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Super Sunday Scheduled

Super Sunday, the annual day-long telethon of the Jewish Federation of Delaware, will take place on Sunday, January 29, 1989 at the offices of Patterson-Schwartz, 913 Delaware Avenue, Wilmington. More than 150 volunteers working in two-hour shifts will make calls for contributions to the 1989 Federation Campaign from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Sonia and Steven Bernhardt will be the chairpersons for this intensive telethon event. Sonia serves on the Jewish Community Center Board of Directors and Steven on the Kutz Home Board. Richard A. Levine, general campaign chairman, noted "that both these agencies had volunteered to lead the Super Sunday effort. They are usually in the forefront of our fund raising efforts and this year, considering the budget situations at both agencies, they felt it even more important to spearhead this part of the campaign."

As in last year's campaign, the young Jewish singles group will also staff the phones during the evening shifts. Chairperson for the Singles Division is Hal Lindbergh.

Super Sunday is the largest local concentration of fund raising for the Delaware Jewish community. As Delaware Jews staff phones, over 150 Jewish communities nationwide will be doing likewise.

The money raised on Super Sunday is crucial to meeting the over all local campaign goal of \$1,500,000 and of providing for the urgent needs of all Jews — here in Delaware and throughout the world. But in addition to the funds raised, Super Sunday is important for other reasons. "This is a most important day because it involves so many volunteers," explain the Bernhardts. "Our community's sense of unity and purpose is enhanced by all of us working together."

There is still time to be a phone volunteer. A sign-up form is available on Page 9. "No matter which end of the phone line you are on, each is vital to our Jewish community," notes Levine.

U.S. To Deny Refuge To Hundreds Of Jews Leaving Soviet Union

By ANDREW SILOW CARROLL

NEW YORK, Dec. 4 (JTA) — For the first time, American immigration officials are challenging the refugee status of Soviet Jewish emigres, with the result that hundreds of them may not be allowed to come to the United States. According to various Jewish organizations, the challenges are occurring in Rome, usually the next-to-last stop for Soviet Jews intent on coming to the United States. There, 179 Soviet Jews have been denied refugee visas since September, according to HIAS, the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society.

In addition, more than 300 "delayniks" are said to be in limbo in Rome, awaiting a decision by immigration officials that was once automatic for Soviet Jews. From January through Nov. 29, 12,794 Soviet Jews were processed by HIAS officials in Rome.

Soviet Jewry activists, American Jewish resettlement agencies and Soviet Jews themselves are claiming the new policy contradicts the reality of Jewish life in the Soviet Union and reneges on years of official promises to Jews there. Furthermore, they fear losing government subsidies to refugees that defray the mounting costs of resettlement.

The State Department denies there is a new policy. But both State and Justice department spokespersons confirmed that refugee visas had been denied to those Soviet Jews who were unable to demonstrate a "well-founded fear of persecution" in their home country.

Last week, the Union of Councils for Soviet Jews distributed a petition signed by 60 Soviet Jewish families in Italy who were told they could not enter the United States as refugees. "What is the difference between us and others who have fled their countries under dictatorship governments to save their lives from persecution?" they asked.

In a second petition released by UCSJ, 345 Soviet Jewish families appealed to the U.S. government and public to reverse the recent policy.

In Washington, State Department spokeswoman Phyllis Oakley said that while there are Soviet Jews who have not qualified for refugee status, there is "no

change in U.S. Policy." According to the Refugee Act of 1980, the State Department provides the Immigration and Naturalization Service with guidance on the political situation of a country's citizens.

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Peres Drops Bid For Foreign Minister

It was reported on December 15 that Labor Party leader Shimon Peres said he is willing to become finance minister, lifting a major roadblock to forming a national coalition government with the right-wing Likud.

Peres, now foreign minister, said he would accept the finance post on condition he have full freedom to deal with economic matters, Israel television said. Negotiators from Likud and Labor have been holding renewed talks since December 12, trying to form a broad-based government. Peres' announcement represents a major concession by the left-of-center Labor Party leader, who wanted to be foreign minister because it would allow him to pursue a Middle East peace initiative.

Federation President: Be Wary Of Arafat

Stephen E. Herrmann, President of the Jewish Federation, took a cautious view yesterday of the decision by the United States to pursue a dialogue with the Palestine Liberation Organization and urged negotiators to compel Yasir Arafat to back his statement on Israel's right to exist with more binding actions.

"The words count for very little. What is required are deeds," said Herrmann. But Herrmann did not criticize the United States' historic offer to deal with the PLO and called yesterday's developments a possible first step toward a peaceful settlement in the Middle East.

"I understand that the United States had set standards for talking with the PLO and now that the PLO has met those minimum standards, the United States has to live up to its commitment," Herrmann said. "I would say that this is a necessary first step toward seeing whether the PLO is a suitable participant in the peace process," stated Herrmann.

Washington's dialogue with the PLO will put new responsibilities on the United States in particular, in making sure that Arafat sticks to a consistent line and makes PLO policy conform to yesterday's statement.

Once the PLO was judged to have met Washington's conditions for a dialogue, the United States' move was inevitable, Herrmann said. "Those conditions required us to do what we said we would do. If people are not happy, then the argument should have been made over what conditions were laid down. Otherwise, it is our obligation to meet them."

Kutz Home Task Force Study Gives Short-Term Recommendations

By PAULA BERENGUT

Over the last four months, a task force consisting of members of the Milton and Hattie Kutz Home Executive Committee and Board of Directors has studied methods of balancing the Home's budget on a short term emergency basis (over the next two years). The Home has also instituted a long range planning and marketing study which is being conducted by Howell Associates of Washington, D.C., funded by the Kutz Foundation and the Auxiliary of the Kutz Home.

An outline of the financial problems of the Home were published in *The Voice* in May 1988. The financial strains are caused by three factors: the relatively large (and, the Home projects, possibly growing) proportion of residents who are unable to pay the full cost of their care; the inadequate level of state Medicaid reimbursement compared to other states; and the nationwide shortage of nurses and regional shortage of nursing aides, which has increased the cost of nursing care by nearly 100 percent.

The Kutz Home's policy has always been to accept residents based on need without consideration of their ability to pay. On the average, each "part pay" resident costs the Home \$22,000 per year; Medicaid recipients each cost the Home \$7,000 per year. Currently, 69 percent of the residents are "part pay" or Medicaid recipients. In the past, the United Way of Delaware Jewish Federation have provided funds to cover any

deficits incurred by the Home. But, the debt created by "part pay" or Medicaid residents and the increased nursing care costs have become unmanageable.

Because of the combined fiscal strains on its operation, the Home predicts a deficit in excess of \$300,000 out of a total budget of approximately \$2.5 million for the fiscal year ending in June 1989.

The task force has compiled its short-range recommendations and those are currently being implemented at the Home. These recommendations fall into four categories: Personnel, Fees and Fundraising, Use of Existing Funds and Other Funds.

A "modest increase" in the salaries of nurses, nursing aides and non-professional staff has been given in an effort to become more competitive with other employers and to help insure continuity of the staff. A staff recruitment campaign has also been instituted to attract potential employees.

Fees for "full pay" residents have been increased to reflect the actual costs of care. The Home will continue to review its financial arrangements with the families it serves, particularly "part pay" families. The Home will require revision of financial information forms, which, in the future, will require more information. An admission fee is also being considered, including binding financial commitments prior to admission from family members of "part pay" residents.

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OPINION

Editorial: Caution Urged

As *The Voice* goes to press a major breakthrough in the Middle East peace process seems to have taken place in Geneva.

Secretary of State, George P. Schultz has agreed to begin a diplomatic dialogue with Yasir Arafat and the Palestine Liberation Organization. This comes about after the U.S. denied Arafat an entry visa which would have allowed him to address the U.N. General Assembly in New York, after Arafat's December 7 statement in Stockholm, Sweden, which the U.S. found unacceptable, and after following Arafat's address to the U.N. General Assembly in Geneva.

Schultz has stated that Arafat has finally agreed to the conditions placed upon him by the U.S.

We must take a cautious view of this discussion and must urge negotiators to compel Arafat to back his statement of Israel's right to exist and denounce all terrorism by deeds, not words.

The U.S. has laid out the conditions for dealing with the PLO, now it is up to the PLO to show responsibility in demonstrating that they mean what has been stated.

The first time Arafat went to the U.N., in 1974, he said he was carrying a gun and an olive branch. Now he says he has put away the gun. Time will tell.

A Tribute To Voice Editor

During the past year, *The Jewish Voice* has made great strides toward becoming a true Anglo-Jewish newspaper, packed with international, national, and local stories of particular interest to the Jewish people. Readers have commented favorably on the increase in hard news, the inclusion of stories not seen elsewhere, the presentation of more than one viewpoint, and the timeliness of the editorials. Increased letters to the editor have demonstrated the community's interest in topics discussed by the *Voice*.

We, the members of the editorial committee, wish to attribute the success of the newspaper to our editor, Paula

Berengut. Her hard work, concern for the welfare of the Jewish people, and ability to work easily with members of the community are largely responsible for the success of the *Jewish Voice*. As we mark the first full year of Paula's association with the *Voice*, we wish to thank her publicly for her service to the newspaper and the community. We trust this year is the beginning of a long, fruitful tenure.

The staff and board of the *Jewish Voice* are always eager to improve the newspaper. We welcome suggestions from the community for further improvements.

The Jewish Voice welcomes 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.

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Letters to the Editor

We have just returned from Israel and saw great concern for the continuing efforts by religious minorities to have the Knesset pass laws restricting Shabbat activities and emasculating the 1950 Law of Return. It is unbelievable to see in *The Jewish Voice* protestations by the local representative of Lubavitch, and his gullible followers, that the Lubavitch movement is not part of this anti-Israel movement. They are.

I fully endorse both the Snyder letters pointing out the disinformation techniques in use here (like Russian and Nazi propaganda) to lull and convince with half-truths. The concrete charitable and philanthropic activities of the local Lubavitch seem to be persuasive to those who are always ready and willing to listen to easy solutions to very hard problems, much as other "quick-fix" artists, such as Kahane and Awad, are proposing.

Jews should take heed: any philosophies of minorities that impose the will of minorities on others (such as removing all the Palestinians from the West Bank) lead where the Nazis went, from installing Hitler in 1933 to Kirstallnacht in 1938 to Dachau in 1945.

Edward B. Davis

As a member of Congregation Beth Emeth, I must protest the calumnious reference to our Rabbi Grumbacher in a recent letter to the Editor of your paper. Though I have heard him, several times, protest the lack of proper recognition we Reform Jews receive from members of other groups, I have never heard him advocate either blackmail or threats to achieve such deserved recognition.

Rather, I have many times heard him advocate, forcefully, the need for our continued and increased support for Israel, despite the inequalities, we, his congregants, are accorded.

Speaking for myself (I would not presume to speak for our Rabbi), our demand as Reform Jews is that proper recognition be given, as it not always is, to our adherents. And that it be acknowledged that our Rabbis, after their years of devoted study and training, are properly privileged to perform the necessary services at life cycle functions.

And it be further recognized that there is no equity in the distribution of funds when it is revealed that about \$50 million, that is solicited for charitable & social purposes, a good deal from members of Reform & Conservative

congregations, is used to support Orthodox schools & Yeshivas, as well as their gigantic beurocracy, while a million or so is given to support Reform and Conservative programs.

Our rabbi does not need to be defended. His years of passionate espousal for the support of Israel and of all Judaism is a record of which he can be proud. Like all fundamentalist fanatics, fairness and equity are not among the attributes that could be ascribed to the letter writer.

Shame to him for writing such a personally derisive letter.

Shame to you for giving him a platform to spew his hateful, bigoted drivel.

Name withheld by request

After being subjected to headlines about anti-Semitism, political rivalry in Israel and Arab uprisings on the West Bank, I thought your readers might welcome some positive news. On Sunday night, December, 11, there was a "happening," in Newark. Jane Cutler and I sponsored a "Decaffeinated Coffee House" to benefit Jewish Family Service.

Thirty-five people attended: young and old, newcomers and longtime residents, from Wilmington, Kennett Square and Newark.

The money raised was gratifying but not nearly as important as the sense of community, of common ground and, indeed, of being one. This feeling was generated by singing Hebrew, Yiddish and folk songs — led by Bob Weiner, accompanied by Mark Pevar and Andy Zetlan, pianist.

Perhaps more get-togethers like this would create more cohesiveness in the community at large — reduce "turf" issues and just have "fun" together.

Leni Markell

Your masthead states that you will accept "no material... which is considered against the best interests of the Jewish community." The publication of an intemperate and threatening letter by a community leader (Leonard B. Gewirtz, December 2) impugning the Federation and two rabbinical dignitaries is divisive and ultimately destructive.

With all due respect for the need for catharsis and First amendment rights, I would suggest that *The Jewish Voice* is no place for inflammatory letters and that greater editorial discretion was indicated in this instance.

F.F. Ehrich

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The Ballet

Not everyone has rushed forward to celebrate the Palestine National Council's and Yassir Arafat's announcement that they are now ready to accept the existence of Israel, the terms of UN Resolution 242 and the renunciation of terrorism. Nor has there been a stampede to recognize the newly declared Palestinian state of yet-to-be-defined dimensions and structure. The Third World countries have, of course, raised their glasses in toast, along with a sprinkling of others, including the USSR, and a group of American Jews (representing I don't know whom or what) has rushed over to Sweden to meet with the PLO and solve everything for those inept Israelis once and for all. For the most part, though, people have taken a wait-and-see attitude. After all, for 20 years now Mr. Arafat has been doing this ritual dance of the veils in which you think you saw something that wasn't there: the statement, followed by a clarification in light of other things said at the same time, followed by a conclusion just the reverse of the original statement. Western diplomats seem at times to be very slow learners, but on this subject they finally seem to be catching on, and even the media mavens are wary of anything less than blunt unhedged declarations from Arafat, such as have yet to be heard.

