#### FEBRUARY

... Five members of the Galperin family arrived in Wilmington from the Soviet Union and were reunited with their family after eight years. The newly-arrived family lived with refusenik status in the Soviet Union for about ten years, since applying for emigration invitations from Israel.

... The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, in its tenth annual audit, announced that the last year witnessed the highest number of anti-Semitic incidents in the United States in over five years.



a mezuzah is affixed to commemorate the opening of Moscow's first government-recognized Jewish community center.

...In the harshest criticism of Israel's handling of the Palestinian uprising since it began in December 1987, the U.S. State Department charged Israel with a "substantial increase in human rights violations" during 1988. In its annual report, "Country Reports on Human Rights Practices," the State Department also showed understanding for the difficulties the intifada has presented Israel.



David Duke, former Ku Klux Klan Grand Wizard, waves to supporters after winning a runoff election for a seat in the Louisiana state legislature.

... Former Ku Klux Klansman, David Duke, was elected to the Louisiana state legislature. His fictory came despite the intervention of the national Republican Party, including President Bush and former President Reagan.



A member of the community of Carmelite nuns living at the site of the former Auschwitz concentration camp.

... Moscow's first government-recognized Jewish center opened, although not to rave reviews from the Soviet Jews or their supporters in the West. Leaders for the cause of Soviet Jewry pointed out that the much-reviled Anti-Zionist Committee of the Soviet Public had not been disbanded.

...Salman Rushdie's "Satanic Verses" created a stir in the Arab world. The Indian-born author became a target for assassination when the Ayatollah Kohmeini of Iran offered one million dollars to anyone who would murder him. The book enraged Islam fundamentalists because its fantasy sequences are considered blasphemous and a direct attack on Mohammed. Rushdie has been in hiding since the book's publication.

...International groups expressed disappointment over the failure of the Roman Catholic Church to meet an agreed-upon deadline to remove a Carmelite convent from the grounds of the former Auschwitz death camp.

#### MARCH

..Brant Rosen, University of Delaware Hillel Director, spoke to the university community following his return from a trip to the Soviet Union where he and a colleague became the first rabbinical students to go into the previously inaccessible smaller cities and towns of the Ikraine, once the heartland of Soviet Jewry.

... United Jewish Appeal announced the beginning of a fundraising campaign to resettle Soviet Jews in the United States and Israel. The campaign, "Passage to Freedom," was attacked by many members of the Knesset because, members said, it exploited the name of Israel on



Jerusalem's long-time mayor Teddy Kolleck casts his ballot in the municipal elections. Kolleck won reelection to a sixth term but he lost his majority on the city council.

behalf of Soviet Jews who had no intention of settling there. The Jewish Federation of Delaware chose not to take part in the campaign, but continued its program of family reunification in this community.



Protesters outside the ranch where white supremacists gathered for a rally, billed as the group's "Woodstock."

.. A white supremacists' rally was held on an isolated ranch in Napa, California, and was attended by 100 participants. It was estimated that there were some 500 protestors outside the property.

.. Except for a smattering of dissent, a Jewish solidarity conference in Jerusalem expressed to the world an allegiance between Jews in the Diaspora and the govemment of Israel. Delegates to the conference numbered 1,580 from 42 countries, including 730 Americans. While there was no open debate at the conference, government figures and Diaspora leaders expressed a range of views on such topics as the unity of the Jewish people, the Palestinian uprising, negotiations with the PLO, the "Who is a Jew" issue and electoral reform.

... Israel and the Soviet Union "are in the continue it on the ministerial level and the process of building a foundation of understanding," said Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Arens in Cairo after a meeting with his Soviet counterpart, Eduard Shevardnadze. Both diplomats acknowledged that their discussion at the Soviet ambassador's residence did not resolve the substantive differences between their respective govemments over the Middle East peace process, but they stressed that theirs is an evolving dialogue and they pledged to

level of experts.

...In municipal elections, Jerusalem mayor Teddy Kollek won reelection to his sixth term, but lost his majority in the city council. Election returns in the second largest Arab town in Israel, Umm El-Fahm, the election returns were called "unbelievable" when the Islamic bloc won 11 out of 15 seats on the city council

#### APRIL

...One thousand Philadelphia area Jews President Hosni Mubarak who told Bush participated in "Mission 1000" the first mega-mission to Israel. Dr. Russell and Susan Labowitz, of Wilmington, were among the participants.

... Two outstanding couples were honored at dinners by different organizations for their contributions to the community. The National Conference of Christians and Jews honored Paul and Gloria Fine and Drs. Nisson and Rona Finkelstein were honored by Israel Bonds.

..Some 300,000 people gathered in Washington, D.C., to support freedom of choice with regard to the abortion issue. Jewish men and women taking part in the massive abortion rights demonstration spoke again and again of seizing the "high moral ground" from those who would ban abortion on religious grounds.

President Bush endorsed Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's proposal for elections in the territories. "I believe it is in Israel's best interest to engage in a serious dialogue with the Palestinians. Shamir travelled to Washington to meet with Bush immediately following a visit by Egyptian

that the Palestinians would not accept an Israeli proposal to hold elections in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip.



Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir shakes hands with President George Bush upon completion of their talks in Washington regarding prospects for peace in Israel. Bush called for elections among Palestinian Arabs as a step toward a settlement in the Middle East.



William M. Topkis became President of the Jewish Federation of Delaware.

...Remembrance was the theme of the annual community ceremony commemorating Yom HaShoah, the Holocaust memorial day. At ceremonies at the City/County Council Chambers, Bishop Robert E. Mulvee of the Diocese of Wilmington was the featured speaker. "To remember the Holocaust, all of us must continue our attempts to work for peace," he said. "To remember the Holocaust means to make our faith in God come alive in collaborative efforts for the betterment of all, but especially for the weak, the needy, the forgotten and the marginalized. To remember the Holocaust means to work to

...Three Delaware congregations announced the appointments of new rabbis to their pulpits. Rabbi Howard Matasar would assume the pulpit at Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth in August and Rabbi Herbert Yoskowitz would begin his tenure at Congregation Beth Shalom and Rabbi Moshe Goldblum would begin his duties at Beth Sholom Congregation in Dover in July.

...Howard Cohen, owner and operator of the Modern Kosher Market in Wilmington, the state's only kosher butcher, announced that he would be forced to close his store on July 2. Cohen's forced closure was due to a lack of interest in and support of a kosher butcher in the state, he said.

... Two Russian families were reunited with relatives already living in Wilmington. The Grinbergs and the Okun/Gayduk family arrived after travelling to Ladispoli, Italy, by way of Vienna. They were all classified as refuseniks in Russia — Mrs. Grinberg for 12 years, the Okun/Gayduk family for eight. Both families reported to *The Jewish Voice* that open acts of anti-Semitism



Secretary of State James Baker shook up the Jewish community with his "evenhanded" remarks about Israel at the annual AIPAC meetings in Washington.

#### MAY

eliminate violence and to remove from our midst every vestige of racism, hostility and prejudice." At a brief outdoor gathering at the Holocaust Memorial, Cantor Norman Swerling recited kaddish.

...William Topkis was elected to a twoyear term as President of the Jewish Federation of Delaware at its annual meeting. In his acceptance speech, Topkis noted that education within the Jewish community in Delaware headed his list.



Stuart Eizenstat addressed the Federation's annual meeting.

...The guest speaker at the Federation's annual meeting was Stuart Eizenstat, an attorney and lecturer at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University, who was President Jimmy Carter's Assistant for Domestic Affairs and Policy. Eizenstat traced the history of the relationship between the U.S. and Israel since 1948 and contrasted it with the relationship between American Jews and Israel. The complete text of Eizenstat's speech was included as a supplement to the June 2 issue of The Jewish Voice.

...Natan Sharansky, former prisoner of Zion, rapped the UJA's efforts to raise money on behalf of emigrating Soviet Jews saying it hurt efforts to attract more of the emigres to Israel. The range of services local federations provide the Soviet Jews, he said, "definitely influences them not to go."

...President Bush was given high marks after his first 100 days in office by Seymour Reich, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations. Reich's approval was issued based on Bush's policy toward the Middle East and Israel. Reich did say, however, that the president did not receive a perfect score because of Bush's call for an end to the Israeli occupation of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip which he issued in April during Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak's Washington visit.

...The Knesset approved Shamir's plan for Palestinian elections and self-rule, but



Congregation Beth Shalom's Cantor Norman Swerling and Rabbi Kenneth Cohen in front of the Holocaust Memorial in Freedom Plaza concluding the annual community Holocaust commemoration.

it was a tepid endorsement. The vote by the 120-member chamber was 43-15. Shamir pledged that there would be no elections or preparations for elections until the intifada ended.

...In France for meetings with French President Francois Mitterand, PLO Chairman Yasir Arafat called the December acknowledgement of Israel's right to exist "null and void." French Jews, waving Israeli flags and banners, protested Arafat's visit. The banner in the photo translates: "Mitterrand betrayal. Hostage of the terrorist PLO."

"Israel can only be hopeful that the future leadership of Iran will adopt a more positive position on the issue of human rights and its attitudes toward the Western world and Israel. The U.S. State Department said that if Iran wants to improve its relations with the United States, it must use its influence over the hostage-takers in Lebanon to free the hostages and end its support of international terrorism.

...The World Union of Jewish Students protested in strong terms against the "indiscriminate use of force by the Chinese government" on students protesting for democracy in Tiananmen Square. WUJS, which has 200,000 members in 40 countries, sent protests to all Chinese embassies around the world. A number of American Jewish organizations also issued statements condemning the use of deadly force on the students.

#### JUNE

have increased in Russia under Gorbachev's glasnost policy.

...Israel Defense Forces Colonel Ranaan Gissin was in Wilmington as the featured speaker at the Jewish National Fund's dinner honoring State Insurance Commissioner David Levinson. Gissin said, "Israel's strategic reserves, in terms of conducting the struggle, are here in the United States." The battle itself, he explained, is not purely military. "Projecting unity to the Arab world and to the Palestinians" will be one of the factors by which the intifada is quelled, he said.

...Both Harriet K. Wolfson and Marilyn Levin left their positions at the Jewish Federation of Delaware. Wolfson, who was Director of the Jewish Community Relations Committee, retired after three years in that position. Levin, who served as a Staff Associate for three years, became administrator for the Volunteer Link of New Castle County.

...Members of Congregation Beth Emeth gathered for ground-breaking ceremonies for a new wing to be added to the temple. The construction should be completed bythe spring of 1990.

...In a hardhitting speech to over 2,000 members of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC), Secretary of State James Baker urged Israelis to abandon their "unrealistic vision of a greater Israel." He also called on the Palestinians to end their hope of destroying the Jewish state. It is "high time for serious political dialogue between Israel officials and Palestinians in the territories," he said. While Baker was warmly received and even drew applause during his speech, some drew a distinction between Baker's evenhanded approach and the more pro-Israel

approach of his predecessor. One delegate said, "He's no George Schultz."

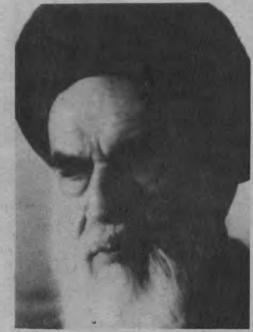
...It was reported by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith that there are active Skinhead groups in 31 states. The report noted that the neo-Nazi Skinheads numbered 3,000, a thousand more than reported in 21 states nine months earlier. Skinheads were described as coming from widely varying social and economic backgrounds. A large percentage are unskilled school drop-outs and "an extraordinarily high proportion" come from broken and single-parent homes. "Like all street gangs and cults, Skinhead gangs provide members with a substitute family composed of their peers," the report said.

...The first cooperative agreement between the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and academic bodies in the Soviet Union was reached this month. Involving the State University of Tbilsi in Georgia and the Georgian Academy of Sciences, the agreement will allow for exchange students and joint scientific projects between the schools.

...A recent American immigrant, Frederick Steven Rosenfeld, became another victim of the intifada. Rosenfeld was stabbed by Palestinian Arabs after sharing a meal with them while hiking in the West Bank. Rosenfeld was the brother of Dover resident, William Rosenfeld.

...The Carmelite convent located on the grounds of the former Nazi death camp at Auschwitz, which was by agreement between the Vatican and Jewish groups supposed to have been relocated by February was still not moved. The Polish cardinal under whose jurisdiction the convent falls, Cardinal Franciszek Macharski, said the nuns would not be moved until at least 1990.

...With the death of Iran's Ayatollah Khomeini, Israel's Foreign Ministry said.



Iran's Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini died, leaving Israel to wonder whether a more positive position regarding human rights might be adopted by his successor.



American Rabbi Abraham Weiss protested on the grounds of the Carmelite convent at Auschwitz.

.It was announced that, beginning in 1990, the University of Delaware would offer a minor in Jewish Studies. The announcement was celebrated by many members of the Jewish community, including the Jewish Federation of Delaware. The Jewish Studies program in Delaware joins hundreds of such programs across the country.

... Charlotte Balick, of Wilmington, won a gold medal in golf competition in the 13th Maccabiah Games in Israel.

... American Jewish groups had mixed reactions to the Supreme Court's complicated ruling on which types of religious symbols may be displayed on government property without violating the First Amendment of the Constitution. In one decision the justices ruled that the display of a Christmas nativity scene in a Pittsburgh courthouse violated the prohibition of government endorsement of religion. At the same time, the court ruled that the posting of a menorah and Christmas tree at Pittsburgh's city hall was constitutionally permissible because they were part of a seasonal display that "has attained a secular status in our society." While Orthodox Jewish groups welcomed the rulings, non-Orthodox Jewish groups, concerned about strict separation of church and state, were upset that the menorah was not ruled against as well.

... Another Supreme Court ruling which allows states to sharply limit the practice of abortion met the consternation of several Jewish groups. "In many states, this decision will turn the clock back to the days before 1973 [Roe vs Wade] and will open the door for states to abandon women's rights to choose," said Lenore Feldman, national president of the National Council of Jewish Women.

.. The "Who is a Jew" issue suddenly and dramatically resurfaced when Israel's highest court ruled that the Interior Ministry must register non-Orthodox converts as Jewish citizens. Orthodox rabbis and politicians immediately called for new legislation to reverse that decision by specifying that those accepted as citizens under Israel's Law of Return undergo Orthodox conversion. The same Orthodox leaders welcomed a separate ruling in which the high court rejected efforts by non-Orthodox rabbis to gain official status as marriage registrars in Israel.

...Israel, in an attempt to begin a process to free its three soldiers being held hostage in Lebanon, seized Sheikh Abdul Obeid. The Israeli government repeatedly offered to release Obeid and a limited number of Arabs imprisoned in Israeli facilities in return for the freeing of its three soldiers and the foreign hostages held by Hezbollah factions. The London Times reported, early in the situation, that at least two of the Israeli soldiers had been killed soon after their capture. In retaliation, Lebanon reported that it had killed an American hostage, Lt. Col. William Higgins, and would continue to murder its Western hostages until Obeid was released.

...Israel's Labor and Likud parties edged toward resolving a government crisis over the Middle East peace process and eventually reaffirmed Shamir's peace plan, resolving the crisis within the coalition government that arose when the Likud Central Committee appended a series of hard-line conditions to the initiative. La-



Prime Minister Shamir (left) laughs with his political rival, Trade Minister Ariel Sharon following Shamir's address to the Central committee when Shamir agreed to the opposition's hard-line conditions on elections for the Palestinians.

bor had threatened to dissolve the unity government if a suitable agreement could not be reached. Among those conditions swallowed by Shamir as the price for maintaining unity within Likud, was one barring Arab residents of East Jerusalem from voting or running in the Palestinian elections proposed in the initiative.

... New York Rabbi Avraham Weiss and a group of Jewish protesters demonstrated their unhappiness at the Carmelite convent's not being removed from the grounds of Auschwitz. The protesters were met with insults and force by Polish workers from the surrounding area.

#### AUGUST



Sheik Abdul Karim Obeid, a Shiite Muslim clergyman, reputed to be a leader of the pro-Iranian Hezbollah and linked to the kidnapping of U.S. Marine Col. William Higgins, was captured from his home by Israeli commandos during an overnight raid.

..Seth Bloom joined the Jewish Federation of Delaware staff as Director of Community Development. Bloom will be responsible for various aspects of the operation of the Federation, but will spend most of his time on matters related to the Campaign, budgeting and allocation.

.. Senate Minority Leader Robert Dole (R-Kan.) stood by his statements chiding Israel for capturing Sheikh Abdul Karim Obeid, despite criticism from fellow Republicans. On the ABC-TV program "This Week With David Brinkley," Dole said Israel was "irresponsible" in seizing the

Shiite fundamentalist leader without tak- three years without doing anything," he ing into consideration that it could endanger the lives of American hostages. A few days earlier, on the floor of the Senate, Dole said, "A little more restraint on the part of the Israelis one of these days would be refreshing.'

...Israeli Defense Minister Yitzhak Rabin said Israel captured Obeid knowing that American hostages' lives were in jeopardy, but also that three Israeli soldiers were being held as prisoners in southern Lebanon. "We cannot let Israeli soldiers be in captivity without any sign of life for

said on CBS-TV's "Face the Nation."

... After being closed for most of the past two years, Israelis reopened West Bank schools. This created splits in the Palestinian leadership over whether or not students should begin attending classes again. The presence of the Israeli army triggered local violence and more than 20 people were injured. One Palestinian was killed, apparently because he was suspected of being a collaborator with the Israelis.

#### SEPTEMBER



...Bill Frank, Delaware newspaperman terror. It was a mistake. It was a provocaand member of The Jewish Voice Editorial Committee, died after a long illness. He wrote a regular opinion column for ... The U.S. announced that it would not Polish Cardinal Glemp implied, among this newspaper for many years under the Hebrew name of Zev Amiti.

..Lelaine Nemser joined the staff of the Jewish Federation of Delaware as a Staff Associate responsible for the Jewish Community Relations Committee and the Women's Division of the annual campaign.

..Jesse Jackson described Israel's seizure in Lebanon of Sheik Obeid as "an act of terror," drawing sharp rejoinders from the Jewish community. "...It was a kid-napping," Jackson said, "It was an act of

terminate its eight-month-old dialogue with other things, that Jewish influence was the PLO, despite a U.S. rebuke of the political program adopted in Tunisia by the main branch of the PLO. Al Fatah, the main branch of the PLO, approved a program of "intensifying and escalating armed action and all forms of struggle to eliminate the Zionist Israeli occupation."

