

Terror Hits Oklahoma - "An Act Of Cowardice And Evil"

By MATTHEW DORF

WASHINGTON (JTA) — Two weeks after the House of Representatives began to consider anti-terrorism legislation, terrorists bombed a federal office building in downtown Oklahoma City.

Hundred were injured and the death toll is expected to reach at least 80 as a result of Wednesday's attack, believed to be the worst act of terror committed in U.S. history.

The victims included at least 6 dead children who were in a day-care center on the second floor of the 9-story Alfred Murrah Building, officials said.

In Wilmington, Delaware a bomb threat emptied the six-story J. Caleb Boggs Federal Building for a three hour search which yielded no bomb or other suspicious item.

"Today's terrorist attack underscores the urgent need for Congress to pass strong anti-terrorism legislation," said Kenneth Bandler, director of public information for the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council.

The Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations echoed the need for swift legislation. The umbrella group called on Congress to call a special session to deliberate the legislation "to provide law enforcement officials with the tools necessary to combat this worldwide scourge."

Leaders of the Jewish Federation of Delaware (JFD) agreed with the sentiments of Lynn Lyss, Chair of the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council (NJCRAC). Lyss said, "The NJCRAC deplors today's bombing of the federal building in Oklahoma City, which resulted in the tragic loss of life, including many children, and scores of injuries. We extend our deepest sympathies to the families who suffered losses."

"This outrage is an assault on all Americans. It underscores the necessity for a vigorous response, including the urgent need for the U.S. Congress to pass strong and broad counterterrorism legislation."

The anti-terrorism bill currently before Congress would give law enforcement officials additional tools to fight terrorism. The legislation is the second phase of a two-stage battle against terrorism launched by the Clinton administration.

In Wednesday's incident, a car bomb ex-

ploded in front of the federal office building shortly after 9 a.m. local time. About 500 people work in the 9-story facility.

Officials from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, one of the government agencies housed in the building, said the bomb was about the same size as the one detonated at the World Trade Center two years ago. That blast killed six people and injured 1,000 others.

President Clinton described the Oklahoma City attack as an "act of cowardice and it was evil."

"The U.S. will not tolerate it and I will not allow the people of this country to be intimidated by evil cowards," the president said Wednesday afternoon.

In a news conference, he and Attorney General Janet Reno detailed the steps being taken to investigate the incident.

"Let there be no room for doubt, we will find the people," the president said. "Justice will be swift, certain and severe. These people are killers and must be treated like killers."

As law enforcement officials continued to try to patch together evidence, Oklahoma City police launched an all-out search for three male suspects, two believed to be of Middle Eastern origin, wearing blue jogging suits who were seen driving away from the building in a brown pickup truck with tinted windows.

Officials were quick to say that it is too early to pin blame on any group for the attack.

Israel's ambassador to the United States, Itamar Rabinovitch, immediately offered to fly a special terrorist response team to Oklahoma to assist in the rescue and investigation.

Responding to a question about the Israeli offer, Reno did not reply directly, but said, "We will rely on any additional resource that can help bring these people to justice."

"Unfortunately we have experience with these types of attacks," said an Israeli official.

In addition to Rabinovitch's contacts here, Israeli President Ezer Weizman and Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin sent letters to President Clinton expressing their sorrow and remorse at the terrorist attack, according to Israeli officials.



RNS PHOTO - Television coverage showed the devastation to the Oklahoma City federal office building.

Foreign Minister Shimon Peres sent a similar letter to Secretary of State Warren Christopher.

As the investigation continued, other speculation about the attack centered around the fact that the bombing comes two years to the day after the failed raid on the Branch Davidian compound in Waco, Texas.

"Although it is too early to tell, this bombing may be connected to the growing militia movement around the country," said Kenneth Stern, an American Jewish Committee program specialist who recently wrote a report on the militia movement.

In a statement issued Wednesday, Stern said that coming on the anniversary of the Waco incident, April 19 "is a day of extreme impor-

tance to the militia movement."

No group immediately claimed responsibility for the attack.

The American Jewish Congress was one of several Jewish organizations that joined in calling on Congress to pass the terrorism bill.

"The need for stringent measures to increase our protection against the horror of political terrorism is imperative," said AJCongress president Phil Baum.

Donations for the relief effort can be sent to the following:

B'nai B'rith Disaster Relief Fund, 1640 Rhode Island Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036; or The American Red Cross in Delaware, 910 Gilpin Avenue, Wilmington, DE 19806.

Dan Weintraub contributed to this story.

Intergenerational Seder

By DANIEL WARREN HALPRIN

Special To The Jewish Voice

Mrs. Michal Cherrin, teacher of grades 4,5 and 6 at Albert Einstein Academy and Mrs. Mollie Epstein, of the Kutz Home, brought together residents of the Kutz Home and students at Albert Einstein Academy (AEA) for a joint Passover Seder on April 12 in the J.C.C. auditorium. The ceremonies were led by Rabbi Ellen Bernhardt, Principal of AEA. Rabbi Bernhardt described the event as "one of the major highlights of the year." The Albert Einstein Academy is a beneficiary of the 1995 "Live Jewish" Community Campaign which is administered by the Jewish Federation of Delaware (JFD). Photo at right.



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PANIM EL PANIM

(Face to Face with JFD People)



Avodah Dance Ensemble To Perform In Celebration Of Yom Ha'atzmaut

The Martin Sloan Jewish Cultural Arts Festival presents a community-wide Yom Ha'atzmaut Celebration featuring The Avodah Dance Ensemble on Sunday, April 30 at 3 p.m. at the JCC. This New York based, nationally known touring company was established as a way to provide expression to traditional Jewish rituals. Repertory for the evening will include "M'Chamocho" - a trio depicting Miriam and the women celebrating the crossing of the Red Sea; "In the Garden" - a setting of poetry from the Golden Age of Spain; "M'Vakshei Or" - based on rituals in the Torah service and featuring dance midrahim related to Biblical references to the founding of Israel; and "Braided Journey" - a duet inspired by the story of Ruth and Naomi. The Avodah performance will take place in the Jewish Community Center Zallea Auditorium and will be followed by special Israel Independence Day refreshments. Tickets are \$10 for general admission and \$5 for seniors and students. Tickets are now available at the JCC Front Desk. For more information, call 478-5660.



The Avodah Dance Ensemble, a New York based modern dance company rooted in the Jewish tradition, will present a Community Wide Yom Ha'atzmaut Concert on Sunday, April 30 at 3 p.m. at the JCC. Special Israeli Independence Day refreshments will follow the concert. Tickets are now available at the JCC Front Desk. The JCC is a beneficiary of the 1995 "Live Jewish" Community Campaign which is administered by the Jewish Federation of Delaware (JFD).

Two Phase 2 Events Planned

The Phase 2 (Professional * Hebrew * Adult * Single & Energetic) singles group has planned two events for April and May. The first event will be held on Friday, April 2 at 8 p.m. at Temple Beth El in Newark. We will attend a Shabbat service followed by a special Oneg Shabbat. This program is free of charge. For more information, call Ann at 454-1665.

In May, join us for a Woody Allen Film Festival on Sunday, May 7 at the JCC. We will show a movie, enjoy refreshments and socialize. The cost is \$2 for members and \$7 for non-members (include Phase 2 dues). For more information, call Artie at 478-5660.

JCC Holds Third Annual Sports Classic

The Jewish Community Center will hold its Third Annual JCC Sports Classic on Thursday, June 1 at the DuPont Country Club.

The Sports Classic features golf, tennis and lawn bowling tournaments. The day begins with golf registration, practice and use of the driving range at 10 a.m., followed by a buffet luncheon for golfers. The golf tournament is scheduled to begin at 12 noon. Registration for tennis and

lawn bowling tournaments will be held at 12:30 p.m. with tournaments beginning at 1:30 p.m. A cocktail and award reception will follow all tournaments at 5 p.m.

For information on tournament registration or to receive a participant brochure, contact Shay Rosen at 478-5660. The JCC is a beneficiary of the 1995 "Live Jewish" Community Campaign which is administered by the Jewish Federation of Delaware (JFD).

Rhonda Foreman Takes Post As Finance Director At JFD

By DAN WEINTRAUB

Editor of The Jewish Voice

With the retirement of Lois Chalawsky, Rhonda Foreman has been hired as Finance Director of the Jewish Federation of Delaware (JFD). Foreman joins JFD after three years as Senior Financial Accountant at Lester, PA based Adwin Realty Company, a subsidiary of Philadelphia Electric Company. The Levittown, NY native worked as a public accountant for four years in New York. The Hofstra University graduate says she is "honored to be chosen for such an important role in the management of the Federation."