But, even assuming that somehow Arafat and the PLO can satisfy the skeptics among us that this time they really mean what they appear to want us to think they are saying, there remains the very difficult question of what, in fact, is this "Palestinian State" that they have announced: what are its borders, what is its government and political system, what is its population? And, most important of all, is it a viable entity?

While there has been a dearth of definition, even general definition, of the answers to these questions, some of the veils the dancing Arafat has flourished this time reveal a state comprising the so-called West Bank and Gaza with its capital in Jerusalem. Putting aside for the moment the fact that no government of Israel, of whatever coalition, would ever accept a divided Jerusalem; and that most Israelis, along with many others in the world, view such a state as only the first step in a planned takeover of all of "Palestine" (read Israel), could such an entity be viable?

To begin with, there is no political or administrative structure with which to govern a state, certainly not the disorganized heap on top of which Mr. Arafat dances, weaves, slips and slides. For a preview of how a government would be formed we have only to look as far as Lebanon, where Sunnis fight Shi'ites, Shi'ites fight each other (Amal versus Hezbollah), Christians fight Moslems, and George Habash and several other branches of the PLO fight

Arafat and each other. Unfortunately there is no tradition of organized political/administrative structure among the Palestinian Arabs to parallel that of the Zionist Jews who formed the State of Israel — there is no parallel, in particular, for the Jewish Agency for Palestine, which existed as a government in exile for many years prior to the formation of the State of Israel in 1948.

Nor do the West Bank and Gaza constitute an economically viable entity. They never have been such, not during the 19 years in which they were held respectively by Jordan and Egypt, nor for the past 21 years in which they have been held by Israel. The majority of jobs held by West Bank and Gaza residents are outside these areas, in Israel. There is virtually no industry and relatively poor agricultural productivity. Flatly stated, a West Bank/Gaza state couldn't support itself, not in the beginning and not in the future without major development requiring large infusions of money and skilled personnel.

Moreover, to exacerbate the situation, the 1.5 million Palestinian Arabs now living in the proposed area of the new state would probably be quickly augmented in number by another 1.5 million dumped in by their Arab brother nations; after all, there are about 750,000 Palestinians living in "temporary" refugee camps in Arab countries, 400,000 in camps in Lebanon,

Syria and Jordan alone. Economic disaster would be swift, with concomitant social and political chaos.

Of course, even if we were to find solutions to all of the above problems, we would be left with an Israeli military security problem which would be unacceptable to all major political parties in Israel and to the overwhelming majority of the Israeli people. A PLO-dominated Palestinian Arab State with its guns on the spine of hills running down the middle of the West Bank would threaten Tel Aviv, Haifa and Beersheva, not to mention the Israeli side of Jerusalem. Nor would it be acceptable to Jordan's Hussein, who would quickly fall under pressure from such a state, nor to Syria's Assad, who would view himself as next in line of jeopardy. Arafat's proposed new state would be nothing less than a gigantic time bomb with a very short fuse, virtually guaranteed to destabilize the Middle East and, possibly, widen into a world conflict.

But Mr. Arafat continues to dance faster and faster, veils flying, in pirouette and arabesque, a bearded Pavlova with a dove of peace. And the world audience sees what they want to see and politely applauds the performance, secure in the knowledge that the dire consequences of what he seeks will never come, and Israel will take the blame.

Learning From History, Not Hiding From It

By JOHN H. BUCHANAN

Fifty years ago, the Nazis took their first step toward the Holocaust when they looted and destroyed Jewish shops and synagogues, during what has come to be known as "Kristallnacht," the night of broken glass. At a recent event commemorating this terrible night, President Reagan praised Simon Wiesenthal, a concentration camp survivor, and formally announced for the first time that the U.S. would sign the international convention outlawing genocide.

Praising Wiesenthal as one of the "true heroes" of the 20th century, the President said people like him "have made us understand that we must not, we cannot, and we will not" wipe the horror of the Holocaust from our memory.

It seems especially ironic, then, that one of the few efforts to teach young people about the enormity of the crimes of the Holocaust has been attacked by the President's own Department of Education.

The program under attack, called "Facing History and Ourselves," uses the history of the Holocaust and the rise of Nazism in Germany, as well as the massacre of Armenians in the 1920s, as a way of talking about intolerance and violence in today's world. "Facing History" has been made available to hundreds of public and private schools through a network at the Department of Education established by Congress to distribute exemplary programs. Funding for teacher training for these programs, however, is not automatic.

Although "Facing History" has been widely praised by schools and teachers as a highly effective teaching tool, individuals both inside and outside of the Department of Education have sought to undermine the program. In 1984, for example, Phyllis Schlafly's Eagle Forum took aim at the National Diffusion Network (NDN), as the Department's distribution center was called, charging that its curricula undermined parental

authority, patriotism, religious faith, and sexual abstinence. "Facing History" was repeatedly singled out by Schlafly and her cohorts as promoting "child abuse" and for being "manipulative."

In what appeared to be a move to placate the Right Wing, Shirley Curry, a former director of the Eagle Forum, was installed as director of the NDN in 1986. Since then, she and other officials have successfully sought to block Department funding for "Facing History."

One tactic used to undermine "Facing History" and other, similar programs was the establishment of a "Significance Review Panel." Nearly 300 educators and 100 members of Congress protested the creation of the panel, warning that it would be used for "ideological screening" of school programs.

Their worries were not unfounded. Certain panel members chosen to evaluate "Facing History" in 1986 had Far Right allegiances. One panel member, Dr. Christina Price, sharply criticized the program for imbalance, claiming that it did not include "the Nazi point of view." Armed with this bizarre argument, the Department of Education denied the program its funding request.

When "Facing History" applied for financial support again in 1987, Phyllis Schlafly wrote a letter to William Kristol, Secretary William Bennett's chief of staff, objecting to the program because it promoted "psychological manipulation" and "induced behavioral change." Ms. Curry also admitted being contacted by Schlafly. Again, funding was denied.

This past year, "Facing History" sought funds for a third time. The program had received excellent ratings from outside reviewers, and placed first in its category. In the face of such reviews, the Department adopted a new strategy to deny the program support. It eliminated the entire category of educational programs under which "Facing History" would fall, claiming lack of

money. Other department officials have confirmed that this was done precisely to deny funds to this program. When \$160,000 was later found in the budget to fund NDN programs, "Facing History" was again passed over, the Department choosing instead to fund lower-rated projects.

A student's diary written as part of the "Facing History" course reads in part: "Life used to be so easy. There always seemed to be an answer to everything... In these past four months, however, I have been forced to think. It hasn't been easy."

Schlafly and company argue that exposing students to such thought-provoking material amounts to "child

abuse in the classroom," and is justification enough to cancel it. To me, it is a compelling reason to keep and promote programs such as "Facing History" in our schools. Yes, learning about the darkest periods of history, such as slavery, the McCarthy era, or the forced internment of Japanese Americans during World War II, can be a painful process. But how is the next generation going to understand and fight bigotry and intolerance in their own society, if they are kept ignorant of the cruelties and injustices of the past? (John H. Buchanan is Chairman of People For the American Way, a 270,000-member nonpartisan constitutional liberties organization.)

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Write A Letter To The Editor

Local And National Reaction To Potential Amendment To 'Law Of Return'

By PAULA BERENGUT
 Until now, any Jew wishing citizenship in the State of Israel was guaranteed that right under the Law of Return which states that "a person is a Jew who is born of a Jewish mother or who has converted to Judaism." That definition is threatened with being rewritten following the November 1 Israeli election and the power with which the ultra-orthodox factions in Israel have emerged from it.

It is a one word addition to the law that the ultra-Orthodox are demanding. The word in "kaHalacha" and would add "under Halacha" (or under Orthodox Jewish law) to the definition of who is a Jew, thus excluding all Reform and Conservative converts to Judaism.

Opposition to this potential change has caused a whirlwind of anguish and anger throughout the international Jewish community. That anguish has been expressed in many ways, from high level meetings between American Jewish leadership to letter-writing campaigns by members of the Diaspora Jewish community.

Last month, a group of eight North American Jewish leaders, led by Shoshana Cardin, immediate past president of the Council of Jewish attempt to have the divisive issue removed from the political arena *Jewish Voice*, December 2).

On November 18, Jewish Federation of Delaware president, Stephen E. Herrmann, sent letters to both Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, which rejected "any effort to divide our people by legislative action of the Knesset. All Jews, including those of us who are not citizens of Israel, are affected by the possibility of a change in the definition of who is a Jew." The letter affirmed the Delaware Jewish community's support of religious pluralism and maintenance of the status quo of the Law of Return, asking that "the issue of 'Who Is A Jew' should not be decided in

the context of political accommodation."

All Jewish organizations within the state of Delaware were asked to send similar letters and to encourage their membership to send letters as well.

On Saturday and Sunday, December 3 and 4, Rabbi Peter Grumbacher, rabbi of Reform Congregation Beth Emeth and Robert N. Kerbel, Executive Vice President of the Jewish

Washington, D.C., on December 6. These Jewish leaders represented three and a half million American Jews (67 percent of American Jewry).
 The group met at the offices of B'nai B'rith International for planning and discussion of the "Who is a Jew" issue with Shoshana Cardin. According to Kerbel, Cardin spoke in support of Israel, but also about the schism forming between

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Jerusalem. The committee is in Israel to present the Israeli leaders with reasons for the opposition of American Jews to the proposed re-definition.

One of the main ultra-Orthodox parties bargaining

with Likud leader Shamir is the Agudat Yisrael, led by the Brooklyn-based Lubavitcher rebbe, Menachem Schneerson. The local Lubavitch representative, Chabad House Director Rabbi Chuni Vogel, has declined to comment on the issue.

Federation Campaign Opens With Speaker

The opening 1989 campaign Major Gifts event took place on Sunday, December 11, at the Brandywine Country Club, when 60 people heard Tommy Lapid explain the current political situation in Israel. Lapid, an attorney, playwright, radio and TV commentator and a political columnist for the largest Israeli newspaper, *Ma'ariv*, was in Wilmington to address this group in the Federation's campaign kick-off event.

Lapid stated that 80 percent of the Israelis want a government which will reflect their points of view and not the opinions of the ultra-religious parties. He felt that some form of national coalition government with Likud and labor will be formed.

He reminded those assembled, that "Israel is in existence for all who needed it — from every country." Lapid said that in his present travels throughout the United States he became aware that American Jews, with all their freedom and acceptance, view Israel as their escape valve — even if they never needed it, he said, it needs to be there.

Richard A. Levine, 1989 campaign co-chairman, spoke of the urgent need to support Israel. He also emphasized the

tremendous financial burden created by the Milton & Hattie Kutz Home and the community's responsibility to provide the Jewish Community Center with adequate funds to develop the programs to enhance Jewish life in Delaware. For this to occur, Levine said, the



Richard A. Levine

campaign must be increased by 25 percent. "Otherwise our local programs and our funding of programs in Israel will be jeopardized."

Over \$200,000 was pledged on December 11 by the 33 couples represented. The 1989 campaign pledges now stand at a total of \$311,040.

Jews React With Sympathy To Armenian Quake Victims

NEW YORK (JTA) — In response to the devastating earthquake that rocked Soviet Armenia on December 6, B'nai B'rith International has pledged to donate \$2,500 in emergency relief funds for the victims. A check was presented Friday morning to Minister-Counselor Oleg Derkofsky of the Soviet Embassy in Washington.

Refuseniks in Moscow and Leningrad also reacted with

sympathy to the victims of the disaster by calling off a hunger strike planned for Human Rights Day, according to the Long Island Committee for Soviet Jewry.

The refuseniks issued a joint statement saying, "In memory of the Armenian victims of the earthquake, we have decided to cancel our planned hunger strike on December 10, and in deep sorrow and regret, we offer our assistance."

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Appeals On Behalf Of Earthquake Victims

The JDC has opened a "mail-box" appeal for relief to Armenia in a joint effort with the appropriate National Catholic and Protestant relief bodies. There may be as many as 400,000 homeless in Armenia, since almost 120,000 refugees from Azerbaizhan, were in Armenia fleeing from the recent unrest between the two republics. Untold tens of thousands of dead are reported, and thousands have been left homeless.

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U.S. Agrees To Talks With PLO Saying Arafat Accepts Israel, Renounces Terrorism

Text Of Arafat's Statement:

Following is the full text of the statement that PLO leader Yasir Arafat read in English to reporters in Geneva on December 14.

Let me highlight my views before you. Our desire for peace is a strategy and not an interim tactic. We are bent on peace come what may, come what may.

Our statehood provides salvation to the Palestinians and peace to both Palestinians and Israelis.

Self-determination means survival for the Palestinians, and our survival does not destroy the survival of the Israelis, as their rulers claim. Yesterday in my speech I made reference to United Nations Resolution 181 as the basis for Palestinian independence. I also made reference to our acceptance of Resolution 242 and 338 as the basis for negotiations with Israel within the framework of the international conference. These three resolutions were endorsed by our Palestine National Council session in Algiers.

In my speech also yesterday, it was clear that we mean our people's rights to freedom and national independence, according to Resolution 181, and the right of all parties concerned in the Middle East conflict to exist in peace and security, and, as I have mentioned, including the state of Palestine, Israel and other neighbors, according to the Resolution 242 and 338.

As for terrorism, I renounced it yesterday in no uncertain terms, and yet, I repeat for the record. I repeat for the record that we totally and absolutely renounce all forms of terrorism, including individual, group and state terrorism.

Between Geneva and Algiers, we have made our position crystal clear. Any more talk such as "The Palestinians should give more" — you remember this slogan? — or "It is not enough" or "The Palestinians are engaging in propaganda games and public relations exercises" will be damaging and counterproductive.

Enough is enough. Enough is enough. Enough is enough. All



PLO Leader, Yasir Arafat

remaining matters should be discussed around the table and within the international conference.

