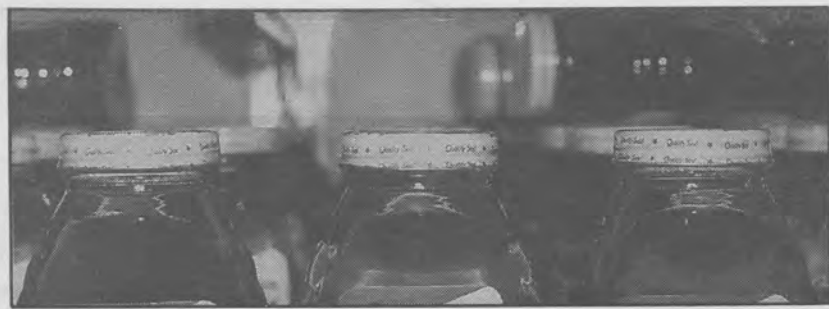


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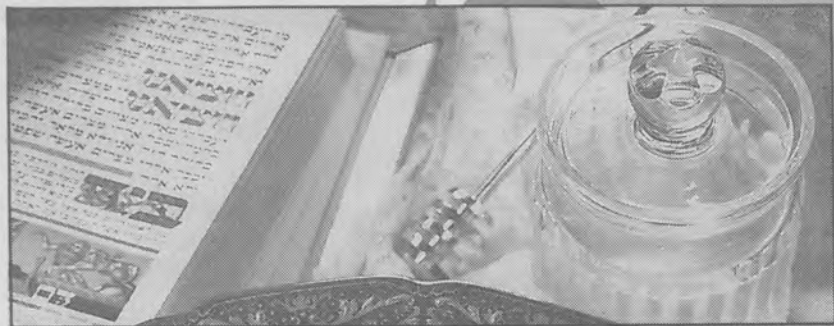
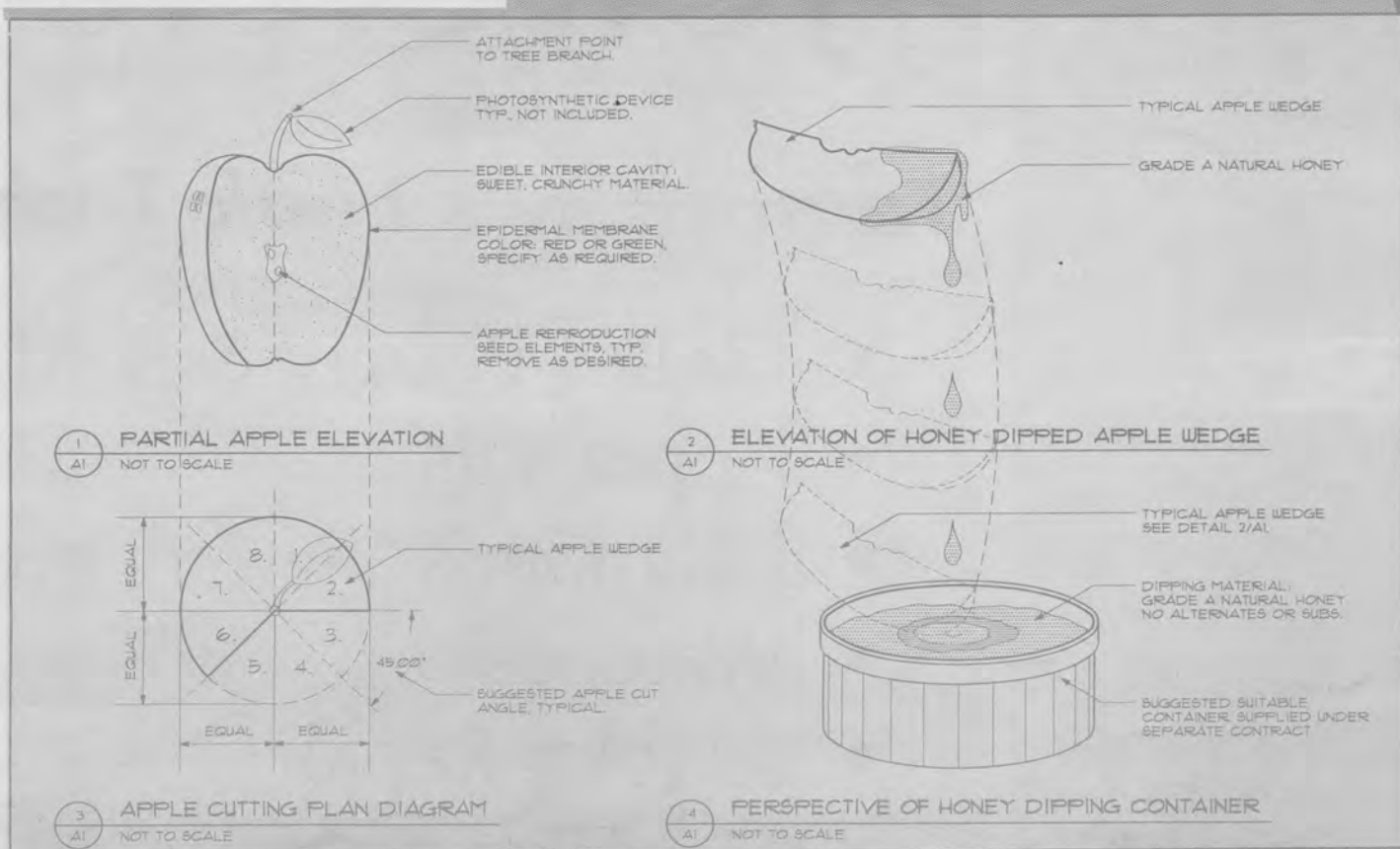


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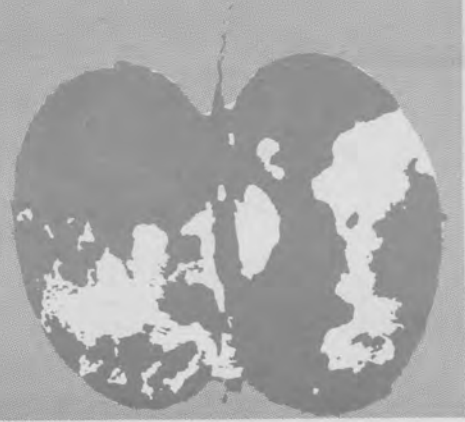
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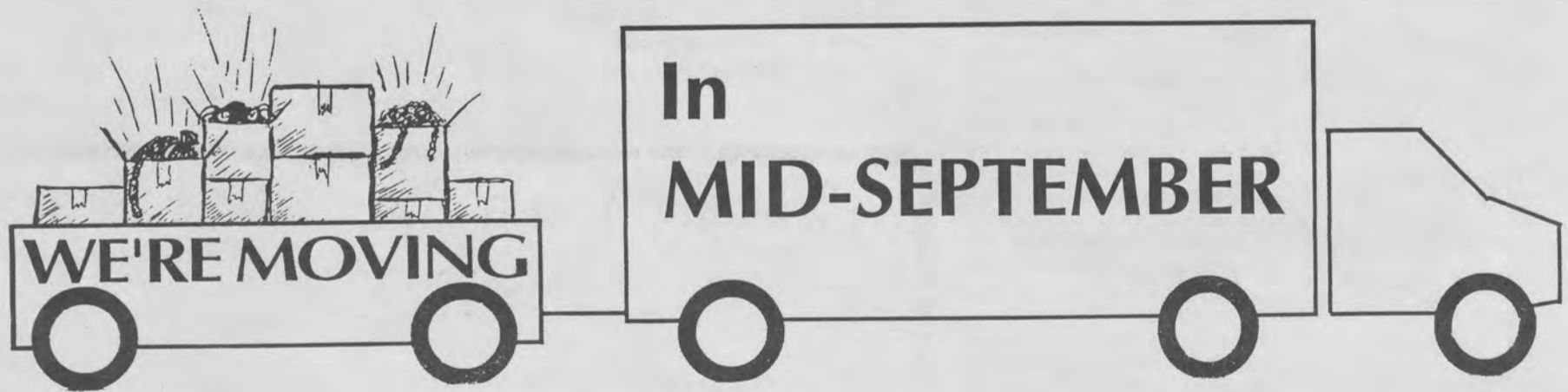


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Late Breaking News And Other Items Of Interest

•Civil rights legend Rosa Parks, 81, was robbed and assaulted in her Detroit home this week. She was hospitalized with facial injuries (Source: USA Today)

•Heirs of the builder of Auschwitz's crematorium are trying to reclaim the factory site. Family members of J.A. Topf and Sohne state their claim based on 1991 German law relating to return of property. The law was passed after German unification. The vice president of The World Jewish Congress Kalman Sultanik, called the claim a grotesque mockery of millions of innocent victims memory. Sultanik said, "The German govern-

nor has a moral obligation to block this reprehensible action." (Source: USA Today)

•Israeli's Minister of Health Ephraim Sneh has approved regulations which place limits on smoking at the workplace. The new regulations, in effect in several months, allow smoking only in designated areas. (Source: Israel Line - a publication of the Consulate General of Israel in New York)

•Assad met last week with American Jews (Source: JTA)

•Six months after Hebron massacre, authorities consider reopening Patriarch's tomb. (Source: JTA)

ABOUT THE COVER

This year's Rosh Hashanah issue of *The Jewish Voice* reflects the theme of apples and honey. Jews dip apples in honey as a New Year ritual to insure a sweet year. (In Israel some dip dates in honey). This practice is depicted in several fashions either illustrated or photographic.

Larry Weintraub, an architect with the Vitteta Group, in Philadelphia, rendered blue prints for a sweet New Year. This illustration whimsically represents the theme of "Building A Sweet 5755 High Holiday Season." This theme is echoed on page 4 in our editorial encouraging readers to build sukkahs and celebrate the sweet but less observed holiday of Sukkot.

The red apple prints were created by Beth Weintraub, an art teacher in the Washington Township School District in neighboring New Jersey. The bold prints by Ms. Weintraub seem to reflect the deep impression the High Holiday season makes on us all. Like the Shofar, the prints' boldness give a message that the Days of Awe are special and unlike other times of the year.

The photo of worker bees preparing the honey reflects their role in making a sweet year. As Yom Kippur approaches we forget our worker concerns. We reflect on how we fell short in the previous year and hope to do better in the year ahead.

The photo of the prayer book and the bowl of honey underscores our traditions. In Israel the sweet language of Hebrew is taught by placing a drop of honey at every letter so children are encouraged to taste its sweetness. In Diaspora a new year may be a good time to reinvigorate the tradition of study.

The photos of apples and honey on store shelves symbolizes the preparations we all make for what lies ahead.

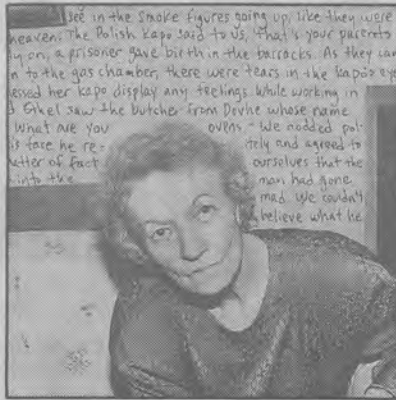
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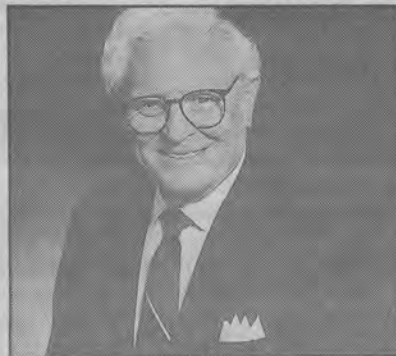
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EDITORIAL



What's Shaking? Sukkah Building

"Celebrating Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur without Succot is like eating the entree and skipping dinner - you miss the best part."

-Jeff Rubin, The B'nai B'rith International Jewish Monthly

Sukkot is too much fun to pass up as many of us do year after year. This year, The Jewish Voice lends its voice to the many which encourage Jews to shake the lulav, build a sukkah (or hut) and find something fun in Judaism - the festival of Sukkot.

Our Harvest holiday is often overshadowed by The Days of Awe. Building a Sukkah and decorating it with fruits and branches, it was suggested by *This Is My God* author Herman Wouk, as the Jewish answer to the Christmas tree. Jewish kids whose families celebrate Sukkot do not miss out on a family experience with festive decoration from the natural world. Seven days of eating meals in the Sukkah shakes off the daily routine.

Among the voices encouraging Sukkot practice is Delaware's Congregation Beth Emeth. In the *Orbit*, the congregation's newsletter, they ask for families building sukkot to photograph the process from beginning to end and call Sisterhood President Sue Paul for use of the photographs on a project for next Sukkot. The Jewish Voice welcomes photographs of completed Sukkot by readers for publication in a future issue.

The Conservative Movement has announced its intention to "shake up" the North American Jewish Community this Sukkot. The Rabbinical Assembly and The United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism are jointly sponsoring the "Make A Lulav Shake" Campaign. Affiliated synagogues will urge all congregants to purchase a lulav and etrog, the ritual objects associated with the holiday of

Sukkot. According to Dr. Robert Abromson, of the Conservative Movement, the project can further the cause of Jewish continuity, because "capturing the imagination of people who do not currently observe particular mitzvot is likely to be more effective than appealing to guilt."

Shaking a Lulav actually refers to shaking the four species - the etrog (citron), lulav (palm branch) three hadassim (myrtle branches) and two avorot (willow branches).

Judy Wortman, JFD Executive Vice-President, suggests that this model needs additional sturdiness so readers should add reinforcement and consider using more substantial wood supports.

Many of us who laugh at Tim Allen on *Home Improvement*, or watch Bob Villa on PBS, have no idea how to build something even as basic as a sukkah. An excellent resource is *The First Jewish Catalog* compiled and edited by Richard Siegel, Michael Strassfeld and Sharon Strassfeld. They recommend a sukkah made of cement blocks, 2x4 standards, improvised walls and a roof made of organic materials. The *First Jewish Catalog* suggests a sukkah should shake in the wind and that the stars should shine through the roof.

If you live in an apartment or other rental you should obtain the permission of your landlord before erecting a sukkah.

If you would like to celebrate sukkot without building a sukkah from scratch do not despair. According to the latest issue of *B'nai B'rith International Jewish Monthly*, sukkah kits are available through Goodman's Hebrew Book Store (301) 933-1800 or Brooklyn's Certified Lumber (718) 853-3100. The kits range in price from \$300 to \$1,000.

Eating meals in the sukkah, and sleeping in it if you can, will give you the feeling of a pic-

nic or a camping trip.

Arthur Waskow writes in *Seasons Of Our Joy* about the origins of the Festival. He also recommends that park service workers may make available cut or fallen branches to sukkah builders. Waskow notes that in addition to inviting guests to the sukkah there is a tradition of inviting mystical guests such as the great Biblical shepherds Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, Moses, Aaron and David or Jewish women of Biblical and modern ages from Sarah the Matriarch to the poet Muriel Rukeyser.

To purchase etrogim and lulavim the *B'nai B'rith International Jewish Monthly* suggests calling S. Goldman Otzar Hasefarim at 1 (800) 972-6204 at least a week before Sukkot. Etrogim range in price from \$10 to \$400. Lulavim cost between \$35 and \$75.

This year have some fun and celebrate Sukkot. Of course its rituals and meanings are beyond what can be addressed here. For further information contact your rabbi or The Jewish Federation of Delaware at 478-6200.

Schools' Schedules Show Sensitivity

The Jewish Voice salutes those whose efforts contributed to Delaware public schools opening after Rosh Hashanah. Traditionally classes begin after Labor Day and this year that would have presented a conflict with Rosh Hashanah. Last March Paul R. Fine, President of the State Board of Education told The Jewish Voice that the State Board recognized "the importance of the first school days for young people, especially those going to school for the first time." Pat Forgione, Jr. Ed.D., State Superintendent of Public Instruction was among those who understood that since many Jews would be in synagogues for observance of this High Holiday they could not attend the first day of school if the scheduling conflict was not resolved.

Delaware's state and county administrators showed great sensitivity to the concerns of our

community in scheduling the start of the school year after Rosh Hashanah. The Jewish Community Relations Committee (JCRC) of The Jewish Federation of Delaware (JFD) played a role in emphasizing the need to adjust the public school schedule. The Rabbinical Association of Delaware (RAD) constructively engaged decision-makers in order to avoid a scheduling conflict.

The sensitivity shown in Delaware should not in any way be regarded as a small accomplishment. Our neighbors in Baltimore, MD were unable to persuade public schools to schedule the first day of classes after Rosh Hashanah. The University of Delaware is another example where classes were not scheduled to begin after Rosh Hashanah. But this year we can celebrate the enlightened discretion of Delaware educational administrators.

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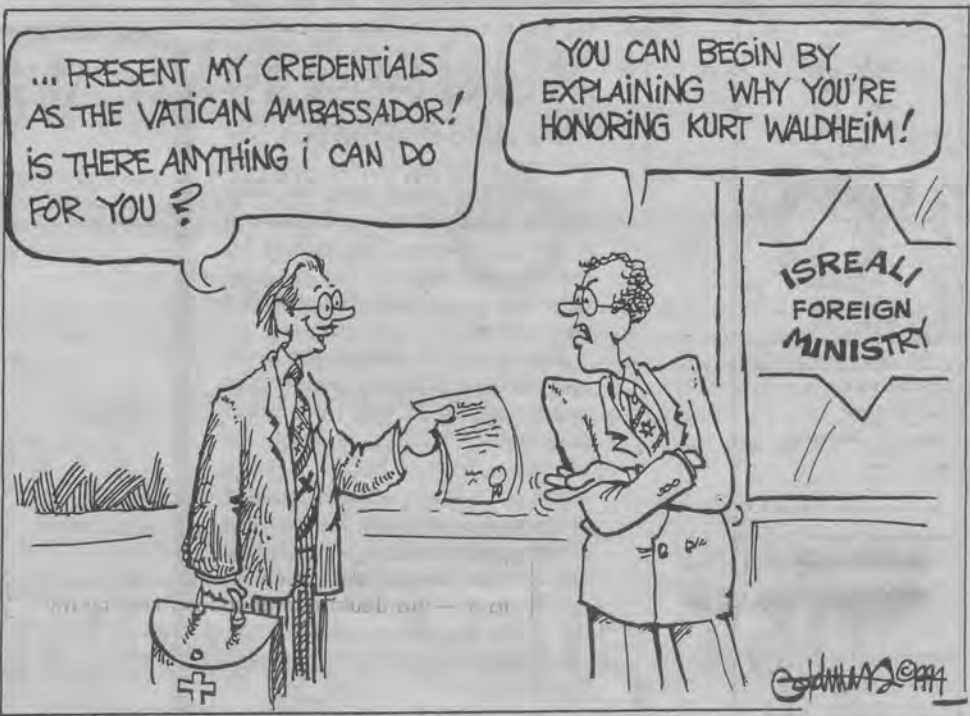
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OPINION

Commentary:

On The Road To Beijing And The 21st Century



Constance S. Kreshtool

By CONNIE KRESHTOOL

Member of The Jewish Voice Editorial Committee

Ever since "Zionism is racism" was declared at the World Conference on Women in Mexico City in 1975 Jewish women's organizations have been monitoring all the conferences and meetings held in preparation for the World Conferences.

At the Second World Conference in 1980 in Copenhagen there were strong anti-Israel statements in many sessions which the Jewish women who were present could not overcome. By 1985 in Nairobi with the support of the Reagan administration and careful planning by the Jewish women's organizations the Conference proceeded without the kind of politicization of the two previous Conferences.

Planning is now underway for the Fourth World Conference to be held in Beijing in Sep-

tember, 1995. Ten regional meetings are being held this year to identify successful strategies and actions taken for the advancement of women since the Third Conference and to provide men, women and non-governmental organizations an opportunity to inform government representatives of the critical areas of concern.

One of those regional meetings was held in early August in Wilmington, Delaware. Nearly six hundred women were present to explore strategies that have improved women's status on local, state and national levels and what actions are needed during the remainder of the decade and beyond.

I especially selected the sessions "Nurturing Racial and Ethnic Understanding: Women in Conflict Resolution and "Women, Peace and the Environment" to make certain that if there was any anti-Israel statements they would not

go unchallenged.

In neither of these sessions were any comments made about the plight of Palestinians vis-a-vis Israel. Women speaking for refugee organizations and Muslim groups spoke on the general themes.

In the years since the Nairobi Conference the world scene has certainly changed. The fall of the Soviet Union, the dismantling of apartheid in South Africa and the steps toward peace in the Middle East have removed these areas of conflict which dominated the previous Conferences.

Perhaps now the women of the world can concentrate on the real issues that affect women...poverty, violence, health, education, economic policies, human rights, and access to development...to bring about equality between men and women in the 21st century.

Intermarriage - The Challenge, The Opportunities

By MYRNA RYDER

Director of Family Life Education
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Special To The Jewish Voice

Intermarriage is a term with so much power. Power to turn our personal world upside down, Power to send synagogue boards into months of deliberation. Power to weaken the American Jewish community. Virtually no family in the United States is untouched by intermarriage.

The statistics are well known. Between 1985 and 1990, 52% of Jews who married, married a person who was not Jewish. For every one marriage between two Jews, there are two marriages between a Jew and a person who is not Jewish. Intermarried couples with children will continue as the fastest growing household type. Of the intermarried families, only 28% are raising their children as Jews. By the year 2000 it is expected that the intermarriage rate will be 60%, and that in 25 years, the rate will be 70%. Of course from the standpoint of the Jewish community it is preferable and easier if two Jews marry each other. But we must

also deal with the reality of our environment.

Prevention alone does not sufficiently address the trend. Rabbi Harold Kushner, in his address at the 1994 Conference on Jewish Intermarriage, Outreach and Conversion, said that the only way to prevent intermarriage is to live in the 16th century. In the past we had strong neighborhoods to pass on Jewish identity. Now, we need to provide people with many opportunities to experience Judaism and learn about our religion. There are many and diverse paths to Judaism - spiritual, religious, cultural, ethnic, just to name a few. Judaism has a lot of theological latitude, but it is a religion that matters.

It is easy to live here in the United States. We have many choices, including the ability to choose where we live, where we go to school, where we work. We also can choose our religion and how we practice our religion. We are not bound by shtetels, parental muscle or anti-Semitism. Intermarriage is not a rejection of Judaism. Intermarriage is a function of freedom. We so often strive for normalcy - to be like everyone else. But we're not like ev-

eryone else. We are different.

Our challenge is to celebrate our difference as Jews. We need to look not just to continuity, but to continuity and growth. It is incumbent upon us to convey the beauty and importance of Judaism, not just to the unaffiliated, intermarried and interdating, but also to affiliated Jews who take Judaism for granted. We need to place greater emphasis on selling the future in addition to the past. We need to provide educational opportunities for our children, through day schools, Hebrew schools, and other meaningful Jewish experiences. We need to provide opportunities for adults and children to experience Judaism through many different avenues, and take on the responsibilities that once were addressed by neighborhoods.

The Jewish Federation of Delaware has demonstrated its commitment to strengthening the Jewish community and reaching out to people interested in learning about Judaism by providing a grant to Jewish Family Service. As part of this effort Jewish Family Service will be developing programs geared to interfaith families, with an emphasis on

encouraging people to explore, experience, and become involved with some of the value that Judaism offers. Perhaps one of the most important challenges we face is looking at intermarriage as a doorway into Judaism, not out. If you are interested in helping to develop ideas or in participating in these programs, please contact Myrna Ryder at Jewish Family Services, 478-9411.

This column is one in an occasional series by members of The Delaware Jewish Community concerning the subject of Jewish continuity.



Myrna Ryder

Teaching The Habit Of TZEDAKAH

By KAREN MOSS

Guest Columnist

The word *tzedakah* means righteousness in Hebrew. It is not the same as charity, because it is not optional. *Tzedakah* is not money that we choose to give; it is an obligation that we owe as part of our covenant with God. The responsibility applies to everyone, rich or



Karen Moss

poor. Proverbs tells us that "*tzedakah* redeems from death" — it saves individuals from potential physical death and also redeems the giver from the death of the soul.

The *pushke*, or *tzedakah* box, allows us to take this weighty concept and scale it down to a level every preschooler can understand. Even a toddler can grasp a coin and drop it through a slot. Don't worry that your child is too young to comprehend the import of what he or she is doing. You're introducing the habit; understanding will come later.

Any local chapter of Hadassah can supply you with a "blue box." A special key is required to open the blue box. After it is filled, a Hadassah volunteer will collect the box, contribute its contents to the Jewish National Fund in Israel and send you a receipt for tax purposes. A receipt once came back to me with three foreign coins and a subway token taped to it — no doubt contributions made by my overzealous youngsters when I wasn't looking!

Rabbi Chuni and Oryah Vogel in Wilmington, or Rabbi Eliezer and Roni Sarah Sneiderman in Newark are happy to provide *tzedakah* boxes. The colorful Chabad canisters depict happy children depositing oversized coins into a smiling *tzedakah* box. Before Purim, the Vogels and Sneidermans even deliver *shalach manot* packages in reusable, hamantasch-shaped *tzedakah* boxes.

Consider making *tzedakah* boxes as a family crafts project. Shoshana Hershkowitz had last summer's JCC campers color Judaic

scenes on the back of two disposable foam plates. Then she stapled them together around the outer rims, cut a slot in one of the foam plates, and presto — a homemade *tzedakah* box. Use your ingenuity. My oldest child, Jessica, once made an original one for me. Any container with a lid (coffee can, margarine tub, oatmeal carton, etc.) would do nicely.

It's a good idea to associate *tzedakah* giving with frequent, regular intervals. We incorporate it into our Shabbat ritual. On Friday night, before candlelighting, our children drop coins into our various boxes and canisters. Jessica and Noah, our oldest children, are responsible for supplying their own *tzedakah*. It will be quite a while before our two-year-old, Anria, receives a weekly allowance, so we provide her with an ample supply of coins.

Tzedakah takes on added significance when the children give their own money. I still recall Jessica's ambivalent feeling when at six we deemed her old enough to receive an allowance and give her own *tzedakah*. Although proud of her adult status, she ruefully observed that Noah's *tzedakah* box was filling with coins at a far faster rate than hers. Noah, just three and a half, was still receiving a handful of pocket change, and Jessica had to make her meager fifty cent allowance stretch. It didn't seem fair. Of course, by the time we granted Noah an allowance, hers far outstripped his. The balance had shifted, but it still wasn't "fair." In reality, they rarely compare notes and are generously to a fault. My husband Art and I frequently find ourselves explaining that our sages

did not condone giving over half of one's income to charity. But if somewhere in the backs of their minds they harbor a suspicion that life isn't fair, they're right. If it were fair, we wouldn't need to give *tzedakah*, because no one would need it.

The ultimate teaching tool is a *tzedakah* box that you can open yourself. (The Chabad canisters fit this bill.) With this type of *tzedakah* box, you and your children can fill the container, empty its contents, count the money and then choose a charity or charities to contribute it to.

We make a BIG deal out of this step. When the boxes get full, we dump the coins into the family room floor, sort the coins, count them and put them into paper rollers. Then we discuss which charities to give the money to. I try to guide the children to Jewish and/or local causes, but I allow them a tremendous amount of input into the decision. Finally, we all troop over to the Russian resettlement coordinator at the Jewish Federation, or the disaster relief staff person at the Red Cross and they hand over their money. On a good day, they explain how they collected the money and why they selected that particular charity. On a less than perfect day, they just fork it over. But the lesson is there, either way.

(Karen Moss is a former Editor of The Jewish Voice. She is presently a member of the Board of The Jewish Federation of Delaware (JFD). The Jewish Federation of Delaware administers the continuing 1994 "Live Jewish" Community Campaign.)

OPINION

Peace Unto This Land Will Come

By EVIATAR MANOR

Consul General of Israel

As the New Year approaches, it is an opportune moment to assess the dramatic progress made in the past year towards ending the Arab-Israeli conflict. We signed a Declaration of Principles with the Palestinians a year ago and the Washington Declaration with Jordan just six weeks ago.

Having recently returned from a short visit to Israel, I was impressed by the vitality of the country and the unmistakable feeling that it is poised on the brink of an era of peace. The country was bustling with the sights and sounds of building cranes, cars and buses, and summer music and theatre festivals. I sensed a general feeling of well-being and expectancy.



Israeli Consul General, Eviatar Manor

It is all part of the historic, political developments with the Arab countries and the Palestinians.

Israel is ready for peace; it is willing to take risks for peace; however, peace cannot prevail without security for us. We will do everything to enhance our national security and we are confident in our ability to defend ourselves, if necessary.

Yet, people in Israel and here in the U.S. are afraid that the whole fragile structure of the peace process could quickly collapse. The reappearance of Islamic-inspired terrorism in Buenos Aires, Panama, and London as well as attacks along Israel's southern and northern borders haven't exactly inspired us, either; and more attacks are likely to loom ahead.

The fears are real; the worries are sincere.

Of course, there are still problems; there are still fanatics who violently oppose the peace process and would like to torpedo it. But, such attempts won't succeed in changing the basic shift in relations in the Middle East.

Moreover, just consider what can be accomplished in both Israel and the Arab countries if peace can be achieved — joint economic projects, increased tourism, cultural exchanges, and even joint military maneuvers. And just consider how many lives — both Israeli and Arab — will be saved if peace can be won.

It is crucial that we remind ourselves that we are in a transition period; peace-making is a process. It is not peace itself. And, yes, the

Palestinians and the Syrians are conducting a political — and sometimes military — struggle of attrition against us, but it is an indivisible part of the process of making peace.

We survived more than 100 years of strife. During 46 years of independence, we fought every day for our survival. But, we are still alive and well, and I can assure you that our Arab neighbors decided to negotiate with us because of our strength. It simply became impossible for them to pay the price of attempting to defeat us militarily.

Yes, it's true that Yasir Arafat was our sworn enemy. It hasn't been easy to shake hands with him and many difficulties lie ahead concerning the future of Jerusalem and Palestinian statehood. Yet, whom shall we shake hands with? It must be done with our enemies.

Can he be trusted? Will he be able to deliver? We have to deal with Arab leaders as we find them, not with our preferred image of a Western adversary. We do not demand total success by the PLO in stopping Hamas terrorism; but, we demand a total effort by the PLO to prevent terrorism, just as we gave 100 percent to fight it, but didn't completely succeed.

We hope president Assad of Syria will walk the extra mile and meet us on the road to full peace. A peace with Syria — and consequently with Lebanon — will signal the end of the Arab-Israeli conflict. It would be the punctuation point of the entire peace process.

The year which is coming to an end has witnessed a dramatic change in Israel's international posture: Israeli delegations visited Oman, Morocco, Tunisia, and Qatar; an Israeli field hospital to aid Rwandan refugees was welcomed in neighboring Zaire; and Israel has diplomatic relations with 150 countries. And I haven't even mentioned the unbelievable, heart-warming developments in our relations with Jordan.

Our traditional image as an embattled country, surrounded by enemies and struggling economically, is fading like an old photograph. The peace process is the reason for it — and the benefits of peace will keep developing in the future.

We are convinced that the Arab-Israeli conflict is coming to an end. Even if isolated terrorist attacks continue, we have broken through the Arab wall of hostility. Now, it's just a matter of time until we sign full peace treaties with all of our Arab neighbors.

Coming back from Jerusalem, our united and eternal capital (as well as my hometown), I am hopeful, not fearful. Let us be courageous, not afraid to take steps towards peace. Let us be cautious, yet optimistic. And let us pray that we will realize the fruits of our efforts in this coming year — for peace unto this land will come.

I wish you all a Shana Tova.

Eviatar Manor is the Israeli Consul General for the Mid-Atlantic region. He assumed the post in October 1993.

Will Senate Changes Impact US Support For Israel?

By DOUGLAS M. BLOOMFIELD

Washington Columnist

The pundits are polishing their predictions and Republicans are gleefully watching President Clinton's poll ratings drop as he struggles just to keep the support of his own Democrats for his major legislative initiatives. Visions of newfound power dance in the heads of Republicans as they sense a chance to win control of the Senate in November.

Democrats currently hold 23 of the 35 seats up in a year when their president is unpopular, anti-incumbency feelings continue to run strong, more of their incumbents and challengers are considered highly vulnerable or toss-ups, and it is axiomatic that the party in power usually loses seats.

Republicans need to pick up seven seats to take control, but could actually do it with six

because one Democratic incumbent is expected to switch parties if that happens.

Five Democrats, all good friends of Israel, are considered highly or potentially vulnerable — Frank Lautenberg of New Jersey, Charles Robb of Virginia, Harris Wofford of Pennsylvania, Diane Feinstein of California and Jeff Bingaman of New Mexico. Three open seats currently held by Democrats are leaning Republican: Arizona, Ohio and Maine, while two more are toss-ups: Michigan and Oklahoma.

Republicans on the vulnerable list include Slade Gorton of Washington, Bill Roth of Delaware and Conrad Burns of Montana. Gorton and Burns are consistent friends of Israel. Open seats in Missouri and Wyoming are likely to remain Republican, but Minnesota could go either way.

If Republicans pick up a net of six seats,

Richard Shelby of Alabama is expected to switch parties. He can exact a handsome reward for assuring or even expanding a Republican majority. The most conservative and anti-Clinton of Democrats, he already votes more often with Republicans than his own party.

Republicans last controlled the Senate from 1981 to 1987, when they made it clear Israel has a large number of friends on both sides of the aisle. If they have a Senate majority in the 104th Congress (no one realistically expects them to take over the House), there will be some dramatic changes and some cause for concern.

There will be a new majority leader regardless of the November outcome because the incumbent, George Mitchell of Maine, is retiring. The two leading Democratic candidates

to replace him are Tom Daschle of South Dakota, who has been a leader on pro-Israel issues, and James Sasser of Tennessee, who has been good but not great.

In a GOP-led Senate, the top job would go to the present minority leader, Bob Dole of Kansas. Never much of a friend of Israel, his rhetoric and performance change with the political tides and his ambitions. Now that he is contemplating another run for the White House, he is in one of his make-nice-to-the-Jews phases, but it won't last.

In a Republican Senate, Jesse Helms is likely to chair the once prestigious Foreign Relations Committee, replacing Claiborne Pell of Rhode Island. Pell, consistently pro-Israel, pro-aid and with close ties to Jewish community, has been

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The Continuity Generation Gap

By YOSEF I. ABRAMOWITZ

There was a time when the fountain pen was the standard gift for a whole generation of bar mitzvah boys. What is today's equivalent for bar and bat mitzvah kids?

Inherent in the question is an assumption that this generation of young people is difficult to categorize and understand. I suspect that even when fountain pens reigned supreme on the gift list of the 13 year olds, they were valued more by the parents than by the teenager. Indeed, they often found their way into cluttered desk drawers and did nothing to bring the recipient closer to the Jewish people. But that wasn't an issue in the 1950s and 60s, when the intermarriage and assimilation rates were still in the single-digits.