... Catholic-Jewish relations were strained by several controversies. Pope John Paul II delivered three homilies in which he called into question the fidelity of Jews in biblical times to divine law, speaking of betrayal by the ancient Jews of their special alliance with God. The decision to block removal of the Carmelite nuns from the Auschwitz convent remained firm and poisoning the international news media against Poland.

... Arab countries mounted an all-out diplomatic attack against Israel during the annual U.N. Human Rights Subcommission on the Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities in Geneva. The Arab nations accuse Israel of violating Palestinians' human rights and also of exterminating them. The Syrian representative asserted that "everybody knows" that "Zionism is closely related to neo-

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#### The Jewish Way: Living The Holidays

The Jewish Way: Living the Holidays. Rabbi Irving Greenberg, Summit Books, 1230 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10020. 1988. 463 pages. \$22.95.

Reviewed by JONATHAN WAXMAN

Several years ago, Rabbi Irving, a.k.a. Yitz, Greenberg, attracted widespread attention because of his prescient sounding of a cry of alarm over the impending splits within the Jewish community. Recent events have sadly proven his forecast to be on target.

As an outgrowth of his concern for Jewish unity, Rabbi Greenberg created CLAL, an organization which endeavours to bridge the gaps about which he warned, as well as to educate lay leaders. The current volume represents a significant reworking and expansion of material produced for CLAL.

Yitz Greenberg is an unique phenomenon on the Jewish scene: an Orthodox rabbi who has transcended his Orthodoxy and has opened himself up to the thinking of Conservative and Reform rabbis, as well as of feminism. That is revealed in this volume which similarly represents a very distinctive creation. Readers searching for a "how to and why" manual, would be better served by reading, for example, How to Run a Jewish Household, written by Blu Greenberg (a distinguished author, as well as Rabbi Greenberg's wife). The Jewish Way, certainly covers the main points of praxis associated with each holy day, and offers insight into the origins of those practices. Its distinctiveness lies in where it departs from that "manual" approach.

#### U.S. To Purchase Israeli Weapons System

By HUGH ORGEL

TEL AVIV (JTA) — The United States will purchase a highly sophisticated and apparently top-secret weapons system designed and produced in Israel, Moshe Peled, director general of the government's Arms Development Authority, disclosed Sunday.

He said the \$140 million contract will be signed shortly. He would not disclosed the nature of the weapons system, except to say it has no equal in the world. Peled said another \$600 million deal is pending, but gave no further details.

He observed, however, that is is necessary to "sell yesterday's and today's secrets to prepare for those of tomorrow."

He explained that a special committee of the Defense Ministry decides which weapons can be made public and which can be sold abroad to raise revenue for new projects.

Meanwhile, another Israeli defense contractor, Elbit Computers Ltd., announced Sunday that it won a major contract to supply avionic systems for the American Atlas missile

Elbit would not disclose the value of the contract, but said it beat out an array of international competitors, including the General Dynamics Corp., which manufactures the Atlas.

Many pages of the book read as a cross between a philosophical examination and a homiletical treatment of the holy days. Clearly, with regard to the former he is indebted to his teacher, Rabbi Joseph Soloveitchik, the eminent Orthodox scholar, a debt which he pointedly acknowledges. From the opening statement of his thesis, that the Jewish holy days, not only Passover, represent the continuing working out of the theme of Redemption, straight through the final sections of Yom HaShoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day (a must read, if for nothing else than for the history of its evolution) and on to Yom Ha'Atzmaut, Isreal Independence Day, the reader is obliged to reflect carefully upon Greenberg's insights. As a rabbi, I know that his material will serve as the basis for many a thought-provoking sermon. I may not agree with all of his conclusions, but they remain challenging, nonetheless.

In discussing Purim, he insightfully observes, (238): "persian Jewry can serve as a model for Diaspora Jewry... To affirm the centrality of Zion and the unity of the Jewish people while living one's own good life and striving to maintain Jewish loyalty is not easy, although the Book of Esther suggests that it is possible."

In commenting on Simchat Torah, he suggests that in opting for Simchat Torah as their major Jewish holiday, Soviet Jewry is psychologically healthier than American Jewry which, he contends, esteems Yom Kippur as primal. Soviet Jews, he argues, have chosen to celebrate life rather than deprivation. For the non-Orthodox community which has relegated Sukkot and Simchat Torah to the periphery, Rabbi Greenberg's comment is a sharp reminder of the values implicit in these holy days. This is one instance, however, where I am not sure that he is totally correct: to this reviewer, the central Jewish holiday for many American Jews is Hanukkah, a Jewish substitute for

Occasionally, he makes comments which highlight his distinctive Halachic approach. He writes (336): "Yom HaShoah, like Hanukkah and Purim, seems to show that when Clal Yisrael acts properly, the halacha will eventually confirm the truth." Taken in conjunction with other statements scattered through the volume, it confirms his expansive approach to Jewish law and its continuing evolution.

Space does not allow me to chronicle all of the eyebrow raising com-

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ments. Just one more will have to suffice. In discussing prohibited work on Shabbat he includes the following definition of gamblers, who as he notes are barred as witnesses in Jewish law (136): "those who make a living by pure transfer of wealth from one to another through the mechanism of change where there is no economic productivity attached to the process." He appears to hint that this category might well apply to those who engage in non-constructive economic activity such as the creation of corporate takeovers. In fact, Greenberg goes so far as to suggest that some of this financial activity might well be deemed sinful as it is exploitive!

Appended to the volume is an extensive bibliography, directing the reader to many sources, including those by non-Orthodox writers. He also occasionally makes references to Conservative and Reform rabbis and scholars, among them Rabbi Harold Schulweis, the late Dr. Abraham Heschel, and the prominent Reform Rabbi Haskell Bernat, whose comments on a non-Orthodox Shabbat observance pattern are included in the context of a discussion of a 'pluralistic Shabbat experience. Although one can never lose sight of Rabbi Greenberg's basic commitment to Orthodox Judaism, it is as an open-minded form of Orthodoxy as one is ever likely to encounter.

The volume may be a slow-go. But it is rewarding reading; to be savored by laypeople and rabbis alike. Rabbi Greenberg's first book is a most welcome addition to one's library. Jonathan Waxman is a Conservative rabbi serving Congregation B'nai Shalom, West End, N.j. Jewish Books in Review is a service of the JWB Jewish Book Council. Reprinted by permission.

#### IN BRIEF-

BENJAMIN'S GROUND: New Readings of Walter Benjamin, edited by Rainer Nagele. Wayne State University, 190 pages, \$24.95 cloth, \$13.95 paper. Seven essays that consider the work of the German Jewish philosopher and literary critic considered to be the most important critic in the German language between the two world wars.

THE JEWISH GUIDE TO THE HERE AND THE HEREAFTER, by Lionel Blue and Jonathan Magonet. Crossroad, 226 pages, \$18.95. An anthology of spiritual wisdom that spans the centuries and the world, from the Bible to modern times.

SELF-DISCOVERY IN RECOVERY, by Abraham J. Twerski, M.D. Harper/Hazelden, 120 pages, \$7.95 paper. Drawing upon his experiences as a rabbi, psychiatrist, chemical-dependency counselor and head of a rehabilitation clinic, Twerski presents a guide to the growth and joy that accompany recovery from addiction. By looking at the emotional and behavioral experiences of recovering people, he reveals how recovery is truly a process of self-discovery.

#### AJCommittee Urged To Remain In Negotiations With Vatican

By ALLISON KAPLAN NEW YORK (JTA) — A split within the umbrella group that officially represents world Jewry in dialogue with the Vatican is causing deep concern among Jewish leaders in the United States and Europe

In a highly controversial move, the American Jewish Committee informed members of the International Jewish Committee for Interreligious Consultations two weeks ago of its intention to withdraw from the organization.

Other member groups said

AJCommittee's action will seriously threaten the cause of Jewish unity in the midst of the dispute with the Polish Catholic Church over the Carmelite convent at Auschwitz.

AJCommittee made the announcement after the Jewish Telegraphic Agency reported that an alternative organization to IJCIC is being planned by AJCommittee, the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith and the American Jewish Congress. Neith ADL nor AJCongress is currently a member of IJCIC.

Organizations who are IJCIC

members are now strongly urging with the Vatican on the issue, ap-AJCommittee to reconsider its decision. "It is harmful to Jewish interests he said in a statement. indeed, some might call it a piece of insanity—to tear apart the Jewish community and choose the path of disunity at any time," said Seymour called on ADL, AJCongress and Reich, president of B'nai B'rith Inter- AJCommittee "to step back from the

But to do so now, when it is so vitally important to create and maintain a united front on the issue of the Carmelite convent at Auschwitz, on the very eve of scheduled discussions

pears to be utterly without reason,"

Reich, who is also chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, brink and reconsider the effects of any such action.'

His sentiments were echoed by Rabbi Henry Michelman, executive vice president of the Synagogue Council of America, who asked AJCommittee to remain in IJCIC "for the sake of unity," and by Rabbi Alexander Schindler, president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, who said that "to advertise our differences is to reveal our weak-

Schindler said that division among Jews "can only play into the hands of those in the Catholic Church who seek to renege on the commitment to remove the Carmelite convent from Auschwitz.

But Rabbi A. James Rudin, who is both director of interreligious affairs for AJCommittee and the current chairman of IJCIC, defended his organization's decision to leave. "The Jewish community is very pluralistic and this just reflects the pluralism," Rudin said. The new group "will enrich and strengthen the Jewish dialogue universally.

Rudin dismissed criticism that the decision hampers Jewish unity during the crisis over the Auschwitz convent. A crisis often "brings out new configurations that can be very enriching," he said.

Rudin's status as chairman of IJCIC after the AJCommittee's announcement is now in doubt.

#### U.S. Silent On Report Of Spy Swap

**By JOSEPH POLAKOFF** 

Special to The Jewish Voice WASHINGTON — The United States, Israel, the Soviet Union have been reported by a prominent West German newspaper as being among seven or eight countries involved in a swap of spies with Eastern European countries. The two Germanys, Norway and South Africa also were said to be participants.

The State Department's chief spokesperson, Margaret Tutwiler, did not deny the report in the conservative daily Die Welt published in Bonn. She said "we've seen the report" and that she had no comment.

Speculation that the trade-off, if one is in the process, might involve Jonathan Jay Pollard, the former Navy analyst who spied for Israel and is serving a life sentence, faded quickly. A Department of Justice source familiar with the Pollard case, noted the U.S. would never send aboard an American citizen convicted under U.S. law.

Die Welt's report, described at a West German news office here as "all rubbish," named two Israelis. It held

#### **Near East Institute Hosts Jordanian Prince**

By JOSEPH POLAKOFF

Special to The Jewish Voice WASHINGTON—Trapped between commitment to the Kingdom of Jordan and relationship with the Embassy of Israel, the Washington Institute for Near East Policy which is led by Jews and largely funded by them decided to go along with Jordan and left the Israelis outraged.

The incident concerned a dinner September 12 which the institute hosted for Jordan's Crown Prince Hassan by an understanding the organization had made with Jordan's embassy months earlier that should a high-level Jordanian official visit Washington it would be his host.

In the course of events, the institute invited its normal complement of guests including Israeli Ambassador Moshe Arad and provided the Jordanian Embassy with the guest list. The Jordanians agreed to the list but when the crown prince's entourage saw it a few days before the dinner it insisted no Israeli officials could attend, contending that would be a tremendous embarrassment to the kingdom which is technically still at war with Israel.

Ultimately, the Jordanians agreed that Jewish citizens and Israeli officials below the rank of ambassador could attend. Martin Indyk, the founding executive director of the institute, agreed and telephoned Arad he was withdrawing the invitation to him but he could send a junior embassy official. Arad refused.

representative, had said he has not seen for a long period any colleagues who could be involved in swap procedure. Die Welt also reported

that one Aryeh Eliav, a Labor Party that a Soviet immigrant in Israel, named Shabtai Kalmnowitsch, was arrested in 1987 as a KGB agent and is serving a nine-year sentence in

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A.M. Rosenthal, New York Times syndicated columnist, will deliver the third annual Ann B. and H. Albert Young Memorial Lecture on Sunday, September 24, at 7 p.m., at the Grand Opera House in Wilmington. Tickets are available through the Jewish Federation of Delaware.

The first annual FEATS Concert in honor of Dr. Isadore Slovin will be held at the Jewish Community Center on Saturday, November 4, at 8 p.m. The concert will feature young Israeli pianist, Avner Arad.

#### **PHILADELPHIA**

The National Museum of American Jewish History, Independence Mall East, is currently exhibiting "Portraits of the American Jewish Family" featuring the treasured heirlooms of three families collected over two hundred years. This exhibit provides an intimate perspective on immigration, acculturation and Jewish identity in America. The exhibit will be on display through October 15. There is an admission charge (\$1.75 for adults and \$1.50 for students and senior adults).

#### BALTIMORE

"Solomon Nunes Carvalho: Painter, Photographer, and Prophet in 19th Century America," is the first comprehensive study devoted to this multitalented, but largely unrecognized figure in early Jewish American life. The exhibit, which has received rave reviews, will be on display at the Jewish Heritage Center in Baltimore through September 29.

#### WASHINGTON

The B'nai B'rith Klutznick Museum will exhibit "Bezalel: Beginnings of a Dream," a unique collection of early 20th century Jewish crafts. The exhibition features plates, jewelry and ceremonial objects in mixed media made at the Bezalel School in Jerusalem which was established in 1906. A continuing display of a variety of media, including painting, sculpture, prints, photography and an artist's book by 12 artists who are all children of Holocaust survivors is entitled "Continuing Witness: Contemporary Images by Sons and Daughters of Holocaust Survivors" and will run through September.

#### **NEW YORK**

A new exhibit recounting the history of Asian Jews over the last 25 centuries is on display at the American Museum of Natural History's Hall of Asian Peoples. The exhibit attempts to capture the diversity of Asian Jewish culture in all 13 of the countries where it has flourished. It includes a grid which portrays significant events in the history of Asian Jews. Interspersed throughout the grid are various religious objects from the different countries. Video programs present key aspects of Asian Jewish life.

For more information on these events, contact the sponsoring organiza-

#### Soviet Jews Halt Hunger Strike In Rome

By RUTH E. GRUBER

ROME (JTA) — Buoyed by the support of a visiting American congressman, Soviet Jews denied permission to enter the United States as refugees temporarily suspended their protests September 1, including a hunger strike outside the U.S. Embassy here.

They dispersed after being joined by Rep. Eliot Engel (D-N.Y.) in a demonstration of solidarity.

"At this time, all Soviet Jews who wish to come to the United States should be allowed to do so," Engel declared. "these people have become refuseniks again because of the American government's policy."

The congressman, a member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, appealed to President Bush to reverse recent policy changes denying refugee status to some Soviet Jewish emigres. he also had meetings with the U.S. ambassador to Italy, Peter Secchia, and other embassy officials, which he hoped might lead to a reconsideration of current visa policy.

About a dozen Soviet Jews had been on a hunger strike since Aug. 23, across the street from the U.S. Embassy, on the fashionable Via Veneto. They were in the vanguard of several thousand recent arrivals

from the Soviet Union whose applications for refugee status have been twice rejected by the American immigration authorities.

Although they hold Israeli visas, they do not want to immigrate to that country.

About 2,000 demonstrators turned up September 1 bearing placards with slogans such as "We are abandoned" and "Reunite me with my family." The protesters believe they are victims of an arbitrary selection process.

U.S. visa policy, once extremely liberal toward refugees from Communist countries, became restrictive as the gates to emigration from the Soviet Union opened wider under the reforms initiated by Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev.

More than 5,000 Jews have been denied admission to the United States as refugees since October 1988. Those denied more than once have had little official recourse, which led them to resort to the hunger strike.

About 50,000 Jews are expected to leave the USSR this year, and if present trends continue, little more than 10 percent will opt to go to Israel. The great majority choose the United States as their country of resettlement.



#### Jewish Family Service of Delaware

Jewish Family Service is a constituent agency of the Jewish Federation of Delaware and a member agency of the United Way of Delaware.

A Sign Of Strength





By ARNOLD LIEBERMAN **Executive Director** 

We would all hope that in 1989 it would not be necessary to say what I am about to say, but our experience has proven that the following still needs to be said.

"It is no disgrace, and is not a sign of weakness, but rather of strength, to seek help when one needs it." Jewish Family Service was created for the sole purpose of having professional help available when members of community need help in handling the circumstances of their

We cannot perform miracles, and we cannot solve all the problems that are brought to us, but there are many ways that we can be helpful. We are lems on their own. If they are able to willing to talk to anyone about their cope or resolve the problems themsituation and do everything we can to help, but we cannot help people at all if they do not offer us the opportu-

We know for a fact that many people could benefit from our help, but for various reasons - and very few of them are valid - people cannot bring themselves to give us the opportunity to help. We also know that many people do not contact us until the situation has become desperate, and it is much more difficult to resolve the problem. Much of our time is also spent helping the client accept that it is all right to ask for help and make use of it before we can even begin to work on the problem itself.

The days when it was fashionable to be a "martyr," suffering in silence when it wasn't necessary, are passed. That attitude is now considered to be very destructive. Almost everyone now agrees that it is better to have been treated for a serious illness and still be alive and functioning rather than to have perservered untreated unto death.

None of this implies the creation of dependent people who rely on others to care for them. We are living in a time when absolutely no one is immune to personal problems in their lives. Of course, everyone should do all they can to deal with their prob-

selves, that is fine. There is still a great deal of satisfaction to be derived from being able to say, "I did it

A person must be able to distinguish, however, when circumstances are such that they have done all they can on their own and are still in need of more help than they can provide. Seeking help at that point is a sign of good judgement, rather than an admission of defeat, as some people unfortunately still see it.

we offer is not intended to create dependency is the fact that most of our help is not in the form or our "doing for" the client. The bulk of our help involves counseling designed to help the client to be able to do for himself. Often a person caught up in a situation cannot even see the problem for what it is, and he certainly cannot sort our the possible alternative solutions. The objectivity, training, and experience of the counselor can accomplish what very few of us can do on our own, when caught up

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Family Service. The facility is here, but it cannot accomplish it's purpose unless the people make use of us. Jewish Family Service is located at

101 Garden of Eden Road, behind the Jewish Community Center. The telephone number is 478-9411. We are available to help.

#### Dear Rachel,

The closer it gets to Rosh Hashana, the more upset I get. Normally, by this time, I have a freezer bursting with kugels, cakes and tzimmes. This year I have nobody and nothing to look forward to. My sons are in Israel; my youngest has taken a job in the mid-West. What am I supposed to do, cook for two? Stare at each other across the dining room table? Even if we invite friends, Another indication that the help it just won't be the same. I am turning into a nervous wreck over what used to be a joy.