Let it be absolutely clear that neither Arafat, nor any for that matter, can stop the *intifadah*, the uprising. The *intafadah* will come to an end only when practical and tangible steps have been taken toward the achievement of our national aims and establishment of our independent Palestinian state.

In this context, I expect the

EEC [European Economic Community] to play a more effective role in promoting peace in our region. They have a political responsibility, and they can deal with it.

Finally, I declare before you and I ask you to kindly quote me on that: We want peace. We want peace. We are committed to peace. We are committed to peace. We want to live in our Palestinian state, and let live. Thank you.

Text Of Schultz's Statement:

The following is the text of a statement by Secretary of State George P. Shultz yesterday in Washington concerning the opening of talks with the Palestine Liberation Organization:

The Palestine Liberation Organization today issued a statement in which it accepts U.N. Resolutions 242 and 338, recognizes Israel's right to exist in peace and security and renounces terrorism.

As a result, the United States is prepared for a substantive dialogue with PLO representatives.

I am designating our ambassador to Tunisia (Robert H. Pelletreau Jr.) as the only authorized channel for that dialogue.

The objective of the United States remains as always: a

comprehensive peace in the Middle East.

In that light, I view this development as one more step toward the beginning of direct negotiations between the parties, which alone can lead to such a peace.

Nothing here may be taken to imply an acceptance or recognition by the United States of an independent Palestinian state.

The position of the United States is, the status of the West Bank and Gaza cannot be determined by unilateral acts of either side, but only through a process of negotiations. The United States does not recognize the declaration of an independent Palestinian state.

It is also important to emphasize that the U.S. commitment to the security of Israel remains unflinching.

Palestinian Semantics: Arafat's Changing Words

Agreed to enter into peace negotiations at an international conference under the auspices of the U.N., with the participation of the permanent members of the Security Council and the P.L.O. as the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people, on equal footing with the other parties to the conflict. Such an international conference is to be held on the basis of U.N. Resolutions 242 and 338 and the right of the Palestinian people of self-determination, without the external interference, as provided in the U.N. Charter, including the right to an independent state, which conference should resolve the Palestinian problem in all its aspects.

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The P.L.O. will seek a comprehensive settlement among the parties concerned in the Arab-Israeli conflict, including the state of Palestine, Israel and other neighbors, within the framework of the international conference for peace in the Middle East on the basis of Resolutions 242 and 338 and so as to guarantee equality and the balance of interests, especially our people's rights in freedom, national independence, and respect the right to exist in peace and security for all.

ADDRESS TO UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN GENEVA, DECEMBER 13

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Survey:

West Bank Arabs Want End To Intifada

By HUGH ORGEL

TEL AVIV (JTA) — The vast majority of Palestinians in the West Bank are fed up with the uprising in the territories and want to get on with their normal lives, according to a study made by two lecturers at Bir Zeit University on behalf of Oxford University in Britain. The survey, conducted among 2,100 Arab residents of 50 localities in the West Bank, showed that 80 percent believe the year-old *intifada* has not achieved its goals.

Among married men, 92 percent said they were bored by prolonged idleness at home forced on them by the uprising. Of 730 Arab merchants questioned, 594 reported serious loss of income this past year. Ninety-six percent said they closed their shops for fear of reprisals, not because they wanted to observe the commercial strikes ordered by leaders of the uprising.

The survey found that 60 percent of Palestinian laborers were fired from their jobs in Israel because of prolonged absences due to the uprising. Eighty-five percent of those questioned said they suffered a drop in living standards. Their families could afford to eat meat no more than once a month.

The frequent closure of universities that have become centers of Palestinian nationalism, such as Bir Zeit near Ramallah, has Arab students worried. The survey found that 95 percent of high school graduates plan to go to college abroad if the universities in the territory are not reopened. That would mean the departure of about 8,000 students, the lecturers said.

Finally, more than 80 percent of Palestinians in the Ramallah area who possess U.S. citizenship have rented their homes and gone to America.

Yediot Achronot reported, meanwhile, that "the average number of monthly attacks, which reached about 200 during the initial months of the *intifada*, has declined considerably in recent months." This was attributed to vastly improved intelligence gathering by Shin Bet, Israel's internal security agency, which has led to important arrests. Nevertheless, many individuals wanted by the Shin Bet are still at large.



PLO leader Yasir Arafat, left, shakes hands with Mrs. Rita E. Hauser, leader of a visiting American Jewish delegation to Sweden as Swedish Prime Minister Ingvar Carrison looks on. Arafat met with the group of American Jews over dinner on December 6 to promote his new image of moderation and to build support for the newly declared Palestinian state. (Photo credit: RIA)

News of the U.S. acceptance of Yasir Arafat's PLO statement was announced as *The Jewish Voice* went to press. This event will be covered in the January 6 issue.

More Than Half Senate Thanks Schultz For Barring Arafat

By DAVID FRIEDMAN
WASHINGTON (JTA) — More than half the Senate has signed a letter to Secretary of State George Schultz praising him for this decision to bar Palestine Liberation Organization leader Yasir Arafat from entering the United States. "We strongly commend you for the courage you showed in articulating this issue," the senators said in the letter. It was drafted by Sens. Charles Grassley (R-Iowa) and Dennis DeConcini (D-Ariz.).

The letter said the senators "are extremely pleased" by Schultz's action, which prevents Arafat from addressing the

U.N. General Assembly in New York. "Once again, we commend your actions and applaud the firm and steady hand with which you have ably steered the State Department."

A spokesman for Grassley said the letter is being signed by more than the 51 senators who signed a letter to Schultz earlier last month. Also drafted by Grassley and DeConcini, that letter urged that Arafat not be allowed into the country "until he and the PLO renounce terrorism as a tool of foreign policy."

The new letter was still being circulated late November 30 for additional signatures, before being delivered to Schultz. It was one of the few words of praise Schultz has received for his action, which has been con-

demned by most of the European allies.

"I think it was the right decision; I stick by it," Schultz said at a State Department ceremony November 29. Schultz said he was not surprised by the criticism, but his decision was made because of "our

concern about terrorism."

"I am afraid that it is too easy for people to forget what an important problem that is and what a threat it is to civilized society," Schultz said. "If we have made the point that we really care and are concerned, that's good."

Shultz said that even without Arafat, other PLO representatives could still make their case in a debate on the Palestinian issue at the General Assembly in New York. "We have no problems with that. We want to hear what they have to say," he said.

U.N. Resolutions Strongly Anti-Israel

By SUSAN BIRNBAUM

NEW YORK (JTA) — The U.N. General Assembly adopted a resolution on December 6 calling on its members states to sever all ties with Israel and to suspend all aid to the Jewish state. The resolution asked that member states cut off all diplomatic, trade and cultural ties to Israel, in order to "isolate it in all fields." The vote was 83-21, with 45 abstentions.

The measure was one of 19 resolutions adopted during the General Assembly's annual debate on the Middle East. Most of the measures contained strongly anti-Israel provisions.

The Israeli Foreign Ministry, calling the resolutions a rehash of many past anti-Israel votes, said the measures had "no moral validity."

The U.N. body voted once more to endorse an international Middle East peace conference under U.N. auspices, to include the Palestine Liberation Organization as an equal participant. It said such a conference should have the

authority to achieve a solution based on Israeli withdrawal from occupied Palestinian territory.

Prior to adopting the resolu-

tion, a separate vote was held on a paragraph stating that U.S. aid to Israel has encouraged expansionism and hindered the peace process.

Ex-Ambassador To Israel To Represent U.S. At U.N.

By DAVID FRIEDMAN

(JTA)—Thomas Pickering, the U.S. ambassador to Israel for the last three years, was named by President-elect George Bush on December 6 as the next U.S. ambassador to the United Nations. Unlike the practice in previous administrations, he will not be a member of the cabinet.

The 57-year-old Pickering went to Israel after a wide-ranging career in the State Department, including four years as ambassador to Jordan. He speaks French, Spanish, Swahili and Arabic.

While his tenure in Israel was a time of continued growing close relations between the

United States and Israel, Pickering also served during a period of major public disagreements between the two countries.

Tensions centered on the proposed international peace conference and Israel's handling of the Palestinian uprising in the West Bank and Gaza.

In New York, the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations welcomed the appointment, calling Pickering "a sensitive and knowledgeable observer of the Middle East scene, with an understanding of the people of Israel and a deep awareness of the solidarity of the American Jewish community with Israel's hopes and aspirations."

Demjanjuk Lawyer Leaps To His Death

By DAVID LANDAU

JERUSALEM (JTA) — An Israeli member of the defense team of convicted war criminal John Demjanjuk leaped to his death from the fifteenth floor of an office building at 8:30 a.m. in downtown Jerusalem on November 29. The suicide of Dov Eitan, 53, a retired district court judge, shocked friends and associates, who had no immediate explanation for his action.

Eitan served six years as a Jerusalem district court judge. He resigned in 1983 amid a controversy over his signing a petition to then Prime Minister Menachem Begin to withdraw Israeli troops from Lebanon. Since then Eitan has been a practicing attorney in Jerusalem. He again aroused controversy when he announced earlier this year that he would join the defense team in the appeal of Demjanjuk's sentence.

Eitan's law partner said the suicide was utterly inexplicable. Eitan left a wife and two daughters.

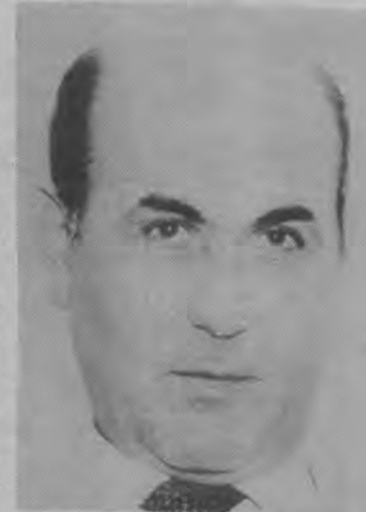
The Ukrainian-born Demjanjuk was found guilty April 18 of crimes against humanity, crimes against the Jewish people, war crimes and murder. The former U.S. citizen operated the gas chamber at Treblinka, where 800,000 Jews were killed. He still claims he is not the right man.

Demjanjuk, 67, was sentenced to death a week after his conviction. His trial defense had been conducted by a team of American and Israeli lawyers.

Israel's High Court of Justice will not hear Demjanjuk's appeal until next May.

The court was supposed to begin hearing the case on November 28. But its president, Justice Meir Shamgar, agreed to postpone the hearing until May 4, 1989, at the re-

quest of Demjanjuk's defense attorney, Yoram Sheftel, who must find a replacement for Eitan.



Former Israeli judge, Dov Eitan, a lawyer for John Demjanjuk, died on November 29, when he jumped from a fifteenth floor window in Jerusalem. (Photo credit: RNS)

Survivor Hurls Acid At Demjanjuk Attorney

Jerusalem (JTA) — A 70-year-old Holocaust survivor hurled acid into the face of Yoram Sheftel, chief defense counsel for convicted war criminal John Demjanjuk during the funeral for Dov Eitan, a member of the Demjanjuk defense team.

Sheftel was rushed to a hospital, where doctors treated damage to one eye. A hospital spokesman said his exact condition would not be known for several days.

A woman with him was also treated for slight injuries. Israel Radio identified her as author Edna Shabtai.

Police immediately arrested

the Holocaust survivor, Yisrael Yehekeli. According to police spokesman Rafi Levy, he is a Jerusalem resident and survivor of the Treblinka death camp.

Yehekeli was said to be in good spirits and in no way remorseful over his act.

Demjanjuk, 68, a Ukrainian-born former American citizen, was found guilty of crimes against humanity, crimes against a persecuted people, war crimes and crimes against the Jewish people.

Yehekeli reportedly was a frequent spectator at the trial.

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U.S. Economic Aid To Israel Could Be Cut In 1990 Budget

By HOWARD ROSENBERG
WASHINGTON (JTA) — The \$1.2 billion in economic aid Israel receives each year from the United States may be in jeopardy in the coming fiscal year, according to sources on Capitol Hill. The \$1.8 billion in military aid Israel receives appears less vulnerable at this point. The State Department and the Pentagon have agreed to recommend that Israel receive that amount in the 1990 fiscal year, U.S. and Israeli sources said.

But Capitol Hill sources noted that both components of Israel's \$3 billion annual aid package, all of which is disbursed in the form of grants rather than loans, could be cut at any step in the annual budgeting cycle.

President Reagan is due to submit his 1990 budget to Congress on Jan. 9. George Bush may elect to submit his own budget after he is sworn in as president on Jan. 20. Congress has until Oct. 1, when the fiscal year begins, to modify the White House budget and appropriate funds for the year.

In computing Israel's economic aid for 1990, U.S. officials, including Deputy Secretary of State John Whitehead, are suggesting that Israel's savings under the December 1987 foreign debt-financing law be taken into account, sources said. Under the law, Israel is expected to save an estimated \$2 billion over 20 years by converting high-interest government loans into lower-interest private loans. It saved about \$100 million over the past year, an Israeli Em-

bassy source said. Israel currently owes \$10 billion to the United States from loans received during various Arab-Israeli wars and in annual foreign aid packages before they were converted completely into grants in 1984. In recent years, Israel's annual debt payments to the United States have generally approached the level of economic aid it received from the United States. In fiscal year 1990, however, Israel would pay less in debt obligations than it would receive in economic aid, if current assistant levels were to continue, according to a Capitol Hill source.

The \$3 billion that Israel received in fiscal years 1988 and 1989 were its most favorable packages ever, constituting close to 10 percent of Israel's national budget.

Increases are considered unattainable, since under the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings deficit reduction law, Congress and the executive branch must cut \$35 billion from the anticipated 1990 U.S. budget deficit of \$135 billion. It is not clear whether President-elect Bush will submit his own budget. Like Reagan, Bush does not support tax increases, although there has been talk of various "revenue enhancement" measures.