The Jewish community of the 1990s is faced with serious challenges to its long-term survival. Even as Jewish organizations and philanthropic foundations wage a mild crusade for the hearts and souls of our young, they are

failing to understand how to reach significant numbers of Jewish teenagers. The answer they propose is an easy one: sending as many teens to Israel as possible.

This makes sense. Study after study demonstrates that a quality Israel experience can transform the way a young Jew thinks and feels. I have long advocated this as a necessary first step. Unfortunately, however, these trips are still conducted in a vacuum. Few are thinking about post Israel trip experiences. And the costly price tag makes the experience prohibitive for many families.

So how do we reach the masses of young people? The problem is that most of the decision-makers in the Jewish community are of the fountain pen generation and therefore propose outdated solutions to reaching these kids. Yes, youth workers are important. Yes, retreats are key. Yes, Israel programs can help. But these are still reaching a fraction of our youth.

In order to transform American Jewish life in ten years, there must be a cultural shift for today's Jewish youth. We must learn to speak their language. An e-mail address on the Jewish information super highway should replace the fountain pen. Aunt Libby and Uncle Bernie can buy the computer, Cousin Bert can buy

the modem, Grandma Leah the software, and the proud parents can install the second phone line.

The kids today are computer literate and very attuned to pop culture. Why not run hip ads on MTV and VH1 promoting Israel tours or the March of the Living? It is time for interactive CD-ROMs on Jewish and Israeli topics to be available at local computer stores across the country. It is time for a quality 24-hour Jewish cable network. It is time to run ads in mainstream teen magazines announcing Jewish holidays or promoting Jewish values and programs.

"An e-mail address on the Jewish information super highway should replace the fountain pen."

Jewish teenagers care about the world around them, but they usually express their concern in non-Jewish settings, such as their high school. They recycle their cans, wear their buttons and will sign petitions for aid to Rwanda. Many will volunteer their time for good causes, but they won't do it through the Jewish community. The Jewish community is becoming increasingly irrelevant as a central

address for the concerns of our young.

It is possible to exploit their social consciousness in the interest of Jewish continuity. One model program that does this effectively is the Washington, D.C.-based *panim-el-panim*, which brings 500 Jewish kids to our nation's capital every year for a seminar on public policy and Jewish values. The teenagers learn not only about homelessness and civil liberties, but what our tradition has to say about these and other pressing issues. Jewish values come to life as they then lobby their members of Congress and then get involved in their home communities as Jews.

If we are going to reverse the negative trends in Jewish life, we must address this generation on their own terms and speak their language. It will mean including mass marketing of what our community has to offer. It will mean riding the technological wave rather than being overtaken by it. It will mean junking our old symbols, like the fountain pen, and making way for a new world that our kids see but we may not totally understand.

Yosef I. Abramowitz, a journalist, lecturer and consultant, is the assistant director of the Washington Institute for Jewish Leadership and Values.

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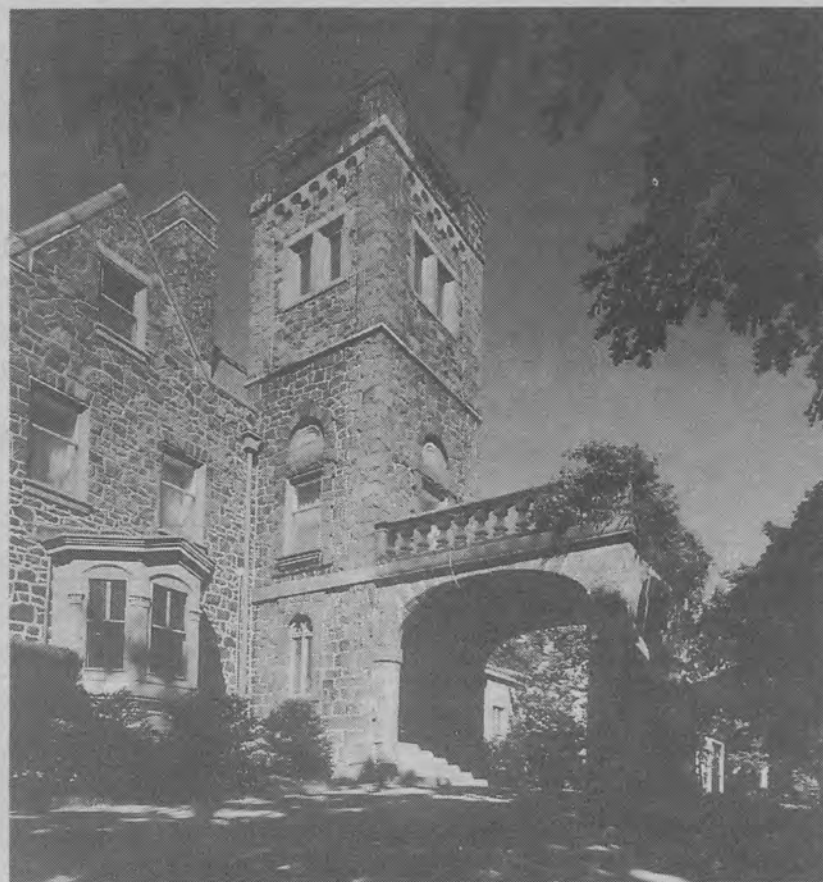


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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A Good Year To Quit Smoking

To the Editor:

Since the release of an EPA report that classified environmental tobacco smoke as a Group human carcinogen, many more smokers are looking for ways in which to break the smoking habit for good. The Jewish New Year may be the right time.

The American Lung Association of Delaware is here to help smokers who have already made the decision to quit. Those who are not ready to quit should not be pressured into doing so. The American Lung Association understands more than anyone that smoking is "as much an addiction as it is a habit," and that the "decision to smoke or not to smoke still lies with the smoker." In fact, if you are not committed to becoming a non-smoker, you will most likely not be successful, since it will be a difficult process.

Remember these few tips when trying to quit smoking:

- Decide that you want to quit.
- List all the reasons you want to quit.
- Set a target quit day that you feel comfortable with.
- Cut down on the number of cigarettes you smoke.
- Closer to your quit day buy packs instead of cartons.
- On quit day throw away all smoking and smoking related materials.
- Keep busy. Do things that require the use of your hands.
- Avoid temptations. Don't try just one.
- Learn to relax and get plenty of rest.
- THINK POSITIVE!

Stop smoking this New Year and taste the apple for a sweet year.
L'Shana Tovah!

Deborah P. Brown
Program Director
American Lung Association of Delaware

A Challenge To Area Rabbis

To The Editor:

This past July *The New York Times* carried an article by the noted orthodox writer and lecturer Blu Greenberg on Domestic Violence. Her article was a challenge to our Jewish leaders and authorities, both lay and Rabbinical, to speak out against abuse towards women. While she noted that Jewish institutions have taken a stand on other social issues like a woman's right to choose an abortion, little has been said about a wife's right to physical safety. She asks "why is there rarely more than a passing reference to domestic abuse on the agendas of annual clergy conventions or in the indexes of ministry journals?" She answers with several reasons including:

1. Religion's investment in the stability of the family. Interference could lead to dissolving the marriage.
2. Our particular form of Jewish denial that allows us to believe that this plague does not exist within the Jewish community.
3. Finally, that it would place an additional burden on an already overworked Rabbi to truly be present and available to hear the "stories" and absorb the pain they would eventually have to hear.

Ms. Greenberg continues by saying in effect religious leaders have to listen because religion stands at the center, at the very front of transmitting values across the generations. Religion claims responsibility for offering its people meaning and hope.
Violence in our homes tears away at mean-

ing and hope. Our communal silence is a small evil, a wrong, that allows domestic violence to continue. I am challenging our spiritual and religious leaders to say and do something now that will work towards the diminution of this social plague.

Yvette Rudnitzky

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Regional JNF Dinner Salutes "Schindler's" Storyteller And Two Local Leaders Honoree Bernard Siegel Reflects On His Legacy of Service

By DAN WEINTRAUB
Editor of The Jewish Voice

Leopold Page (Pfefferberg) was the catalyst behind the writing of the book and the making of the film *Schindler's List*. He will be the guest speaker on Wednesday, October 5, 1994 at 6:00 p.m. at the JNF Tree of Life Award Dinner in Kennett Square, PA. Businessman/Community Leader Bernard Siegel and Councilman Richard Cecil are to be honored with Tree Of Life Awards.

Proceeds from the event will benefit the JNF Camp Facility Machaneh Hachaim, (Camp of Life) established as a living memorial in memory of the 1.5 Million children who perished in the Holocaust. Funds will generate camp scholarships for new olim and children with financial needs.

Leopold Page (Professor Mgr. Leopold Pfefferberg) was a driving force in bringing the story of Oskar Schindler to the world. A testament to his role is the dedication by au-

thor Thomas Keneally to his book *Schindler's List* to "the memory of Oskar Schindler, and to Leopold Pfefferberg, who by zeal and persistence caused this book to be written." Page and his wife the former Ludmilla Levinson are survivors of a Nazi concentration camp. Page emigrated to the U.S. in 1947. Page opened a leather goods business in Beverly Hills, CA where he met and convinced Thomas Keneally to write *Schindler's List*.

In addition to various other honors Page received the Cavalier Order of Merit from Polish President Lech Walesa in 1993 and the Medal of Recognition from Pope John Paul II in 1985.

In anticipation of this auspicious evening, and in recognition of this worthy cause, JNF honors Bernard L. Siegel. Bernard Siegel and his wife Ruth have shown their commitment to a great variety of worthwhile endeavors both Jewish and secular. Bernie established the Plasticoid Company, a leading rubber pharmaceutical manufacturing concern. He owns several jewelry stores in Maryland and Pennsylvania and is also the Chairman of the Board of Cecil Federal Savings Bank in Cecil County, Maryland. His affiliations include membership in Who's Who in American Manufacturing and in the Parental Drug Association. In over four de-

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JNF Dinner

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ades of productive community involvement Ruth and Bernie have been to Israel almost every year since 1955. Siegel remembers that they took their first trip to Israel "on a prop plane which flew from New

York to Gander, to Ireland, to Greece and to Israel."

Ruth and Bernie have been married 52 years. They have four children and 10 grandchildren.

In 1958 and 1959, Bernie served as Chairman of the Delaware Bonds for Israel Campaign. His leadership positions with the Jewish Federation of Delaware (JFD) include terms as Chairman of the Annual Campaign

in 1972 and 1975 and Federation President in 1975 through 1977. He was the first President of the Kutz Foundation. He is currently a life member of the Kutz Foundation's Board of Trustees.

Bernie has served on the Boards of CJF, HIAS, the JCC, NCCJ, and UJA. He is a Past Vice President of Beth Shalom Congregation and is presently a Life Member of its Board of Directors.

Within the secular community, Bernie is a past Board member of Cecil County United Way, past President of the Cecil County Chamber of Commerce, past Treasurer of the Maryland State Council of Retail Merchants, past member of the Advisory Board of Cecil County Community College and life member of the Board of the YMCA.

Bernie has been recognized many times for his contributions to his Jewish and secular communities as well as to Israel. Among the awards he has received are the "Certificate of Award" from the Israeli Ministry of Labor in 1973, the United Way of Delaware "Community Service Award" in 1978, the Jewish Community Center "Harry Cohen Leadership Award" in 1984, and the YMCA award for Service to Youth in Maryland.

Siegel told The Jewish Voice he feels he has "been a very fortunate person." He added that "I am grateful that I can share with people less fortunate than myself." Siegel has taken that approach to this concern in both the Jewish community and the secular community.

The longtime community leader laments people who have been active in the Jewish community who often drop out. "It is such a waste when they have developed expertise and could be of great value to the community," Siegel believes that an effective Jewish community has to "have a mix. The leadership should be made up of young people and mature experienced people. I hope that those who have the experience will remain active."

"I think that the young people today have a vision for the future. They are heading it in the right direction to fulfill the needs of the Jewish Community here and in Israel."

On the subject of Jewish continuity, Siegel states that now more "emphasis should be brought to our own Jewish youth and communities here in the U.S." Siegel promotes a solid Jewish education for our children to insure the continuity of our Jewish heritage including study trips to Israel.

Turning his attention to the work of JNF, Siegel stressed that "This is a different JNF. It is not just what it used to be — the blue box — but today their work with trees, forest, roads...has changed considerably from what it was. The JNF is now working with water resources and now that Jordan is making peace with Israel, the JNF will play a key role in the sharing of those water resources."

Richard Cecil recently was profiled in The Jewish Voice after completing a mission to Israel. As a County Councilman of New Castle County he is well regarded in the area. Cecil currently serves as Deputy Receiver, State of Delaware Department of Insurance. Dick was formerly the Vice-President of Corporate Affairs for Wilmington Savings Fund Soci-

ety and served in numerous capacities in the insurance field including Director of Agent-Broker relations for Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Delaware and Deputy Insurance Commissioner of The State of Delaware.

Cecil serves on the Board of Directors of the Delaware Chapter of the National Foundation March of Dimes, The Delaware Chapter of the Arthritis Foundation, the New Castle

County Economic Development Corporation, and the National Association of Counties. He is past Chairman of the Board of the Greater Wilmington Convention and Visitors Bureau and serves on the Board of Trustees of the Delaware Symphony Association. Dick is a member of the Rotary Club of

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Lelaine Nemser Named Assistant Director of JFD

By DAN WEINTRAUB
Editor of The Jewish Voice

Judy Wortman, Executive Vice-President of The Jewish Federation of Delaware (JFD), announced today that Lelaine Nemser has accepted a promotion to the position of Assistant Director of JFD effective immediately. Nemser has served for the past year as Campaign Director. The Campaign this year had been the most successful in recent memory. As Assistant Director she will continue with those responsibilities as well as direct Newcomers Services and overseas missions.

Nemser began working for Federation in 1989. Her extensive experience includes her services as Women's Division Director, Director of JCRC, staff coordinator for the Hineni II Mission, as staff for young leadership development, and Super Sunday. In 1990 Nemser coordinated the Russian Acculturation program.

Nemser was recently selected to participate in a Tri-State Jewish Professional Leadership Program sponsored by the Jewish Communal Professional Association of The Delaware Valley, the Association of Jewish Agency Executives, the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia, the Jewish Federation of Southern New Jersey and The Jewish Federa-



Lelaine Nemser

tion of Delaware.

Nemser told The Jewish Voice, "I am very pleased to serve the Delaware Jewish community because there are many warm and giving people here who volunteer and care so passionately about their community."

The Tri-State Jewish Professional Leadership Program provides managerial training and Jewish education side by side to selected Jewish professionals. In a statement submitted

Delaware Festival of Shelters

The Jewish Festival of Booths, or Succot, commemorates the instruction to Moses and the Israelites after their exodus from Egypt to build shelters. The symbol of the frail and temporary sukkah serves as a reminder of the vulnerability and reality faced by homeless persons.

The FESTIVAL of SHELTERS is a week long program of events organized by a task force of volunteers from Wilmington's religious community, social agencies, homeless and formerly homeless persons. It is designed to build public awareness of what it means to be homeless; to involve members of the community in helping solve the problems of homelessness; and to serve as a re-

membrance of our common humanity and vulnerability.

The activities start on Sunday, September 18th with a dinner at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, continue with VOICES FROM THE STREET on Tuesday, STREET RETREAT on Wednesday, CONNECTIONS IN THE SQUARE on Thursday, religious services at Congregation Beth Emeth on Friday, and conclude with the all night vigil and breakfast on Saturday, September 24th.

According to organizers all community members are encouraged to attend any or all of the week's activities. For further information contact Judy or Richard Goldbaum at 475-5191.

along with her application to this prestigious program, Nemser said, in part, "It is perhaps because I do not take Jewish education for granted that I prize it so highly and would regard special study geared toward professional communal workers a very worthy benefit of any course."

Nemser is a graduate of Simmons College in Boston where she earned a B.S. in Psychology and Sociology. She earned her MSW in Casework

at the Simmons School of Social Work in Boston thereafter. Nemser has been a Region Board Member for Hadassah since 1990. She was Chapter President of Hadassah in 1985-86. Nemser was awarded the Spiegel Young Leadership Award in 1986.

Along with her husband and three children, Nemser spent 12 months during 1986-87 in Israel before returning to Delaware.

Prof. Goldstein To Lecture

The University of Delaware's annual Research on Women lecture series features:

"The Supreme Court and Women's Rights," with Leslie Goldstein, professor of political science and international relations at UD, Nov. 9.

JNF Dinner

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Wilmington, the Civic League of New Castle County, the Governors International Trade Council, Friends of Rockwood Museum, and the American Legion as a veteran of the Korean War.

Cecil was first elected as a County Councilman representing the Second District in 1976. He serves as President Pro Tem and has been Minority Leader since 1979. He also serves as President of the National Conference of Republican County Officials (NCRCO).

Cecil and his wife Lynn have two sons.

Tickets to The Jewish National Fund Maryland/Delaware Region Tree Of Life Award Dinner at Longwood Gardens are \$200 per person or \$1,800 for a table of ten. To make arrangements or for more information call(302) 655-5995.



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Delaware Leaders Travel To Washington For Rabin Reception

This summer Delaware Jewish community leaders traveled to Washington to participate in a reception in honor of the Washington Accord between Israel and Jordan. Toni Young, President of the Jewish Federation of Delaware, offered this comment on the occasion:

"I think the fact that Rabin used some of his brief time in Washington to meet with leaders of the

American Jewish community was significant. He wanted to emphasize that Israel needs American Jews as partners, that as Israel takes risks for peace, Israel must know we're beside her. Rabin also emphasized how much Israel can do for world Jewry. He described the relief work underway in Buenos Aires in the wake of the tragic bombing as an example of what Israel can do for world Jewry."



Left to right: Top row - Steven A. Dombchik, Past JFD President, Robert B. Coonin, JCC President. Bottom row - Rabbi Marla Feldman, JCRC Director, Sharon Mittelman, of YLC, Toni Young, JFD President.

Jewish Community Cemetery Installs Fence

The Jewish Community Cemetery in response to strong recommendations is installing a fence along its border with Foulk Road. The Jewish Cemetery was compelled, as a result of a Delaware State Highway Department complaint, to remove the large trees which, in that area, encroached on Foulk Road and into the overhead wires. New trees were planted. However, the new ones are young and small, and until they obtain growth, many felt they did not provide adequate privacy and security for the cemetery. The installation of a fence was strongly suggested. Since the cemetery had only allocated enough money for the

trees, funds were not available for the fence.

This past winter another problem was discovered. Some of the young trees became victims of snow and salt. This gave further impetus for the construction of a fence. The State Highway Department was contacted to provide a snow fence, but refused.

This summer Jo Carole Lauder, whose parents and other family members are interred in the Jewish Community Cemetery donated the fence. The stockade fence is designed for maximum protection from snow, salt, and sand which could be thrown by snow plows on Foulk Road. The fence is meant to stay only until the trees become large enough to provide the appropriate privacy and are strong enough to withstand winters hazards. At that time the fence will be removed, allowing for the peaceful atmosphere befitting the solemn setting.

Mrs. Lauder has also donated eight trees which were planted, in memory of her family members, along the interior road in the Beth Shalom sec-

tion of the cemetery. These trees are part of a beautification through memorialization program at the cemetery. Anyone wishing to have a tree planted in memory of someone may contact Steve Michlin, Cemetery Superintendent, at 762-2277 or 762-0334.

In addition to the fence, six white concrete urns have been installed throughout the cemetery. Each contains small stones that can be used by visitors to be placed on family monuments as a sign of visitation.

The Jewish Festival Of Delaware and Chester Counties

The Jewish Festival of Delaware and Chester Counties features the theme "A Celebration of Jewish Life."

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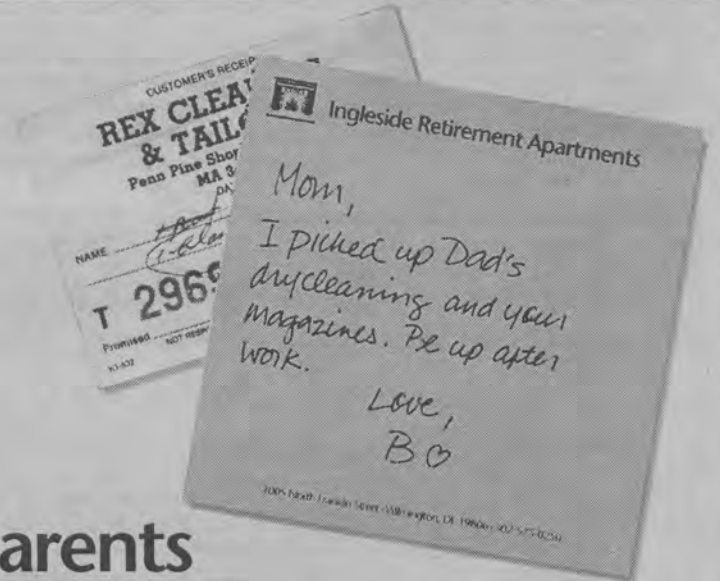
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JCRC Meets With Principals About Religion In Public Schools

By DAN WEINTRAUB
Editor of The Jewish Voice

On August 22, at the Sheraton Inn in Dover, members of the Jewish Community Relations Committee (JCRC) of The Jewish Federation of Delaware (JFD) met with Delaware public school principals about legal standards for religion in public schools and related issues. This presentation followed a similar program earlier in the month in New Castle County. The JCRC program was designed to assist Delaware public school principals cope with religious diversity in their schools. The program was targeted to help principals avoid multicultural conflicts.

Matt Denn, a JCRC member, and an attorney at the firm of Skadden, Arps, presented the principals with

an overview of Constitutional issues which govern the place of religion in public schools. Denn has taught classes on Constitutional Law at Widener University School of Law as an adjunct member of its faculty. For the New Castle County program Widener's Constitutional Law Professor Robert Hayman presented this portion of the program.

Denn told The Jewish Voice "there is a perception that the Constitutional rules governing religion in school are fuzzy and unclear. In many cases, that perception is false. After this meeting, the principals now know what the hard and fast rules are, and what the areas of debate are, so they can act in an informed manner when issues come up."

Joan Spiegelman and Mark Wagman are the current Chairpersons of the JCRC Task Force on Religion in School. Spiegelman participated in both the New Castle and Dover dialogues serving as the moderator in Dover. JCRC President David Margules served as moderator for the New Castle dialogue.

Dr. Joseph L. Crossen, Superintendent of Dover's Capital School District, played a key role in the success of the event. Crossen has been part of an ongoing dialogue with Dover's Congregation Beth Shalom concerning the place of religion in



Matt Denn

public schools.

Matt Denn indicated that "these principals seemed very interested in doing the right thing, not necessarily for legal reasons, but because they want to do what is best for their kids. They are obviously under a lot of conflicting pressures from parents, and it is admirable that they came to a program like this to find out what the facts are and to participate in a discussion about them."

The JCRC's program included a

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session on issues affecting students from minority groups. Another session was devoted to focus groups charged with discovering creative approaches to problem-solving.

The JCRC is the public affairs arm of JFD. The Jewish Federation of Delaware is the central planning organization for the Jewish community in the state of Delaware. The 1994 "Live Jewish" Community Campaign, which has not yet reached its goal, is administered by JFD.

NCJW Topic: Pregnant Teens

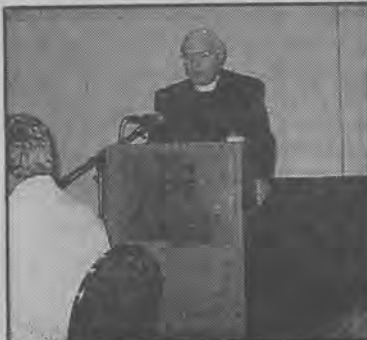
The Wilmington Section, National Council of Jewish Women will hold its Public Affairs Luncheon on Wednesday, October 12th from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Hotel du Pont.

Delaware in Crisis: Teenage Pregnancy will be discussed by the following panelists: Katherine R. Gordy, R.N. - retired school nurse from Sussex Technical High School, Georgetown, Delaware; Dr. Cecil C. Gordon, Jr. OB-GYN; Loretta E. Taylor - director, Sexuality Education, Planned Parenthood of Delaware; Rachel S. Yoskowitz, R.N., M.P.H. - director, Office of Adolescent Health, Division of Public Health, Delaware Health and Social Services.

The moderator will be Yvette Rudnitsky, R.N., L.C.S.W., of Feminist Therapy Associates.

The cost of the luncheon is thirty-five dollars for non-members, forty-five for Donor, seventy-five dollars for Silver, one hundred dollars for Gold and one hundred and twenty-five for Platinum. For further information call Shirley Rudnick, co-chairman, at 594-0740.

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Israel And Some Jews To Join In Population Meeting

By DEBRA NUSSBAUM COHEN

NEW YORK (JTA) — Representatives of Israel and a handful of Jewish groups will be among the 20,000 people from 180 countries convening in Cairo on Sept. 5 for the United Nations International Conference on Population and Development.

Israel, like all U.N. member states, has submitted an official report and statement on the subject to the United Nations. That report has been criticized by a major Israeli women's

group for excluding relevant issues, including reproductive rights and reproductive health.

Separately, three Jewish groups at the United Nations with the status of non governmental organizations — the International Conference of Jewish Women, B'nai B'rith International and the Women's International Zionist Organization — plan to have a voice at the meeting.

The goal of the conference is to create a 20-year plan for controlling a population explosion that the Earth

may not be able to sustain. The world's current population is estimated at 5.66 billion and by the year 2050 may more than double, to 12.5 billion.

The agenda of the conference, which has generated worldwide controversy, is slated to include topics such as family planning, abortion and teen-age sexuality.

The Vatican has led opposition to the conference's agenda and has acknowledged reaching out to radical Islamic governments, including Iran and Libya, seeking support for its position.

Militant Muslim groups in Egypt have been threatening violence against conference participants as part of their campaign to overthrow the country's secular government. Some Egyptian preachers are delivering fiery sermons denouncing the meeting as "an American and Israeli attempt to dominate the Islamic world by spreading Western immorality," according to reports.

Security concerns are running high among all participants, but particularly among Jewish groups.

"We have a very big security problem," said Harris Schoenberg, director of U.N. affairs for B'nai B'rith and chair of the Jewish NGO caucus at the United Nations.

"Certain Islamic militant elements want people to stay away, and as Jews in particular we are worried.

According to Barbara Leslie, U.N. representative of the International Council of Jewish Women, the threat of violence has convinced representatives of some Jewish groups not to make the trip.

Jewish participants say that it is important that Jewish voices be heard among the thousands of ethnic and religious perspectives that will be represented at the conference.

"If it wasn't important, if we didn't care about this conference, we wouldn't go at all" because of security concerns, said Schoenberg.

He cited the new acceptance of Jews and Israel at the United Nations as an important motivator for attending the conference.

"Jews are part of the world scene, and we need to have our perspective made clear along with everyone's. For too long they negated or derided the Jewish perspective at the U.N.," Schoenberg said. "There used to be a very hostile political culture and that is changing. Now we want to take advantage of the opportunities presented to make ourselves heard," he said.

According to the ICJW's Leslie, the reasons for being represented in Cairo are as ideological as they are pragmatic. "Sound family planning contributes to the stability and welfare of the home. It's an important human right, and women's rights are human rights. We've been fighting for this for years as a Jewish organization," said Leslie.

The Israeli government is working on security issues with the Egyptian government and U.N. administration, according to Zvi Cohen, a representative of the Israeli mission to the United Nations. "We are not expecting to be singled out for attack, but have taken special precautions," he said.

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Umbrella Group Rejects Request For Hearing In ZOA Imbroglio

WASHINGTON (JTA) — The Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations has rejected a call by the Zionist Organization of America to hold a full public hearing to discuss allegations that ZOA leaders acted inappropriately in lobbying Congress.

ZOA President Morton Klein reacted with disappointment to the decision by the Conference of presidents to instead convene a closed door session with former Conference of presidents chairmen and the current leadership of the umbrella group.

At issue is activity surrounding a congressional conference committee session on Capitol Hill weeks ago, at which the foreign aid package was debated.

AIPAC charges that Klein jeopardized the foreign aid bill by his lobbying efforts, an allegation Klein unequivocally denies.

The measure passed the conference committee with all relevant Middle East amendments intact, including Israel's \$3 billion in foreign aid.

Reform Jews "Dis" 'Gangsta Rap'

A leader of Reform Judaism has accused music executives of the "contemptible" policy of glorifying and promoting violence and pornography and warned that a nationwide coalition of religious and black communal organizations is ready to "take on" the industry.

Rabbi Eric H. Yoffie, vice president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (UAHC) made the statement in "An Open Letter to the Music Industry" in the Fall issue of *Reform Judaism magazine*.

Rabbi Yoffie characterized so-called "gangsta rap" as "vile and filthy" music that promotes murder, rape, sodomy, hatred of women, obscenity and profanity and stereotypes black people as violent, predatory killers who are disdainful of family values. Black women are a special target of attack by gangsta rappers, he noted.

Pledging the Jewish community's support in a coalition campaign organized by the National Political Congress of Black Women to force the music industry to withdraw gangsta rap from the market, he called for "tough tactics against corporate perpetrators."

Hidden Among Pages Of Crime Bill: Measures Targeting Terror And Hate

By MATTHEW DORF

WASHINGTON (JTA) — Little-known provisions in the controversial \$30 billion crime bill that passed Congress last week drew praise from some Jewish groups for cracking down on terrorism and hate crimes.

The praise came despite certain reservations expressed about other measures in the bill, including an expansion of the death penalty.

Along with the assault weapons ban, two unpublicized sections of the bill were hailed by many in the Jewish community for their direct aim at terrorism and at hate crimes.

The bill will, for the first time, allow federal courts to impose stiffer penalties for hate crimes.

Depending on the nature of the offense, the provision known as the Hate Crime Sentencing Enhancement Act, will increase the average penalty for a crime by one-third over what would be meted out if it was not motivated by prejudice.

Federal hate crimes involve crimes such as kidnapping and extortion motivated by race, religion, gender or disability. Hate crimes committed on federal property such as national parks or Indian reservations also constitute federal offenses.

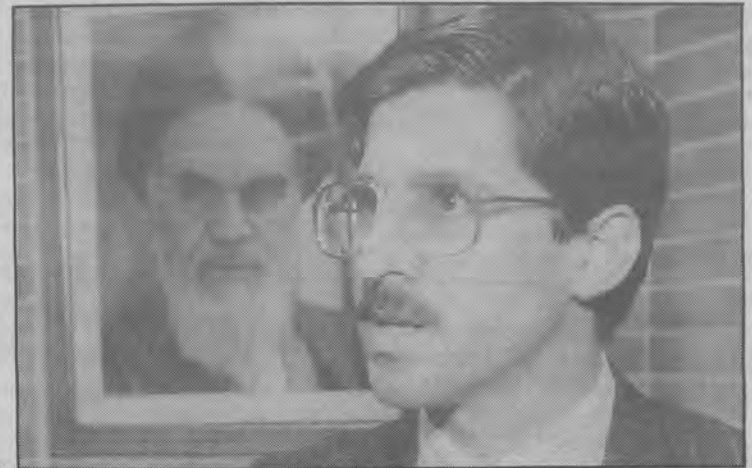
Another provision in the bill which drew widespread praise in the Jewish community establishes new categories of federal crimes for assist-

ing terrorists. It also bans contributions to terrorist organizations.

The bill also increases sentences for any felony involving international terrorism and imposes stiffer penalties for passport and visa fraud. The measure also extends the statute of limitations for terrorism and other related crimes from five to eight

years. "We have always viewed the crime bill as a mixed bag," said Mark Pelavin, Washington representative of the American Jewish Congress. "As passed, the bill includes a lot of programs we consider important, but we're disappointed by the expansion of the death penalty."

President Clinton is expected to sign the bill into law at a White House ceremony after returning from a vacation on Martha's Vineyard.



BOMBING SUSPECT... BUENOS AIRES — Iranian diplomat Gholamreza Zangeneh, in charge of the Embassy's commercial affairs, is seen in this July 1994 file photograph. He was named August 10 as a suspect in the bombing of the Jewish Argentine Mutual Association building July 18 that killed 96 people. The judge in charge of the investigation has issued arrest warrants for four Iranian diplomats and has named three diplomats, including Zangeneh as suspects. The diplomats are protected by their diplomatic immunity. CREDIT:RNS PHOTO/Reuters (Reproduction rights not transferable) 1994

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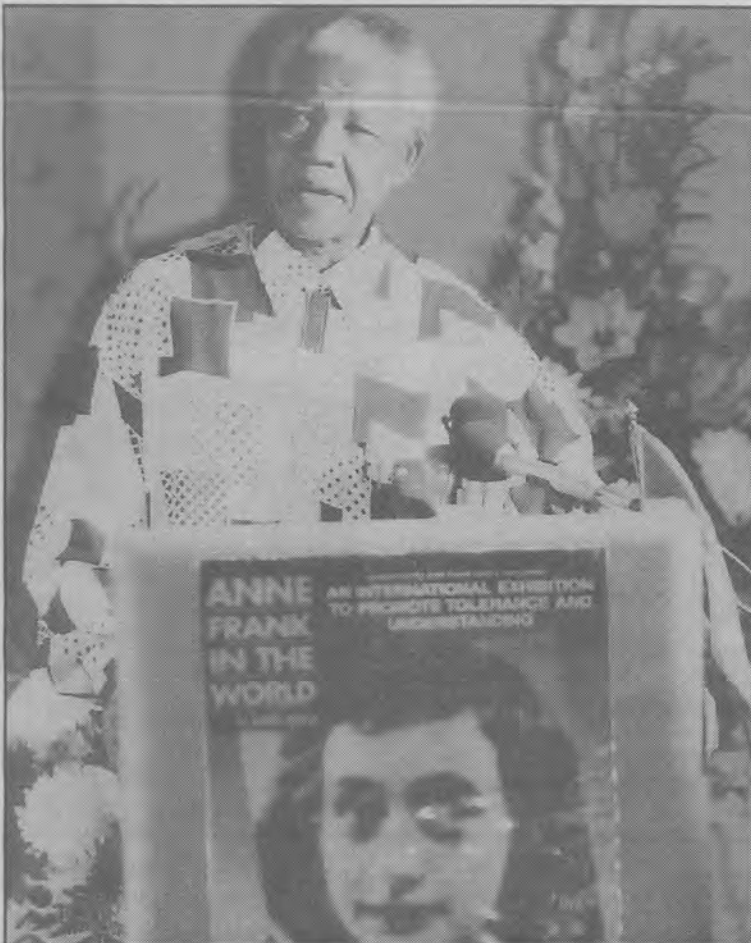
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MANDELA OPENS EXHIBIT... JOHANNESBURG — South African President Nelson Mandela addresses the opening of an Anne Frank Exhibition in Johannesburg August 15. He said the exhibition was particularly relevant for South Africa as it emerged from "the treacherous era of apartheid injustice." CREDIT:RNS PHOTO/Reuters (Reproduction rights not transferable) 1994

Spielberg To Donate 'Schindler' Film Profits

By TOM TUGEND
LOS ANGELES (JTA) — All of Steven Spielberg's personal profits from his Academy Award-winning film "Schindler's List" will go to the newly established Righteous Persons Foundation.