Wretched Hashana

Dear Wretched:

You are absolutely right. Things just won't be the same this year. This is the perfect time for you to come to terms with the fact that your life has changed. You have lost your familiar role of matriarch. But you also have an opportunity to experience new things now. Have you considered spending the holidays in Israel with your children? Or at a Jewish resort? In the long term you may find that there is no place like home for the holidays. For now, consider spicing up the New Year with something

To you and all our readers I send the traditional wish: "Let the old year and its curses end; may the New Year with all its blessings begin'

Rachel

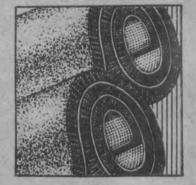
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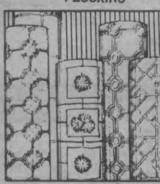
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#### **Convert Dispute** Three Movements Working

Ev J.J. GOLDBERG

New York Jewish Week NEW YORK (JTA)—Negotiations among representatives of Orthodox, Conservative and Reform Judaism reportedly are close to developing a joint formula for dealing with converts that could begin to resolve the "Who Is a Jew" controversy.

The talks have been going on for the last six months, outside the glare of publicity, under the auspices of the Israeli government. They are apparently still touch-and-go and could fall apart without an accord being and Reform Judaism in Israel

reached. They were initiated last winter by Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir to develop a mechanism for dealing with converts to Judaism who seek to settle in Israel.

The problem stems from demands by the Orthodox to amend the Law of Return in a way that would require converts to be converted "according to halacha," or traditional rabbinic law. In effect, the change would recognize only conversions performed by Orthodox rabbis as valid, thereby delegitimizing Conservative,

Persistant attempts by the Orthodox bloc in Israel to push the amendment through the Knesset have failed, due in large measure to bitter protests from American Jewry. Israel, anxious to end the conflict with a crucial segment of the Diaspora, hopes the dispute can be resolved by coming up with an arrangement satisfactory to all streams of Judaism.

So far "various proposals exist, but no final agreement has been reached," according to Rabbi Walter

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Jacobs of Pittsburgh, vice president of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, who is negotiating on behalf of the Reform movement.

"Negotiations are going on," he said. But according to reports from Jerusalem, the talks may be doomed by fierce opposition from Orthodox circles in Israel and their adherents in the United States

Negotiators said they decided to keep the talks secret after an earlier round of talks was leaked to the press

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last fall and quickly collapsed in disar-

all requests for details of the plan under consideration were turned down. But reports from Israel said that plan calls for the creation of an Orthodox-Conservative-Reform panel that would screen those who are contemplating converting to Judaism and settling in Israel.

"I can only tell you that we're working on it, that we've met in Jerusalem and in the United States, and that there's a sincere commitment to resolve the problem by all sides," said Rabbi Louis Bernstein of Queens, a professor at Yeshiva University who represents mainstream U.S. Orthodoxy in the talks.

Negotiators include one represen-tative from each of the principal branches of U.S. Jewry and two ranking Israeli government officials. Rabbi Shamma Friedman of Jerusalem represents the Conservative movement, and Zev Rosenberg, assistant director of Israel's Ministry of Religious Affairs, acts as liaison to the Chief Rabbinate. Cabinet Secretary Elyakim Rubinstein, represent-ing Shamir, has chaired the talks. Rubinstein himself is Orthodox.

Bernstein emphasized that the proposals under consideration deal only with the narrow issue of potential converts who intend to settle in Israel and do not touch on broader relations between Orthodox and non-Orthodox Judaism.

But a rumor that they did, spread by the New York-based Yiddish weekly Algemeiner Journal, threatened to derail the talks. The newspaper, considered close to the Chabad-Lubavitch Hasidic movement, reproduced what it claimed was a memorandum of agreement signed by the negotiators.

It reported they agreed to establish "joint Beth Din," or rabbinic court, of all three movements to oversee the conversions of potential immigrants to Israel. That would amount to an extraordinary concession by the Orthodox rabbinate. Negotiators insist there has been no such agreement and are calling the Algemeiner Journal report "fraudulent."

But the paper's report has already, prompted Orthodox rabbis in Israel and the United States to condemn the negotiations. Among them is Rabbi Aharon Soloveitchik of Chicago, dean of the Rabbi Isaac El-chanan Tehological Seminary at Yeshiva University in New York. Soloveitchik was quoted as saying he would oppose not only a joint Beth Din, but any "joint commission" to interview applicants for conversion.

Sources said the agreement still requires substantial refinement and has yet to be ratified by the negotiators' parent movements.

The public explosion on the Orthodox side could prompt moderate Orthodox forces to unite behind their negotiators' position, according to Bernstein.

The Conservative movement also is said to be relatively united behind the tentative agreement. But that is not the case with the Reform move-

Several Reform leaders questioned on the matter insisted they would not accept any system that required their converts to be "reconverted" by an Orthodox Beth Din. Nonetheless, Reform leaders agreed they would have to compromise to reach an agreement.



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#### Delaware's New Rebbetzins Share Holiday Recipes

By SYLVIA F. PANITZ

Special to The Jewish Voice For the first time in many years, Delaware's Jewish community is welcoming three new rabbis, their wives and families to the Diamond State. The rabbis' wives were literally in the midst of unpacking and settling in to their new homes when we asked them to share some of the recipes that they might prepare for the upcoming holidays...and share them they did!

Evelyn Goldblum, a native of New York, is the wife of Rabbi Moshe Goldblum, who recently took over the pulpit at Beth Sholom Congregation of Dover. The Goldblums have two grown children. Before moving to this state's capital, they spent 25 years in Pittsburgh. The following are Goldblum family recipes.

Ginger Veal

2 - 2 1/2 lbs. cubed veal

Fresh ginger and black pepper 1 cup chopped onion 2 cups chicken broth OR 1 1/2

cup white wine —Coat meat with spices and let stand for two hours. Brown in olive oil. Add chicken broth or wine and simmer until tender. Bake in a slow oven for three hours

**Broccoli** and Chicken

Marinade:

1/3 cup honey

1/4 cup lemon juice

1/4 teaspoon lemon rind

1/4 cup soy sauce 1 tablespoon paprika

1/4 cup water and 1 chicken

-Pour marinade over cleaned

chicken. Add 20 oz. bag of frozen broccoli pieces. Cover with foil and bake at 350° for 1/2 hour. Uncover and bake for another hour.

**Braised Parsnips** 2 lbs. parsnips (4 or 5)

1/4 cup oil

2 teaspoons sugar

6 large lettuce leaves

3 tablespoons minced parsley

-Wash parsnips, pare and cut into julienne strips. Heat oil and add parsnips and sugar (and salt, if desired). Wash lettuce leaves, leave them wet and cover the parsnips with the leaves. Simmer, covered, over low heat for 30 minutes, until tender. Check after a while for moisture. If necessary, add a little hot water, one tablespoon at a time. Discard lettuce, fold in the parsley and serve hot.

Cheryl Matasar is the wife of Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth's new rabbi, Howard Matasar, and the mother of eight-year-old Tracy. The Matasars moved to our community from Peoria, Illinois. The following recipes are Matasar family favorites during the holidays and throughout the year.

Unstuffed Cabbage 1 large head of cabbage

1 large can tomato sauce

1/2 cup dark brown sugar

1/2 cup vinegar 2 lbs. ground beef

1/2 cup rice salt and pepper to taste

—Combine beef, rice, salt and pepper in a mixing bowl. Form into meatballs. Place a layer of cabbage on the bottom of a Dutch oven or large saucepan. Place the meatballs on top of the cabbage and cover with

another layer of cabbage. To make sauce: Combine tomato sauce, brown sugar and vinegar. Pour sauce over cabbage and meatballs. Add another layer of cabbage and stirgently. Cover and cook on low setting, stirring occasionally, for about 1 1/2 hours.

Applesauce Cake

1 cup applesauce 1 cup raisins

1 cup sugar

1 3/4 cups flour

1 teaspoon cinnamon 1 cup nuts

mately 1 hour. Let cake cool for about 10 minutes before removing from pan.

A Baltimore native, Rachel Yoskowitz is the wife of Congregation Beth Shalom's Rabbi Herbert Yoskowitz and the mother of three children. The Yoskowitz family has recently moved to Delaware from Minnesota. The favorite recipes contributed by the Yoskowitz family should satisfy anyone's sweet tooth.

brown sugar and dot with margarine. Bake at 350° for 40 minutes or until yams are soft. Baste frequently.

Apple Strudel 5 or 6 firm apples, peeled and

sliced thin 2 teaspoons cinnamon

1/4 cup sugar

1 cup brown sugar

1/2 cup golden raisins 4 ounces pecans, chopped

package fillo (strudel) leaves 1 cup melted margarine

graham cracker crumbs (16 ounce) jar cherry preserves

—Slice the apples and, in a large bowl, combine with cinnamon, sugars, raisins and nuts. Mix well. Prepare strudel roll: Unfold one fillo sheet onto a moist towel, covering remaining sheets with another moist towel. Brush the sheet with melted margarine. Sprinkle with cracker crumbs. Place a second fillo sheet on top and repeat the procedure with the margarine and crumbs. Continue until there are six sheets. Using a slotted spoon, take 1/3 of the apple mixture and place on long end of fillo. Place 1/3 of cherry preserves on top of apples. Roll up like a jelly roll and brush with margarine. Place on a well-greased jelly roll pan. Repeat the process for two more rolls. Make slits two inches apart on the tops of the rolls. Bake at 375° for 35 minutes. This makes three rolls - six to eight servings per roll. Slice and serve warm. Note: These freeze well in foil. To serve, thaw in refrigerator overnight. Place on jelly roll pan and open foil. Heat at 325° for about 20 minutes. L'Shana Tova!



1/2 cup pareve margarine, butter

or shortening 1 egg, beaten

1/2 teaspoon baking soda 1/2 teaspoon ground cloves

-Blend margarine and sugar together. Add applesauce. Pour egg into mixture. Sift dry ingredients together and add to margarine and sugar mixture. Grease an 8X8 inch or 9X9 inch pan and transfer mixture to pan. Bake at 350° for approxi**Sweet Potatoes and Pears** 

1 large can pear halves

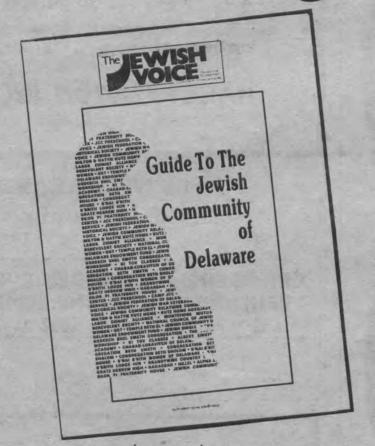
4 or 5 large fresh yams 2 cans pineapple chunks with juice

1 teaspoon grated orange peel Brown sugar

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-Strain and dice the pear halves and place in a shallow baking dish. Dice the yams and place over the pears. Add pineapple and juice. Cover with the orange peel and a little

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#### Secular Humanistic Judaism: One Group's Alternative

Northern California Jewish Bulletin

SAN FRANCISCO (JTA) - No one had ever posed the question before and Sherwin Wine, who had come straight from the airport and was a little tired, sat up straight when he heard it.

He was asked if his group, the International Federation of Secular Humanistic Jews, had anything in common with the missionaries. It was a fair question, since Wine's organization is now making inroads

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and Uruguay.

But the 61-year-old ex-Reform rabbi wasn't offended. He had dropped by the Northern California Jewish Bulletin office for an interview during a tour of his Los Angeles and Bay Area chapters, and he relished the chance to explain the organization he founded in 1963.

"We're not out to change lives like the missionaries," Wine said. "Our ideas have existed in Jewish life for over 100 years. We are simply allowing Jews who have had these beliefs

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"We're not proselytizing," he added. "We're providing a home for people who want to be Jewish but want to practice their Judaism outside the synagogue.

The Humanistic movement, basically, has taken God out of the equation. As Roy Calder, chapter head of Northern California explains, "We don't believe there is a supernatural authority that controls our lives. We feel life is in our hands, and we

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and logic.

Wine, who was ordained at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in 1956, starte! the movement after deciding that Reform Judaism no longer could fill his life. "In the century of the Holocaust, it was fairly clear to many of us that the best thing you could do with God

was to be an agnostic," he said. So the Humanistic movement began in Detroit, where Wine lived. Over the years it grew, holding its first international meeting in 1986 and getting a Northern California chapter in 1987, which currently boasts 120 families.

Today, there are Humanistic branches in Israel, Canada, England, France, Belgium, Uruguay, Argentina and Australia. The international federation is headed by Yehuda

in places as far-flung as Argentina to find an expression in the commu-replace prayer and faith with reason Bauer, a professor at Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

Response to Wine's group varies, he says, but usually falls into one of three categories.

"First, there is the positive response, which says 'We may not agree with your ideology, but you are serving Jews who cannot be served in any other way, and thereby retaining them for the Jewish religion.'

"The second response is open hostility. But that usually is confined to Orthodox Jews, Wine says, "and over the years it has diminished."

Despite forebodings other Jews may have about it, the Humanistic movement appears to be here to stay, and getting stronger. It will hold its third international conference next year in Chicago, and an institute has been created to codify its ideology.

#### Southern Jewish Experience To Open In October

UTICA, MISSISSIPPI — The lives, art and culture of America's Southern Jews will be permanently preserved and honored when the Museum of the Southern Jewish Experience opens here in the fall.

Located outside Jackson on the grounds of the Henry S. Jacobs Camp for Living Judaism, the Museum consists of a sanctuary, galleries, museum storage and office space devoted to detailing the history and culture of Southern Jews.

Among the items housed in the \$540,000 structure are Torahs, breastplates, stained glass, and other historic and religious artifacts donated to the Museum. An ark and chandeliers from abandoned synagogues decorate the sanctuary. Exhibits lining the walls tell the story of Southern Jews through photographs, memorabilia, objects and documents.

The Museum will celebrate the unique past of these Jews, many of whom were original settlers and vital forces in Southern towns — such as Kaplan, Louisiana and Marx, Mississippi - and cities such as New Orleans and Memphis.

The Museum will open on October 15 with such dignitaries as Rabbi Alexander Schindler, President of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, scheduled to speak.

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## Rabin Returns From Cairo Trip To Find Government

By DAVID LANDAU

JERUSALEM (JTA) - Egypt is prepared to bring Israelis and Palestinians together for a dialogue to facilitate elections in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, Defense Minister Yitzhak Rabin said Monday night.

Speaking his return from a oneday visit to Cairo that has thrown Israel's domestic politics into turmoil, Rabin told a news conference at Ben-Gurion Airport that he and President Hosni Mubarak, who initiated the meeting, agreed that Egypt would organize the dialogue, subject to the prior approval of the Israeli Cabinet.

The dialogue would be aimed at deciding the ground rules for the Palestinian elections, which Israel proposed this spring as part of a two-phase plan to end the conflict between Israelis and Palestinians.

The elections would produce Palestinian representatives with whom Israel would negotiate self-rule in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, and eventually the final status of the territories.

The preliminary Israeli-Palestinian dialogue was one of 10 points Mubarak suggested in a paper aimed at advancing the Israeli peace plan. Egypt will now try to facilitate the dialogue, Rabin said, by proposing the members of the Palestinian delegation, after "coordination with various parties," Rabin said.

If Rabin's one-day trip to Cairo achieved an understanding with the Egyptians on these matters, it widened the deep rift between his own Labor Party and Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's Likud bloc over how the conflict could and should be resolved.

During three hours of meetings with Mubarak, mainly at the president's residence in the Cairo suburg of Heliopolis, Rabin said he spoke frankly about the differences in the Israeli Cabinet over key points. He said no Israeli decision could be expected for two or three weeks. And first, there would have to be further Israeli-Egyptian discussions to clarify the details of what Egypt is

He suggested that Mubarak might hold talks with Israeli Vice Premier Shimon Peres of Labor and ForeignMinister Moshe Arens of Likud. All three men will be in New York next week, where Mubarak and Arens will be addressing the 44th U.N. General Assembly session.

Likud and Labor are severely at odds over whether Rabin should have gone to Cairo at this time. On Saturday night, Shamir, Rabin, Peres and Arens met for the third time in a week and failed to reach agreement on an Israeli response to Mubarak's 10-point paper proposing terms and conditions for the Palestinian elec-

The following day, on the eve of Rabin's departure, the Likud ministers of the Cabinet convened and proclaimed their rejection of the 10-point paper. Likud flatly rejects the Mubarak paper, because it speaks of trading land for peace and because it would allow Arab residents of East Jerusalem to participate in the elections. Labor is more flexible on both

Likud also is opposed to international supervision of the elections and the withdrawal of the Israel Defense Force from the immediate

vicinity of the polling stations, both proposed by Egypt.

But it is the question of Palestinian representation in preliminary talks with Israel that immediately threatens the survival of Israel's national unity government.

Egypt, reportedly with U.S. backing, is canvassing a delegation that would comprise mainly leaders of the West Bank and Gaza Strip, but would also include two Palestinians from the "Diaspora." The two would likely be Palestinians deported by Israel from the territories who have informal links to the Palestine Liberation Organization.

PLO leader Yasir Arafat has re-portedly signaled that he would be prepared to accept the 10-point. Egyptian paper if such an accommodation could be made.

Likid officials have blasted the idea, pointing out that the guidelines establishing Israel's current unity government specifically rule out negotiations with the PLO.

Rabin told reporters the delegation, in his view, would be composed mainly of Palestinians from the terriorites." But he refused to be drawn by reporters into a public argument with Likud

In the Knesset, meanwhile, Labor members managed to get the 20 signatures needed to call the legislative body out of recess for a special session to discuss the quickening pace of the peace process.

Likud whips, apparently not consulted, reacted angrily. They de-nounced "Labor's acquiescence in talks with the PLO.

Several Likud ministers spoke

**TEXT OF EGYPTIAN POLICY PAPER** 

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Following is a synopsis of Egypt's 10-point policy recommendation on Israel's proposed plan for elections in the administered territories leading to peace negotiations:

1. The elections would be free and democratic.

2. The right to elect and be elected would be guaranteed for residents of the West Bank, East Jerusalem and the Gaza Strip.

3. The basis of the entire process is U.N. Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338. The final settlement would be based on the principles of 'land for peace," political rights for the Palestinians and security for all parties, including Israel.