The agreement on military aid was reached in the U.S.-Israeli Joint Security Assistance Planning Group. In a concurring agreement, Israeli Defense Minister Yitzhak Rabin agreed not to seek more than \$1.8 billion in military aid for 1990, sources said.

But U.S. and Israeli officials said the Reagan Administration is considering a 2 percent cut in military aid for the current 1989 fiscal year, which could cost Israel \$36 million. The money would be reappropriated to countries whose military aid was cut dramatically in recent years, including some that allow U.S. military bases on their territory. The administration would not need congressional approval to make such a cut.

Carlucci informed Rabin in Israel earlier this month about the possible cut. The Israeli defense minister reportedly responded that he "would not fight it."

Three of the four key members of the congressional appropriations subcommittees with jurisdiction over foreign aid reportedly are urging the administration to scrap the idea. They are Sens. Daniel Inouye (D-Hawaii) and Robert Kasten (R-Wis.), and Rep. Daid Obey (D-Wis.). "If it is blocked, it will be because of them" the source said. "If it goes through, it will be because Rabin gave (the administration) a green light."

Yosef Gal, the Israel Embassy spokesman, said he did not know what Rabin had told Carlucci, but added that "we believe and hope" that the 2 percent cut will not take place. As for fiscal year 1990, Gal said he was "pretty confident" that the current level of U.S. aid will be maintained.

Morris Amitay, a pro-Israel lobbyist and former executive director of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee, said there is "definite cause" to be concerned that foreign aid to Israel will be reduced in the coming fiscal year. In the most recent major foreign aid battle, for fiscal year 1988, Congress cut the administration's total foreign aid request from \$19.5 billion to \$16.2 billion, although it maintained the \$3 billion in aid to Israel.

Feminists Harrassed At Western Wall

By CATHRINE GERSON
JERUSALEM (JTA) — About 100 Diaspora Jewish women, many of them Americans, were called "pigs" and otherwise harassed by religious extremists when they held a prayer service early this month at the Western Wall in Jerusalem's Old City.

The worshippers, who were among 500 women from 25 countries attending the first International Conference on the Empowerment of Jewish Women, were insulted and cursed by ultra-Orthodox men and women who pray regularly at the holy site.

A Reform rabbi from Toronto, Debra Brin, conducted the service, which marked the final day of the conference.

As the feminists, many wearing *kipot* and *talleisim*, prayed and read from the Torah, black-garbed men shouted and pounded on the wooden barricades that separate male and female worshippers at the Wall.

Said one Jew, "The spec-

tacle of a woman carrying the Torah is as scandalous as bringing pigs to the *Kotel*." (*Kotel* is the Hebrew term used for the Western Wall.)

An elderly Orthodox woman pushed and shoved the foreign women, screaming that they were desecrating the Torah. "Disgraceful," snorted Rabbi Yehuda Getz, the functionary in charge of the Western Wall, referring to the foreign women. Getz promised to report the "outrage" of women carrying the Torah to Religious Affairs Minister Zevulun Hammer.

He conceded to reporters that the prayer session did not itself violate *Halachah* (religious law). But the Wall, he said, "is a holy place, not a place for demonstrations."

Author Blu Greenberg, New York, said it was "unfortunate that something like this turns their world upside down. They should realize that prayer isn't only for men. It would be nice if they could accept reality." Greenberg is Orthodox.

U.S. Arab Women Barred From Israel

TEV AVIV (JTA) — Two Arab American women arriving at Ben-Gurion Airport on December 8 were detained by police and sent back to the United States, after a gross anti-Semitic outburst.

The women began to hurl insults when an Arab man accompanying them was found to

be on a list of people barred from entering Israel.

One of the women was quoted as saying "It's a pity Hitler didn't totally destroy the Jewish people." The two women and the man were denied entry into Israel and sent back to their points of origin. Their identities were not disclosed.

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The Plenum program is already taking shape and several speakers have been confirmed. Senator Bob Packwood and Congressman Lee Hamilton will address the Sunday night general session on the new Administration and U.S. Foreign Policy in the Middle East.

The Plenum is the highest policy-making body of the NJCRAC. In carrying out that role, many Jewish community leaders have noted over the years that the quality of the debate on the propositions is one of the most outstanding deliberative processes in the American Jewish community.

Thus, what makes these sessions and the Plenum as a whole a huge success are the delegates themselves. They are the stars of the NJCRAC Plenary Session. The J.C.R.C. would like to urge you to become one of the stars at the Washington Plenum in February.

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Hanukkah Menorah Vandalized

By PAULA BERENGUT

A four-foot-high Hanukkah menorah which was attached to the roof of the car belonging to the Director of Chabad-Lubavitch of Delaware was vandalized early on the morning of December 10. The car was parked at Chabad House on Lehigh Road in Newark which is near the campus of the University of Delaware, according to Rabbi Chuni Vogel. He said it was students who first noticed the destroyed menorah and reported it to him. Vogel called the vandalism a "blatantly anti-Semitic incident."

"We were here for the weekend to celebrate Hanukkah with the Jewish students and during the night the menorah was broken down, smashed and a hole was torn in the roof of the car," he said.

Vogel called this "an explicit attack." He added that the incident, which took place on the eighth and final night of Hanukkah, "is a terrible shame. Hanukkah is the holiday of freedom from religious intolerance and here we are witnessing an act of blatant religious intolerance."

Newark police took a report for the record.

In recent months, a series of seemingly minor anti-Jewish incidents have occurred in off-campus housing in the vicinity of the University of Delaware. The Jewish Federation reports that it has received calls regarding the distribution of leaflets published by a "White Supremacy" group in areas surrounding the University as well as in University parking lots. According to Vogel, there have also been incidents of mezuzahs being ripped, from the door posts of Jewish students.

"It's very unfortunate but nevertheless we must keep going," said Vogel. "Unfortunately," he added, "it is very often an act of anti-semitism that sparks our Jewish pride. When a Jew gets picked on for his affiliation with his religion and suffers for it, he sometimes wonders what it is he is suffering for."

In a statement to the Voice, Jack Blumenfeld, JCRC chairperson, deplored the desecration of Rabbi Vogel's menorah and indicated that the JCRC would look into the matter with the proper University and municipal officials.

Gratz Students Respond To Kristallnacht

Echoes Of A Scarred Past

By RACHELLE KAHN

The night unlike any other
not black but a fiery red,
bright infernos in the sky
Temples suffered this distressing
color
in stores' and homes' windows
shattered in harmony with the
crackling blaze.
The night unlike any other
not silent but filled with
anguish
Never abandon the memories
that remain in
innocent minds
That night was filled
with hatred. A night
of crystal destruction
that left a shard of glass deep
in every Jew's
seared heart.
It was a night no one will ever
forget.

Never Forget

By STACY SHORE & RACHEL DEITCH

Never forget the shattered homes
Never forget the burning bones
Never forget the dying moans.
Never forget.

Never forget the shame we felt.
Never forget with whom we dealt.
Never forget the stench, the smell.
Never forget.

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Never forget the prison bars.
Never forget the eternal scars.
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Never forget the chambers of gas.
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An Envisioned Board Game

By JOE SIMON & BRUCE SELTZER

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- go to a concentration camp
- go to the "showers"

Motion Against JNF Denied

By YITZHAK RABI

NEW YORK (JTA) — A New York Supreme Court judge has denied a motion for a restraining order against the Jewish National Fund of America, according to Stuart Paskow, JNF director of communications and information.

Judge Shirley Fingerhood rejected a request by four plaintiffs in the case, who charged that they and other American Jews who have contributed money to the JNF were misled to believe that the JNF allocates funds also to the territories captured by Israel in 1967. The four plaintiffs — Jay

Marcus, William Goldman, Morris Stillman and Martin Gallin — brought a class action suit seeking to restrain JNF from expending the money they contributed to the agency.

They claim that the money totals thousands of dollars, but JNF argues that its records

show they only contributed \$400. The plaintiffs are supporters of the right-wing Tehiya part in Israel, which considers the territories part of the biblical land of Israel.

Paskow said that lawyers for the JNF will now move to dismiss the entire suit.

Women Refuseniks Stage Hunger Strike

NEW YORK (JTA) — Women refuseniks in four Soviet cities staged a one-day hunger strike on November 28 in solidarity with Jewish activist Viacheslav (Slava) Ouspensky, 19, and his

parents, Igor and Inna Ouspensky, the National Conference on Soviet Jewry reported. They have been refuseniks for nine years.

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Jewish Ex-Refugees Return To Visit German Hometowns

By DAVID KANTOR

BONN (JTA) — Jews from all over the world who fled Nazi persecution in Germany a half century ago are returning for visits to their old home towns, often as guests of the local municipalities.

They come in groups, whether out of nostalgia or curiosity, and are warmly welcomed by the authorities who are ever conscious of West Germany's image.

That image was recently overshadowed by an ugly manifestation of anti-Semitism that infuriated a group of 16 Jewish guests. The group was staying in Wesel, in northern

Germany, and went to visit the neighboring town of Xanten. There they found, on the walls of the regional museum and two schools, banners with the legends, "This way to the gas chambers" and "Auschwitz was too small."

The visitors were prepared to leave Germany immediately. Mayor Heinz Trauten of Xanten and another town official, Alfred Helters, begged them to stay. Both urged their guests not to think the graffiti reflected local feelings. But the Jews canceled a reception in Xanten and returned to Wesel. There, Mayor Volker Haubitz offered an apology. He said the

incident jeopardized what was meant to be a gesture of understanding and reconciliation.

Elsewhere, the homecomings have gone off without incident. About 570 Jewish guests from as far away as Australia, Israel and California visited Karlsruhe in October. In November, 300 more came and were greeted by Mayor Gerhard Seiler. He said the idea was to re-establish contacts between people who may not have seen each other since they fled Germany.

The weeklong program includes sightseeing, cultural events and visits to Jewish

cemeteries.

About 200 Jewish visitors attended the inauguration of the new synagogue in Darmstadt. Another 17 Jews, former citizens of Muelheim-Ruhr,

spent a week there. The town of Hamm also invited former Jewish residents after tracing them to Argentina, South Africa and other distant countries.

AJWS Sends Surgeons To Colombia

On November 26, a team of plastic surgeons arrived in Bogota, Colombia, to operate on children suffering from congenital defects, burns, and accidents. The team was sent by American Jewish World Service, the international relief and development organization of the American Jewish community which assists people in the developing world regardless of religious or ethnic background.

Dr. John Grossman, plastic and reconstructive surgeon at the Rhode Island Hospital and Assistant Professor at Brown University, is leading the team of four which will perform approximately 70 operations in a one-week period. The patients are primarily children from the Bogota area who are otherwise unable to receive the specific

type of surgical attention needed.

In cooperation with AJWS, the Colombian Jewish community has selected a hospital in Bogota and has financed the transformation of an existing ward into a clinic to accommodate the medical team. AJWS and the Colombian Jewish community worked together in the past, assisting victims of a volcanic eruption in November 1985, which destroyed the city of Armero, killing 20,000 people and leaving thousands homeless.

In addition to his surgical duties, Dr. Grossman will deliver lectures to physicians, students and health practitioners. The AJWS surgical team will return to Bogota every six months to perform additional operations and provide follow-up treatment.

Soviets Praise Israel's Handling Of Hijackers

Tel Aviv (JTA) — A bizarre hostage-taking incident in the Soviet Union that ended at Tel Aviv's Ben-Gurion Airport on December 9 won Israel a warm official embrace from the Kremlin.

Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze issued a statement commending the Israeli government for handling this "barbaric deed" in a "noble and humanitarian way."

Shevardnadze said it set an example for intergovernmental relations all over the world. The statement was televised in Moscow and reported by Tass, the official Soviet news agency.

The hijackers, suspicious that the Aeroflot T-154 aircraft landed in Syria, reportedly asked to see "something with a Star of David on it." A nearby

Magen David Adom ambulance on standby alert allayed the hijackers' fears.

The men surrendered and all were deported to the USSR to face trial.



Israeli Defense Minister, Yitzhak Rabin (left), talks to two unidentified Russian hijackers (right) in a van at Ben Gurion International Airport on December 2. These hijackers and three other Russians arrived in a Soviet plane and surrendered peacefully minutes after landing. (Photo credit: RNS)

Soviets Put End To Jamming Israeli Radio Broadcasts

By HUGH ORGEL
TEL AVIV (JTA) — The Soviet Union has stopped jamming radio broadcasts from Israel. Israel Radio confirmed this fact in a telephone interview with long-time refusenik Yuli Kosharovsky, who has been denied an exit visa since

1971 because he had knowledge of "state secrets."

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For Better Or For Worse; In Sickness And In Health

By RUTH KERBEL

One would think that the longer a couple is married, the stronger and more solid their marriage would become. They've had the opportunity and time to work out the rough spots. Hopefully, the children are grown and have left the home, and the couple now has the time to enjoy the retirement of "golden" years.

Over the last century, the average number of years a couple lives together after their children leave home has increased greatly. The lengthening of this post-childrearing period is due to: 1. More people living to older ages; 2. The number of children per family has decreased; and 3. Children are born closer together instead of being spread through a woman's fertile years. For some, this time together causes the marriage to break up, and for others it becomes a second honeymoon.

Marriage, our early sages taught, provides the ideal form of intimacy between human beings, a sense of completion and fulfillment for husband and wife. "A man who does not have a wife," they said, "lives without joy, without blessing and without goodness." Some added, "without peace." And, for the sake of completion and companionship, the rabbis urged people to marry even when they were old or incapable of bearing children.

This affirmative view of marriage means that spouses are encouraged to make every effort to keep their unions intact — the extent of that effort is il-



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lustrated by a talmudic legend about a couple on the verge of divorce because their marriage had been barren. As a final gift, the husband told his wife to choose the thing she considered most precious and take it with her as she returned to her parents' home. After the husband fell asleep, the wife had her servants carry him to the home of her parents. When he awoke, wondering where he was, she pointed out that "he" was the most precious thing in the world to her, the only thing she really wanted. With that, the two were reunited. The devotion of this wife parallels the commitment long-married couples speak of again and again. They are committed not only to each other, but to marriage itself.