Rhonda moved to Oaklane Manor in May of 1992 and married Jonathon Foreman. Jonathon recently served as Super Sunday Chair-

person for the 1995 "Live Jewish" Community Campaign which is administered by the Jewish Federation of Delaware (JFD). Rhonda's parents still live in Levittown, NY. Her two other brothers are both married with two children each.

Rhonda has participated in YLC for 3 years. She has been part of their community service projects. In 1994 she organized, planned and assembled the Community Chuppah. In fact she is a member of the Undercover Quilters Guild in Middletown, PA. She plans to make a quilt block for the Delaware Museum of Art Community Quilt Project to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the Jewish Federation of Delaware.

Foreman told *The Jewish Voice* that as the new finance Director of

JFD she plans to "implement a new computer system to enable the Federation to become more efficient and informative into the twenty-first century."



Kutz Auxiliary Headlines Lauren Hutton

The tradition of respect for the elderly is apparent in the perennial support shown for residents of the Milton & Hattie Kutz Home. This non-profit institution which opened its doors in 1960 has been sustained by a committed community for 35 years. That corps of advocates for the elderly includes volunteers who give their time, money and considered judgment to enhancing life for the Home's residents.

As a formalized group, the Auxiliary - 750 strong - has carried forth this tradition of service through its many activities. Among its most important efforts is the annual Donor Luncheon which raises monies to be allocated to the Home's needs.

This year the luncheon committee, chaired by Shelly Mand and Faith Goldman, expects a banner turnout at the DuPont Country Club on Thursday, May 18 at 11:30 a.m. Headlining the event will be Lauren Hutton, the ever popular model who is currently a spokesperson for Revlon.

In the seventies, Lauren Hutton distinguished herself as the first model to negotiate a major cosmetic contract with Revlon. She grew up in the South and left at an early age to go to New York where she was discovered by the famous, Diana Vreeland, editor of *Vogue* magazine. She has appeared on the covers of countless magazines and has become one of the most recognizable faces in the world.

In 1993 she presented 2.6 million signatures to the White House as a part of the National Breast Cancer Coalition. It was then that breast cancer was declared a national emergency priority that set the stage for future advocacy. An insatiable traveler, Ms. Hutton has explored the world, traveling to some of the most remote places on the globe. Additionally, she has received recognition for roles in both television and film. Among others, she has studied with the late Lee Strasberg and Joseph Papp. Her latest film project is *My Father the Hero*, starring Gerard Depardieu. Ms. Hutton currently resides in New York and at the age of fifty-one maintains her prominence as a dynamic, elegant woman.

She has established a reputation as a caring citizen who finds time to work for important causes. In addition to speaking at the luncheon, Ms. Hutton will visit with the Home's residents who attend the event.

The cost of the luncheon is: Diamond - \$150; Platinum - \$120; Gold - \$75; Donor - \$45; Guest - \$45. Contributors of \$150 or more are invited to attend a private reception with Ms. Hutton at 11:00 a.m. preceding the luncheon.

Raffle tickets at \$1.00 each will be sold at the door. Items to be raffled

Discovery Seminar

The Discovery Seminar will be coming to Delaware's Jewish Community Center on Sunday, May 7, 1995. The seminar will be held at 101 Garden of Eden Road in North Wilmington.

For more information, call Artie Allen (JCC) at 478-5660 or Rabbi Chuni Vogel (Chabad-Lubavitch) at 478-4400.

include a set of Jackie Sorenson Aerobic Classes, taught by Marsha Golden, a nutrition newsletter, mammograms, beauty services, healthful dining and photography by Glamour Shots.

LATE BITS

The following summaries relate to late breaking stories and other items of interest. Much of what follows was not available at press time in a more substantial form at press time. Other items are included in summarized form to reflect current developments. These news summaries are adapted from what has been provided to The Jewish Voice from the Jewish Telegraphic Agency (JTA).

KINSHASA, Zaire — Why is a seder in this corner of the world different from all other seders? It's not.

WASHINGTON — As the debate over the Christian right continues, presidential candidate Sen. Arlen Specter takes Pat Robertson to task for his views.

NEW YORK — A recent fund-raising letter by an evangelical Christian group that is participating in a pro-Israel conference urges adherents to heighten their missionizing among Jews between Passover and Holocaust Memorial Day.

WASHINGTON — In an effort to make available files on Nazi war criminals, Rep. Carolyn Maloney (D-N.Y.), introduces the War Crimes Disclosure Act in Congress.

JERUSALEM — Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin says the closure on the territories will continue until Yasser Arafat proves he can contain terror.

JERUSALEM — The Jewish Agency for Israel and the World Zionist Organization decide to slash their budgets by over \$30 million.

JERUSALEM — A Hamas member is sentenced to jail for aiding in the transport of an explosive-laden truck from Gaza.

JERUSALEM — A precedent-setting halachic ruling gives Orthodox Jews the go ahead to donate their organs, on the condition they don't go to non-Jews.

PARIS — Jews here have mixed reactions to a French court ruling that Jewish students can miss Saturday classes in the country's secular schools.

JERUSALEM — The Druse mark Syrian Independence Day on the Golan.

CHICAGO — Cardinal Joseph Bernardin makes waves by becoming one of the highest-ranking Catholic Clergyman to lead a joint Catholic-Jewish mission to Israel. (courtesy JUF News)

ROME — Pope John Paul II devotes part of his Easter message to call on Palestinians and other ethnic groups to use dialogue, not arms, in their quest for self-determination.

WASHINGTON — Jewish activists gear up to tackle the question of religion in the school, an issue that is certain to be front and center when Congress reconvenes.

BRIEFS

Gore And Jews Talk On Environmental Issues

NEW YORK (JTA) — Against the backdrop of a political atmosphere increasingly hostile toward environmental concerns, the Coalition on the Environment and Jewish Life recently held a national telephone seminar to educate local communities and invigorate Jewish interest.

"There is an urgency in responding to the current efforts in the U.S. Congress to dismantle the regulatory tools we have developed to protect the environment," said Mark Jacobs, program coordinator for the coalition and organizer of the telephone conference.

The recent conference, titled "Renewing Jewish Lives and Values: A Focus on the Natural World," looked at environmental concerns from a uniquely Jewish perspective.

It featured prominent lay and spiritual leaders from across the country, ranging from Reconstructionist rabbis to Orthodox ones; from sisterhood presidents to the vice president of the United States.



Friends of American Alisa Flatow mourn her death at her funeral. The 20 year old West Orange, NJ woman died from a suicide bomber attack in the Gaza Strip. Credit RNS/Reuters

Mideast Water Project To Be Funded

GENEVA (JTA) — The World Meteorological Organization and the World Bank have decided to help improve the management of water resources in countries that border the Mediterranean Sea.

The meteorological organization and the World Bank are scheduled to sign an agreement on a three-year project, expected to begin in mid-1995.

The World Bank has offered a \$1.7 million grant to initiate the project, the Mediterranean-hydrological observing system, also known as "med-hycos." The bank offered the grant with the expectation that other donors will contribute to the total expenditure of \$15 million.

Once that system is in place, it will provide a better way to assess water resources.

The system also is expected to improve the gathering of information on the flow and content of rivers that feed into the Mediterranean.

Med-hycos is part of a worldwide initiative, the world hydrological observing system, or "whykos," that was launched by the meteorological organization.



On April 9, President Clinton addressed a luncheon with the Jewish Federation in Beverly Hills, California. Having learned that American Alisa Flatow was a victim of a terrorist attack in Gaza, he said "I offer my condolences and the condolences of the American people to the people of Israel and the government of Israel, as well as to the American citizens and their families who were affected by this attack. Once more, the enemies of peace have sought to abuse the opportunity peace presents — to kill it, to kill hope, to kill all possibility of a normal life for the people of Israel, for the Palestinians who are struggling to do the right thing there, and for, indeed, people throughout the Middle East who can see a permanent and lasting peace within their grasp. As we give our sympathies to those who have suffered and died, and their families, let us stiffen our resolve to say to those who seek to abuse human life so that they can continue to kill and continue to keep peace from people who want it: You will not succeed. You must succeed."

Jews And Blacks Unite To Support Foreign Aid

By MATTHEW DORF

WASHINGTON (JTA) — As Congress prepares to slash foreign aid, black and Jewish lawmakers are banding together with pro-Israel activists to pledge their support for assistance to Africa and the Middle East.

At a meeting here recently — the first of its kind during this Congress — seven black legislators joined four Jewish lawmakers and a group of Jewish activists to elicit their support for African aid and to pledge their

support for continued aid to Israel, Egypt, Jordan and the Palestine Liberation Organization.

In an invitation declaring that "foreign aid to Africa is now threatened as never before," Rep. Aleec Hastings (D-Fla.) requested the presence of Jewish activists at Wednesday's session.

"It is my hope that we can continue our historic alliance and save this vital program," Hastings wrote in the invitation.