4. Neutral observers would be invited to observe the election.

5. The Israel Defense Force would withdraw from the environs of the polling stations.

6. Israel would pledge to accept the election results, whatever they are. 7. Freedom of assembly would be ensured during the election cam-

8. Israeli citizens would be barred from the territories on Election Day (apart from those who live or work there).

9. A two-month period of preliminary negotiations would take place between Israel and an agreed Palestinian delegation to iron out the details of election procedures.

10. The construction of Jewish settlements would be suspended during the negotiations.

ominously of the government's likely downfall. Ronni Milo, the minister of environmental protection and a close unity government.

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#### The Jews Of Turkey: Safety In Silence

By LISA HOSTEIN

Special to The Jewish Voice ISTANBUL — Avram Zavaro is one of a handful of Jews who has set up shop in this ancient city's covered bazaar where he has made a com-

fortable living repairing ancient car-

He welcomes a visitor to his enclave with traditional Turkish hospitality. When the conversation shifts to Jewish life in Turkey, he beckons to the front of his shop where he reveals a hidden mezuzah. Asked why it is hidden, Zavaro smiles as if to say: "Life has been good to me here in Turkey. Why should I risk it?'

Such thoughts, echoed aloud though always in private — by many a Jew here, could be the theme for Turkey's Jewish community.

In this predominantly Moslem land. Jews have lived comparatively well for nearly 500 years. The bulk of Turkey's Jews, some 20,000, live in Istanbul, whose majestic skyline pierced by hundreds of minarets attracted its share of conquerers through the centuries.

Engaged mostly in business, with a fair share of doctors and lawyers, the Jews by and large head a comfortable existence. It is said that those Jews who remain in Turkey do so out

'Life is good for the Jews here," said one businessman who, like many of the Jews interviewed, asked that his name not be used. "The Turks may not love us, but they leave us alone.

The gnawing sensation felt by an American visitor that the jews here

As the official head of the Jewish community, Chief Rabbi David asseo attends to the religious needs of Turkey's approximately 22,000 Jews. (Photo: Laurence Salzman)

that dwell on Jewish issues is an accepted fact of life for those who call Turkey home.

Although Jews interact freely with other Turks in business and many say they have Moslem friends, the disare constantly halting conversations tinction between Jew and Turk permeates many aspects of life.

Today, the central address of Turkey's Jewish community is the office of the chief rabbinate, located in the old Galata neighborhood. Only a few elderly Jews still live in the vicinity, but on any given day a dozen or so might make their way through the narrow streets to the doorstep of the chief rabbi, Rabbi David Asseo, official head of the community and arbiter of all religious affairs.

Beneath the chief rabbi, whose office oversees the community's 15 Orthodox synagogues, is a well-organized pyramid of authority. The chief rabbi and the community's other four rabbis make up the Beth Din, the official Jewish tribunal. The secular council, comprised of a larger committee of 30 men and a smaller executive committee of 14, oversees the non-religious affairs of the com-

Over the past several months, the community has been in the throes of change as a younger generation takes over. These new leaders, firmly committed to the survival of their community, are struggling to find the proper path of expression and activ-

"The Jewish community is not a very active or open community," said Avi Alkas, the youngest member of the executive committee. "We are a closed community trying to sur-

Outside the synagogue, where Jews are allowed to be Jews freely, the Jewish community operates cultural and educational activities for young and old in a highly organized and well disguised - manner.

But, most restrictive is the Turkish Jew's inability to identify openly with Israel. The restrictions are tied to laws imposed on all Turks forbidding any connection to foreign ideology.

'If we openly identified with Israel," explained one communal leader, "a Moslem Turk would think, 'What are you doing? You're not a Turk.' It's not like it is in America, where you can be a Jew and an American, where you can love Israel and America.

There lies one of the greatest paradoxes of the community, for the Jews of Turkey are forced to hide their deep-seated connection to the Jewish state.

Most of the Jews left in Turkey are not strong Zionists, and the aliyah movement has all but dissipated. Nevertheless, nearly every Jew in Turkey has a close relative living in Israel. The personal ties, coupled with the close geographic proximity make this attachment to Israel very concrete.

Yet the ability to express this deep emotional attachment is severely limited. "We don't hold up the Israeli

flag and run through the streets of Istanbul," one Turkish Jew said. "Maybe nothing would happen. But it would be a subject in the newspapers, and that's something we just don't need.

The philosophy harks back to the overriding concern over the perception of the Jew in Turkey.

"In Turkey, you can't be a Kurd and a good Turk," said Sylvyo Ovadya, editor of Shalom, the community's weekly newspaper. "But we want to depict the image that you can be a Jew and a good Turk. We can only do that by living with certain conditions.

The conditions seem acceptable to a good number of Jews here. "It is a price we are willing to pay so that we can maintain our good lives here, said one shopkeeper. "We aren't able to say everything we want, but

At the entrance to the Neve Sha-

lom Synagogue in Istanbul stands a

1986 terrorist massacre perpe-

of the grandfather clock are per-

then again, neither is anyone in

eigner is whether the closed nature of

Turkey's Jewish community stems

from paranoia or from legitimate

The question that occurs to a for-

Turkey.

society in general before you can understand the jews," said one close Jewish observer of the community living in the country. Turkey is a democracy on paper, but the civil and individual rights are not the same as we know them in the Western world." That fact, coupled

"You have to understand the cul-

tural and political environment of the

with the Jews' status as a minority in a predominately Moslem country, says a lot, he believes. Though Jews here live with the "suitcase mentality" felt by Jews in so many countries in the world, they rarely gave a thought to their physi-

cal safety until just three years ago. All that changed with the terrorist bullets that hit Shabbat worshippers at Istanbul's Neve Shalom Synagogue on September 6, 1986.

At the entrance to the synagogue's sanctuary today stands a grandfather clock whose hands remain forever fixed at 9:17. The morning hour is permanently etched into the minds of the Jews of Istanbul, for it was at that moment when the massacre occurred, leaving 22 dead, including the hazzan and gabbai.

"Before, we never thought twice about our security," said one com-munity leader. "But that incident shattered the peaceful existence we had enjoyed here for 500 years." Many Jews here believe the Turk-

ish government did everything in its power to catch the perpetrators of the massacre. Still, since then, every Jewish institution is under elaborate

Prospects for the future of Turkey's Jews vary, depending on whether one talks to an optimist or a pessimist. It all comes down to numbers: 20,000 Jews breaks down to approximately 4,500 families. There are more deaths each year than births in the Jewish community, evidence that the community as a whole is not a young one.

Though most won't argue with the numbers, there is a feeling among many Jews here that as long as the economic situation is good for the Jews, some Jewish presence will continue.

And, for most, the concern is for the present, not the future.

memorial to the 22 victims of a As Chief Rabbi Asseo responded when asked his thoughts about what trated by Palestinians. The hands the future will hold for the Jews of Turkey: "We don't know. God will manently fixed at 9:17 a.m., the see. Meanwhile, we continue. time of the attack. (Photo: Joel

> (Lisa Hostein is news editor for the Jewish Exponent in Philadelphia. This article was made possible by a grant from The Fund For Journalism on Jewish Life, a project of the CRB Foundation of Montreal, Canada. Any views expressed are solely those of the author.)



At the offices of Shalom, editor Sylvyo Ovadya (left) works with senior writer and foreign editor Rina Eskenazi to produce the community's weekly newspaper. (Photo: Lisa Hostein)

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## .S. Plans To Process Refugees In Moscow

By HOWARD ROSENBERG

WASHINGTON (JTA)—The Bush administration plans to shift its processing of Soviet refugees from Rome to Moscow "to the maximum extent possible," a State Department official told Congress last week.

Princeton Lyman, director of the department's Bureau for Refugee Programs, made the comment at a House Judiciary subcommittee hearing devoted to the administration's proposed worldwide refugee budget for the 1990 fiscal year, which begins October 1

Lyman's statement is the clearest official word to date that the administration intends to phase out its facility in Rome for processing Soviet Jews and other refugees who want to immigrate to the United States

For the last decade, Rome has

who leave the Soviet Union with Israeli visas and decide instead to seekentry to the United States. Soviet refugees spend weeks in Rome, at U.S. government expense, until their refugee status applications are adju-

The Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society, the principal Jewish group assisting Soviet Jews who want to come to the United States, was expected to tell the House subcommittee that it would oppose complete closure of the Rome refugee center.

But HIAS is expected to propose transfering most of the U.S. government operations from Rome to Moscow, with the main exception being U.S. officials who adjudicate the refugee status applications.

HIAS estimates that the U.S.

served as the transit point for Jews government would save \$18 million by transferring most of its operations to Moscow, where Soviet applicants for refugee status can continue to live at home, instead of at U.S.-subsidized transit centers in Rome operated by HIAS and the American Jewish Joint Distribution Commit-

The HIAS proposal would stillmean that applicants for refugee status would have to be flown to Rome and spend a few weeks there while U.S. officials adjudicate their applications.

HIAS does not have an office in Moscow, where it fears it could not be guaranteed the confidentiality necessary to advise Jewish applicants for refugee status.

Also, it would rather see refugee status applications adjudicated in

Rome, because the refusal rate there has been 20 percent in the past year, versus 46 percent for those Jews now applying for refugee status in

But while U.S. officials currently refuse refugee status to those Soviet Jews who do not demonstrate "a well-founded fear of persecution," Congress may approve legislation this fall granting refugee status automatically to all Soviet Jews.

Refugee status allows potential immigrants to be admitted to the United States on an emergency basis and entitles them to government funds for transportation and initial resettle-

Leaders of Jewish agencies involved in assisting Soviet Jews to emigrate and resettle in the United States discussed the refugee situation in New York with experts from the State Department, Justice Department and National Security Council.

Jewish groups received the plan to shift processing from Rome to Moscow "with great interest and considerable support," said Malcolm Hoenlein, executive director of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations. Hoenlein said that among the Jewish groups, there was consensus that there is no longer "need for a transit point" in Rome.

Refugee processing in Moscow "does not require Soviet Jews to give up their jobs in advance," he said, adding that they would no longer be

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NEW YORK (JTA) — More Jews emigrated from the Soviet Union in August than in any single month on record, the National Conference on Soviet Jewry reported early this month.

The tally was 6,756, of whom 793, or 11.7 percent, went to Israel, according to the NCSJ's Soviet Research Bureau, which began tabulating emigration from the Soviet Union in 1968.

The previous monthly high was in October 1979, when 4,746 Jews departed. That year, Jewish emigration totaled 51,320, a figure that has not been matched in recent decades. Total Jewish emigration so far this year stands at 33,444.

This year's second-highest monthly figure was 4,557, recorded in April. "We welcome the August increase, which surpasses the previous month high for 1989 by more than 2,000," Shoshana Cardin, NCSJ chairwoman, said in a statement. "This is a development of major significance."

Cardin expressed hope that the upward trend will continue. However, she added, "While we rejoice for those who have been able to leave the Soviet Union, we remain mindful of the fact that capriciousness is still part of the Soviet emigration procedure.

For example, only last week, long-term refuseniks Igor, Inna and Slava Uspensky received official permission to emigrate, while Igor's 77-yearold mother, a retired biologist, is still refused" because she lacks the requisite "security" clearances, Cardin said.

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#### Israel's New Leaders

#### The Rising Stars On Israel's Political Stage Weren't Even Born When The Jewish State Was Created

By ZE'EV CHAFETS

Special to The Jewish Voice
JERUSALEM — Not long ago,
2,500 fans watched a basketball
game between a team of radio
reporters and a pick-up squad of
Knesset members. The game was
not a great athletic event but the
spectators got what they paid for: a
look at some of the rising stars in
the real Israeli national pastime —
politics.

Such a game could not have taken place even a decade or two ago, when most Knesset members were elderly Eastern European Jews whose sports were chess and ideological arm wrestling. But the past few years have brought a new generation of young legislators to the parliament. Who they are and what they stand for will shape Israeli policy well into the next century.

It was the Likud that first opened the door. In the 1984 election, 11 of its Members of Knesset — a quarter of its parliamentary contingent — were under 40. Labor chose only one, Haim Ramon. This disparity was embarrassing for Labor, and in the 1988 campaign, it chose ten candidates under the age of 45.

But, if Labor has closed the quantitative gap, the Likud clearly leads in quality. Labor's young guard are mostly anonymous party hacks and only three — Ramon, Deputy Finance Minister Yossi Beilin and Avrum Berg, a former peace activist — are at all well known.

On the other hand, four of the Likud's young leaders — Moshe Katzav, Ronnie Milo, Dan Meridor and Ehud Olmert — are cabinet ministers. Benyamin Netanyahu, the former U.N. ambassador, is deputy foreign minister. Benyamin Begin and David Magen, are powerful figures in party circles.

The impact of these young politicos is already obvious. Meridor, Milo and Olmert are among Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's closest advisors and played a role in shaping his peace plan. Netanyahu is a confidant of Foreign Minister Moshe Arens. And David Magen played a key part in the Likud's near sweep of this year's municipal elections.

The young generation of Likud politicians can be divided into "princes" and "paupers." The princes — Olmert, Meridor, Milo, Netanyahu, Benny Begin, and MKs Uzi Landau and Tzachi Nanegbi — are sons of prominent Likud figures. They have known one another all their lives and they provide the party with a sense of ideological and personal cohesiveness. As a group, they are well educated and financially secure. Olmert, who is Arens's candidate for ambassador to the United States, has served in the Knesset for more than 15 years; Meridor was cabinet secretary; and Milo served as deputy foreign minister in the last government.

The "paupers," on the other hand, are self-made men (there are almost no women among the young politicos) from the Sephardic blue-collar class. Minister of Transportation Moshe Katzav, MKs David Magen, Ovadia Eli, and Jewish Agency treasurer Meir Shitreet all immigrated to Israel as children from Middle Eastern countries and eventually became mayors of the "development towns" in which they

were raised. As a result they have independent power bases, which the princes lack. Although less affluent and polished than their Ashkenazi contemporaries, they have authenticity in the eyes of their constituents.

Thus far, the infusion of so many young politicians into the Likud has had very little impact on the party's basic policies. Allowing for differences in temperament and style,



Binyamin Netanyahn

there is a surprising uniformity in their positions. But on the question of the future of the West Bank and Gaza, they do not deviate from Likud orthodoxy—the indivisibility of the Land of Israel and opposition to the "land for peace" formula of the Israeli left.

As for prime ministerial material, the smart money is on Dan Meridor, Ehud Olmert, Benyamin Netenyahu and Benny Begin. As the son of the party's founder, Benny Begin seems the logical choice for the role of first-among-equals, but he is a political novice. Meridor is considered too gentlemanly for political rough-and-tumble but this may be changing.

may be changing.

No one doubts the ambitions of Olmert and Netanyahu. But Olmert left Herut (the precursor of the Likud) for a dissident group and has only recently rejoined. And Netanyahu, who scored an impressive success at the nominating convention last fall, may have peaked too

early.
On the other side of the aisle, the situation is somewhat different. Unlike the Likud's yes-men, Labor's junior politicians tend to be Young Turks. Yossi Beilin, Avrum Berg, Haim Ramon, Amir Peretz and Ashkelon mayor Eli Dayan are all far to the left in the party spectrum. In any case, the young Laborites are a decade from becoming plausible candidates for leadership.

In the 1988 election, Labor brought in a number of young Sephardic candidates but they proved unable to draw working-class votes from the Likud. And, if Labor has failed to find attractive "paupers," it has also been unable to produce its own generation of princes. In 1988, Ya'el Dayan, daughter of Moshe Dayan, unsuccessfully sought a Knesset nomination. She was one of the few children of former party leaders to try.

Once the army was the great recruiting grounds for young Labor politicians but, in the past decade, the stream of military figures has turned into a trickle. And those who have sought to join have been, for the most part, rebuffed.

This points to the Labor's greatest problem in recruiting young politicians; at bottom, the party remains inhospitable to rising stars. As a result, the party has yet to produce a youthful candidate of the stature of Meridor, Olmert or Begin.

Perhaps the most interesting of the young politicos comes from a surprising quarter — Shas, the ultra-Orthodox Sephardic party. He is Rabbi Arye De'eri, a Moroccan immigrant who, although barely 30, serves as Israel's minister of the interior.

At first, De'eri's appointment caused considerable discomfort among secular Israelis. But in office, he has proven a sympathetic and surprisingly liberal figure.

Following recent municipal elections, De'eri pointed to the victory of a Moslem fundamentalist ticket in the city of Um el Fahm as an example of growing extremism among Israeli Arabs. But when it became clear the new mayor was not a fanatic, the young rabbi did something almost unprecedented in Israeli politics — he publicly apologized. Many Israelis tried in vain to remember when they had last heard such an admission from a politician.

Although Shas is a minor party, De'eri may well become the first of the younger generation to be a major political figure. Given the near stalemate between Likud and Labor, the religious factions hold the balance of power. Adove among hawks, De'eri believes in territorial compromise for peace, and it is an open secret that he would like to see the government of national unity replaced by a Labor-led coalition. Should such a configuration emerge, De'eri will certainly play a significant role.

As a rabbi, De'eri did not take part in the Knesset basketball team, but he is clearly varsity material. So are Meridor, Olmert, Begin, Netanyahu, Katzav and Magen of the Likud, and Belin, Burg and Ramon of Labor. They lack the charisma of the old-timers and the hard edges of contemporary leaders. Raised in the relative security of the Jewish state, they are the first generation of politicians without personal knowledge of the Holocaust and the struggle for independence, traumatic events that shaped the country.

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It is still too early to know what this will mean for Israeli policy. At present, these rising stars are still mostly marginal players. But one thing is certain; their time is coming. Within the next few years, followers of the Israeli national pastime will discover who has been sitting on the bench — a collection of substitutes, or a new generation of superstars.

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tanyahu told an audience of 350 The combined Arab forces facing Jewish leaders from the United States and Canada here September 9.

They were attending the 1989 North American Leadership Conference of State of Israel Bonds Organization, at the Wyndham Franklin Plaza Hotel.

Less than 50 miles separate Israel from its enemies, therefore Israel has "no margin for error," Netanyahu told the Bonds leaders. "Israel's No.

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1 problem is its survival and not the U.S. talks with the Palestine Liberaterritories," he said, referring to the tion Organization "if there is no real Palestinian uprising in the West Bank progress. and Gaza Strip.

Israel as a national minorities problem" that will eventually be solved. Netanyahu said.

He denounced the documentary film "Days of Rage: The Young Palestinians," broadcast September 8 by the Public Broadcasting Service, which depicts the uprising from the Palestinian viewpoint.

The film is a "travesty and a mockery" that will make it more difficult for the general public to know the truth about Israel, he said. "In no other place has Israel been depicted with such distortion and with the use of the big lie."