One key finding about happy marriages is that they tend to be characterized by a much greater equality between the partners than is true of unhap-

py older couples. While most older couples are happily married, a few feel that their husbands or wives are the cause of all their troubles. Religious orthodoxy has kept many couples together as has social pressure in the divorce has kept people together for years under a more or less armed truce. What is particularly disturbing is that many of these unhappy older people simply cannot cope with the increased demands that illness generates for the old. When both husband and wife become feeble, each does what he can in an almost symbiotic manner. Research by Troll, Miller and Atchley suggests that three themes dominate the general interactions of old couples: decrease in passion, increase in conventionality, and concern with health.

Robert Butler states that care during illness, household management, and emotional gratification are three expectations found in older marriages. The older couple married for many years will find they have a different marriage in old age than they had in middle or early life. Each of them has been changing and experiencing life individually, as well as together. They may have grown more different or more alike. Conflicts between them can intensify or dissipate with either greater tolerance, or more rigid expectations of each other.

When one partner has the caregiver responsibility, with little outside help, anger and depression may occur, and illness can drain the physical, emotional, and financial capacities of the caretaker spouse. Women who were brought up in a male-dominant, female-subordinate culture often find themselves assuming a more responsible and active role than formerly, shifting the pattern of dominance. This is why mutuality and equality (in sex roles and age of marriage) throughout life might be a better pattern and carry over to a more consistently mutual

relationship in old age.

Couples who reach old age have usually adapted to each other in a way that each finds supportive, or at least more acceptable than the unknown. Children and grandchildren serve as a strong bond between the partners. And, when so many other losses are occurring naturally, marriage may be one of the more familiar and

comfortable patterns remaining.

Remember that the Staff of Jewish Family Service is here to help you through the rough spots in your marriages at whatever age, but through counseling and resource connection, we may be able to alleviate the problems occurring in marriages of long standing. Call 478-9411.

Dear Rachel,

We're a successful couple who has not yet been able to have children. We would love a family, and we are undergoing medical diagnosis now.

How do we respond to all the people around us who ask us if we have kids? When I tell them we're trying, but have not been successful, I only receive advice: "Relax." "You just need a good dinner and some wine." "Romance a little." Or there is the other even more common response: "Our kids have almost ruined our marriage - be thankful." "Want to adopt our kids? Please!" "Just think, you don't have to worry about college educations." "Just think, you don't have to pay for a Bat/Bar Mitzvah. It cost us a bundle."

I have yet to come up with a gracious response - especially one that does not solicit further commentary. Have any ideas, Rachel?

Mother Wanna Be

Dear Mother Wanna Be,

Small talk is just that - small. Although the issue of infertility looms large for you, most acquaintances who ask about children are just chatting. The topic of temporary or permanent childlessness can be headed off at the pass. For instance: "No, we don't have children yet. Do you?" Or, change the topic after a simple "No." Avoid explanations, excuses, and extended discussion.

Dear Readers: Have some compassion for the one in five Jewish couples who have a fertility problem.

Well intentioned bubbamaisis (grandmothers' tales and remedies) or pseudo-consolation about the difficulties of childrearing can undermine what little peace of mind the couple has achieved. The extended ordeal of infertility diagnosis and treatment can test anyone's strength.

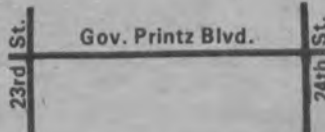
Therefore, couples should reach out for the support of sympathetic relatives and friends, with genuine help from friends and competent infertility doctors, your problem can be resolved so that you need not live permanently in limbo.

Rachel

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Soviets Remove 'Secrecy' Ban On Large Number Of Refuseniks

By SUSAN BIRNBAUM
NEW YORK (JTA) — Officials in Moscow removed an important obstacle to the immigration of Soviet Jews, less than a week before Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev's arrival in New York on December 7. Soviet officials informed a large group of long-term refuseniks, many of them well known, that their purported knowledge of "state secrets" would no longer be used as grounds for barring their emigration.

As many as 120 refuseniks may be affected by the move, according to the Union of Councils for Soviet Jews and the National Conference on Soviet Jewry.

News of the development came amid reports that Jewish emigration continued its steady rise last month. The National Conference reported that 2,334 Jews were permitted to emigrate in November, 179 of whom went to Israel. Some 15,640 Jews have been allowed to emigrate so far this year, compared to 8,155 last year and a mere 914 the year before.

Knowledge of "state secrets" has long been used by Soviet authorities as a reason for barring the emigration of people who are presently or were previously working in jobs deemed to entail classified work. The secrecy designation is also applied to people who have served in the military forces.

Soviet government officials have frequently said they were working on resolving this hotly contested issue, in conversa-

tions with Jewish leaders and activists, interviews with Western journalists and exchanges with members of the American government. Soviet leaders have sometimes maintained that the secrecy designation can be applied no longer than 10 years after a person leaves a job so classified. The reality is that the status is often extended for a far greater duration.

Lifting of the secrecy designation does not guarantee permission to emigrate, but does clear a sizable obstacle in that path.

Lynn Singer, executive director of the Long Island Commit-

tee for Soviet Jewry and past president of the Union of councils, said an authority at the OVIR emigration bureau in Moscow reported that 120 refuseniks were on a list either as having their secrecy designation lifted or as being permitted to emigrate. The OVIR authority gave the information to Esfir Orlov, wife of one person whose secrecy status was lifted, Boris Orlov.

Singer received her information by phone from refuseniks, who were notified by Soviet authorities. Reports also were received by activists in Boston and Chicago.

On top of the list of those

whose secrecy was lifted are Moscow refuseniks Yuli Kosharovsky, who has been waiting 17 years to emigrate; Vladimir Kislik, 15 years; Leonid Shabashov, 14 years; Boris Strelchik, 14 years; Yuri Cherniak, 12 years; and Boris Orlov, 11 years.

Shoshana Cardin, newly elected chairwoman of the National Conference, welcomed the news, but said "it appears necessary to remind General Secretary Gorbachev" of refuseniks still designated as possessing state secrets. She mentioned Evgeny Lein of Leningrad, and Inna and Igor Ouspensky of Moscow, as well

as "others who appeal in vain to the authorities."

In Washington, Secretary of State George Shultz praised the Soviet Union for making major progress on human rights in recent years. "The progress they have made is quite substantial," Shultz told foreign viewers on the U.S. Information Agency's "Worldnet" program. "Still, there are political prisoners. Still, there are people being refused permission to emigrate," he added.

"We think it ought to be possible for people to travel to emigrate, and travel back and forth to their country as they choose," he said.

Unofficial Hungarian Trade Group Visits Israel

By HUGH ORGEL

TEL AVIV (JTA) — A large Hungarian trade delegation was in Israel late last month to promote commercial ties between the two countries, which have no diplomatic relations. The 150-member group includes business leaders and officials of the Hungarian Finance Ministry and Hungarian Chamber of Commerce.

The delegation arrived in two chartered Soviet-made

Tupolov jets owned by Malev, the Hungarian national airline. The flight was a preview of the regular air service scheduled to begin, most likely in April between Budapest and Tel Aviv. It will be provided jointly by Malev and El Al, Israel's national air carrier. The service will be inaugurated after agreement is reached between the two governments on security arrangements for Israeli planes demanded by El Al.

The Hungarian visitors were the guests one morning of the

Israel Industrialists Association and visited the Tel Aviv Diamond Exchange. Finished diamonds are one of Israel's major exports. Commerce and Industry Minister Ariel Sharon has hinted he would like to see Israel purchase rough diamonds from the Soviet Union to avoid dependence on the London-based De Beers sales organization, which has a monopoly on diamonds from South Africa.

Hungary could serve as an intermediary for the import of

rough stones from the Soviet Union. Israel currently has neither diplomatic nor official trade relations with the USSR.

The delegation leaders stressed that their visit was unofficial. They observed, however, that improved trade relations would inevitably lead to "other relations." There is, in fact, an unofficial flow of trade between Israel and Hungary, amounting to some \$20 million a year. The delegation hopes to raise the level of exchange and make it official.

Thousands Protest Army Exemptions For Yeshiva Students

By HUGH ORGEL

TEL AVIV (JTA)—High-ranking reserve officers in the Israel Defense Force and disabled war veterans addressed a mass rally here on November 30 protesting the exemption of yeshiva students from compulsory military service. The thrust of their speeches was that anyone claiming benefits from a democratic society must fulfill its obligations.

The rally drew between 25,000 and 30,000 Israelis, according to Mayor Shlomo Lehat of Tel Aviv, an IDF reserve general and a rally organizer. Others estimated the crowd at 19,000 to 20,000, approximately the number of yeshiva students currently exempted from the draft.

One hundred and fifty IDF reservists, ranging from lieutenant colonels to major generals, signed full-page newspaper ads announcing the rally. Former Lt. Gen. Rafael Eitan, a former IDF chief of staff and leader of the right-wing Tsomet party, head-

ed the list of signers.

Exemptions for yeshiva students have divided Israelis since the state was founded in 1948. In arrangements worked out with the religious parties, then-Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion agreed to excuse 400 yeshiva students from military duty. But the numbers excused have increased from year to year, and public resentment is mounting.

Last week, 38 high-ranking reservists visited Shamir. They asked him not to establish a government with parties that support exemptions.

Speakers at the rally urged that rabbis who bypassed military service through yeshiva studies not become ministers in a government that might have to decide questions of war and peace.

An IDF veteran who lost an arm in combat told the crowd that he volunteered for reserve duty despite his disability. "If I can do my duty and serve with one arm, yeshiva students can certainly serve," he said.

Hefer, an initiator of the rally, offered statistics:

"In 1970, during the Suez Canal war of attrition 5,877 yeshiva students were exempted; 305 agreed to serve a short, three-month training period, after their studies.

"In 1973 [the Yom Kippur War], 6,480 were exempted; 383 served. In 1982 [the Lebanon war], 12,596 were exempted; 402 served. In 1986, 17,017 were exempted; 244 did a short basic-training period before reserve duty.

"And today there are more than 19,000 yeshiva students exempted. That is why I have

come here," Hefer declared.

The yeshiva students also got a chance to explain their point of view.

On the day of the rally, Israel Radio interviewed four yeshiva students. They maintained that "over 18 hours a day studying the Talmud, Gemara and other religious tracts is more important to the defense and security of the Jewish state than any army of arms-bearing soldier."

They also insisted their rigorous studies were "much harder" than military service.



More than 10,000 Israelis gathered in the main square of Tel Aviv to protest the military exemptions of religious Jews from the mandatory three-year service. (Photo credit: RNS)

New Senate Majority Leader Considered Friend Of Israel

By DAVID FRIEDMAN
WASHINGTON (JTA) — Sen. George Mitchell (D-Maine), who is considered a strong supporter of Israel, was elected Senate majority leader on November 29. The 55 Democrats in the new Senate, which takes office in January, gave Mitchell a unanimous vote on the second ballot. He won 28 votes, one short of a majority, on the first ballot of the three-way race.

Pro-Israel supporters saw the election as a no-lose proposition, since the other con-

tenders were Sen. Daniel Inouye of Hawaii, one of the Senate's leading advocates of Israel, and Sen. J. Bennett Johnston of Louisiana, who also has a pro-Israel record.

Mitchell, who is of Lebanese descent, has supported aid to Israel, as well as foreign aid in general. He has opposed arms sales to the Arab countries, signing many of the congressional letters to the Reagan administration against such sales. He has also taken a tough stand against chemical warfare, urging both the United Nations

and the Reagan administration to take steps against Iraq for the use of chemical weapons.

Senate Republicans re-elected Sen. Robert Dole of Kansas, another leading supporter of Israel, as the minority leader.

Mitchell, 55, succeeds Sen. Robert Byrd (D-W.Va.), who stepped down after 12 years in the post. He has been in the Senate since 1980, when he was appointed to replace Sen. Edmund Muskie, who had resigned to become President Carter's secretary of state.

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Federation Campaign Forms Brandeis Society

By PAULA BERENGUT

The Jewish Federation of Delaware has announced that it has established the Brandeis Society for Jewish attorneys in the state of Delaware. The purpose of the society, according to Stephen E. Herrmann, President of the Federation, is not fundraising but, rather, involvement in issues of concern to the Jewish community.

The group was designated the "Brandeis Society" because not only was Louis D. Brandeis the first Jew appointed to the U.S. Supreme Court but he was also an advocate for equality and justice under the law and an ardent Zionist. Brandeis strongly believed that there was no incompatibility in seeing a need for a Jewish state and being a loyal American citizen.

"Similar societies have been extremely popular and successful throughout the United States," according to Herrmann. "In some communities, the number of professionals volunteering for their Jewish communities has doubled, if not tripled."

Co-chairmen of the Brandeis Society are David A. Drexler and Louis J. Finger. Drexler is a senior partner in the law firm of Morris, Nichols, Arsht and Tunnell. He has served as president of the Milton and Hattie Kutz Home. Finger is a senior partner in the law firm of Richards, Layton and Finger. He is a past chairperson of the Jewish Community Relations Committee and was the first

Delaware president of the ACLU.

"It is our goal that the society will quickly grow into a prominent force of great benefit for the Delaware Jewish community, serving as a strong voice and forum when issues touch or need response from the Jewish legal profession," said Herrmann. The society, he added, will also serve as a strong social and networking vehicle for Jewish lawyers.

