

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Jewish lawmakers were divided over whether to authorize force

WASHINGTON (JTA) — Jewish members of Congress were as divided as their colleagues in the January 12 votes in which both the Senate and House of Representatives adopted resolutions authorizing President Bush to use the U.S. armed forces to expel Iraq from Kuwait.

The split was mainly among Democrats, since both Jewish Republicans in the Senate and all six Jewish Republicans in the House voted to give the president the authority to use force if Iraq did not leave Kuwait by the January 15 U.N. Security Council deadline.

But in the House, where the resolution was adopted by a vote of 250-183, liberal, pro-Israel Democrats, both Jewish and non-Jewish, could be found on both sides of the issue.

The division was primarily between those who wanted to give international sanctions imposed on Iraq more time to work and those who felt action was needed now. But it was also between those who feared that using force against Iraq would engulf the United States in another Vietnam war and those who feared that inaction would be like the appeasement of Hitler at Munich that led to World War II.

The principal architect of the House resolution was Stephen Solarz (D-N.Y.), who began his political career in 1966 managing the unsuccessful primary campaign of a congressional candidate opposed to the war in Vietnam. Eight of his Jewish Democratic colleagues supported his resolution on January 12. But the 17 other Jewish members of the House voted against authorizing military force now.

In the debate, Solarz observed that in Vietnam, "vital American interests were never at stake. In the Gulf, they are." He said that the "great lesson of our time is that evil still exists, and when evil is on the march, it must be confronted."

Other Jewish members of Congress simply argued that there were few real alternatives.

"Saying we need more time for sanctions is an excuse for doing

nothing," said Rep. Mel Levine (D-Calif.).

But Rep. Lawrence Smith (D-Fla.) argued that the sanctions were working. He warned that war would bring terrorism, since Saddam Hussein "is a lunatic, and he will blow up any object that he wants to get at Americans. That means we are all at risk." Smith, like other opponents of the resolution, said he would not want to see American troops lose their lives. "I would rather that they sweated in the desert than be buried in that desert," he said.

Lobbyists for Jewish organizations took a low-key approach to the congressional votes, which came after three days of debate. But when asked by members of Congress for their views, many Jewish lobbyists pointed to statement in support of Bush's policy adopted Jan. 9 by the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations.

"We support the policy of the Bush administration in going the extra mile to seek a peaceful resolution of the Gulf crisis while being prepared to take the required steps — including the use of military force — to achieve the goals of the international community in opposing Saddam Hussein's aggression," the statement read.

Jewish senators supporting the

resolution adopted Saturday included Joseph Lieberman (D-Conn.), Warren Rudman (R-N.H.) and Arlen Specter (R-Pa.). Opposing it were Herbert Kohl (D-Wis.), Frank Lautenberg (D-N.J.), Carl Levin (D-Mich.), Howard Metzenbaum (D-Ohio) and Paul Wellstone (D-Minn.).

Voting in favor of the House resolution were Jewish Reps. Gary Ackerman (D-N.Y.), Howard Berman (D-Calif.), Ben Erdreich (D-Ala.), Eliot Engle (D-N.Y.), Martin Frost (D-Texas), Benjamin Gilman (R-N.Y.), Dan Glickman (D-Kan.), Willis Gradison (R-Ohio), Bill Green (R-N.Y.), Mel Levine (D-Calif.), John Miller (R-Wash.), Steven Schiff (R-N.M.), Norman Sisisky (D-Va.), Stephen Solarz (D-N.Y.) and Richard Zimmer (R-N.H.).

Voting against the resolution were Jewish Reps. Anthony Beilenson (D-Calif.), Barbara Boxer (D-Calif.), Benjamin Cardin (D-Md.), Barney Frank (D-Mass.), Sam Gejdenson (D-Conn.), William Lehman (D-Fla.), Sander Levin (D-Mich.), Tom Lantos (D-Calif.), Nita Lowey (D-N.Y.), Bernard Sanders (Ind.-Vt.), James Scheuer (D-N.Y.), Lawrence Smith (D-Fla.), Ted Weiss (D-N.Y.), Howard Wolpe (D-Mich.), Henry Waxman (D-Calif.), Ron Wyden (D-Ore.) and Sidney Yates (D-Ill.).

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Survey: Holocaust still relevant

WASHINGTON (JTA) — While there have been some murmurings in recent years that Americans are growing tired of hearing about the Holocaust, a poll released by the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council and the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith reveals that it is not the case.

Seventy-seven percent of the respondents disagreed when asked whether "the Holocaust is something we hear too much about."

Instead, 76 percent said Americans should know about and understand the Holocaust, and 73 percent said it was essential or very important that the Holocaust be taught in the nation's schools.

On particular issues, 72 percent believe that the lessons of the Holocaust are relevant to the activities of hate groups in the United States; 62 percent believe it is relevant to the resurgence of anti-Semitism in the Soviet Union and East Europe; 60 percent to the existence of Israel; and 59 percent to the unification of Germany.

The survey found that a majority of



both those who know a great deal about the Holocaust and those who know little feel it has relevance today.

Fifty-four percent believe it is not very likely that the Jewish people could be subject to another Holo-

caust. But 42 percent believe it could happen again.

The survey had one "disturbing" finding; that more than half of the respondents, 18 to 34 years old, know little or nothing about the Holocaust.

KKK march, unity rally held in West Chester

Staff Report
About 30 Ku Klux Klansmen wearing flowing white robes and an additional dozen skinheads marched the ten-minute route through downtown West Chester on Saturday,

January 12. The parade route was ringed by more than 250 state and local police.

Hundreds of anti-Klan spectators heckled the marchers, shouting obscenities and waving signs denouncing racism and the KKK. At one point in the march, the Klansmen were pelted with snowballs and there were several scuffles, during which a plainclothes state trooper and one spectator were injured.

At the same time that the Klansmen were marching, there was a borough-sponsored rally in support

of racial harmony at nearby West Chester University. The rally had been billed as an alternative to the march. The university auditorium, which seats 1,000, was overflowing.

Those attending the borough's rally heard songs, speeches and poetry by community youth.

According to reports in the *Philadelphia Inquirer*, there were 14 arrests made during the march. Charges included felony assault, rioting and weapons violations. Most of those arrested were counterdemonstrators.

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Crisis in the Middle East

Israel considering retaliation, but Shamir appears to be against it

By DAVID LANDAU

JERUSALEM (JTA) — There was no clear word after Wednesday's emergency Cabinet meeting about whether Israel had decided to retaliate for the Iraqi missiles hurled at Tel Aviv over the last week.

While some officials said there was no question Israel would retaliate eventually, observers here suggested prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir had decided to hold back for the moment.

Basking in unprecedented support in Israel for his handling of the crisis and enjoying high praise from the West, especially Washington, for Israel's forbearance, the prime minister seemed inclined to give the policy of restraint — and the defensive capabilities of the U.S. Patriot missiles — another chance. But should Shamir unleash the Israel Defense Force against Iraq, the move could have far-reaching consequences for the Persian Gulf war and the newly cozy relationship between Jerusalem and Washington.

As evidence that Israel would defer military action for the moment, observers cited the announcements from Bonn on Wednesday afternoon that German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher would lead a special solidarity delegation to Israel on Thursday. (See separate story.) They surmised he would not have planned to come had he expected to find himself visiting a nation actively at war.

Shamir met with his top political and military advisers Wednesday after an early morning phone call from President Bush, who again expressed his "outrage" at Tuesday evening's missile attack and extended his sympathies for the casualties.

The prime minister had another meeting with U.S. Deputy Secretary of State Lawrence Eagleburger on Wednesday morning, followed by the Cabinet meeting.

Israel Radio and Eagleburger gave Shamir a message from Bush, but no details were released.

Political sources here gave no indication what the prime minister may have decided with respect to Israel's military options in the wake of Tuesday night's SCUD attack.

Shamir ordered Wednesday that no minister may speak out on the policy-making process save for himself, Defense Minister Moshe Arens and Foreign Minister David Levy. Officials said the decision was intended to ensure that Israel speaks with one voice to its own public and to the world.

Earlier, Health Minister Ehud Olmert said in a radio interview that the Cabinet, like "every Israeli citizen who is healthy and normal, would like to deliver a painful response so Iraq, so that they cry out in pain."

In more measured language, Deputy Foreign Minister Benjamin Netanyahu told the Knesset that neither Israel's right to respond, nor the "certainty" that it would do so, was in question. The question was when, where and how, he said.

That position seemed broadly supported in the Knesset and by the public.

Shamir received warm accolades from such staunch political opponents as Dedi Zucker and Shulamit Aloni of the Citizens Rights Movement. Zucker said the past five months had seen flawless crisis-management on the prime minister's part.

The mass-circulation *Yediot*

Achronot said editorially that the prime minister had the credit, confidence and trust of the nation.

Labor Party leaders Shimon Peres and Yitzhak Rabin were briefed by Defense Minister Arens on Tuesday night. Their position throughout the crisis has been that they stand behind the government and the army in military matters, though reserve their right to criticize decisions relating to foreign policy.

Rabin said in a radio interview Tuesday that he did not have up-to-date detailed information enabling him to make a specific recommendation to the government regarding the efficacy of an IDF air strike against the Iraqi missile launching areas. He urged a full inquiry into why the U.S. Patriot anti-missile batteries were unsuccessful in Tel Aviv after their "impressive" record protecting Riyadh and Dhahran, Saudi Arabia.

Germany says it will give Israel \$165 million in emergency aid

BONN (JTA) — Chancellor Helmut Kohl announced Wednesday that Germany would grant Israel \$165 million to help overcome its economic problems, which have been worsened by the Persian Gulf war. Kohl made the commitment after being accused by opposition Social Democrats and even members of his own Christian Democratic Union of insensitivity toward Israel, especially after the Jewish state became a target of Iraqi missile attacks.

Kohl's announcement was welcomed by Kent Schiner, president of B'nai B'rith International, who met with the chancellor Wednesday.

In his announcement, Kohl also promised to take swift, decisive action to halt German exports of "sensitive equipment" to Iraq or to any country from where it could find its way to Baghdad. German firms are known to have supplied the Iraqis with materiel, equipment and technology for the manufacture of chemical weapons.

Those revelations and what some Jews have perceived as a low-key response by Germany to the Iraqi missile attacks on Tel Aviv sent Jewish protestors into the streets of Frankfurt and other German cities last weekend with placards reading "German Gas 1944, German Gas 1991."

The Iraqi attacks so far have been by conventional, not chemical weapons. But some Israelis are concerned that Germany is not being sufficiently outspoken against the Iraqi attacks.

In Jerusalem, Yitzhak Arad, chairman of the Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial Authority, urged the Germans to lead the struggle against Iraqi aggression against Israel. In a cable to the president of Germany, Richard von Weizsacker, Arad pointed out that it was German firms that supplied Iraq with most of the material to manufacture chemical weapons.

The German people have been demonstrating against the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait, but they have not yet spoken out against the missiles or against Saddam Hussein's threats to Israel, Arad complained.

Yoel Alroi, mayor of Netanya, sent similar cables to the mayors of its German "twin cities," Dortmund and Giessen. He expressed disappointment with the lack of support and solidarity with Israel, particularly after the missile attacks. "From Germany and its institutions we expected more sensitivity and understanding these days," the message said.

In response to such charges, Foreign Minister Hans-Deitrich Genscher is due to leave for Tel Aviv on Thursday heading a delegation of German dignitaries in a demonstration of solidarity with Israel.

Meanwhile, strong anti-American demonstrations continued in Germany protesting the U.S.-led "Operation Desert Storm."

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Crisis in the Middle East

Analysis:

Iraqi raids could backfire and increase sympathy for Israel

By DAVID FRIEDMAN

WASHINGTON (JTA) — Iraqi President Saddam Hussein's attempt to draw Israel into the Persian Gulf war by attacking Tel Aviv and Haifa with SCUD missiles has resulted instead in bringing Israel and the United States closer than they have been since the Bush administration took office two years ago.

Israel's restraint in not retaliating immediately when the SCUD missiles hit Tel Aviv early January 18 and 19 could bring significant rewards when the war is ended. This could not only mean approval of Israeli requests for increased military and economic aid, but less pressure and more U.S. backing for Israel when the Middle East peace process resumes.

At a White House news conference January 18, Bush expressed warm appreciation of Israel's restraint since Iraq invaded Kuwait on August 2. "I appreciate Israel's restraint from the onset," he said. "Really from the very beginning of this crisis, Prime Minister (Yitzhak) Shamir and his government have shown great understanding for the interests of the United States, the interests of others involved, the coalition."

The Israeli understanding is appreciated throughout Washington, Rep. Stephen Solarz (D-N.Y.) said in an appearance Sunday on NBC-TV's "Meet the Press." "I think Israel's stock, both in the White House and Congress, have probably never been higher than it is at present," Solarz said. "The remarkable restraint they have demonstrated in choosing, at least so far, not to retaliate against Iraq, in spite

of Saddam's brutal and unprovoked attack against their population center, has generated considerably appreciation and approval in Washington."

This attitude also can be seen in the close contact Bush has maintained with Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir since the first missiles fell on Israel last week.

Bush had seemed not to be able to find Shamir's telephone number in his Rolodex since Iraq invaded Kuwait last August. But after Israel was struck by missiles, he called the Israeli premier once on Friday after his news conference and twice Saturday. "I understand the anguish of your people and your government," Bush was reported to have said in the third of his phone calls.

The president urged restraint on Israel and said that the United States and its coalition partners were doing everything to find the remaining SCUD missile mobile launchers and knock them out.

"We admire their restraint, and we have said all along that we hoped they would continue to show restraint," White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater said Saturday.

In an effort to encourage the restraint, the United States rushed several batteries of Patriot missiles to Israel on Saturday, to be operated by U.S. troops until Israelis are trained in the anti-missile defense weapon. A U.S. aircraft carrier also was sent to the eastern Mediterranean, with the specific purpose of protecting Israel.

Solarz said that sending the Patriots was a

"dramatic manifestation of the extent to which this crisis in the Gulf has brought Israel and the United States even closer together."

But Israeli officials have said they plan retaliation, although it might not be immediate or come in the form of an air strike.

Sen. Alfonse D'Amato (R-N.Y.) suggested January 19 that an Israeli retaliatory strike might be of special service if it were aimed at killing Saddam Hussein.