Speaking at an earlier session, Sen. Arlen Specter (R-Pa.) called support

Richard Perle, an assistant secre-'The territories are of concern to tary of defense in the Reagan administration, told a special conference session that the strengthening of American armed might has improved Israel's security. With Israel dependent on the United States for maintaining military balance in the region, Israel is more secure at the end of this decade than at any time since the state was established, Perle said.

Stuart Eizenstat, former special assistant to President Jimmy Carter, said Israel is benefiting from "a more benign external environment" than at any time in the past 40 years. He suggested that the threats to its growth and stability come from within, such as its economic problems.

Meir Rosenne, president and chief for Israel "very, very strong in the executive officer of the Israel Bonds U.S. Senate." He urged an end to Organization, opened the conference

#### Seven Jewish Groups **Argue For Abortion Rights**

ANDREW SILOW CARROLL WASHINGTON (JTA)—Seven Jewish organizations are joining

women's and civil rights groups in a mass effort to support the right to choose abortion. The Mobilize for Women's Lives coalition, whose activities will include a rally in Washington on November 12, was launched at a news conference her September 7.

According to organizers of the coalition of more than 30 groups, the nationwide effort will attempt to counter the effects of the recent Supreme court ruling in Webster vs. Reproductive Services.

That decision, allowing states more leeway in restricting access to abortions, is seen by pro-choice groups as an erosion of what they call a woman's constitutional right to choose an abortion and a green light for local legislatures to restrict abortion.

The coalition's efforts will focus on fund raising, voter registration drives and letter writing, with an eye toward electing pro-choice candidates in the 1990 congressional elections.

Jewish and other religious groups are prevented by their status as taxexempt organizations from endorsing individual candidates in those elections. Still, they believe "it is critically important for the public to understand that there are religious traditions that oppose restrictions on a woman's right to have an abortion," according to Robert Lifton, president of the American Jewish Congress.

"All too often, the only religious voices heard are those who oppose freedom of choice," Lifton said in a statement.

Not all Jewish organizations support abortion on demand. While Jewish law allows abortion in some cases, Orthodox groups, including Agudath Israel of America and the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, still believe the government should set strict limits on its availability.

The Jewish groups so far taking part in the pro-choice coalition are the American Jewish Committee, AJCongress, B'nai B'rith Women, Hadassah, National Council of Jewish Women, National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods and the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. Early this month the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods announced a "crisis campaign" to monitor state legislatures across the country and garner support for freedom of choice.



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#### **Few Register Feelings After** PBS Showing Of 'Days Of Rage'

By JOSEPH POLAKOFF

Special to The Jewish Voice WASHINGTON—Statistics provided by the Public Broadcasting Service (PBS) and several of its affiliates regarding their televising the 90-minute film "Days of Rage: The Young Palestinians" and its hourlong "wrap-around" indicated astonishingly little reaction from viewers.

in four million households tuned into the program for at least six minutes during the broadcasting on 22 stations in 19 cities whose markets cover 42 percent of the country's populations of some 240 millions.

14 of the stations numbered about opinions. "Days of Rage," one 1,200. On the ratio of 14 to 22 commented, "is much more blatant stations, and slightly less than twostations, and slightly less than twoexpress a view.

#### Soviet/Israel: **Agricultural** Cooperation

TEL AVIV (JTA) - The Soviet Academy of Sciences and the Israeli Agridav company have agreed to establish a jointly-owned company called Agromir.

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It is not the first Israeli-Soviet venture. The Herzliya-based Scitex Corporation has signed onto a joint project for image-enhancing, and medical scanning company will establish a joint company in the Soviet Union for local production of medical scanners.

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One PBS official said the paucity in numbers of calls could mean that viewers were somewhat satisfied with the over-II presentation and this had an "ameliorating effect" on their interest to express a reaction. "People felt they didn't need to call," he said. "People call when they are either very pleased or very angry.

Another said that "despite the PBS estimated that its projection broad press attention" the "average indicated approximately 5.9 million rating" for viewers was "not unusual for this type" of program and was 'comparable to other documentaries like 'Arab and Jews: Wounded Spirits in a Promised Land.'"

Another summation was that many, aware of the facts of the Arab-Yet, by mid-afternoon of the fol- Israeli conflict, believe much of telelowing day, the number of callers to vision can't be impressed by their thirds of the estimated viewers, damental idea is not much different. roughly only one person in about It was designed to arouse sympathy 3,250 phoned the local station to for Palestinians; never mind truth on what has gone on for 40 years. For example, there is that Israeli who posed as a Palestinian and wrote how Israelis tormented him as an Arab. His book was published long after 'Wounded Spirits' but it appeared in the film with a decidely anti-Israeli comment even though his allegations never were part of the book 'Wounded Spirits.' Buy why bother telling PBS about it; they

Of the 1,200 calls, a PBS official said, about 70 percent were "positive" and the remainder "negative." "Positive," the official said, meant the caller liked the decision for the program to be aired but it could also mean, he said, that, even so, the

caller didn't necessarily like its contents. "Negative," meant the caller was displeased it was aired and also disliked it.

The statistics showed considerable differences of opinions. PBS reported that WNET in New York, the sponsoring station, which was in the center of the months-long controversy, had only 100 positives and 77 negatives while Atlanta's WPBA had about 400 calls with three out of four posi-

The probable reason for that, a PBS official held, was that Atlanta ran a "crawl message" repeatedly during the program, urging viewers to phone reaction. Another report on WNET said it received some 500 calls of which 378 were negative.

The top "positive" report was at St. Paul's KTCA that had 200 calls with 95 percent positive, according to PBS information. Denver's KBDI had only 30 callers, 25 of them positive. Houston's KUHT, which had a relatively low viewer rating, had 128 calls with 70 percent positive. Negative majorities were regis-tered in Philadelphia and Miami. Philadelphia's WHYY had 49 positive and 57 negative calls. Of the negatives, 22 disapproved of the wrap-around. Miami's WPBT reported six positive and 36 negative.





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#### Israel Orders Workers' Families To Leave Colombia

By HUGH ORGEL

TEL AVIV (JTA) - Israel's Defense Ministry has ordered the families of Israelis working in Colombia to leave the country immediately because of the tense situation there. The order applies to the families of 40 employees of Israel Aircraft Industries and Tadiran, a military industry, who are working under de-fense contracts with the Colombian government.

Their work includes the delivery and maintenance of Kfirs, the Israelmade jet fighter planes sold to the Colombian air force

The Defense Ministry said the evacuation order may be only temporary. There has been a series of bombings and assassinations in Colombia lately linked to the drug cartel's war against the government.

Meanwhile, police said that they will drop their investigation of several Israel Defense Force reserve officers if no information is received soon to substantiate allegations that they trained assassination squads for the Colombian drug cartel.

The police have requested material from the Colombian authorities and sent two reminders so far, which have gone unanswered. The Colombians, instead of providing fresh information, asked the Israeli police for the results of their probe.

The Israeli police criminal investigation division has questioned Lt. Col. Yir Klein, head of the Hod Hahanit security consultant firm, and several of his associates who allegedly provided military equipment and know-how to unofficial groups in

Klein said he trained security guards for Colombian farmers and ranchers to defend themselves against cattle rustlers and guerrillas.

NBC News broadcast a videotape last month showing a Hebrew-speaking officer, later identified as Klein, instructing uniformed men who NBC claimed were a Colombian drug syndicate's "hit squad."



Retired Israeli officer Yair Klein arrives in Petach Tikva police station near Tel Aviv on August 28 for questioning over his alleged training of Colombian drug cartel hit squads. Klein has said that he is innocent of any wrongdoing. (Photo: RNS)

#### Israel Reports Finding On Alzheimer's

By GIL SEDAN
JERUSALEM (JTA)—Scientists at Bar-llan University have reported finding a medication to treat Alzheimer's disease, a degenerative condition that affects middle-age and elderly people, and is usually manifested by loss of memory.

Yediot Achronot reported last

week that a team of scientists, led by Professor Shlomo Eliahu, developed a medication that reverse memory loss in patients with Alzheimer's. The scientists said they tested it successfully on humans, but it needs further development before being approved for mass production, the newspaper

According to the report, the university in Ramat Gan is negotiating with various pharmaceutical companies to eventually product and market the medication.

But few details have been released because of the need for "commercial security," Yediot Achronot said.



#### Hungarian - Israeli Ties Reestablished After 22 Years

**By RUTH E. GRUBER** 

BUDAPEST (JTA)—Hungary reestablished full diplomatic relations with Israel on Monday, ending a 22year-old breach dating from the 1967 Six-Day War. All East bloc countries except Romania severed relations at

Hungary, the first to restore full relations, acknowledged Monday it had been a bad mistake to break with Israel in the first place.

Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Arens, who flew secretly into Budapest at dawn, and Hungarian Foreign Minister Gyula Horn signed a protocol on the re-establishment of Hungarian-Israeli relations" in ceremonies at the Foreign Ministry, the official Hungarian news agency, MTI, announced.

#### Ausria To Remove **Envoy To** Israel

By GIL SEDAN
JERUSALEM (JTA) — Israel's relations with Austria reached a new

low when Vienna announced Monday it would reduce the level of its diplomatic representation in Israel. A spokesman for the Austrian Foreign Ministry said the move was in response to Israel's refusal to send a new ambassador to Austria as long as Kurt Waldheim is president.

The announcement came on the same day that Austria's neighbor, Hungary, became the first East bloc nation to restore full diplomatic ties with Israel, broken in 1967, Israel has already named an ambassador to Budapest, but it has none in Vienna.

Its last envoy, Michael Elitzur, returned home three years ago after the Austrians overwhelmingly elected Waldheim, despite revelations that he had been active in the Nazi Party and had served in a German army unit linked to atrocities against civilians in Greece and Yugloslavia.

Israel has refused to name a successor. Its embassy in Vienna is currently headed by Gideon Yarden, who has the rank of charge d'affaires.

Otto Pleinert, the Austrian ambassador to Israel, is about to be posted to Stockholm. Reports from Vienna this week said he would be replaced by a charge d'affaires. Pleinert stressed Tuesday that it was important to observe reciprocity. But a final decision about his successor is

not expected until next spring. Waldheim's term expires in 1992. He has not ruled out standing for reelection. But the conservative People's Party, which supported his candicacy in 1986, has hinted it would not do so a second time.

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Arens called it "a historic step in the right direction."

MTI quoted Horn as saying the resumption of full diplomatic relations with Israel signifies that Hungary is discarding past mistakes and is further proof of its new reformist

The two countries will exchange ambassadors. Jerusalem announced Monday that Shlomo Merom, who has headed the Israeli interests section here since it was established 18 months ago, will be the new envoy.

Merom, who already holds the rank of ambassador, will present his credentials shortly. Hungary is expected to send a ranking diplomat to serve as its ambassador in Tel Aviv.

Horn was quoted as saying that "Hungary is against confrontation, endorses dialogue and wants good relations with all countries based on mutual advantage.

Referring to the resumed ties with Israel, he stressed that "this step is not aimed against anybody and will probably be helpful in solving the

Middle East conflict."

But according to Merom, the Hungarian decision was a blow to persistent Arab diplomatic efforts to isolate Israel on the world scene. He noted, nevertheless, that the two countries have not altered their divergent views of the Middle East con-

Arens was accompanied at the signing ceremony in Budapest by Yeshayahu Anug, deputy director general of the Foreign Ministry, and Salai Meridor, his political secretary.

In Washington, the U.S. State Department said it was pleased that Hungary and Israel had decided to reestablish full relations. "We hope that other members of the Warsaw Pact will follow Hungary's lead," said department spokeswoman Margaret

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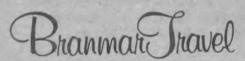
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#### **Israel Censured By Human Rights Panel**

By TAMAR LEVY GENEVA (JTA) — A U.N. humanrights panel wound up a four-week session here earlier this month by accusing Israel of war crimes against Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

The anti-Israel resolution, backed by the Soviet Union, Cuba and Somalia, as well as the Arab countries, was adopted Aug. 31 by the U.N. Subcommission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities. The vote by secret ballot was 15-5, with two abstentions.

The resolution accused Israel of torture, expulsions, collective punishment, detention without trial and other violations of the Fourth Gecivilians in time of war.

The Israeli observer, Rafael Walden, called the resolution onesided and charged that it gave the Palestinians "carte blanche" for terpresently 26 observers, including Iran,

The 26-member subcommission, which reports to the U.N. Human Rights Commission, also condemned South Africa by affirming past statements that apartheid is a crime against humanity. But a resolution dealing with Iraqi atrocities against its Kurdish population was shelved by majority vote.

The U.N. disarmament conference meeting here also concluded its final session of the year this month, un-

neva Convention, which protects able to agree on Israel's request for admission as an observer state. Conference regulations require a consensus among the member coun-Iraq and Libya, who obtained the status this year.

The Western powers are known to want Israel's participation in the discussions, which are focused on chemical warfare. But pressure from the United States and several European countries failed to budge Algeria, which held out against Israel, thereby blocking a consensus.

Nevertheless, the Israeli diplomatic mission to the United Nations in Geneva is optimistic that Israel will be accepted in a few months. The disarmament conference reconvenes early in 1990.

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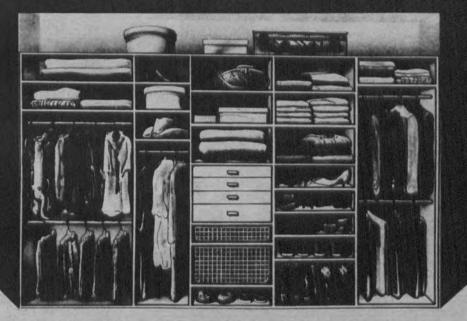


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#### Vatican Praised For Offer To Relocate Convent

NEW YORK (JTA) - A ray of Tuesday, as Jewish leaders warmly the relocation of the Carmelite conhope broke through the clouds sur- praised the Vatican's public endorserounding Catholic-Jewish relations ment of the 1987 accord calling for

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vent at Auschwitz.

They were particularly pleased by the Vatican's offer to contribute funds to establish an interfaith center away from the grounds of the former death camp, where the Carmelite nuns are to be relocated. Those who had urged a freeze in relations with the Vatican until the issue was resolved called Tuesday for a restoration of formal talks with the Catholic Church.

Relations between Jews and the church have deteriorated since Feb. 22, the date by which the convent was to have been moved. The deadline, specified in the 1987 accord. passed with little sign of progress in relocating the convent.

Jewish leaders had repeatedly called for Pope John Paul II to state his support for the 1987 agreement, which was signed in Geneva by nine world Jewish leaders and nine representatives of the Catholic Church, including four European cardinals. But for more than a year, the Vatican remained silent on the matter, apparently deferring to the Catholic Church in Poland, which the pope

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The Carmelite Convent just outside the fence of the Auschwitz death camp, which has been the spurce of growing tensions between Jews and Roman Catholics. Jews object to the Christian presence in an area where so many Jews died. (Photo: RNS)

formerly headed.

That silence was broken Tuesday, when Cardinal Johannes Willebrands, president of the Vatican Commission for Religious Relations With Judaism, issued a statement offering to contribute financially to the construction of the interfaith center.

"The Holy See is convinced that such a center would contribute in a significant manner to the development of good relations between Christians and Jews," the statement

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read. "In order to support the realization of this important but costly project, the Holy See is prepared to make its own financial contribution,' it said.

The head of the Polish Church. Cardinal Jozef Glemp, had raised the financial issue as one of the obstacles to the removal and relocation of the convent

Tuesday's Vatican statement refers to a remark made by the pope in an address to the Jewish community of Vienna in June 1988, when he said that the center "would produce fertile results and serve as a model for other nations." Observers here believe that this reference to the pontiff clearly indicates that the pope personally approved the statement which, Vatican sources say, should bring to an end "an unfortunate conflict" between Jews and Catho-

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The holiday schedule at Machzikey Hadas will be as follows:

September 23, Selicoth, 11:15 p.m.. Refreshments

September 29, Erev Rosh Hashana, 8 p.m.

September 30, 1st Day Rosh Hashana, 9 a.m.

October 1, 2nd Day Rosh Hashana, 9 a.m.

October 8, Erev Yom Kippur (Kol Nidre), 5:45 p.m.

October 9, Yom Kippur Regular Service, 9 a.m.

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October 13, Erev Succoth, 8 p.m. October 14, 1st Day Succoth, 9

October 15, 2nd Day Succoth, 9

October 20, Friday Night Services, 8 p.m.

October 21, Shmini Atzeret, 9 a.m.; Yiskor, 11 a.m.; 7 p.m. October 22, Simchat Toroh Services, 9 a.m.

Machzikey Hadas Congregation has obtained the services of Cantor Marvin Zukerman as its full-time religious leader. Zukerman will be conducting all Sabbath and Holiday services. The congregation is located in the B'nai B'rith Building. 8000 Society Drive, Claymont. For further information, call 792-2637.

#### Chabad Calendar

Chabad-Lubavitch of Delaware announces that it will once again be mailing its Jewish Art Calendar to the entire community before Rosh Hashanah. The calendar was first published last year. Featured in this year's calendar is

art work from known Jewish artists: Muchnik, Nachshon and Hendel. Shabbat candle lighting times specifically for Wilmington and Dover are included on each Friday and Holiday, adding to the uniqueness of the publication.

"It is our privilege to provide a service for the entire Jewish community in the state in a way that emcompasses the total Jewish year. We have received close to a hundred calls in e last two weeks alone to know when the new calendar will arrive," said Rabbi Vogel, director of Chabad-Lubavitch. "It's quite obviously

The calendar is also the yearly fund raiser for Chabad of Delaware's programs and services in the community and at the University of Delaware campus. The campus programs include, free Shabbat dinners for students, weekly information table in the student center, crisis counseling, anti-missionary work, quest lectures and Shabbatons. Holiday guides, Diala-Jewish-Story, Matzah Bakery, The Shofar Factory, Holiday programs, prison chaplaincy, senior citizens classes, kitchen koshering services, hospital visitations, Sukkamobile, Adult education classes and Shofar for shut-ins are among other services

#### Introduction To Judaism Class To Begin

Rabbis Peter H. Grumbacher, David B. Kaplan and Herbert Yoskowitz announce that the "Introduction to Judaism" class for 1989-1990 will begin with an orientation session on Tuesday, October 17, at 7:30 p.m. at Temple Beth El, 301 Possum Park Road, Newark, Dela-

this class, which runs from October through April, is designed for those persons interested in conversion to Judaism or those in relationships with a Jewish person who are

interested in learning more about all aspects of Judaism. It is suggested that before the orientation begins those considering joining the class contact one of the rabbis because a sponsoring rabbi is required for graduation from the program.