And that's exactly the pledge the

Congressional Black Caucus leader received.

"We need to work hard to keep the foreign aid package as large as possible," said Jess Hordes, Washington director of the Anti-Defamation League. "This is a natural issue for us to work together on."

African nations together received about \$800 million in foreign assistance this year. In the same package, Israel and Egypt received more than \$5 billion, with some aid also designated for Jordan and the Palestine Liberation Organization.

Although there has been much talk of reducing foreign aid, key lawmakers have pledged that aid for the Middle East will not be cut.

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EDITORIAL

The Principled Bronfman Family Will Be Missed

The recent decision of Seagram Co. Ltd. to sell back most of its stock in du Pont Corp., effectively means the loss of the Bronfman family's corporate and moral leadership in the Delaware-based chemical giant. As Seagram Co. moves on to purchase a stake in MCA Inc., an entertainment concern, it is an appropriate time to review the time during which the Bronfman family influenced the course for du Pont Corp. Edgar Bronfman, a leading Jewish philanthropist and President of the World Jewish Congress, drew widespread praise for urging the cancellation of a \$1 billion oil deal with Iran in March. The deal was set aside by an order of President Clinton but not before the Bronfmans put principle before profit to try to block a deal with the nation most associated with state-sponsored terrorism. Many believe that without Bronfman's opposition to the deal, du Pont's Houston-based subsidiary Conoco would have completed the deal with the National Iranian Oil Company. A recent issue of Near East Report credits Edgar Bronfman, Charles Bronfman and Edgar Bronfman, Jr., at the time each members of the du Pont Corp., board, with helping to persuade Conoco not to go forward with the Iranian deal.

It is worth noting that in addition to providing such moral leadership the Bronfman family also held sway during a time that du Pont prevailed through difficult economic condi-

tions. Indeed even adjusting for inflation; the worth of du Pont stock as the Bronfmans leave the company exceeds the worth at the time they joined the fold.

At a time when many companies including Hercules, Scott Paper, Xerox, and countless other large companies restructured and reduced their work force du Pont had to do so as well in recent years. Those who whispered that such action would not have been taken "had Uncle Duppie still been in charge" were at best naive and at worst scapegoating an outsider. Financial analysts considered the restructurings to have been prudent. The suggestion that the action was taken at the initiative of the Bronfmans is a false and wrongful slur.

Around the world and here on this continent the Bronfman family has contributed to the betterment of Jews and others. Their benevolent accomplishments are too numerous to list completely here. Last November, at the Council of Jewish Federation's General Assembly, Edgar Bronfman articulated a vision of reform within the continental Jewish organizational community to better meet the needs of our population. Although they did not contribute significantly to the Delaware Jewish community they have made a real difference in the world.

As a golden era ends at du Pont we salute the principled family that made a positive difference.

NEWS ITEM:

Schools '95 Effort Is Underway

The second week in May is rapidly approaching. On May 9 and May 13 Delawareans have the opportunity to go to the polls and elect members to serve on local district school boards.

The Jewish Community Relations Committee is a member of the Schools '95 coalition which includes: American Association of University Women, Wilmington Branch; Executive Committee, Civic Councils of Brandywine Hundred; Coalition to Save Our Children; Delaware Association of School Administrators; Delaware Nurses Association; Delaware State PTA; League of Women Voters of Delaware; and Planned Parenthood of Delaware.

Schools '95 is interested in helping voters make informed decisions about candidates for school boards throughout Delaware. The evolving role of school board members requires them to consider not only educational matters, but also complex political and social issues which impact public schools. Schools '95 was created to survey school board candidates regarding their position on a variety of issues and publicize the results to the community at large. The members of Schools '95 believe that an informed electorate is crucial if our schools and communities are to thrive.

The following questions are being sent to candidates for their response.

1. Do you support your district's continuing partnership in the development of New Directions? If so, will you support the funding and time necessary to implement it adequately in your schools?

2. Do you favor using public funds for vouchers to assist parents in sending their children

to non-public schools?

3. How would you deal with challenges or efforts to remove textbook and other curricular materials from schools? Under what circumstances would you support removing a text or other curricular material?

4. Do you support prayer in public schools?

5. What is your view of current discipline practices, including House Bill 85 (mandatory reporting) and alternative schools for disruptive students?

6. Listed below are several components of a family life or health education curriculum. Please comment on which of these components should be included in or excluded from the program.

A. Reproduction
B. Parenting
C. AIDS education
D. Contraception options, including abstinence
E. Abstinence only
F. Alternate family structures
G. Other topics

7. Please list organizations that have endorsed, sponsored or contributed to your campaign.

8. Please describe three (3) specific issues you will address as a school board member.

Between now and election day get to know the candidates, ask them the above questions or question them on an issue of interest to you. VOTE.

Responses to the questionnaire will be printed in the next issue of *The Jewish Voice*. (This item was submitted to *The Jewish Voice* by Schools '95.)

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In an historic, precedent-setting visit, King Hussein I of Jordan, accompanied by Queen Noor, Jordanian Prime Minister Bin Shaker and three of the King's sons, became the first Arab and Moslem leader to visit a Jewish organization's facility. The King and his entourage toured the Simon Wiesenthal Center's Beit Hashoah Museum of Tolerance for one hour followed by a formal ceremony during which the King received a silver-laden shofar and became the Museum's first recipient of its Peace Award. Some 400 community leaders including California Governor Pete Wilson, California U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein, members of the Wiesenthal Center's Board of Trustees from the U.S., Canada and France, and leading rabbis attended.

In their respective speeches, Rabbi Marvin Hier, Dean and Founder of the Simon Wiesenthal Center, and King Hussein both emphasized that the "warm peace" between Israel and Jordan will hopefully serve as the role model for the entire region. Both spoke of the need to build on the legacy of the "children of Abraham and their descendants."

At a luncheon following the ceremony at the conclusion of a 3 1/2 hour visit to the Museum facility, both King Hussein and Queen Noor, responding to a toast of "L'Chaim", spoke emotionally of their hope and commitment to help build a more peaceful and tolerant Mideast.

OPINION

Jewish IntelliSense

By ED GOLIN

Special To The Jewish Voice

Sometime or other, the Jews got tagged as brainy. Nobody knows why. Maybe it arose from the notion that Jews were chosen by God to make Him known to the world. So, considering that radio, TV and the daily press were still eons away, the Jews had to possess an appreciable quantity of brain matter to fulfill that assignment.

Or perhaps some high profile Jewish characters such as Solomon, Freud and Einstein gave the impression that wisdom was concentrated in one group, and I think I know how that came about. Solomon spoke in parables, Freud in dreams and Einstein in equations; and by the time folks could figure out what they said, the brainy reputation was already locked in.

Listen ... if the shoe fits, enjoy, enjoy.

But that's not the end of the Jewish intelligence saga. Psychologists, sociologists, educationalists and others of that ilk have a persistent itch to compare groups of people by intelligence. They find it difficult to account for their theories of human behavior without considering intellectual differences by race and culture. Now comes the question: How can you compare intelligences without attaching a quantity to it? You can weigh a brain like salami but you can't put intellectual capacity on a scale.

Or can you? Perhaps a different kind of scale.

In the early 1900s, the German psychologist William Stern came up with a concept of how to quantify intelligence by use of an intelligence quotient — the notorious IQ. At last, individuals could be ranked by a number on a scale of dull to bright. This scale made measurement possible because the mind mavens of that period generally agreed that there was just one intelligence — a "general" intelligence that they called the G factor. They insisted that

the more G you had, the more successfully you could cope with day-to-day problems, and perhaps even anticipate the problems before they arose. The feeling was the intelligence by which you solved life's problems was nothing more than the power of reasoning which, in turn, boiled down to logic, math and language skills. Those skills could be tested and given a score.

What an amazing coincidence! If you're going to measure intelligence by reasoning skill, the Jews were truly the chosen people. They practically invented reasoning. Take the Talmud for example. The Talmud is the eternal monument to the art of reasoning. By the practical application of its logic, the Talmud is the primer for solutions to even the most perplexing human problems.

So, since the Talmud is the font of reason and a prime component of the Jewish heritage, you would expect that Jews would do well on a logic-based IQ test. And that's exactly what happens. Jews test significantly higher than other minorities and majorities.

But suppose those early psychologists were naive and that there were really more than one kind of intelligence. In fact, there are brilliant modern day psychologists such as Howard Gardner and Miles Storfer who make strong arguments for multiple intelligences. For example, although the Jews as a group do well on tests that feature conceptual, verbal and logical questions, their scores on tests that measure spatial intelligence and structural types of logical/mathematical problems average slightly below the non-Jewish population samples. The Japanese and Chinese, on the other hand, excel in these intelligences.