Israeli Defense Minister Moshe Arens said that while Israel had confidence in U.S. military ability, Israel was still responsible for defending itself. "Our public relations image is important, and the compliments that have showered on us because of the low-profile attitude we have taken are certainly appreciated in Israel," he said in an interview January 20 on CBS-TV's "Face the Nation" program. "But first and foremost, we still have to protect our population, and that we are going to do, and we are going to do it responsibly," Arens added.

Bush stressed at his January 18 news conference that finding Iraq's mobile SCUD launchers was a top priority of the coalition forces. The Israelis "know our determination to safeguard them prior to this attack," he said. "We are going to be redoubling our efforts in the darnedest search and destroy effort that has ever been undertaken in that area, and I hope that this is reassuring to the citizens of Israel."

Gen. Norman Schwarzkopf, commander of the coalition forces in the Gulf, said Sunday his aircraft were knocking the mobile launchers

out as fast as they could find them. "We have had considerable success in finding them," said Schwarzkopf, who appeared on all three network Sunday interview programs. But he stressed that he could not be sure that all the missile launchers had been destroyed, since they are easy to conceal.

Schwarzkopf also said that the coalition bombings are destroying Iraq's capability to produce nuclear, chemical and biological weapons.

At his news conference, Bush repeated that he was "outraged" by the attack on Israel and said there was no question it was "purely an act of terror," since it had no military significance. When a reporter asked why Bush was "surprised or outraged" by an Iraqi response, since the United States initiated the war, the president responded angrily.

"Against a country that is innocent and not involved?" the president retorted incredulously. "Israel is not a participant, Israel is not a combatant and this man (Saddam Hussein) has elected to launch a terroristic attack against population centers in Israel with no military design whatsoever."

Bush declared that Saddam Hussein would not succeed in his plan to shatter the anti-Iraq coalition by attacking Israel. Egypt and Saudi Arabia have already indicated they would not leave the coalition if Israel retaliated. "This man is not going to pull any victory off by trying to launch terrorist attacks on a country that is not a participant in all of this, and I am talking about Israel," Bush said.

Jewish institutions in US warned to take security measures

NEW YORK (JTA) — Jewish institutions across the United States have been warned they should review security precautions in light of the increased threat of terrorism on U.S. soil that a war in the Persian Gulf is likely to generate.

The National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council has sent out an advisory to its more than 100 member agencies, recommending

that security arrangements for office buildings, community centers, synagogues, cemeteries and other communal facilities be double-checked. The advisory urges caution when handling unusual or suspicious looking parcels, and it suggests Jewish agencies consider employing private security services.

"We wanted all the organizations and agencies to review their arrange-

ments, specifically in light of reports of threats of increased potential for terrorist activity attendant to the Gulf crisis," said Jerome Chanes, NJCRAC's co-director of domestic concerns.

Iraqi President Saddam Hussein has repeatedly warned that any U.S. facility could become a target of terrorism of hostilities break out, and some Palestinian leaders have echoed his claims.

Officials of Jewish organizations, usually careful in the best of times, are now packing security seminars and ordering a special booklet,

"Security for Community Institutions," published by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

While it is unclear whether terrorists would specifically target American Jewish facilities, some community leaders say that if Israel is drawn into a war against Iraq, an attack on Jewish targets would become more likely.

Some officials also say that if Hussein is successful in blaming the hostilities on Israel, this could spur U.S. hate groups to attack Jewish institutions. "If Israel begins to be held responsible for body bags com-

ing back to the United States, I'm not sure what the response will be," said Harriet Bogard, New York regional director for the ADL, which monitors anti-Semitic incidents in the United States.

Meanwhile, the Rabbinical Assembly is forming a crisis committee to share information and mobilize rabbis, said Irwin Groner, president of the Conservative rabbinic organization. The committee will hold meetings via conference call as top leaders assess the crisis, coordinate support for Israel and monitor any threats in the United States, he said.

400 American students fly to Israel

TEL AVIV (JTA) — A chartered El Al jumbo jet from New York, packed with nearly 400 Yeshiva University students and faculty determined to demonstrate solidarity with Israel on the eve of a possible war, landed at Ben-Gurion Airport on Tuesday night.

Their mission, officially dubbed "Operation Torah Shield," was to demonstrate unwavering support for Israel despite the U.S. State Department's advisory to avoid travel to the region.

There was chanting, singing and impromptu dancing on the tarmac as Israeli well-wishers eagerly greeted the newcomers, who arrived only hours before the expiration of the

U.N.-imposed deadline for Iraq's withdrawal from Kuwait.

Their exuberance contrasted with the weariness and worried looks of foreign visitors camping for the night at the airport, who were there in faint hope of catching a flight out of Israel after most international airlines suspended service to and from Tel Aviv.

According to Rabbi Avraham Weiss, spiritual leader of the Hebrew Institute of Riverdale in New York. "This is the time to run to Israel, not from it." His youthful co-religionists agreed heartily.

Tears brimming from her eyes, Gila Kaufman, a pre-law student at Touro College in New York, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, "This

really warms my heart. I care for Israel very much and Israel is in my heart at all times," she said. Gila sported a sweatshirt with the legend, "America don't worry, Israel is behind you."

"Operation Torah Shield" did not benefit from advance planning. Organized only last week, word of the mission spread rapidly in New York and seats on the Boeing 747 filled quickly. Many potential travelers had to be turned away.

"I decided to join five minutes after I heard about the trip," said Rabbi David Getteman, a Y.U. graduate from Rhode Island. Getteman said he left behind his Israeli-born wife and their 8-year-old daughter, but that he had their blessings.

The trip was an unusual bargain. Student tickets for the 12,000 mile round-trip flight sold for \$50. It was made possible by an anonymous philanthropist, an Orthodox Jew from Miami who donated \$250,000 to charter the aircraft. Yeshiva University took care of the logistics.

Jewish-Arab peace chain

TEL AVIV (JTA) — Thousands of Israeli Jews and Arabs, along with about 100 newly arrived Soviet immigrants and a group of American rabbis, linked hands January 12 in a 14-mile "peace chain" in the Wadi Ara region of Israel.

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Crisis in the Middle East

How the most recent immigrants are coping with the SCUD attacks

By **DANIELLA ASHKENAZY**
Special to The Jewish Voice

This is not the first time veteran Israelis have found themselves in a state of war. Yet, each war is different. Now, there are 200,000 new immigrants from the Soviet Union in Israel who also have to cope with the threat of war, among other absorption problems.

This time, Israel is facing a far different threat to its population centers. In the past, air raid sirens required the civilians to seek shelter underground, in a neighborhood bomb shelter. But because Iran SCUD missiles may be armed with gas — and gas is heavier than air, people are no longer instructed to enter underground shelters. Instead, each family has made one room in their home air-tight against the penetration of poisonous vapors, while everyone has been equipped with gas

masks and antidotes.

The newcomers from the Soviet Union have been assisted by programs operated through municipal authorities, with the involvement of the Jewish Agency and its Project Klita program in maintaining Absorption Coordinators and developing new programs for the olim.

"We distributed a brochure in Russian with instructions, how to prepare and what to do if under attack," said Batsheva Aviv, of the Rishon LeZion Municipal Absorption Headquarters. "We also posted instructions in Russian on municipal billboards.

"We worked until almost midnight distributing gas masks to 400 olim who arrived recently," said the deputy mayor of Kiryat Malachi, Eli Ben-Menachem. "We gave explanations in Hebrew and Russian, but mainly in Russian, how to use them; how to

close off a room; what to buy and where."

On the blackboard in one of the classrooms at the Kiryat Malachi ulpan were the words "par" (bull) and "parpar" (butterfly). But the teachers had not necessarily been sticking to the curriculum before the first volley of SCUD missiles fell on Israel. Tzvika Rom, who speaks fluent Russian, was one of those who showed the immigrants how to seal off a room, and why it is done in a particular way. "We went over the Hebrew terminology and the signals in class — *miklat* (shelter), *azaka* (warning siren), *rigia* (all-clear signal), and so forth."

Lina and Yigal, ulpan students in their late twenties, arrived from Leningrad with their six-year old daughter Yana and Lina's 52 year-old mother Tatiyana three months ago. The family settled temporarily in a Jerusalem suburb and only ar-

rived in Kiryat Malachi two weeks ago after being allocated an Amidar flat in the town. They were among the recipients of the gas masks Eli Ben-Menachem distributed the night before the Iraqi attack came.

"I watched TV and saw what we were supposed to do, although there was no translation into Russian," said Lina. Lina had indeed chosen the middle bedroom, the most protected room of their three-room flat, closed the shutter, crisscrossed the glass with masking tape, and sealed the cracks between the window and the window frame. She had stretched plastic sheeting on the inside of the window as extra sealing, should the glass break, just as she had seen on TV. And, she had prepared materials to seal the door once they were inside. "See, the TV is in here and a radio, and the gas mask kits. I have six cans of tuna and sardines, six bottles of water, two packages of crackers," she took stock.

"It's a problem," said Yigal. "I am not yet working. We are still in ulpan. There isn't enough money for war. Canned goods are expensive in Israel," he added.

While the uncertainty is stressful for all, including seasoned Israelis who are veterans of several wars, for the olim, the problems are magnified. "There are some who haven't succeeded in integrating any media messages and remain in a confused state of limbo, unsure what they are supposed to do when the air raid sirens have sounded," said the ulpan teacher. He believes that most olim are coping with the situation.

Lina emphasized that Israel has a good army, but that she and her husband feel secure knowing "Israel is together with the United States." Their only complaint is lack of information. "We want to know more," said Lina.

"The Soviet immigrants translate all sorts of signs as symbols in Israeli society according to cultural codes learned in Russia," explains Tzvika. "For instance they don't understand why during the present danger the authorities aren't arming people, or why the authorities aren't mobilizing them into the army. Their expectations are in accordance to the codes of a Soviet scenario, not an Israeli one," said Tzvika.

Few Palestinians get gas masks despite Supreme Court order

JERUSALEM (JTA) — The High Court of Justice on January 14 ordered the Defense Ministry to issue gas masks immediately to Palestinians in the administered territories after an angry jurist denounced their distribution to Jewish settlers only as "a scandal." The issue was brought to the court by a resident of Bethlehem, who applied for a show-cause order against the Defense Ministry

and the army. Her counsel argued that under international law, Israel is bound to offer the same protection to the occupied population as to its own citizens.

Israel has been threatened with chemical attack by Iraq, but the authorities have maintained that the danger in the territories is minimal. The government acknowledged

that after issuing masks to virtually everyone in Israel, there were only 170,000 available for the 1.4 million residents of the West Bank and Gaza Strip, of whom about 100,000 are settlers.

Justice Aharon Barak said in that case, Palestinians in the areas of greatest risk — the Jerusalem area and those with proximity to Israel proper — should have priority.

He angrily rejected the contention of government lawyers that masks should be withheld from Palestinians because rioters would use them for protection against tear gas.

Change in plans for conductor

A staunch friend of Israel turned up unexpectedly in Tel Aviv on January 16, despite a prior engagement in New York.

Zubin Mehta, the Indian-born conductor and musical director of the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra, had a commitment to rehearse the New York Philharmonic and was en route there from Vienna when he grew worried about Israel after watching television reports.

"I got as far as Paris and was preparing to board a Concorde when I passed a flight notice announcing a flight to Tel Aviv within the hour," the maestro told an Israel Television interviewer.

"I turned around and took the Israel-bound aircraft," Mehta said. "After all, I was adopted by this country and I felt it my duty to be with the Israelis in a time of emergency." Asked what his wife in New York and his parents in Bombay thought of his change of plans, he said their reaction was "Gevait!"

Mehta landed in Tel Aviv, but his luggage went by supersonic jet to New York.

Rabbis 'drop in' on sailors in gulf



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Crisis in the Middle East

Syrian Jews see window of hope in crisis

By JONATHAN MARK

The New York Jewish Week

NEW YORK (JTA) — The U.S.-Syrian alliance against Iraq, condemned by most Jewish leaders, is being seen as a "window of opportunity" for the emigration of 3,500 Syrian Jews, say Syrian Jewish activists.

The New York-based Council for the Rescue of Syrian Jews, an organization which represents Jews in Syria, has said that although Syrian Jews have the freedom to teach and practice Judaism, they are nevertheless denied basic civil rights. Among them is the right to emigrate, a right guaranteed by the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, signed by Syria.

The council is also seeking a relaxation of travel restrictions.

New York's 30,000 Syrian Jews have historically kept a low political profile regarding Syrian issues. The council is cautiously optimistic that the discussions between President Bush and Hafez Assad in November presented an opportunity for the United States to request the emigration of the 3,500 Syrian Jews for family reunification in this country.

"I really feel that now there is a window of opportunity that we have to take advantage of," says Alice Harary, the group's vice president. "With the focus on the Persian Gulf and the Middle East alliance, we have to capitalize." Harary, an attorney, has been coordinating the group's lobbying efforts in Washington.

In policy documents, the council has stated that it intends "to pressure the Bush administration to ensure that free emigration... will be on the agenda in any such dealings."

Although the council says it was told by the State Department that family reunification had been one of

many "talking points" planned for the Bush-Assad meeting, there has been no verification that it was actually discussed.

Gilbert Kahn, the council's executive director, and Harary say the council is in daily contact with the State Department, and had briefed the U.S. ambassador to Syria and several other U.S. officials before their visits to Damascus.

When former president Jimmy Carter visited Syria earlier this year, the council prepared a memorandum for him on Syrian Jewry. According to Harary, "It is our understanding and that of the State Department that the Jews were not mentioned in any of (Carter's) conversations with President Assad," but only with the Syrian foreign minister.

In April 1990, the council had more success with Sens. Howard Metzenbaum (D-Ohio) and Robert Dole (R-Kan.), who traveled to Syria and presented Assad with the list of divided Syrian Jewish families, as well as a request for better treatment of Jewish prisoners. Metzenbaum and Dole followed up with a letter to Assad thanking him for the improvement in the situation.

Metzenbaum was one of the few visitors to Syria to see the Jewish community there. According to reports, the community, based primarily in Damascus, Aleppo and Kamishli, has two elementary schools and 20 synagogues.

A new three-story Jewish school is said to be under construction, and Jews are allowed to attend Syrian universities. Jewish schools are allowed to teach Hebrew, but only for religious rather than cultural or Zionist purposes, a distinction that the Syrian police strictly monitor.

Other members of Congress have also visited Damascus. Rep. Stephen

Solarz (D-N.Y.) presented a Syrian Cabinet minister with a list of divided families.