Fees and schedule will be discussed at the orientation session and a book list will be made available. If you have any questions, contact Rabbi Grum-bacher (764-2393), Rabbi Kaplan (366-8330) or Rabbi Yoskowitz (654-4462) as soon as possible.

#### **Shofar-Sounding Available** For Community's Shut-Ins

With the holiday of Rosh Hashanah approaching, Chabad-Lubavitch of Delaware has announced that it will once again be offering a special service for those that are house-bound and unable to attend a synagogue. Rabbi Chuni Vogel, director of Chabad-Lubavitch, and other volunteers will make house visits on e day of Rosh Hashanah, and blow the shofar which is the most important part of the Holiday service.

'Of all the time during the year to

be housebound, Rosh Hashanah is the worst," says Rabbi Chuni Vogel. "To bring the spirit of the holy day to these people at such a time is extremely important and meaningful. The smiles and tears of gratitude we received last year will never be for-

For those wishing to take advantage of this service, call the Chabad office at 478-4400 by September 27.

## Greenhouse To Address ORT

The guest speaker at the annual paid-up membership event of the ORT Brandywine Chapter will be Dennis Greenhouse, New Castle County Executive. Drugs and the future of New Castle County will be among the topics discussed by Green-

The meeting will be held at the Jewish Community Center in Wilmington on Wednesday, October 11, at 7:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served. The fee is \$5 and is applicable toward membership dues for those not currently members. For more information, call Nina at 762-

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#### Young Jewish Singles

The Young Jewish Adults of Delaware (for Singles 21-35) has planned several activities for October. Call the JCC to be included on the mailing list for their monthly newsletter.

On Wednesday, October 11, at 6 p.m. (raindate Oct. 12), there will be a sukkah decorating party at the home of Mike Cook. Call Mike at 368-1982 by Oct. 10 for reservations and directions.

There will be a dinner at 6:30 p.m. and chavurah discussion at 7:30 p.m. in the sukkah at Mike Cook's home on Tuesday, October 17. Call Pam-Sue Katz (737-0958) by Oct. 13 for dinner reservations, and Mike (368-1982) for directions.

On Saturday, October 21, at 7:15 p.m., the singles will go to Simchat Torah services at Adas Kodesh Synagogue, Lea and Washington Blvd. Wilmington. Afterwards, they will go out for dinner and drinks. Call Sheryl (798-4616) for more info.

The group will be having its Cocktail Party on Wednesday, October 25, at 6 p.m. at Gallucio's, 1709 Lovering Ave. Wilmingto \$6 for hors d'ouevres and admission. For information call Ron at 762-

There will be a day-trip to New Hope, Pa. on Sunday, October 29. Carpooling will be available, leaving at 10 a.m. from the JCC, and returning by 5 p.m. For reservations, call Rick (798-6583) by October

The YJAD will have their popular Restaurant Sampler at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 2, at Schuker's Pier 13 Restaurant, Route 13, just south of the Wilmington airport, next to the Acura dealer. Afterwards, they'll go to Air Transport Command for dancing. Call Pam-Sue (737-0958) by November 1 for dinner reservations.

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They YJAD publishes a monthly newsletter. To be put on the mailing list, call the JCC.

#### **Housing Now!** March

Thousands from around the country are planning to meet in Washington, D.C., to demand affordable housing. They will be lobbying congress on the 5 and 6 of October and then will be joined by hundreds more on October 7 for the final march and rally. The Delaware Jewish Community will travel on a special bus on October 7. Shabbat Services will be held on the bus. Reserve a seat by sending a check for \$12, payable to "Housing Now! Delaware Committee, to Garry Greenstein, 64 Bancroft Estate Rd., Wilmington, DE 19806.

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Center, highlights portions of High Holiday services with explanations and songs.

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#### Naches

#### Augenbraun-Scudder

Dr. Eliene Augenbraun and Mr. Michael D. Scudder were married Aug 27 in the Lavana Restaurant, New York. Rabbi Sheer, Chaplain of Columbia University, officiated.

Their parents are Mr. and Mrs. Ahron Augenbraun of Wilmington and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Scudder of Omaha, Nebraska.

The bride, a graduate of University of Delaware and NYCOM Medical School, is presently completing her work at Columbia University toward

The groom, a graduate of Columbia University, is presently working as a programmer/analyst on Wall St., New York.

The couple will reside in Brooklyn,

#### Leighton

Marian Leighton, daughter of Betty and Sol Polotsky of Wilmington, recently published a scholarly book on recent changes in the Soviet Union entitled, "The Deceptive Lure of Detente." A career intelligence analyst, Leighton argues that a "hard headed detente" may make temporary gains but will not overcome the underlying political and ideological cleavages between the superpowers.

A specialist on Soviet foreign policy, she is an alumna of Barnard College and of the W. Averell Harriman Institute for the Advanced Study of the Soviet Union at Columbia University. She holds a Ph.D. from Columbia. She has published many works on Soviet foreign policy.

She is currently employed by the U.S. Department of Defense.

#### Annapolis\_

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including Jewish office holders. Senator Ben Cardin always orders the Rueben named for him. Lou Goldstein, State Comptroller, loves salami with onion on rye

is also of Jewish interest. In Mitscher Hall is the modern Jewish chapel, completed in 1981 and used for weekly Shabbat services and special occasions like weddings of midshipmen. Before the Academy finally gave permission to have the chapel

services. Also in Mitscher Hall is the Jewish chaplain, Rabbi Norman Auerback.

Two buildings on the vast campus navy. are named for famous Jewish alumni. Michelson Hall is named in honor of

The most famous institution in designed, the Jewish students were Albert Abraham Michelson, class of Annapolis. This is a town where Annapolis, the U.S. Naval Academy, using crowded makeshift quarters for 1873, who in 1907 became the first Jews, though small in number, have Hyman Rickover, class of 1922, Academy. considered the father of the nuclear

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"They're drawn from all over the United States, from small towns and big cities. It's a fascinating melting pot. The only common denominator is that they're interested in careers in the navy or marine corps.

As he talks, he sips a diet soda he got from the kitchen next door to his office, which is used to prepare kosher food for the weekly Oneg Shabbat. The chaplain is a casual, friendly and unpretentious naval officer, despite his double-breasted navy blue dress uniform with its fancy "shoulder boards" — the stripes signify his navy rank and the special replica of two tablets and the Star of David signify his status as rabbi.

Growing up in San Francisco, Auerback knew early he wanted to become a rabbi. But he hardly envisioned he'd be the first full-time Jewish chaplain at the prestigious U.S. Naval

Academy.

But he'd grown up in a navy town where he loved watching the boats come in. And he had an uncle, a physician, who had been in the Canadian navy. So, after he held several civilian pulpits and had also served as Hillel advisor at Southern Illinois University, he began to think about becoming a chaplain in the

In 1979, he decided to apply for a navy chaplain's position. The process included security checks, physical exams, and an endorsement from the Jewish Welfare Board, which asks for three stipulations from prospective chaplains: they must promise not to do conversions, not to officiate at mixed marriages and they must keep a kosher kitchen wherever they serve.

"That makes sense," says Auerback, ordained as a Reform rabbi. "As chaplain, I represent the entire Jewish community and not any one denomination.

His credentials approved, he put on a marine's uniform and reported to Camp Lejuene in North Carolina, where he served as rabbi to 150 Jewish marines among 30,000 marines stationed there.

Four years later, he was trans-

ferred to Okinawa, Japan. Next he served as first rabbi assigned as chaplain to the U.S. Naval Hospital in Oakland, California. Then came a transfer to the Naval Hospital at

And soon after came the offer from the U.S. Naval Academy. When Admiral John McNamara, the nowretired Chief of Chaplains, visited him at Bethesda to offer him the chaplain's position, he jumped aboard without a moment's doubt.

"I knew it would be a wonderful opportunity," he says. "And it has

He knew, too, that the opportunity opened only because of determined efforts from several Jewish families in Annapolis and Jewish naval officers like Rabbi Aaron Landes of Philadelphia, an admiral and member of the Reserve Chaplains Corps. He and others had actively promoted the idea of a full-time Jewish chap-

"They felt it was important for Jewish midshipmen to have an active duty chaplain to whom they could relate," says Auerback. "They also felt it was important for the other 4000 midshipmen to understand there are non-Christians in the navy,

Auerback has used his "wonderful opportunity" to create understanding among the non-Jews and to heighten Jewish consciousness for the Jewish midshipmen. The Passover seders, the Holocaust memorial service, the many meetings he has with his Christian chaplain colleagues all help create awareness of the Jewish presence at the Academy.

Meanwhile, he continues to prepare the Jewish students for their Jewish lives at sea even as he gives them a strong Jewish environment

for their student years.

"This is a very viable place for a Jewish student," says Auerback, who hopes to attract more Jewish applicants to the Academy. "Academically, it's one of the better schools. And we do need a representative number of Jews in the armed services. So we eagerly invite young Jewish men and women to consider the Naval Academy.

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#### OSI's Top Nazi Hunter Has Made A Career Out Of Locating War Criminals

By MICHAEL MATZA

WASHINGTON — He has been attacked by angry Ukrainian-Americans who say he defames them; denounced by former White House aide Patrick Buchanan, who says he plays into communist hands; and frustrated by Edwin Meese 3d, who, as U.S. attorney general, was his boss and took months to ratify his

He has been branded a dupe of the KGB, a rebel with too much cause and an enemy of legal due process. He has received anti-Semitic letters, suspicious telephone calls in the middle of the night and, yes, the occasional death threat.

And through it all, Neal Sher, 41, the dapper director of the U.S. Justice Department's Office of Special Investigations (OSI) continues to hold down the job he never imagined that he would have - running a team of 38 investigators, historians, translators and lawyers assigned to ferret out former Nazis living in America and to expel them from the United States. In addition to purifying America from within, Sher is in charge of identifying "undesirable aliens" with Nazi backgrounds and taking steps to bar their entry into the United States.

It may come as a surprise that the United States employs Nazi hunters in this day and age. By most accounts it is a tedious clean-up operation played against the clock. Actuarially speaking, most of the persecutors and the survivors who could testify against them are not expected to be alive a decade from now.

'Back at law school, if someone said I would be the government's chief Nazi-hunter, I would have looked at him like he was out of his mind," said the man who made headlines for issuing the opinion on which the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) based its decision to bar Austrian President Kurt Waldheim from entering the United States.

A framed copy of that April 27, 1987, opinion, which recommended that Waldheim's name be placed on the government's "watch list," hangs like a trophy on a wall in Sher's corner office.

'Obviously it caused some tension between the governments," Sher said, recalling his decision to go after the man who served as the U.N. secretary-general from 1972 to 1982. "but it was a principled decision. The fact that a person reached a certain status after the war had no bearing. We were investigating Lt. Kurt Waldheim. He did what he did. And his units did what they did. And nothing could change that.

Sher's office decor pays homage to heroes from disparate worlds. A framed photograph of former Yankee centerfielder Mickey Mantle hangs on one wall. A framed photograph of Isser Harel, the head of the Israeli secret service who masterminded the capture of Adolf Eichmann in Argentina in 1961, sits on a table at the opposite end of the room.

Spend a little time with Neal Sher, a graduate of Cornell University and New York University Law School, and you quickly come to see that his is a cool kind of passion. As a Jew whose father served with the U.S. Army and was wounded in France during World War II, Sher might be expected to have a thirst for revenge. Instead, this former law clerk for federal Judge Barrington Parker is the consummate, professional litigator, more interested in appeals to the

head than the heart. When Sher gets passionate, it seems, he doesn't seethe, he calculates.

As the older of two sons, Sher, the adoptive father of a college-age son, grew up in what he describes as "a lower-middle-class garden apartment community" in Queens, N.Y., where his father was a mailman and his mother was a rent-control examiner. "I had known about the Holocaust, probably knew more about it than the average person," Sher recalled recently. "But I wasn't obsessed. I'm not a child of survivors. My parents were born here.'

Still, as a young man, Sher found himself poring over passages from the trial transcripts and judgments at Nuremberg. And on his first trip to Germany in 1973, he made a point of visiting the site of the former concentration camp at Dachau.

Today, "Sher is probably one of the best in the field - sensitive, insightful and rigorous, without losing his compassion," says Elie Wiesel, a Nobel laureate and a former chairman of the President's Commission on the Holocaust. "For him it's not only a matter of justice but also a question of truth.

"I consider Neal, his work and his office to be the conscience of the United States," says Elan Steinberg, executive director of the World Jewish Congress, the representative body of Jewish communities in 70 countries that was founded in 1936 as a sort of Jewish U.N. "[Sher] is making sure that history is right so that we don't lose it.

Not everybody approves

Sher, who has been with the office since its inception, it not without his detractors. Critics of the process for stripping naturalized Americans of their citizenship say that the OSI, which sometimes relies on Soviet archives and on depositions taken in the Soviet Union, has been used by the Soviets to get back at anti-communists living in the United States.

They try to portray us as beyond control," says Sher. "But we are not renegades. We make recommendations that have to be approved by U.S. courts.

The office that Sher holds was created by Congress in 1979 from legislation sponsored by former New York Democratic Rep. Elizabeth

Under the Displaced Persons Act, which Congress passed after World War II, an estimated 10,000 Nazis and Nazi collaborators entered the United States between 1949 and 1953. They lied about their wartime activities and were never properly screened. In several celebrated cases, Nazis with potentially important secrets to share, such as rocket scientist Arthur Rudolph, were brought into the United States by U.S. counterintelligence officials.

In 1979, as chairman of the House Immigration Committee, Holtzman took Nazi-hunting away from the Immigration Service and persuaded the Justice Department to take over the job — with a \$2.3 million budget.

The result was the creation of the OSI, a bureau in the criminal division of the Justice Department, whose primary job is to seek the denaturalization of individuals to whom U.S. citizenship should never have been extended.

Walter Rockler, a former Nuremberg prosecutor, who took a leave from his Washington law practice to set up the office, was the agency's first director. Among the first lawyers Rockler brought aboard was Sher, an aggressive litigator specializing in labor cases.

"He was experienced, bright and able to move up quickly," Rockler recalls. "He became a substantial part of the office ... a reviewer of cases...right from the beginning.

When Rockler left the OSI after nine months, Allan Ryan, an assistant solicitor general, became direc-tor. He appointed Sher his deputy for litigation. When Ryan left in 1983, Sher was named to the top spot.

"Neal was a very savvy litigator," recalls Ryan, now with Harvard University's office of general counsel. "I wanted somebody who knew his way around a courtroom." The case against Osidach

The first test of Sher's mettle came in 1979 in Philadelphia, in denaturalization proceedings against Wolodymir Osidach, a Ukrainian refugee, who moved with his wife and children to the city's Logan section in 1949. To the members of his church and the people who lived next door, Osidach was a quiet neighbor. But to investigators, he was a former Nazi and onetime chief of police in Rawa-Ruska, Ukraine, who had supervised the roundup and murder of thousands of Jews between September 1941 and January 1943.

Although Osidach had been questioned briefly by the INS in 1964 after his name appeared in a Soviet newspaper, he was cleared after insisting that the allegations were lies and "Russian propaganda." Almost 15 years after INS deactivated its file on his case, Sher moved to have Osidach's citizenship revoked.

In the civil trial before federal Judge Louis C. Bechtle, which began in November of 1979, Sher put the ex-Nazi, then 76, on the witness stand. Despite Osidach's insistence that he had been a dairy farmer, Sher drew from him an admission that he had been asked to become commandant of the militia in Rawa-Ruska.

And you accepted?" asked Sher. 'Yes, I accept," Osidach replied. With those three words, the first OSI case was won.

On March 17, 1981, Bechtle handed down a 150-page decision that detailed the "unspeakable" brutality of the militia in its efforts to make Rawa-Ruska "Judenfrei" (free of Jews). He ordered Osidach stripped of his citizenship. Osidach filed an appeal. Two months later, a heart attack took his life.

'[Sher] did the job he was expected to do - and he did it quite well," Bechtle recalled recently. "The subject matter was complex, there were language problems in the testimony, foreign depositions. I thought he assembled the material and presented it quite well. He had an able

adversary. And the case could have easily been lost with less prepara-

To date, the OSI has been responsible for the deportation of 28 people. Twenty-five cases are in the courts. And 600 more are under active investigation. OSI computers hold the data on tens of thousands of individuals who may have been implicated in Nazi crimes. This has resulted in the addition to the watch list of 9,800 former SS men who served as concentration-camp guards, and about 2,000 former members of the Einsatzgruppen (mobile killing units).

The lists were compiled from captured wartime records, post-war 'wanted" lists put together by military authorities, extradition requests and records in the National Archives on unnatural deaths at concentration camps. Those lists are painstakingly checked against lists of immigrants who came to the United States after

Even with name changes, and the passage of time, "you'd be amazed how many matches we get," Sher

Asked by the Jerusalem Post why he was going after "small fry" more than 44 years after the war, Sher cited the case of Bogdan Koziy, a Florida resident, who escaped to Costa Rica in 1987 to avoid deportation to the Soviet Union after the OSI stripped him of his U.S. citizenship.

In Galicia in 1942, Koziy held a revolver to the head of a 4-year-old Jewish girl and pulled the trigger, Sher recalled. "For the family of that child, Koziy was the Holocaust, not some SS bigshot in Lublin or Berlin. Can anybody say that Koziy was small fry?"

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#### Milwakee Man To Be Denaturalized

By MARILYN RUBY

Wisconsin Jewish Chronicle MILWAUKEE (JTA) - Anton Tittjung, 64, a retired marble craftsman living in Greenfield, Wis., has become the second Milwaukee-area man in five months to face possible revocation of his U.S. citizenship because of his alleged role as a Nazi concentration camp guard.

A motion to revoke Tittjung's citizenship was filed Aug. 29 in the federal district court in Milwaukee by the Justice Department's Office of Special Investigations.

OSI alleges that Tittjing concealed three times from U.S. immigration authorities his service as an armed guard of prisoners at the Gross Raming subcamp of the Mauthausen concentration camp complex in Austria. Tittjing, a native of Yugoslavia, is also accused of concealing his membership in the SS-Totenkopf Sturmbann (Death's Head Battalion).

OSI's motion states that Tittjing falsely swore that his military service consisted solely of membership in the Prinz Eugen Division of the Waffen SS. Members of that division were deemed eligible for entry into the United States.