Aha! Different finds for different minds. So let's start with the assumption that intelligence is relative; that the members of every race and culture have a basic intelligence regardless of how well advanced their "civilization" might be. If intelligence is measured by the success

of coping with life, then the Australian aborigine — with little more than spear and ax — who provides his family with food, shelter and protection is more intelligent than a socially prominent Wall Street broker who is bankrupt, divorced and alcoholic.

Perhaps we're looking at intelligence through the wrong end of the telescope. Perhaps there are other kinds of mind workings that we haven't accepted as a form of intelligence. What about the "senses" of the mind? Not just the see-hear-smell-touch-taste senses, but literally hundreds of senses ranging from sense of humor to sense of honor to sixth sense and ever on. Patterns of these intelligences are encouraged and nurtured by our race and culture. Different senses and groupings of senses evolve from the ancestral heritage, the geography, the genetics and institutions of the group members.

Take the Jews, for example. Over thousands of years of hazardous existence, they have exhibited a consistent pattern of at least five intelligences that reinforce the mystical reasoning intelligence: Sense of Continuity, Sense of Membership, Sense of Value, Sense of Action and Sense of Humor.

Sense of Continuity. Continuity is the irresistible thread of cultural survival that wove uninterrupted through the millennia of Jewish hope to perpetuate family, ideas, ideals and institutions. Our continued awareness of that sense will determine how well that thread will continue its progress into the future.

Sense of Membership. Membership is based on a principle that everyone needs to belong to someone or something. Sense of membership provides the glue that bonds individuals not only into families, but also as a member of their community and nation.

Sense of Value. How do you describe a sense of value without sounding ecclesiastical? Perhaps one could start on the human side with a special Jewish sensitivity to the value of life and of a single life; the value of an individual as an independent spirit; the value of the family as a mutually responsible unit; and, from a long history of a threatened existence, the value of justice and mercy.



Sense of Action. A sense of action and the value of the act itself are important factors in the Jewish frame of mind. Built into our cultural heritage is the attitude that the fruits of an act are secondary in importance to the act itself; that the intentions and the action of sharing, creating, working, learning and loving justify the ends.

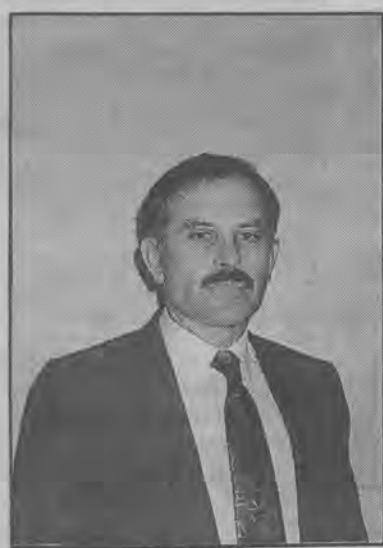
Sense of Humor. A pride and joy of the Jewish senses: Humor. If intelligence is reason, Jewish sense of humor is reason made mischievous. To a certain extent, the Jewish psyche is rooted in humor. As has been pointed out, the fables, parables, anecdotes and sayings in the Talmud and Midrash were rich in those very characteristics with which we associate Jewish humor today.

So, do the Jews as a group deserve to be designated as big hitters in the game of intelligence? Of course! But only if you include the pattern of intelligences ... topped off with a bit of wit.

(Mr. Golin is the Chairman of Golin Corporation. He is a former Chairperson of The Editorial Committee of *The Jewish Voice*. Occasionally he contributes wit and wisdom to *The Jewish Voice*.)

The Rabbi Writes:

Making Life Count



By Rabbi SANFORD DRESIN

Special To The Jewish Voice

This year on the second night of Passover, with the recitation of a B'racha there began once again as in Biblical times the performance of the Torah's commandment to count the Omer. Sefirat Ha Omer is a forty-nine day period of counting culminating on the eve of Shavuot. The word Sefirah means counting and Omer refers to a measure of grain brought to Jerusalem where it was baked and eaten in gratitude for G-d's bounty. Beyond its agricultural significance, Sefirah forms a bridge that binds Passover to Shavuot. There is a powerful lesson to be learned from this wedding of Passover to Shavuot. Passover is also called Z'man Charuteinu, the Festival of Freedom.

Shavuot in the Talmud is given the name Atzeret which means conclusion. With these names the rabbis teach us that Passover and its freedom are but the beginning of a process culminating on shavuot. The significance of Shavuot is not only agricultural, it is also the holiday marking the anniversary of the giving of the Torah at Sinai. We are therefore taught that although the Jewish people became a free and independent nation on Passover, they remained no different from any other nation until the arrival of Shavuot at which time they accepted what the rabbis refer to as the "Heavenly Yoke" of Torah. Use of the word yoke, in referring to the Torah may at first glance appear contradictory since a yoke is a burden, a yoke restrains, encumbers and enslaves. Why then would G-d choose to yoke his newly freed people and what would make these former slaves willing to accept upon themselves that which apparently shackles oxen and other beasts of burden? The answer to this question may be found in the very nature and function of the yoke. An ox free and unfettered is wasteful of its enormous energy potential. It is like a powerful diesel locomotive running in neutral, by placing the locomotive in gear or by harnessing the ox with a yoke, we enable it to fulfill its potential. For us as Jews to accept the yoke of Torah, is in the parlance of pharmacology, to become "potentiated," to bring together in a holy synergy the three dimensions of our existence, our physical, psychological and spiritual. The Torah speaks to each of these three dimensions.

Our Torah and its sages were not concerned solely with the physical. Great emphasis was placed on the importance of proper diet, exercise and good health habits. Reverence for

the human body both in life and even in death, including the prohibition against cremation and autopsy are derived from a recognition that the physical is what propels and enables the spiritual to occur in life. It is the physical dimension which allows us to be of service to others and it is service that gives us a sense of life's purpose and its meaning. In proclaiming G-d's unity is both qualitative as well as quantitative, G-d is one, synergy of all dimensions. This year as we count the Omer, may the Almighty bestow upon us a synergy of mind, body and spirit as we seek to bring to elevate of the mundane with the holiness that comes only through the performance of mitzvot and acts of kindness.

(Rabbi Dresin is the spiritual leader of Congregation Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth.)



POET'S CORNER

(This poem was inspired by a recent speech by Ivan Ceresnjes, the President of the Sarajevo Jewish Community.)

PRIDE IN SARAJEVO

Sarajevo seemed so far away
I saw a distant tragedy,
My mind said it's an Hell,
but what's that to do with me?
Then Ivan came and showed
my soul, we do not need to flee.
Collectively.

A grain of our conscience
Is used to cure and feed the sick?
How does it get there?
What magician's slight or trick
Does the JDC use to dodge
the sniper rifle's aim.
And pass our small donation
to a Sarajevo's Jewish flame.
Through 600 Jews who stayed
we reach humanity.

We can be proud 'though the bit we do
cannot cure Sarajevo's curse.
At least some humans stand and say
"We will not make it worse."
Yes, I am proud a piece of us
goes to comfort and to nurse
To nurse not just a human body,
but hope.

Cas Anolick, April 95



Rabbi Feldman Honored By Local Police

The New Castle County Police Department recently honored Rabbi Marla J. Feldman, JCRC Director, for her participation in diversity training for cadets last year.

Feldman's presentation was re-

quested by the Department in part to help sensitize the future officers to the needs of the Jewish community.

The award presentation took place on Thursday, April 6, 1995.

Kutz Home Annual Meeting On April 30

The Annual Meeting of the Milton & Hattie Kutz Home will be held on Sunday, April 30, 1995 at 2 p.m. The location is 704 River Road, Wilmington, DE. The public is welcome. "An interesting (but not lengthy) program is planned," said

Steve Willers, Executive Director of the Kutz Home.

The Kutz Home is a beneficiary of the 1995 "Live Jewish" Community Campaign which is administered by The Jewish Federation of Delaware (JFD).

Isaacman To Speak On April 26 In Newark

A Yom HaShoah Holocaust Remembrance Day keynote address by Clara Isaacman, followed by a candle-light vigil on the central mall of the campus, will take place Wednesday, April 26th, 1995, 8:00-10:00 p.m. at The Hillel Student Center at the University of Delaware, 47 W. Delaware Avenue. Evening parking in most university lots is free. The closest lot is the new ramp on Main St. between S. College and Elkton Rd. (There is a slight fee.) Clara Heller Isaacman, the author of "Clara's Story," was born in Romania. This event is sponsored by The Rabbinical Association of Delaware, Hillel and the Campus Diversity Unit.

Mrs. Isaacman is a well-known educator, a much sought after public speaker, an author, but first and foremost a Holocaust survivor. In common with other survivors, she has

recently begun to tell her story, almost fifty years later. As with many survivors, only now has the pain receded sufficiently to make it possible for her to express her feelings so that future generations can hear firsthand about this horrifying period of history.