There are four goals of the society as stated by the Jewish Federation. The first is to encourage significant participation in Jewish community affairs through involvement in the Community Relations Planning and Human Resource Development Committees. Another is to foster a better sense of common purpose and commitment in working for the betterment of Jews everywhere. The third goal is the mobilization of the legal community to serve as resources and advocates to the Jewish and general community to pursue justice and equality for all. And finally, to provide a strong legal voice, unity and visibility among Jewish attorneys when necessary to be advocates for social justice issues.

It is expected that the Brandeis society will meet three or four times throughout the year. The first gathering took place at the Jewish Community Center on Sunday, December 11, when Israeli attorney and journalist Tommy Lapid addressed 30 attorneys.



"Justice, Justice Shall You Pursue"
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At that meeting, Finger discussed the role of Justice Brandeis and the example he set for the legal professional and the judicial system. Drexler stated that 25 years ago, when he relocated to Delaware, "there were few Jewish attorneys — they were a beleaguered minority — and

they all knew each other." Now, he explained, there are 200 Jewish attorneys out of a total 1,700 in the state. "We no longer work together for common causes... we don't even know one another. And we have a role to play, not only in the improvement of the general society, but in the Jewish community."

Lapid told the group that in America, "the Jewish community is concerned with the separation of church and state. In Israel," he said, "there is no such separation — Israel is a Jewish state. There are two public school systems; one

religious and one secular. And there are rules governing the Sabbath." He added, parenthetically, that in America such rules still exist in a number of states. His point was that even in America's so-called secular society, religious principles invade the law.

On the "Who is a Jew" issue now at the top of the agenda in the formation of a government in Israel, Lapid stated, "For the first time, American Jews are taking a powerful role in Israeli political life in unprecedented proportions." Both major parties, he said, are aware of American Jewish concerns.

Nancy Kauffman Named 1989 Women's Division Chairperson

Nancy Kauffman has been appointed chairwoman of the 1989 Women's Division Federation Campaign. In announcing the appointment, Richard A. Levine, general campaign chairperson, noted that, "Nancy's commitment to the Jewish people and to the concept of *tzedakah* will lead the way for another successful women's campaign."

The 1988 Women's Campaign, under the leadership of Ruth E. Weinstein, raised over \$210,000 which was a 16 percent increase over the previous year. "With pressing needs on local Jewish agencies, and overseas commitments, this

year's Women's Campaign goal must be set higher," Kauffman said.

"For all of us," she said, "the bottom line should be people in need. What counts is our brothers and sisters in need — here in Delaware and throughout the world. The dollars we raise show how much we care. I'm proud of the role of Women's Division and honored to chair the campaign."

The new campaign chairwoman is associated with her husband, Robert, in the family's furniture business. She has served in many campaign roles, the most recent being

chairwoman of the Pacesetter's Division in the 1987 campaign. She has served on the board of the Women's Division, the Albert Einstein Academy, and the National Museum of American Jewish History and has been actively involved in fund raising efforts on behalf of the Jewish National Fund and Israel Bonds.

"I'm also proud of my three daughters who have already demonstrated their deep commitment to the future of the Jewish community," Kauffman said. "Bob and I have no greater reward than to see our values passed on to the next generation."

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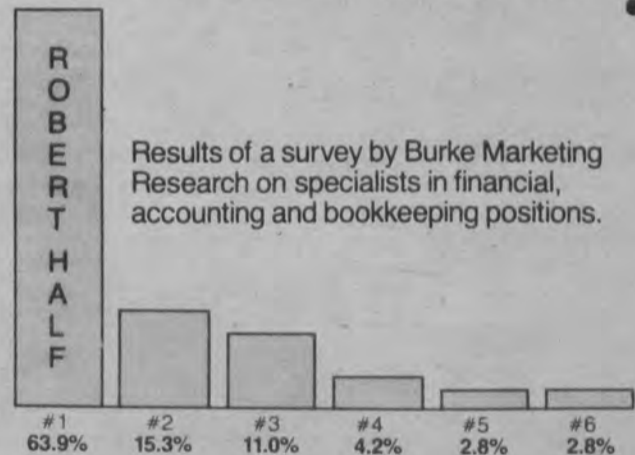


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Jewish Community Center



JCC Scholarship Fund Drive Announced

The Jewish Community Center provides fee adjustments for those who need its services, but cannot afford them. These adjustments are paid for through scholarship funds. Phyllis Aerenson, Scholarship Fund Co-Chairperson explained the current need for a fund drive, "The Scholarship Fund is in desperate need of replenishment, so that the Center may continue to serve families in need."

Moises Paz, Assistant Executive Director of the JCC said, "No one is ever turned away from the Center, so we are turning to the community to help us continue the tradition of help and caring". Paz also explained that scholarship funds help all age groups who need the Center's services. Single mothers and all working families are served by JCC Day Care and Extended Day Care, so that they may work with the peace of mind that their children are being cared for in "a warm, stimulating environment." Senior adults enjoy the Center's activities as well as a daily lunch program, Paz said, that could very possibly be their only nutritious meal of the day. Teens are also served by the Center with a myriad of programs.

These services are necessities to families in financial crises. The Scholarship Fund allows those in need to use the Center as they put their lives back together. Paz stressed the need to rebuild the scholarship fund and commented that the community will be receiving information in the mail regarding this very important drive. "We've always been able to count on the Delaware community to assist those in need. It is my hope that the tradition of giving will continue", he said.

Call the Jewish Community Center at 478-5660 for more information regarding the Scholarship Fund Drive.

REMINDER SPECIAL CENTER HOURS

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'Chanukah Choopla' Draws 1500



The Jewish Community Center's Annual Chanukah Choopla Gift and Craft Bazaar held on Sunday, December 4, was attended by over 1,500 people. The hallways, lobby, gymnasium and auditorium were filled with members of the community as they participated in this annual event. The day's entertainment began with a musical performance by the Albert Einstein Academy, followed by a special Chanukah sing-a-long with Cynthia Oliver and Don Slovin. The student from the Le Jardin Dance Academy performed their annual dance recital and the JCC's Karate School demonstrated a variety of

board breaking exercises. Also, sharing in the excitement of the day, was the Brandywine Traveling Zoo who presented a special animal presentation especially for children. Students from the Olympiad School of Gymnastics dazzled the crowd in the gym with their flips, turns, and twists, while students from the Concord High School Players performed excerpts from their sold-out show, "Fiddler on the Roof."

Many children participated in a Gymnasium Sports Carnival with activities such as floor hockey, balloon shaving, candle shooting and "moonwalking." Children's holiday programs included menorah mak-

ing, pinata breaking and face painting. The Delaware State Crime Prevention Unit also provided a special finger printing and identification booth for the younger members of the community.

Moises Paz, Assistant Executive Director of the JCC said "We were thrilled with the number of people who attended Choopla, it was a great day for the community and a wonderful way to celebrate the Chanukkah season."

A special candle lighting service, conducted by Matt Meyer, President of BBYO and his sister, Allison, was the final event of the Chanukah Choopla.

Shabbat Challahs

As a service to the JCC membership, the Child and Family Division offers Shabbat Challahs for sale every Friday from 11:15 to 11:45 a.m. The cost is \$2 each and order blanks may be obtained at the Child and Family Division Business Office or at the JCC Front Desk.

Tu B'Shvat Shabbaton

A special Tu B'Shvat program has been planned for the community's fifth and sixth graders on Saturday, January 21 beginning at 2:30 p.m. This program, sponsored by the JCC Child and Family Division, Albert Einstein Academy and the community's religious schools will include ice-breakers, Tu B'Shvat activities, a havdallah service and special team games. Dinner prepared by the participants will be served at 6 p.m. members from BBYO have volunteered their time to assist with this program.

For additional information, contact your child's religious school principal or call the JCC's Child and Family Division at 478-5660.

Porcelains

Robert A. Hentschel from the Academy of Lifelong Learning will be at the JCC on Wednesday, January 18, at 1 p.m., to speak on the topic "1000 Years of Chinese porcelains". The Chinese discovered the secret of making porcelain in the year 700. Over the centuries, they have produced some of the finest porcelains ever made. Hentschel will present a slide show with a running commentary demonstrating the scope of the Chinese achievements. This program is open to the community and free of charge.

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The instructor for this class is Bonnie Castagna, Director of the Le Jardin Dance Academy. The 12 week adult ballet class will be held on Wednesdays from 7:45 to 8:45 p.m. and is scheduled to begin on January 4. The fee for members is \$60. For more information or to register, call the Health and Fitness Control Desk at 478-5660.

Tu B'Shvat Seder

The JCC Senior Center will participate in a special Tu B'Shvat Seder on Friday, January 20, at 12:45 p.m. Readings from the Tu B'Shvat Haggadah and lots of "nature's goodies" will be served, following the daily lunch program. This holiday signifies the birth of the trees and is a tribute to nature for the bountiful fruits and nuts they have provided. Members of the Senior Center are encouraged to plant a tree in Israel at this time. This program is open to members of the community, free of charge.

For additional information regarding the Tu B'Shvat Seder, contact Ray Freschman, Senior Center Coordinator at 478-5660.

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An Israeli Perspective



Carl Alpert

Who Did The Arabs Vote For?

HAIFA — It is not too late to give some attention to the remarkable phenomenon of the Arab vote in the recent elections.

If the Arab citizens of Israel were to make full and planned use of their electoral strength, they would be able to send 13 or 14 members to the Knesset, constituting a bloc no less important than that of the Jewish religious parties in the negotiations for setting up a coalition to form the government. However, the Arabs are split among themselves more fiercely than the Jewish parties.

It might have been expected that in an atmosphere of Arab nationalism intensified by the intifada, the Arab citizen would cast his vote for parties which reflect extreme views, though still technically acceptable within the framework of Israel democracy. As a matter of fact there was indeed a small swing toward such Arab parties. Whereas in the last election in 1984, only 49 percent of the Arabs voted for what might be called pro-Arab parties, this time the vote went up to 59 percent. Thus the new Knesset will contain seven members representing these parties against six last time. They are, five from the Democratic Front for Peace and Equality (a fancy name for the Communists); two from the Progressive List for Peace; one from the Arab Democratic Party, a one-man slate headed by Abdel Wahab Derousha, formerly a Knesset member of the Labor Party.

We must hasten to point out that the first two parties named include Jews as well. The pro-Arab platforms undoubtedly

drew the support of many Jewish voters as well, especially those inclined to the extreme left.

All of this pertains only to Arab citizens within the State of Israel. Arabs in the occupied territories are not citizens and did not vote.

What happened to all the other Arab votes? Very simply, they were cast in favor of Jewish Zionist parties. Perusal of the polling results in Arab towns and villages reveals that the larger Zionist parties received surprising support, with a smattering of votes for even the smallest of the Jewish slates. The National Religious Party got about 8,000 Arab votes nationally, and it is estimated that in all, concentrated Arab support was responsible for electing at least six Zionist candidates on the major lists.

The village of Faradise, not too far from Haifa, on the coastal road, offers an impressive case study. In all, 1791 votes were cast there, with the following results: Derousha's Arab Democratic Party, 834; Likud, 253 (!); Labor, 178; National Religious, 153; the Communists, 79; Mapam, 67; Citizens' Rights, 62; Progressive List, 23. The remainder were scattered.

One can perhaps understand why leftist-inclined Jews would vote for an Arab party, but why should Arabs vote for a Zionist party? For one thing, it should be noted that about 80 percent of the Druze votes went to Jewish parties. As for the others, their support of Zionist blocs may be ascribed to a variety of reasons.

A great many of the Arab citizens of Israel are realists and pragmatists. Whatever may happen to the occupied territories, and irrespective of their own views in the matter, they have come to the conclusion that their own destiny is irrevocably bound up with that of the State of Israel. As a minority within the State, it is to their advantage to curry favor with the government and demonstrate their loyalty and support. When the ballots are counted, they want it to be seen that their village expressed support for the party which, in their opinion, would run the government. Hence the strong vote for Likud and Labor.

Another vital factor is the social composition of the Arab community. Despite some erosion, it is still highly traditional, and the religious-spiritual-moral influences, without any nationalist sentiment, are still strong. These families find more in common with the religious principles of the National Religious Party than with the Arab Communists or the nationalist slogans on either side. The NRP is aware of this reservoir of support, and in each election has campaigned vigorously among the Arabs.

There is perhaps a cynical factor as well. For years, it was the National Religious Party which held the portfolio of the Ministry of the Interior, which is responsible for all kinds of regulations, licenses and permits affecting the daily life of the citizenry. The Arabs have learned to be deferential to those who are in a position to hand out favors.

In retrospect, it should be

noted that the Arabs were able to show real electoral strength only in the early years of the state. The Second Knesset, elected in 1951, contained 10 representatives of the pro-Arab parties, and the Third Knesset, elected in 1955, had 11, yet we

must not forget that these included Jews as well.

The most prominent of these Jews in the present Knesset are Meir Wilner and Charlie Biton of the Communists, and Mati Peled, of the Progressive List for Peace.

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Israeli/U.S. Pact Suspected

WASHINGTON (JTA)— Secretary of State George Shultz last week denied any knowledge of a secret agreement the United States and Israel allegedly made to conduct counterterrorist operations using funds from the sale of arms to Iran in 1985 and 1986. But Shultz left open the possibility that the agreement could have been concluded without his knowledge.

In Jerusalem, Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres said he knew of no such agreement.

The existence of the agreement was reported December 4 by *The Washington Post*. The paper based its story on interviews with Amiram Nir, a counterterrorism adviser to Peres who was killed November 30 in an airline crash near Mexico City, where he was traveling under an assumed name.

The *Post* said that Nir described the secret agreement during 13 hours of interviews in London on June 25 and 26. Nir said that he and Lt. Col. Oliver

North, the former National Security Council aide, supervised the operation.

North actually told the congressional committees investigating the Iran-Contra affair in 1987 of the agreement, although he said none of the counterterrorism operations that he and Nir proposed had been carried out.

Nir, a former military reporter for Israel Television, worked with North on the sale of arms to Iran as the principle middleman between the United States and Iran.