Service in the Totenkopf-Sturmbann unit was adjudged as criminal by the International Military Tribunal in Nuremberg, Germany, following World War II.

The tribunal ruled that the Totenkopf-Sturmbann unit constituted assistance in the Nazi persecution of civilians and membership in a movement hostile to the United States.

OSI notes that during the time Tittjung served at Mauthausen, the camp's death toll rose to a peak of 400 per day in 1944. In all, thousands of prisoners died there as the result of shooting, gassing, hanging, electrocution, starvation, forced labor, lethal injection and other forms of murder.

The OSI motion adds that while serving as an armed guard at Gross Raming, Tittjung knew that civilians were being killed there.

According to OSI, the defendant falsely claimed he was a displaced person after the war. He said he had received four months' infantry and artillery training, fought against the Tito partisans in Yugoslavia and then retreated to the Austria-Yugoslavian border in May 1945.

Tittjung entered the United States from Austria in 1952 under the Displaced Persons Act of 1948. In 1955, he successfully reapplied for admission to the United States from Austria, where he had been visiting. In 1973, he received U.S. citizenship.

U.S. Attorney Francis Schmitz will serve as local counsel for the government in the Tittjung case, and federal Judge John Reynolds has been assigned to hear it. Schmitz added that OSI will handle the bulk of the litigation, due to its specialized nature.

According to Schmitz, Tittjung was served with a copy of the complaint on the morning of Sept. 5. Schmitz said he didn't know who would serve as Tittjung's legal counsel. Tittjung could not be reached for comment.

Citizenship revocation proceedings are also pending against Anton Baumann, 77, of West Allis, Wis. Baumann is accused of concealing that he was a guard at the Buchenwald concentration camp in Germany, and the Stutthof camp in Poland.

When asked if the OSI is investigating any other Wisconsin residents, Joe Krovisky, public information officer for the Department of Justice, said that "as a matter of policy, we don't comment on ongoing cases."

Neal Sher, OSI director, said in a statement that the initiation of proceedings against Tittjung was part of OSI's ongoing efforts to identify and take legal action against former Nazi camp guards living in this country.

## One of the greatest rabbis, Talmudic scholars and ardent Zionists of the 19th Century was Rabbi Samuel

Born in the Vilna district in 1824, to a famous rabbinical family, he was ordained at the renowned Volozhin yeshiva at the early age of 18. He served a number of communities, but his name is bound up with Bialystok, where he spent the last 15 years of his life.

In today's world, Rabbi Mohilever would be called an "Activist." He was a man of action. When a fund for colonization in Palestine was created on the occasion of the 90th birthday of Sir Moses Montefiore, in 1875, he

## Great Zionist Personalities

was one of the few men in Russia and Poland to respond to the appeal. He also raised a considerable amount of money for the cause and published several enthusiastic articles in the Hebrew publication "Hamaquid" in favor of the idea of colonization in Palestine.

In 1881, as a result of the pogroms in Europe, thousands of Jewish refugees flooded eastern Europe. Rabbi Mohilever was the only rabbi to travel to the areas, where the refugees

was one of the few men in Russia and Poland to respond to the appeal. He also raised a considerable amount of money for the cause and published were concentrated, and bent all his efforts to have them sent to Palestine instead of dispersing them throughout the world.

On his way home, he stopped in Warsaw where he called a mass meeting at which the first association of "Hovevei Zion" in Russia was founded. The following year, he went abroad, again, this time to visit the countries in Western Europe to interest Jewish philanthropists in the colonization in Palestine. His meeting with Baron Edmond de Rothschild resulted in the latter authorizing Rabbi Mohilever to select several families for settlement in Eretz Israel. The result of this project was the colony of Ekron. He also influenced Jews from Bialystok to settle in Petach Tikvah.

Thereafter, the rabbi devoted himself wholeheartedly to the cause of colonization in Palestine. He remained faithful to the concept of aliyah even though many of the Orthodox rabbis withdrew their support of Hovevei Zion because it was headed by Maskilim (secular Jews) of the Haskalah (Enlightenment) movement.

In 1884, he presided over the Hovevei Zion Conference held in Kattowitz, where he was elected one of the leaders. Four years later, he was part of the presidium which succeeded Leo Pinsker, who had resigned from the presidency because of illness.

Rabbi Mohilever visited Palestine on several occasions. He was instru-

mental in the founding of the colony of Rehovot, where he brought land for himself. In 1888 he made a monumental decision which permitted work in the various colonies in Palestine during the Sabbatical (Shemitah) year.

When Theodor Herzl appeared on the scene, Rabbi Mohilever welcomed him with great joy and immediately joined the World Zionist Organization, becoming one of Herzl's ardent admirers and followers. Unfortunately, because of illness, he could not attend the first Zionist Congress.

From 1893 until his death, five years later, he headed the propaganda center of Hovevei Zion working especially with Orthodox Jews. After Rabbi Mohilever's death the center was renamed Mizrachi, becoming the official Religious Zionist organization. Such was his enduring Zionis influence in the Orthodox community.

He stated his goals very clearly: the attainment of a deep attachment to the commandment to settle in Eretz Israel, "which is the foundation of the existence of our people" and tolerance toward the Maskilim. These were the prerequisites to the unity of the Jewish people, which was necessary for the rebuilding of the Jewish homeland. Oh, that the State of Israel would have religious leaders, today, of Rabbi Mohilever's stature and vision.

(Phillip Redelheim is Executive Director of Congregation Beth El in Cherry Hill. He has been in the

field of Jewish social services for 42 years. A student of Jewish history, Redelheim has studied with particular emphasis on the Zionist movement and the State of Israel.)

#### Refugee Status—

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in "a state of limbo" while waiting to receive refugee status.

To iron out a new system for processing in Moscow, the administration is setting up a working group with non-government agencies, Hoenlein said. He said U.S. officials indicated the new policy may be implemented as early as October 1. But the U.S. officials assured the Jewish leaders that those Soviet applicants for refugee status already waiting in Rome, most of whom are Jews, would be "grandfathered" in as refugees, Hoenlein said.

The U.S. officials met first with the Monitoring and Accountability Committee of the United Jewish Appeal's "Passage to Freedom" campaign for Soviet Jewry, and later with the Conference of Presidents.

The committee includes representatives of the Council of Jewish Federations, HIAS, the Joint Distribution Committee, United Israel Appeal, UJA and various community federations

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#### Congress Urging Bush To Deny Arafat Visa

By HOWARD ROSENBERG

WASHINGTON, Sept. 20 (JTA) Members of Congress are urging Preisdent Bush not to grant a visa to Yasir Arafat should the Palestine Liberation Organization leader ask to enter the United States to address the United Nations General Assem-

Letters to Bush are already being circulated in the Senate and House, even though Arafat has not yet applied for a visa. Until he does, the administration will not comment on

At the United Nations, Clovis Maksoud, the Arab League representative here, said Monday that Arafat has not yet decided whether to try to attend the General Assembly session. But he said that if Arafat did come, the logical time for his visit would be in November, when the assembly holds its annual debate on the Palestinian issue

The letter being circulated in the Senate focuses on PLO actions in the past year, including raids by PLO constituent groups into Israel, PLO threats against moderate Palestinians who seek a Palestinian-Israeli dialogue and the anti-Israel program adopted last month in Tunis by Al Fatah, the main branch of the PLO.

After expounding on each of those points, the senators argue "this is not the time for unearned concessions or rewards, such as reversing the current policy of denying a visa for Arafat to enter the United States."

The lawmakers also express concern about any U.S. decision that ask for themselves: HOUSING NOW! would raise the level of the 9-monthold U.S. dialogue with the PLO. Currently, the only American official authorized to conduct that dialogue is the U.S. ambassador to Tunisia, Robert Pelletreau.

As of Tuesday afternoon, 27 senators had signed the letter, which is cosponsored by Sens. Carl Levin (D-Mich), Joe Lieberman (D-Conn.), Connie Mack (R-Fla.) and Pete Wilson

The House letter, to be mailed Friday, cites U.S. law as allowing presidents to deny visas for foreign policy or national security reasons, or if the applicant "has engaged, in an individual capacity or as a member of an organization, in a terrorist

That letter, which is being circulated by Rep. Lawrence Smith (D-Fla.), argues that granting Arafat a visa to visit the United Nations this fall would give the PLO an "unwarranted political success.

Freshman Rep. Michael McNulty (D-N.Y.) last week sent a similar letter to Bush.

The Smith letter also states that since Arafat's renunciation of terrorism last December, which prompted then President Reagan to initiate the dialogue with the PLO, "PLO terror groups continue to carry out crossborder and terror attacks against Israel.

letter contends that approval of an Arafat application also would "seriously undermine Israel's peace initia-

The House members will tell Bush that "most troubling" is Arafat's "total rejection of Israel's peace initiative, a creative plan based on free and democratic elections that has earned your strong backing and the support of Congress.

"Now is not the time to reward intransigence" and reverse the U.S. decision last November to deny Arafat permission to enter the United States, the letter says.

Instead, "now is time to draw the line in the sand and demand progress by the PLO, without any further entreaties by the U.S.," it states. "We have moved, Israel has moved, the PLO and Arafat have not."

A half-dozen Jewish groups met here last month with State Department legal experts to discuss a possible Arafat visa request. Israeli leaders visiting Washington recently have also lobbied the administration against granting a visa.



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## Jewish Community Center



#### C.A.R.E. Program Opens Lines Of Communication

JCC President, Martin Lubaroff, Membership Chair, Richard Levin and Executive Director, David Sorkin have announced that they really C.A.R.E. about the JCC members and their goals and objec-

C.A.R.E. is an acronym for Communication-Action-Results-Enrichment. What that really means, is the JCC members really have a voice...a powerful voice that can bring about change and growth.

Members have the opportunity to communicate with board and staff in a productive manner. Members may contact David Sorkin to set up a C.A.R.E. Team meeting to share thoughts and converns.

The meetings should motivate action; committees will be formed, task forces will be directed, and the Executive, once enlightened, can mobilize staff to make changes, start new programs and refine existing ones.

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the JCC will be even sweeter to the member if he or she was a part of the process," said Sarkin.

The committee process is alive and well here at the JCC," noted Lubaroff. "We hope to prove that with the C.A.R.E. Team approach."

"It is imperative that when members have questions, concerns, complaints or suggestions regarding the JCC, that they have an effective system to communicate their needs and bring about change. This is where the C.A.R.E. Team really comes into play. The Board and Staff have launched this plan to communicate their sincerity and commitment to listening to the needs of the JCC members. Without satisfied members, there is no JCC," he added.

In addition to the ongoing policy of calling the President and Executive Director with suggestions and concerns, members should be aware of how they can use the C.A.R.E. Team. Any member or group can, send a letter outlining any concern' or suggestion about the Center to David Sorkin. He will respond by setting up a meeting with members of appropriate committees and staff, and the persons making the re-

## High Holiday Luncheon

The Senior Center will celebrate the High Holidays with a traditional holiday luncheon on Friday, October 6, at noon. After the luncheon, Shelly Weiner will present a musical program related to the holidays.

Weiner received her B.A. in music at the University of Delaware and is in her last year at the Cantor's Institute of the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York. She is currently serving as Cantor for the Congregation Oken Shalom in Wallingford, Pennsylvania. Weiner is also a threetime recipient of Congregation Beth Shalom's Anthony Sholl Memorial Scholarship Award.

This program is open to the entire community, free of charge. For additional information, contact Ray Freschman, Senior Center Coordinator, at the JCC.

"Members should seize this chance to voice opinions and concerns. This is the ultimate opportunity to become involved," said Levin, "We have a great facility and program and it becomes greater when the community uses it to its fullest. We can only address problems if we are aware of them. It's a shame when a problem goes unchecked,

but it is a disgrace when a problem goes unchecked because it hasn't been brought to light.

"It is counter-productive to com-plain in a vacuum," Sorkin said, "we cannot stress enough the importance of communicating through this system to bring about change and growth. Each member has a responsibility to share his or her input." Strength is built by making informed decisions, and informed decisions are made when members communicate and share in the growth process. "We invite you to join us in making the Center a better place," Lubaroff com-mented, "we are anxious to hear your thoughts and ideas so we may continue to grow."

#### N. American Maccabi Games

The North American Maccabi Youth Game Movement began in 1895 when the first All-Jewish Sports Club was organized by a group of European men living in Turkey. From that time on, Jewish Community Centers and YWHA's of North America have embodied the ideals of this movement

Every August the Maccabi Youth Games provide Jewish youth from all over North America with an opportunity to come together in a spirit of friendship and common heritage, and to compete in athletic events. The games focus on increasing the youngsters awareness of health, fitness and well-being, as well as developing a strong sense of camaraderie.

In some of the earliest histories on Jewish life and history, there are many examples of physical activity and courage, from young David in his battle with Goliath to the Maccabee challenges.

Even Maimonides, a 12th century

Spanish-born Jewish scholar, wrote on physical exercise, including: "There is no substitute for physical exercise. It stimulates the natural warmth and improves the digestion...But not every bodily exercise, regardless of whether heavy or light, is a physical training. Too much of it however, may be harmful, therefore the best i moderation here, too. It is best to train systematically...with a gradual increase in movement."

It is for this reason that those who participate in the Maccabi Youth Games will come to view themselves as part of the chain in Jewish tradition. It is an important concept that they not only be united as Jewish athletes, but as Jewish people. The Jewish Community Center of Wilmington is devoted to continue and develop these common goals that have led to the creation of the Maccabi Youth Games.

The next International Games will

be held in Detroit. The games will begin with a gala opening on August 19 and will conclude on August 26, 1990. Over 2200 young Jewish athletes from around the world are expected to participate in 15 differ-

The Youth Games are open to children, ages 13 through 16. Children born after August 1, 1973, or before August 1, 1997, are eligible to participate in the Games. Parents are also invited to join the Maccabi Youth Games Committee. The first meeting for potential local participants will be held in mid-October. For additional information, contact Eileen Wallach at 478-5660

### Floral Design Class

On Tuesday, September 26, at 7 p.m., a florist from Boyd's Florists will share a professional's secrets on how to create an design a floral masterpiece. The cost for the High Holiday floral design class is \$15. for JCC members and \$20. for nonmembers. Participants are asked to bring a vase (no more than 8" high and 5" wide) and scissors.

Registration is now being accepted at the JCC Front Desk.

#### Senior Center/Kutz To Celebrate Sukkot

Members of the JCC Senior Center will be joined by residents from the Kutz Home on Wednesday, October 18, at 1 p.m., for a special luncheon in the sukkah at the Jewish Community Center. Faith Brown, a member of the community who leads the Senior Center's Jewish Enrich-

ment Program, will be available to assist with the blessings and will speak about the holiday.

Traditional holiday foods will be served. Reservations may be made by calling the Senior Center at 478-

### 'Heart Smart' Cooking Class

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The instructors for this four session program are Marianne Carter, R.D., and Delories Redo, Chef-Owner of the Garden of Eating, Inc. The course will begin on Thursday October 12, from 7 to 9 p.m. The fee for the course if \$45. for members and \$55. for non-members. Regiswill become increasingly aware of tration is now being accepted at the



#### 50's And 60's Dance Lessons

dance lessons taught by Mary Ellen Luise-Carter and her partner, Joe Fransciso. Classes will be held on Monday evenings from 7:30 to 9 p.m. on October 16, 23 and 30. The cost for three dance lessons is \$12.

The JCC is offering 50's and 60's for members and \$18. for nonmembers. To attend one lesson only, the cost is \$7. per lesson for members and \$10. per lesson for nonmembers.

The dance classes will prepare

participants for the JCC Sock Hop with Guest D.J. Jerry Blavat on Saturday, November 11, from 8 p.m. to midnight. 50's or 60's dress up in optional. Tickets for the Sock-Hop are now available at the JCC \$15. per person.

#### JCC HOLIDAY CLOSING DATES

- The Jewish Community Center will be closed on the following dates:
- September 29 Center closes at 3 p.m. (Erev Rosh Hashanah)
- September 30 Center is closed all day (Rosh Hashanah)
- October 1 Center is closed all day (Rosh Hashanah)
- October 8 Center closes at 3 p.m. (Erev Yom Kippur)
- October 9 Center closed all kay (Yom Kippur)
- October 13 Center closes at 3 p.m./Daycare open to 6 p.m. (Erev
- October 14 Center closed all day (Sukkot)
- October 15 Center closed all day (Sukkot)
- October 20 Center closes at 3 p.m./Daycare open to 6 p.m. (Erev Shimini Atzeret)
- October 21 Center closed all day (Shimini Atzeret)
- October 22 Center closed all day (Simchat Torah)

#### To Latin America The 500-Year Jewish Contribution

By MARTIN H. SABLE

Special to The Jewish Voice An estimated 450,000 Jews make their homes in one of the 30-odd nations stretching from the Caribbean to Patagonia.

That number is notable, even today, considering the Spanish Inquisition limited Jewish entry to Latin America by establishing tribunals in Mexico City, Lima, Peru, and Cartagena, Colombia, to try Jews and other so-called heretics.

Jews, whether traders or landowners, felt compelled to masquerade as "Portuguese" in lands under Spanish control. But during the 1600s many forcibly converted "new Christians" secretly practiced Judaism.

The Inquisition tortured and killed exemplary secret-Jews such as Luis de Carvajal, governor of the Mexican province of Nuevo Leon, and his family; Francisco Maldonado de Silva, physician and scholar, who in an open hearing proudly confirmed his Judaism; and Hernan Alonso, an army officer who had contributed greatly in Cortez's invasion of Mex-

Although the Inquisition ended with the emancipation of Latin America from Spain between 1810 and 1830, large Jewish immigration (especially to Argentina) began only in 1881 with the onset of the Russian po-

The immigration ceased during World War I, resumed somewhat in the 1920s and fell rapidly in the 1930s when Latin American governments imposed restrictions — as Nazism grew.

Regardless of political regulations, foreign or domestic, Jews have been involved in most aspects of the Latin American economy and culture, making major contributions

Beginning in the 1600s, Jews aided in the development of Brazil's sugar industry as principals in the Dutch West India Co. They subsequently introduced sugar throughout Europe via Jewish importers in the Low Countries.

Because Portugal carried out its own Inquisition, Jewish planters were forced to leave Brazil in 1654, when Portugal recaptured it, and many continued on sugar plantations in

what is now Surinam.

In a valiant attempt to rescue Jews from the Eastern European pogroms, Baron Maurice de Hirsch in 1896 set up the Jewish Colonization Association, aiding Jews to immigrate to cooperative farming colonies in rural Argentina.

The attempt failed due to poor land quality, mismanagement and fraud, and the settlers moved eventually to large Argentine cities.