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Former Tel Aviv Prof Talks About Eurocentrism

By JORDAN SOPINSKY

Special To The Jewish Voice

On Thursday, April 6, Ella Shohat, associate professor of film studies, women's studies, and cultural studies at the City University of New York, spoke to University of Delaware students and faculty about Eurocentrism. Eurocentrism is the philosophy that Europeans are the focal point, historically and culturally, of the world.

"This philosophy is damaging to our culture," said Shohat, "because it envisions the world from a singular point of view, failing to acknowledge the intricate and diverse aspects of our society."

Shohat's lecture was based on the recently published book entitled "Unthinking Eurocentrism: Multiculturalism and the Media," which she co-authored with Robert Stam, a New York University film professor. In the work, the two professors explore Christopher Columbus' "discovery" of America, colonialism, racism, slavery, as well as cinema and how it

reflects or argues against Eurocentrism. The book deals with many other related topics in addition.

Particularly illuminating was Shohat's discussion of "contested histories," most notably the one concerning Christopher Columbus. A clip of the film "1492" was shown. Afterwards, Shohat explained that the film is a result of Eurocentrism because it depicts Columbus as the only person who thought the world was round (educated Europeans and Arabs knew this as well) and that he discovered America. (Columbus actually landed at an island in the Caribbean, thereby opening the door for colonization of America.) In addition, the tribe Columbus encountered was depicted as primal and eager to embrace he and his men's customs and religion.

The intricacies of history is what is important to Shohat. "By examining the other points of view, such as the tribe's in this case, a greater depth of history is learned," Shohat said. "Multiculturalism is not about

lowering academic standards. It's about raising them to learn more about history and languages."

Other clips of films were shown as well. One of these was from the film "Friday," a re-dramatization of Defoe's "Robinson Crusoe." In this adaptation, Friday's conversations with his tribe, in which he and his fellow tribesman lambaste the European, constitute a definite stance against Eurocentrism.

Besides teaching and writing, Shohat is also a book reviewer for Duke University Press, a member of the San Francisco Jewish Film Festival Advisory Board, a member of the curatorial committee of the United Nations Environmental Film Festival, and a co-curator for the Film Society of Lincoln Center. She has taught at Tel Aviv University, Beit Tzvi School of Stage and Cinematic Arts, and Cornell University. Her other book, "Israeli Cinema: East/West and the Politics of Representation," was listed as one of the best books of 1992 in the Hebrew daily paper, "Ha'Aretz."

Ella Shohat was brought to lecture at the University of Delaware as part of the Department of English Multicultural Speaker Series.

BBYO Sponsors Talk On The College Search Process

"The College Search Process," sponsored by BBYO Central Region East, will be presented on Sunday, May 7, 1995 at 3:00 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center.

George Gibbs, a consultant and counselor in the area of college planning, selection, and success, will present a seminar/workshop for parents and students in 10th and 11th grades. His presentation is titled The College Planning, Search and Selection Process — A Two Year Perspective. Subjects which will be addressed include the following:

High School preparation for college; why 32.7% of college students never return for their sophomore year; how to find the right match, college/student; college size, location, type; special talents, special interests (such as pre-med, business, fine arts); the college visit and assessment; the SAT; the high school record; teacher recommendations; financial aid; the application; and how colleges select students.

George Gibbs is a partner in the

educational counseling and consulting firm of Gibbs & Wall with offices in Pennsylvania and Massachusetts. He is also on the staff of the Bethlehem Counseling Associates, a full range counseling service. He was Dean of Admissions and Freshmen at Muhlenberg College from 1968 to 1984. He taught "Principles of Guidance" and coordinated financial aid for incoming students. Mr. Gibbs is a consultant for national scholarship programs conducted by the College Scholarship Service. He was a staff consultant to the College Board from 1986 to 1991.

Gibbs is a graduate of Muhlenberg, with a Masters Degree from the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School of Business. He attended Harvard's School of Education, and holds a Masters in counseling from Lehigh University. He is the author of Education Planning & Financing, and Campus Daze - Easing the Transition from High School To College.

The cost is \$10 per family. For reservations call: the BBYO office at (610) 866-2441.

Dukart Honored For Academic Achievement

Michael Dukart has been selected by the faculty of the School of Hotel Administration at Cornell University to attend the National Restaurant Association convention in Chicago, Illinois. He was chosen to represent the school at the "Salute to Excellence" program because of his scholastic achievements as well as his leadership role outside the classroom. Mike is in his junior year at Cornell. He is the son of Barbara and Les Dukart.

Regrets

The last issue of *The Jewish Voice* was twice the size of many of our issues and unfortunately had more typographical errors than usual. Because of limitations of space in this issue full corrections will not be printed here. Please note that errors or awkward language in Karen Moss's column, Marvin Cytron's book review, The Voice Box and elsewhere were not the fault of the writers. We regret the presence of these errors. Volunteers are needed to proofread *The Jewish Voice* on Thursdays in Dover twice a month. If you are interested in proofreading call (302) 478-6200.

Holocaust Names Project

"Unto Every Person There Is A Name" is a project of Yad Vashem in Jerusalem in which organizations throughout the world are encouraged to hold public readings of the names of Holocaust victims. Yad Vashem has been preparing lists of names for six years and have recorded 2.5 million names to date. In an effort to supplement the lists, Yad Vashem requests survivors and relatives of victims to fill out a 'Page of Testimony' for each known victim of the Holocaust. If you would like to add names to the list, please contact Rabbi Marla Feldman at 478-6200 for the required form.

Schiff Is In Haifa

Gregory Schiff, of Wilmington, Delaware is studying in the Overseas Studies Program at the University of Haifa in Israel, which hosts students from all over the world. Through the Overseas Studies Program, he has had the opportunity to study with Israeli an to take classes given by University faculty, some of whom are worldwide authorities in their fields. The program also sponsors student trips to historical sites in Israel.

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The Jewish Historical Society of Delaware: Twenty Years Of Promoting Delaware Jewish History

By JULIAN H. PREISLER
JHSD Archivist/Staff Person

The Jewish Historical Society of Delaware (JHSD) will be celebrating the Twentieth Anniversary of its formal organization this year. Many readers may be wondering just how the JHSD came into being! The following article gives a brief introduction to the JHSD, its formation and early years, its accomplishments, and future goals.

The Jewish Historical Society of Delaware traces its beginnings in the community to a meeting that was held in December of 1969 at the home of Philip Cohen (Beth Shalom Congregation President). At the time, a number of community leaders were considering the idea of developing a community archives to store historical materials and to exhibit information and materials on Jewish life in Delaware. This meeting was the first of the new Archives Committee of the Jewish Community Center. Their immediate task was to explore the concept of just such an archives for the Delaware Jewish Community.

The Committee consisted of Meyer Bass, Harry Bluestone, Philip Cohen, I.B. Finkelstein, Bill Frank, Sallie Ginns, Rabbi Simon Krinsky, James Rosbrow, Norman

Schutzman, and Dr. Martin Yalisove. All well-known and respected individuals in the community. Apparently the first meeting of the committee was quite successful as it was recommended that a Delaware Jewish Historical Society be formed as an entity of the Jewish Community Center. A temporary organizing committee for the formation of the Society was also formed at the meeting. A news release appeared in late December of 1969 that announced the planned formation of the Delaware Jewish Historical Society with archives and exhibit space to be procured at the Jewish Community Center.

It appears that no public activity regarding the new group took place after the first attempt at formation. Historical records do indicate, though, that by late 1970 the collection of materials for deposit in the archives began. It was at this time that correspondence regarding assistance with the planning of the new organization took place with the American Jewish Historical Society in Massachusetts. Unfortunately, the official and final formation of the Society did not reach a definite conclusion, though the collection of historically important papers and records did continue.

A break came in early 1972 when Rabbi David Geffen of Congregation Beth Shalom was appointed as the coordinator of efforts to now establish a Delaware Jewish Archives. Rabbi Geffen, at the time, was working on a fifty year history of Beth Shalom and had done extensive research on Delaware Jewish history. Late in 1972, Nathan Kaganoff of the American Jewish Historical Society came to Wilmington to meet with the committee responsible for the formation of the Delaware Jewish Archives in order to assist with the planning. About the same time, a number of announcements began appearing in The Jewish Voice regarding the collection of historic records and documents for the planned archives.

After nearly five years of efforts to organize a formal Jewish historical society or a Jewish archives, an article appeared in the July 15, 1974 edition of The Jewish Voice announcing that the Delaware Jewish Historical Society was prepared to begin operating on an organizational basis. The newspaper article stated further that the Society will be composed of officers, a board, and general membership and among the first items of business will be the planned preparation of a booklet on Delaware

Jewish Landmarks.