Creation of the foundation was confirmed by Chris Kelly, Spielberg's spokeswoman, although no formal announcement will be made until Oct. 1, when the foundation director, Margery Tabankin, will begin her job.

Tabankin is a longtime head of the Hollywood Women's Political Committee and served as director of Volunteers in Service to America during the Carter administration.

One focus of the foundation will be Holocaust education, although its scope is expected to extend to other Jewish causes.

Crown Heights Suspect Back In Court

By DEBRA NUSSBAUM COHEN
NEW YORK (JTA) — Lemrick Nelson Jr. was indicted on charges that he violated the civil rights of Yankel Rosenbaum.

Rosenbaum, a 29-year-old Talmud student from Australia, was murdered Aug. 19, 1991, on the first of three nights of black rioting in Crown Heights, Brooklyn.

Nelson was acquitted of criminal charges in a New York State court in 1992 after jurors reportedly found inconsistencies in police testimony.

Nelson celebrated the verdict with jurors at a restaurant after his acquittal.

Black residents of Crown Heights began rioting three years ago this week after Gavin Cato, 7, was killed and his 7-year-old cousin was injured by an out-of-control car in the motorcade of the late Lubavitcher rebbe, Menachem Schneerson. The rebbe

was returning to the neighborhood after visiting the cemetery where his father-in-law, and now he, is buried.

Several blocks away from the site of the accident and several hours later, a crowd of between 20 and 30 people surrounded Rosenbaum. Some shouted "Get the Jew!" as he was knifed and suffered fatal stab wounds.

Nelson, now 18, was arrested with a bloody knife in his pocket. He was the only person ever brought to trial for Rosenbaum's murder.

His indictment on federal charges has been sealed until a judge decides whether Nelson will be tried as an adult or as a juvenile.



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Congress Joins Chorus Of Protest Against Papal Award To Waldheim

By MATTHEW DORF
WASHINGTON (JTA) — Members of Congress have turned up the volume of protest against the Vatican's knighthood of Kurt

Waldheim last month. Led by U.S. Rep. Eliot Engel (D-N.Y.), 30 House members have signed a letter urging the Vatican "in the strongest terms" to rescind

Waldheim's knighthood. In a July 6 ceremony in Vienna, Waldheim was made a member of the Ordine Piano, an order of knights named directly by Pope John Paul II.

Waldheim, the former president of Austria and former secretary-general of the United Nations, is banned from the United States for his Nazi activities during World War II. As a Nazi intelligence officer stationed in the Balkans, Waldheim has been implicated in the deportations of Jews to forced labor camps and reprisal killings of Yugoslav partisans.

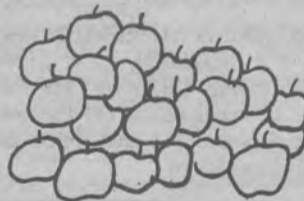
Granting Waldheim this knighthood "implies that the world can overlook the gas chamber, ignore the slave labor, and forget the millions of Jews and others who perished at the hands of Nazi terror," the members of Congress wrote in their letter to Archbishop Agostino Cacciavillan, the Vatican's envoy in Washington.

Pope John Paul II later bestowed a similar honor on Waldheim's wife, Elisabeth, to celebrate the Waldheims' 50th wedding anniversary.



VATICAN AMBASSADOR TO ISRAEL... JERUSALEM — Monsignor Andrea Cordero Lanza Di Montezemolo (R), the first Vatican ambassador to Israel, presents his credentials to Israeli President Ezer Weizman August 16 as Israel's deputy Foreign Minister Yossi Beilin looks on (L). Israel and the Vatican established full diplomatic relations two months ago. CREDIT:RNS PHOTO/Reuters (Reproduction rights not transferable) 1994

Illustration by Beth Weintraub



JAPAN'S SCHINDLER ... TOKYO — American historian Hillel Levine, professor of Boston University, shows the 1940 Japanese government documents listing Polish Jews saved from the Nazi holocaust by a Japanese diplomat Chiune Sugihara, dubbed "Japan's Schindler," August 24. Levine found the 31-page document after a month-long hunt at the Japanese Foreign Ministry Archives in Tokyo. It lists 1,944 names of Jews granted visas in 1940 in the Japanese consulate in Lithuania's former capital. CREDIT: RNS PHOTO/Reuters (Reproduction rights not transferable) 1994

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Aussies Top Yanks And Brits In Holocaust Knowledge

SYDNEY, Australia (JTA) — Australians are more knowledgeable about the Holocaust than Americans or the British, a new survey reveals.

The survey was the sixth in a series sponsored by the American Jewish Committee, which had also sponsored surveys using identical questions in the United States, Great Britain, France and Germany.

Some 39 percent of the Australian respondents were able to provide a fully correct definition of what the Holocaust was, compared to 35 percent of the French, 33 percent of the British and 24 percent of the American respondents.

In multiple-choice questions, 85 percent of the Australians were able to identify Auschwitz, Treblinka and Dachau as concentration camps, compared to 76 percent of the British and 67 percent of the Americans.

Near East Report Warns Against Saudi Photo Satellite

According to Near East Report, The Commerce Department has recently allowed an American company to join with Saudi Arabia in launching one of the world's most accurate photo-imagery satellites. The project was approved despite objections raised by Israel, the CIA, and the U.S. military. While the Saudis assert the satellite is intended for civilian purposes the CIA is said to doubt their sincerity.

Conservative Sabra Elected Vice-President Of Interfaith Group

Rabbi Ehud Bandel of the Masorti (Conservative) Movement in Israel has been elected as Vice-President of the ICCJ during the annual convention which took place recently in Warsaw, Poland. Rabbi Bandel, Spokesman for the Masorti Movement, is the first sabra (native Israeli) to be ordained as a Conservative rabbi in Israel.

The ICCJ is the umbrella organization of 25 organizations worldwide for Christian-Jewish understanding.

Bandel looks for ICCJ to strengthen ties for Judaism with the Orthodox and Eastern churches.

Rabbis Urged To Support Peace During Their High Holiday Sermons

By DEBRA NUSSBAUM COHEN

NEW YORK (JTA) — Supporters of the Middle East peace process have launched a campaign to encourage rabbis to use their pulpits on the High Holidays to praise the recent steps Israel has taken with its Arab neighbors.

The Israel Policy Forum, a North American group advocating the peace process, has sent to 4,000 rabbis and rabbinical students from every religious movement a resource guide drawing on biblical, rabbinic and contemporary sources supporting peace.

"The peace process can't be ignored," said Gordon Tucker, rabbi of Temple Israel, a Conservative congregation in White Plains, N.Y.

Titled "Mipnei Darchei Shalom," or "For the Sake of Peace," it cites Jewish voices from the prophet Isaiah to Abraham Joshua Heschel, from Rabbi Hillel to former Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin, in support of peace.

Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin endorsed the project saying, in a letter enclosed with the booklet, that he encourages rabbis to use the material "to educate our fellow Jews to act in accordance with Jewish values."

The Israel Policy Forum undertook the effort "to bring the peace process into religious communities," said Jonathan Jacoby, executive vice president of the group.

"Rabbis are one of the most important groups of leaders in the American Jewish community and no other leader is in as close touch with as many American Jews as a rabbi," he said.

The resource guide includes four articles — three of them by Orthodox Jews — addressing aspects of the peace process.

The articles are by Avraham Burg, a Labor member of Knesset; Rav Yehuda Amital, who leads the Orthodox Har Etzion Yeshiva; Rav Ovadia Yosef, the former chief Sephardic rabbi of Israel and spiritual leader of the Shas political party; and Rabbi Ammiel Hirsch, executive director of the Association of Reform Zionists in America.

A cover letter introducing the packet was signed by 13 rabbis from the Conservative, Reconstructionist and Reform movements.

Jacoby said that "it is disappointing that no Orthodox rabbis signed the letter," but that response to the mailing had been "very positive" in the Orthodox community.

One Orthodox rabbi who was approached about signing onto the letter was personally enthusiastic but afraid that it would be too politically sensitive among his constituents.

The \$15,000 cost of producing and distributing the resource guide was paid for by private donations raised by the Israel Policy Forum to underwrite the project.

In the Torah portion read during Rosh Hashanah, Isaac and Ishmael, progenitors of the Jewish and Arab peoples are introduced as they bury their father, the patriarch Abraham.

"Recent events promise coming together not for a burial, but for the renewal of life. That promise is very much part of the High Holy Day spirit," said Sandy Eisenberg Sasso, rabbi of the Reconstructionist/Conservative congregation Beth El Zedeck in Indianapolis.

Both she and Tucker signed onto the cover letter.

In a related effort, the Reform movement's Commission on Social Action sent to each of its 860 affiliated rabbis a memo urging them to speak from the pulpit about peace in the Middle East and seek out local Christian and Muslim clergy to issue a statement about the common goal of peace.



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The Arrest Of "The Jackal"
Declared Victory Against Terror

By MICHEL Di PAZ

PARIS (JTA) — Carlos the Jackal, the international terrorist arrested recently in the Sudan, has a long history of suspected involvement in attacks against Jewish targets.

One of the world's most wanted and infamous terrorists, Carlos is widely believed to have masterminded the massacre of Israeli athletes in the 1972 Munich Olympic games.

In Israel, Defense Ministry officials expressed their deep gratification over Carlos' arrest on Monday.

And the Anti-Defamation League called his arrest "a tremendous victory in the fight against international terrorism."

The Venezuelan-born Carlos, whose real name is Ilich Ramirez Sanchez, was arrested in the Sudanese capital of Khartoum by the DST, France's counterintelligence agency.

Sudanese Security agents in Khartoum turned Carlos over to French officials, who transferred him to a Paris jail.

Despite a previous conviction, in

absentia, according to French law he is expected to be retried for murder and terrorist activities.

French Interior Minister Charles Pasqua estimated that Carlos was responsible for the deaths of 83 people worldwide, including at least 15 French citizens during the past two decades.

Carlos' suspected involvement in attacks against Jewish targets dates back to 1970, when he joined the Damascus-based Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine.

Carlos is also believed to have been involved in the 1976 hijacking of an Air France jetliner to Entebbe, Uganda. The hijacking prompted a daring Israeli commando operation to rescue the flight's Jewish hostages.

He claimed responsibility for the 1973 shooting and wounding of a

prominent British Jewish millionaire, Edward Sieff, whose family owns the Marks and Spencer department store chain.

In the early 1980s, Carlos was believed to be working for Syria.

He was implicated in the 1975 attack on OPEC headquarters in Vienna, in which three were killed and 11 taken hostage in a \$1 billion hostage drama.

The French government blamed Carlos for a series of bombings in Paris and Marseilles that killed 13 people and left more than 120 wounded.

By the mid-1980s, Carlos dropped out of sight.

Carlos had reportedly been living in Damascus since 1986 with his wife Magdalena Kopp, a West German terrorist.



THE JACKAL... PARIS, FRANCE — Recent file photo of international guerilla leader Ilich Ramirez Sanchez, known as Carlos, pictured in Sudan before he was arrested by Sudanese police and extradited to France. CREDIT:RNS PHOTO/Reuters (Reproduction rights not transferable) 1994



ISRAELI STOCK EXCHANGE... TEL AVIV — A broker in the Tel Aviv stock exchange uses hand signals to offer shares for sale August 21 as the market plummets on what brokers predicted will be called "Black Sunday". Record selling marked the re-opening of trading in response to the treasury's shock announcement of a planned capital gains tax. CREDIT:RNS PHOTO/Reuters (Reproduction rights not transferable) 1994

Against International Terror
Baltimore Chapter To Quit ZOA

By MATTHEW DORF

JTA — The Baltimore chapter of the Zionist Organization of America has broken away from the national organization and will concentrate on local activities.

The group has changed its name to the Baltimore Zionist District.

Privately, Baltimore ZOA officials say the move away from the national organization is a protest against the direction that Klein has been taking the organization.

In December, Klein defeated Baltimore's James Schiller in a race

for the ZOA presidency.

Although the Baltimore group decided to take its action prior to the recent ZOA-AIPAC flap, an executive committee member said the latest controversy confirmed his view that Baltimore had taken the right step.

The 25-member executive committee voted unanimously for the name change and to withhold funds from ZOA, according to one member of the executive committee who asked not to be named.

However, according to Klein, the

group will continue to make payments towards a second mortgage on the ZOA national headquarters in Manhattan.

Since Klein's election as president, the Baltimore chapter, historically one of the organization's largest fund raisers, has not sent any donations or dues to ZOA.

Klein said Baltimore's action represents a violation of the organization's by-laws.

Klein said he is planning a trip to Baltimore in the coming months to try and smooth relations and woo the group back into the national organization.

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Despite Latest Terrorist Attack
Cabinet Ratifies Early Empowerment

By CYNTHIA MANN
JERUSALEM (JTA) — Pressing forward with the next phase of the Israeli-Palestinian peace initiative, the Israeli Cabinet has unanimously ratified an agreement that transfers control civilian affairs to Palestinians

throughout the West Bank. The Cabinet took the step despite calls from Israeli opposition leaders for the ministers to suspend the accord because of a terrorist attack within Israel's borders last weekend that left two Israelis dead.

The so-called "early empowerment" agreement, which was initiated in August by Israel and Palestinian authorities, provides for the transfer of control to Palestinians over taxation, education, health, social welfare and tourism. The timing for the implementation of the accord, which was approved by the Palestinian governing authority, still has to be worked out. However, because of the start of the new school year on Sept. 1, con-

trol over education in the West Bank's seven school districts officially fell under Palestinian control last week. The terrorist attack near Tel Aviv last week left two men dead. In that incident, Shlomo Kepach, 22, of Holon, and his friend Gil Revah, 21, of Bat Yam, were found with their throats slashed at a construction site in Ramie, where they were working on the installation of an elevator for a new five-story building.

Police found a blood-stained knife as well as a pack of cigarettes that had the word "Hamas" inscribed on it. Members of the Islamic fundamentalist Hamas movement later claimed responsibility for the attack, saying it was the third of five attacks planned in reprisal for the Feb. 25 Hebron massacre.

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PLO Official Urges Israel's Demise, Rabin Calls The Remark "Unthinkable"

By HUGH ORGEL
TEL AVIV (JTA) — Early last month, Farouk Kaddoumi, the head of the Palestine Liberation

Organization's Tunis-based Foreign Affairs Department, called for the annihilation of Israel. He was quoted as saying, without mentioning Israel

by name, "There is a state which was established through historical force and it must be destroyed. This is the Palestinian way. They seized our land. The refugees must return to their land."

Kaddoumi, a member of the PLO's executive committee, added that the Palestinians would not "give up on one grain of sand of the Palestinian land."

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, who met with PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat in Gaza said "We cannot accept that a senior man in the leadership of the PLO rises up and speaks against the fact of the existence of the State of Israel. It is unthinkable, and if repeated, it will be a serious obstacle to the progress" of negotiations with the PLO, Rabin said.

Arafat attempted to play down the significance of Kaddoumi's remarks. "This is his point of view, not that of the PLO. I am looking into it now," Arafat said.



TESTING THE WATERS... DEAD SEA, ISRAEL — Jordan's Tourism Minister Mohammad al-Edwan (L) stands up after feeling the mineral-enriched waters of the Dead Sea as Israel's Tourism Minister Uzi Baram licks his finger, August 17. Bathers look on as the two ministers, security personnel and aides made the surprise visit to the Ein Bokek beach — the first time a Jordanian minister has visited Israel. CREDIT: RNS PHOTO/Reuters (Reproduction rights not transferable) 1994

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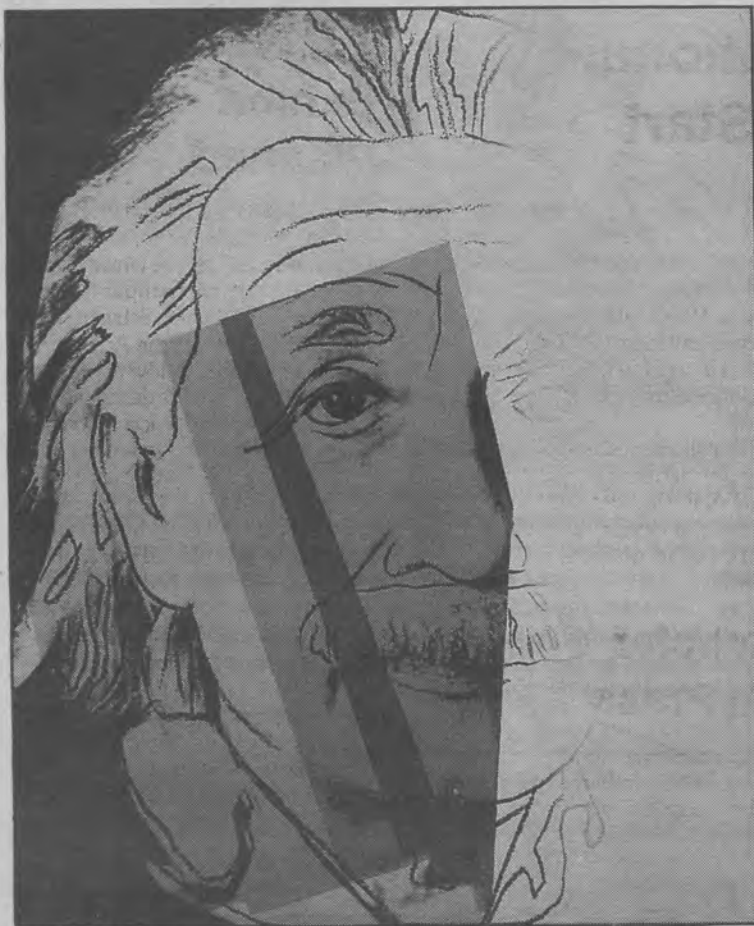
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Warhol Portraits Of Modern Jews
On Exhibit At UJA-Federation in New York

A portfolio of ten silkscreens of 20th century Jews by Andy Warhol will be on exhibit through the end of September at the UJA-Federation Gallery, 130 East 59th Street, in Manhattan.

The exhibit is free and open to the public Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from noon to 4 p.m.

The late artist created the 40 by 32-inch color portraits in 1980 to capture the personalities of Sarah Bernhardt, Louis Brandeis, Martin Buber, Albert Einstein, Sigmund Freud, George Gershwin, Franz Kafka, the Marx Brothers, Golda Meir, and Gertrude Stein.

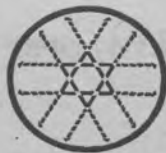
The silkscreen prints and exhibit text are courtesy of Ronald Feldman Fine Arts, Inc., of New York City.

"Andy Warhol's Ten Portraits of Jews of the Twentieth Century," is sponsored by the UJA-Federation Building Art Committee. Betty Levin is committee chair and exhibit curator.

For additional information, phone (212) 836-1340.



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The Role Of The Jewish Press

Commentary — Marking The 50th Anniversary Of The American Jewish Press Association

By MAYNARD I. WISNER
President of The Council of Jewish Federations

Reflecting on the Jewish Press over the past 50 years, one's memory is drawn back to the great era of the Yiddish Press. These papers, led by the Forverts in terms of circulation and others representing a variety of views on the Jewish street, were the principal source of information for hundreds of thousands of immigrants.

As the community moved into the mainstream of American life, the daily news was available through the general media. The mission of the Jewish press had changed. Thousands now look to it for a source of particular information and a viewpoint which the general press does not provide.

As I travel the country I meet with representatives of the rich variety of publications which are serving their communities. News from abroad, news from Jewish communities around the world and the news from local events and occasions provide a connection with the community and its many pockets of activity and commitment.

Alongside this, there is a continu-

ing role of education. At its best, this press explores issues with a variety of opinions, recounts matters of history for people generally and of the communities in which we live.

The press plays a role in connecting all of us and contributes to the sense of being part of a community. We need a rich and successful Jewish press.

(This is the first in an occasional series marking the fiftieth anniversary of the American Jewish Press Association)

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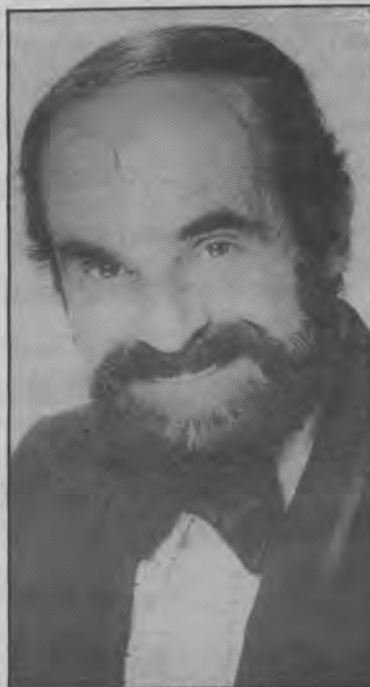
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U of D's International Film Series To Start

The University of Delaware's 1994 International Film Series features "Ivan and Abraham," from Poland in 1993. It will be shown on Sunday, Sept. 25. The film tells the story of the friendship of two boys, one Jewish, one Christian, in a Polish village in the 1930s. Claude Lanzmann, director of "Shoah," called it "dazzling in its beauty, its audacity, its intelligence, its freedom."



Ben Kurland

"The Slingshot," from Sweden in 1993, will be shown on Sunday, Oct. 16. In the tradition of "The 400 Blows" and "My Life As A Dog," it chronicles a Jewish boy's coming of age in 1920s Sweden. The New York Times called it "a light-handed approach to the idea that surviving childhood may be the toughest part of life."

The film series is sponsored by the Faculty Senate Committee on Cultural Activities and Public Events, the University Honors Program and the Department of English's Film Program.

Scholar Invited To Present Paper

Linda Stone-Abrams, daughter of Eve and Marvin Stone of Ridgewood, who recently received a Master's Degree in Social Work from U.C.L.A. was invited to present her graduate research paper to the "1994 National Institute of Mental Health AIDS Conference" in Washington, D.C. this summer. She conducted a year long study in Los Angeles titled "Effects of Multiple Losses from the AIDS Epidemic on Aspects of Coping."

Linda attended Mt. Pleasant High School and is a 1990 Summa Cum Laude graduate of the University of Pennsylvania. She resides with her husband in Burbank, California.

Schwab Exhibit Planned

Oct. 3-Nov. 18 — Artist Judy Schwab will exhibit a variety of works in Clayton Hall, on the University of Delaware's Laird Campus, Route 896, north of Newark. Schwab is the Delaware Division of the Arts' 1994 Established Artists Fellow in the area of sculpture. Schwab describes her work as "autobiographical responses to professional experiences and multicultural collaborations in this locality, across the USA and in Eastern Europe." Gallery hours are 8 a.m.-8:30 p.m., Mon.-Thurs., and 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Fridays. The exhibition is free and open to the public. A videotape collage tracing Schwab's artist development will be featured at a reception, free and open to the public, from 2-4 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 9, in Clayton Hall. For more information on the exhibit or the reception, call (302) 831-8839.

Entries for the Calendar of Events are due on the Copy Deadline, published in each edition of The Jewish Voice. Copy should be typed and double spaced. Please include day and date, time, place, brief description and contact person.

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Delaware's Schwab Joins In Russian Art-Peace Project

Delaware artist Judith Schwab traveled this summer to Troitsk, Russia to participate in the Delaware/Troitsk Art For Peace Collaboration, dubbed PeraTRIOTSK by The Jewish Voice. Six artists triangular works were to be arranged in a Ring of Friendship with a Merkabah, or Kabbalistic symbol of harmony, in the center. The collaborative piece was scheduled for permanent installation in a public space in the Youth Creative Center in the Troitsk-Moscow region.

Delaware artists contributing to the collaboration included Rosemary Lane and Bruce Morris. Three Russian artists completed the additional portions of the international work of art and fellowship.

Judith Schwab is the recipient of the 1993-94 Individual Artist Fellowship awarded by the State of Delaware Division of The Arts. Last year she had a major showing at the JCC

as part of their cultural series. Her work has graced the covers and the pages of The Jewish Voice.



What's On TV?

Tuesday, September 6, 10 p.m. WHY TV 12

SAYING KADDISH

Starring Tovah Feldshuh as Talia, this program focuses on a work-obsessed, Jewish doctor who must come to grips with her heritage and her family as she copes with her mother's death. Returning home to observe Shiva for her mother opens old family wounds as she confronts her very religious father and traditional sister. But their faith, the very thing that tore them apart, is the only thing that can heal the rift. SAYING KADDISH airs September 6 at 10 p.m. on TV12.

Sunday, September 11, 12:15 a.m. WHY TV 12

MOVIE: AU REVOIR, LES ENFANTS

This 1987 film directed by Louis

Malle is based on an incident from Malle's youth, during WWII, when the headmaster of his Catholic boarding school decided to shield several Jewish children in the midst of Nazi-occupied France.

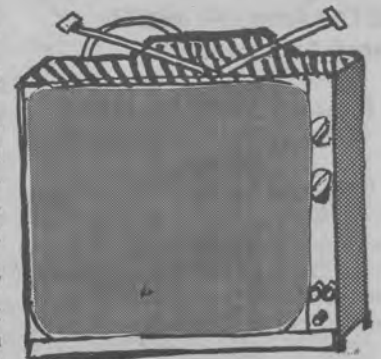
AU REVOIR, LES ENFANTS airs Sunday, September 11 at 12:15 a.m. on WHY TV 12.

Tuesday, September 13, 10 p.m. WHY TV 12

KLEZMER: FIDDLER ON THE HOOF

With melodies that are alternately haunting and jubilant, soulful and energetic, klezmer provides a window into the past and present of Yiddish culture. KLEZMER: FIDDLER ON THE HOOF, airing Tuesday, September 13 at 10:00 p.m. on TV 12, traces the genre's development from traditional Eastern European dance music and explores its recent revival across America where more than 100 klezmer ensembles are enjoyed by Jews and non-Jews alike. With performance footage and in-



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Words & Music: How I Spent My Summer Vacation

By STEVE COHEN

Special To The Jewish Voice

I've spent my summer vacation sampling music and theater performances in a variety of spots.

The most exotic was the Santa Fe Opera. With an international reputation for excellence, its lovely red-wood amphitheater is located in the Sangre de Cristo Mountains of New Mexico. Each summer it presents a series of classics, interspersed with world premiers and at least one piece by composer Richard Strauss.

This summer I saw revivals of Rossini's *The Barber of Seville* and Puccini's *Tosca*, which were successful for their staging, acting, singing and conducting. It's a rare treat to

find such musical excellence combined with spectacular ambiance.

Closer to home, I attended the world premiere of a play by Ben Siegler called *Genuine Myth* by a new theater company in Chestnut Hill that has decided to name itself after the play.

The initial production centered on the belief of a young man that he is one of the 36, or "lamed vuv," good men who, according to an old Jewish legend, have been deputized by God to help improve the world. His brother thinks the believer is crazy, while their mother thinks he has supernatural powers.

The first act takes itself so seriously that it plays as a melodrama, al-

though the author has labeled it a comedy. The exposition was so murky that it was hard to follow. When one brother said to the other, "Don't you know what I'm talking about?" audience members strained to keep from calling out "No!"

But the second act has wacky, farcical moments that give the work added dimension. So it was an uneven production, but it's good to welcome the new group, "Genuine Myth," that promises to stage plays that explore people's beliefs.

A pleasant surprise was my discovery of the Muhlenburg Summer Theater in Allentown. It uses the facili-

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AKSE Talmud Torah Programs Announced

The Adas Kodesh Shel Emeth (AKSE) Talmud Torah in 5755 (1994-95) will offer formal learning programs and Shabbat services for ages 4 through 13. Parallel Judaic classes for parents will be offered as well. Classes begin on Sunday, September 11. Questions should be directed to Gail Weinberg, Educational Director, at 762-2705.

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Pre-Aleph (6 year olds)

First graders are introduced to the letters of the Hebrew alphabet. Students learn to recognize and understand key Hebrew words, prayers, and songs. They are taught about Bible stories, Israel, and Jewish holidays in an age-appropriate manner. Pre-Aleph will meet on Sunday

mornings and for an optional enrichment session on Wednesday afternoons to focus on Bible stories, Hebrew conversation and songs, and special units on Israel, tzedakah, and prayer.

Aleph (7 year olds)

This is the first year of our 3-day/week program. Students learn to read and speak Hebrew and study Bible, holidays, prayers, and songs.

Small Group Instruction

New this year are opportunities for individualizing the instruction for each child, including those with learning differences.

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	BOOK FAIR & AUTHORS

For additional information on Cultural Arts Programs, please call Nathan Barnett at (302) 478-5660. Tickets are available at the JCC Front Desk.

MUSICAL PERFORMANCE

Avi Toledano
Monday, October 10, 7:30 p.m.

Avi Toledano, singer, composer and producer, will perform with his three-piece band during our Jewish Cultural Arts Festival. His songs have hit the top of the charts many times; Israeli radio stations have nominated him "Singer of the Year" six times; and he has received the "Kinor David" - the Israeli equivalent of the "Grammy Award". His performance at the JCC will include songs in Hebrew, French and English.

The cost is \$20.00 per person and includes admission to the Toledano performance, four film series and four author series, or \$15.00 per person for the Toledano performance only.

AUTHOR SERIES

Sundays at 3:00 p.m.
Dates listed below

Join us for a series of four recently-published authors who will speak about their books as they pertain to the Jewish Community.

- October 30 - "A Family Dream Journal" by Zelda Leah Gatuskin
 - November 6 - "Stealing the Border" by Elliot Rais
 - November 13 - "Mornings & Mourning: A Kaddish Journal" by E.M. Brouer
 - November 27 - Author to be announced
- Cost - \$2.00 for each lecture

FILM SERIES

Sundays at 3:00 p.m.
Dates listed below

Last year's Israeli film was so enthusiastically received, that this year, we've expanded the series!

- September 25 - "The Quarrel"
 - October 23 - "Magician of Lublin"
 - December 11 - Children's Film Series (Animated Book of Esther, The Giving Tree, Lights, Passover at Bubbe's),
 - January 15 - "The White Rose"
- Cost - \$2.00 for each film

BOOK FAIR

October 12 - November 20

The Jewish Community Center once again continues its tradition of offering fine Jewish books during Jewish Book Month. The book fair will be held in the JCC lobby.

ART GALLERY

November 6 - December 6

The Pomegranate Build of Judaic Needleworks will provide a showcase for members works, some for sale, others in exhibition. The needleworks show culture, tradition and religious practices as they relate to Judaic textiles. If enough people show interest in Judaic Needleworks, study and practice courses will be offered at \$15.00 for the course.



PANIM EL PANIM

(Face to Face with JFD People)



The food was plentiful at the YCC-YJAD pool party. About 100 people attended.



People having fun at the YJAD-YLC Summer Splash.



Smiles and schmoozing were in order at the YJAD-YLC Summer Splash.

YJAD - YLC Summer Splash A Smash!

Nearly 100 people from all over the Tri-State area attended the "Summer Splash" co-hosted by the Young Jewish Adults of Delaware (YJAD) and the Young Leadership Cabinet of the Jewish Federation of Delaware (YLC). The event, held at the JCC pool, was for young Jewish adults, married and single. The food was

plentiful, the dancing invigorating and the pool refreshing! All agreed it was a wonderful way to spend a beautiful, warm summer evening.

For more information about YJAD, a Jewish singles group for people in their 20's and 30's, contact: David Bernstein, Co-Chair,

(609) 678-8029, Michele Feder, Co-Chair, (302) 892-4255, or Artie Allen, JCC Liaison, (302) 478-5660.

For more information about YLC, a group for young Jewish leaders, contact Sharon Mittelman, Chair, or the Jewish Federation at (302) 478-6200.

JCC Cultural Arts Program For 1994-1995 Announced

Francia Isakoff, chairperson of the Jewish Community Center's Cultural Arts Committee, announces the 1994-95 Jewish Cultural Arts Program.

The Cultural Arts Committee of the JCC, she pointed out, is committed to bringing notable Jewish literary personalities, films plays, and dance.

LECTURES

October 30 — Zelda Leah Gatuskin, *Ancestral Notes*

November 6 — Elliot Rais, *Stealing the Borders*

November 13 — Esther Bronner, *Mornings and Mourning*

November 27 — To be announced

FILM

September 25 — "The Quarrel"

October 23 — *The Magician from Lublin*

December 11 — Childrens Film Festival

January 15 - *The White Rose*

SINGER

October 9 — Avi Toledano

Avi Toledano is a renowned Israel singer/composer, according to the Committee. "He will be in the United

States for only two weeks and we are fortunate that he will appear in our Wilmington community," stated a JCC Cultural Arts program release.

His shows have taken him all over the world: Paris, Tokyo, Canada and, of course, to Israel.

The Cultural Arts program will end with two programs: "Busball," a play by Michael Elkin, which is a comedy about Jews and baseball that will hit home and steal your heart, on March 26 and the Avodah Dance Ensemble which will bring its tradition of exciting, diverse Jewish and multi-cultural modern dance program on April 30.

Brochures on all these programs will be mailed to the entire Jewish community.

JFS Domestic Violence Program Next Month

The O.J. Simpson case has undoubtedly brought the issue of domestic violence before the public in a most dramatic way. The publicity is certainly welcome in as much as it heightens the awareness of this devastating problem, which impacts individuals and families at a rate that would be surprising to most people.

The professional staff of Jewish Family Service are well aware of the problem and have been dealing with it within the Jewish community as well as the general community for many years. Individuals and couples, either voluntarily or through referrals from Family Court, come to Jewish Family Service for counseling help on a regular basis.

Much can be done to help people end this violent behavior and move ahead with their lives, through professional counseling help and/or referrals to other types of needed services. For help, call 478-9411.

Jewish Family Service will be co-sponsoring a program on Domestic Violence at the JCC on Monday, October 17, 1994 at 7:30 p.m. For information, contact the JFS at 478-9411.