Israeli's Swiss Bank Account To Be Investigated By U.S.

By TAMAR LEVY

GENEVA (JTA) — The Swiss bank account of an Israeli arms dealer involved in the Iran-Contra scandal will be opened for inspection by U.S. investigators, a federal court in the Swiss city of Lausanne ruled December 6. The court rejected the claim by attorneys for Yaakov Nimrodi that he had been operating officially for the Israeli government and was not

involved in the Iran affair.

Nimrodi, a retired colonel in the Israel Defense Force, admitted having an account in the Swiss Credit Bank in Geneva. It was used to transfer \$1 million originating in Israel to the account of Lt. Col. Oliver North, a former aide on President Reagan's National Security Council.

Those funds are alleged to have been used to finance a

clandestine American arms shipment to Iran in 1985, when the United States officially maintained an arms embargo against Iran. Nimrodi is suspected of having been a key figure in the illicit transaction.



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Obituaries

Charles H. Cheitlin

Charles H. Cheitlin, of Miami, formerly of 40th Street, Wilmington, died on December 2. He was 88.

He is survived by his wife, Lea Cheitlin; two sons, Daniel Cheitlin of Devonshire and Morris Freschman of Graylin Crest; a daughter, Phyllis Garfinkel of Liftwood Estates; a sister, Minnie Kolnick of Miami; and 11 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

Arrangements were by Schoenberg's.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests contributions to either the Delaware Hospice or the American Cancer Society.

Alfred D. Miller

Alfred D. Miller, 58, of 2028 Floral Drive, North Graylyn Crest, died December 4 of cancer at home.

Mr. Miller, a research chemist, retired in February from ICI Americas Inc., after 31 years. He was manager of laboratory safety.

He was a member and former board member of Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Congregation, past president of the PTA of Forwood Elementary School, and was a member of Sigma Xi and Thi Lambda Pi Epsilon fraternities. He was a member of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the New York Academy of Science, the American Chemical Society of America.

He received his bachelor's degree from Syracuse University, his master's degree from Bucknell University and his doctorate from the University of Pittsburgh. He held numerous patents.

He is survived by his wife, Bobby Miller; a son, Stephen M. of Ridgewood; two daughters, Susan Kartin of Newark and Lynn Miller at home; and a sister, Florence Robzen of Kingston, Pa.

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The family suggests contributions to Delaware Hospice, Wilmington.

Jennie Borew Abramowitz

Jennie Borew Abramowitz 92, of 704 River Road, Bellefonte, died December 7 of cancer in Kutz Home.

Mrs. Abramowitz's husband Jacob, died in 1950. She is sur-

vived by a brother, Albert Hurschman of Miami; a sister, Eva Markowitz of Wilmington; and two grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

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

Louis S. Cohen

Louis S. Cohen, 83, a Wilmington lawyer for 50 years died December 13 in Tilton Terrace.

In the late 1960s, Mr. Cohen was an assistant to New Castle County Executive William J. Conner.

Mr. Cohen, of the Dorset Apartments, was associated with the law firm of Hasting, Lynch & Taylor. He retired in 1982.

He was a former officer of the Republican Party of Delaware, former City Council member, and former administrative

assistant to New Castle County Levy Court.

He was a member of Lafayette Lodge 14 AF&AM, Delaware Consistory and Nur Temple Shrine. He was a member and past president of Masonic Club of Delaware, former president of Jewish Community Center and Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Congregation, where he was co-chairman of the building fund.

He is survived by his wife, Beatrice; a son, David S. of Dallas; a daughter, Marjorie J. Kelrick of Hollywood, Fla.; a brother, Benjamin D. of Presidential Towers, Claymont; two sisters, Rita Krigstein of Tavistock and Rose Cohen of the B'nai B'rith House; and four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

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Jewish Women Twice As Prone To Develop Ovarian Cancer

NEW YORK (JTA) — Jewish women are at nearly twice the normal risk of non-Jewish women to developing ovarian cancer, according to an article published recently in Contemporary Issues in Obstetrics and Gynecology. Black women, however, have one-third fewer incidents of ovarian cancer than white women, according to the article.

Titled "Incidence, Familial patterns and Environmental Influences in Gynecologic Cancers," the article was written by Dr. Carolyn Runowicz, director of the Division of

Gynecological Oncology at Montefiore Medical Center in the Bronx.

These racial and ethnic differences may only reflect sociological, economic and childbirth variables. Specifically, women with diets high in saturated fats, with homes or jobs in city, and with few or no children are at a higher risk. "The prototype that has emerged is a well-educated, affluent white women living in an urban area, who has no children or only a single child," Runowicz said.

Single women are 14 times

more susceptible than married women, but married women who have never been pregnant are at even greater risk, suggesting infertility or subfertility may be a factor.

If a malignant tumor is detected in the early stages, the rate of cure runs between 80 and 90 percent. Runowicz suggest that all women have pelvic exams twice a year, especially women with high risk factors. For women over 40, Runowicz recommends checkups as frequently as every three months, along with a sonogram twice a year.

Israelis Lose Match In Moscow But Win Hearts Of Soviet Jews

By HUGH ORGEL

TEL AVIV (JTA) — It was a triumph in defeat and it warmed the hearts of Jews throughout the Soviet Union on a frigid Saturday. The Hapoel volleyball team from Kiryat Ata, the Israeli champions, played the Moscow Dynamos, the Soviet Cup-holders in Moscow. Hapoel was soundly beaten — 15-8, 15-3 and 15-2 — in what was the first round of the European Cup tournament.

But the contest was clearly a case where the game was more important than the victory.

The televised match was the first time in the 21 years since Moscow severed diplomatic

relations with Israel that Israeli and Russian sports teams met anywhere but in a third country. The Israelis got a tremendous reception from the crowd and the press.

Moishe Alpia, the Kiryat Ata club manager, reported in a telephone interview from Moscow that their welcome from Jews and non-Jews was "outstanding." He said that many Jewish spectators waved Israeli flags and chanted "Hapoel, Hapoel" throughout the game.

Although the Israelis lost, the only carping in Israel was from the Ultra-Orthodox parties, which complained to the mayor of Kiryat Ata that he allowed

the team to play on the Sabbath.

Hapoel will have a chance to even scores when the Muscovites come to Israel next week for a return match. Meanwhile, eyes are on Israel's championship Maccabee Tel Aviv basketball team, which is scheduled to play the CSKA Red Army sports club team in Moscow Jan. 12. A return match in Tel Aviv is scheduled for March 2.

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Naches

Jacobs

Andrew Jacobs, 12 year old son of The Honorable and Mrs. Jack B. Jacobs, has been selected as the winner (Junior High Level), of the Eastern Division, of the Music Teachers National Association - Columbia Pictures Publications Composition Contest. The Eastern Division includes all states on the Eastern seaboard from Maine to North Carolina.

Andrew's award-winning composition, "Quinary," for tenor voice and woodwind quintet, is based on the poem, "Dover Beach," by Matthew Arnold. It will be performed on January 29 at the Eastern Division Conference of the Music Teacher's National Association.

Last year Andrew's composition, "Fanfares" for brass quintet, won first place in composition competitions of the Music Teacher's National Association at both the Eastern Division and National levels.

Andrew studies composition and musicianship with Dr. Pamela Layman Quist, in Baltimore, Maryland; piano with Mr. David Brown, of Wilmington; and trumpet with Mr. Eric Perkins, of Wilmington.

Swerling

Cantor Norman Swerling of Congregation Beth Shalom was a participant in an Ecumenical service in honor of the 40th anniversary of the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights. The program was held on December 4 at St. Mary Magdalene Church.

Beth Shalom Reunion

A special service and Oneg Shabbat honoring recent graduates of Beth Shalom's Religious School will be held on Friday evening, January 6. Former and current students will have the opportunity to join each other to participate in Shabbat Services and socialize at a festive Oneg Shabbat.

December Dilemma Discussion

On December 6, Beth Emeth's Pre-Confirmation students and Confirmation students, Beth Shalom's Midrasha, Gratz Hebrew High School and Adas Kodesh's Bikkurim met for a December Dilemma Discussion. Rabbi Peter H. Grumbacher, of Beth Emeth, and Peter David Mueller, of Concordia Lutheran Church spoke to the students.

Each religious leader explained the true meaning of Hanukkah or Christmas and what commercialism and consumerism has done to the observances. Both stressed

'Ask The Rabbi'

The Sisterhood of Congregation Beth Shalom will sponsor an "Ask the Rabbi" panel discussion on Tuesday, February 7, at 11:30 a.m. Anyone planning to attend is asked to come prepared with questions written on 3 by 5 cards to be submitted to the Rabbis. The Rabbis participating will be Rabbi Peter Grumbacher of Beth Emeth, Rabbi David Kaplan of Beth El and Rabbi Kenneth Cohen of Beth Shalom.

A mini-luncheon, costing \$2.50 per person, will be served at 11:30 a.m. with the program to follow. A babysitter will be available. Reservations are requested by February 3, to Danna Levy 478-7853 or Carolyn Fuhrman 762-4684.

Singles 21-31

Singles 21-31 events for the month of January have been planned and include the following:

Friday, January 13

Singles Oneg Shabbat Service at Congregation Beth Emeth at 8 p.m.

Sunday, January 15

The Singles' first Atlantic City Gambling Extravaganza Express is a day trip to Atlantic City with a number of activities planned. For more information on this event, contact Sheryl Fried (475-5346). Reservations are required and must be made by January 5.

Tuesday, January 17

Singles Chavurah Discussion Group will discuss "Conversion to Judaism" with guest speakers who are recent converts.

Wednesday, January 25

Cocktail Party at The Waterworks Cafe, 16th and French Streets in Wilmington, from 6 to 10 p.m.

Sunday, January 29

Jewish Federation Super Sunday Phonathon. To volunteer with other singles for a few hours to help raise funds to support local Jewish agencies as well as the State of Israel, contact Super Sunday Singles Division Chairperson, Hal Lindbergh (475-4228).

For more information on the Singles 21-31 or to be added to the mailing list, call the Jewish Community Center at 478-5660.

that the home and the religious institutions should be teaching the religious aspects of the holidays. Public schools can educate students so that they understand all the different heritages we bring with us, but they are not places to observe religious holidays, according to the speakers.

The students had an opportunity to ask questions before the Hanukkah candlelighting. A Hanukkah Party with juice and sufganiyot (jelly doughnuts) followed giving the students an opportunity to visit with each other.

Local Soviet Twinning Program Leads To Meeting

Many of the B'Nai Mitzvah at Congregation Beth Shalom participate in a Twinning program with children in the Soviet Union who are denied this rite of passage. Students begin to write letters to their "twins" approximately six months before their Bar/Bat Mitzvah day. Most times, there is no indication that these letters are received.

However, on September 8, Neil Warshafsky, a student currently in the Midrasha Department of Beth Shalom, received a call from Lev Shapiro, the father of Israel Shapiro, Neil's Bar Mitzvah twin. He and Brian Schneider, who was also twinned with Israel Shapiro were invited to come to Adath Israel in Merion Station, Pennsylvania to attend a Soviet Jewry meeting where Mr. Shapiro would be the guest speaker.

Neil's parents, Phyllis and Jordan Warshafsky, and



Adam Warshafsky, Lev Shapiro and Brian Schneider are joined by Beth Shalom's Educational Director at a meeting for Soviet Jewry where Shapiro was the guest speaker.

brothers, Adam and Michael, along with Arlene S. Davis, Educational Director, had the opportunity to meet Israel's father personally and to learn

that the entire family is now living in Jerusalem and that they are trying to make contact with all those children who were twinned with Israel.

Beth Emeth School Celebrates Religious Education Week

Hanukkah Week is always set aside at Beth Emeth as Religious Education Week. The school is open to visitors during the week with a variety of activities planned. This year our celebration included: Grandparents Visiting Day, Parents Visiting Day, and the Israeli House Restaurant. On the first Sunday of Hanukkah the school was filled with grandparents visiting classes and sharing the morning with their grandchildren. Many classes included the visitors in games and activities and the children enjoyed showing their grandparents around the classrooms. The visitors then joined the students for candlelighting and Hanukkah songs. Storyteller, Gerald Fierst, entertained the audience with Hanukkah stories for young and not so young.

Fierst is from Montclair, New Jersey, and in addition to his storytelling, he is a member of the Whole Theatre Troupe. He entertained an audience of over 300 with his Hanukkah stories which ranged from tales of the Shlemiel Family to Chasidic Tales to tales of miracles that came about during the Holocaust.

Parents were invited to come to Hebrew School classes with their children on Wednesday and Thursday of Religious Education Week. Each class demonstrated a typical Hebrew class session and parents go to see their children involved in the process of Hebrew Education. During the session, the students watched a film in the auditorium while the parents met with the teachers to learn about the curriculum and the goals of each class. All joined together for the lighting of the Hanukkah candles in each classroom.

The parents of the students in Beth Emeth's Hei class were invited to dinner during Religious Education Week. An Israeli meal was prepared and served by the students (with help from their teacher, Ms. Colette Ben David). The



Parents, grandparents and students of the Beth Emeth Religious School celebrated Religious Education Week together.

restaurant was called The Israeli House (Ha-bayit Ha-Yisroel) and the menu was written in Hebrew. The guests and servers were encouraged to use Hebrew when ordering and serving. The menu included Moroccan cigars, falafel, humous, pita, salad, fruits and mitz tapuzim (orange juice). The profit from the restaurant was donated to MAZON, to feed the hungry. The dinner gave the students an opportunity to work together and to experience part of the Israeli culture beyond the textbook. The parents had an opportunity to see their children using their Hebrew learning and their understanding of Israel in a setting other than the classroom. The Hanukkah lights were lit before dinner and burned brightly in the Israeli House.