The council's lobbying in Washington commenced shortly after the council was founded in November 1989. "Last year, I basically concentrated on an awareness campaign," says Harary. "Few people in Washington even knew that there were Jews in Syria."

Nevertheless, the council has presented Bush with pro-emigration letters signed by 122 members of Congress and 66 senators. A similar letter, sent to Assad, was signed by 130 members of Congress. The congressional letter noted that Jews suspected of attempting or planning to leave the country have been subjected to lengthy interrogation, torture and imprisonment.

The legislators wrote Bush that it is appropriate for the U.S. government to make known to Assad the importance that human rights has in the formulation of U.S. policy, saying: "Syria's position regarding emigra-

tion of its Jewish community will be a clear indicator to us of its willingness to follow the accepted rules of civilized nations."

In October, says Harary, the council met privately with Argentina's President Carlos Menem, who is of Syrian descent and whose brother is Argentina's ambassador to Syria. Harary reports that Menem said he "will engage every Arab head of state" on behalf of Syria's Jews.

Assad has recently allowed young, single Jewish women to emigrate, but only if their future "bridegrooms come to Syria to marry them and take them to the United States," says Harary.

The council is downplaying the situation of single Jewish women, for whom there are not enough prospective husbands, since there is movement in this area.

Assad also has allowed Jewish prisoners to be moved to above-ground cells and sanctioned regular visits from their families, reports Harary, but Jews are still being periodically arrested for allegedly attempt-

ing to cross the border.

Amnesty International, a worldwide movement that reports on the status of human rights, but frequently cited Syria as a human rights offender, saying that the country has been a police state for over 25 years, imprisoning "thousands of actual or suspected opponents of the government."

Upon assuming the Syrian presidency in a 1970 coup, Assad invalidated whatever remained of Syria's constitutional and legal safeguards, leaving human rights to his own discretion.

A member of the Alawites, a minority Islamic sect, Assad has actually been more brutal to rival Islamic groups than to Jews; in 1982, Assad's forces killed a reported 25,000 Syrian Moslems in the city of Hama.

Under Assad, Syria has been branded a "terrorist" state by both the U.S. and British governments. Assad's secret police, the Mukhabarat, are said to keep the small Jewish community under constant surveillance, and occasional harassment.

Anti-Semitic mail sent to troops

NEW YORK (JTA) — The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith has linked the mailing of anti-Semitic letters to American service personnel in Saudi Arabia with the Christian Identity Skinheads, an extremist group based in Las Vegas.

The letters, addressed to "Any White Servicemember" and "Any Servicemember," allege "Jewish control of America" and warn that if white "Aryan" U.S. soldiers die "fighting the war for the Jews in Israel," then "white women in the U.S. will marry non-whites."

Abraham Foxman, national director of ADL, said he has passed on information about the group to the Defense Department and to domestic law enforcement agencies, including the FBI. He said Pentagon officials have reported alerting field commanders of Operation Desert Shield to the mailing.

In a letter to Secretary of Defense Dick Cheney, Foxman said the anti-Semitic letters, signed by people calling themselves "White Christian Women," contain "vicious expres-

sions of racial and religious bigotry, as well as twisted and false represen-

tation of America's foreign policy interests in Saudi Arabia."

Diplomat denies dealing Patriots and no Israeli retaliation

TELAVIV (JTA) — U.S. Deputy Secretary of State Lawrence Eagleburger, who arrived here last Saturday at about the same time as a battery of American Patriot anti-missile missiles, has strenuously denied that the United States made any deals with Israel to keep it from retaliating against Iraqi missile attacks.

"There have been no deals struck," Eagleburger stated repeatedly at a news conference Monday. He also emphasized that every state has the sovereign right to defend itself. Eagleburger denied local media reports that he and his aides were "on hand to see to it that in almost any circumstances there will be no Israeli reaction" which could disrupt the Arab component of the U.S.-led coalition against Iraq.

"The United States stands with Israel in defending against Iraqi aggression. The United States is, as it has been for many years, committed to the security of Israel," Eagleburger said.

He acknowledged that it is up to Israel to decide if, how and when to react against the Iraqi missile attacks, which took place January 18 and 19, and for the Israeli government to say why it has not reached so far.

Moreover, Eagleburger said, the United States "greatly admires" Israel's exercise of restraint.

Reading from a prepared statement, Eagleburger noted that President Bush expressed the outrage of Americans and the leaders of all civilized nations at this "reckless act of terror and aggression," a reference to the two SCUD missile attacks on Israel. He said the president has taken a number of concrete steps to help Israel deal with the SCUD missile threat, including the "unprecedented action" of "immediately transferring to Israel Patriot anti-missile units with their U.S. crews and with PAC-11 missiles."

Eagleburger spoke of the "continued devotion by the United States and its coalition partners of enormous and persistent military and intelligence assets" to the objective of destroying Iraqi SCUD missile launchers.

"This period has been marked by constant and intensive consultations between our two governments. President Bush and Prime Minister Shamir have talked with each other often and intimately during these critical days," Eagleburger said.

"We recognize and respect the right of every sovereign state to defend itself, and thus have never questioned Israel's right to respond to attack," he asserted. "We also recognize and respect Israel's desire not to be drawn into this conflict, and greatly admire Israel's restraint in the face of Iraq's deliberate and murderous effort to widen the conflict caused by its aggression against Kuwait."

The deputy secretary, who is the second-ranking State Department official, did not say why he came to Israel at this time, his second visit in a month, nor how long he would stay.

He spoke, however, of past and future U.S.-Israel ties, "Despite ups and downs in the past, and probably in the future," Eagleburger said, "there is, has always been and, I believe, always will be a very close, respectful and, I might say, an equal relationship between the two countries."

Eagleburger said he would be meeting with Finance Minister Yitzhak Moda'i and possibly again with Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir and with senior Israel Defense Force officers.

Senators' letter backs Israel

WASHINGTON (JTA) — Fifty-six senators wrote a letter to Israeli Ambassador Zalman Shoval last week reaffirming their "commitment to help Israel defend herself" during any war in the Persian Gulf. "At this time of danger and uncertainty, we write to express our heartfelt support for and solidarity with our most stalwart and democratic ally in the region," they said in a letter written by Sen. Connie Mack (R-Fla.) and sent January 14, four days before Iraq's first attack on Israel.

The 56 senators said they hope that "in the aftermath of this crisis, our nations can work together toward our common goal of direct talks leading to peace treaties between Israel and her neighbors."

Of the 56 senators who signed the letter, 43 were Republicans and 13 were Democrats. The only Senate Republican who did not sign the letter was Sen. Mark Hatfield (R-Ore.).

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Crisis in the Middle East

U.S. reassures Israel it is trying to eliminate Iraqi threat

By DAVID FRIEDMAN
 WASHINGTON (JTA) — The Bush administration sought to ensure Israel on Wednesday that the United States was doing everything it could to provide for Israel's security, despite the continuing threat from Iraqi SCUD missiles. "We want the government and the people of Israel to know that the United States will continue to stand by Israel in the days ahead," said State Department spokeswoman Margaret Tutwiler.

Those assurances were seen as part of the U.S. effort to encourage Israel to continue refraining from retaliating for the SCUD attacks, the most serious of which occurred Tuesday night in Ramat Gan. Three people died and 96 were injured in that attack. The SCUD hit the suburban Tel Aviv neighborhood despite the Patriot anti-missile batteries the United States rushed to Israel last weekend.

In a speech Wednesday night to the Reserve Officers Association, President Bush said Saddam Hussein

"has sickened the world with his use of SCUD missiles, those inaccurate bombs that indiscriminately strike in cities and innocent civilians in both Israel and Saudi Arabia."

Calling the SCUD missiles "tools of terror," Bush declared "they do nothing but strengthen our resolve to act against a dictator unmoved by human decency."

Finding and destroying Iraq's mobile SCUD launchers is still a major priority, Defense Secretary Dick Cheney said at a news briefing Wednesday.

Gen. Colin Powell, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, added that finding the SCUDs has been "more of an effort on our part than we had anticipated."

Both White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater and Tutwiler at the State Department maintained Wednesday that the United States has not directly asked Israel to refrain from a retaliation. And Bush reportedly did not do so when he called Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir at midnight Tuesday to express his "outrage" at Iraq's "unprovoked aggression."

But Bush and other top administration officials have made their preference clear by repeatedly expressing appreciation for Israel's restraint so far, which the president called "remarkable."

"We recognize and respect the right of every sovereign state to defend itself and thus have never questioned Israel's right to respond to attacks," Tutwiler said. "We also

recognize and respect Israel's desire not to be drawn into this conflict and greatly admire Israel's restraint in the face of Iraqi deliberate and murderous efforts to widen the conflict caused by the aggression against Kuwait," she said.

"The government and people of Israel have shown extraordinary restraint, courage and resolve during this crisis," Tutwiler said.

The White House said Bush and Shamir agreed to stay in close consultation. One means of doing this is the indefinite stay in Israel by Deputy Secretary of State Lawrence Eagleburger.

Eagleburger spoke to Secretary of State James Baker by telephone eight times between the time the SCUD missile hit Ramat Gan on Tuesday and noon Wednesday, according to Tutwiler.

Both Fitzwater and Tutwiler denied that Israel has been promised

any specific rewards for its restraint, such as the \$13 billion in additional aid over five years that Israeli Finance Minister Yitzhak Moda'i requested during a meeting Tuesday with Eagleburger. The deputy secretary made no commitment on the aid, but the request will be "given our full consideration," Fitzwater said.

Meanwhile, the House of Representatives voted 416-0 Wednesday afternoon to adopt a resolution condemning the Iraqi attacks on Israel, praising Israel's restraint and declaring solidarity with the Jewish state. The resolution was introduced by Rep. Edward Feighan (D-Ohio), who declared that the longstanding ties between the United States and Israel have now been forged into steel. A similar resolution was introduced in the Senate by the majority and minority leaders, Sens. George Mitchell (D-Maine) and Robert Dole (R-Kan.) respectively.

Chronology of events

NEW YORK (JTA) — Following is a chronology of key events since the outbreak of fighting last week in the Middle East.

Wednesday, Jan. 16: President Bush announces beginning of the U.S.-led military campaign to oust Iraqi troops from Kuwait, dubbed "Operation Desert Storm." U.S. and allied aircraft bombard Iraqi military installations.

Friday, Jan. 18: Eight Iraqi SCUD missiles with conventional warheads explode around 2:30 a.m. local time, hitting the Tel Aviv area, Haifa and unpopulated rural areas. At least seven people are wounded, and four are reported dead from heart attacks or asphyxiation.

Saturday, Jan. 19: Four Iraqi SCUD missiles hit Tel Aviv around 7 a.m., bringing cumulative casualties to 30 injured. American Patriot anti-missile batteries with U.S. crews arrive in Israel, marking the first time Israel has followed foreign troops on its own soil to help defend the Jewish state. President Bush sends Deputy Secretary of State Lawrence Eagleburger and Undersecretary of Defense Paul Wolfowitz to Israel.

Tuesday, Jan. 22: An Iraqi SCUD missile strikes Ramat Gan, north of Tel Aviv, shortly after 8:30 p.m., in the third and most devastating attack. Three fatalities, two of them from heart attacks, are reported, and about 96 others are injured. Property damage is heavy, with about 20 houses destroyed. Finance Minister Yitzhak Moda'i asks U.S. diplomats for an additional \$13 billion in U.S. aid over next five years, to cover the rising costs of the Persian Gulf war and the massive immigration of Soviet Jews.

Wednesday, Jan. 23: An Iraqi SCUD missile is intercepted over northern Israel by a joint U.S.-Israeli team operating Patriot missiles.

Pope expresses sympathy with Israel and solidarity with people of Iraq

By RUTH E. GRUBER
 ROME (JTA) — Pope John Paul II expressed sympathy with Israel on Wednesday after the third and deadliest Iraqi missile attack on the Tel Aviv area in less than a week.

During his weekly public audience, the pontiff said he felt "solidarity with how much they are suffering in the State of Israel for the contemptible bombardments of recent days and yesterday." His remarks were the first specific papal condemnation of the Iraqi SCUD missile attacks on Israel that have injured over 100 people since they began on Jan. 18 and caused seven fatalities.

The pope also expressed solidarity with the people of Iraq and of the other countries involved in the conflict. His remarks, however, were the first time he has referred specifically and by name to Israel, although he has made several ardent appeals for peace since the Gulf war broke out.

The latest papal comment followed the release Tuesday of a strongly worded public statement by Rome's 2,000-year-old Jewish community — the oldest in the Diaspora — taking John Paul severely to task for his failure until then to voice sympathy for Israel under attack.

The statement also urged the pope to use the present occasion to announce Vatican recognition of the Jewish state, which it has withheld for the 43 years of Israel's existence.

The Jewish community's statement was strongly backed by some leading Italian political figures. A group of Liberal Party and Radical members of Parliament introduced a motion asking Prime Minister Giulio Andre-

otti, a Christian Democrat, to publicly propose that the Vatican recognize Israel.

The motion in Parliament expressed hope "that Vatican City wants to add itself to the states that recognize Israel and not to number itself any longer among those, like the Arab dictatorships, who deny even in a diplomatic way its right to existence."

A leading Christian Democratic politician, Flaminio Piccoli, supported the motion. "It would have seemed to me that the holy father in his religious meetings with the faithful would have recalled at least once the name of Israel, which is a target, a declared target, fully announced by the dictator of Baghdad," Piccoli said.

The Jewish community said that "more than 40 years after the foun-

dition of Israel, the Holy See and John Paul II avoid even pronouncing the name of the State of Israel. For this reason, many Jews feel that the Holy See does not recognize the State of Israel because of theological prejudice."

The Jewish community's statement said, "We Jews of Rome have awaited with hope the great commitment of John Paul II in recent weeks in search of a peaceful solution for the Gulf region after the invasion of Kuwait by Iraq."

"Still we have remained waiting for John Paul II to condemn in clear terms Iraq's repeated threat that it wants to destroy the State of Israel, and still more, we would have wanted to hear clear words on the successive bombardments against Tel Aviv and Haifa," the statement said.



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Campaign to bestow sainthood strains ties

By **DEBRA NUSSBAUM COHEN**

NEW YORK (JTA)—A campaign by the Spanish Catholic Church to bestow sainthood on Queen Isabella I of Spain could cause a dangerous breach in Catholic-Jewish relations, leaders of both faiths are warning.