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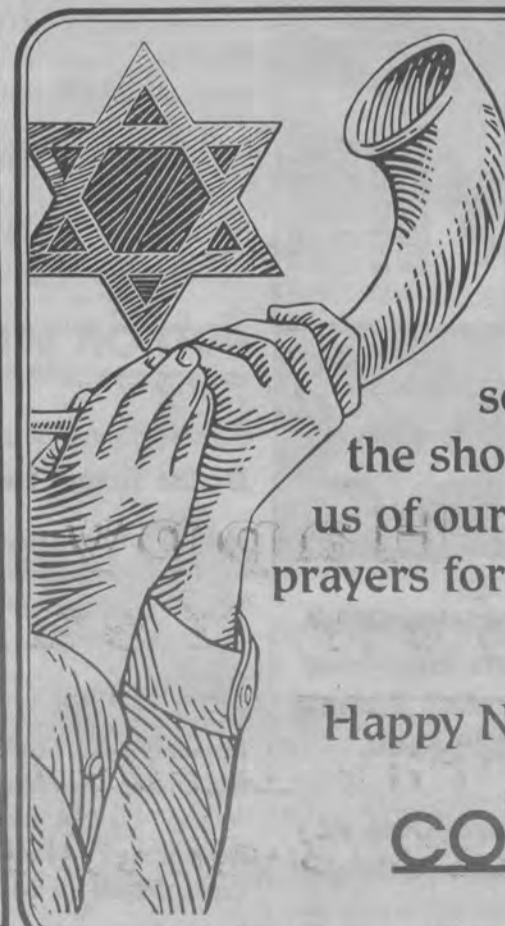


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The Quarrel To Be Shown At JCC

The Jewish Cultural Arts Committee of the Jewish Community Center is pleased to announce that "The Quarrel" will be the opening film for the 1994-95 Jewish Cultural Arts Festival.

"The Quarrel" is an enjoyable, extended-conversation of a movie, in which two Jews (R.H. Thompson and Saul Rubinek) are reunited after the Holocaust, bumping into each other by chance in Montreal in 1949.

Friends before the war, they have both suffered considerable losses. But through their shared pain is a running argument not yet resolved. Thompson, once slated to become a rabbi, turned his back on religion and became a writer. Rubinek, who Thompson inspired into religious devo-

tion, was left to fend spiritually for himself. Now a faith-bound rabbi, Rubinek runs a yeshiva for orphans in the city. They start arguing — and arguing.

Age old acrimony, anger and bitterness return. Their fascinating, passionate conversation, conducted in and around a beautiful public park, covers their opinions about G-d, the

Holocaust, the Jews and each other. Rubinek does his rabbinical best to persuade Thompson to return to the fold, while the writer champions the importance of morality without the precondition of religious belief. It is an absorbing, exhilarating, argument between two intense individual who both believe they are right. It's tempt-

ing to describe this as a Jewish "My Dinner with Andre", but this movie is anything but boring. What makes "The Quarrel" such an exhilarating experience is the excellence of the acting: the quality of the direction and the intelligence of the writing.

The film will be shown on Sunday, September 25 at 3:00 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center. Tickets are \$2.00 each and can be purchased at the JCC Front Desk. For more information, call Nathan Barnett at (302) 478-5660.

The Jewish Community Center is a beneficiary of the ongoing 1994 "Live Jewish" Community Campaign administered by The Jewish Federation of Delaware (JFD).

Delaware Educators Travel To US Holocaust Memorial Museum

The Halina Wind Preston Holocaust Education Center coordinated a trip for over 80 Delaware educators to the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C. The program, a four-credit course of the Delaware Teacher Center, included a tour of the museum and a special orientation designed for public and private school teachers. Margaret Crouch, the attending scholar-in-residence, provided additional information before and after the tour. Professor Crouch, who teaches about the Holocaust at Goldey-Beacom College, recently returned from a trip to Europe and Israel where she visited several concentration camps and studied at Yad Vashem. For more information about projects of the Holocaust Center, call 478-6200. The Halina Wind Preston Holocaust Education Center is a beneficiary of



Halina Wind Preston Holocaust Education Center Trip to U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum for Delaware educators.

the ongoing 1994 "Live Jewish" Community Campaign which is administered by The Jewish Federation of Delaware (JFD).

Sukkah Of Sharing At J.C.C.

As part of the Jewish Community Center's "Mitzvah Month" Celebration, which will be held throughout the month of September, the JCC has constructed a special sukkah, called the "Sukkah of Sharing." The display in the main lobby area of the

Center. was designed to collect canned goods for the hungry, coats for kids and books for the New Children's Center Library.

Next time you visit the JCC... "Do a Mitzvah" by bringing in a can of food, a coat, or a book and deposit the items in the appropriate barrels in the "Sukkah of Sharing."

ТРЕБОВАНИЕ О ВОЗВРАТЕ КНИГ ЛЮБОВИЧСКИМ ВЕДЕНЫМ

После ухода из жизни Любвицкого ребе эмигранты любвицких эскадр продолжают оказывать нажим на правительство России с тем, чтобы оно вернуло библиотеку, некогда принадлежавшую Любвицкому ребе и насчитывающую более 1500 книг и 300 рукописей, которые в настоящее время хранятся в Русской Государственной библиотеке в Москве.

Вопрос о книгах был затронут на встрече Доктора Иеремии Шварца с членами еврейских организаций во время июньского визита российского премьер-министра в Вашингтон.

Возвращение коллекции, экспропрированной советами в 1921 году и с тех пор хранящейся в бывшей библиотеке имени Ленина, было первоочередной задачей раввина Менахема-Менделя Шварца, скончавшегося 12 июня.

Несмотря на то, что российский президент, Борис Ельцин и российский суд постановили вернуть любвицким книги еще в 1991 году, в собственности эскадры за это время было передано всего лишь 8 книг. Семь книг привез из своей еврейской поездки в феврале президент Клинтон, и еще одна была передана вице-президенту Эду Гору во время его декабрьского визита в Москву.

Гор вернул книгу эмигранту любвицкого эскадры раввину Боруху-Шломо Эйлику Кунини, который успел передать ее Любвицкому ребе до того, как у ребе случился инсульт.

Кунинс, живущий в Лос-Анджелесе, последние несколько лет курсирует между Москвой и Вашингтоном в попытке вернуть Любвицкую библиотеку. Он помогает правительственным чиновникам осуществить это на официальном уровне.

СЕНАТОР СПЕКТОР ПЫТАЕТСЯ ОГРАНИЧИТЬ ФИНАНСИРОВАНИЕ ООП

Финансирование палестинцев должно формально зависеть от того, отменит ли ООП статус договора, приваивающие к ресурсам Израиля. Этот вопрос был затронут на обсуждении сената на прошлой неделе.

Сенатор-республиканец Арлин Спектор должен представить финансовый законопроект об иностранных ассигновках, который обяжет Организацию Освобождения Палестины в течение года внести поправку в договор. Эта поправка адитна условиям, необходимым для получения палестинцами 500000 долларов, пожертвованных Соединенными Штатами на создание инфраструктуры палестинского самоуправления.

Администрация США пытается смягчить поправку на основании, что это может связать руки президенту Клинтону. Согласно действующему в настоящее время законодательству, Белый дом может предоставить палестинцам финансовую помощь, руководствуясь национальными интересами США, даже в том случае, если ООП нарушит обязательства договора, подписанного прошлым летом в Осло.

"Поправка дает конгрессу возможность прояснить, не тем, чтобы средства были потрачены на ООП только в том случае, если эта организация на практике будет соблюдать условия мирного договора", — заявил своим коллегам сенатор Спектор на прошлой неделе.

На прошлой неделе в Палестине председатель ООП Ясир Арафат объявил, что вскоре состоится съезд Палестинского национального совета, на котором будут обсуждаться компетенция и структура организации. Однако, остается непонятным, связано ли это заявление с возможностью по поводу предстоящего обсуждения поправки в сенате США.

ИЗРАИЛЬ ОТВЕРГАЕТ ОБВИНЕНИЯ МЕЖДУНАРОДНОЙ АМИНИСТИИ

Армия обороны Израиля отвергает выдвинутые против нее обвинения в том, что палестинские заключенные подвергаются в тюрьмах систематическим пыткам. Эти данные содержатся в опубликованном на прошлой неделе ежегодном отчете *Амнистии Международной* о нарушениях прав человека по всем миру.

Согласно упомянутому отчету, палестинцы, заключенные в израильские тюрьмы, в 1993 году систематически подвергались пыткам и издевательствам, во время допросов представителями израильских властей.

В отчете сообщается о методах пыток, применявшихся на допросах, в том числе избиваниях, лишении сна и заключении в одиночную камеру.

"Детальность Армии обороны Израиля инвентаризации против террористов с тем, чтобы не допустить и при необходимости отменить террористические инвентаризации на мировых гражданах, как палестинцев, так и израильтян", — говорится в заявлении Армии обороны Израиля, отвергающей выдвинутые обвинения.

В отчете *Международной Амнистии* также сообщается о палестинских вооруженных группировках, такие как *Хамас*, *Исламский Джихад* и *Народный фронт за Освобождение Палестины*. Отмечаются неоднократные случаи нарушения этими организациями прав человека, в том числе пытки, а также предвзятое и пристрастное убийство. По данным отчета, эти группировки за прошлый год лишили жизни более 100 тысяч сирийцев, палестинских арабов, но не упоминают в сотрудничестве с израильскими властями либо не согласных с их политическим взглядами.

В отчете также приводятся другие случаи издевательств палестинцев над силами соотечественников, среди которых обращает на себя внимание случай, когда 12 палестинских арабов пострадали от стрельбы ранений в ноги. Предполагается, что стрельбу предвзято группировки *Аль Фатах*, основной фракции ООП, вероятно в наказание за кражу со взломом.

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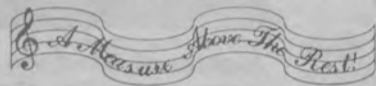
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Toledano Performance At The J.C.C.

The opening event of the 1994-95 JCC's Cultural Arts Festival will be the renowned singer/composer, Avi Toledano. Toledano is currently touring the United States, bringing his fascinating show to both Hebrew and English-speaking audiences.

Toledano performs with a three-piece band in a one and a half hour show that includes Hebrew and English. His shows have taken him all over the world ... to New York's Madison Square Garden, the Olympia in Paris and Tokyo's Music Festival of Songs. He has performed with the Edmonton Symphony Orchestra in Canada and with the Symphony Orchestra of Haifa (Israel).

With twenty-two LP's released, several "one-man" shows, and two critically-acclaimed films to his credit, Toledano is among Israel's most highly honored artists/entertainers. His songs have hit the top of the charts many times. Israeli radio stations have nominated him "Singer of the Year" six times and he has received the "Kinor David" — the Israeli equivalent to the "Grammy Award."

Toledano represented Israel twice in the Eurovision Song Contest, taking second place in 1982 with his song "Hora" and again in 1983 with "Chai" — a song he composed for Ofra Haza.

Though Toledano is best-known for his Israeli folk music, he also works in the French Repertoire. He staged a "one-man" show based on Charles Aznavour's "La Boheme" and played "Marius" in the Kameri Theatre's production of "Les Miserables."

Toledano will appear at the Jewish Community Center on Monday, October 10 at 7:30 p.m. The cost is \$20 for the performance, plus four films and four author lectures or \$15 solely for the Toledano performance. Tickets can be purchased at the JCC Front Desk. For more information, call Nathan Barnett at (302) 478-5660.

The Jewish Community Center is a beneficiary of the as yet unfinished 1994 "Live Jewish" Community Campaign administered by The Jewish Federation of Delaware (JFD).



Dr. Richard Hodes, head of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC) medical team in Goma, Zaire, examines a Rwandan child in the Kibuma refugee camp. The JDC-Goma medical team includes specialists, nurses and paramedics. JDC, in partnership with 35 other major Jewish organizations, has also sent in medications, mobile medical units and has established a nutrition program for children. The JDC is a beneficiary of the ongoing 1994 "Live Jewish" Community Campaign administered by the Jewish Federation of Delaware (JFD).

New Initiatives Funded By The 1994 "Live Jewish" Community Campaign

1. **Youth Worker** - a Jewish youth worker supervised by the JCC will work with teens in synagogues, youth groups, JCC programs and related activities throughout the State.

2. **Israel Travel/Study** - New initiative funds are earmarked to underwrite Israel travel and study programs for Jewish youth.

3. **Teacher Training** - In-service training for teachers in all Delaware synagogue Hebrew schools, Gratz and Albert Einstein is a funded new initiative arranged with the Auerbach central Agency for Jewish Education in Philadelphia.

4. **Jewish Family Life Educator** - A Jewish Family Life Educator to reach out to inter-married and unaffiliated families is another new initiative that will be supervised by the Jewish Family Service.

(The goals of the 1994 "Live Jewish" Community Campaign have not yet been reached. Contributions to the Campaign can be sent to: "Live Jewish" Campaign, c/o The Jewish Federation of Delaware, 101 Garden of Eden Road, Wilmington, DE 19803.)

Ryder Attends Conference On Intermarriage Issues

This past June, Myrna Ryder, Director of Family Life Education for Jewish Family Service, attended the 1994 Conference on Jewish Intermarriage, Outreach and Conversion. The three day conference was held in New York City, and was sponsored by the Jewish Outreach Institute. Presenters at the conference included Rabbi Harold Kushner; Ms. Lydia Kukoff, author of *Choosing Judaism*; Dr. Egon Mayer; Rabbi Rachel Cowan; and many other noted authorities from all denominations of Judaism.

Myrna is currently responsible for directing the Family Life Education Department, which involves developing and conducting programs and providing assistance to address everyday issues we all encounter. In addition to these responsibilities, Myrna will also oversee the effort for outreach to interfaith couples and their families by providing programs throughout the year.

Ms. Ryder joined the Jewish Family Service staff in 1989. She holds a Master of Education degree with a focus on counseling and personnel services, and earned the designation of Certified Family Life Educator, which was issued by the National Council on Family Relations. Myrna regularly attends training sessions on

a variety of subjects including parent education, intermarriage and outreach, Jewish identity, and counseling individuals and couples. She has extensive experience in running groups which address a broad range of topics, and provides programs for the secular as well as the Jewish community. Prior to joining the JFS staff, Myrna was a personnel director and analyst, a teacher and counselor of adolescents, a cable television newscaster and cameraperson, and a director of a JCC day camp.

If you are interested in a family life education program for your organization, your work place, or even for a few friends, please contact Myrna. A topic can be developed to meet the needs and interests of your group, and many speakers are available. Myrna can be reached at Jewish Family Service, 478-9411.

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A child of interfaith parents learns the function of a kiddush cup during a model havdalah — end of Shabbat — service for boys and girls enrolled in the "tepping Stones to a Jewish Me" program at Congregation Emanuel, a Reform synagogue, in Denver. The program is designed to teach boys and girls of intermarried families about the Jewish side of their heritage and provide parents with a basis for deciding which religion to choose for their offspring. Denver's pioneering "Stepping Stones" project, which was developed eight years ago by Rabbi Steven E. Foster of Emanuel, has become a model for similar programs across the country.

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NEW AMERICANS

In The Snitovsky Family, A Young Man Follows The Path Of Torah

By CELIA GANS

From the Puritans to our most recent Russian immigrants, religious freedom, the right to worship without persecution, has been a fundamental part of the American experience. For Boris Snitkovsky, the American experience is the most recent step along his pathway of Torah, which began in Moscow's Central Synagogue, continued through Jewish School and Jewish Camp, into *Torat Ha'yim*, a Jewish religious academy and living in a Moscow Yeshiva.

From 1992, recalls his family, when Boris "approached Torah, it changed him completely." Before, he had no strong will to study. Now, he became more serious, reports his father Fedor and sister Polina, aged 24, more focused inside and more serious. "He is strong willed," comments his sister, "and works hard." (The Snitkovsky family felt they had not encountered any direct anti-Semitism from their son's religious activities.)

Before the family left Russia, Boris had made plans to continue his religious education in America. He had some names, recalls his family, and some telephone numbers. With the help of the Jewish Family Service and local religious leaders, Boris found himself — within a week after his family's arrival in America on July 17th, in a Yeshiva in Lakewood, New Jersey.

He has chosen to live exclusively among Jews, explains his family, because he believes "Torah is the highest law." His visits to other religious communities in America have widened his interests, his family observes, and stimulated his curiosity. Boris and his family communicate frequently by telephone, and they are looking forward to his week-long visit during the Jewish holidays.

His family anticipates fewer problems in America than they experienced in Moscow in meeting Boris' need for *glatt kosher* food. In their 17th floor apartment, "we had a special stove on which to cook for

Boris," explains Polina, who is a talented and enthusiastic cook, "but we could find no *kosher* foods."

It is impossible, when speaking with Polina, to believe she has been in the United States only a month. Trained in general and child psychology and language at the Teachers' Training University in Moscow, she worked as a secretary/interpreter for a private Russian company, and her English skills are exceptional. In recent days, she has been preparing affidavits for the three members of her father's family remaining in Moscow to join the Snitkovskys in Wilmington. "Mom's family is all here," notes Polina, "spread across the United States."

Polina, "spread across the United States."

Fedor and Galina Snitkovsky worked in financial accounting in Russia Fedor for 25 years with a government research institute before founding his own private firm, and Galina in a government office. Both are studying English at CITE and look forward to joining the American workforce.

All three Snitkovskys are also preparing for their Delaware Driver's License exams. "In Moscow we have the subway," says Fedor, "and buses and trams. Here, everyone is always in their cars. No one walks except in



Semyor Ravinski, left, and his great grandson Geria, learn about the Shofar in preparation for the upcoming holiday. Shofarot kits were distributed in the former Soviet Union by The American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC). The JDC is a beneficiary of the still progressing 1994 "Live Jewish" Community Campaign administered by The Jewish Federation of Delaware (JFD).

shopping malls."

When asked what surprised Fedor most about Wilmington he says "the quiet Wilmington is so much quieter than Moscow, and green. It's wonderful here."

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From left: Fedor, Polina, Galina Snitkovsky.

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A Rosh Hashana feast Yemenite style. WZPS photo by Sammy Avnisan.

Rosh Hashanah It's About Time

By Rabbi
BERNARD S. RASKAS

ST. PAUL, Minn. (JTA) — Rosh Hashanah, the commemoration of the creation of the universe, is a difficult concept to grasp.

That is because it has to do with the idea of time. Even the essential symbol of Rosh Hashanah, the sound of the shofar, exists only in time. It cannot be seen, touched, felt or tasted.

In the roller coaster of life, we need to understand time and the timeless. Awash in trivia, people need ceremonies to remind themselves that they are part of something important, if not mysterious. We Jews, for example, have a blessing for sighting a rainbow or the ocean, for our food, for beginnings and endings. As Kohelet put it, "there is a time for everything."

Life is precious and life is sacred. As we move about God's world, we must walk with reverence for creation. We are of the universe and are its caretakers. On Rosh Hashanah we reaffirm our responsibility to cherish the life of the universe.

A story about one of our great atomic physicists illustrates this concern for all living things. This man, one of the chief architects of the atomic bomb, was out wandering in the woods one day with a friend when he came upon a small tortoise.

Overcome with pleasurable excitement, he took up the tortoise and started home, thinking to surprise his children with it. After a few steps, he paused and surveyed the tortoise doubtfully.

"What's the matter?" his friend asked.

Without responding, the great scientist slowly retraced his steps as precisely as possible and gently set the turtle down upon the exact spot from which he had taken him up.

Then he solemnly faced his friend and said, "It just struck me that for one man, perhaps I have tampered enough with the universe."

He turned and left the turtle to wander on its way.

This is a recognition that we must have a sense of reverence for the life of the world.

Rosh Hashanah also comes to mark the end of the old year and there is a time for letting go. We need to let go of our children so they can grow up. We need to let go of our anger and our guilt. We need to let go of certain traumas and events of the past so we can experience the many opportunities of the present and the future.

We need to let go of material objects when we become overly dependent on them. Letting go does not necessarily mean to physically relinquish the object. We need to overcome our own dependency on the object and realize that the essence of our being is not the material object.

An example is an individual who is determined to maintain a lifestyle that is beyond his or her means and creates financial havoc.

In spiritual preparation for the coming sacred days it might be proper to read "A Brief History of Our Time," by Steven Hawkins, a towering figure in modern physics and the most famous scientist since Einstein.

The book has sold over 2 million copies. But few realize that for the past 25 years Hawkins has been living with a motor-neuron disease.

When he was working as a young man of 21 on his Ph.D. at Oxford, he was stricken with what is commonly known as Lou Gehrig's Disease. Since he can hardly move a muscle and cannot even feed himself, he has to use a voice synthesizer to communicate his extraordinary discoveries.

When he first discovered his illness in his student days, he said, "When I found I could not control my body, but my mind was free, I changed my attitude. I determined that I would choose to let mind conquer matter. I would determine how I think and nothing and no one would stand in the way of my thinking."

Rosh Hashanah comes to remind us that we can be teshuvah, control our thinking. This in turn helps us to determine our behavior. It is a time to reassess our thoughts and our deeds.

A pious Jew was once having a

dialogue with God. "Gottenu, dear God," he asked, "in Your infinite wisdom, what is a million years?"

The voice from above replied, "In My infinite wisdom a million years is like one minute."

The gentleman persisted, "Lord of the universe, in Your infinite goodness, what is a million dollars?"

Again the voice from above replied, "In my infinite goodness a million dollars is like one penny."

"If you could only grant me one of your pennies," the man implored.

After a short silence, the voice from above answered, "Just wait a minute."

Let us think for a minute — a human minute — what it is that is the purpose of religion. If religion comes to teach us anything, it comes to tell us that we as individuals can change the course of our lives. And that is central to the human concept of time.

Creation is part of everyday living. The daily wonders of God can be seen in the birth of a baby, the budding of the trees, the varieties of the birds and the infinite glory of the growing flowers.

Creation may also be reflected in the endeavors of the artist who continually seeks to add beauty to life even as the reactive person desires to deepen the experience and meaning of life itself.

This thought was given fine expression by Rabbi Abraham J. Heschel in his book, "The Sabbath."

"Creation, we are taught, is not an act that happened once upon a time, once and for ever. The act of bringing the world into existence is a continuous process. God called the world into being, and that call goes on," Heschel wrote.

This coming Rosh Hashanah, the sound of the shofar summons us to consider that life is all about time and its use.

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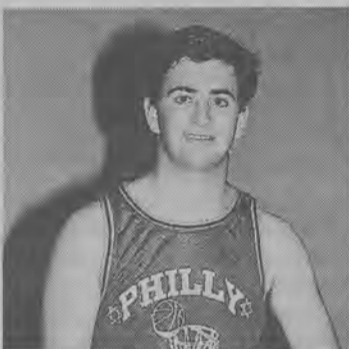
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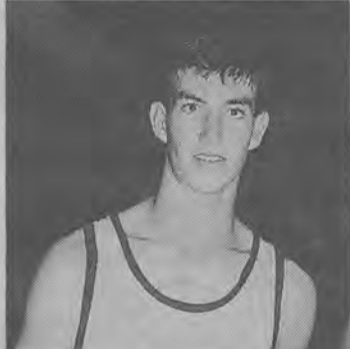
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The Judgement of Rosh Hashanah And The Condition Of World Poverty

By MARC GOPIN

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (JTA) — At the heart of Rosh Hashanah prayer services is the courage to ask questions about the state of our existence on this planet. It is a time when honest self-appraisal is an inescapable element of standing before a divine intelligence who sees all and forgets nothing.

The three-part structure of the ancient musaf prayer — malchuyot, zichronot and shofrot — has historical memory at the center of its theological concern.

Zichronot, or memories, concerns the fate of nations, the scrutiny of what nations have done right and wrong. These prayers suggest that a hard look at the state of human development leaves us nervous about whether a God concerned with honesty and morality would continue to support our species.

But the drama of the prayers offers a way out of this damning perception with the words, uttered at the climax of the day, "and repentance, forgiveness and charity overturn the evil decree!"

That means that the way we give charity and the condition of the people who receive it is an important test, according to the Rosh Hashanah prayer and prophetic readings, of our moral condition and even our very right to survive.

Many statistics can be quoted, but it is worth concentrating on just one that is especially apt when we are thinking so much about life and death. Forty thousand children die every day of every year across the globe from poverty-related diseases.

Many more, every day, develop illnesses that leave them permanently scarred. I always come back to this statistic because it is a vehicle into the true state of the globe that we never really see.

Since the end of World War II the governments of the world have set up agencies to aid development, such as the United Nations and the World Bank, and a host of national agencies, such as the Agency for International Development in this country. World governments spend about

\$60 billion a year on development. Why, after all this time and money spent, are there an estimated 60 million Africans at risk of starvation, 200 million projected to be a risk of starvation by the year 2000? How is the aid money being spent?

This is where you and I come in. How carefully do we as citizens monitor how that money is spent? How often do we call our congressmen and ask exactly what our tax dollars are doing for the poor? The fact is that there is not enough oversight by us on this precious amount of money.

Talmudic ethics made the money collected for the poor into a sacred object. Misusing it was and is considered by Jewish law an act of theft. It was imperative that those in charge

of that money had impeccable moral characteristics.

It was also a legal requirement that the money was handed out in a fashion that did not injure the dignity of those people already humiliated by their poverty. On the contrary, embarrassment, halbanat panim, is considered akin to murder in Judaism. Kevod ha-beriyot, the dignity of human beings, is considered crucial for aiding the poor.

Furthermore, it was required that every effort be made to discover ways to build self-reliance. That is why interest-free loans were such a fundamental part of biblical and rabbinic strategies of aiding the poor. This gave people the capital to get started or to get them through a bad harvest year.

Above all, rachmanut, empathy, is the main characteristic of God that guides the behavior of anyone trying to help the poor.

Empathy is not just an emotional state, although that is a critical part of its importance. It is also an intellectual category.

It demands careful thought as to how one's poverty programs and interpersonal behavior are affecting the people you are trying to help. It requires training one's mind to understand what you would feel if you were on the receiving end of aid. It requires, above all, humbly listening to another's needs before aid is given.

Does global governmental aid, as well as private aid that we collect ourselves, live up to these standards?

The evidence is mixed. There are certainly examples of good work by the major agencies.

But there are also abuses, such as when, after the Chernobyl disaster in the former Soviet Union (in which a containment reactor exploded), thousands of tons of radioactive wheat that failed safety standards in Europe were sent to African countries. After the Guatemala earthquake of 1976 government agencies sent wheat to the country. It was certainly an understandable gesture. But the food supply was not damaged by the quake! Reconstruction was required. The wheat flooded the food market and further impoverished local farmers.

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Sweetening The New Year

By NAOMI ARBIT

FOX POINT, Wisc. (JTA) — The Jewish High Holidays are a time of introspection, repentance and renewal. Rosh Hashanah also is a joyous time for looking forward to the year ahead. Friends and family members exchange the warm greeting, L'shanah tovah, "May you be inscribed for a good new year."

"May it be a good, peaceful and sweet year" is the theme of the holiday and the theme is taken literally with many sweetened foods.

The holiday dinner will begin and end with sweet dishes. The traditional Sabbath bread, challah, is baked in

a round shape and may be studded with raisins. It will be blessed and sliced at the beginning of the meal and is served with slices of apple. Both are then dipped in honey and eaten.

A Rosh Hashanah dinner is a good occasion to try something new rather than preparing the standard Sabbath dinner.

Mock Chicken Liver

- 1 can green beans, drained well
- 1 can sweet green beans, drained well
- 3 hard boiled eggs
- 2 onions, sliced
- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil

1 cup chopped walnuts
salt and pepper to taste
matzah meal

In a small skillet, heat oil. Add onions and sauté until softened and just golden in color. Combine all ingredients except the matzah meal in a food processor. Using the metal blade, process until almost smooth. Remove to a bowl. Stir in enough matzah meal to give it the required texture. Taste and correct seasonings. Chill several hours or over night. Serve with rye bread rounds or crackers.

Mushroom Lentil Soup

- 4 cups chicken broth
- 4 cups water
- 1 cup dry lentils, rinsed
- 1 28-oz. can whole tomatoes, chopped with their juice
- 1 6-oz. can tomato paste
- 1 tablespoon brown sugar
- 1 cup each, sliced carrots and chopped celery
- 1 large onion, diced
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 3-4 oz. dried mushrooms, soaked in warm water 15 minutes
- 1 cup dry uncooked small pasta
- 1 bay leaf
- 1/2 teaspoon each: basil, oregano, marjoram, pepper
- 1/4 cup wine vinegar

In a stock pot or large pot, combine broth, water, lentils, tomatoes, tomato paste, brown sugar, vegetables and garlic. Bring to a boil; lower heat, cover pot and simmer 30 minutes. Add 2 1/2 cups more water, pasta, mushrooms, spices and vinegar and simmer for 30-45 minutes more. Remove bay leaf before serving.

Makes 12-13 cups.

Honey Glazed Chicken

- 1/2 cup soy sauce
 - 2 tablespoons finely chopped onion
 - 3 cloves garlic, minced
 - 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
 - 1/2 teaspoon grated ginger root or 1/4 teaspoon ground ginger
 - 1 4-5 lb. whole roasting chicken
 - 1/4 cup honey
 - 2 tablespoons soy sauce
- Stir together the 1/2 cup soy sauce, onion, garlic, oil and ginger root. Place chicken in a plastic bag

and place in a bowl. Pour the soy sauce over the chicken and close the bag. Chill for 3 hours, turning the chicken occasionally to distribute marinade. Drain. Skewer the chicken neck skin to back. Tie legs to tail; twist wing tips under back. Place chicken, breast side up, on a rack in a shallow roasting pan. Roast in a 375-degree oven 1 1/2 hours or until drumstick moves easily. Mix 1/4 cup honey with 2 tablespoons soy sauce. Baste chicken with honey-soy mixture during the last 15 minutes of roasting time. Serve with Tomatoes Provencal.

Makes 6 servings.

Tzimmes

- 2 lbs. carrots, cleaned, sliced 1/2-inch thick
- 3 lbs. sweet potatoes, peeled, sliced into chunks
- 12 oz. dried pitted prunes
- 1/4 cup honey
- 1/2 cup firmly packed brown sugar
- 2 cups water

In a 4-quart casserole, combine all ingredients. Cover and bake 1 hour. Uncover and continue baking 1 more hour, stirring occasionally until potatoes and carrots are tender and water has evaporated.

Makes 8-10 servings

Tomatoes Provencal

- 6 large tomatoes, cut in half
- 1/2 cup butter or margarine
- 1 cup chopped onion
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1 1/4 cups fine bread crumbs
- 1/2 cup snipped fresh parsley
- 2 teaspoons basil
- 1 teaspoon thyme
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground pepper

Melt butter in a skillet; sauté onion and garlic until soft. Remove pan from heat and stir in crumbs, parsley and seasonings. Mound this mixture on top of each tomato half. Compress gently with cupped palm of hand. Place the tomatoes in a shallow baking dish. Bake in a 350-degree oven about 20 minutes or until the filling is lightly browned and the tomatoes are tender.

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Sweetening

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Caesar Salad With Smoked Salmon (Lox)

Dressing:
 1/4 cup red wine or balsamic vinegar
 3 tablespoons Dijon mustard
 3 garlic cloves, minced
 1/4 teaspoon dried thyme
 3/4 cup olive oil

Whisk vinegar, mustard, garlic and thyme in a small bowl. Gradually whisk in oil. Season to taste with pepper.

Salad:
 1 head romaine lettuce, torn into bite-sized pieces
 1 cup croutons
 1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese (optional)
 1/4 pound smoked salmon, cut into strips
 lemon wedges to garnish, if desired

Combine lettuce, croutons and cheese in a large salad bowl. Add enough dressing to coat; toss well. Divide salad among plates. Top with salmon strips; garnish with lemon. Makes 4 servings

Honey Cake

4 eggs, separated
 3 1/2 cups flour
 2 teaspoons baking powder
 1 teaspoon baking soda
 1/4 teaspoon salt
 1 1/4 teaspoons cinnamon
 2 teaspoons cocoa
 1/2 cup oil
 1 1/3 cups honey
 1 cup cold coffee
 1/4 cup sugar
 Option: 1/2 cup chopped nuts and/or raisins may be added

With an electric mixer, beat egg whites until stiff peaks form. Set aside. In another mixer bowl beat egg yolks until slightly thickened. Beat in all ingredients, mixing well. Fold in the whites. Spoon into a tube pan and bake in a 350-degree oven for

50-55 minutes. Cool on a rack.

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WHY FAST?

The Jewish Hunger For Spirituality

by Rabbi BERNARD S. RASKAS

Beginning with a statement in the Bible (Leviticus 23:32) and reinforced by centuries of practice, the central ritual of Yom Kippur is fasting. Aside from the biblical commandment and Jewish tradition, why fast? The reasons may be grouped into four basic categories.

The first is that it is a sign of contrition for the wrongs we have done and the good we have failed to do. This can be found in many cultures, and what better ritual is there for a Day of Atonement? It is an act of affirming one's sincerity.

While some sort of sacrifice (symbolic or real) is a sign of remorse, Judaism has taken great pains to avoid masochism. Jewish law carefully guards the method of fasting. The aged, pregnant women, small children, and the ill are specifically warned not to fast — indeed, they are forbidden to fast.

A rabbinical student once came to a renowned rabbi and asked to be ordained as a rabbi. The rabbi in-

quired about his daily conduct and the candidate replied, "I always dress in black; I only drink water; I place tacks in my shoes for self-mortification; I roll in the snow; and I order the synagogue caretaker to give me forty stripes daily on my bare back." Just then a black horse entered the courtyard, drank water and began rolling in the snow.

"Observe," said the rabbi. "This creature is black; it drinks only water; it has nails in its shoes; it rolls in the snow, and it receives more than forty stripes a day. Still it is nothing but a horse."

Judaism rejects the concept of needless self-torture as a means of attaining a high level of spirituality. That is why a whole tractate of the Talmud (Taanit) is devoted to laws of fasting. Fasting is a means to an end, not an end in itself.

The second reason for fasting is to demonstrate self-discipline. Disciplining oneself is never easy, but all religious teachers have insisted on its value. It is interesting that in the Ten Commandments, seven are negative and only three are positive. In the classic list of 613 commandments, there are 248 affirmative precepts, but there are 365 negative ones.

This goes to the heart of contemporary society. We are struggling to restrain the rampant greed, the uncontained violence and the drug abuses that are plaguing us. Our core issue today is how to control our harmful impulses, how to teach our children proper behavior, and how to transmit to society the importance of channeling one's drive into healthy avenues.

The Gaon Rabbi Hayyim of Brisk [19th cent.] used to be lenient with the sick in the matter of eating on Yom Kippur. He was asked, "How is it that the master is so lenient when it comes to Yom Kippur?" Said he, "Not that I am lenient when it comes to Yom Kippur, but that I am strict when it comes to saving a life."

A third reason for fasting is that it is a means to focus on the spiritual. Judaism encourages the legitimate gratification of bodily instincts. However, it also emphasizes the spiritual as primary in our lives. Humans do not live by bread alone, but also by faith, values, and the dimension of

the spiritual.

Rabbi Israel Salanter, the founder of the modern Jewish ethics movement, once failed to appear in the synagogue on Kol Nidre Eve. His congregation waited, and when the rabbi did not appear, the members became worried and went out to search for him. After several hours of effort they found him in a neighbor's barn. They wondered what had happened to prevent their rabbi from being in the synagogue on the holiest night of the year. It seems that on the way to the synagogue Rabbi Salanter had found a neighbor's calf which had strayed and become entangled in the brush. With great difficulty he tenderly freed it and brought it back to the barn. When the men of the congregation found him there, he was tending the animal's wounds.