Formal organization of the group now officially named "The Jewish Historical Society of Delaware", took place in January of 1975. Charles K. Keil was elected as the first President with Harry Bluestone, Bill Frank, and Rabbi David Geffen as Vice-Presidents. Sol Polotsky was elected Treasurer and Edythe Krieger served as Secretary. Members of the first Board were Judge Bernard Balick, Hilda Codor, Syd Kneitel, Paula Lehrer, Richard D. Levin, Ellen Meyer, Lillian S. Robertson, Harvey Rubenstein, Dr. Ralph Tomases, Hannah S. Topkis, Jodie Drooz Yoffe, Toni Young, and Dale Fields. With the formal organization of the Society and the election of officers complete, the task of the promotion of the JHSD in the community began.

Early projects of the Society included participation in the compilation of the Delaware section for a soon to be published American Jewish travel guide, the sponsoring of a lecture and study series at the JCC titled "Take a Good Look at Delaware Jewish History I & II", and a series of lectures titled "Looking at Delaware Jewry". The first Annual Meeting of the JHSD was held on April 20, 1975 and featured a slide program, "Sights and Sites, The People and Places of Jewish Delaware". This inaugural meeting also featured honors given to Harry Bluestone, Bill Frank, Sallie Ginns, Rabbi Simon Krinsky, and Emile Topkis for their dedicated efforts regarding the

preservation of records of the Delaware Jewish community.

Over the years, the Jewish Historical Society has brought many informative programs, displays, and publications to the community. Program topics have included: local Jewish leaders and personalities; organizational milestones & histories; Delaware's Jewish centennial; and Jewish genealogy. The JHSD has welcomed a number of noted speakers including Rabbi Malcolm Stern, and Dr. Kenneth Libo. Publications by the Society can be found in most Jewish households in Delaware. A few examples include Delaware and the Jews, Introduction to Delaware's Jewish Centennial 1879-1979, Resource Guide to Delaware Jewish Genealogy, the video Delaware Jews in American Wars, and A Historical Review of a Century of Jewish Education in Delaware (1876-1976).

Central to the core idea of any local Jewish historical society is the collection, preservation and promotion of Jewish history. This is the mission of the JHSD, "To Collect, Preserve, and Promote Delaware Jewish History". As we move into the next century, the JHSD will continue to voice the importance of documenting our community's history as we expand and continue to meet the challenges of our mission. The JHSD is a beneficiary of the 1995 "Live Jewish" Community Campaign which is administered by the Jewish Federation of Delaware (JFD).



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The performers react to comments by audience members, but the

plot doesn't change direction because of this. The originally-introduced cast members, however, do react strongly to the unexpected entrances of other cast members, so it appears almost as if the audience is coming into the play and changing the plot.

This creates an amusing evening of off-beat entertainment. The creators of Grandma Sylvia's Funeral, Glenn Wein and Amy Lord Blumsack, deliberately chose a Jewish subject and they've injected it with some serious criticism of pseudo-religious behavior amidst the laughs.

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The AKSE Adult Education Committee presents guest speaker Dr. Lisa Aiken on May 19th and 20th.

Dr. Aiken is a modern, Torah-observant Jew who is a psychologist in private practice and a nationally recognized author and speaker.

She received her Ph.D. in clinical psychology from Loyola University in Chicago. She has written a scholarly study of the role of women in Judaism from a traditional point of view, entitled, "To Be a Jewish Woman." Dr. Aiken co-authored "The Art of Jewish Prayer" with Rabbi Yitzchak Kirzner.

Dr. Aiken has been a lecturer and scholar-in-residence at various synagogues throughout the U.S. During her visit to AKSE, her talks will be based on the topics: "What Really Happened in the Garden of Eden?"

and "Dear God: What Have You Done for Me Lately?"

Dr. Aiken will address the congregation during Friday night services, at 8 p.m., followed by an Oneg Shabbat.

On Shabbat morning, Dr. Aiken will speak on a different topic at 10:30 a.m. (Services begin at 8:45 a.m.) A Kiddush-luncheon will follow.

Everyone in the community is invited to attend on both Friday and Shabbat at no charge. Reservations are needed, though, so that the committee can plan accordingly. Babysitting is available on Friday night at no charge but advance registration is required.

Please call the AKSE synagogue office, 762-2705, with your reservations.

Candle Lighting

APRIL

21ST — 7:27 PM

28TH — 7:34 PM

MAY

5TH — 7:41 PM

12TH — 7:48 PM

Goldstein, Chairman of the Crown Heights Community Board in Brooklyn, New York, will address the A.K.S.E. Men's Club concerning Black-Jewish relations in the Crown Heights community. The recent murder of a Crown Heights rabbinical student and other Black-Jewish relations incidents in the Crown Heights community have been of concern throughout the international Jewish community and have had a ripple effect everywhere.

Rabbi Goldstein has been described as a charismatic leader and speaker. He was appointed by Governor Mario Cuomo to the State Division of Housing as a Deputy Commissioner of Rent Administration and now serves as Director of the Manhattan Rent Office. He has been Chairman of the Community Board in Crown Heights, Brooklyn since

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AKSE Talmud Torah
Annual Sederim

The AKSE Passover Sedarim were held on April 9. B'reishit and Pre-Aleph had their own age-appropriate seder upstairs, organized and conducted by Mrs. Yehudit Lawton and Mrs. Linda Vodovis. The children's short program was followed by several games and arts and crafts projects. "The beautiful afikomen covers created by each child, as well as their self-decorated Elijah cups, will undoubtedly become family heirlooms," said Gail Weinberg, Educational Director.

The Aleph through Heh students had their own seder in the social hall. Led by the students of the Heh class, Abram Barth, Maya Baruch, Aileen Heiman, Abigail Rosenthalis and Robyn Weinstein; the students began the seder by lighting the Shabbat Yom Tov candles. The Aleph class, taught by Mrs. Sylvia Wagman, recited the order of the service complete with hand motions for each order. They also recited the "Simple Son" in Hebrew. The Bet class, taught by M. Vivian Goldberg, introduced the Passover symbols, as well as the "Son Who does Know How To Ask." Mrs. Sternberg's Gimel class was the "Wise Son;" and Mrs. Yehudit Lawton's Dalet class was the "Wicked Son."

The Dalet class led the "Hallel" and the Gimel class led the "Birkat Hamazon." The Bet class recited "Adir Hu" as well as "Dayenu." The Heh class also helped the students in the ritual washing of the hands. At the end of the seder, all classes sang a rousing rendition of "Echad Mi Yodea."

Fried matza and other traditional foods were served to all the students and parents. Mrs. Esther Kopolovic prepared the eggs and charoseth and organized all of our many volunteers. "Thank you to all who helped with both sederim," said Weinberg. The Chaverot and Minyanaires were also in attendance and helped with the preparations.

Children's Expo

The Great Jewish Children's Expo, the world's first traveling Jewish museum will be at the Jewish Community Center from Wednesday, May 10 through Sunday, May 14, 1995. The Expo uses imaginative multi-media displays to promote Jewish education and fun.

Regular admission for children is \$4 and \$5 for adults.

For more information or to schedule a group tour, contact Susan Gentry at 478-5660 or Rabbi Chuni Vogel at 478-4400.

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Black-Jewish Relations In Crown Heights, Brooklyn, New York will be the subject featured at Adas Kodesch

Shel Emeth Congregation Men's Club Program on Sunday, May 21, 1995, 9:30 A.M. Rabbi Jacob

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Keynote Address by
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Clara Heller Isaacman, the author of "Clara's Story," was born in Romania. To escape the rising tide of anti-Semitism, the family moved to Antwerp, Belgium where they lived until 1942. Clara's father and older brother were taken by the Nazis and perished, while Clara, her mother, sister and brother hid in eighteen different hiding places for two and a half years. At night, Clara would sneak out to help the Resistance.

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The annual Interfaith Holocaust Remembrance Day observance will take place on Thursday, April 27, 1995, at noon in the City/County Building Council Chambers

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

APRIL

Friday 21

P'H*A*S'E 2 Shabbat Service and Social, 8:00 p.m. Oneg Shabbat following Shabbat services at Temple Beth El in Newark. There is no charge for the evening. Call Ann at (302) 454-1665 for more information.

Friday 28

Young Jewish Adults of Delaware (YJAD) - SYNAGOGUE DROP-IN AT BETH EMETH, 8:00 p.m. Shabbat services at Beth Emeth, followed by Thai cuisine at Pan Tai Restaurant. Reservations required by April 23rd. Call Merrily at (302) 477-1302.