Model Hanukkiot filled the tables at Beth Emeth during Hanukkah with 21 entries to the contest. The entries were submitted by students from pre-school on up and displayed amazing versatility. Each entry was unique and all were made of different materials. Hanuk-



A Hanukkia made from rubber gloves by Lauren Spivak was one of the entries in the Hanukkia contest at Beth Emeth.

kiot were made from gingerbread, styrofoam, potatoes, rubber gloves, cake, Legos, wood and papier mache.

Meal To Remember

Christmas Day dinner at Emmanuel Dining Room (West) will be provided this year by a donor who wishes to remain anonymous. His only request was that the dinner be in memory of three young men he knew: Richard Barr, Danny

Durso and Mark Nardo.

Ruth Balick and Sue Goorland will head up a group of women from the Jewish community who have offered their services to cook up a turkey dinner with all the trimmings.

Announcements/Events

'A Tribute To Maimonides — Medical Ethics & Jewish Law'

"A Tribute to Maimonides—Medical Ethics & Jewish Law," is the title in the continuing lecture series "Judaism for the Intellectual, Skeptic and Agnostic," by Rabbi Dr. J. I. Schochet. The lecture coincides with the anniversary of Maimonides' death 852 years ago, and is an adult education program sponsored by Chabad-Lubavitch of Delaware. The event will take place Tuesday, December 27, at 7 p.m. at the home of David & Michelle Margules, 214 Padlock Lane, Surrey Park.

Maimonides (The Rambam) lived in the 12th century, and was one of the towering figures in the history of the Jewish people. He was world-reknown

in the fields of medicine and philosophy as well as the authority in Jewish law and Talmud. At the age of 42, he completed the monumental *Mishne Torah* — the first codification of Jewish Law which is, to this day, the foundation of the Jewish legal code. His *Moreh Nevuchim* (Guide for the Perplexed), a systematic presentation and exposition of religio-philosophical principles of Judaism, became one of the philosophical classics of all times.

Schochet was born in Switzerland, where he received his early education. Upon the completion of his rabbinic training at Yeshiva Tom Chei Tmimim, the Lubavitch Yeshiva, in Brooklyn, he

received his post-secondary secular education at Canadian universities. Schochet holds degrees in religion and a Ph.D. in philosophy.

He is currently the rabbi of the Kielcer Congregation in Toronto and professor of philosophy at Humber College. He is also a visiting professor of bio-ethics in the School of Medicine, University of Toronto, and of Jewish Philosophy and Mysticism in Maimonides College, Toronto.

He is author of 20 books and numerous articles in professional publications and a well-known adversary of cults and missionaries.

For more information call the Chabad office at 478-4400.

Einstein Academy Holds 18th Anniversary Tribute Reception

On Sunday, November 20, Albert Einstein Academy held its annual tribute reception, this year honoring its past honorees and presidents. The reception which was part of the academy's eighteenth anniversary celebration, was held at the Jewish Community Center.

Dr. Avrene Brandt, president of the school, welcomed the honorees and guests by stating the philosophies of the school. "The academy opened 18 years ago as a community day school and the concepts and philosophy which that implies remain with us still," she said. "For we are not affiliated with any particular branch of Judaism but, instead, receive students from all Judaic backgrounds and exist as a place where young people with different observances can learn together. In these times when there is ready potential for discord in the world, the county and the community, it is important, as Nisson Finkelstein has stated, that there be a 'unifying place in the community' where children can come together, share ideas, respect each other and solidify their individual identities."

The school's name, Albert Einstein Academy, Brandt explained, was chosen 18 years ago with that concept in mind.

Albert Einstein, the man, she noted, does not call forth an association with any branch of Judaism. "Instead we associate Einstein with learning and the search for truth and understanding."

The importance of learning as stated in the Torah, the Talmud and in Jewish legend was cited as a message to parents in the Delaware Jewish community who consider Jewish day school for their children.

Brandt acknowledged all of the honorees "for making this learning possible" within the Delaware community and "for all the pieces and steps that brought us to today. For every child who passes through Einstein, for what you feel when you see the children, for every child who knows his heritage more proudly — we thank these people," she said.

Those honored at the reception were Dr. Nisson Finkelstein, Sarita Gross, The Honorable Harry Haskell, Richard Kane, Gershon Klein, the late Rabbi Jacob Kraft, Jules Levin, Samuel London, Dr. Robert Rosen and Ruth Siegel. Upon presenting the honorees with tokens of appreciation, Brandt gave a brief description of the contributions each made to the school.

Religious Schools' Hanukkah Happening



Area Hebrew schools gathered at Beth Shalom on December 5 for a performance by Teatron Bimadaf.

On Monday, December 5, all area religious schools came together at Congregation Beth Shalom for a special performance by Teatron Bimadaf (Page On Stage). By using puppets and live actors, this educational media project transforms the classic tales and legends of the Jewish heritage into vibrant, captivating experiences for audiences of all ages.

Originating in Jerusalem, Teatron Bimadaf has appeared throughout Israel and the United States, Canada and Great Britain. At Congregation Beth Shalom, the theatre presented "Down to the Very Last Jar," a musical adventure story for Hanukkah filled with humor and suspense.

The performance was preceded by greetings from Rabbi Kenneth S. Cohen and Arlene S. Davis, Educational Director, a candlelighting ceremony with songs led by Cantor Norman S. Swerling and the traditional Hanukkah treat, *sufganiyot* — jelly donuts.

Midrash Class Meets Kristallnacht Survivor

Liesl Joseph Loeb born in Germany near Duesseldorf left Germany in May, 1939, on the infamous ship "St. Louis," headed for Havana, Cuba, but landed 40 days later in England. During the Blitz, she left England and arrived in Philadelphia in September 1940. Mrs. Loeb appears in the book, "Voyage of the Damned", which was also made into a movie.

On Thursday evening, November 17, Mrs. Loeb, currently associated with the Holocaust Awareness Museum in Philadelphia, and an eyewitness to Kristallnacht,

related the circumstances leading up to that day along with her own recollections and reflections, to the students of Beth Shalom's Midrasha Department and Wilmington

Gratz Hebrew High School. The teenagers, following her account, delved into the events of the period with a question and answer period following her presentation.

Beth Shalom Aleph Class Consecration

On Friday evening, December 16, 1988, as part of the regular Friday evening services, the Aleph Class will be consecrated to their study of Judaism and to a life of Torah. A cantata written and directed by Arlene S. Davis, Aleph Class teacher and Educational Director, will be presented by the class.

Mr. Solomon Peltz, Vice President in charge of education for the Congregation, will present the class with Torahs, Siddurim and Consecration

Certificates. In addition, each child will receive a piece of honey cake, symbolic of the sweetness of the Torah.

Members of the class are: Teddi Blum, Jesse Fuhrman, Jessica Imber, Blake Laurence, Brett Laurence, Gabrielle Pearlberg, Joshua Rimes, Jamie Sklar, Daniel Sullivan and Courtney Weiner.

Following the service, an Oneg Shabbat, sponsored by the PTA and the Sisterhood, will be given in honor of the class and their families.

Montefiore Society Officers Elected

The Montefiore Mutual Benefit Society held its annual election of officers at a dinner meeting at the B'nai B'rith House on December 1. Officers for 1989 are Edward L. Simon, President; Robert Gamiel, Vice President; Leon Chambers, Recording and Corresponding Secretary; Paul I. Drowos, Financial Secretary; and Joseph Kaufman, Treasurer. Trustees are Alan Schoenberg, Harold Kruger, Albert G. Sachs, Robert Lewis and Harold Morris.

All former members of the Workmen's Circle Branches 69 and 69B and the Labor Forband who have plot reservations in the Jewish Community Cemetery are requested to contact Leon Chambers of the Montefiore Mutual Benefit

Society. They are requested to make available any documentation they have to confirm these reservations. Send copies (no original receipts) to Leon Chambers, 1 Windsor Road, North Hills, Wilmington, Delaware 19809. For information call 764-0168.

Beth Shalom Sisterhood To Address 'Dieting And Compulsive Eating'

There will be an open board meeting of the Sisterhood of Congregation Beth Shalom on Tuesday, January 24, at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Debbie Grossman, 803 Westover Road, Wilmington, Delaware. Following the meeting, at 8:15 p.m., there will be a one hour lecture by Wilmington psychologist Michelle Sullivan

on "Women and Eating Disorders—Dieting and Compulsive Eating—Breaking the Dieting Binging Syndrome." After the lecture there will be time for questions from the floor.

Reservations are requested by January 20th to Debbie Grossman 656-9348 or Danna Levy 478-7853.

REMINDER

Yale Training Project

The next two sessions of the Yale Training Project For Holocaust Survivor Interviewers will take place on: January 7 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the home of Dorothy Finger, 4404 Tennyson Road, Brandywine Hills. Supper will be served. January 8 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center. Bring lunch, a beverage will be provided. Call 478-6200 to register.

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U.S. To Deny Refuge To Hundreds Of Soviet Jews

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Both State and Justice officials said that those denied refugee visas could enter the United States as public interest "parolees." Parolees must

show an affidavit of support from a sponsor in the United States saying that the applicant will not be a liability on the public welfare system. "Jews have at least been given the

color of presumption of having been persecuted by definition," said Philip Saperia, assistant executive vice president of HIAS. "All of a sudden, cases accepted over the years are being denied."

"The recent INS policy of quizzing every Soviet Jew to prove a history of persecution — and denying some Jews refugee status on that basis — repudiates everything our country has stood for since Helsinki," said Pamela Cohen, national president of the UCSJ.

The State Department each year sets a ceiling on the number of refugee visas available worldwide. This year, the quota is 94,000, of which only 84,000 slots are fully funded. Only 16,000 of those slots have been set aside for all Soviet refugees: Jews, Armenians, Pentecostal Christians and ethnic Germans.

By September, the number of Soviet citizens seeking refuge in the United States had already surpassed 16,000. The process of screening refugee applications began that month, according to Saperia of HIAS.

The State Department also announced, early last month, that because the refugee budget had been drained, the processing of further Soviet Jewish applications would have to wait until the beginning of January.

While Jewish organizations have welcomed the easing of restrictions on Soviet Jewish emigration, resettling refugees represents a formidable financial challenge. Last year, Jewish communities around the country spend an estimated \$14 million on resettling Soviet emigres. This year, when Jews have been leaving the Soviet Union at a rate of 1,500 a month, they are expected to spend \$66 million.

Officials of HIAS, the Council of Jewish Federations, the American Jewish Committee and the National Conference on Soviet Jewry are seeking a meeting with Attorney General Richard Thornburgh to discuss their concerns.

The organizations are also hoping that Congress will recommend an increase in the refugee quotas and request additional funding for refugee resettlement. The greater challenge is the dollars. When the State Department increased the number of refugee slots by 15,000 last year to accommodate a surge in Armenian emigration from the Soviet Union, it did not request additional funding. As a result, the State Department ran out of cash in July, and hundreds of people, mostly Armenians, were stranded at the U.S. Embassy in Moscow. The crush was only alleviated with a \$20

million emergency allocation, which came out of the next fiscal year's budget.

Soviet Jewry activists are concerned that U.S. officials are beginning to rethink American refugee policy in light of Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev's policy of *glasnost* (openness). They fear American officials are becoming dubious that persecution of Jews is still a problem in the USSR. But activists say recent Soviet promises to legalize the teaching of Hebrew and to establish a Jewish cultural center in Moscow have created only the illusion of liberalization.


"Despite palpable improvements in immigration and the ability to travel back and forth, and some improvements that came with *glasnost*, the fundamental basis of fear on the part of Jews in the Soviet Union has not changed," said David Waksberg, executive director of the Bay Area Council for Soviet Jews in San Francisco.

A State Department source said the department is taking a number of actions to ease the caseload in Moscow and Rome, including hiring more officials at those embassies.

(JTA correspondent Howard Rosenberg in Washington contributed to this report.)

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Short-Term Solutions For Kutz Home

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The Home will also seek expert guidance in obtaining maximum Medicaid reimbursement under Delaware's new rate-setting procedures which became effective in October 1988.

The task force has authorized the use of \$55,182 in unrestricted funds from the Home's Property and Equipment Fund to be used for operating expenses and the Kutz Auxiliary has allocated \$50,000 on an emergency basis for 1988-89 operating costs, rather than for the capital projects for which it raises its funds.

Other funds received include an emergency grant of \$25,000 from the United Way (\$12,500 for 1988 and the same amount for 1989), and an allocation from the Jewish Federation of Delaware for 1988-89 of

\$150,000. An allocation of \$100,000 has been requested of the United Way for 1989. And a loan of \$50,000 has been received from the Jewish Federation for 1987-88.

"No one expected that there would be any easy answers to the Kutz Home's fiscal problems," said Stephen E. Herrmann, President of the Jewish Federation of Delaware. "And the study has confirmed that fact." Herrmann said that the task force will be relying upon expert advice as it proceeds with the development of long

term proposals.

Still, there are a lot of questions that remain without answers. How can the Kutz Home continue to exist if these financial stresses are not alleviated? If the number of nurses on staff is reduced to the state's minimum requirements, how will care be affected? If only a small percentage of "part pay" residents is accepted, how will the community be affected? These are some of the areas on which the long-range study will focus. The results of that study will be reported when it is completed.

Firebombs Strike American Consulate In E. Jerusalem

By GIL SEDAN
JERUSALEM (JTA) — Two firebombs exploded in the

courtyard of the American Consulate in East Jerusalem November 30, without causing injuries or damage. The gasoline bombs reportedly hit the consulate building and then landed in the courtyard, where they burned themselves out.

The assault is believed connected to the U.S. State Department's refusal to grant an entry visa to Palestine Liberation Organization chief Yasir Arafat to address the U.N. General Assembly in New York. No further details on the incident were immediately available.

The United States maintains consular offices in both West and East Jerusalem. The West Jerusalem office houses administrative facilities. The East Jerusalem office for years has served as an unofficial mission to the West Bank, concentrating on Arab affairs. The U.S. Embassy is located in Tel Aviv.

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