"It is a potentially divisive issue and has enormous international implications," said Rabbi A. James Rudin, national director of interreligious affairs at American Jewish Committee.

Rudin is chairman of a panel established by the International Jewish Committee on Interreligious Consultations to study the issue. The committee represents world Jewry in contacts with the Vatican.

Conservative elements within the Spanish Catholic Church have nominated Isabella for veneration, the first step toward sainthood.

She is remembered as a despot by both Jews and Moslems, who suffered torture, forced conversion and expulsion under her reign from 1474 to 1504.

Isabella's veneration "would be a disaster for dialogue," acknowledged Dr. Eugene Fisher, director for Catholic-Jewish relations at the National Conference of Catholic Bishops, the organization that represents 350 bishops in the United States.

"I don't think her cause should be moved forward," Fisher said. "No matter what one can say about her personally, the symbolic meaning of her reign as queen was the expulsion of the Jews, and that symbolism is too massive in Jewish history" for her canonization to do anything but "an incredible amount of damage."

Isabella's nomination has

prompted an outcry from Jewish leaders and organizations around the world, among them the World Jewish Congress, the International Jewish Committee for Sepharad '92 (a group planning a celebration of Sephardi Jewry), the Union of Italian Jewish Communities, the British Council of Christians and Jews and B'nai B'rith Canada.

"It is outrageous and obscene because that lady, under any set of rules, does not deserve sainthood," declared Andre Sassoon, vice president of the International Jewish Committee for Sepharad '92 and international secretary for the World Sephardi Federation.

The Spanish Church officials who are promoting Isabella's cause hope to have her approved by the Vatican by 1992, when the church will celebrate 500 years of Christianity in the Americas.

Christianity was brought to the New World by Christopher Columbus, whose voyage was financed by Isabella and her husband, Ferdinand, in 1492.

But 1992 is an important anniversary to Jews, especially Sephardic Jews, for another reason: It marks the quinquennial of the edict, signed by Isabella and Ferdinand, ordering Jews to convert to Christianity or be forcibly expelled.

About 400,000 Jews lived in Spain at the time. Almost half went into exile, and the rest converted to Christianity or pretended to convert.

Many of those who pretended to convert but secretly continued Jewish practice — a group known as Marranos — were tortured and burned at the stake during the Inquisition, which was instituted in all of

Spain under the rule of Isabella and Ferdinand.

Spain's current monarch, Juan Carlos, will formally revoke the expulsion edict on March 31, 1992, exactly 500 years after it was issued. Sephardi Jews around the world will use the occasion to celebrate the rich cultural heritage bestowed by the Golden Age of Spanish Jewry, which ended with the decree.

The petition on behalf of Isabella may have been submitted to the Vatican at least seven years ago,

It is up to that body to decide whether there is enough evidence of extraordinary virtue in Isabella's life to pass her case on to the cardinals of the congregation and then to the pope.

If Isabella is declared venerable, the next step to sainthood is beatification. To be beatified, a candidate must have performed one miracle of intercession. A second miracle is required for canonization.

Gutierrez admitted there are no miracles attributed to Isabella.

the Vatican's relationship with Jews is enjoying renewed strength after three years of distance.

That chill began in 1987, after a Carmelite convent was established on the grounds of the Auschwitz death camp and when Pope John Paul II met with Palestine Liberation Organization leader Yasir Arafat and Austrian President Kurt Waldheim, a former Nazi who served in a German army unit linked to wartime atrocities.

Isabella's is not the first case for beatification or canonization to be opposed by Jews.

Edith Stein, a Jewish-born Carmelite nun who was taken from her convent in the Netherlands in August 1942 and murdered in the gas chambers of Auschwitz several days later, was beatified on May 1, 1987.

Stein was beatified because she "remained faithful, as a Jew, to the Jewish people and, as a Catholic, to our crucified Lord Jesus Christ," the pope said at the ceremony.

Jewish groups based their opposition to Stein's beatification on the view that she was killed "not because she was a nun or a Catholic, but because she was born a Jew," according to Rudin.

Jewish groups also protested the canonization of Maximilian Kolbe, a Franciscan priest. Kolbe was made a saint on Oct. 10, 1982, for volunteering to take the place of a fellow Pole and be killed by the Nazis as punishment for another prisoner's escape from Auschwitz. He died on Aug. 14, 1941.

Several international Jewish organizations said at the time that Kolbe espouses anti-Semitic views in the 1920s and 1930s.

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It is not known exactly how long her case has been before the Vatican Congregation for the Causes of Saints, which considers nominations, because of secrecy cloaking the entire process.

"There are hundreds of causes of saints sitting in the Vatican," Fisher said. "Some of them stay there for centuries and never get moved forward. Isabella's could have been sitting there for a long time."

Rev. Anastasius Gutierrez, representing the Spanish Archdiocese of Valladolid, near the site of Isabella's death in 1504, is serving as postulator, arguing the queen's case before the Vatican Congregation.

"We need a miracle that does not exist," he told the *New York Times* in a recent interview.

Isabella's nomination is being pushed by conservative elements within the Spanish Catholic Church who oppose some of the liberal steps recently taken by the Spanish government, according to Rudin.

The socialist Spanish government established full diplomatic relations with Israel in January 1986 and, last February, extended the same legal status enjoyed by Roman Catholics to Jews and Protestants.

If Isabella were to be honored in this way by the church, say Jewish leaders, it would send a mixed message to world Jewry at a time when

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Tel Aviv mayor in hot water over stand on Palestinian state

By DAVID LANDAU

JERUSALEM — When Tel Aviv Mayor Shlomo Lahat proclaimed on television recently that the Palestinians deserve a state of their own, his colleagues in the Likud bloc were stunned.

It was not the type of statement to be making scarcely a day after the brutal murder of three Israelis in Jaffa by a pair of Palestinian laborers from the Gaza Strip, many felt.

But there are some who believe the immensely popular mayor, a proven vote-getter, may be ahead of his party in reading the popular mood — or at least the mood of middle-class Jews living on Israel's coastal plain, whose closest contact with the *intifada* until very recently was the nightly news.

Lahat is savvy when it comes to

pleasing his constituents. After the Knesset passed two Orthodox-sponsored bills recently to enforce modesty and Sabbath observance, the maverick mayor was on the air in minutes with his response.

The bustling places of entertainment in downtown Tel Aviv would not close on Friday nights, he vowed.

Lahat declared that, as mayor, he would do everything possible to ensure that all Tel Aviv residents, whatever their religious persuasion, could enjoy their Oneg Shabbat in whatever way they saw fit.

It was a statement calculated to win the approval of at least 95 percent of the city's population — all but the ultra-Orthodox.

And it posed no political problem, because the new legislation does not really threaten any change in Tel Aviv, barring a suicidal attempt by

the small religious party representation on the City council to force the mayor's hand.

Lahat is usually unerring in making the kind of statement that solidifies his close rapport with the grass-roots bourgeoisie who comprise much of Tel Aviv's population.

Indeed, Lahat's favorable standing has advanced Likud's fortunes in recent elections among ordinary, middle-of-the-road Israelis.

It was with great chagrin, therefore, that Likud loyalists watched Lahat tell the nation on the prime-time television news that the Palestinians ought to have the opportunity to set up their independent state on the West Bank and in the Gaza Strip.

To bring that about, Lahat recommended immediate negotiations with Yasir Arafat and his Palestine Liberation Organization.

Lahat said this was the only rational conclusion that could be drawn from the recent wave of terrorist stabbings, culminating in the killing of three Israelis in Jaffa on Dec. 14.

The three victims of that attack, all factory workers, were hacked to death at an aluminum-processing plant. Seasoned police officers were shaken by the savagery of the crime.

Lahat said he favored the death penalty for such murderers.

But he assured his audience that he "was not shooting from the hip" when he recommended a Palestinian state.

"This is a carefully thought-out position," Lahat said. He said his

stand was shared by his Likud colleague, the mayor of neighboring Herzliya, with whom he said he was working on a policy platform for a "new movement."

Lahat's bombshell raised demands from elements in Likud for his immediate ouster from the party.

Cooler heads prevailed in the prime minister's office. The line was put out that popular as he may be, the Tel Aviv mayor is "at most a municipal authority who does not speak for the party and cannot speak on national policy issues."

Lahat remained confident that there would be no reprisals because Likud needs him.

He told the newspaper *Ma'ariv* that he favors not only a Palestinian state but also Israel's withdrawal from the Golan Heights, in the framework of a peace treaty with Syria.

Such statements are rank heresy to Likud and an embarrassment to its leadership. But beneath the embarrassment lie searching questions, analysts said. Among them:

•Has Lahat proven more adept at gauging the popular mood, at least among the middle class, than Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir and Defense Minister Moshe Arens?

•Is the *intifada*, now spilling over into Israel proper, causing mainstream Israelis — the kind who have swung to Likud in recent elections — to reconsider retaining Israel's grip on the administered territories?

•On the other hand, are those middle classes who form the back-

bone of the population of Tel Aviv and the coastal plain representative of a majority of the nation?

Israeli and foreign observers have noted during the three years of the *intifada* what they describe as an almost unnatural propensity of Tel Aviv residents to pretend the uprising is not happening — or is happening thousands of miles away.

Even those who do their reserve duty and face the *intifada* first-hand seem to have a remarkable facility for putting it out of their minds as soon as they doff their uniforms.

Politicians are asking whether the flip side of this tendency to repress emotionally is a new political flexibility, accurately articulated by Lahat.

At a recent Cabinet meeting, the prime minister spoke of the century-long war between Jews and Arabs in this land. He called for cool resolve in the face of the current terror.

For Lahat, "the Palestinians are a fact of life. Arafat is their leader, even if I don't like him."

"Only if they turn us down, despite our offer to negotiate over a separate state, would I then say: 'Let us settle 200,000 Jews in Judea and Samaria.' But then we will know that we have genuinely exhausted every possibility of peace," the mayor said.

The Palestinians, he added, are "the Jews of the Arab world. The Arabs themselves don't support their demand for a state. If we approach them with sagacity and help them, together we will be able to live in this region as in paradise."

Knesset cuts funds for Shas Party

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Knesset Speaker Dov Shilansky cut off the Orthodox Shas Party's monthly allocation of state funds for January. Shas stands accused of misusing state funds in Comptroller Miriam Ben-Porat's report, which was released last month.

The comptroller, the government's fiscal watchdog, charged that Shas failed to account for the way it used the monthly allocations all Knesset factions receive from the Treasury in proportion to their representation in the legislature.

According to the comptroller, Shas used the funds to make personal loans and to employ yeshiva students who are forbidden by law to work as a condition of their exemption from military service.

Ben-Porat accused the religious party of withholding information and

demanding it be fined the maximum allowable for the offense, \$750,000.

The Israeli police confirmed Dec. 27 that they had been investigating financial irregularities by Shas for three months. The party is a key component of Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's governing coalition.

Meanwhile, army radio reported Sunday that the police will recommend criminal proceedings against Zvi Jacobson, a keen aide to Interior Minister Arye Deri of Shas, though not against Deri himself.

According to the report, Jacobson will be charged with accepting pay-offs to help certain people avoid military service. The allegations against him surfaced during a broader police investigation into charges that Deri misused government funds, army radio reported.

Jewish community in Portugal returns to fold

NEW YORK (JTA) — The Jewish community in the Portuguese town of Belmonte has returned to the Jewish fold after 500 years of underground existence, helped by the Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture, according to Jack Spitzer, chairman of the foundation's board of trustees.

Although their Judaism was submerged in order to survive the Inquisition, the Jews of Belmonte nevertheless secretly conducted sedarim on Passover, lighted Sabbath candles and performed other rituals of their faith over the centuries. Now the 200 Jews of the town are openly restoring their Jewish roots, Spitzer said.

He explained that while visiting Lisbon in 1989, Dr. Jerry Hochbaum, executive vice president of the Memorial Foundation, met with Jews

of Belmonte, which is 200 miles north of Lisbon.

They expressed a desire to link themselves with the international Jewish community. The Memorial Foundation, which has helped revive scores of Jewish communities since its formation in 1965, offered to help. The foundation suggested a program which the community implemented that included training lay leaders and educating other professional personnel.

Two young members of the community, Elias Nunes and Raquel Henriques, participated in a training program in Israel for aspiring Jewish communal workers.

Hochbaum said the program was aimed at deepening their Jewish knowledge and strengthening their leadership skills. The Jewish Agency dispatched an emissary to Belmonte to further help the community.

Belgian Jews are outraged over deal to exchange hostages for terrorists

By YOSSI LEMPKOWICZ

BRUSSELS (JTA) — Representatives of the Belgian Jewish community are for the most part outraged by the government's announcement that a Palestinian terrorist imprisoned for murdering a Jewish child in Antwerp 10 years ago will be exchanged for four Belgian hostages.

The Central Jewish Consistory, the highest religious authority of Belgian Jews, expressed regret at the recent announcement and warned in a statement to the news media that "human rights and everyone's security are the losers when democracy gives in to terrorism."

But Lazar Perez, head of the Coordinating Committee of Belgian Jewish Organizations, declined to comment on the issue, saying it was "too sensitive." And some Jewish

leaders said privately that they would not oppose a decision by the government.

But most are angered, especially by the fact that the deal was brokered by Col. Moammar Gadhafi, a long-time supporter of Palestinian terrorists who extracted a Belgian-Libyan economic agreement for his troubles.

The Belgian Foreign Ministry announced January 10 the imminent release of four members of the Houtekins family, who were among eight Belgian and French nationals kidnapped at sea in November 1987 by terrorists of the Fatah Revolutionary Council, better known as the Abu Nidal gang.

The Belgian authorities will simultaneously free Said Nasser, a Palestinian originally sentenced to life imprisonment for a June 1980 grenade attack on a bus boarding Jewish youngsters for a religious summer camp outside the Agudat Israel offices in Antwerp. David Kohane, 14, of France was killed, and several other boys were wounded.

Nasser's life sentence was eventually reduced to 30 years. As of last July, he had served a third of it, which made him eligible for parole under Belgian law.

Nasser reportedly is unrepentant. He claims to have attacked the bus to avenge the deaths of Palestinian children at the hands of the Israelis. And he has vowed to resume terrorist activities if released.

The statement by the Jewish

Consistory said that while it "rejoiced in the release of innocent hostages," it "can only regret that this release has been linked to the conclusion of trade accords and the release of murderers condemned by the courts."