Saturday 29

Paula Gordon, daughter of Helen and Mendel Gordon of Congregation Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth, will speak about her recent trip to Bosnia where she led a humanitarian aid convoy. Sponsored by the Delaware Coalition for Bosnia, Harry's Savoy

Grill, 5:00 p.m.
Young Jewish Adults of Delaware (YJAD) - PHILADELPHIA BAR TRIP TO GOTHAM, 8:00 p.m. Dancing and drinks at one of a Philadelphia's night club. YJAD will meet at the J.C.C. at 8:00 p.m. and carpool up to the club. Call Michele at (302) 892-4255. Note: Gotham's dress code does not permit jeans.

MAY

Wednesday 3

Jewish Community Relations Committee Meeting, 12:00 noon, offices of Elzufon, Auston and Drexler, 12th and Market, 21st Floor. For more information call 478-6200.

Saturday 6

Young Jewish Adults of Delaware (YJAD) - Barbecue at Ethan's, 6:00 p.m. YJAD has planned a barbecue bash to include drinks and food. YJAD will attempt to accommodate all dietary constraints and preferences based upon advanced notice. Reservations required by April 30th. Call Ethan at (302) 792-9375.

Tuesday 9

Young Jewish Adults of Delaware (YJAD) - ELECTIONS AND DINNER AT BENNIGAN'S, 6:30 p.m. It's time to elect the new slate of officers. Reservations required by May 3rd. Call David at (609) 678-8029.

Monday 15

Halina Wind Preston Holocaust

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

Sunday 21

Young Jewish Adults of Delaware (YJAD) - BRUNCH AND WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS, 11:00 a.m. Join us for Allyson's huge brunch, or their salad bar. Call David at (609) 678-8029, or Sandi at (609) 678-8190 before May 17th.

JUNE

Friday 2

Young Jewish Adults of Delaware (YJAD) - Synagogue Drop-In - Come out and join us for Shabbat services. Following services, YJAD will go out to eat at a local hot spot. Reservations required by May 28th. Call Merrily at (302) 477-1302 for time and location.

Thursday 15

Young Jewish Adults of Delaware (YJAD) - HAPPY HOUR AND DINNER AT THE CACTUS BAR & GRILL, 6:30 p.m. Call David at (609) 678-8029 for directions and further info.

Sunday 25

Young Jewish Adults of Delaware (YJAD) - CANOE TRIP down the scenic Brandywine. Reservations are required by June 11th. \$21 per person. Call David at (609) 678-8029 for directions and further info.

Ongoing

Yjad Weekly Activities. Young Jewish Adults of Delaware's (YJAD's) co-ed, noncompetitive volleyball league will continue every Wednesday night from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Behind the J.C.C. as of May 31, 1995.

Exhibit Highlights Henrietta Szold "Daughter of Zion: Henrietta Szold and American Jewish Womanhood," a new exhibition, will be open at the Jewish Historical Society of Maryland (JHSM), 15 Lloyd Street, Baltimore, from April 9 through December 10, 1995. "Daughter of Zion," will reveal and reinterpret the life and work of Henrietta Szold through artifacts, audiovisual materials, label text, documents and rare archival photographs. A native of Baltimore, Szold (1860-1945) is best known as the founder of Hadassah, the women's Zionist organization.

For more information, call at The Jewish Historical Society of Maryland, (410) 732-6400.

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



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OBITUARIES

SYLVIA MILLSTONE

Sylvia Millstone, age 74, died suddenly April 9, 1995.

Sylvia was a resident of Austin, TX, since June 1990, when she moved from Wilmington, Delaware. Sylvia was very active in local civic and cultural activities. She was a docent at the LBJ Library, she ushered at the Paramount Theatre and Bass Concert Hall, and was active with the Elder Hostel and Learning Adult Mature People (LAMP).

Sylvia was preceded by death by her husband, Al Millstone in 1974.

She is survived by her brother, Aaron Sandgarten of Pennsylvania; her son, Jeff Millstone, his wife, Linda; and grandsons, Daniel and Michael.

A memorial service was at Temple Beth Israel, 3901 Shoal Creek Blvd., on Thursday, April 13, 1995, at 2:00 p.m.

Donations may be made to Temple Beth Israel.

A graveside service was held, Tuesday, April 11, 1995 in Mount Lebanon Cemetery, Collingdale, Pa.

Arrangements by Schoenberg Memorial Chapel, Wilmington, Delaware.

SARAH STATNEKOO

Sarah Statnekoo died April 14 the day before her 105th birthday — in Leader Nursing & Rehabilitation Center.

Mrs. Statnekoo, born in Odessa, Russia, fled Czarist rule when she was a teen-ager and settled in Wilmington. She lived with a sister and brother-in-law who had emigrated earlier.

She was one of the first tenants to move into the Electra Arms apartments, 18th and Broom streets, Wilmington, in 1964.

"She kept house and cooked until moving to the nursing home in 1989 at age 99," a family member said.

Mrs. Statnekoo was a member of Machzikey Hadas Congregation and the Kutz Home Auxiliary and a life member of Hadassah.

She enjoyed playing cards and bingo.

Her husband of 50 years, Jacob Statnekoo, died in 1959. She is survived by a son, Lewis Stat of Wilmington; three daughters, Anne Porter of Mission Hills, Calif., Lee Zommick of Cypress, Calif., and Rosalie Ableman of Wilmington; 13 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.

The family suggests contributions to charity.

Over 35 Singles Event

Jewish singles 35 and above are invited to a dance at Keneseth Israel, Old York Rd. and Township Line Rd., Elkins Park, Pa. on Sunday, April 23, 1995 at 7:30 p.m. Refreshments, and a D.J. cost \$12. Jackets preferred for gentlemen. Co-sponsored by K.I. Singles, A Step Above, and Temple Sinai Singles 39+.

For more information call (215) 643-4725 or (215) 552-8980.

Words & Music : Funeral, Etc.

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Grandma Sylvia's Funeral starts with the audience forced to wait in a line outside the "mortuary," where they overhear "family members" complaining about how the hearse broke down on the Schuylkill Expressway. As the evening progresses, we witness the wacky arrival of the casket, the ceremony, and some battles among the dysfunctional family. We even join in a shiva meal.

The cast of 21 is strong, with recognizable types who could pass for members of your own family. Not mine, of course. Co-author Glenn Wein directs. The production is at the Olde City Playhouse at 211 N. 3d Street in Philadelphia for an open-ended run.

Also in the area for an extended run is Andrew Lloyd Webber's Phantom of the Opera. This show is much more than a falling chandelier and impressive stage effects. In its story and its music it far surpasses such popular spectacles as Miss Saigon and Cats.

However it falls short of the claims that director Hal Prince makes for it. He says that not since Ezio Pinza and Mary Martin sang "Some Enchanted Evening" in South Pacific has there been such drama and romance on Broadway. As Senator Bentsen said about John Kennedy, I know South Pacific and Phantom is no South Pacific. Most obviously, "That's All I Ask of You" is a minor-league love song compared to "Some Enchanted Evening."

But Phantom of the Opera does contain four other strongly melodic songs — more than most recent shows — and it has a haunting story about doomed romance. The

Webber-Prince production reveals the phantom as a menacingly erotic protagonist.

Rick Hilsabeck is one of the better Phantoms to have played the role, and Sarah Pfisterer is by far the most appealing Christine ever. Her voice is much stronger and warmer than Sara Brightman, who starred in the original cast.

Here's a little-known fact about Sara Brightman, Andrew Lloyd Webber and Phantom of the Opera. In 1982 Webber, then married to his first wife, appeared on the Merv Griffen TV show and introduced the young Sara Brightman who sang a new song that Webber had written especially for her. It was called "A Married Man" and it was about a young woman who was romantically involved with a married man. I, and others at that time, were shocked that Webber could so flagrantly and publicly flaunt his affair. The melody of "A Married Man" is the same melody that Webber later used for "The Music of the Night" in Phantom!

The main flaw that keeps Phantom from comparison with South Pacific is the fact that Phantom's characters are types, not flesh and blood. Also, the show loses momentum when it shifts back and forth from its plot to Webber's send-ups of operatic scenes.

But, as Hilsabeck said to us, "The whole thing drips with romantic feeling. It oozes eroticism and sensual feeling."

Delawareans might be interested to note that the extremely comprehensive publicity campaign for this engagement is being handled by the local firm that's been promoting Wilmington Playhouse productions for several years. Publicists are supposed to attract attention to their play and not to themselves, so I won't embarrass them by naming them, but their good work is noted and appreciated.

The most recent set of concerts that Stephen Gunzenhauser gave with the Delaware Symphony presented the orchestra in superb form. Gustav Holst's The Planets and William Walton's Belshazzar's Feast rang out with beautiful sonorities and exotic aural colors. The Delaware Choral Union and bass Terry Cook sang the vocal parts of the Walton.