They protested, saying, "How could you do that? Don't you know that your first duty as a rabbi is prayer?"

He answered gently, "God is called *Rahmana*, the Merciful One. An act of mercy is a prayer, too."

This approach is well summarized in a simple epigram uttered by Sakini, the central character of *The Teahouse of the August Moon*: "Pain makes one think. Thought makes one wise. Wisdom makes life endurable."

The fourth reason for fasting is that it is a means of awakening compassion. By knowing what it means to go hungry, if only for a day, our hearts are moved for those who suffer. By fasting we are motivated to think of others and to alleviate their distress. In the Yom Kippur morning *haftarah* (Isaiah 58:6-7), this idea is given its classic meaning:

"This is the fast I desire:
 To unlock the fetters of wickedness,
 And untie the cords of the yoke
 To let the oppressed go free;
 To break off every yoke.
 It is to share your bread with the hungry,
 And to take the wretched poor into your home;
 When you see the naked, to clothe them."

There was a tradition that when one comes to the synagogue on the

Eve of Yom Kippur before the *mincha* (afternoon) service, one empties the money in one's pockets and gives it to charity. It was the practice to set out empty plates with signs of needy institutions behind them so that the donor might select appropriate charities.

This finds modern expression in the writing of a check at this time and sending it to MAZON (meaning 'food'), a remarkable Jewish agency which distributes funds to Jewish and non-Jewish needy causes. This past year 180 institutions such as Jewish Family and Childrens Service, the St. Joseph's Table, Coalition for the Homeless, Prairiefire Rural Action, etc., benefited from it. A total of one million six hundred thousand dollars was distributed to those in need.

At the Temple of Aaron in St. Paul, Minnesota, it is the tradition that each congregant bring a package or a can of food for the food shelf when they come to the synagogue for Kol Nidre services. This past year, 3500 pounds of food were collected and distributed to the hungry.

Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel of Apt (18th-19th century) used to say: "If it were in my power, I would do away with all fasts, except on the bitter day, which is the Ninth of Av, recalling the day of the destruction of both Temples and other Jewish calamities, for who could eat on that day? And the fast of the exalted and deeply spiritual day of Yom Kippur — for who needs to eat on that day?"

Indeed, on this day we are so satisfied with the spiritual that our physical hunger is of little importance.

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Whole Wheat Apple Butter Challah For Bread Machines

By DAN WEINTRAUB

Editor of The Jewish Voice

My wife Beth and I own a Welbilt brand ABM 800 bread machine. For the past year whenever possible I have prepared Challah in the machine. Very often Beth will remove the dough from the machine to braid. The recipe listed here should work well in most machines. If you own a different brand compare the amount of flour in this recipe to see if it is similar to what you have used in a successful recipe in your own machine. The Whole Wheat Apple Butter Challah For Bread Machine is a hybrid recipe based on a gourmet apple butter whole-wheat recipe and a more standard egg-based challah. Since it is derived from two separate recipes unusual measurements such as 1/6th of a cup were used. If your measuring tools are not precise give

your best estimate to keep the proportions sound. Most of the ingredients (including dry milk and wheat germ) are available at the supermarket. When purchasing bread flour be careful not to purchase plain flour as results will suffer. Gluten or wheat gluten is available at health food stores and is a helpful addition to other yeast breads as well since it increases volume, lightness and protein.

Jewish Voice Apple Butter Whole Wheat Challah 1 1/2 Lb. Loaf

2 1/2 tsp. Yeast
2 Cups Bread flour
1 Cup Wheat flour
4 tsp. Gluten
1/2 Cup plus 1 Tbsp. Sugar
1/6 Cup Apple butter
1 1/2 tsp. Canola oil
1 1/2 tsp. Honey

1 Egg yolk
3/4 Cup Water
1 Tbsp. Dry milk
1 tsp. Salt
2 shakes Wheat germ
1/4 Cup Raisins (optional)
1/4 Cup Walnuts (optional)
1 Egg white
1/4 handful Oatmeal flakes

1. Add the dough ingredients in the order suggested by the manufacturer of your machine and set to the manual or dough cycle. It is helpful to add the canola oil before the honey so the honey slides off the measuring spoon easily.

2. After the manual or dough cycle is complete remove the dough from the machine. Split it into 3 pieces and press out any air bubbles. Put the pieces on a lightly greased cookie sheet and cover with a kitchen towel. Let the dough rise for about 20 minutes. The dough is ready when a light touch with your finger leaves an indentation.

3. Preheat the oven to 350. Roll the dough pieces out - one source says 18 inches because of Chai I guess. Braid the ropes together. (For Rosh Hashanah you may prefer to coil the ropes in a circle.)

4. Put the braided challah dough on a baking sheet. Brush the egg



Honey whole wheat challah prepared for Rosh Hashanah. Photo by National Honey Board.

white over the loaf. Shake the oatmeal flakes over the top of the loaf for taste and a homemade look. Let it rise for another 30 minutes. If you don't have a timer you can set the microwave instead. The dough should double in size.

5. Bake the challah for 30 minutes or about as long as the *Seinfeld*

show runs. After 30 minutes the bottom of the loaf should be golden brown and the bread should sound hollow when tapped. Let the bread cool before slicing. To keep the challah fresh it can be wrapped with a kitchen towel and put into a plastic bag. For best results serve with Shabbat dinner.



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Vegetarian Food For Thought On The New Year

By LOREN FISHER-SHULMAN

Special To The Jewish Voice

As I was looking through the book *Jewish Vegetarian Cooking*, deciding how to deliciously welcome the New Year, I was drawn to author Rose Friedman's description of Rosh Hashana. She says it is "a time for people to consider their actions and behavior." This phrase means something different to each of us. Sometimes, we have committed more acts of wrongdoing against others or ourselves, than we wish to remember. Yet, it is this specific time which we are given to look inward and find a way to correct our mistakes, make peace with others, and better ourselves as we look forward to a new year.

Because of our collective history and our achievements as a people in America, we Jews have always felt a responsibility to our fellow human beings. We are committed to helping others through mitzvot and tzedakah. When I was working with the International Jewish Vegetarian Society in Israel, I met Jews who felt equally a responsibility to the Earth and all living things. Like myself, these Jews see vegetarianism and Judaism inherently connected.

Through vegetarianism we can fulfill three mitzvot—*tsar ba'ale chaim* (compassion for animals), *pikuach nefesh* (sanctity of life, ie. taking care of our health), and *tikkun olam* (repairing the world, ie. the environment, global hunger). Some Jewish scholars, including Rav Kook, the first chief Rabbi of Israel, have claimed that vegetarianism is the ideal Jewish diet.

That is much to handle in a few days at synagogue. On the days before Rosh Hashana, during the Days of Awe and on Yom Kippur, you are focused on personal problems, seeking forgiveness, and being with loved ones. The last thing you want to think about is giving up that brisket on Erev

Rosh Hashana or the traditional bagels and lox for the break-fast.

Our daily food choices have a serious impact not only on our own bodies but on our society. We are all aware of the far reaching effects human actions are having on our environment. Hopefully, we are all taking steps to stop the cycle of destruction, through recycling, highway litter clean-up, more scrupulous shopping, perhaps even buying organically grown foods. Many people are "forced" into a vegetarian or vegan (free of animal products) diet because of poor health, a warning from our bodies that we cannot continue eating certain things if we want to live a long healthy life. So unabashedly, I am offering three more provocative statements to add to *Viddui*, Confessions—some food for thought while you sit in synagogue on these High Holy Days.

For the sin we have committed against other living creatures to satisfy our palates. Isaac Bashevis Singer said, "People often say that humans have always eaten animals, as if this is a justification for continuing the practice. According to this logic, we should not try to prevent people from murdering other people, since this has also been done since the earliest of time." *

Vegetarians and vegans have compassion for animals by rejecting the widely accepted notion that animals were put on the Earth for human consumption. When you educate yourself about the reality of factory farming, the process by which animals are raised for food, you will see that the meat-based Western diet is inhumane.

Cows and chickens, calves and pigs, are not different than our house pets, yet they are forced to live in crowded, dirty conditions which foster disease and unnatural aggressive behavior. They are taken from their

mothers and deprived of affection, pumped with hormones and antibiotics, and never see the light of day. Cows are artificially inseminated, chickens are debeaked. Ultimately, they are sent to slaughter, arriving in our local supermarket as a leg, thigh, or other body part in a neatly wrapped package.

That is a mere summation of factory farming. Take the first step in changing the world by reading a book like *Diet for a New America* by John Robbins, author and founder of the organization EarthSave. If that hamburger or fried chicken is really worth it to you, at least eat it with awareness.

For the sin we have committed against the environment and the Earth's people. Yom Kippur is hopefully the only day we should be hungry. Even then, we do not truly know hunger. In reality, the number of people dieting and starving themselves for beauty in our society rivals the number of people dying from starvation every year.

John Robbins tells a story about an old man who died and met the Lord:

The Lord said to him, "Come, I will show you hell." He was taken to a room where a group of people sat around a huge pot of stew. Each held a spoon that reached the pot, but had a handle so long it couldn't be used to reach his or her mouth. Everyone was famished and desperate; the suffering was terrible; after a while, the Lord said, "Come now I will show you heaven." They came to another room. To the man's surprise, it seemed identical to the first room—a group of people sat around a huge pot of stew, and each held the same long handled spoon. But here everyone was nourished and happy, and the room was full of joy and laughter. "I don't understand,"

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Vegetarian Thought

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said the man. "Everything seems to be the same, yet they are so happy here, and they were so miserable in the other place. What in heaven's name is going on?" The Lord smiled. "Ah, but don't you see? Here they have learned to feed one another."

More than half of all the agricultural land in America is used to grow food for livestock. An acre of land can be used to produce 250 pounds of beef or 40,000 pounds of potatoes and 30,000 pounds of carrots. A piece of land can feed 20 vegans or one person consuming a meat-based diet. If all of us reduced our intake of meat by 10%, 60 million people dying of starvation every year could be fed.*

Sixteen pounds of grain can produce a pound of grain-fed beef or sixteen pounds of bread.* It is obvious which can feed more people and which is healthier. Yet more than half the grain produced by the world's nations, developed and underdeveloped, is fed to livestock intended for slaughter.

Our forests are clear cut and our land is used for grazing cattle. With drought threatening much of the world, more than half of all water used in our country alone is used for livestock production—2500 gallons

for a pound of meat or 25 gallons for a pound of wheat.* The fact cannot be ignored—the meat-based Western diet is destroying our environment.

For the sin we have committed against our bodies. Albert Einstein observed, "Nothing will benefit human health and increase the chances of survival of life on Earth as much as the evolution to a vegetarian diet."* We are destroying our bodies with chemicals, pesticides, refined foods, and a high-fat, low-fiber diet. It is no secret, so fortunately, many people have begun watching their intake of fats, eating more vegetables and questioning the traditional food groups pyramid that placed meat and dairy at the top.

It is written that we were created in G-d's image. I am not arguing whether G-d is a vegetarian or not. The body is indeed a G-d given gift, and life the most precious gift of all. Yet, we take it for granted, treat our cars better than we do our bodies, and then wonder what went wrong when we end up in the hospital with double bypass surgery. Give your digestive system a break by reducing your intake of animal products and opening your mind and stomach to vegetarianism and veganism. Reject the belief that cancer, heart disease, osteoporosis, and other degenerative diseases are simply a part of aging.

As the holidays come to close, consider this. We have a tendency to gorge ourselves at sundown Erev Yom Kippur and sundown immediately after, consequently suffering from a stomach ache. Allow the fast to be cleansing, elevating our spirits to a higher level of compassion and insight. A fast can be very beneficial from time to time, giving us a break from our often gluttonous lifestyles, be gentle with yourself.

This year let the shofar awaken you to action in a way you never thought possible. You can make changes by starting at home through your daily food choices. As Jews, as temporary borrowers of the Earth, be kind to Mother Earth, to your bodies, and all living creatures. L'Shana Tova.

(Loren Fisher-Shulman; Student of nutrition, freelance writer from Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania)

* Quotations and facts taken from John Robbins *May All Be Fed: Diet for a New World*, William Morrow and Co., Inc., New York, 1992.

Kosher Vegetables Are Coming

By PRISCILLA W. SIEGEL

Special to The Jewish Voice

What? You've never heard of kosher vegetables? Well, folks, brush up on your Leviticus (11-41): "And every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth shall be an abomination; it shall not be eaten." And where would we likely find a creeping thing that we might inadvertently eat? In vegetables, of course, especially the leafy kind.

So, how can you make sure that you are maintaining the laws of kashrut when you are eating those innocent looking veggies? According to Chabad Rabbi Vogel of Wilmington, it has always been mandatory to thoroughly clean vegetables, but more help is on the way. By next fall, the KGW JV Corporation headquartered in Kenilworth, New Jersey will be producing insect-free (kosher) vegetables in a high-tech greenhouse operation projected for a 68 acre parcel along the Christina River.

Of the thirty acres of greenhouses planned, ten will initially be devoted to "kosher" vegetables, which will be produced under the supervision of a rabbi. The kosher facility will be equipped with an insect preventative ventilation system and areas for workers to change clothes when entering and leaving the greenhouse to further ensure an insect-free environment.

Richard Wickline, an officer in the company formed by his father Ed Wickline, describes the project as "the definitive, state-of-the-art facility... we are putting the best of the best together." The entire thirty acres of greenhouse vegetables will be hydroponically grown (in water rather than soil), using organic nutrients and no chemical pesticides. Sophisticated computer technology will monitor everything within the greenhouses from air quality to productivity.

Vine-ripened products, which will be available year-round, will be delivered to markets in the northeast region within hours of harvesting. "These will be premium crops" says Richard Wickline enthusiastically — "The usual 'out-of-season' crops will be fresh and flavorful, unlike, for example, the sickly, artificially ripened tomatoes we now get in the markets."

The Wicklines are convinced that their greenhouse project is both timely and very much needed. As they see it, growing soils are being increasingly depleted and contaminated and we will inevitably face a critical food shortage as world population growth outpaces food producing capacity.

In this country, as concerns about pesticides grow, consumer interest in organically grown crops is on the rise. Ironically, Rabbi Dresin of Adas Kodesch in Wilmington points out, organically grown vegetables have created a problem for the kosher market — no pesticides, more insects. Both Rabbis Dresin and Vogel agree that produce grown in the in-

sect-free environment projected by the Wickline enterprise, will provide a great service to the Jewish community. Rabbi Vogel noted that the New York Company "Bodek" imports produce from kibbutzim in Israel which grow crops under hydroponic, insect-free conditions.

When the Wickline kosher crops come to market, they will add yet another item to the 80,000 certified kosher products in this country. Rabbi Dresin, the Rav Hamachir (certifying rabbi) of Delaware's Vaad Ha'Kashrut, believes that vegetarianism is "the ultimate form of kashrut." "Permission to eat flesh," says Dresin, "is a concession to us. I have the greatest respect for vegetarians."

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Words & Music

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ties of Muhlenberg College, but it's a professional regional company. This summer it presented *Boys from Syracuse*, adapted in 1938 by George Abbot from Shakespeare, with music by Rodgers & Hart. The staging was brisk, and the singing and dancing were first rate. What fun to hear tunes like "Falling in Love With Love" and "This Can't Be Love" and a half dozen more that surpass anything being sung on Broadway today!

People's Light and Theatre Company presented a street-wide version of Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet* that showed the Capulets to be a white family and the Montagues to be black. What a logical way of explaining the hatred between the families! It was presented in an outdoor amphitheater adjoining the company's main stage in Malvern.

At Mann Music Center, Bonnie Raitt tapped into emotions of a different sort as she performed a concert that emphasized the blues. Her voice and guitar playing are as great as ever, but I wish she had done more of her up-tempo material.

Crosby, Stills and Nash concluded their national tour at the Mann. Their harmonies are still wonderful, Stephen Stills' guitar playing is marvelous, and it was good to hear a sampling of new songs about racial injustice and about unequal love.

Valley Forge Music Fair is one of the warmest, most intimate of venues. It's always a pleasure to see performances there. I saw two shows there this month that presented a contrast in style and production values.



Richard Wickline previewing blueprints for the kosher greenhouse.

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SYNAGOGUE LIFE

The Rabbi Writes:
Confessions Of Sins, The Evil Tongue, Talk Shows, Etc.

**Commentary by
Rabbi LEONARD B. GEWIRTZ**
Rabbi Emeritus of A.K.S.E. Congregation
Fasting alone will not bring atonement; the most essential act is confession of sins, (see Lev. 16:29-31; 5:5; Num. 5:6,7). Without confession before G-d and the inner resolve to abandon the sinful way, fasting itself does not fulfill the purpose of *Yom Kippur*, and does not bring forgiveness.

The *Mishnah*, in *Yoma* 856, requires even more from the sinner. "For acts between the person and G-d, *Yom Kippur* brings forgiveness through confession; but for sins committed between one person and another, *Yom Kippur* cannot bring forgiveness from G-d, but the sinner must seek forgiveness from the person he pained and treated unjustly."

"Fasting is a manifestation of humility and contrition in the heart of the sinner" (the *Hinuch*, medieval *gaon*). "If a person insulted another he must go to him, apologize to him and ask his forgiveness. If the insulted person has died, then he must go to his grave, confess and seek forgiveness in the presence of a *minyán*, and the *minyán* grants forgiveness (*Talmud Yoma* 86a). If the sinner committed the insult in public, he must confess in the presence of the same group of people and then seek forgiveness" (*ibid* 86b).

The *Vidui*, prayer of confession, is recited in the *Amidah*, the Silent Devotion, during the *Yom Kippur* services four times, and repeated by the *Hazan* four times in the Orthodox and Conservative rite.

Introduced with, "For all our sins forgive us," the confessional enumerates forty-four sins, including no fewer than fourteen that deal with sins of speech;

"1) utterance of lips; 2) unclean lips; 3) impure speech; 4) lying; 5) denying; 6) scoffing; 7) slandering;

8) idle gossip; 9) envy; 10) contentiousness; 11) lechery; 12) tale-bearing; 13) vain oaths; 14) causeless hatred."

The refrain:
"For all these, O G-d of forgiveness, forgive us, pardon us, grant us atonement."

As we repeat the *Al Het* confessional again and again throughout *Yom Kippur*, one is struck by how prevalent sinful speech is in our time and how deleterious to our society. We endure (some of us participate in) a barrage of propaganda, yellow journalism, pornographic magazines, rap songs, and all kinds of racially and religiously prejudiced propaganda of all stripes. This abuse of language is called in Jewish culture "*Leshon Hara*", evil language.

Jewish ethics is shocked by sinful speech, fearful of its potentially dangerous effect on our own speech, our thinking and our behaviour.

The prophet Isaiah recognized the danger in careless speech. "Woe is me, for I am undone; for I am of unclean lips and dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips" (6:5).

A.M. Rosenthal, a former editor of the *NY Times*, and now a syndicated columnist, expressed his shock recently (6/24/94) at the manner in which the *O.J. Simpson* story was broadcast and written about:

"Are we journalists or garbage collectors?"

"If some other journal or broadcast distributes unverified rumors - the equivalent of journalistic garbage - do we just pick it up and peddle it ourselves?"

"Do we still recognize any ethical press obligation not to imply guilt before the accused is convicted?"

As Jews with lofty ethical standards and an ethical tradition, we should be aware of the sacredness of the word and not indulge in careless,

harmful speech and writing. As our Torah teaches:

"Who is the person that desireth life..."

"Keep thy tongue from evil
"And thy lips from speaking guile (*Psalm* 34:13 & 14)

The Talmud is more stringent in its teaching when it warns us:

"It is prescribed for a person even to suffer death rather than insult or cause shame to another human being" (*Baba Metziah*, 59a).

In another moral exhortation, the Talmud warns:

"One who slanders another human being, that transgression is as great as if he denied the existence of G-d" (*Erukin* 15a).

To avoid the pitfall of sinful speech, the Torah ethic suggests that to limit speech is the honorable way. *Ethics of the Fathers* teaches (1:17):

"Simeon son of Rabban Gamliel said: All my life I have been brought up among the sages, and I have seen nothing better for a person than silence...and whoever indulges in many words brings about sin."

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The JCRC Of The JFD
Remains Active During Summer

By Rabbi MARLA J. FELDMAN
This summer the Jewish Community Relations Committee (JCRC) has been working actively on behalf of the Jewish Community. In June the JCRC coordinated efforts to defeat several school prayer bills in the Delaware Legislature. Though successful on this go-around, similar legislation is anticipated in the future and we must remain vigilant.

We have continued our on-going dialogue with members of the local media and met earlier this month with the *News Journal* editorial board and news department. In the wake of the tragedy in Argentina, the JCRC was a resource for the media regarding local reaction and the most up-to-date information on the bombing of the Jewish community's Kehilla Building in Buenos Aires.

The JCRC receives daily news alerts from the Israeli Consulate in Philadelphia regarding the progress of the peace negotiations.

The JCRC is working with administrators in the public schools during the summer to prevent some of the inappropriate activities that take place during the school year, especially in December. Many violations of the Constitutional separation of church and state can be prevented with education and sensitivity. We have invited principals and superin-

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"Covenant of the Heart," believed to be the first published volume of Jewish liturgy written by women for women, has just been issued by the Women of Reform Judaism, The Federation of Temple Sisterhoods.

Containing prayers, poetry, meditations and reflections, the publication is designed to be used in group meetings and gatherings for study and worship, Sabbath services and as a source of reflection for women in their daily lives. Communal and individual prayers are included.

The prayers and poetry were written by individual members of sisterhoods, sisterhood leaders and women rabbis from Reform congregations. The 198-page volume was edited by Rabbi Susan Marks and Eve F. Roshevsky.

The bound volume is "not a 'prayerbook' in the traditional sense," she said, because it does not contain the official liturgy of the Reform movement. Instead, Ms. Rosenberg added, "Covenant of the Heart" is a tool and resource for Sisterhood women, written by Sisterhood women, that is meant to guide and inspire those who participate in the programs and projects of Reform Judaism."

Copies of "Covenant of the Heart" may be ordered by sending a check for \$12.50 per copy (plus \$2 per copy for postage and handling) to Women of Reform Judaism, 838 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10021. Telephone: Eve Roshevsky, (212) 249-0100, Ext. 352.

tendents throughout the state to a seminar on what is legal and appropriate in the public schools where students from a variety of religious and cultural backgrounds all should feel welcome and comfortable.

The Halina Wind Preston Holocaust Committee also has been active this summer. It has arranged for two buses of Delaware teachers to visit the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C. At the museum they will receive a special orientation for educators. A scholar-in-residence, Margaret Crouch, will accompany the group to provide additional insight. Professor Crouch recently returned from a trip to Poland and Israel sponsored by the American Gathering of Holocaust Survivors. Members of the Holocaust Committee also serve as consultants to the Department of Public Instruction on implementation of Holocaust curricula for the new educational guidelines being instituted. Plans are underway for a seminar on Holocaust education for Delaware teachers in November.

If you are interested in helping with these activities, contact David Margules, JCRC Chair (426-1189), Connie Kreshool, Holocaust Committee Chair, (654-4663), or Rabbi Marla Feldman, JCRC Director (478-6200).

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SYNAGOGUE LIFE

Congregation Beth Ahavah Offers High-Holiday Services

Congregation Beth Ahavah, a Member, Union of American Hebrew Congregations is a synagogue serving the lesbian and gay community. Their High Holiday Services with Rabbi Linda Holtzman, officiating will be held at The Doubletree Hotel, Broad and Locust Streets, Philadelphia, PA.

Members may attend services at no extra charge. (A ticket will be sent to each member upon renewal). Cost for non-members is \$63 and for

Guests of Members, \$36. (There is no charge for children under 13 years of age.)

Reservations for breaking of the fast on Thursday, September 15 at 7:30 p.m. at The Doubletree are required by September 7, 1994.

To order your High Holiday Tickets, to make reservations for the Breakfast or to become a member: Congregation Beth Ahavah, 8 Letitia Street, P.O. Box 7566, Philadelphia 19101, (215) 923-2003.

Hazzan Alberto Mizrahi

By SARAH GOLDSTEIN

Special To The Jewish Voice

The Tribute Weekend honoring Rabbi Emeritus Leonard B. Gewirtz will be highlighted by a concert on Saturday evening, October 15, 1994 at Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Congregation, featuring the Hazzan Alberto Mizrahi.

The outstanding tenor voice of the Greek cantor has firmly established him as a leading force in both Jewish and secular music. He has thrilled audiences worldwide in recital, symphony concerts and opera.

Mizrahi's classically trained voice and repertoire spanning nine languages make his performances unique in the field. He is an international ambassador for the Anshe Emet Synagogue and the Chicago Jewish community.

A finalist in the first Luciano Pavarotti Voice Competition, Hazzan Mizrahi's programs illustrate the great diversity of vocal writing in the Jewish tradition over the last 300 years. He presents the rich legacy of the Sephardic community, the eastern European cantorial style, Ladino folk melodies and Yiddish, Chassidic and Israeli Hazzanut.

Hazzan Mizrahi is a graduate of the Cantors Institute - Jewish Theological Seminary, having attended the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music and the American Opera Center

- Juilliard School. He tours extensively and during the remainder of 1994 and 1995 will present operatic, concert and recital programs in Los Angeles, Montreal, Cleveland, Dallas and Tel Aviv, among many other cities. He was featured soloist for the *Jerusalem United* concert in Carnegie Hall, and *Voice of Jewish Russia* at Queen Elizabeth Hall, London. He will be soloist with the New York Philharmonic next May and in the Richard Tucker Memorial Concert next June.

The Boston Globe has noted that "His voice is rich, vibrant, powerful...a striking performer."

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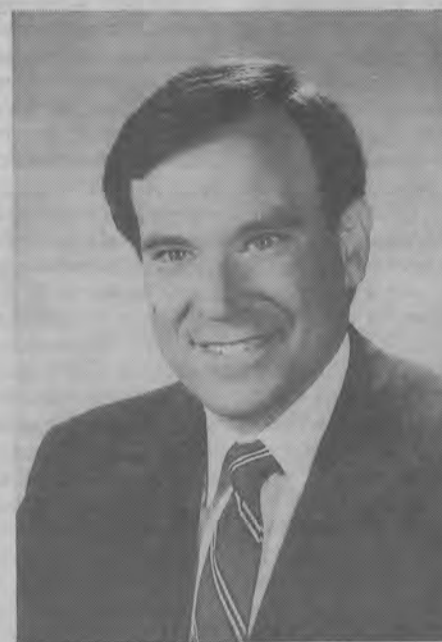
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SYNAGOGUE LIFE

Gewirtz Dedication Weekend At AKSE

The Gewirtz Dedication Weekend will be October 14, 15, and 16, 1994. Activities are planned at Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Synagogue in conjunction with the formal naming of the Rabbi Leonard B. Gewirtz Sanctuary.

In conjunction with the dedication of the Sanctuary to Rabbi Emeritus Gewirtz, the complete refurbishment of the Sanctuary is taking place this summer. Renovations will be finished in time for several rites of passage events before the High Holy Days in early September.

The formal dedication of the Sanctuary will take place at Shabbat services, Friday evening, October 14 at 8:00 p.m. Rabbi Leonard B. Gewirtz will accept the honor following prayers of dedication and remarks by Chairpersons Arlene and Howard Simon. Senator Joseph Biden will speak about Rabbi Gewirtz's service to the Delaware Community. Oneg Shabbat will end the evening. At Sunday morning services on October 15, children from the Talmud Torah will participate, and the AKSE

Sisterhood will sponsor a Kiddush in honor of Rabbi Gewirtz.

At 8:00 p.m. on Saturday evening, October 15, festivities will continue with a concert featuring the well-known Cantor, Alberto Mizrahi. Dessert Reception will be held immediately following the concert. Chairpersons for the concert are Sarah Goldstein and Bert Tanzer.

Sunday's (October 16) Minyonaire Reunion will begin at 10:00 a.m. and will be followed by breakfast. During breakfast, Rabbi Gewirtz will conduct the Minyonaire discussion. This event will be open to everyone, men and women, minyonaire fathers and mothers, current minyonaire, and former minyonaire. Chairpersons for this event are Dr. Barry and Carole Bakst and Kevin and Lolly Gross.

The community is invited to attend any or all of the events taking place during the Dedication weekend. For more information about any of the events please contact the chairpersons or call the AKSE office at 762-2705.

Temple Beth El's Men's Club Breakfast

This year's kick-off breakfast meeting on Sunday, September 25, 1994, will feature Temple Beth El member Dr. Viv Klaff speaking on "Individual Success, Communal Crisis?" He will present a socio-demographic view of the American Jewish population. Dr. Klaff is an Associate Professor in the Department of Sociology at the University of Delaware. This will be an update on a study in which Dr. Klaff has been in-

involved for quite some time. He made an earlier report at a Men's Club Breakfast meeting in March 1992.

The bagels and lox breakfast begins at 9:30 a.m., for which there is a \$5.00 charge. New Temple members are the guests of the Men's Club for this meeting. The presentation is open to all and concludes at 11:30 a.m. Call the Temple office at 366-8330.

Jewish Groups Combine To Produce Environmental Action Guide

A new publication from the Coalition on the Environment & Jewish Life is called "To Till and To Tend." It is described as a Guide to Jewish Environmental Study and Action.

The Coalition on The Environment & Jewish Life is a three-year project to promote environmental education, scholarship, advocacy, and action in the American Jewish community. It's sponsored by a broad

coalition of Jewish organizations and is a member of the National Religious Partnership for the Environment. For more information about the Coalition on the Environment and Jewish Life, or to order a copy of *To Till and To Tend*, call (212) 684-6950 or write to CoEJL at 443 Park Avenue South, 11th Floor, New Avenue South, 11th Floor, New York, NY 10016-7322.

Election Activity Includes Candidates Forum

The Wilmington Chapter of Hadassah and the Jewish Community Relations Committee of the Jewish Federation of Delaware are sponsoring The Candidates Forum which is free and open to the general public. Participants will include the Major Party Candidates For the United States Senate, the United States House of Representatives and the Delaware State Attorney General. The Forum will be held on Monday, September 12, 1994. The program begins promptly at 7:15 p.m. at The Jewish Community Center at 101 Garden of Eden Road (behind the Holiday Inn on Concord Pike). Refreshments follow the program. The sponsors note the following important voting information:

The primary election will be Saturday, September 10 with a registration deadline of August 20; and the general election will be Tuesday, November 8 with a registration deadline of October 19.

Voter registration for the general election will be available at the Jewish Community Center immediately prior to The Candidates Forum. On Sunday, August 14, Hadassah volunteers will sponsor mobile registration for the primary at the Jewish Family Campus Pool.

For more information call: 302-478-6200.

Since the general election will be on a Saturday some voters may consider the use of absentee ballots. Voters who are unable to vote in person the day of the Primary of General Election can call the following numbers to obtain an absentee ballot. Ballots must be returned by noon on the day before Election Day to the Department of Elections in your County. If returned by mail, you must have the affidavit notarized. Kent 1-739-4498; Sussex 1-856-5367; and New Castle County 577-3464.

JCC Water Aerobics Expanding For Fall

The Water Aerobics Program at the Jewish Community Center is now adding more classes for the Fall Session 1994. Water aerobics is a non-impact water workout class which is open to JCC members and non-members. Classes are held Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 9:00 to 10:00 am. and on

Va'ad Hakashruth Serves Delaware's Kosher Consumers

Wilmington and Delaware are fortunate to have a Va'ad HaKashruth to serve the needs of the Jewish community. The Va'ad facilitates and promotes the observance of kashruth by supervising and certifying several local bakeries, caterers, and institutions.

The local Va'ad was organized in 1948 by Rabbi Leonard B. Gewirtz, soon after being hired as spiritual leader of Adas Kodesch Congregation. The Va'ad then consisted of lay officers and rabbinical and lay representatives of the three Orthodox and one Conservative congregations in town. Supervised establishments included five meat markets and two delicatessens, mostly located on a two block stretch of West Second St. The Va'ad also operated a Bait Hashechitah where consumers could bring live chickens to be slaughtered according to Jewish law.

Many changes have occurred over the last 46 years — in the composition and institutions of the Jewish community, the availability of kosher products, and the expectations of kosher consumers — all of which have affected the work of the Va'ad. What has remained constant is its mission to facilitate the local availability of food products and services meeting high Orthodox standards of kashruth.

The Va'ad currently certifies two bakeries, three caterers, and three institutional kitchens (see the accompanying list of supervised establishments). A logo (VHK within a curved W) was recently designed and adopted to promote recognition within the community. It appears on posted certificates in certified establishments and will soon appear on packaged products which are under Va'ad supervision. Kosher consumers are urged to rely on these written certifications rather than on any oral representations; in bakeries, the posted certificates contain additional information about supervised prod-

ucts and their pareve/dairy status.

Current officers include Rabbi Sanford Dresin (Rav Hamachshir), Mark Wagman (lay Chairman), Jack Goldstein (Mashgiach), and Bernard Panitz (Treasurer). The Va'ad Board, which meets bimonthly, consists of interested individuals from both Traditional and Conservative congregations in town. Members of the Va'ad serve on a volunteer basis. Those who serve as Mashgichim, making unannounced inspections of supervised establishments and providing continuous supervision of catered events, are paid nominal fees by the businesses for their services.

As an independent community organization, the Va'ad seeks broad representation and involvement by interested members of the community. Recent Va'ad outreach activities include a survey of kosher consumers and a kashruth seminar. The Va'ad welcomes suggestions of how it can better serve the community. The limiting resource for the Va'ad is people; its services could be further expanded if more kashruth observant individuals would be willing to serve as Mashgichim.

If you have questions or suggestions about kashruth in Delaware, or would be willing to become involved in the work of the Va'ad, please contact the Rav Hamachshir or Chairman of the Va'ad at 762-2705.

The following are under our supervision as of 7/94:

BAKERIES:

- Bagels and Donuts, Marsh Rd. and Pennsylvania Ave. locations (baked take-out goods only, excluding donuts)
- Brandywine Bakery, Brandywine Blvd. location.

CATERERS

- (events prepared at the JCC or AKSE kitchens)
- Gamiel Catering
- Marzouk Catering
- Traditions Fine Catering

INSTITUTIONS

- Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth kitchen
- Jewish Community Center kitchen

•Kutz Home kitchen

(Rabbi Sanford Dresin, is the Rav Hamachshir and Mark Wagman, is the Chairman of the Va'ad Hakashruth.)

Non-Orthodox Rabbis Go To Court Seeking Seats On Religious Council

By CYNTHIA MANN

JERUSALEM (JTA) — The High Court of Justice has ruled that Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert must explain why he has failed to submit a list of candidates for the city's religious council — a list that could include Reform and Conservative rabbis.