In Beirut, the Fatah Revolutionary Council announced that an "agreement concluded after numerous meetings between FRC representatives and of the Belgian government foresees the simultaneous release of Said Nasser and of the four prisoners." The terrorist group said the four have been moved to a "friendly Arab country," presumably Libya. They are Emmanuel Houtekins, 45; his wife, Godelieve, 40; and their children, Laurent, 20, and Valerie, 19.

A senior official of the Belgian Foreign Ministry, Jan Hollants van Looche, visited Tripoli last month to ask for new Libyan intervention. Libya agreed, apparently anxious to mend fences with the European Community, which has shunned it for years for supporting terrorism.

Libya was believed to have been instrumental in the earlier release of four other Belgian and French hostages, including young children, who were kidnapped with the Houtekins. They were seized when terrorists hijacked a fishing boat in the Mediterranean more than three years ago. The hostages, all non-Jewish, were brought to Beirut, where the Abu Nidal group claimed they were agents of Mossad, the Israeli secret service.

Tourism down 4 percent in '90

TEL AVIV (JTA) — Tourism to Israel was down four percent in 1990 from the previous year, the Tourism Ministry announced January 9.

There were a total of 1,367,800 foreign visitors, most of whom came in the first half of the year, before the Persian Gulf crisis started on August 2, the ministry said.

December was the worst month. There were 63,000 tourist arrivals, 42 percent fewer than in December 1989.

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David Duke announces he will run for governor

By SUSAN BIRNBAUM
NEW YORK (JTA) — David Duke, fulfilling a promise, has announced his candidacy for the governorship of Louisiana.

The former leader of the Ku Klux Klan and founder of the National Association for the Advancement of White People, undeterred by his failure to capture a U.S. Senate seat in May, announced Jan. 4 that he would be a candidate to run for the Louisiana capital.

A member of the Louisiana House of Representatives since 1989, Duke said he wanted "the people of Louisiana to have a clear choice."

He reaffirmed his opposition to affirmative action and minority hiring quotas, and his support for forcing welfare recipients to work.

Under Louisiana law, Democrats and Republicans run in the same primary. The two candidates with the greatest number of votes face each other in a runoff election.

Duke, who joined the Republican

Party just before running for the Louisiana statehouse, has repeatedly dismissed his membership in the Klan and neo-Nazi groups as "youthful indiscretions."

However, Republican leaders on the state and national have disavowed him, saying his right-wing espousals and allegiances destroy the true image of the Republican party.

In 1988, Duke ran for U.S. president as a candidate of the far right-wing Populist Party in the general election, after running during the primary as a Democrat.

Duke has not given up membership or leadership in the White People's Association, according to Daniel Levitas, executive director of the Atlanta-based Center for Democratic Research, which monitors right-wing activity. "Through a series of paper maneuvers, he formally removed himself from any paper position of authority and control, but he is still the de facto guiding hand behind this," Levitas said.



David Duke

Israel Bonds sales record

NEW YORK (JTA) — A record \$766 million in Israel Bonds were sold in 1990, the highest amount in the 40 years since the annual bond campaigns were inaugurated, the State of Israel Bonds leadership announced.

Ambassador Meir Rosenne, president and chief executive office of Israel Bonds, noted that the global record was achieved "despite the weakening banking system worldwide, the sluggish real estate industry in the United States and the fact that the U.S. economy is on the fringe of a recession."

Rosenne said the unprecedented support "can be attributed in part to the response to Soviet Jewish immigration to Israel, estimated to number as many as 500,000 this year, the highest rate of immigration to Israel ever."

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because they lack "worthiness?"

Emotional and financial burdens are frequently cited as justification for decisions about "heroic" measures or life support systems for a dying infant or child, a vegetative adult or a terminally-ill cancer patient. Social costs should remain divorced from such decision-making. The public should rightly assume the fiscal burden associated with maintaining incompetent patients such as Nancy Cruzan whose lives are being preserved, albeit in a vegetative state.

Suffering of the family is another reason offered for allowing a patient to die by removing artificial life supports. Precisely because of their closeness to the situation, the family may not be capable of reaching a detached, dispassionate and objective decision. On this basis, the sanctity of life as a preeminent value is being threatened. Evil has small beginnings. When the quality of life replaces the sanctity of life, society has done itself irreparable harm.

Even though the courts legally sanction the withdrawal or withholding of fluids and nutrition in some instances, legal permissibility is not synonymous with moral license. What is legal is not always moral.

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Israeli, Palestinian activists receive Vienna human rights prizes

VIENNA (JTA) — Two Israeli doves and a Palestinian nationalist were among the 24 recipients of the Bruno Kreisky Human Rights Prizes awarded here last Saturday.

The prizes are named for the late Jewish-born chancellor of Austria. His abiding interest in Middle East peace was emphasized by Mayor Helmut Zilk of Vienna in his speech at the awards ceremony.

The ceremony was held after the second Iraqi missile attack on Israel, which, speakers noted, was hardly an occasion for joy and jubilation. Most of the prizes went to organizations engaged in human rights and humanitarian activities.

The individual recipients included Yael Dayan, an author and journalist who is the daughter of the late Israeli foreign minister and defense minister, Moshe Dayan. She was cited for contributing significantly to the dialogue between Israelis and Palestinians.

Another recipient was Israeli lawyer Felicia Langer, who presently lives in Germany. She was honored for serving as legal counsel to West Bank Palestinians faced with deportation, arrest and the punitive destruction of their homes.

The Palestinian winner of the Kreisky Award was Faisal Husseini, a prominent intellectual and journalist from East Jerusalem, who preaches non-violent resistance to Israeli rule in the territories, though Israeli officials say he is a leading organizer of the intifada. The jury cited Husseini's efforts to find "a peaceful solution of the conflicts between Israelis and Palestinians through negotiations."

An award also was given to the International Center for Peace in the Middle East, headed by Chaim Cohen, former president of Israel's High Court of Justice.

War makes for novel Shabbat for Orthodox glued to radios

By DAVID LANDAU

JERUSALEM (JTA) — The first Shabbat of the Middle East war proved a novel one for Israel's strictly Orthodox community. Coming in the immediate aftermath of two SCUD missile attacks on Israel from Iraq, pious Jews were not only permitted but encouraged by their rabbis and other halachic authorities to listen to their radios.

It is the handiest source of news and the most important means by which the authorities can communicate with the public during the national emergency.

Actually, the situation does not post much of a dilemma to the observant, Orthodox sources in Jerusalem and Bnei Brak told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency on Sunday. Whatever involves "pikuach nefesh" — the mitzvah of saving or protecting life — automatically takes priority over Sabbath observance and indeed over all other religious restrictions.

The Chief Rabbinate and the various Orthodox rabbis with very few exceptions had no qualms about counseling believers to keep their radios on during Shabbat. The Israel Broadcasting Authority provided a special "Orthodox band." It offers news every two hours but no entertainment or musical interludes in between. A random sampling among Orthodox Jews, however, found that many kept their radios tuned to regular service, which intersperses its news flashes and analyses with entertainment.

Another halachic ruling delivered by rabbis in light of the special situation allowed people to start their Shabbat or weekday meals in their dining rooms and say Grace later in their "sealed rooms" if an air-raid warning intervened.

Hitler quote was inside job

BOSTON (JTA) — The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith has found that a quote from Hitler's Mein Kampf that appeared on the masthead of the Dartmouth Review in October was "unquestionably an anti-Semitic act" committed by a staff member of the conservative off-campus weekly.

After a three-month investigation, a six-member ADL commission flatly rejected the contention by conservative supporters of the newspaper that it was "a criminal act of sabotage" by an outsider.

A commission member pointed out that "in order to change the masthead, the individual had to have familiarity with the inner workings of the paper."

The Hitler quote, published on Oct. 3 and distributed on Yom Kippur, read, "By warding off the Jews I am fighting for the Lord's work."

ADL's investigation did not pinpoint an individual responsible for the act. A criminal investigation is underway by police in Hanover, N.H., where Dartmouth is located.

Court decision on Nazi postponed

MILWAUKEE (JTA) — A federal court has put off until next month final arguments in the denaturalization proceedings against Anton Baumann, a former member of the Waffen SS, after two of four counts against him were dismissed.

The 79-year-old retiree from West Allis, Wis., is accused of illegally concealing his service as a concentration camp guard in order to gain admission to the United States and to

procure U.S. citizenship.

Baumann's attorney conceded that his client served in the Death's Head Battalion of the Waffen SS, and was a guard at the Stuthoff and Buchenwald concentration camps.

At the denaturalization hearing, which opened here Jan. 2, Baumann also admitted that the operation of Stuthof was "contrary to civilization and human decency."



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Analysis:

Soviet crackdown in Baltic lands does not portend well for Jews

By DEBRA NUSSBAUM COHEN

NEW YORK (JTA) — The Soviet military crackdown in Lithuania on January 13 and other attempts last week to suppress the independence movements in the Baltic republics are indications of a changing climate in the Soviet Union that could threaten both the Jews who are trying to leave the country and those who plan to stay.

Yet experts here say it is too soon to assess the full impact of these developments, which appear to confirm the growing strength of conservative elements within the Soviet government.

However, the appointment of Aleksander Bessmertnykh to replace Eduard Shevardnadze as Soviet foreign minister is not expected to create major policy changes. Shevardnadze resigned Dec. 20, saying he

feared the country was moving toward "dictatorship."

Bessmertnykh has been the Soviet ambassador to the United States since May. Though said to be a liberal, he is also a member of the Communist Party's orthodox Central Committee. The 57-year-old career diplomat is expected to serve as an administrator of Kremlin policy, rather than an architect of change, say analysts.

In a speech to the Soviet parliament after it had approved his nomination, he promised to pursue the policy of "new thinking" that, under Shevardnadze, had led to warmer ties between the United States and Soviet Union.

Bessmertnykh's appointment is "Gorbachev's effort to reassure the United States and the West that he seeks to maintain continuity," said Martin Wenick, executive director of the National Conference on Soviet Jewry.

But the new foreign minister lacks the personal relationship with Gorbachev and political clout enjoyed by his predecessor, Wenick pointed out.

With the rising power of conservative forces, the Foreign Ministry under Bessmertnykh "is likely to have diminished influence on the formation and conduct of Soviet foreign policy, particularly in the areas of reduction of East-West tension and arms control," said Wenick.

According to Pamela Cohen, president of the Union of Councils for Soviet Jews, Bessmertnykh's promotion is in line with other recent Gorbachev appointments.

"Every appointment that Gorbachev has made indicates he is looking for people who will be very loyal to him and implement his policies," she said.

"Bessmertnykh is not associated with the right wing," she said, "but he is not seen in the Soviet Union as an intellectual or luminary. I don't think we should be comforted by this appointment."

By contrast, B'nai B'rith International welcomed the appointment of Bessmertnykh. According to the organization's president, Kent Schiner, B'nai B'rith has been "most impressed with his warmth, his candor and his sincere regard for the process of democratization and guarantees of human rights, civil liberties and religious freedom."

The disturbances in the republics, meanwhile, have had little impact yet on the rate of Jewish emigration from the Soviet Union. About 500 Soviet Jews are now arriving in Israel each day, and about 20,000 are expected to arrive during January, according to officials of the Jewish Agency for Israel. Jews from all three of the Baltic republics combined — Lithuania, Estonia and Latvia — account for just over 4 percent of the Soviet Jews arriving in Israel.

The Kremlin's move to an increasingly reactionary political position, as demonstrated by the crackdown in the Baltic republics, may increase demand for exit visas as Jews try to leave the Soviet Union while they can. Despite pledges from Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev, Soviet Jews are not sure how much longer they will have the opportunity to emigrate.

Gorbachev's assurances are not thought to carry complete authority, because tanks rolled into Lithuania just hours after the Soviet president had named a delegation to seek a political settlement to the Kremlin's dispute with the republic. He reportedly had also agreed not to use additional force against the Lithuanians.

Soviet Jews never trusted the Soviet Union's process of democratization, which had been applauded by the United States and other Western powers, observed David Harris, executive vice president of the American Jewish Committee.

"For the last 18 months, they have been voting with their feet. They've been telling us that they have little confidence in the future and in the process of liberalization," said Harris. "They were telling us that even glasnost and perestroika would prove transitory, that the country's basic instincts were conservative and anti-democratic. Events in Lithuania only help make the point."

The military crackdown on the Lithuanian capital of Vilnius, which left 14 people dead, including two people crushed under tanks, and at least 164 wounded in the early morning hours of January 13, came as the Soviet army took over the city's radio and television center. The takeover followed several days of army raids on a printing plant, a police training center, a railroad dispatch center and other facilities.

When the shooting stopped, the Kremlin had imposed a Communist puppet government on the republic, in the latest and most dramatic indication that anti-democracy forces are becoming more powerful in the Soviet Union.

"The ascending powers — the security forces, the military, KGB and the party bureaucrats — have traditionally been those most hostile to improved rights for Jews," said Wenick of the National Conference. "There's no way of knowing what's going to happen, but clearly, storm clouds are on the horizon," he said.

Emanuelius Zingeris is the leader of the Lithuanian Jewish community and the head of the democratically

elected Lithuanian parliament's foreign affairs committee.

He is one of the five officials named by Lithuanian President Vytautas Landsbergis to form a government in exile.

Zingeris, also known as Zinger, fled Lithuania just hours ahead of the tanks Saturday and is now in Stockholm, where he is on a hunger strike, which he will continue until the crisis recedes, said Dan Mariaschin, director of international affairs for B'nai B'rith International.

According to Mariaschin, Zingeris met with the U.S. ambassador in Stockholm and gave him a letter from the Lithuanian president asking for American help.

Zingeris is also a member of the presidium of the Vaad, the national confederation of Jewish organizations in the Soviet Union.

The Vaad's second annual convention is scheduled to take place Jan. 21 to 25 in Moscow, and over 1,000 Soviet Jewish activists, and 100 leaders from around the world, are expected to attend.

It is not known whether Zingeris will be able to attend the conference or if he will be able to return to Vilnius.

Troubling developments in other republics include a raid on police buildings by Soviet troops in Riga, the capital of Latvia, and the closing of the sole Jewish paper there earlier this month, when the military shut down all of the free press.

Latvian officials reportedly expect Moscow to soon overthrow the democratically elected government there and install a Communist-run regime there too.