Belshazzar's Feast is about the Israelites' captivity in Babylonia and the ultimate destruction of their conqueror. There's plenty of excitement in the loud orchestral parts, and Gunzenhauser conducted with lots of rhythmic vitality.

JHSD Cancels Meeting

The Jewish Historical Society 1995 Annual Meeting has been canceled due to a scheduling error.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

There will be no meeting on May 6th, 7:30 p.m. at the JCC.

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Beth Shalom Honors Bernhardt And Others

Three Sisterhood members of Congregation Beth Shalom, Wilmington were recently honored at the paid up membership dinner in recognition of acceptance into KOLOTH BI K'DUSHAH (VOICES IN HOLINESS). Rabbi Ellen Bernhardt, Arlene Davis, and Dr. Irene Plotzker have been certified by Rabbinic and Cantorial authority as Torah Readers and Leaders of Congregational Service and join 2,000 women across the country that have demonstrated the commitment, study and skill to read Torah and conduct services for their congregations.

Rabbi Bernhardt was born in Wilmington, is a graduate of Temple University, graduate studies included the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, Jewish Theological Seminary, Bryn Maur College and ordination from the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College. Rabbi Bernhardt is Principal of the Albert Einstein Academy, Wilmington and has 24 years of public and Hebrew School educational experience. Rabbi Bernhardt is married to Dr. Steven Bernhardt and between them have five children ranging in age from ten to twenty.

Arlene Davis is a native of the Boston, Ma. area attended Bridgewater Teachers College and Hebrew Teachers College in the Boston area. Arlene moved to the Wilmington area in 1969 attended Gratz College and the University Of Delaware from which she received a Masters Degree in Special Education. Arlene has been part of the professional staff of Congregation Beth Shalom for twenty five years and has been Educational Director for the past nineteen years. Arlene and her husband Robert are the parents of three sons, three daughters-in-law, and grandparents of four grandchildren all residing in the Wilmington area.

Dr. Irene Plotzker was born in Philadelphia and acquired her Hebrew training at Congregations Beth El, Beth Am Israel and Beth Hillel-Beth El in that city. Irene is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania and Harvard University. Since 1980 she has worked as a chemist in polymer research for the DuPont Company. Dr. Plotzker is a member of the Beth Shalom Board of Directors and resides in North Wilmington with her husband Richard and children Rosalyn and Alan.

"We are indeed fortunate to have these three very special women in our sisterhood to receive this special

honor from the Woman's League Of Conservative Judaism" said Sharon Rosen Sisterhood President. Rabbi Bernhardt, Arlene Davis and Dr. Plotzker will be joining nearly 20 adults and youths who now chant Torah and lead services for Beth Shalom for Shabbat and Holy Day Services.

Trickey Retires

A Retirement Celebration is planned in honor of Art Trickey for 37 years of service with the Jewish Community Center. The party will be held on Thursday, May 4 at 6 p.m. at the Brandywine Country Club. If you haven't received an invitation and would like to join us for the celebration, please call Susan Parcels at (302) 478-5660.

JCC Sports Classic

The Jewish Community Center will hold its Third Annual JCC Sports Classic on Thursday, June 1 at the DuPont Country Club.

For information on tournament registration or to receive a participant brochure, contact Shay Rosen at 478-5660.

Jews And Blacks Unite

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At the same time, aid to Africa rests squarely on the chopping block, setting up the possibility that a rift over aid could develop between blacks and Jews later in the process.

When Sen. Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.), chairman of the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, outlined his position on foreign aid in December, he proposed a 20 percent across-the-board cut in foreign aid, excluding only the Middle East and Europe.

In fact, McConnell's plan called for an increase in aid to the Middle East by \$100 million to allow for flexibility to support the peace process.

Last year the Congressional Black Caucus supported the foreign aid bill in record numbers.

But according to a congressional aide to one of the black lawmakers who attended the hour-long session,

that support will continue only if the 1996 foreign aid package includes aid to Africa.

"I can assure you that the votes will not be there for aid to Israel if there is no aid to Africa," said the aide.

"There's no way that my boss can go back to the district and defend giving Israel \$3 billion if Africa gets little or nothing."

Jewish lawmakers also acknowledged the potential for a rift, this time from the pro-Israel perspective.

"When push comes to shove, if the foreign aid bill includes Israel's \$3 billion, we're going to vote for it," an aide to one Jewish congressman said, suggesting that Jewish legislators would vote for such a bill, regardless of whether aid to Africa is included.

Despite the potential for divisiveness over the issue, the emphasis at this week's meeting was on working together.

And even though a recent flare of tensions between black and Jewish lawmakers over differing positions regarding federal contracts to secu-

rity firms linked to the Nation of Islam, this recent meeting was widely described as friendly.

Black and Jewish lawmakers began to meet on a regular basis during the last Congress to discuss areas where they could cooperate.

"Together we have over 50 votes when we agree. That's a significant voting block," said an aide to a black lawmaker who attended the session.

At the meeting, the group of lawmakers and activists decided to seek the support of African American civil rights organizations, such as the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and the Urban League, to support aid to Africa.

Hastings plans to send a letter to these activists asking them to throw their weight behind African aid, an aide said.

In addition to ADL, representatives from the American Israel Public Affairs Committee, the American Jewish Committee, the American Jewish Congress, the Religious Action Center for Reform Judaism and the World Jewish Congress attended the session.

The Jewish members of Congress who attended the session were: Reps. Gary Ackerman (D-N.Y.), Howard Berman (D-Calif.), Peter Deutsch (D-Fla.) and Eliot Engel (D-N.Y.).

The black members were Reps. Major Owens (D-N.Y.), Al Wynn (D-Md.), Earl Hilliard (D-Ala.), James Clyburn (D-S.C.), William Jefferson (D-La.) and Eddie Bernice Johnson (D-Texas). The chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus, Donald Payne (D-N.J.), also attended the meeting.

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Alisa Flatow's Father Donates Her Organs

FOLLOWING ALISA Flatow's death, her father, Stephen, gave permission to a physician at Soroka Hospital in Beersheva to have her organs donated.

He said this decision was one his daughter would have supported.

"Alisa loved the people of Israel," said Stephen Flatow at the funeral service. "She loved to ride the bus, loved to shop. I said to Roz (his wife), this is what she would want to do. Alisa gave back to the people of Israel. It wasn't her decision. But I know it's a decision she would have definitely agreed to."

JCC Annual Meeting

The 61st Annual Meeting of the Jewish Community Center will be held on Sunday, June 11, 1995 at 4:00 p.m. on the grounds of the Jewish Family Campus, Garden of Eden Road in North Wilmington. The theme for this year's meeting will be the 25th Anniversary of the JCC Building on Garden of Eden Road. The meeting will include Election of Board and Officers, President's Report and an Awards Presentation. Games and activities for children (ages 3 through 10) will be offered during the meeting portion of the evening. A free family picnic dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m., followed by entertainment. Advance reservations are required by calling the JCC at (302) 478-5660 by June 1. Jordon Rosen is serving as the chairperson for this event. The JCC is a beneficiary of the 1995 "Live Jewish" Community Campaign which is administered by the Jewish Federation of Delaware (JFD).

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1980. Under his leadership, the community has rehabilitated 6 parks, reconstructed many miles of roadway, including the 68 million dollar reconstruction of the Eastern Parkway and has been instrumental in many other projects, bringing a better quality of life to his community.

Rabbi Goldstein was born in a displaced persons camp in France after World War II to parents who survived the Holocaust. He attended the Lubavitcher Yeshiva High School in Crown Heights where he graduated from high school. He then entered the Rabbinical College of Canada in Montreal where he graduated with a degree in Religious Education. Returning to New York, he entered the Lubavitch Rabbinical Seminary and graduated and was ordained a rabbi in 1970.

Rabbi Goldstein sits on many Boards of communal volunteer organizations and is a recipient of numerous awards. In addition, he serves as a Chaplain in the New York Army

National Guard. He served with the 82nd Airborne Division as Jewish Chaplain during the Granada Invasion in 1983. In December 1990, he was mobilized with his Unit for "Operation Desert Shield". In January 1991, he was separated from his Unit and sent to Israel to serve as Joint Task Force Chaplain for "Joint Force Patriot Defender", the Patriot Units that defended the state of Israel from Iraqi Missile attacks. He was dubbed by the Israeli press as Rav Patriot (Rabbi Patriot).

He has appeared on numerous national television shows, including the Phil Donohue Show. He is a good friend of Betty Shabazz, the widow of Malcolm X. Rabbi Goldstein is married to Seema and they are the proud parents of 5 children. They currently reside in Crown Heights, Brooklyn, New York. The A.K.S.E. Men's Club welcomes all to attend this program. The cost is \$2.00 for members and non-members. For more information, contact A.K.S.E. Congregation, 762-2705.

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