The ruling, the latest development in the continuing battle over religious pluralism in Israel, answered a petition filed on behalf of two rabbis who were chosen by the left-wing Meretz Party to serve on Jerusalem's religious council. One is Reform, the other is Conservative.

Local religious councils are governmental bodies in charge of dispensing basic religious services to all Jewish citizens, including services related to marriage, kashrut and burial.

The petitioners believe that Olmert has put off preparing the list because of the stiff opposition by Haredi, or fervently Orthodox, City Council members to members of non-Orthodox streams serving on the religious council.

The High Court decided earlier this year that candidates could not be barred from serving on religious councils because they are not Orthodox.

"We have the feeling Olmert is trying to delay because he doesn't know how to deal with the problem of the Haredi factors in the City council who find it impossible to vote for Conservative and Reform rabbis," said Rabbi Ehud Bandel, the Conservative candidate of Meretz.

"But the ruling of the Supreme Court is very clear, and Olmert must abide by it," Bandel said. "What is at stake is the rule of law in Israel."

While religious councils have his-

torically been run according to strict Orthodox interpretation of halachah, or Jewish law, civil law actually entitles the parties serving in local City Councils to be proportionately represented on the religious councils by the candidates they select.

According to this formula, the Meretz Party, which has four seats on Jerusalem's City Council, may appoint two members to the religious council.

A new religious council is supposed to be appointed within six months after every municipal election. But Jerusalem's current religious council was appointed 10 years ago, when Meretz was not represented in the City Council.

Meretz tried to have its non-Orthodox candidates appointed five years ago, but they were repeatedly rejected. That prompted the legal challenge which resulted in the High Court ruling earlier this year barring the exclusion of non-Orthodox members.

That ruling was greeted by Israel's civil rights association as groundbreaking for ending what it termed the "Orthodox monopoly" on religious councils and recognizing the legitimacy of the non-Orthodox.

Leaders of the Orthodox establishment, however, were outraged, warning it posed a dangerous threat to Jewish law.

Meanwhile, advocates for the Reform and Conservative movements also planned to file a High Court petition this week claiming contempt of court by the Haifa City Council for rejecting their candidates for the Haifa religious council.



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FICTION

You've Come A Long Way, Shlemiel - Fiction

By JORDAN SOPINSKY

Jewish Voice Intern

It is known that in the town of Chelm, there were many fools. In fact, every Chelmiter was a fool. It is known that the Chelmites considered the moon to be greater than the sun because as Rabbi Kabatman, the greatest Chelmiter of them all said, "The sun shines only during the day, when it is light anyway, and there is no need for it at all!"

Every day, many Chelmites went out into the nearby fields to work. Vegetables and grains were grown in the fields. Also growing in the fields was a special plant called tutoon. Tutoon was a special plant because, unlike the other plants that the Chelmites grew, it was not eaten. It was used to make gice treats. Gice treats were used by people to relieve stress. A Mr. Samuel Gice had first discovered how to make tutoon into what the Chelmites now called gice treats. When rubbed between your hands, it would instantly soothe and relax its owner. Unfortunately, it only lasted a few minutes. Then another gice treat was needed.

There came a time when many Chelmites were dying slow and painful deaths. The cause of the deaths was widely disputed. Some said it was in the water. Others claimed that they were being punished. These disputes continued for many years until one day, the Rabbi from the nearby town

of Chaim visited the Rabbi of Chelm. His name was Rabbi Dafstein. Rabbi Dafstein was very concerned about his friends in the town of Chelm. So concerned that for many hours, deep into the night, he and Rabbi Kabatman discussed the problem facing the people of Chelm.

Rabbi Dafstein was a wise rabbi. After asking about the town's sewer system and the moral behavior of everyone, and finding no evidence to blame either, he inquired about the ailments of those who had died.

"Green hands, shriveled fingers, and paralyzed arms," Rabbi Kabatman droned, while shaking his head slowly from side to side.

Rabbi Dafstein considered this information, then closed his eyes and nodded his head. "Yes," he said, "yes."

"Yes?" asked Rabbi Kabatman.

"Yes," replied Rabbi Dafstein.

"Yes what?"

"Yes. Yes, your people are dying slow and painful deaths. Yes, they use gice treats. Yes, they get green hands, shriveled fingers, and paralyzed arms. Yes, these are the symptoms of one of the many types of sartin. Yes, sartin leads to death. And yes, yes, gice treats cause sartin!"

Rabbi Kabatman shook his head at his colleague. "Is this a bad dream?" he asked.

"No," replied Rabbi Dafstein.

And since Rabbi Kabatman had great admiration for his colleague from Chaim, he believed that what he said, no matter how unbelievable, was true. The rabbi went for a long walk along the river that ran through the town he had lived in for all of his life. "What can I do to stop my people from dying, from suffering?" he wondered during his walk.

With a flash of brilliance, the rabbi raised his fist into the air and exclaimed, "I have the answer!"

When Rabbi Kabatman returned to the town, he called the town legislature to an emergency meeting because, besides being the town's Rabbi, he was also their mayor. He explained to them what Rabbi Dafstein had taught him. They were as astounded as he was at hearing the news.

"But," said Rabbi Kabatman, "I have the solution. All we have to do is put a warning on every package of gice treats. All we have to say is that they might be harmful."

The town's legislature voted to have the warning placed on every package of gice treats.

After many years had passed, it became apparent that nothing was changing, that many Chelmites were still dying slow and painful deaths. "Could it be," wondered the Rabbi of Chelm, the greatest Chelmiter of them all, "that it is difficult to stop using gice treats? After all, everyone

knows of their harmful effects by now."

So Rabbi Kabatman called on his colleague from Chaim, Rabbi Dafstein. Again, they had a long discussion, this time lasting deep into the night, and throughout the next day. When at last their discussion was at a close, Rabbi Dafstein stroked his long white beard, removed his black frame glasses, and concluded that tutoon, and therefore gice treats, must be banned.

"Banned?" asked Rabbi Kabatman.

"Banned," replied Rabbi Dafstein.

And since Rabbi Kabatman had great admiration for his colleague from Chaim, he believed that what he said, no matter how unbelievable, was true. Rabbi Kabatman went for a long walk along the river that ran through the town he had lived in for all of his life. "Can I really ban gice treats?" he wondered to himself.

With a flash of brilliance, the rabbi raised his fist into the air and exclaimed, "I have the answer."

When Rabbi Kabatman returned to the town, he called the town legislature to another emergency meeting. They were as astounded as he was at hearing the news.

"But," said Rabbi Kabatman, "I have the solution." Since it has not been proven that gice treats definitely cause death, we will have an investigation in which we will examine their

effects as well as if they are difficult to stop using."

The legislature voted to have an investigation in which examinations of gice treat's effects as well as whether or not they were addictive would be made.

After many years had passed, the investigation was finished. Conclusive evidence proved that gice treats caused death and were addictive.

So Rabbi Kabatman, for the third time, requested his colleague's help. The rabbi from Chaim, Rabbi Dafstein, arrived in town just as the sun was setting. Again, the two rabbis had a long discussion, this time lasting deep into the night, throughout the day, and through the next night. When, at last, their discussion was at a close, Rabbi Dafstein asked Rabbi Kabatman why he had not listened to the advice he had offered him during his second visit. "Why didn't you ban gice treats?" he asked.

Rabbi Kabatman stroked his long brown beard, and thought for a while. "We were not positive," he asserted, "that gice treats cause sartin."

"You must be a fool to believe that gice treats don't cause sartin, that they don't kill people!" Rabbi Dafstein exclaimed. "What will you do now?"

Rabbi Kabatman thought about the town he had lived in for all of his life, of all the people in the town of Chelm, and of the long river that ran through the town. Then he looked at Rabbi Dafstein's bloodshot eyes, his disheveled clothes, and then at his own watch. "Now I will get some sleep," he said.

And after approaching the door, he turned toward his colleague, and with a finger pointing towards the sun which was blazing through the window, he said, "What is that sun for?" and shook his head as he noiselessly exited the room.

Not Exactly A Complete Stranger - Fiction

By DAVID BINKMAN

Special To The Jewish Voice

Delaware is NOT a particularly large place...especially when you're Jewish and you have my parents. My father grew up in Delaware and my mother moved there after marrying him. Between the two of them, they've either dated, done business with, or befriended the parents of anyone that I might possibly imagine dating.

That made dating considerably different than what normal people are used to: the first few dates are rendered superfluous. I mean, why bother spending two dates (and for me, the associated costs of the dinners) discovering where we went to school, which people we both know, and details about the others' family, when there is an even more efficient

way of finding out?

"Who are you going out with tonight?" my mother asked as I had one foot out the door. I mumbled a reply but she grabbed my arm as the other foot followed the first.

"Who?" she repeated.

"Jaime."

"Jaime who?" Jamie Nusbaum, Jamie Abramowitz? Jamie Schwartz?"

"Greenfarb" I mumbled and fell back inside the doorway, trying to regain my balance.

"Hmmm..." thinks Mom out loud. "I used to bowl with her mother." That was, no doubt, in the late sixties when photos showed her stylish haircut looked somewhat like a bowling ball itself. "Her mother is Rebecca. They go to the Reform Synagogue," and over the next

twenty minutes I am given a better background briefing than most FBI agents are privileged. Mom takes pride in her work.

I finally left the house, after the J. Edgar Hoover briefing twenty minutes later. Twenty minutes late. When I do finally get there, she greets me at the door. "Sorry I'm late," I apologized, staring at my watch, "I got caught at home."

"Caught doing what?" she asked.

"No, I meant..." and began to explain and then thought better of it. I mean, how do you explain that your parents store facts like the Library of Congress? I fumble for words, trying to think of something to say. But facts about her and her family whip through my head. Facts about her dog; about her first boyfriend; her shoe size; and the fact that her par-

ents know my parents, and that anything that happens will get reported to my parents. We should have just invited them along for the date.

We get into the car and drive to the restaurant. I try to make some small talk. "So what school did..." and I stop mid-sentence. *I already know the answer to that.* But she doesn't know that I know it. She'd find it annoying that I know so much already. That's what first dates are for. Unless you have my parents.

"Brandywine," she answers the partially asked question. I look interested. I act interested. But I know everything she begins telling me. She asks me some questions and I answer them, looking over to see if she is paying attention. What does she already know about me? Does she have as thick a dossier on me? Is she merely being polite or is she really interested. I can't tell. She's much better at this than I am.

In the restaurant, we see some of my parents' friends. And some of her parents' friends. Why do parents have so many friends? We stop and say hello to each, my introducing her or her introducing me. They all say "Oh, you're Elaine's boy" or "Oh yes, you're Rebecca's girl."

So we barely have the time to speak to each other, which doesn't really matter since I know lots about her (and probably her me). But finally, the meal is served, and the awkward quiet that was formerly occupied by introductions is now filled by chewing. She chews with her mouth shut, a sign of good manners. Finally, a little more comfortable, I begin to talk. "Would you excuse me a minute?" she smiles, "I need to use the ladies room."

"Sure," I reply, and as she walks

away from the table, I spot a friend of mine, and he walks over to the table.

"So I hear the date's a bomb," he informs me.

"How do you know that? Have you been here the whole time?"

"No, I was at the bar down the street. But I found out from Tim. He found out from Denise. Denise found out from Alan."

"And how did Alan find out?" I asked, bewildered. I don't even know an Alan.

"I think he got a call from his mother, who got a FAX from Mrs. Jacobman, who was talking to Sally's Mother, who spoke to Jim's Mom on the car phone. Jim works as a bus boy here."

"Hmmm...didn't the Rabbi know about it?" I asked sarcastically.

"Now that you mentioned it, I think he's working mention into his next sermon."

I imagined the Rabbi making an announcement to the entire congregation after opening the ark. "I thought you'd all like to know how the date between David and Jamie went." Shivers ran down my spine.

"Just kidding," Bob added, but I couldn't shake that shiver. He left as soon as my date was within sight.

"Who was that?" she asked.

"Bob. Bob Cohen. A friend of mine."

"I think I know Bob. Indirectly. I

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How about a parent who wants to find a religious feminist to help her daughter's Hebrew school create more egalitarian worship services?

These are just a few of the questions answered at LILITH, the national independent Jewish women's magazine, in the opening weeks of its new project, a National Jewish Women's Talent Bank and Resource Network. The New York headquarters of LILITH magazine, for nearly two decades a clearinghouse for information about Jewish women, now provides new sources for the media, women speakers for Jewish conferences, consultants and potential board members for a wide range of Jewish and general organizations.

"Until now the Jewish community featured male voices and male experts in almost every context," reports LILITH Editor-in-Chief Susan Weidman Schneider. "Knowledgeable women have really been

underutilized, whether as executives in the Jewish community, as resources for research, or as experts featured when the media covers Jewish events. If we want Jewish activities and Jewish identification to be attractive to a whole generation of younger, active, professional women, we need to showcase Jewish women with whom they will want to identify."

"Where's Sarah?"

"In the office," says Schneider, "we refer to the Talent Bank project as 'Where's Sarah?' — from the text in Genesis where Abraham is asked 'Where is your wife Sarah?' and he replies, 'There, in the tent.' We want to get Sarah and her daughters out of the tent and onto the podium, into the lecture hall, and onto the boards of major Jewish organizations."

Beyond "Rounding Up the Usual Suspects"

LILITH Magazine reaches across the spectrum of Jewish identification, political views, and generations. Since 1976, LILITH's articles have been instrumental in setting the agenda on Jewish women's issues.

LILITH's new national Talent Bank project is being initiated with support from the Nathan Cummings Foundation. "I know that the Jewish

community as a whole will benefit from having greater access to a wide range of women experts," says Rabbi Rachel Cowan, Director of the Jewish Life Program at the Nathan Cummings Foundation, "but so will journalists and television producers, who should certainly be ready to feature data and opinions from more than just the male Jewish experts they've been quoting for years. Too often they've just rounded up the usual suspects to talk about the usual subjects."

Where to Find Them

A Talent Bank form women can use to describe their work and their qualifications appears in the current issue of LILITH, available from the magazine's New York office or by subscription. To receive this issue send \$5 to LILITH, 250 West 57th Street, New York, NY 10107. Also available upon request is a copy of LILITH's annual report, which presents the many projects LILITH cre-

ated in 1993. Subscriptions to the quarterly are \$16 a year; the upcoming issue of LILITH, marking the magazine's 18th anniversary, will

highlight young women to watch the next 18 years and Jewish women of achievement recalling their own pivotal moments as feminists.

Stranger

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think he dated Jamie Schuchman, who is my cousin's best friend." For some reason, perhaps because I had been told nothing about any of these people before hand, I became intensely interested. We chatted about two people I knew nothing about for the rest of the evening.

I drove her home, and walked her to the door. I thanked her for the date, squeezed her hand and kissed her on the cheek. She thanked me back and I walked back to the car. On the drive home, I justified the evening to myself. Not every date can be perfect.

I walked in the door, and Mom was still up. "How'd it go?" she asked.

"You mean you don't know yet?" I questioned, slightly sarcastically.

"Oh, I don't put faith into everything I hear from Aida," she replied.

I told her I was tired and going to bed.

A week later I started making dates with people from Philadelphia and New Jersey. It's not that the dates were always that much easier, but at least I was one of the first two to discover when a date was going well or when it wasn't.

They say that there's an unspoken kinship between the Jewish Youth, that people generally refer to as a commonality of faith. But I don't think that it's really unspoken, at least not by the older generation. It's called word of mouth and telephone.

David Binkman is the fictional pen name of a past Delaware resident who knew his mother would disown him if he used his real name. Even now, he expects that someone will figure out who really wrote this, and call his mother's best friend who will fax his aunt who will tell her he wrote this.



Illustration by Dan Weintraub

New Israel Fund Leads Women's Tour To Israel

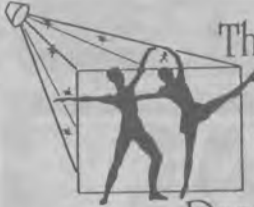
The New Israel Fund is sponsoring a trip to Israel that will explore the women's movement in Israel. The tour will take place from November 1-10, 1994. Participants will have an option of extending their stay for the International Jewish Women's Leaders Conference, the preparatory meeting for the 1995 Beijing UN Fourth World Conference on Women. More information is available by calling Susan Bandler at (202) 223-3333.

Led by guest scholar Judith Lichtman, the President of the Women's Legal Defense Fund, the ten day tour will provide participants with the opportunity to meet Knesset Members, attorneys, activists and academics who have been leading the charge to advance the status of women in Israel.

"I am pleased to be able to travel with the Fund again, after having led the first Women's Study Tour in 1992," says Lichtman. "This tour offers the opportunity to meet Israeli women from every walk of society who are fighting for equal opportunity and to strengthen Israel's democratic society. It is a powerful experience."

Participants in the tour will have the opportunity to meet Jewish and Arab women who are working for peace, equality and justice. Sessions will include a lunch meeting with Palestinian civil rights activist Hanan Ashrawi, an update on women's rights by Knesset member Yael Dayan and visits to feminist centers in Haifa and Nazareth. Tour participants will also hear experts speak about women's rights on the civil rights agenda, the issue of violence against women and the role of women in the military.

In addition to exploring the citizens action movement in Israel, participants will also have the chance to experience the sights and sounds of Israel, including a walking tour of Mea Sharim with a former resident of the neighborhood and a performance of the unique Jerusalem Women's Theater.



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Schenk-Rosenstrauch

Stuart and Sandra Schenk of Chadds Ford, Pennsylvania announce the engagement of their son Michael Bruce Schenk to Dennice Ellen Rosenstrauch, daughter of Gary and Sherry Rosenstrauch of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

Michael graduated with honors with a B.S. degree in Mathematics from Carnegie Mellon University. He received an M.A. in Mathematics from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He is currently an Actuarial

Assistant with Balis & Co., Inc. in Philadelphia.

Dennice graduated with distinction with a B.A. degree in English from Penn State University. She received an M.A.T. in Education from Boston University. She is currently an eighth grade teacher of Reading and Language Arts at Nehaunsey Middle School in Gibbstown, New Jersey.

A November, 1994 wedding is planned in Harrisburg. The couple will reside in Chadds Ford.



Dennice Rosenstrauch and Michael Schenk.

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Edwards-Panitz

Bernard and Sylvia Panitz of Wilmington, Delaware announce the marriage of their daughter Beth to Michael Edwards, son of Stephen and Sue Edwards of Old Bridge, New Jersey on Sunday, May 29, 1994 at Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Synagogue, Wilmington, Delaware. Participating in the ceremony were Rabbi Sanford L. Dresin, Rabbi Leonard B. Gewirtz and Cantor Daniel Leeman all of Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth and Rabbi Isaac Moseson of Philadelphia.

Matrons of Honor were Debra Panitz Fredman and Deena Panitz Bleich. Bridesmaids were Rebecca Kushner and Jennifer Goetz Smith. The Best Man was Barry Edwards. Ushers were David Jung, Richard Miller, Joel Panitz, Gary Panitz and Steven Seitz.

Beth is a graduate of Concord

High School and Delaware Gratz Hebrew High School. Beth is a Summa Cum Laude graduate of the University of Maryland, College Park and is a member of Phi Beta Kappa and Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Societies. Michael is an electrical engineering graduate of Rutgers University. After a Caribbean cruise, Beth and Michael are reside in Rockville, Maryland.

Leeman Birth

Barbara & Cantor Daniel Leeman announce the birth of a baby girl Hannah Miriam, on July 4th. The proud grandparents are Albert & Joan Goldenstein and Rabbi Albert & Lillian Leeman.

Fredman Birth

Jeffrey and Debra (Panitz) Fredman of Gaithersburg, Maryland announce the birth of their daughter, Rachel Shaina, on July 17, 1994. Grand-

parents are Ted and Harriet Fredman of Silver Spring, Maryland and Bernard and Sylvia Panitz of Wilmington, Delaware.



Michael and Beth Edwards

Local B'nai B'rith Member Receives Award



Art Samuelsohn accepting the B'nai B'rith District Three Sepadel Council Publications Award.

Arthur Samuelsohn, a Wilmington resident, President of The Wilmington Lodge, recently accepted the B'nai B'rith District Three Sepadel Council Publications Award. The award, presented by Alan Gold, Sepadel Council Immediate Past President, was given in recognition of the Lodge's accomplishments throughout the year.

B'nai B'rith, the oldest service organization founded in the United States, is now celebrating its 150th Anniversary. B'nai B'rith District

Three has 20,000 member families in four states including Pennsylvania, New Jersey, West Virginia and Delaware.

All local lodge/unit fund raising proceeds benefit the B'nai B'rith foundation which supports projects for the B'nai B'rith Youth Organization (BBYO), Hillel Foundation working with students on 400 college campuses and Senior Citizen Housing. For more information on B'nai B'rith in your local area call 751-1485.

Goldberg Birth

Jacob Eli Goldberg was born July 9th to Max and Lisa Goldberg of N. Hollywood, CA (formerly of Wilmington, DE.)

The proud grandparents are Phyllis and Robert Kirson of Wilmington and Sidney and Irene Howard of Los Angeles.

Chase Birth

Jeff and April Chase-Lubitz proudly announce the birth of their daughter Jesse on June 22nd, sister of Jacob and Lily.

The happy grandparents are Joan and Herb Lubitz of Wilmington, DE and Wynne and Arthur Chase of Worcester, Mass.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Entries for the Calendar of Events are due on the Copy Deadline, published in each edition of *The Jewish Voice*. Copy should be typed and double spaced. Please include day and date, time, place, brief description and contact person.

SEPTEMBER

Monday _____ 12

Candidate's Forum, co-sponsored by Hadassah and JCRC. Presentations begin at 7:15 p.m. in the JCC auditorium. Voter Registration available prior to the program. Free and open to the public.

Sunday _____ 18

NCJW Opening Program, 7:30 p.m. NCJW in Israel, Ruth Dolkart, speaker, Jewish Community Center Board Room. Open to the community.

Friday _____ 23

JCC Senior Center Sukkot Celebration 10:30 a.m.

Sunday _____ 25

A.K.S.E. Men's Club. Keith Booker, President of Wilmington Chapter NAACP & Community Development Specialist for City of Wilmington. Topic: Black/Jewish Relations & Neighborhood-Based Planning for City of Wilmington. Brunch at 9:30 a.m. at AKSE. Open to all congregants.

"**The Quarrel**" will be shown at the J.C.C. at 3 p.m. as part of the 1994-95 Jewish Cultural Arts Festival. Tickets are \$2.00.

The Young Leadership Cabinet of JFD will lead a trip to the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum. The museum is free; dinner and transportation must be paid by participant. RSVP by Sept. 16. Call 478-6200 for more information.

Temple Beth El Men's Club Breakfast Meeting; Dr. Viv Klaff, Associate Professor of Sociology at the University of Delaware, will discuss "Individual Success, Communal Crisis?" a socio-demographic view of the American Jewish population. 9:30 a.m. \$5.00 charge. Open to all. Call 366-8330.

Thursday _____ 29

Delaware Coalition for Bosnia Annual Meeting. Location TBA. Call 478-6200 for more information.

OCTOBER

Sunday _____ 9

National Museum of American Jewish History. 1 and 3 p.m. "Second Sunday Cinema" — The Museum will regularly screen films from its Ralph Lopatin collection. Films shown this fall will highlight our exhibition "Mosaic: Jewish Life in Florida." (215) 923-5984.

Beth Emeth Brotherhood Breakfast Programs, 9 a.m. at Beth Emeth. Speaker: Jennifer Talley, CFA, Wilmington Trust. Topic: "Creating Financial Wealth for Your Family." The cost for breakfast is \$3.00 per person.

Monday _____ 10

Singer/Composer Avi Toledano will perform at the J.C.C. at 7:30 p.m. as part of the 1994-95 Jewish Cultural Arts Festival. Tickets are available at the J.C.C. Call (302) 478-5660.

Wednesday _____ 12

NCJW Public Affairs Luncheon, 11:00 a.m. Delaware in Crisis: Teenage Pregnancy, Du Barry Room, Hotel Du Pont.

Sunday _____ 16

National Museum of American Jewish History. Noon to 5 p.m. "Grand Opening of Museum Hanukkah Shop". This year Hanukkah begins November 28. The Hanukkah Shop opens with refreshments, entertainment, and special shopping for Hanukkah with discounts offered to kids accompanied by adults. (215) 923-5984.

Thursday _____ 20

National Museum of American Jewish History. 8 p.m. "So, What's So Funny About Florida Anyway?" Starring Bobby Shields. The Jewish presence in Miami Beach (and South Florida) has created its share of hu-

mor. Veteran comedian Bobby Shields, who has performed extensively in Miami and the Catskills, will share some of that humor. Shields has appeared in the Delaware Valley in "A Night in the Catskills." Channel 29 reporter Gerald Kolpan hosts. Tickets are \$7.50 and \$5. Call (215) 923-3812 for information.

Sunday _____ 23

The film The Magician from Lublin will be shown at the JCC as part of the JCC Cultural Arts Program.

National Museum of American Jewish History. "Meet the People of Marshall Street." Elaine Mark Jaffe, authors of the recently published *Voices from Marshall Street*, will introduce four of the people whose stories they present in the book. *Inquirer* reporter Murray Dubin will moderate. Dubin is currently writing a book on the history of South Philadelphia. (215) 923-5984.

Sunday _____ 30

A.K.S.E. Men's Club Brunch: Judy Mellen, Executive Director of the American Civil Liberties Union. 9:30 a.m. Topic: Separation of Church and State.

Zelda Leah Gatuskin lectures at the JCC on Ancestral Notes as part of the JCC's Cultural Arts Program.

NOVEMBER

Sunday _____ 6

Elliot Rais lectures at the JCC on *Stealing the Borders* as part of the JCC's Cultural Arts Program.

Sunday _____ 13

Esther Bronner lectures at the JCC on *Mornings and Mourning* as part of the JCC's Cultural Arts Program.

Sunday _____ 20

A.K.S.E. Men's Club Brunch: Evelyn Lobel, Executive Director, Delaware Region, National Conference of Christians and Jews. 9:30 a.m. Topic: The Psychology of Prejudice.

DECEMBER

Sunday _____ 11

The film Childrens Film Festival will be shown at the JCC as part of the JCC Cultural Arts Program.

Wednesday _____ 14

NCJW's Julia B. Blumberg Remembrance Day. Speaker: Toni Young, Jewish History in Delaware. Open to the community.

Sunday _____ 18

A.K.S.E. Retreat to Summit Hotel and Conference Center, Sunday River Ski Resort, Maine. For registration information contact Bob Weiner at 302-658-8700 (day).

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Sunday _____ 15

The film The White Rose will be shown at the JCC as part of the JCC Cultural Arts Program.

Sunday _____ 29

A.K.S.E. Family Spaghetti Dinner and Concert featuring Cindy Goldstein vocalist, and Bob Weiner and the Rittenhouse Square Barber-shop Quartet. \$8.00 per adult, \$4.00 per child (12 & under). For ticket information, contact A.K.S.E. office, 302-762-2705. Snow Date: Sunday, February 5, 1995.

A.K.S.E. Men's Club Breakfast and Speaker, Social Hall, A.K.S.E. Brunch at 9:30 a.m. Open to all congregants

Ongoing

Protection From Abuse Seminars. The Project For Domestic Violence Reform, Inc. will sponsor monthly seminars on the use, filing and hearing of Protection From Abuse Petitions by victims of domestic violence. The seminars will be conducted by an attorney trained and experienced in family law. It will be the fourth Wednesday of every month from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at the Delaware Technical and Community College, Wilmington Campus, Fourth and Orange St., and is open to the

public without charge.

The new Protection From Abuse Act makes it possible for victims of domestic violence to get protection from their abusers without bringing a criminal action. Victims can request no contact orders; removal of deadly weapons; and custody of children and support for a limited time. The seminars will provide information and answer questions about how to obtain and use these petitions. **Handbook Available On Internship Opportunities In Israel**. Have you ever considered working in Israel as an intern or volunteer? A book entitled *Volunteer and Internship Possibilities In Israel*, can make that dream a reality. Published by the Joint Authority for Jewish-Zionist Education, this handbook is perfect for students, young professionals and potential *olim* interested in exploring employment opportunities in Israel.

It contains three sections:

1. An introduction which includes general tips and information relating to a work experience in Israel and information on several existing work and internship programs.

2. Profiles of over 160 organizations which utilize volunteers and interns (listed alphabetically).

3. A cross referenced index of the organizations, listed by subject area, necessary level of Hebrew, and required time commitment.

Possible placements include work in the fields of social services, education, Jewish-Arab relations, politics and health care. Paid and non-paid positions are available for varying lengths of time.

To order *Volunteer and Internship Possibilities In Israel* send \$10 for each book to: USD/AZYF, 110 E. 59th Street, 3rd Floor, New York, NY 10022 or call: (212) 339-6941 or 1 (800) 27-ISRAEL.

"**Mosaic: Jewish Life in Florida**" at the National Museum of American Jewish History. From the Sephardic merchants who settled in Pensacola in 1763, to the Russian immigrants arriving today, Jews have a diverse and fascinating history in Florida. This colorful new exhibition — comprising over 500 items — has been assembled from the scrapbooks and attics of Florida's living Jews and documents Jewish settlement and acculturation in the Sunshine State. October 2 through December 31. (215) 923-5984.

Rosh Hashanah Message From The Rabbinical Association Of Delaware

In the Jerusalem Talmud, tractate of Rosh Hashanah, we read: "The ministering angels gather about the Holy One Blessed be He, and inquire, 'Almighty, G-d, when is Rosh Hashanah?' and G-d replies, 'Why are you asking me? Let us go down to a court on earth and ask them.'" An explanation of this enigmatic passage may be found in the very name Rosh Hashanah itself. The Hebrew word *Shana* has a threefold meaning. *Shana*, in addition to year, may mean to repeat or it may mean to change. Rosh Hashanah can therefore mean the beginning of a repetition or the beginning of a change. We are given the ability to determine whether it will be a new year or another year. For the Creator of eternity and mankind, there are no beginnings and no ends. The Psalmist wrote; for Him a thousand years are as a yesterday. The concept of a past,

present and future does not apply to the Creator of time. When Moses beseeched the Lord "Reveal to me thy glory" (Thy great future), he is told "you shall see what is behind me but my face shall not be seen." Moses was told by G-d that His face or that which is directly before Him may not be seen or understood. But you can study the past and learn its lessons for the future. Unfortunately our contact with the past is often less an act of reverence for tradition, than a kind of ethnic nostalgia and therefore when we attempt to focus on the future it occurs amidst dire predictions of assimilation and spiritual suicide. What was once even amidst persecution an unshakable faith in the future of our people, its destiny and role in Tikkun Ha-Olam, perfecting the world, has been severely diminished by rampant assimilation and the widespread Jewish illiteracy

of American Jewry. It is clear that between our nostalgia for the past and lip service to the future and Jewish continuity we have utterly neglected the present, a present which calls for the performance of Mitzvot in order to achieve a holy and meaningful life. We must recognize that Torah, replete with all its challenges, demands, inspiration, obligations, excitement and complexity is for the present, the here and now. For if we do not we have nothing to offer the estranged young Jews whom we so desperately seek to retain within the fold of Judaism and among the Jewish people.

For all too long has the organized Jewish community depended on ethnic identity to preserve Judaism and the Jewish people. The Holocaust and Israel alone are no longer compelling enough to insure Jewish commitment and continuity. There is

more to Judaism than a legacy of persecution and pain and there is more to Israel than a land of refuge struggling to maintain a cold peace amid a sea of hostile if not belligerent Arab neighbors. Refuge is an irrelevant theme to an American Jewry physically secure and emotionally comfortable with its gentile neighbors.

Amidst all the gloom and doom, there is, however, a bright light on the horizon. Here in Delaware, as well as in other Jewish communities we are witnessing a new alliance between Federation and our synagogues. The cooperation has come about in recognition that it takes more than a secular ethnicity to insure Jewish continuity. Here also, there is occurring the growing recognition that it takes religious commitment and practice to keep Jews

Jewish and ergo achieve Jewish continuity. It is up to all of us to partake in this new and exciting alliance by affiliating with, contributing to and participating in, Jewish life here in Delaware. Yes, it is truly up to us to determine whether this coming year 5755 will be just another year, lost in an unreflected past or in some platitudinous future, as opposed to a really new year whose focus is to bringing truly Jewish content and consequent commitment and meaning to the present.

May the Almighty inscribe you and all those you hold dear in the Book of Life for a year of health, happiness, prosperity, growth and meaning.

The Rabbinical Association of Delaware
Rabbi Sanford L. Dresin, President

HIGH HOLIDAYS 5755

Israel: President Weizman's Message To Jewish Communities Abroad

My Brothers and Sisters:

On Rosh Hashana and in our daily prayers we say: 'Grant abundant peace unto Israel thy people for ever; for thou art Sovereign of all peace; and may it be good in thy sight to bless thy people Israel at all times and in every hour with thy peace.'

Truly in the last year we have witnessed tremendous progress in our pursuit of peace. For thousands of years we prayed and hoped for a Jewish homeland in the land of Israel. We have succeeded in building a strong, independent and democratic country. Now we hope we shall be witnessing stability and peace, as

more Arab countries accept Israel in our region.

A few days before last Rosh Hashana, the signatures were appended to the Declaration of Principles with the Palestinians which aims at a solution of the historic conflict between the two peoples. In July, a Declaration of Principles was signed with the Kingdom of Jordan, and a new page in Israel's relations with Jordan has been opened. The chances for a true peace are greater today than ever before, although during the last year we have continued to suffer from terrorism. The Jewish community in Argentina paid

a heavy price, and other communities have been threatened as Jews and supporters of Israel.

Our enemies will not succeed in derailing the peace process. They will not succeed in their effort to break our spirit and unity.

The past year has witnessed Israel's continued economic development and prosperity. Aliyah from the former Soviet Union and elsewhere has strengthened Israel not only as a reality in the Middle East, but a reality in the pages of Jewish history. The Jewish people and the Israelis can be proud of their achievements. Israel, with exports which amount to

over 23 billion dollars annually and a GNP of 70 billion dollars, is the leading economy in our region and is aiming to be on a par with the developed countries. We can be proud of the Israeli high-tech industry and its achievements. Only a strong and vibrant economy can enable Israel to be a light to the nations and a source of pride, a magnet to the Jewish people.

We look ahead to the coming year with hope, and pray that this year will see the signature of peace treaties between Israel and all its Arab neighbors. We look to the future, hoping that more Jews will make

Aliyah and join us in the Land of Israel. In an era of peace, Israel can offer its people and the Jewish people as a whole a life of greater stability, spiritual enrichment and personal fulfillment. We look to the future hoping and striving for stronger relations between Israel and the Jewish communities in the world, for the fulfillment of the words of the prayer: 'Sound the great horn for our freedom; lift up the ensign to gather our exiles and gather us together from the four corners of the earth.'