In Russia, largest of the Soviet republics, an "education tax" of some 3,000 rubles has reportedly been included in a proposed budget presented to the Russian parliament. This tax, if approved, would be demanded of anyone emigrating from Russia, ostensibly to "pay back" the government for the education that the individual had received.

A similar tax, of up to the equivalent of \$45,000, was imposed nationally in 1972, at the same time that the Jackson-Vanik trade talks were beginning, according to Lynn Singer, executive director of the Long Island Committee for Soviet Jewry. That tax was quickly rescinded after international powers lobbied Leonid Brezhnev, the Soviet leader at the time, to do so.

YIVO anxious over archives

NEW YORK (JTA) — The Soviet crackdown in Lithuania has aroused concern for the status of an extensive Jewish archive that the nationalist Vilnius government reportedly was prepared to make available to the YIVO Institute for Jewish Research.

Samuel Norich, executive director of YIVO, said he was told in his last contact with sources in Vilnius that the Lithuanian Archives Administration had signed an agreement in December that would permit YIVO to begin microfilming all Jewish collections in Lithuania. That agreement was said to have been sent by mail in December, but "we have not received it," Norich said. "If it comes, we are eager to proceed as quickly as possible."

Norich, whose efforts have been helped by Sajudis, a major Lithuanian nationalist political group, said the Lithuanian Jewish community had been anticipating a crackdown for several weeks. "I've been trying repeatedly to contact our friends in Vilnius, and I've been unable to get through," Norich said. "I can't get a line in, and it's been that way for a while."

"The last time I did get through, Dec. 24, I was told by a friend there that there was a petition submitted to the Lithuanian Parliament, signed by Jews and non-Jews, urging that they agree to return to YIVO the Jewish collection that belonged to YIVO before the war. 'No action had been taken on that petition and now, of course, parliament has other things on its mind, if there still is a parliament.'"

Norich anticipated that "if there is military rule, it will be difficult for any Western academic institution to work in the Soviet Union. But we're waiting for the situation to become clearer before we figure out what we have to do."

The Lithuanian Jewish collection is reported to include approximately 5,000 Jewish books, 20,000 issues of more than 150 Jewish newspapers, 70 Torah scrolls and the correspondence of prewar Jewish luminaries such as the rabbi known as the Chafetz Chayim and Yiddish linguist Max Weinreich.

Norich said that the neatly wrapped and labeled papers contained what seemed to be the complete publishing run of numerous Jewish newspapers from the early 1920s through 1939.

In 1945, the U.S. Army identified a portion of the YIVO collection in a suburb of Frankfurt, where the Nazis had shipped it. In 1947, some 80,000 books and archival documents and photos were sent to YIVO headquarters in New York.

In 1946, the Soviets took what the Nazis had left in Vilna as the centerpiece for a Jewish archive that closed in 1949. Despite large Jewish emigration since the Soviet Jewry movement began 25 years ago, there are still an estimated 14,000 Jews in Lithuania, some 11,000 of them in Vilnius.

Germany won't set quotas on Soviet Jews

BONN (JTA) — Chancellor Helmut Kohl and the prime ministers of the 16 German states agreed at a meeting here this month that their governments would share the burden of receiving and absorbing Jewish refugees from the Soviet Union, who are arriving at the rate of 100 to 200 a day.

The federal government in Bonn will settle the legal status of Soviet Jews already in the country, and no quotas will be imposed on the future influx, according to the agreement.

The decision is being seen as a significant concession to the German Jewish community, which has been lobbying vigorously for free entry for Soviet Jews. The community hopes to strengthen its ranks with the new arrivals and reopen old Jewish centers in what, until three

months ago, was East Germany.

A government spokesman said the decision was unanimous but did not specify how the absorption burden would be shared among the states and the federal authorities.

Virtually all Soviet emigres arrive in what had been East Berlin, where an office was established last year by the East German government to offer the immigrants legal advice and direct them to agencies providing food and temporary housing.

Since unification however, the municipality of Berlin, which is also a state, has complained that it lacks the resources to keep pace with the influx. It is demanding an equitable arrangement that would require other states to share the absorption burden, based on their wealth, income, population and available housing.

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and really interesting material is presented here, making it well worth spending time reading these sections; one is bound to learn a great deal.

"New Centers of Jewry" takes up the final quarter of the Atlas, and there is also an enlightening section on Jews in Muslim countries.

Perhaps the most riveting section of this book is the section entitled "Major Themes in Modern Jewish History." Here one sees the interrelatedness and inseparability of history and culture. Many of the same topics covered here were dealt with in "The Blackwell Companion": religious movements, Jewish student organizations, the Jewish Enlightenment, or Haskalah, Jews in the professions, the Jewish press and Judaic studies, to name but a few.

While the Companion's essays are excellent, the Atlas' coverage of

similar topics is simply brilliant, spell-binding and utterly compelling. The visual aids are superb and very helpful in allowing the reader to synthesize the complicated data. The maps and graphs act as commentaries upon the lucid texts, and their symbiosis is so natural that returning to the text alone, it seems almost as if something were missing.

Both books are a pleasure to read and enormously informative but never for a moment dull. Both are highly recommended and well worth their price.

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Tu B'Shevat seder: An idea whose time has come

By **RABBI BERNARD S. RASKAS**

During the past decade, a new and meaningful Jewish ritual has been developed to celebrate the Jewish New Year's Day for Trees, known as the Tu B'Shevat seder. The Tu B'Shevat seder has inspired many haggadot that range from the charming and whimsical haggadah entitled "Chicken Soup — To Nourish the Jewish Family," produced by a group associated with the University of Judaism, to "Seder Tu B'Shevat — The Festival of Trees," a hardbound Haggadah published by the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

"A Tu B'Shevat Seder," created by the Jewish Women's Resource Center and edited by Rabbi Julie Gordon, is filled with Jewish legend and lore about trees and plants. The "Haggadah Shel Tu B'Shevat," issued under the auspices of the Jewish National Fund, contains beautiful Hebrew songs. "Tu B'Shevat Haggadah," sponsored by the Jewish Community Center of Wilkes-Barre, Pa., has a complete description of how to set the Tu B'Shevat seder table, and a detailed listing of the varieties of fruits that can be used.

The Tu B'Shevat seder has its origins in the thinking of the mystical sages of Safed in the 16th century. They created a seder for Tu B'Shevat at which they drank four cups of wine and ate different kinds of fruits from

Eretz Yisrael.

The Sephardim mark Chamisha Asar B'Shevat, the 15th day of Shevat, with an all-night vigil during which appropriate passages from the Bible, Talmud and Zohar are read. They pay particular attention to fruits grown in Israel, especially the carob fruit.

Ashkenazim partake of 15 kinds of fruit during the ceremony. In the Orient, it is reported that on this day affluent Jews would hold feasts at which 50 different kinds of fruit would be served.

During the course of the present Tu B'Shevat seder, four cups of wine of varying colors are tasted, according to the Kabbalistic tradition. These take the participants through the seasons of the year. They include winter whites to the pink of spring and from rosy red of summer to the full redness of autumn. The four cups are usually interpreted as follows:

- The first cup of (white) wine reminds us that nature has been asleep, awaiting warmer weather to begin the annual cycle of the rebirth of nature.

- The second cup of (pink) wine reflects the sun's rays that beat down on the earth and thaw the frozen ground in preparation for the new season.

- The third cup of (rosy red) wine reminds us that as spring arrives, the ground becomes soft, the farmer

drops seeds in the earth and new creation begins.

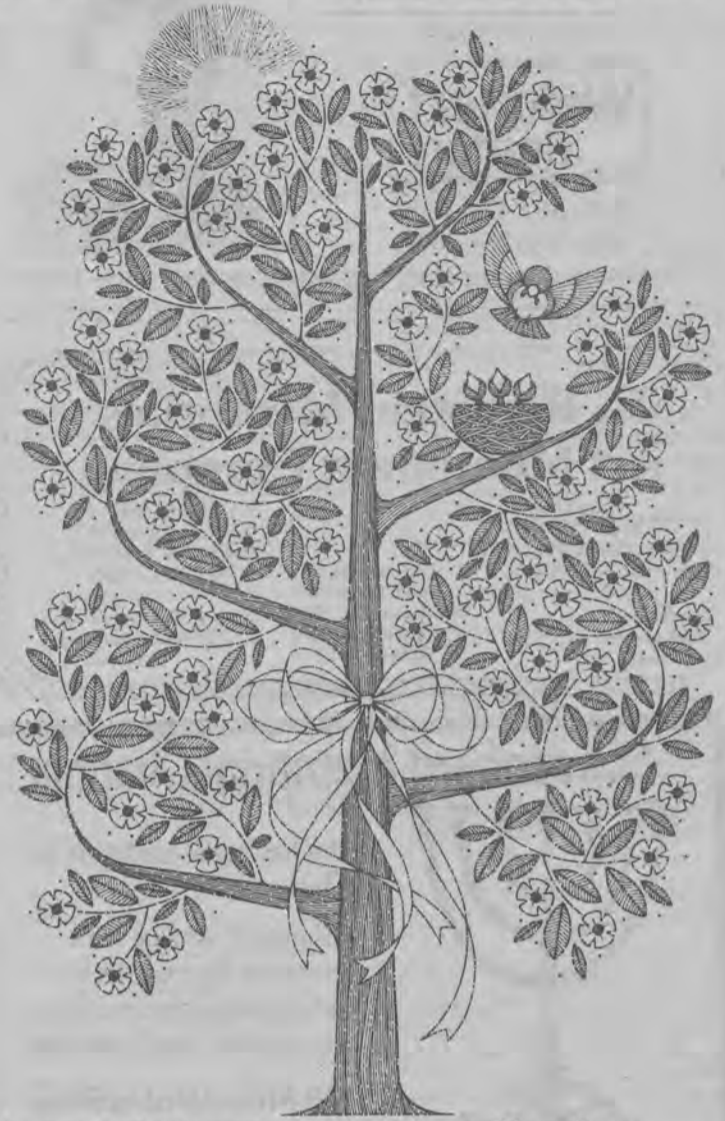
•The fourth cup of (full red) wine symbolizes that the ground has now nourished the seeds within it, the crops are growing, the flowers are blossoming and trees are beginning to form their leaves and fruit. Soon the harvest will come and provide life-sustaining food to keep human beings and animals alive.

Similarly, the four questions in the Passover Haggadah are transposed in the Tu B'Shevat Haggadah.

Why is this night different from all other nights? The answer is because we celebrate Tu B'Shevat, the Jewish New Year of Trees. Our tradition teaches us that just as a person's fate is decided on Rosh Hashanah, so the fate of trees is determined on Rosh Hoshana L'ilanot, the New Year of Trees. Just as we pray for the well-being of humans, so do we pray for the welfare of trees.

Why on all other nights do we eat one or two fruits, but tonight we eat many fruits? The answer is to learn to appreciate all fruit and the opportunity to recite the different blessings over the variety of fruits, seeds, nuts and other forms of produce. These are called "berachot hanehenin," the blessings of enjoyment.

Why on all other nights do we think about trees as a form of nature, but tonight we are free to celebrate trees in a spiritual sense? The answer



Book Review

Two outstanding additions to the reference shelf

Reviewed by **SUSAN MIRON**

The Blackwell Companion To Jewish Culture: From The Eighteenth Century To The Present, edited by Glenda Abramson, Cambridge, Mass.: Basil Blackwell Inc., 1989, 853 pages. \$65.00.

Atlas Of Modern Jewish History, by Evyatar Friesel. New York: Oxford University Press, 1990. 159 pages. \$49.95.

Two new reference books, both published by distinguished publishing houses, are welcome additions to any library or home that collects books about Jewish heritage and history.

Interestingly, but not surprisingly, one of the most fascinating essays in "The Blackwell Companion to Jewish Culture" is its lengthy and thought-provoking preface, written by the book's editor, Glenda Abramson. She admits here that attempts to define that which constitutes Jewish culture are not helped by the fact that there is still no really clear notion of exactly what a Jew is.

Culture is somewhat easier to define, and here it is referred to in its Renaissance sense as the cultivation of the fine arts and humanities. It thus embraces literature, language, music, philosophy, the visual and performing arts, and scholarship in the humanities.

Three types of entries delineate the Companion's idea of Jewish culture: biographies, essays on a wide range of Jewish cultural subjects and survey articles. The Companion uses over 200 contributors from 17 nations; all seem well-chosen and enthusiastic, yet still able to maintain a critical distance from their subjects.

The biographical sketches, often accompanied by photographs, are

concise yet surprisingly thorough. Further readings are offered after most entries, and these additional books and articles seem especially well-chosen.

Throughout the Companion, the writing style is lucid, always a pleasure to read and never over-academic. The longer essays on such wide-ranging subjects as Hebrew language and literature, Jewish cooking, Jewish studies, Jewish languages, Jews in psychoanalysis, publishing, medicine and show business are invariably engrossing and insightful.

Some of the most provocative questions raised by the editors concern the nature of Jewish music, art and literature, particularly what makes a work of art "Jewish."

Abramson feels that Jewish artists must be defined as "those who still feel their involvement in this community in relation to cultural and creative activity," rather than those who are simply categorized as Jewish by virtue of birth or descent alone.

Furthermore, she believes that those who are included here should be people whose Jewishness is somehow brought to bear on their work, or those who represent concerns closely associated with Judaism or Jewishness.

One of the unusual things about the Companion is the preponderance of living artists, writers and scholars who normally might not have been so well represented in traditional encyclopedias. Yet their inclusion exemplifies exactly what the Companion set out to prove, that is, the resilience and reflowering of post-Holocaust Jewish culture as it faces the many challenges of modernity.

Professor Evyatar Friesel's dazzling "Atlas of Modern Jewish History" is an equally successful collaborative effort. Originally published in Hebrew in 1983, this fascinating and beautiful book has contributions from over 30 specialists who have compiled maps, diagrams, graphs and extremely readable essays on a huge array of subjects and locales.

"Modern," Friesel notes, is a hard concept, or time, to pinpoint since different Jewish communities became "modernized" at very different times. Friesel also feels there is a "Great Divide" of 1935 to 1948, which separates what he terms "the modern period" from "the contemporary period."

Of course, the whole notion of "modernization" is a complex and loaded term for Jews, who in the process of becoming "modernized" had to learn to cope with an adjust themselves to ever-new forms of political, social and cultural interaction, all the while attempting to maintain their Jewish identity.

While much of the atlas necessarily focuses on demography and the geographical dimension of Jewish history, a great deal of space and thought has been directed to religious, economic and ideological developments.