Business, from manufacturing to retailing, has been a Jewish forte in the region since the late 19th century. Beginning as peddlers, Jews were prominent in developing Latin America's industry and finance. Typically, individuals in each nation carved out large enterprises and donated large sums of charity.

Fought for freedom Service to the nation of a different sort was performed by Jews, beginning with the movement to independence from Spain. Luis Brion, a Dutch Marrano naval officer, was in the service of Simon Bolivar, the liberator of South America.

Benjamin Cohen was a post-World War II Chilean diplomat. Jose Gelbard was appointed Argentine finance minister in the 1970s, while the current Panamanian presidentin-exile is also Jewish - Max Eric Delvalle. During the late 1800s, Jewish geographer-explorer Julius Popper contributed significantly to Argentina, opening up vast, rich territories.

It is in the humanities that Jews contribute so uniquely, and Latin American Jews are no exception. Let us examine only two fields, music and writing.



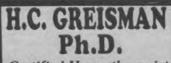
In 20th century music we can cite Eleazar de Carvalho, Brazilian conductor; Jacobo Fisher, Argentine composer; and Felicia Montealegre, late Chilean soprano and wife of Leonard Bernstein.

Perhaps the first Jew to reside in Brazil was Fernando de Norornha (or Loronha); he came in 1502. An island off the Brazilian coast boasts his name. His contribution was a book of Spanish grammar.

Another 17th century scholar and author was Antonio de Leon Pinelo, head of a notable Marrano family whose influence is permanently registered in the histories of Argentina, Spain and Peru. The Colegio Leon Pinelo, a fine Jewish day school in Lima, bears further tribute to him.

Two 20th century writers of prominence are Mauricio Rosencof of Uruguay and the late Clarice Lispector of Brazil. Translated into many languages is the work of the late Alberto Gerchunoff of Argentina. His novel "The Jewish Gauchos of the Pampas," set in rural Argentina at the turn of the century, portrays the anomaly of Jews as cowboys.

If one were forced to choose the novel most appropriately rendering the flavor of 19th century Latin American life combined with masterful writing, "Maria" by Jorge Isaacs of Colombia would be the selection. One character in this classic is Jewish, and indeed the Jewish flavor is present in Latin American Jewish writing, even where Jewish characters are absent.



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Pirate's heritage

Lafitte's grandmother was Jewish? So says an article by Madeleine Kent, published in Jewish Digest in 1956. The world-famous Jewish painter, Camille Pissarro, was born in St. Thomas, Virgin Islands. Indeed, it is claimed that the founder of panama, Pedro Pedrarias Davila, was a Mar-

As founders of nations or of organizations and associations, Jews display their talents. Every Latin American Jewish community has its federation; Hebrew University Friends chapter; charitable organizations; social groups (often segregated by European nation of origin or as Sephardim); women's; sports organizations (Maccabee teams); youth (Betar, Zionist Youth, etc.); and the various Zionist organizations.

There is a federation of Central American Jews and a Latin American Jewish Congress in Buenos Aires affiliated with the World Jewish Congress.

Two Jewish hospitals (the Albert Einstein and Linat ha-Tsedek) exist in Sao Paulo, Brazil, while the Ezra Hospital operates in Buenos Aires.

There are Jewish studies centers at the University of Sao Paulo and at the University of Chile in Santiago. There is a conservative rabbinic school in Buenos Aires, founded by Rabbi



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Just as Meyer typifies the 20th century clergyman, we should not overlook an individual whom the 19th century Jewish scholar Meyer Kay-serling termed "the first Jewish author in America." Rabbi Isaac Aboab da Fonseca (1605-1693), a Dutch Jew, served the Dutch-Jewish colony developing sugar plantations in Bra-

By noting that his service was rendered before 1650, that Fernando de Noronha was in Brazil in 1502, and that, as some believe, Columbus himself was a Marrano, we realize that Jews were indeed among the first in what we now call Latin Amer-

(Dr. Martin H. Sable recently retired as Professor at the University of Wisconsin. He is an expert in Librarianship and Latin American Studies as well as in Hebrew and Spanish. He has published many reference books and journal articles and is an editorial board member of two library journals and an encyclopedia adviser.)

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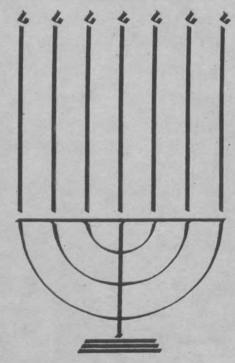
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#### Catholic-Jewish Relations Threatened

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Pardon: he doesn't keep silent. He has expressed himself. Not directly on the subject of the convent but on something else. What he said is perhaps more meaningful than the utterances of Cardinal Glemp.

On the evening of Tisha B'Av, which is for us a day of commemoration and faith, Pope John Paul II, in a homily, spoke of the people of Israel and reproached them for having chosen infidelity toward God. God, according to the Pope, would have broken his covenant with the Jewish people because they had sinned. This is why he sent prophets to convert them. And so God would have concluded a new covenant with the Christians. In other words: let the Jews convert and they will please God and the Pope.

How do we repress or even hide our indignation? In truth, it seems to me that it is the Pope who has problems with us, just as we have problems with him. Sometimes he gives the impression of wanting to provoke us. Examples? Waldheim's visits, the mass at Auschwitz, the non-recognition of Israel, the meeting with Yassir Arafat. But, then, you will ask me, why does he receive so many Jewish delegations? And why did he go to the synagogue in Rome?

I am unable to read the thoughts of someone else. I cannot unravel those of the Pope. But I can measure the consequences. If nothing is done to reassure the Jews, the separation between the Jewish people and Catholicism will once again become an abyss. And this abyss will be a danger for the whole world.

That I say this on the day of Rosh Hashanah is not at all incomprehensible. Although a Jewish holiday, Rosh Hashanah is more universal than

many others. On that day we crown God as our sovereign. Only ours? We share Him with all the peoples of creation. On that day, God judges all

#### sraeli-Palestinians?-

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Equally significant, the communal focus places the onus for a solution on Israel. By focusing on the Palestinian-Israeli feud, the regional threat to Israel is subordinated. This is ironic at a time of reports indicating highly sophisticated ballistic missiles being introduced into the area and following the use of chemical warfare by Iraq and the spread of such weaponry to other Arab countries. The combination of new and more dangerous means of warfare together with the fact that with the exception of Egypt, all Arab states continue in a state of war with Israel, has in some ways heightened the need for Israeli security. This, however, is often lost in the focus on communal struggle.

As for the Palestinian problem, if it is simply a war between Israelis and Palestinians, then obviously it is up to Israel to solve the problem. In fact, the problem is the responsibility of states in the region; syria, Jordan, Egypt, Suadi Arabia, Iraq were responsible for the problem and have an obligation, with Israel, to resolve it. Jordan, in particular, has many characteristics already of a Palestinian entity — Palestinian land, majority Palestinian population, heavy Palestinian governmental and busi-

ness leadership. If Jordan is not a Palestinian state, then at the least it embodies some form of Palestinian national expression which in itself is part of the solution. As for the other states, they are the cause of the refugee problem — had they not invaded Israel in 1948 and had they

refugee problem — had they not invaded Israel in 1948 and had they resettled the refugees after 1948, there would today be no Palestinian refugees — and they must accept regional responsibility for absorbing the refugees as full-fledged members of their societies.

Pragmatism, realism, joint responsibility, compromise are the characteristics necessary to break the decades-long conflict. The focus on the communal aspect of the struggle—real as it is—promotes illusion, irresponsibility and extremism on the Arab side. Why make peace, they will ask themselves, when Israel's image is being hurt and when the onus for a solution increasingly falls on Israel?

Let us not forget the Palestinian problem, but let us remember above all else what is behind it.

(Kenneth Jacobson is the Director of the International Affairs Division of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.) the nations and seals the fate of all beings. On that day, God and we think not only of Jews but of all humanity. But it is as Jews that we think about it. To be Jewish, then, means to stay faithful to the tradition, to the memory of our people. The secret of the Jew is in his memory and in his faithfulness.

(This article was translated from

the French by Ann Stiller. Elie Wiesel, 1986 Nobel Peace Laureate, is a university professor at Boston University. This article was made possible by a grant from The Fund for Journalism on Jewish Life, a project of The CRB Foundation of Montreal, Canada. Any views expressed are solely those of the author.)

#### Gorrins.

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"Michael played the part of a German soldier, and his death scene was so wonderful that the director repeated it many times during the show. You see, everything was 'live' in early TV. You didn't tape a performance and run pieces of the tape whenever you wanted a flashback: the actor performed the scene all over again."

Then, in the early 50's, Michael's agent called and said "What gives? No one wants to use you." It was Joseph McCarthy and the House Un-American Activities Committee — Gorrin had been blacklisted. Somehow they survived, says Dena, and with McCarthy's death, the cloud was lifted.

During the final years of his career, Michael appeared on Broadway as the furniture dealer, who ages to age 97 in his finals, in Arthur Miller's 1968 play "The Price." He also worked in the daytime soap opera "All My Children," whose melodramatic series of interlocking plots could

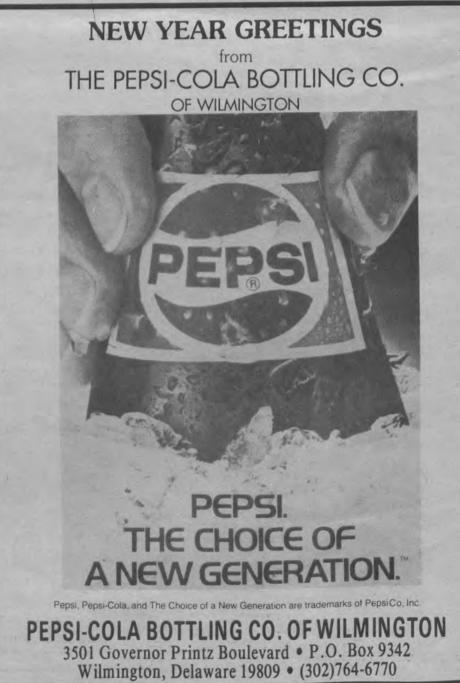
well have been inspired by early Yiddish theatre.

Today, after 37 years in the same apartment on New York's West Side (with summers in a cottage Michael built on Fire Island), the Gorrins live quietly in a home in Milford, Delaware, which their son Dr. Paul Gorrin, director of the Stockley Center, remodeled for them.

The Gorrins have made a long journey from the stage world of "Uriel Acosta," Spanish philosopher Spinoza's teacher, in which Acosta must choose between his passion for scientific truth and his Judaism, and their retirement home, where the loudest noise is often the cawing of crows from nearby cornfields. Through their collection of photographs, clippings and publicity brochure and their stories of Yiddish theatre, the Gorrins leave their three grandchildren, and all of us privileged to share their memories, with an indelible picture of an exciting

chapter in American Jewish history.





#### Travel

#### **Anchors Away In Annapolis**

#### By RUTH ROVNER

Special to The Jewish Voice

Down at the city dock in Annapolis, boats of all sizes are anchored. People sit on benches near the water, stroll along the water's edge or wait to board the popular water taxis that skim across the bay.

Everyone - from sailors to landlubbers - seems to talk and think about boats in this navy town. Midshipmen, tourists, yachtsmen — all are intrigued by the boats and the calm waters of the Chesapeake Bay.

Even the stores are nautical in emphasis. Bookstores on Main Street sell stories about the Chesapeake and poems of the sea. Art galleries show oil paintings of boats. Stores are heavily stocked with boating

But for the Jewish traveler, Annapolis has an extra interest. This naval town is also a place with an active Jewish community and an eventful past. The Jewish tourist can explore all this in places as varied as a local delicatessen on Main Street, the Maryland State House and the U.S. Naval Academy.

The stroking building at the corner of Market Space near the water still has the name AARON LEE GOODMAN clearly etched on its handsome exterior. Built in 1906, this building which now houses modern enterprises like Banana Republic, was once headquarters for Goodman, a prominent businessman in Annapolis and also president of the first Jewish congregation.

Other downtown reminders of the early Jewish presence include the popular oyster bar, McGarvey's, which was once the saloon and liquor store of Charles Weiss. Nearby, Griffin's Restaurant was once Kotzin's Sample Shoe Shop. Max Kotzin and his family lived above the store, and in their living room, members of Knesseth Israel congregation first held their minyans when the congregation was chartered in 1906.

Jews lived in Annapolis long before this; the first known Jewish residents came in colonial times. In 1747, Henry Hart arrived as an indentured servant but was a free man by 1752. He was followed one year later by Isaac Navarro, a Sephardic Jew and ancestor of the Supreme Court Justice Benjamin Cardozo. Navarro started a business selling chocolate and snuff in a store on Main Street.

By the mid 1800s German Jews had also settled in Annapolis and became prominent business leaders. The early 1900s brought still more Jewish immigration and by 1906, Knesseth Israel was chartered.

After they outgrew Kotzin's living room, they used rented quarters in the neighborhood. The modest houses at 183 Duke of Gloucester Street and 142 Prince Street were their religious headquarters until they were ready to buy their own syna-

It was the corner building on East Street, now headquarters for the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, a colonial structure with a spacious garden. When Kneseth Israel members bought it in 1918, it was St. Ann's Mission Chapel.

The Jews worked hard to convert it from church to synagogue. A local carpenter built a beautiful Ark and made interior alterations. They set up their sukkot right on the front lawn. And they used the property as their synagogue until 1963 when they moved to their present quarters.

The spacious synagogue at Sap Road and Hilltop Lane is quite a change from Max Kotzin's living room. Two other synagogues also serve the area's Jews, who now number 3000 in a population of 450,000. Members of Kol Ami worship in a rustic one-story synagogue in the woods outside of town. Temple Beth Sholom is in suburban

But it's not only synagogues and

stores that trace the history of Annapolis Jewry. The Maryland State House is another site of Jewish interest. Situated high on a hill, its distinctive white cupola visible from Main Street, this is the architectural jewel of the city — and the place where Jewish history was made in 1826.

Inside, the Senate Chamber is restored to look exactly as it did in earlier times. The ornate chandelier, fireplace and old-fashioned desks look just as they did when legislators sat here to debate what became known as the "Jew Bill." Its passage came after the Jews of Maryland had waged a long struggle for equal rights.

Maryland was a colony established as a refuge for Catholics, and Jews had never felt welcome in the state, or in the city of Annapolis, founded by Protestants who got permission to settle here under the Toleration Act which stated that all Christians were

Jews were much less welcome. One law required that anyone who held public office must take an oath of allegiance to Christianity. Jews started to petition the legislature to change that law. But their petitions were repeatedly denied, until one legislator - not Jewish, of course -Thomas Kennedy from Hagerstown, took up their cause and gave impassioned speeches in the Senate Chamber. Finally, the "Jew Bill" was passed.

Officially called "Act for the Relief of the Jews of Maryland," it removed the required Christian oath and paved the way for Jews to enter all areas of public life. And they did.

Early elected officials included Louis Baer, first Jew to serve on City Council, and Noah Hillman, City Councilman for 16 years, whose son Richard was elected Mayor in 1981. Other Jews have served in state government, including former Governor Martin Mandel.

Mandel and other politicians often have their power lunches in an unlikely place — Chick and Ruth's Delly



Ted Levitt outside Chick and Ruth's Delly in Annapolis.

(Photo: Ruth Rovner)

on Main Street. It is one of the most successful and enduring Jewish businesses in town, this old-fashioned deli with the bagels piled high on the counter and Chick Levitt presiding almost like a mayor.

Levitt started the business 23 years ago and has had loyal patrons ever since. Wearing a black bow tie and white apron, he greets his customers by name, kibbitzes and tells jokes

while his son Ted serves comed-beef sandwiches — the Levitts cook their own corned beef daily (50 pounds of it) and other specialties.

The deli is the meeting place for Naval Academy officers, Baltimore Orioles, local politicians and longtime residents. Many sandwiches on the extensive menu are named for politicians who frequent the place,

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#### For Smooth Chaplain Prepares Jewish Sailors



Chaplain Norman Auerback next to the bust of the famous Jewish naval officer Hyman Rickover at the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis. (Photo: Ruth Rovner)

#### By RUTH ROVNER

Special to The Jewish Voice

Chaplain Norman Auerback has been busy at his desk all morning. First, he answered a memo from a

Protestant chaplain at sea, who had a large contingent of Jewish sailors on board and had questions about

Then he started his monthly column for The Wave, the Jewish Chapel Newsletter.

Next he continued on plans for the Naval Academy's Holocaust Memorial Service to be held next month.

"There's never a typical week," says Auerback, the first full-time Jewish chaplain at the U.S. Naval Academy.

The busy chaplain wears several hats. He's a Lieutenant Commander in the U.S. Navy, a Reform rabbi and a chaplain. And his position involves everything from counseling young plebes to preparing graduating midshipmen to lead Jewish lives on the high seas.

He's held the position since February 1986. And although there are Harbor. just 45 Jewish midshipmen in a stu-

dent body of 4200, he's made the own weekly Shabbat services, constronger in many ways.

Academy's Holocaust Remembrance conduct their own services. service. He also helped plan two seders, one for Jewish students, one be on ships where they might be the for the Christian community. Because of Auerback's efforts, Jewish midshipmen had their own separate passover table for the first time.

He also conducts courses in Hebrew and Jewish history, serves as faculty advisor to L'Chaim, the Jewarrange for Jewish students to attend events off-campus. "The midshipmen have strict restrictions on their movement," says the rabbi. First year plebes, for example, can only leave the Academy on Saturday afternoons and can travel a maximum of 20 miles from Annapolis.

So it's the Jewish chaplain who sometimes intervenes to provide special "movement orders" so they can attend Jewish events like the recent UJA dance at Baltimore's Inner

The midshipmen also prepare their

Jewish presence at the Academy ducted in the modern Jewish chapel on campus. Auerback supervises Last year, he helped plan the them - but encourages them to

"We're preparing our graduates to Senior Jewish officers on board," he explains. "They have to know how to conduct services and who to contact if there are serious questions relating to being a Jew at sea.

The rabbi is also on hand to answer questions they have about Judaish midshipmen's club, and helps ism, whether it's about missing classes on Jewish holidays - they are permitted to do so - or responding to the queries about Judaism posed by their curious non-Jewish classmates.

He's also available for general counseling, which ranges from help with practical matters like arranging a Jewish wedding at the Academy to more complex personal problems.

'Our students aren't any different from young people anywhere else," says Auerback, sitting in his office in the Mitzpah Room which serves as an all-around Jewish headquarters.

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