SHANA TOVA U'GEMAR HATIMA TOVA.

New Year's Message From JDC's Ambassador Milton W. Wolf

At this time of introspection, it is evident that change is certainly the watchword of the nineties. And this past year has proven to be no exception. Religious, ethnic and nationalistic conflicts continue to erupt, and JDC finds itself heavily involved in the rescue of Jews — in the former Yugoslavia, Yemen, and other troubled regions in the world.

Most recently, JDC responded immediately to the bombing in Buenos Aires and is helping to draw up a short-term crisis plan for managing the community's immediate needs. In a nonsectarian effort, JDC is reaching out to the thousands of Rwandans, sending in a medical team and medicine for the refugees in Goma, Zaire.

Now celebrating its 80th year, JDC continues to carry out our mission as the overseas operational arm of American Jewry. We help local Jewish communities in Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union take full advantage of their new freedoms, enabling them to reconnect with world Jewry and strengthen their identities. In Israel, we continue to

play a vital and creative role as we concentrate on developing programs that will improve the lives of those with special needs and thereby enhance the quality of life for all.

Jews around the world need to know that their welfare and well being are of ongoing concern to American Jewry. We wish all Jews around the globe a happy and healthy New

Year. Activities of the JDC are funded by the regular campaigns of the United Jewish Appeal and Federations throughout the United States. The JDC is a beneficiary of the not completed 1994 "Live Jewish" Community Campaign administered by The Jewish Federation of Delaware (JFD).

REGRETS

★ In the July 15 issue of *The Jewish Voice* an obituary was printed regarding the late Sylvia Keil Shtofman. She was misidentified as Sylvia K. Shtofman. It was not correct to say that she was "Retired." The bank referred to in the obituary should have been "Home Savings and Loan." Her two grandchildren should have been identified as Heather and Beth.

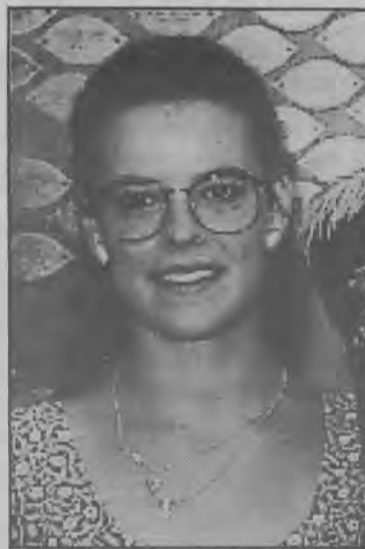
★ In *The Jewish Voice Guide To Jewish Life in Delaware* supplement on page G16 of our last issue, Rita Golden of Smyrna should have been

listed for a Dover Chapter of Hadassah. Instead a Ruth Golden was listed with a Dover Chapter of B'nai B'rith House. To clarify there is no Ruth Golden and there is no Dover Chapter of B'nai B'rith House. An update will run with copies of *The Guide* distributed throughout the year.

★ In *The Jewish Voice Guide To Jewish Life in Delaware* supplement on page G7 Josh Tobiansky should be listed as the President of Wilmington BBYO. Sara Cabelli should have been listed as the President of Wilmington BBG. Jen Prybutok is the President of Newark BBYO. An update will run with copies of *The Guide* distributed throughout the year.

★ In our last issue of *The Jewish Voice Guide To Jewish Life in Delaware*, Machzikey Hadas Congregation was not listed on the Synagogue page. Their Cantor is Marvin Zuckerman. Their telephone number is (302) 762-

2637. It will be included in an update which will be distributed with copies of *The Guide* throughout the year.



Ariane Mamberg
Hillel President

★ In our last issue of *The Jewish Voice Guide To Jewish Life in Delaware* the listing of Cantor Daniel Leeman who serves AKSE was not included. An update will be included in copies of *The Guide* distributed throughout the year.

★ In *The Jewish Voice Guide To Jewish Life in Delaware* supplement on page G18 the photo caption should have read "Passing On Traditions." Staci Levin, who is shown on the right in that photograph is the treasurer of Hillel at the University of Delaware. The student President is Ariane Mamberg. This photo was taken on the occasion of Congre-

gation Beth Shalom donating a Torah to Hillel. This generosity was comprehensively reported in a previous issue of *The Jewish Voice*. An update will be included in copies of *The Guide* distributed throughout the year.

★ In *The Jewish Voice Guide To Jewish Life in Delaware* supplement on page G16 a listing of kosher establishments certified by the Va'ad HaKashruth of Wilmington appeared. Another Delaware kosher establishment, Zaydies Place, was not listed because their kashrut certification is provided by another authority. An update will run with copies of *The Guide* distributed throughout the year.



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Tikkun Olam: Bringing Delaware Students' Social Action Through A Jewish Door

By JORDAN SOPINSKY

Jewish Voice Intern

JCRC and Hillel to Combine Efforts

In a reflection of their ongoing commitment to community relations and Jewish continuity The Jewish Federation of Delaware (JFD's) Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC) and the University of Delaware's Hillel Student Center are planning for closer teamwork this fall. This news comes as no surprise in light of early July's decision by the National Jewish Community Relations Council (NJCRAC) and the Hillel Spitzer Forum to convene jointly for the first time in 1995 during their annual meetings in Washington, D.C.

Strengthening ties between local CRC's and campuses enables students to deal with the community relations concerns they encounter on campus more effectively by using resources that the JCRC can provide. It also provides a Jewish framework for Jewish students who are seeking

social action in realms other than on just a local level who might otherwise join say, Amnesty International.

This, in turn, benefits the Jewish community since it provides young adults with an entry point into Jewish life. Continuity in the Jewish community depends on young adults' involvement.

Rabbi Stephen Booth, Director of Hillel told the Jewish Voice that Hillel's outreach agenda calls for the creation of diverse entry points for students to become involved in Jewish community life and thereby strengthen their Jewish identity. Booth says the development of additional Jewish student organizations on campus may interest a student in an aspect of Jewish life that he or she may not perceive Hillel as providing. Organizations such as DIPAC or a student JCRC organization may interest students concerned with social causes in pursuing their visions of justice in a Jewish context. Booth noted that already this year a University of Delaware student will be

serving on the JCRC Board.

Rabbi Marla Feldman is the director of the JFD's JCRC in Delaware. "When and if a situation should arise," she says, "we will be there for them. If a response to a situation is needed, we can help. We can also help to handle press and educate students by providing information and materials."

National Jewish leaders such as Maynard Wishner, the President of the Council of Jewish Federations have long stressed that many Jews are already involved in various social issues and for them the organized Jewish community can provide the opportunities to pursue justice and change the world by working within Jewish organizations. He cited the example of the many Jews who have marched on Washington, D.C. in support of reproductive freedoms. Wishner has said they support such causes because they are Jews and that Jewish organizations can be what they join to advance the causes in which they believe. Wishner spoke

at this year's Dinner of Commitment which was part of the ongoing 1994 "Live Jewish" Community Campaign administered by JFD.

Rabbi David Saperstein of the Religious Action Committee in Washington, D.C., spoke in Delaware recently and also stressed that Jews who would like to make the world a better place can do so as part of a Jewish organization.

Creative Tikkun Olam: Two UD Graduates

"I want them to think about their relationships with Judaism and to come up with their own answers," says Shira Rubin, a 1994 graduate of University of Delaware's Art and Psychology programs.

She has spent this past summer working with sixth, seventh, and eighth graders at the JCC of Greater Washington. How does she have them ponder their religious identity, a topic which can even intimidate adults? Through art.

"I'll ask them to draw a picture of their strongest memory," she relates, "whether it be religious or cultural.

This way I'm not telling them what to think. Once this has been done, I'll ask them to write down on a piece of paper a problem, and then its solution. It can be any problem at all, whether specific or in general. This way, they combine Tikkun Olam, repair the world, with their Jewish identity."

Suzanne Borden was only in her second year at the University of Delaware when she founded DIPAC, a local constituent of AIPAC. She also did an internship at the JFD as well as a fellowship at AIPAC. Now she's the program director at the Institute for Jewish Leadership. It is at this institute that seminars for high school students are provided and for the same reason that Hillel and CRC's are combining forces: to combine Jewish values with social action. "Many of the activities in which we have the students participate," she relates, "have them breaking up into groups for discussion, which we call Panim El Panim, or Face to Face. This provides expressions for their Jewish identity as well as their concerns about the world."

(Contributing to this article was Dan Weintraub of The Jewish Voice)

The Jewish Information Network - The JCC Of The 90's

By ROBIN JOY DAVIDMAN

All it takes is a computer, a modem and a short ride on the Information Highway to visit the Jewish Community Center of the 90's — the Jewish Information Network.

Based in Davis, California, JIN came online June 1, 1994. Eric Svetcov, 26, and his partner, Elyse Blummer, 24, founded JIN because there was no other Jewish-oriented, online service operating at a national level. During their research they found some locally-based Jewish bulletin board services in different areas of the United States, but there was no one service that allowed nationwide online interaction with fellow Jewish men and women. "We started JIN to provide a non-threatening atmosphere for the exchange of information that is truly important to you," Eric explains, while Elyse adds, "The Jewish Information Network allows you to interact with Jewish people from all over North America without leaving your home!"

Computer users throughout the United States and Canada can access the Jewish Information Network via one of the 500+ local phone numbers currently available. Once online, users will be able to participate in Public Forum discussions where some recent topics included affairs in the Middle East, Israel travel tips, investments such as Israel bonds, kosher cooking and recipes, dating, and an assortment of other diverse subject lines pertinent to the Jewish experience.

One of the highlights of JIN is the Singles Registry where you can enter information about yourself, and read about other Jewish singles just like you — hoping to find an online friendship or romance! You can even send a photo of yourself that can be downloaded for others to see. There is no additional cost for this service and it's one of the most popular areas that you'll find on the Jewish Information Network.

Other areas of interest online include daily reports direct from the Israel Foreign Ministry; an Employment Service area available to both job seekers and employers looking to hire; the News & Information section where you can read the online additions of USA TODAY and DAILY SPORTS NEWS; the File Library which contains shareware and freeware programs for DOS and Macintosh computers; the Games section where you can play computer games and win prizes; and the Teleconferencing area where users from all over can meet and 'talk' at the same time.

For savvy computer users, logging on to JIN the first time is like a piece of pound cake ... simply adjust your modem settings to N,8,1 and dial JIN's convenient 1-800-814-0629 number to register online.

For those less-assured computer users, JIN has a voice 1-800-697-7609 phone number for you to call. Eric, Elyse or Doug Langley, the Sysop (System Operator), will guide you through the process of logging on, and assist you once online. If this is your first online experience, you'll be surprised at how quickly you will learn how to use a computer bulletin board. Before you know it, you'll throw away your running wheels and begin riding the Information Highway on your own!

Off to a good start, the Jewish Information Network currently has a subscriber base of 170+ members with more and more modem users joining daily. Eric hopes to boast of a 5,000+ membership by JIN's first anniversary. "As is normal for a new business, the first few months are the most difficult, but we are gaining momentum."

JIN offers new users two hours of free demo time to try out and feel their way around the service. The current membership fee of \$25.00 includes a one-time membership ac-

tivation fee and five hours of online time during the evenings or weekends. Additional online time is billed at \$3.00 per hour evenings/weekends or \$6.00 weekdays. Members can also take advantage of mail reading software programs that will allow them to read messages while offline enabling them to save money on connect charges. JIN has several programs in Macintosh and DOS-based formats available for downloading from the library.

Looking toward the future, the Jewish Information Network is moving in a number of interesting directions which will be guided by its membership. "We are looking at a variety of interactive multi-player games, more magazines like Reform Judaism Magazine which is already online, enhancements to the Forums (Public Message Areas), enhance-

ments to Electronic mail which would permit faxing messages directly from E-Mail, full Internet access by the end of the year and more," says Eric. "The staff of the Jewish Information Network is committed to making electronic communication and interaction an integral part of the Jewish Community."

There's no mistaking it. The future is here. So, hang on to your yarmulke and take a ride down the Information Highway to a place where you can shmooze with new Jewish friends from across the nation and Canada ... the Jewish Information Network — the Jewish Community Center of the 90's!

(Jewish Information Network, 1 (800) 697-7609 voice, 1 (800) 814-0629 online sign-up, 917 3rd Street, Davis, CA 95616)



DAMASCUS, SYRIA — Syrian President Hafez Assad gestures as he talks to U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher at the Presidential Palace August 7. Christopher stopped in Damascus on his way to ceremonies opening the border between Israel and Jordan in a renewed effort to promote peace in the Middle East. CREDIT:RNS PHOTO/Reuters (Reproduction rights not transferable) 1994

Words & Music

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First was an evening that grouped singer-songwriters of the 1970s: Don McLean, Jesse Collin Young, Jonathan Edwards and Al Stewart. Each was entertaining, especially MacLean, who has the richest voice of them all. There were awkward silences between sets, however, and very little interplay among the artists.

A week later came an evening billed as *The Golden Boys of Bandstand* that was one of the slickest, smoothest shows you could imagine. Bobby Rydell, Fabian Forte and Frankie Avalon sang well, reminisced, told stories and led audience participation stunts. Each did a solo turn, but the three spent a good part of the evening performing together. These men are true entertainers. As a trio, they accomplished one of the best shows of the year.

It's the first time that I've seen them work together. That's a bit odd, I admit, because I met each of them when their careers were young. It was in the late 1950's when I was at Temple University and working summers at WFIL-TV. Dick Clark had just assumed the hosting of *Bandstand*.

Almost everyone at WFIL, with the exception of Dick, looked down on the teenage singers who appeared on *Bandstand* and on the kids who lined up to see the show each day. We were terrible snobs.

Many of the kids from those audi-

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The JEWISH VOICE JAZZ Series

Illustration by Dan Weintraub

Jazz Musicians Record Jewish Liturgical Selections

By **ANDREW MUCHIN**
Wisconsin Jewish Chronicle

MILWAUKEE — Ben Sidran isn't the first musician to perform Jewish songs in a jazz setting. But the singer, pianist and record producer may be the first to put an abbreviated shofar service on a jazz recording.

And he may be the first to receive phone calls from top jazz musicians, pleading, "Don't do 'Avinu Malkeinu' without me."

Sidran recently completed his first Jewish recording *Life's A Lesson* (Go Jazz Records), inspired by music he wrote for High Holy Day services at Gates of Heaven, an alternative congregation in Madison, Wis.

The service and recording have been part of Sidran's Jewish awakening. For the recording, he enlisted notable musicians with Jewish connections — including singer/songwriter Carole King, saxophonists Lee Konitz and Josh Redman, guitarist Steve Khan, and trumpeters Randy Brecker and Lou Soloff. The collaboration produced mainly jazz interpretations of traditional melodies, with a few surprises.

In "Eliyahu," a song about the prophet Elijah, a Brazilian rhythm propels Sidran's mellow crooning and Lynette's soulful singing.

"Oseh Shalom," a song of peace,

features the clear-voiced Gates of Heaven Children's Choir and newcomer Redman's rich tenor sax solo.

"Ani Ma'amin," a song of faith sung by Jews going to their death in the Holocaust, features Danny Gottlieb's ominous military-style drumming and Bob Mintzer's bitter-sweet bass clarinet solo.

The recording also includes Sidran and King's swinging rendition of the inspirational "Life's A Lesson." Sidran solos on "Face Your Fears," a song added to the High Holiday service several years ago during a rash of anti-Semitic incident in Madison.

Just as cantorial singing moves listeners appreciative of the European vocal tradition, *Life's a Lesson* will reach out to Jews with an ear for jazz and help them find new richness and pleasure in the traditional melodies.

Listeners familiar with the 14 Jewish songs will hear them played in a jazz setting by musicians at the top of their craft, with respect for the songs as liturgy. Jazz fans will enjoy hearing some of their favorite stars improvise on atypical material.

The recording's only weak point is the occasional uneven sound quality between vocals and instrumentals, as sounds were layered atop one another in different recording sessions.



Ben Sidran

Sidran began working on *Life's A Lesson* about six years ago after providing the music for several of the alternative services at Gates of Heaven.

"This music was calling to me so strongly to do it, to realize it," he said. "I just did it because it had to be done. I [and] my friends needed this record to be here."

The recording has everyone's Jewish mother in mind, according to Sidran. "I really did say to all these musicians as we were doing it: 'I want your sound and I want your spirit,'

FACTS ABOUT BEN SIDRAN AND "LIFE'S A LESSON"

1. Ben Sidran reviewed jazz album for All Things Considered on National Public Radio in the 1980's.
2. Ben Sidran wrote the pop song "Space Cowboy"
3. Ben Sidran earned a Ph.D. at the University of Sussex, England. His dissertation in 1970 was published as "Black Talk," one of the first academic studies of African-American musical heritage.
4. Carole King, who sings on the track title "Life's A Lesson" wrote the pop song "Do The Locomotion."
5. Singer Lynette Margulies, who performs on "Life's A Lesson" used to drive a cab as a day job.
6. Recently Pomegranate Publications released "Talking Jazz" which collects the best of Ben Sidran's radio interviews with such musicians as Miles Davis, Dizzy Gillespie and Sonny Rollins.

but I don't want us to be playing for each other, trying to be hip. I want us to be playing for our parents. I want us to play for people who may not be jazz fans'."

Though a veteran of major recording labels, Sidran recorded and financed *Life's A Lesson* through his own Go Jazz Records label. He said even Jewish recording executives turned him down, claiming the hybrid work was difficult to market. His strategy is to sell the recording through synagogues and Jewish media advertising.

To order "Life's a Lesson," send \$23.49 for a CD or \$18.22 for a tape to: Go Jazz Records, P.O. Box 2023, Madison, WI 53701. Or fax your order, with your Visa or Mastercard number to (608) 251-1084.

(Andrew Muchin is editor of the Wisconsin Jewish Chronicle.)



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"Behind me someone was yelling 'Yonkel, Yonkel, Yonkel,' which is Yiddish for 'Jackie'."

-A Jewish Brooklyn Dodger fan recalling how fellow Jews welcomed Jackie Robinson, the first African-American player in baseball's major leagues. The quote is an excerpt from Baseball: An Illustrated History, a companion volume to an upcoming PBS documentary on baseball

"Being able to marry another Jew is also an expression of self-love."

-Dana Katz, 24, as quoted in Lilith magazine's Summer issue from an article titled 'The New Minority-Jews Who Choose Jews'

"The New Year is a great door that stands across the evening and Yom Kippur is the second door. Between them are song and silence, stone and clay pot to be filled from within myself."

-from a poem titled "Coming Up On September" by Marge Piercy. The poem was originally published in the magazine Tikkun and it was recently distributed by ALEPH the Jewish renewal group based in Philadelphia

"Just one year ago today it would have been ludicrous to suggest that there could be a Rabin-Arafat handshake on the White House lawn, or the signing of a Jordanian-Israeli peace agenda."

-Letty Cottin Pogrebin, author of Deborah, Golda and Me writing about the new Israeli reality

"Our 'salaam' and your 'shalom' ... are variant pronunciations of the same word."

-King Hussein of Jordan in a letter to Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert

"While you read this, girls in India are being sold into marriage to men three times their age, women in Pakistan need to have four adult Moslem male witnesses to win a conviction against a rapist, and only 15 percent of the women in Africa are literate, compared with 33 percent of the men."

-Susan Bruck, President B'nai B'rith Women urging US signing of the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW)

Words & Music

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ences came to Valley Forge last week. Most are now paunchy and

looked silly when they clapped and swayed to early rock 'n' roll ballads. But they were enjoying themselves and feeling young again. Their heroes looked in better shape. It's wonderful what fame and money can do

for your appearance.

(Steve Cohen is an entertainment columnist for The Jewish Voice. He previously could be heard on National Public Radio.)

Jeffrey Wolin: Portraits Of The Holocaust



Wolin's photographs depict survivors as they look today, surrounded by handwritten accounts of their nightmarish experiences during the Holocaust. Moses Wloski, below, closely evaded death several times after finding himself behind German lines. Clara Weiss is pictured above. Three weeks before Bergen-Belsen was liberated, she and her sister both dreamed of their dead mother, who predicted its liberation. The portraits were part of the photographer's "Portraits of The Holocaust" exhibit which was held at The Catherine Edelman Gallery in Chicago earlier this year. His work is represented in major museum collections around the world.

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Although Polish Jewish refugees who streamed through the town of Wlokwisk told horror stories of German atrocities, the Non-Aggression pact signed by Hitler and Stalin afforded the Jews of white Russia the illusion of peace. Then one morning the Blitzkrieg roared through and Moses Wloski found himself behind German lines. Eventually he was boarded onto a transport headed for Auschwitz with Wlokwisk's 2500 remaining Jews. Moses was one of only 250 men and women allowed into the labor camp; the rest were gassed. At the end of 1944 Moses was relocated to Burgerhaven outside the Polish harbor of Danzig where the Third Reich maintained a naval base. Moses repaired V-boats for several months. And then the death march began. Roused from their barracks in the middle of one night, the prisoners were marched in a long column. They received no food and were frequently beaten by SS guards. If a prisoner fell he was shot on the spot. Hundreds perished. When the retreating German Army overtook them on the highway the prisoners were forced to yield, jumping into trenches by the road side. As night fell Moses decided to crawl to a nearby woods. From there he saw a farmhouse and although still dressed in his striped prison uniform, he knocked on the door. A farmer opened up, gave Moses bread but fearing for his own life, told Moses to leave. Too tired to continue, Moses climbed into an adjacent hay loft and collapsed as soon as his body stretched out on the soft hay. Early next morning the farmer found Moses in the loft and offered him a deal. Moses could stay in the house if he agreed to try to prevent the advancing Russians from looting and burning the property. The man thanked Moses and fled. Shortly thereafter Germans set up a line of artillery within sight of the farm and opened fire. He found himself in the middle of a battle between the 2 armies. The door of the house swung open and a Russian officer entered; Moses was liberated. A week later he was still recuperating in the farmhouse when 2 Russian soldiers rode up on horseback and recruited Moses to act as a translator: the Russian were looking for girls. A horse was commandeered for him to ride. Moses could see the men were drunk; he thought to himself, "I survived the war and now here is my end." The three rode to a manor and approached a young man who identified himself as a French prisoner whom the Germans had sent to work for a local Polish land owner. When the owner appeared one of the Russians shot him in the head for being a capitalist. Seeing his master lying in a pool of blood, the dead man's dog let out an eerie, heart-rending wail. The Russian silenced the dog with a bullet. They rode on to another house where 4 more Russian soldiers were hiding, friends of the ones who had taken Moses. "Who is he?" one inquired pointing to Moses. "A Jew," came the response. "Kill him," chimed in one of the other. He was warned by the ringleader to leave and return quickly with girls. "Otherwise I'll do to you what I did to the land owner." Moses galloped away. He returned to the farmhouse where he had been staying and learned that his Russian captors were deserters. Shortly after Moses left they were arrested by the Russian Army and executed. It was time, Moses realized, to act out of there.

CJF Report Urges Federations To Service Intermarried Families

Voluntary Steps Urged to Address New Realities

By DEBRA NUSSBAUM COHEN

NEW YORK (JTA) — The Council of Jewish Federations is diving into the stormy waters of the debate over intermarriage with a new report urging local federations to market their services to intermarried Jewish families.

In its report, the Task Force on the Intermarried and Jewish Affiliation advocates that federations actively embrace the intermarried and target services to this fastest-growing segment of the Jewish community.

"Serving the intermarried is now an urgent matter," the report says. "Unless we proceed with care and deliberate action, we face the possibility of disenfranchising a significant segment of the population, wittingly or unwittingly, from Jewish life."

The issue of how the Jewish community should confront intermarriage — whether to accept or discourage the growing trend — has prompted heated discussion in recent years among Jewish communal and religious leaders.

The Continent and Continuity A BRIEF OVERVIEW

The North American Commission on Jewish Identity and Continuity, convened by CJF last November, has taken the following steps as a strategy is formed to meet the challenges of building Jewish identity and preserving Jewish continuity on a continent-wide basis.

1. The Commission has set aims, including developing a broad-based agenda for Jewish continuity.

2. The Commission has established work groups to promote Jewish growth, to involve Jews outside the intensely affiliated core, to strengthen institutions and to build communal cooperation.

3. The Commission has identified key concerns including specific populations, such as young adults, and areas of activity, such as promoting direct involvement in Jewish growth activities.

4. The Commission Working Groups will evaluate possible strategies such as increased formal and informal Jewish education. Another possible strategy involves the use of new technologies to reach marginal Jews.

5. The Commission, with 3 aims, 4 working groups, 9 key concerns, 29 possible strategies and 92 people, plans to make a report and initial recommendations by the time of the General Assembly in November.

(SOURCE: July 8 Update on the North American Commission on Jewish Identity and Continuity. The Council of Jewish Federations or CJF is made up of local Federations throughout the continent.)

The report of the task force, titled "Jewish Community Services to the Intermarried," delineates a philosophy encouraging federations to engage the intermarried in the life of the Jewish community.

It is a population until now largely unaddressed by federations, which are the Jewish community's central address for fund raising for Israel and local and national social service programs.

The task force advocates that federations provide "a broadened array of opportunities to engage the intermarried in communal life and community services."

"The intermarried and their extended families will be a visible part of the Jewish community. They participate in Federations and give to annual campaigns, and their children take part in Jewish camp and educational experiences," the report says.

The report urges federation leaders and staffers to demonstrate great "sensitivity," "respect," and "understanding" for the range of needs of intermarried Jews and their spouses.

It reveals that federations, like many Jewish organizations, are struggling to catch up with the realities of the Jewish community on the cusp of the 21st century — a community that is far from monolithic and contains a multiplicity of backgrounds and attitudes, among the intermarried as well as the in-married.

According to Martin Kraar, executive vice president of CJF, "this is a new market and a new reality, and as a result of that, federations that decide to address the intermarried must face that in the way they provide their services."

Kraar said, however, that CJF is not requiring federations to devise programming for the intermarried, since each must decide the best approach within the context of its local community culture.

Federation leaders' fear of diminished funding from the ever-shrinking pool of Jewishly affiliated potential donors is part of the motivation for the approach taken by the task force, acknowledged its chair, Lynn Korda Kroll of New York.

But the group's recommendations are "just part of a broader attempt to ensure there will be a diverse and vibrant Jewish community in the 21st century," Korda Kroll said.

The task force was composed of 42 representatives from local federations and national agencies, including the American Jewish Committee, Jewish Community Centers Association of North America and the religious movements.

Nearly all the members of the task force, who themselves are more deeply involved in communal life than the average Jew, have intermarried relatives, according to Korda Kroll.

Several are intermarried themselves, said Korda Kroll — some to

spouses who eventually converted to Judaism and others to mates who continue to practice Christianity.

The point, she said, is that "this is our community. We can't turn our back on a whole segment of the Jewish community."

The debate among the task force members over the proper approach to the intermarried mirrored the debate within the larger Jewish community.

Roy Clements, a member of the task force and a vice president of the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism, called the philosophy of embracing the intermarried without emphasizing conversion to Judaism "dangerous."

He said in an interview that CJF's advocacy for broad inclusion of the intermarried in Jewish communal life "appears to say that the general community condones the situation and that this is the best way to handle it."

Egon Mayer, another task force member and director of the Jewish Outreach Institute, said that the fact that CJF is addressing the issue is significant.

The report reprints the demo-

graphic statistics about intermarriage from the CJF 1990 National Jewish Population Study. The study showed that, at the time, 52 percent of all Jews were marrying outside the faith. The figures prompted alarm throughout the Jewish community.

It also lists some of the programs offered to the intermarried by a handful of federations and other agencies, like synagogue movements and Jewish community centers.

The San Diego Jewish Federation, for example, held focus groups with intermarried couples to ascertain their needs and, as a result, began a program called "Pathways to Judaism" conducted in a local synagogue on Sunday afternoons.

The 30-session course is designed for children ages 5 to 18, to teach them more about their Jewish heritage. Parallel tracks involve parents, grandparents and couples without children.

Funding is provided by the federation and a private foundation.

The report was presented to CJF's Executive Committee at the organization's quarterly meetings in New York this week.



OPEN BORDER... ARAVA CROSSING, ISRAEL - JORDAN BORDER — An Israeli border official speaks with bicycling German and Dutch tourists as they cross into Israel from Jordan August 9 (the date the newly established border crossing opened for business). CREDIT:RNS PHOTO/Reuters (Reproduction rights not transferable) 1994

Rabin Conditions Lebanon Talks On Terror Prevention

Yediot Aharonot reported that Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin spelled out the conditions for resuming peace talks with Lebanon and withdrawing from the security zone in an interview with the London-based Lebanese newspaper Al Hayat. Prime Minister Rabin told the newspaper that if the Lebanese army deploys along the border with Israel, disarms the Hizbullah and prevents terrorist attacks against Israel for six months, Israel would be willing to resume negotiations with Lebanon

and after three months withdraw to the International border.

Furthermore, Prime Minister Rabin said that Israel has no territorial demands in Lebanon, adding that the Israeli presence in southern Lebanon is due to terrorist activities originating from the area. The Prime Minister conducted the interview with Al Hayat at his office in Jerusalem.

(Source: "Israel Line" provided by The Consulate General of Israel in New York)



Illustration by Beth Weintraub



HERO'S WELCOME... JERUSALEM — Leading PLO official Nabil Shaath is given a hero's welcome on arrival at the Temple Mount August 12 before praying at Al-Aqsa mosque in his first visit to Jerusalem since 1946. Saying it was a fulfillment of his dreams to be in Jerusalem, Shaath was led to the mosque, Islam's third holiest shrine, by cheering worshippers. CREDIT:RNS PHOTO/Reuters (Reproduction rights not transferable) 1994

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A Rosh Hashanah Letter From Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin To American Rabbis

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Prime Minister

August 1, 1994
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Dear Friends,

As Rosh HaShana approaches, we take the time to remember and reflect on the events of the past year, as well as to look forward to the future. The year 5754 has been one of great progress and hope, as well as great tragedy. We have had to fight terrorism even as we continue to negotiate for peace.

We are at the start of a long road. As we continue in our quest for peace we need your support. Your rabbinic colleagues have prepared a resource

booklet dealing with peace in the Jewish tradition. I encourage you to use this booklet to educate our fellow Jews to act in accordance with Jewish values, and to preserve our unique identity. Let us follow the message of our prophets by pursuing social justice, and teaching peace. Let us nurture the vibrant and dynamic relationship between the American Jewish community and Israel.

It is our shared mission to safeguard the Jewish people through our efforts for peace. With your help, understanding and encouragement, we will reach this destination.

L'shana tova takatay'vu v'techataymu.

Sincerely yours,
Yitzhak Rabin

Two Delaware Teachers Return From Seminar Abroad On How To Teach Holocaust and Resistance

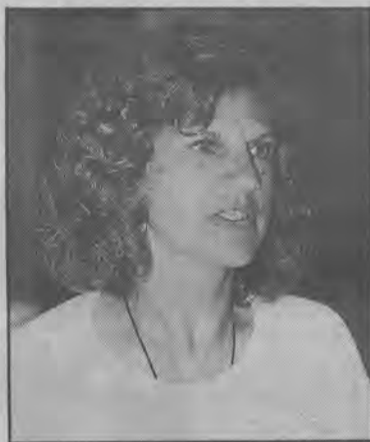
Two Newark teachers — Margaret W. Crouch, who teaches English and humanities at Goldey-Beacom College and Nancy Wyshock, a teacher of English in grades 7, 8, 11 and 12 at Wilmington Christian School in Hockessin — are among 44 Jewish and non-Jewish high school teachers from across the country who spent 24 days in Poland and Israel in July as participants in an intensive program on how to teach the Holocaust and Jewish resistance during the Nazi era.

The teachers, who hail from 20 states and the District of Columbia, left New York on July 5 for Poland, where they visited the death camps of Auschwitz, Majdanek and Treblinka and the memorial to the heroes of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising.

After five days in Poland, the teachers flew to Israel, where they attended classes at Yad Vashem in Jerusalem — Israel's Holocaust Memorial and Documentation Center — and at the Ghetto Fighters House of Kibbutz Lohamei HaGhetaot.

The teachers returned to the U.S. on July 29.

The Holocaust teachers project was launched 10 years ago as a pilot program with participants from the New York area. The program proved successful and was expanded to include teachers from all parts of the country. It is sponsored by the American Gathering/Federation of Jewish Holocaust Survivors, the Educators' Chapter of the Jewish Labor



Margaret Crouch

Committee and the American Federation of Teachers.

Scholarships are provided by the American Gathering with the help of grants from the Atran, Gruss and Littauer Foundations. Vladka Meed, author of "On Both Sides of the Wall," a memoir of her service in the Jewish underground in Nazi-occupied Warsaw, is the director.

The teachers explored the background, events, methods and aftermath of the systematic destruction of European Jewry, as well as Jewish resistance in all its forms to the Nazis. The moral, political and historical implications of the Holocaust were examined in depth. The program participants will use the knowledge they gain and the material they gather in Israel for the courses they teach in history, social studies and literature.

On completing the course, the teachers will participate in annual alumni conferences in Washington, D.C., where more than 400 graduates exchange experiences in teaching about the Holocaust and Jewish resistance and share ideas on instructional methods.

This year's participants teach at secondary schools in Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Louisiana, Maryland, Minnesota, Nevada, New Mexico, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Texas, Utah and Washington.



Nancy Wyshock

L'Shana Tova Rosh Hashana Greeting Cards

By GAIL LICHTMAN

(WZPS) Rosh Hashana, the Jewish New Year, is the traditional time for sending greeting cards wishing a "good year" (shana tova) to family and friends. While it is possible to draw parallels between the custom and that of Christmas/New Year cards, Rosh Hashana greetings have distinctive Jewish roots dating back more than 500 years.

"The sending of Rosh Hashana greetings is an Ashkenazi custom of long standing," says Jerusalem Rabbi Shlomo Pappenheim, a noted collector and authority on Judaica. He cites the 14th century Rabbi Shalom of Neustadt as being the first to admonish his followers to include a blessing for the New Year in their regular correspondence.

But it was Rabbi Shalom's student, the Maharil, Rabbi Yaakov Molin (1355-1427) of the Rhineland, who firmly established the custom. "He was truly the mentor of the modern-day Rosh Hashana greeting," says Prof. Rabbi Daniel Sperber, head of the Judith and Gershon Leiber Center for Jewish Art at Bar-Ilan University in Tel Aviv. "He wrote that from Elul (the month before Rosh Hashana) through Yom Kippur (the Day of Atonement), when writing a letter, wishes for a good year should be included."

The exact greeting was "May you be inscribed and sealed for a good year." This phrase is from the Festival Prayerbook and refers to the belief that during this period one's fate for the coming year is inscribed and sealed in one of three books. The wish is that this inscription will be in the Book of Life.