European Jewry receives the attention of three of the seven main parts of this atlas, beginning in the period from the 17th century to World War I, then moving to a detailed section on European Jewry in the interwar years, and finally 1940 to 1980, often moving along at a rate of one country at a time.

No matter how much one might have read previously, much unusual

is because the Rabbis compared the Torah to a tree, calling it "etz chaim," the tree of life. Just as we take sustenance from a tree, so too does the growth of Torah bring religious sustenance, comfort and beauty into our lives. Both the tree and the Torah must be appreciated for their deep spiritual meanings.

Why do we celebrate the New Year for Trees in the middle of winter? The answer is because in Israel in the middle of the month of Shevat, the rainstorms cease and signs of spring begin to appear. Our lives as Jews follow the Hebrew calendar, which is based on the land of Israel. The land of Israel is inseparable from Jewish history and the Jewish people. By planting trees in Israel, we renew our heritage. By celebrating Tu B'Shevat when most of the world is in winter and Israel is in spring, we strengthen our vision of the promise

of renewed life and hope. The Tu B'Shevat haggadot are filled with history, legends, sayings, inspiring quotations, songs, ecology teachings, blessings and opportunity to celebrate Jewishness. It is a splendid method to sensitize Jews, particularly the young, to the strong tie between nature and Judaism.

Perhaps, for our troubled times, one of the most meaningful teachings to be found in all the Tu B'Shevat haggadot is the one in which one sage tells us, "If you are planting a sapling and someone tells you the Messiah has come, finish planting the sapling and then go out to greet him." (Rabbi Bernard S. Raskas is rabbi emeritus of the Temple of Aaron in St. Paul, and distinguished professor of religious studies at Macalester college. He is author of the trilogy, "Heart of Wisdom.")

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Obituaries

Sarah Kreisman

Sarah Kreisman, 96, of 717 Peachtree Road, Brandywine Hundred, died January 2 at home.

Mrs. Kreisman, a native of Hungary, had been a homemaker.

Her husband, Samuel, died in 1979. She is survived by three daughters, Sylvia Goldbacher and Florence Rosenstein, both of Wilmington, and Rose Prober with whom she lived; four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Instead of flowers, the family suggests contributions to charity.

Gerald Kahn

Gerald Kahn, 57, of 19 Benton Court, Brandywine Hundred, was pronounced dead January 11 in Shore Memorial Hospital, Somers Point, N.J., after suffering a heart attack driving home from Atlantic City, N.J.

Mr. Kahn was a director of medical research and a pharmacist at ICI Americas Inc. for about 18 years.

He was a member of Steuben Lodge, Knights of Pythias, Philadelphia.

He is survived by his wife, Harriet; a son, Steven M., and two daughters, Sharon Wendy Kahn, and Amy Deborah Kahn, all at home; and a sister, Rosalind Paul of Greenville.

Arrangements were made by the Schoenberg Memorial Chapel.

Instead of flowers, the family suggests contributions to American Heart Association, Wilmington.

Mortimer Goldberg

Mortimer Goldberg, 91, of 2700 Johnson St., Hollywood, Fla., died January 16 of heart failure at home.

Mr. Goldberg owned and operated Edmor's, a women's clothing store at 814 Market St. in Wilmington until 1959. He then relocated the store to Rehoboth Beach, Del. He closed the business in 1976 and moved to Florida.

He was a Mason and member of Corinthian Lodge 20, AF&AM;

Delaware Consistory and Nur Temple Shrine.

He is survived by his wife, Margaret; a daughter, Linda Levine of Fairfax, Del.; a son, Edward of Palm Spings; a brother, Kenneth of Roslyn Heights, N.Y.; a stepson, Robert Kohler of Wilmington; and seven grandchildren.

Arrangements were made by the Schoenberg Memorial Chapel.

Instead of flowers, the family suggests contributions to the Hospice of Hollywood, or Wilmington Chapter of Deborah.

Dr. S. Thomas Miller

Dr. S. Thomas Miller, a Wilmington radiologist for 59 years, died January 17 in Christiana Hospital after becoming ill at home. He was 88.

Dr. Thomas, of Coffee Run Condominiums, had been director of the department of radiology at Wilmington General Hospital from 1946 until the Medical Center was formed. After that, he was senior member of the radiologic group. He retired three years ago at age 85.

He was a member of Brandywine Country Club, American Medical Association and Radiologic Society of North America; and past president of the Delaware Chapter of the American Cancer Society. He was born in Russia and came to Boston as a child.

He graduated in 1926 from the University of Pennsylvania and was a 1929 graduate of the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine.

His first wife, Hermine Wexler Miller, died in 1966.

He is survived by his wife of 18 years, Evelyn; a son, Thomas H. of St. Augustine, Fla.; three daughters, Suzanne Miller of Downingtown, Pa., Louise Mudrick of Wilmington and Marilyn Miller of Los Gatos, Calif.; three stepchildren; and 10 grandchildren.

Instead of flowers, the family sug-

gests contributions to charity.

Jacob Weiss

Jacob Weiss, 88, of 3314 Society Drive, Claymont, died January 16 of a stroke in Leader Nursing & Rehabilitation Center, 700 Foulk Road, Brandywine Hundred, where he was a patient.

Mr. Weiss had been a self-employed maker of children's dresses and coats in New York City. He moved to Wilmington in 1972 from Lynbrook, N.Y., and worked at Rothchild & Co. clothiers in North Philadelphia, until retiring in 1975.

A basketball enthusiast, he had coached in the Claymont area. He played racquetball at Jewish Community Center until age 82 and roller-skated until he was 84.

He is survived by his wife, Henrietta L.; a daughter, Patricia Watson of Chalfonte; a brother, Frank of Sun City, Ariz., and two grandchildren.

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

Abreena Wheeler

Abreena Wheeler, 50, of 1023 Jeffrey Road, Darley Woods, Brandywine Hundred, died January 20 of acute pancreatitis in Christiana Hospital, where she was a patient.

Mrs. Wheeler, a registered nurse for 28 years, worked at the hospital. She was a member of Congregation Beth Shalom, 18th Street and Baynard Boulevard.

She is survived by her husband, Robert A.; a daughter, Marci Meshulam of Bridgewater, N.J.; two sons, Gregg and Fane; her mother, Helen Krasowitz, and a brother, Harvey Krasowitz, all of Wilmington; and a grandson.

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Instead of flowers, the family suggests contributions to Congregation Beth Shalom or Rabbi Jacob Kraft Memorial Fund of the synagogue, Wilmington.

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Shabbat of song

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of the prophet Isaiah (12:3), *Ush'attem mayim b'sasson, mi mayanei hayeshua* - "You shall draw waters with joy from the well of salvation."

Metaphorically speaking, this is the same well. It is interesting that this prophecy has become one of the most loved of Israeli dances, and part of the traditional *havdalah* service at the conclusion of Shabbat.

I'd like to share with you the words to a song that come through me based on the idea of God's saving

power expressed as *mayim chayeem* - living waters.

Chorus:

Ush'attem mayim b'sasson, mi mayanei ha-yeshua.

We draw waters full of joy from the wellsprings of Your love.

Verses:

Before the earth was formed and the stars were set in place, you looked into the Torah to find a place of grace, a source of living kindness, an everflowing stream, a well of living waters - *mayim chayeem, mayim chayeem.*

You placed them in the earth and set them in the sky, the waters from below and the waters from on high, to quench the thirst of life, an ever-flowing stream, a well of living waters - *mayim chayeem, mayim chayeem.*

It flows inside us all; it moves us all to see, that life has greater purpose than simply to be free. There's work to do in healing all that bears Your name, with the fount of life and caring - *mayim chayeem, mayim chayeem.*

You fixed it in the heart of every living thing, a core of love and life, a well of energy. To find it now we enter - into this Your dream, a world of peace and joy, fed by - *mayim chayeem, mayim chayeem.*

Singing joins our inner vibrations with those of the Universe. If we can let go of the notion that we are singing, and think that we are being sung, perhaps we can experience that living well of waters within us, clearing us out and filling us with peace, with joy, and with love. *Shabbat, Shalom!*

(Rabbi Shohama Wiener is the Executive Dean of The Academy for Jewish Religion, an independent rabbinical seminary in New York City. She also gives workshops on Jewish spirituality.)

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Jewish Community Center

170 attend community's New Year's Eve party

"The much anticipated Community New Year's Eve Party was a huge success by all accounts," stated Rona Caplan and Rand Snyderman, Co-Chairpersons of the event. The event was a community-effort and the committee was compiled of representatives from local synagogues including Steve Jonas of Temple Beth Emeth, Mark Wagman of Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth and Karen Moss of Congregation Beth Shalom.

A total 170 tickets were sold for the party, which featured the Steven Scher Band, decorations by Rhonda Lukoff and friends, all the food you could eat and a "breakfast to go" by Ann Zubrow.

"The highlight of the evening was a community toast by synagogue presidents and the fabulous homemade dessert table which was prepared by Arlene Sorkin, Sandy Lubaroff, Rona Caplan and a band of merry bakers," said Moises Paz, Assistant Executive Director.

Thirty-two children attended their own version of the New Year's Eve



From left to right, Rona and Mark Caplan, Rhonda Lukoff and Amalia and Rand Snyderman. Rona Caplan and Rand Snyderman were the co-chairmen of the event.

Party. Not much sleeping was done, but all the kids seemed to have a wonderful time. The three year olds were quoted as saying, "We are having a party, too!"

Caplan and Snyderman believe the Community New Year's Eve Party is a concept worth keeping. "We would like to get the synagogue members more involved with next year's event."

International photography exhibit

The 59th annual exhibition of photography will be held at the Jewish Community Center on Monday, February 18, at 7 p.m. The exhibition features award-winning color, monochrome, and photojournalism prints submitted by photographers from around the world. The presentation of prize-winning slides will be accompanied by music and narration.

The Delaware Camera Club sponsors the juried photographic compe-

titition. This program is free of charge and open to the entire community.

For additional information contact Lynn Greenfield at the JCC.

Beginner bridge class

Syl Hirsty, bridge expert and instructor, will teach eight weeks of beginner bridge classes on Wednesday evenings from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center starting on February 6. Hirsty will guide participants through the basics of bridge and help "polish" playing skills.

There will be plenty of game time allotted as students progress through the class sessions.

The cost is \$40 for members and \$50 for non-members. Registration is now being accepted at the JCC Front Desk. For more information, contact Lynn Greenfield, Adult Program Director at 478-5660.

Cultural Caravan will see 'Miss Saigon'

Orchestra tickets for "Miss Saigon," a Broadway show that has received outstanding reviews and receptions, are available through the JCC's Cultural Caravan. The JCC will sponsor trips to this show on Wednesday, June 19, and Wednesday, October 2.

Ticket prices, which include transportation to New York, are \$95 for JCC members and \$110 for non-members and may be purchased at the JCC Front Desk. For additional information, contact Lynne Greenfield at the JCC.

Senior Center plans candlelight dinners

"The format for Senior Center programming has been enhanced with the addition of the bi-monthly Candlelight Dinner Programs," according to JCC Senior Center Site Council President, Ann Metzker.

"Our first evening dinner and program, held on January 10, met with outstanding attendance and overwhelming positive response," added Metzker. The first program, "American Folk Songs", presented by Lillian Bailick was funded by the Delaware Humanities Forum. The following dinner programs will be offered for Senior Center members: "Shtetl and Israeli Music" with Ofer

Ben-Amots on Thursday, February 7; Wilmington Photographic Exhibition on February 18 and, in recognition of Jewish Music Season, "A Short Illustrate of History of Jewish Music: Sacred and Secular" with Cantor Norman Swerling on Thursday, March 7.

The candlelight dinners begin at 5:30 p.m. and the programs start at 7 p.m. All Senior Center members are requested to make reservations for each program by calling Ray Freshman or Sara Berman at 478-5660. Transportation is available for each evening program.

ALL program will focus on Alaska

John Swanson, an instructor at the Academy of Lifelong Learning, will present a program entitled, "Alaskan Highlights" at the JCC Senior Center on Monday, February 11, at 12:45 p.m. Swanson will show a variety of slides and discuss a land trip through Southeastern Alaska and

the Yukon, as well as a cruise through the inner passage to Vancouver, Canada. He will also provide a brief review of the 1904 Alaskan earthquakes.

This program is free of charge and open to the entire community.

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Ben F. Cohen

Benjamin F. Cohen has been elected to the Board of Directors of the Kiwanis Club of Wilmington, the largest and oldest Kiwanis Club in Delaware. He was also appointed chairman of the Spiritual Aims Committee which gives primacy to the human and spiritual, rather than to the material, values of life.

Mr. Cohen, a former president of the Club in 1967, was the second member of his faith elected to this high office, the first having been the late I.B. Finkelstein.

Active in a number of community activities, Mr. Cohen recently solicited contributions for Operation Exodus and raised over \$7000.

Rosenthal

Dr. Melvin J. "Mel" Rosenthal recently celebrated his 25th year in service in the chiropractic profession at his offices in Wilmington.

ORT game night

ORT Brandywine Chapter-At-Large will hold its Annual Game Night and Auction on Saturday, January 26, at 8 p.m. The community is invited to attend. For more information, call 475-9505.

Having lived in New Castle for the past ten years, Mr. Cohen now resides in Wilmington and intends to participate in Super Sunday and other local activities of the Jewish Federation of Delaware. Although he just celebrated his 81st Birthday, January 15, he feels these interests are what makes him feel young.

Mr. Cohen and his wife, Rose, have a son, Barry, in Wilmington, and a daughter, Glenna, in California.

Wilmington youth host convention

By STUART GRANT

Approximately 300 Jewish teenagers from 18 chapters throughout Southeastern Pennsylvania and Delaware were in Wilmington, from January 4 through 6, for the annual B'nai B'rith Youth Organization "Tournies" convention. Tournies matches chapters of Alaph Zadik Alaph (the nation's only Jewish high school fraternity, also known as "AZA"), B'nai B'rith Girls (BBG) and B'nai B'rith Youth Organizations ("BBYO") in various forms of competition including athletics, forensics, mini-games, arts and spirit.

Tournies began on Friday evening at the Wilmington JCC. After Erev Shabbat services, led by Pete Rothschild and Marissa Holob, each of the various chapters presented its chapter song, banner and cheer.

Spirit was high as the judges, all BBYO alumni, named Harrisburg AZA the winner of the best banner with Wilmington AZA's banner, designed by Matt Schnetter, finishing second.

The first evening ended at midnight with the participants returning to their host families. The task of arranging housing for all the visiting teens was directed by Rick Luberoff and Alli Meyer, together with many very accommodating parents.

Saturday morning focused on the forensic competition. Wilmington AZA, the largest medal-winning chapter, saw success with Dan Weinstein winning story telling, Marc Blumberg achieving top honors in photography and Greg DeWitt winning joke telling. The panel discussion topic — "Should women be allowed to become rabbis?" — was

also won by Wilmington AZA.

In the mini-game portion of the competition, Rick Luberoff won in backgammon for the second consecutive year and Jeremy Cohen took first place in chess. "Ping-pong champ" Pete Rothschild showed why he has earned that title and Jason Stein led the bowling team to victory.

Saturday evening boys basketball and girls volleyball games were played. Led by Staci Levin, Ariane Mamberg and Natalie Heiman, Wilmington BBG won their preliminary matches and defeated Harrisburg BBG two games to nothing in the final.

Wilmington AZA had a tougher time. Led by Craig Koniver and Gregg Fink, the team beat Central Bux easily. But Wilmington came up against a very tough Allentown team. Down by three at the half, Larry Bernstein led the comeback as Wilmington AZA won by five. The finals, played Sunday morning, when Wilmington AZA player Jessie Ashman's 20 points allowed Wilmington AZA to a 51-28 victory over Wilkes-Barre.

At the awards ceremony, led by Stacy Hockheiser and Craig Koniver (the Tournies' chairman) each chapter won at least one medal. "Although Harrisburg edged out Wilmington for best chapter, even that could not dampen the spirit and kinship that was felt among all of the participants of this successful and enjoyable convention," the chairmen agreed.

Wilmington AZA is open to all Jewish high school students in our community. It participates in several regional conventions and is invited to five international summer programs annually, in addition to the local programs that continue throughout the school year. Any Jewish teenage boys interested in more information on the Wilmington chapter of AZA should contact Craig Koniver, president, at 655-5308.

Support group to focus on Israel

Jewish Family Service is establishing a support group for those who have family or friends in Israel. This group will meet for the purpose of sharing information and concerns. The first meeting was held on Wednesday, January 23, at 7:30 p.m. at the J.C.C. For more information about further meeting dates and times, contact Myrna Ryder at JFS, 478-9411.

Hillel at UofD announces spring plans



Hillary Verter and Shira Rubin

Hillary Verter, Hillel President, and Shirah Rubin, Chairman of the Israel/Ethiopian Program, have developed some exciting programs for the spring semester at the University of Delaware, according to Hillel Director Ruth Kershner.

On Friday, February 15, Hillel will hold an Ethiopian Shabbat which will feature Ethiopian cuisine and an Ethiopian Jewish guest speaker, Isaih Yonas.

Two new programs are also about to begin. The first is a series regard-

ing Jewish women. At the Hillel office on Tuesday, February 19 and 26 and March 5, at 1 p.m., Hillel members will discuss such issues as "The woman's role in Judaism — inferior status or not?", "Debunking the myth of the JAP" and "The portrayal of Jewish women in books and in film."

The second new program will be Hillel's participation in a college student UJA phonathon. There will be two training sessions in February and on Sunday, March 10, Hillel will

sponsor a Student Super Sunday.

Hillel will also sponsor a Shabbaton on February 22 and 23 when students will stay at the Wilmington JCC. This program, with the theme of "Jewish Identity," should be a major highlight of the semester, Kershner said.

Hillel programs are open to all college students and members of the community.

Dear Rachel,

Like most Americans, my husband and I have been glued to the TV watching the war in Iraq on CNN. It wasn't until last night that I had the wherewithal to pay attention to my daughter's clinging and whining. I asked her what she thought about the war. It turned out she had heard only three words on the news: "Hitler," "war" and "gas attacks." She asked if it was our turn to be sent to the gas chambers.

My husband and I are children of survivors and all of us have grown up with stories of the Holocaust like other people have bedtime stories. But I'm willing to bet that there are other children who have made a connection between the gas masks in Israel and threats to their own safety. A lot of other children may need the reassurance that my daughter needed and got. Please remind other parents that this is an important time to watch out for their kids' mental health.

Concerned Mother

Dear Mother,

Every child filters the news of the war through his/her limited experience and according to his/her developmental stage. To a preschool child, the bombing of Baghdad is no more or less real than Ninja Turtles. What is real is a parent's anxiety. Parents of young children, then, must evaluate how much anxiety and disruption the child can handle. Children can also be encouraged to draw pictures about their feelings and appropriate reassurance given for any exaggerated fears.

Older children have a much more realistic view of world events. While elementary school children are unlikely to be experts in history, they can benefit from a comparison between the conditions that prevailed at the time of the Holocaust and those that exist today in Israel and America. Realistic reassurance (not vague statements that everything will be okay) help the child limit the scope of his/her anxiety and get on with living.

If your children seem more anxious or withdrawn than usual, or begin to act out, check with the staff of your local Jewish Family Service. They will be glad to help.

Rachel

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YJAD February calendar set

The Young Jewish Adults of Delaware (for singles in their twenties and thirties) has planned several activities for February. Call the JCC at 478-5660 to be included on the mailing list for their monthly newsletter.

On Sunday, February 3, at 8:30 p.m., the YJAD will drop-in for frozen yogurt at TCBY in the Fairfax Shopping Center on Concord Pike (Route 202). Members who participated in the Jewish Federation Phonathon will receive a free sundae. Contact Sheryl Fried at 798-4616 for more information.

On Tuesday, February 5, at 7:15 p.m., the YJAD will hold its Havurah discussion at a member's home. The topic will be "Managing Stress." Havurah is a gathering of 15 to 20 people for a friendly and stimulating discussion of current topics. There is a \$1 admission charge. For more information and directions, call Rebecca Polss at 475-6979.

On Wednesday, February 6, 13 and 20, the YJAD will play coed

Volleyball in the JCC gymnasium beginning at 6 p.m. Games are non-competitive. Admission is \$1 for JCC members, \$2 for non-members. Call Mike Schenk for more information at 475-4981.

On Saturday night, February 9, beginning at 8 p.m. the YJAD will enjoy a "Mardi Gras" party at a member's home. Hot and cold food and beverage will be served. Admission is \$8; \$6 for those in costume. Reservations are requested by February 4. Contact Gary Trencher at 453-8767.

On Sunday, February 17, the YJAD will participate in the Second Multi-City Brunch at the Reading JCC at 11 a.m. Jewish Singles from Lancaster, Reading, Allentown, Wilkes-Barre, Harrisburg and Philadelphia will be attending this brunch. Carpools will form in the Wilmington JCC parking lot at 9:45 a.m. The Reading JCC will charge \$6 for admission. Reservations are re-

quested by February 10. Contact Aaron Gobler at 798-0252.

On Sunday, February 24, the YJAD will spend an afternoon ice skating and meet for an early dinner. Skating takes place at the University of Delaware Ice Arena from 1 to 3 p.m. Skating admission is \$4; skate rental is \$2. Afterwards, the group will meet for an early dinner at The Ground Round at about 3 p.m. Both sites are located on Route 896, just north of I-95, in Newark. Reservations should be made by February 23 by contacting Howard Zwick at 737-7471.

On Wednesday, February 27, at 7 p.m., the YJAD will celebrate Purim at a Megillah Reading at Congregation Beth Shalom, Wilmington. Following that, the group will meet for dinner at Gallucio's Restaurant at about 8:15 p.m. Dinner reservations are requested by February 24. Contact Julie Scher at 792-1237. YJAD requests a \$1 donation for this event.

AKSE square dance

The Sisterhood of A.K.S.E. will hold its 6th Annual Square Dance on Saturday evening, February 9, in the Synagogue Social-Hall. A meatless lasagna dinner will be served at 7 p.m. at a cost of \$20 per couple. Dancing and dessert will follow from

8 to 11 p.m. at a cost of \$12 per couple for those who do not attend the dinner. Reservations must be made by February 1, by calling Dianne Seidel (479-0490) or Nedda Barth (654-7674).

ORT brunch

ORT Brandywine Chapter-At-Large will sponsor a brunch during a class in Basic Judaism for New Americans. This will take place on

January 27 at the JCC. The community is invited. For more information, call 764-4655.

Beth Emeth sisterhood

The monthly meeting of the Sisterhood Congregation Beth Emeth will be held on Sunday, February 10. The theme of the meeting will be "Making the Right Choices for Healthy Eating." At 9:30 a.m., a

brunch featuring a heart-healthy menu will be served. A discussion on healthy eating will complete the program.

Reservations may be made by calling Carole Bernstein at 475-6259.

ACLU meeting to focus on Bill of Rights project

ACLU-DE will hold its Annual Meeting on Wednesday, January 30, at the Academy of Medicine Auditorium, Lovering Ave. and Union St. in Wilmington. A social is from 7 to 7:30 p.m. The Annual Meeting with election of officers and board members is at 7:30 p.m. The program will follow.

landmark Supreme Court cases. The cases deal with school desegregation, students' rights, flag burning and the right of a defendant to a lawyer in a criminal trial.

Leslie F. Goldstein, professor of

political science at the University of Delaware and a principal consultant to this project, will moderate the program. The public is invited. For further information, call the ACLU-DE office at 654-3966.

AEA Havdallah service set

A Havdallah service is scheduled for Saturday, February 2, at 6:30 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center, 101 Garden of Eden Road in Wilmington. The event is being sponsored by Albert Einstein Academy.

After Havdallah led by the children, the event will continue with the Aleph class play about the Siddur followed by a Bet class play about the

Torah. Eta Knepler, Hebrew teacher at the school, organized this service.

Honey cakes and traditional treats will be served at the conclusion of this occasion which is open to the entire community.

For further information, call Eleanor Weinglass, principal of Albert Einstein Academy, at 478-5026.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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| 1 | 8:00 p.m. | Lower Delaware Federation Shabbat: Beth Shalom (Dover) |
| 2 | 8:45 a.m. | New Castle County Federation Shabbat: AKSE |
| | 6:30 p.m. | AEA Havdallah |
| 3 | All Day | JFD Super Sunday |
| | 9:00 a.m. | JCC Snowball Run |
| | 6:00 p.m. | BBW AJE Supper |
| | 8:30 p.m. | JCC-YJAD Super Sundae |
| 4 | 9:30 a.m. | AKSE Sisterhood Board Meeting |
| | 12:00 p.m. | Beth Shalom Downtown Study Group |
| | 7:30 p.m. | AEA Recruitment Evening |
| | 7:30 p.m. | JCC Board Meeting |
| 5 | 9:30 a.m. | Beth Emeth Sisterhood Meeting |
| | 8:00 p.m. | JFS Board Meeting |
| 6 | 9:30 a.m. | NCJW Executive Committee Meeting |
| 7 | | AKSE at Emmanuel Dining Room |
| 9 | 7:00 p.m. | AKSE Sisterhood Square Dance |
| | 8:00 p.m. | Beth El White Elephant Sale |
| | | JCC-YJAD Mardi Gras |
| 10 | 9:30 a.m. | Beth Emeth Sisterhood Program |
| 11 | 12:30 p.m. | Hadassah/Wilmington Chapter Regular Meeting |
| | 7:30 p.m. | Hadassah/Wilmington Chapter Regular Meeting |
| | 7:30 p.m. | JFD Executive Committee Meeting |
| 12 | 12:00 p.m. | Beth Emeth Sisterhood Regular Meeting |
| | 7:30 p.m. | Beth Emeth Board Meeting |
| | 7:30 p.m. | AKSE Executive Committee Meeting |
| | 7:30 p.m. | Beth Shalom Board Meeting |
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| 13 | 9:00 a.m. | JCC Young Musician's Contest |
| | 10:00 a.m. | NCJW Board Meeting & Program |
| | 7:30 p.m. | Beth El Sisterhood Meeting |
| | 7:30 p.m. | JFD-YLC Executive Committee Meeting |
| | 7:30 p.m. | ORT General Meeting |
| 14 | 9:00 a.m. | JCC Young Musician's Contest |
| 15 | 6:00 p.m. | Hillel Ethiopian Dinner |
| 17 | | Hadassah/Newark Chapter Emergency Fundraiser |
| | | Hillel UJA Campaign Training Session |
| | | JCC-YJAD Ice Skating & Early Dinner |
| | | JCC Executive Committee Meeting |
| 18 | 7:30 p.m. | AEA Board Meeting |
| 19 | 7:30 p.m. | AKSE Board Meeting |
| 20 | 7:30 p.m. | JFS/AEA PTA Meeting |
| 21 | 7:30 p.m. | JFD Board Meeting |
| 22 | | Hillel Shabbaton |
| 24 | 9:00 a.m. | AKSE Purim Carnival |
| | 9:30 a.m. | Beth El Men's Club Breakfast |
| | 10:00 a.m. | Beth Shalom Purim Carnival |
| 25 | 7:30 p.m. | Hadassah/Wilmington Chapter Board Meeting |
| 26 | 7:30 p.m. | Beth Emeth Executive Committee Meeting |
| 27 | 12:45 p.m. | JCC/AEA Purim Play for Senior Center |
| | | JCC-YJAD Dinner & Megillah Reading |
| 28 | 1:00 p.m. | JCC Senior Center Purim Celebration |
| | | AEA Purim Carnival |

The Bill of Rights Bicentennial project, "The Pursuit of Justice," will have its first full public showing of the videotape. Actor Burt Lancaster presents introductory and concluding comments on the videotape, which reviews the evolution of the Bill of Rights and highlights four

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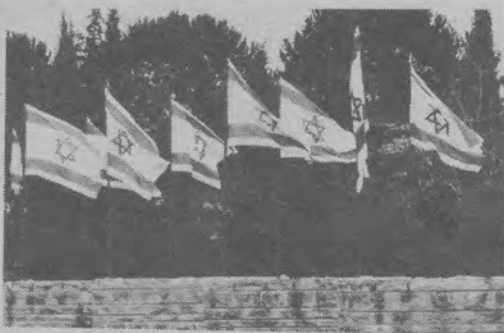


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 please contact the Jewish Federation of Delaware, 478-6200.

Federation Shabbat services to be held Friday, February 1, 8:00 p.m.
 Congregation Beth Sholom (Dover) and
 Saturday morning, February 2, at Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth.