"But there are always those who want to improve on things and soon people started writing letters for the express purpose of sending Rosh

Supreme Court On Women's Rights

Wednesday, Nov. 9 — Lesli Goldstein, professor of political science and international relations at the University of Delaware, will speak from 12:20-1:10 p.m. on "The Supreme Court and Women's Rights" in the Ewing Room of the Perkins Student Center, Academy Street, Newark. Free and open to the public. Call (302) 831-8474 for more information.

AN EYE ON GAZA (Commentary)

By CARL ALPERT

HAIFA — In his efforts to obtain more financial support, Yasser Arafat willfully seeks to give the impression that when Israel withdrew from Gaza it stripped the area of its economic, cultural and social infrastructure in a scorched earth policy which left behind squalor and disintegration.

As a matter of fact, Israel left behind a Gaza a thousand times better,

Hashana greetings."

The custom spread throughout the Ashkenazi Jewish communities, especially those in Central Europe, reaching Eastern Europe somewhat later. Sephardi Jews did not begin sending Rosh Hashana greetings until the early 20th century.

Modern printed Rosh Hashana cards first appeared in Germany around 1837. These early cards were printed in gold on double sheets of white paper, with plenty of room for handwritten messages.

Coincidentally, this was about the same time that non-Jewish New Year cards began appearing in Germany, Switzerland and Austria. In Victorian England, Raphael Tuck, an Orthodox Jew, became famous for his high-quality, artistic Christmas cards. By the turn of the century, he also had ventured into the Rosh Hashana card business.

Most Judaica scholars frankly admit that the subject has not been researched enough to determine whether Jewish Rosh Hashana cards were the impetus for non-Jewish New Year cards or vice versa.

Tel Aviv graphic artist David Tartakover, who has an extensive collection of printed Rosh Hashana cards, believes that the Jewish custom grew out of the Christian one. "It is not a Jewish custom to send greeting cards. Many of the early cards have graphic elements, such as three-dimensional fold-outs, which were definitely influenced by non-Jewish cards."

Pappenheim, on the other hand, firmly believes that "Jews started this custom. For Jews, the period before the New Year is a time of repentance leading up to the Day of Judgment. For non-Jews, it is not. In my studies, I have found that in the relationship between Jewish and non-Jewish customs, the Jews initiate the spiritual side of a custom, while the goyim develop its artistic side. Here, too, we find this, with Jews being influenced by non-Jewish artistic developments with respect to New Year cards."

The big breakthrough in printed, commercial greeting cards came at the end of the 19th century, according to Dr. Shalom Sabar of the Hebrew University's Department of Art

and Center for Jewish Art. "The custom became very popular," he said, "especially in Eastern Europe, with Russian Jewish immigrants bringing it to America. These early greeting cards would be saved and later hung in the succa for decoration during Succot."

Rosh Hashana cards have always reflected the aspirations, hopes and lifestyles of the Jews sending them. Late 19th century German cards tended to be elaborate, with kitschy, gilt-edged layers - giving concrete expression to the material values of German Jewry. Those produced during the same period for Eastern European or American Jewry often focused on immigration.

"We have cards from the early 20th century showing Miss Liberty receiving Eastern European Jews to America with a shana tova," Sabar notes. "In the Jewish Museum in New York, there is a card sent in 1912 by a Jewish couple from Alaska which has its shana tova greeting carved on a walrus tusk, obviously done by an Eskimo artist for the pair."

A World War II card, printed by the United States Army and sent via V-mail, shows an American-Jewish soldier blowing the shofar. Early Zionists used scenes from Eretz Israel. Yeshivas would send cards depicting the holy places as a means of fundraising.

With the establishment of the State of Israel, David Ben-Gurion, kibbutzniks and agriculture became popular images. Sabar even found cards from the early 1960s with Elvis Presley. Following the Six Day War, Yitzhak Rabin, Moshe Dayan, the Western Wall and the Israel Defense Forces came into vogue. Other Israeli leaders, including Golda Meir and Menachem Begin, also have graced Rosh Hashana cards.

Over the past few years, there has been a return to more traditional religious symbols - the shofar, the Torah, Biblical illustrations. "The cards have become more commercial, less folk art, and for me, less interesting," says Sabar. But they are certainly more in keeping with what Rabbi Yaakov Molin might have expected a Rosh Hashana greeting card to look like.



STREET THEATER PROTEST... JERUSALEM — Right-wing Israeli women wearing masks of Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin (L) and an armed PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat hug each other as they guard the gate to the Temple Mount during a street theater protest August 18. The women are opposed to the Rabin government's peace talks with the PLO which they say has lost Israel control over the Temple Mount and will lead to Palestinian control over Jerusalem. CREDIT:RNS PHOTO/Reuters (Reproduction rights not transferable) 1994

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14th Annual Interfaith Lay Academy Courses

Six courses will be offered by the Interfaith Lay Academy on five consecutive Tuesday evenings beginning October 11, 1994 at St. Paul's United Methodist Church at 1314 Foulk Road from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. The Interfaith Lay Academy is sponsored by the Interfaith Resource Center and is an effort to provide adult education experiences on an interfaith basis.

The cost is \$15 and registration forms may be obtained through your local church or synagogue or by calling the Interfaith Resource Center at 655-6151 (ask for Elaine Stout). The deadline for registration is September 23, 1994. The six courses offered this year with a short description are as follows:

1. THE HOLOCAUST AND HUMANITY

LEADER: RABBI LAWRENCE P. MALINGER, Assistant Rabbi at Congregation Beth Emeth

The course will examine the Holocaust and try to understand the dangers of all forms of discrimination, prejudice, and bigotry-hatreds that, in their extreme forms, can lead to mass slaughter and genocide and, on a personal level, can danger our ethical being.

2. ISLAM: HISTORY AND

PRACTICE

LEADER: DR. RUSSELL HATTON, U. OF DELAWARE

As a major religion affecting the world today, Islam must be better understood. This course will review the life of Mohammed, some history and the "Five Pillars of Islam." Islamic law, the Sunni/Shi'ite split and Islam in America will be discussed.

3. SEARCHING FOR OUR AUTHENTIC SELF

LEADER: REV. ALBERT P. NEILSON, IS AN EPISCOPAL PRIEST TRAINED IN JUNGIAN PSYCHOLOGY.

A person's life is energized by unknown forces which may propel him or her toward hidden goals. The course will focus on these unknown factors and how they may be discovered and creatively utilized.

4. THE REFORMATION AND EUROPE IN THE 16TH AND 17TH CENTURIES

LEADER: DR. CLAUDE FOSTER, PROFESSOR OF HISTORY AT WEST CHESTER U.

The study will concentrate on the course of the Reformation within a broad European and chronological framework. What were the political, economic and religious forces which encouraged or impeded the Refor-

mation in various European states? What impact did the Reformation have on the formation of modern European society?

5. SEXUALITY AND SPIRITUALITY: THE TRAVAIL OF INTEGRATION

LEADER: THE REV. J. THOMAS LEDBETTER IS A PASTORAL PSYCHOTHERAPIST AT THE BRANDYWINE PASTORAL INSTITUTE.

This course explores the need to integrate sexuality and spirituality and focus upon the issue of homosexuality, examining our prejudices as well as studying the Biblical passages dealing with homosexual acts. There will also be a focus upon the "Domination System," the dominant spirituality of our times that impacts considerably upon how we view sexuality.

6. MAKING ROOM FOR THE ANGELS

LEADER: MICHAEL WHALEN, DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF WORSHIP FOR THE DIOCESE OF WILMINGTON

Though angels themselves may be notoriously inconspicuous, angelology is enjoying a rising popularity that would have been thought impossible a decade ago. This course explores the topic of angels as it has been evidenced in secular folklore, traditional scriptures and religious texts.

For additional information please call Elaine Stout, Director of the Interfaith Resource Center, on 655-6151 or Henry Schenker, Chairperson of the Interfaith Lay Academy, on 478-6673.

Gaza

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for all its problems, than the territory it occupied after the 1967 war. The growth, progress and development were achieved despite the ill will of the domestic population which utilized all means at their disposal to resist improvement, and did succeed in wrecking their own economy. They also succeeded in maintaining the ugly, unanesthetic, filthy conditions in which they lived, and over which they had immediate control.

In all other areas of human existence the picture is completely different, and deserves to be told and repeated to all who accuse Israel of deliberately neglecting Gaza.

Health and sanitation offer a good example. When Israel moved in there were only three community clinics. By 1990 there were 28, serving the population. The hospitals, one after the other, were either re-equipped, modernized, renovated or expanded. The specific list is available and a matter of record.

As a result, infant mortality in Gaza declined from about 85 deaths per 1,000 live births in 1968, to 26.1 in 1990, a figure far better than in countries like Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Libya and Saudi Arabia, among others.

A widespread immunization program resulted in the near elimination of tetanus and polio.

In 1968, 13.9% of the Gaza households had running water indoors. In 1992 that figure had risen to 93%. Twenty years ago only 34.5% of the Gaza homes had full time electricity. In 1992 the figure was 97.6% — hardly an indication of neglect. And of course there was a concurrent sharp rise in the possession of appliances. For example, only 3% of the homes had a refrigerator in 1967. When Israel withdrew, the figure was 91%.

Education in 1967 was irregular. Israel insisted on the establishment of schools and on attendance. Today there are also 26 government-sponsored vocational training centers (virtually none before) and they

graduate about 4500 trainees a year.

In all fairness, it must be added that UNWRA played an active role in assuring maintenance of a normal existence, especially in the areas of welfare and education.

What Israel has done for agriculture in so many other developing states of the world, it did for Gaza as well, introducing proper use of fertilizers and modern cultivation methods. As a result, both citrus and vegetables production increased five-fold.

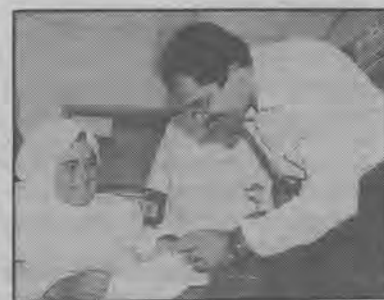
No one claims that life in Gaza has been pastoral or idyllic, far from it, but the pictures of refuse and stone-littered streets do not reflect the true situation. Israel does not expect a vote of appreciation for what it did there in the face of violent opposition, but neither is it willing to accept defamation and false accusations.

Arafat now wants to do it all on his own — but cannot do so without foreign help. For example, on the eve of our withdrawal, Israel employed (and paid) some 7,000 local residents, about 1900 in health and 3800 in education. This burden, in addition to law enforcement (police), now falls on the PLO administration.

The Gazans' dreams and aspirations for independence were high. In a moment of personal revelation, one of them confided: "When we have our own state and our own economy, my dream is to be a contractor and to employ a Jew. I will say to him: 'Chaim, you Jew, make coffee for me. Chaim, bring the bucket of mortar. Chaim, clean the floor!'"

One of Arafat's major problems in seeking to build an independent economy is that the population of Gaza has been exposed to the standard of living in Israel, of Jew and Arab alike. This is what they aspire to and what they expect — not the standard of most other Arab states. Failing to attain these goals, they are perfectly capable of launching a new intifada against Arafat and the PLO leadership imported from Tunisia.

And of course there are those who will be quick to place the blame at Israel's doorstep.



ARAFAT AIDE AT CMCI — Dr. Achmed Tibi (right), a senior advisor to PLO Chairman Yasir Arafat, speaks with Jabarine R. R. R. R. during his recent visit to the Children's Medical Center of Israel (CMCI) to promote medical cooperation between the Palestinians and the hospital. Mrs. R. R. R. R., who hails from Umm El Fahm, an Israeli-Arab town near Afula, had recently undergone a kidney transplant and had given birth to a premature child.

Dr. Tibi, a gynecologist, hailed CMCI for providing a high level of medical care to both its Jewish and Arab patients and expressed gratitude to CMCI for its training programs for Palestinian physicians. He also lauded the hospital's founder and chief benefactor, Irving Schneider, for the Medical Center's role as a "bridge to peace."

AKSE Announces Talmud Torah Faculty For 5755 School

For 1994-95, the AKSE Talmud Torah faculty includes Mrs. Ann Jaffe, Pre-Aleph; Mrs. Sylvia Wagman, Aleph; Mrs. Vivian Goldberg, Bet; Mrs. Yehudit Lawton, Pre-Aleph and Dalet, and Mr. Max Rosenberg, Jewish history.

Joining their faculty this year are Mr. David Dresin, Mrs. Dina Dresin, and Mrs. Mona Allen. Mrs. Dresin has taught kindergarten in Israel and

is fluent in Hebrew. She will teach both their Gimel class and their B'raishit group. Mr. Dresin, also fluent in Hebrew and learned in Jewish subjects, will be teaching our Heh class. Mrs. Allen is an early childhood educator with training in special needs instruction. She will serve as the small group instructor and will lead their Kids Shabbat Services for children ages 4 to 7.



ROSH HASHANA... A prayerbook open at the Yizkor prayer and 'yahrzeit' (memorial) candles to remind us of close family members who are no longer with us. WZPS photo by Richard Nowitz.

JNF Dinner To Honor Siegel and Cecil

The Jewish National Fund, Maryland/Delaware region's Tree of Life Award Dinner will be at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 5, 1994 at Longwood Gardens, Kennett Square, PA.

The honorees are Delaware's Bernard Siegel and Councilman Richard Cecil.

Mr. Siegel is a member of the Board of Directors of The Jewish Federation of Delaware (JFD). He is president of the Kutz Foundation. He is a former president of JFD. He has served with distinction as a leader in a variety of capacities for the Delaware Jewish Community.

Mr. Cecil, a distinguished Delawarean, serves as a county councilman for New Castle County.

The co-chairs are James Gilliam, Jr., Alan Levin, and Sheldon Weinstein.

The speaker: Leopold Page (Pfefferberg), the catalyst behind the writing of the book and the making of the movie *Schindler's List*.

The ticket price is \$200 per person or \$1,800 for a table of ten.

The proceeds will benefit the JNF campaign machaneh hachaim - The campaign established as a living memorial at JNF's Lavi Youth Camp in memory of the children of the Holocaust. Funds will generate camp scholarships for new olim and children with financial needs. More extensive information will follow in future issues of The Jewish Voice.

Adult Institute

The Jewish Community Center, in cooperation with Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth, Temple Beth El, Chabad-Lubavitch of Delaware, Congregation Beth Emeth and Congregation Beth Shalom, will once again be offering the Adult Institute of Jewish Studies.

There are sixteen different courses being offered this year. Topics range from "Beginning Hebrew" through "Jesus and His Jewishness." Classes will be held on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 and 8:45 p.m., beginning October 5 and ending November 16, 1994.

The cost is \$10.00 per person for two courses. An Adult Institute brochure, containing detailed information on all classes and course instructors, is available for anyone interested in participating. Registration can be made at the Jewish Community Center Front Desk or any of the sponsoring synagogues listed above. All classes will be held at the JCC.

The Adult Institute of Jewish Studies will be sponsoring continuing education courses for faculty members of our Sunday School and Hebrew School facilities in the Delaware area. Information regarding this sponsorship is available in the Adult Institute brochure.

For more information, please call the JCC at 478-5660.

L'Shana Tova





Wilmington Lodge 470 at their installation of officers Brunch held on June 12 at the Claymont Hilton presented 50 year Citation Certificates to their members and recognized other 50 year Honor-

ees in appreciation of a half century of distinguished continuous membership in B'nai B'rith and unselfish devotion to its world wide program of humanitarian service.

World Poverty —

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There is also an unfortunate tendency of some agencies, governmental and non-governmental, fueled by public opinion, to focus on disasters and forget the long-term goal of lifting people out of misery.

Psalm 113 suggested that the ideal action is not only to lift the poor "out of the dust" but to seat them next to nobility. In other words, we must help them win back their dignity.

Maimonides recommended shared business ventures with the poor as the highest way to aid someone in need. These are long-term commitments that these sacred sources are suggesting, not just a fleeting gesture.

Where are the survivors of the 1976 Guatemala earthquake today? Or the victims of the Indian earthquake last year? Are we paying enough attention now that the cameras are gone?

We are responsible, each in a small way to be sure, to monitor how this global economy and aid system is treating the poor year after year. It is, after all, our tax dollars.

It is also up to us to struggle with the dilemmas and challenges of aid. For example, Hesed, an organization dedicated to the application of Jewish values to international poverty relief, is involved in supporting an agricultural project in Eritrea.

It is an extraordinary place, famous for the decent character of its people. The people have an historic respect for the Jewish people; almost everyone has Hebrew names because many consider themselves descendants of Solomon and Sheba.

Now there is a choice as to whether to support food aid or food production, storage and delivery system. Both gestures are necessary and compassionate, but the latter is more compassionate and empowering in the long run.

It might be easy to offer emergency food and leave. But we must help more in aid that builds dignity and self-reliance. This is why compassionate aid is intelligent aid that knows the recipient and his or her needs.

We need to encourage government to design programs based on these values that are rooted in Jewish tradition but are clearly based on

universal values of justice and compassion, as well. Furthermore, it is up to us to support programs that are role models of what we expect of any interaction with people in need.

I can think of no better response to the awesome and intimidating challenge of the Rosh Hashanah prayers.

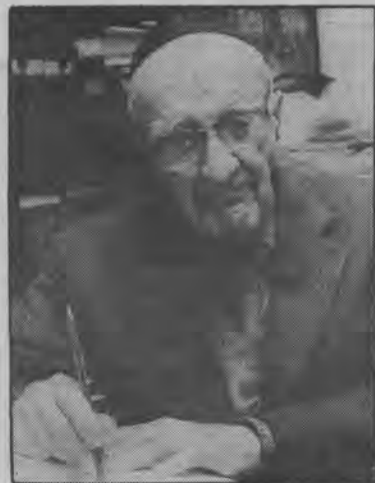
Rabbi Marc Gopin is president of Hesed International, a Cambridge-based non-profit organization dedicated to the application of Jewish values to international poverty relief through education and overseas projects. He holds a Ph.D. in Jewish philosophy from Brandeis University.

New Name For West Chester Shul

West Chester Reform Temple, Beth Chaim, officially changed its name at its annual membership meeting. The Synagogue's new name is **Beth Chaim Reform Congregation** — Beth Chaim Translated from Hebrew means "of life".

Beth Chaim, created two years ago as the only reform house of worship in Chester County, now boasts a membership of over fifty active families.

The Synagogue is conducting monthly services at Bournelyfe in Westtown. Call 431-7500 for more information. All families, individuals and those from inter-faith backgrounds are welcome to attend.



SIDNEY GREENBAUM

Sidney Greenbaum, 77 of 422 Suffolk Drive, Bear, died August 23 at home.

Mr. Greenbaum had been a self-employed retail merchandiser.

The Camden, N.J., native was an Army veteran of World War II. He was past master of Paul Robert Sand Lodge 777 F&AM and member of Penn Pines civic Association, Alden, Pa.

He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Nelda Nathanson Greenbaum; a daughter and son-in-law, Susan and Frederick C. Humphreys, with whom the Greenbaums lived; three brothers, Raymond, Emanuel and Harry, all of Philadelphia; and two grandsons.

Instead of flowers, the family suggests contributions to Visiting Nurse Association of Delaware, New Castle.

MYRON MILBOUER

Former Social Security administrator Myron Milbouer died August 8 at the Kutz Home, where he had been

a founding board member. He was 83.

Connected with the Social Security Administration since 1936 — when it was first organized and he had just graduated with a degree in business administration from City College of New York.

"It was right after the worst part of the Depression," he told The News Journal in 1979. "It was something you could identify with on the basis of your ideals for the building of a better society."

When Mr. Milbouer started with the program, the maximum taxable income was \$3,000 — and only five percent of the nation's employees earned that much, Mr. Milbouer recalled. "The highest amount allowed to be deducted was \$30 a year."

He came to Delaware in 1952 from the New Castle (Pa.) office. Earlier, he worked in three New York offices — Jamestown, Syracuse and New York City.

Mr. Milbouer had been the district manager for the Social Security Administration and was responsible for

inducting state employees into the system in the 1960s.

Although he was 68 when he retired in 1979, Mr. Milbouer was not eligible for the program he devoted his career to — federal employees were covered by a civil service retirement plan rather than Social Security.

He was a founder of Wilmington's first senior center, at 19th and Market streets, serving on its board for 25 years. He had also been a member of the original board of directors of the Kutz Home, but he resigned that post to avoid a potential conflict of interest when Social Security began to send residents' checks directly to the Kutz Home.

Mr. Milbouer is survived by his wife, Eva Milbouer; two daughters, Annie Milbouer of Boston and Penny Milbouer of Houston, Texas; and two grandsons.

Instead of flowers, the family suggests contributions to Hadassah or the Delaware Nature Center at Ashland.

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Myron "Mike" Milbouer — A Personal Tribute

By IRV LEVITT

Myron "Mike" Milbouer managed the Social Security office in Wilmington from 1952 to 1979. He died this August at 83. Mike was no bureaucrat, no paper shuffler or verbal obfuscator. He was an intellectual with an insatiable taste for a wide variety of writers like Thomas Pynchon and James Joyce. He loved traveling through Mexico, and he showed a fevered interest in anthropological artifacts.

As a lifetime defender of the Social Security system and its philosophy, Mike brought sophistication and depth to his position as District Manager. A fierce debater and realistic negotiator, Mike Milbouer knew more about the history and rationale of Social Security in America than anyone I ever knew.

He relished in describing the early days of the program immediately following the passage of the Social Security Act in 1935, and why shouldn't he know? He joined Social Security in 1936 as one of a handful who through their drive and determination shaped and nurtured the greatest piece of social legislation ever passed and signed into law.

I went to work for the Social Security Administration as a Claims Representative trainee in the 1950's. I worked in field offices in New York city and on Long Island before coming to Dover in 1966. It was then that I met "Mr. M", as I always referred to him.

DEATH OF A PROPHET... JERUSALEM — Israeli philosopher Yeshayahu Leibowitz, in a January 1993 file photograph, rattled his countrymen for decades by warning that occupying Arab land would make Israelis "Judeo-Nazis". He died August 18 at age 91. A religious scholar, dubbed Israel's "prophet of rage", Leibowitz refused the country's most prestigious prize in 1993 after Prime Minister Rabin said he would boycott the ceremony. CREDIT: RNS PHOTO/Reuters (Reproduction rights not transferrable) 1994

From our first encounter, he personified the strengths and aspirations of an ever-growing system. Medicare coverage began in July of '66, and Mr. M led the local training forces so that the start-up would be painless.

He smoked a pipe and wore English tweed jackets. He kept African carved wood figures on his huge, clean, gray government issue, metal desk.

New regulations and other official directives moved quickly and completely back to the regional office in nearby Philadelphia. When he was asked to comment on some issue, his response was always thorough and quick.

After I went to work with him in 1968 and we could interact daily, I began to finally understand how he could so easily mix business, (that is, his administrative duties and his digestion of the Social Security Act and its regulations) with his devotion to literature, music, and the arts.

Who else could find a quiet moment at lunch to take a crisp bite from an apple as he re-read a pas-

sage by Proust, and he wasn't stuffy about it either. He could laugh and joke and relate to his employees with ease because they respected him and the dignity which he brought to his position in the office and in the community.

He was a stickler for choosing the right word, and that's why his most routine memos had personality style; yes, panache.

Mike really loved life, his job, his family, and his cultural interests, and when he got sick, he struggled to preserve those qualities which made him unique.

They tell me that Mr. M died last month, but not as far as I'm concerned. To me he still lives in permanent quarters reserved for the most memorable that we have ever met.

Delaware has suffered a severe and silent wound.

(The author is Irv Levitt, District Manager Social Security Adm. (Retired) Dover, DE)

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OBITUARIES

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RASKIN - On August 15, 1994, Elliott Raskin, age 44 of Little Rockwoods died. He was the husband of Ilise R. Raskin; father of Brad Steven Raskin at home, son of Burton and Jean Raskin of Atlantic City & Ft. Lauderdale; brother of Leslie Meyers of Maple Glen, PA and Sheryl Nutis of Ambler, PA. He was a partner in the law firm of Raskin & Liss (Phila). Member of Cong. Beth Emeth, American Bar Assn., Central Alumni Assn., Penn State Alumni Assn. (BS 1972), Widener Law School Assn. (1975), Phila Child Guidance Center. He was also coach and Board Member of Brandywine

Little League. He taught at Goldey-Beacom College. In lieu of flowers the family suggests contributions to either Child Guidance Clinic, 34th & Civic Center Blvd., Developmental Dept., Phila. PA 19104 or Brandywine Little League, Wilmington, DE.

SYLVIA KEIL SHTOFMAN

Sylvia Keil Shtofman, co-owner and operator of Shtofman Realty, died August 14 from complications of a lung blood clot at Christiana Hospital. She was 79.

Mrs. Shtofman was raised in Wilmington. Her father co-founded First Federal Savings and Loan. A

graduate of Wilmington High School, she attended George Washington University in Washington, D.C., leaving in her senior year to marry George Shtofman, a political reporter for the Journal Every Evening, a predecessor of The News Journal.

In 1958, Mrs. Shtofman joined the Lunk Apsley real estate firm in Brandywine Hundred. In 1966, she and her husband opened Shtofman Realty in Holly Oak. The couple closed the firm about two years ago and joined Century 21 Fantini.

She was president of the local Hadassah chapter and the sisterhood of Temple Beth Emeth. She chaired many reunions of her class at Wilmington High.

In 1962, Mrs. Shtofman and her husband moved from Wilmington to Brandywine Hundred. In 1970, they moved to Rockford Park Condominium, Wilmington.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by a son, Evarett K. Shtofman of Brandywine Hundred; a sister, Blema Brill of Wilmington, and two granddaughters.

Instead of flowers, the family suggests contributions to Temple Beth Emeth or Hadassah, Wilmington.

DR. SYDNEY MILTON SIRIS

Dr. Sydney Milton Siris, 82, of 1 Brendenwood Drive, Voorhees, N.J., formerly of Penns Grove died August 25 of cancer at home.

Dr. Siris was a dentist in Penns Grove for 47 years. He retired in 1981. He moved to Voorhees in July. He was a 1936 graduate of the University of Pennsylvania School of Dentistry.

Dr. Siris often lectured in favor of fluoridating the water in New Jersey in the 1950s and 1960s, and worked for local referendums on water fluoridation.

He was a member and past president of Penns Grove Rotary Club; former head of Penns Grove's Civil Defense; chairman of the ritual committee of Shari Tzadek Congregation, Penns Grove; and a member of Congregation Beth Shalom,

Wilmington.

He is survived by his wife, Charlotte Gidding Siris; a son, Dr. Samuel G. of Demarest; a sister, Helene Schwartz of Oklahoma City, Okla; and two grandchildren.

Instead of flowers, the family suggests contributions to charity.

HANNAH S. TOPKIS

Hannah S. Topkis, of Foulk Manor South, 407 Foulk Road, Brandywine Hundred, died August 13 at home. Her age was not disclosed.

Mrs. Topkis, a homemaker, earned a degree in social work from the University of Cincinnati.

She was a member of Congregation Beth Emeth and its Sisterhood and a former member of the congregation's board.

Mrs. Topkis was a former member of Common Cause, Hadassah and Kutz Home Auxiliary.

Her husband, Emile Topkis, died in 1985. She is survived by two daughters, Eleanor Topkis of Wilmington and Constance Wahl of Chalfonte; three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Instead of flowers, the family suggests contributions to Congregation Beth Emeth or The Kutz Home.

TRACTMAN - On August 7, 1994, Anna (nee Lipschutz) wife of the late Isadore, formerly of Phila.

died. She was the mother of Phyllis Solomon, Melvin and Larry Trachtman. She was the sister of Jeanne Mehler and Max Lipschutz. She is also survived by 8 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. The family suggests contributions in her memory may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

BETTY YAROWSKY

Betty Yarowsky, 69, of 2307 N. Harrison St., Wilmington, died August 23 of a heart attack at home.

Miss Yarowsky, a homemaker, was a member of Congregation Beth Emeth. She was a member of Wilmington Chapter of Hadassah.

She is survived by a brother, Dr. M. William Yarrow of Elkins Park, Pa.

Instead of flowers, the family suggests contributions to Congregation Beth Emeth, Wilmington.



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Senate

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a weak chairman who has let his committee's influence deteriorate.

Helms is a recent convert to the pro-Israel cause. He saw the light in the 1984 election when Gov. Jim Hunt, with strong support from the national pro-Israel community, gave Helms the toughest run of his career. Since then he has been a different man. Not only has his rhetoric changed but so has his voting, though not quite enough. When it comes to foreign aid, Helms still is adamantly opposed.

If Helms takes the Agriculture Committee instead, Richard Lugar of Indiana would get Foreign Relations. He held it for two years in the eighties and was considered an effective, respected and strong chairman. On the Middle East, he is "even-handed."

The chair of the Middle East Sub-

committee would pass from Paul Sarbanes of Maryland, one of Israel's best friends, to Nancy Kassebaum, a frequent critic.

Appropriations is the most important committee because it controls all spending bills. The chair would pass from Robert Byrd of West Virginia, perhaps the most anti-Israel member of the Senate, to Mark Hatfield of Oregon. Hatfield, who chaired the committee from 1981-1987, is no great friend but not as antagonistic.

The most important subcommittee is Foreign Operations, which controls over \$3 billion in annual economic and military aid to Israel. The chair would go from liberal Patrick Leahy of Vermont to conservative Mitch McConnell of Kentucky. McConnell has been a more consistent friend of Israel; however he could be expected to be more partisan than his predecessors in either party.

The other key subcommittee, De-

fense, would see Ted Stevens of Alaska replace Daniel K. Inouye of Hawaii. Stevens has been supportive of the strategic relationship and votes for aid, but Israel has no greater friend and leader in the Senate than Dan Inouye.

The Armed Services Committee plays a key role in Israeli access to U.S. defense technology and contracts. Strom Thurmond of South Carolina has his choice of Armed Services or Judiciary. If he opts for the latter, John Warner gets to replace Sam Nunn. Thurmond, 91, does not have many ties to the Jewish community and has shown little interest in Middle East policy. Although Warner has been helpful on defense cooperation, both have mixed records on foreign aid and arms sales issues.

Chair of the Budget Committee would pass from Sasser to Pete Domenici of New Mexico, a supporter of foreign aid generally but not especially close to the pro-Israel community, or, if Domenici takes the Energy and Natural Resources Committee, Charles Grassley of Iowa, a good friend of Israel.

The Finance Committee, which has jurisdiction over trade and tax legislation, would shift from Daniel Patrick Moynihan of New York to Bob Packwood of Oregon. Both are very pro-Israel.

The present chair of the Select Committee on Intelligence, Dennis DeConcini of Arizona, one of Israel's staunchest supporters, is retiring. His most likely Democratic replacement would be Bob Kerrey of Nebraska, also a strong supporter. The GOP chair would be Warner or Slade Gorton, who has a good pro-Israel record.

Whichever party takes control, the Senate is certain to be more conservative than it is today. Through retirement, Republicans are losing moderates like David Durenberger of Minnesota and John Danforth of Missouri and Democrats are seeing liberals like Howard Metzenbaum of Ohio, George Mitchell of Maine and Donald Riegle of Michigan leave. The Republican challengers are uniformly more conservative than their Demo-

crats opponents.

The questions friends of Israel are asking are whether a more conservative and Republican-controlled Senate will be more hostile to foreign aid and the peace process? Will it try to block Clinton from enjoying needed foreign policy achievements, namely brokering more and expanded Arab-Israeli peace agreements? How will a Dole-led majority's desire to bring down Clinton affect U.S. Middle East policy?

Douglas M. Bloomfield is a Washington lobbyist, consultant and journalist. He spoke this year

in Dover as part of the ongoing 1994 "Live Jewish" Community Campaign. He spent nine years as the legislative director for The American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC).

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Rabbi David Kaplan, Instructor
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This course is designed to begin to address some of the issues faced by interfaith couples. Participants will explore their expectations, the meaning of religion in the home, religious differences, raising children in interfaith homes and an overview of Jewish holidays.

5 Judaism & Feminism 101
Yvette Rudnitsky and Harriet Ainbinder, Instructors
An interactive class that will examine the challenge of being both female and Jewish in the 90's. Topics will include images of women in the Bible, law and customs, women's role in synagogue and community. The class will be invited to create Midrashim and gender-neutral prayers. Our goal is to deepen our connection to our tradition and uncover a more inclusive history for Judaism and Jewish women.

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6 Psalms: From the Depths to the Heights
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7 Beginning Hebrew
Arlene Davis, Instructor

8 Poems of Chayim Nachman Bialik
Dov Seidel, Instructor
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9 Judaism & Feminism 201: The Matriarchs and Other Women of the Bible
Yvette Rudnitsky and Harriet Ainbinder, Instructors
This course will look at the Biblical portrayal of our foremothers and several selected other women (ie., Ruth & Naomi, Queen Esther, etc.) The class will have required readings and through discussion will investigate the motivations, beliefs and values these women might have held.

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10 From Here to Eternity
Rabbi Sanford Dresin, Instructor
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11 Jesus & His Jewishness
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12 CANCELLED

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Jewish literature is both enriching and exciting. These stories and tales, both fiction and non-fiction, shed a light on understanding a glimpse of Jewish life throughout the many centuries. In addition, we learn what fantasies and dreams our ancestors had. In this class, we will read a wide variety of stories and tales from Biblical, Talmudic and Hasidic legends. In addition, we will explore some tales of Jewish occult and fantasy. Of course, we will also discuss the background information connected to each story and tale to better understand them. A good sense of humor is required for his class.

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15 The Shabbat Shaharit
Cantor Daniel Leeman, Instructor
This course will provide a practical training for the simple chanting of the traditional morning service from **Shochan Ad** up to the Torah Service. The course will compare the Orthodox, Conservative and Reform prayer books showing how English readings and translations have been developed from the original themes. An analysis of the laws and customs relating to the **Sh'ma** and its blessings, as well as the **Amidah** and its blessings will be included. As a cassette tape will be utilized, only elementary Hebrew reading is required.

16 Yiddishkeit 201
Cantor Norman P. Swerling, Instructor
The world of eastern European Jewish immigrants to the United States from the 1890's through the 1930's. This course will examine the culture and lifestyle of the Ashkenazi immigrants and how they adapted that culture and lifestyle to America. It will utilize the Yiddish language and its idioms to illustrate concepts, values and cultural tensions. This is not a course in the Yiddish language and all Yiddish words and phrases will be written in transliteration.

17 Introduction to the Prayer Book
Ann Greenstein, Instructor
This course will include the structure of Shabbat services and the main prayers as well as an introduction to Torah. This part of the course includes the definition of Torah, origin (redactor versus G-d given theories), highlights of the contents of each book, the structure (parashah, chapters/verses, commentaries) and close with readings of selected sections with commentary and interpretation at various levels. Knowledge of some Hebrew is necessary.

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