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Jerusalem Symphony Performs May 3

Community Leaders To Join In Israel 40th Celebration

Governor Michael Castle and Consul-General David Ben Dov lead the list of dignitaries who are joining the Delaware Jewish community in the celebration of the

40th anniversary of the State of Israel on Tuesday, May 3.

Margaret May, General Chairperson, has announced that Governor Castle, Consul-General Ben Dov, Senator William Roth, Jr., Senator Joseph Biden Jr., Representative Thomas Carper, County Executive Rita Justice, Mayor Daniel Frawley and Dr. Stephen Bunzenhauser are serving as Honorary Chairpersons for the anniversary event, a concert by the Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra.

The performance will be held at 7:30 p.m. in The Grand Opera House and will feature a work by the Israeli composer, Ben-Chaim, and cello soloist, Gary Hoffman.

The Jewish Federation of Delaware is especially proud to be able to bring to Wilmington this world-class orchestra as the highlight of our commemoration of this important milestone in Jewish history. At this difficult time the Federation knows that the entire community will want to be present to welcome one of Israel's major cultural institutions and to celebrate.

The Concert Committee which includes Joanne and David Singer, Toni and Stuart Young, Pat Chalphin, Jane Cutler, Frances Glenn, Leslie Goldenberg, Nanette Lipstein, Shelly Mand, Joan Rosenthal and Susan Salkin has planned a gala reception at intermission time so that all can toast Israel on its 40th birthday.

Tickets at \$20 are available from the Grand Opera House, 652-5577. Patron tickets at \$75 are available from the Jewish Federation of Delaware, 478-6200.



Survivors in concentration camp uniforms arriving in Eretz Yisrael in 1948.



Netanyahu Resigns Post At U.N. To Pursue Knesset Seat

By HUGH ORGEL

TEL AVIV (JYA) — Benjamin Netanyahu, Israel's ambassador to the United Nations since 1984, announced his resignation in Jerusalem March 30 to run for election to the Knesset. The 38-year-old envoy told a television interview he wanted to enter political life and was leaving his post earlier than expected because of the mandatory 100-day waiting period between resignation for government service and filing for election to the Knesset.



Benjamin Netanyahu

Netanyahu's resignation was expected, but not until this summer. He said he would be returning to New York "merely to pack my bags and then return home." The Israeli envoy

said he hoped he would be considered by Likud for a place on its election list. Knesset elections are scheduled for next November.

In New York the Israel Mission to the United Nations confirmed Netanyahu's resignation and a spokesperson for the mission said Ambassador Johanan Bein would serve as acting permanent representative of Israel to the world organization. News of Netanyahu's resignation came as a surprise to diplomats, observers and the news media at the United Nations.

Dropping his role as diplomat, he launched blistering attacks on the United Nations, where he had served since 1984; on the American administration, which he accused of "active engagement in direct negotiations with the Palestine Liberation Organization," on Secretary of State George Shultz's Middle East peace plan; and on his erstwhile colleague, Yossi Beilin, the political director general of the Foreign Ministry.

Foreign Ministry officials, who are aligned with Peres and his Labor Party, sharply criticized Netanyahu. "He only waited a few minutes before changing from the coat of a diplomat of one of a political hack," a former college said. He was denounced for his attacks on former colleagues and the "surprise and haste" with which he quit his U.N. post

at a time when Israel has been under constant attack by the Arab bloc and their allies for its policies in the administered territories.

Netanyahu is considered close to Premier Yitzhak

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OPINION

Editorial:

Cause For Rejoicing

Next week, according to the Hebrew calendar, Israel will celebrate its 40th anniversary. Last week, around Passover *sefer* tables and elsewhere, American Jews and other friends of Israel voiced concern about where the Jewish state is headed.

Certainly the uprising by Palestinian Arabs of the West Bank and Gaza Strip — with its echoes among Israeli Arabs — deserves attention. This violent challenge to Israel's ability to maintain order in areas vital to its security, this rejection of peaceful politics, has led to the deaths of approximately 130 Arabs and one Israeli soldier. A second soldier has been paralyzed; injuries to a third have left him in a coma since December.

But the uprising cannot be allowed to become the lens through which Israel at 40 is seen. In fact, in a way its Arab instigators do not appreciate, the violence really is just the latest addition to the background of hostility against which Israel's incredible accomplishments should be viewed.

Israel is the most successful example of post-World War II nation-building. Established by the remnants of a generation decimated by the Holocaust, forced to fight repeatedly for survival, rooted in a small parcel of ancient national soil almost bereft of natural resources, the nation not only has survived, not only grown, but also has blossomed. Jews from more than 80 countries, speaking dozens of languages, of different racial backgrounds, with varying religious

practices, quickly built an open, modern, pluralistic society. All of this under fire.

Where else in the Middle East or the rest of the vast post-colonial sweep of Asia and Africa is there a society with the world-class universities, advanced industries, symphonies and art galleries, the high per capita level of book and newspaper publishing and reading, the debate and dissent of Israel? So many richer, more populous, more secure states have done so much less.

Saul Bellow encapsulated it: "The Israelis have produced a modern country — doorknobs and hinges, plumbing fixtures, electrical supplies, chamber music, airplanes, tea cups. It is both a garrison state and a cultivated society, both Spartan and Athenian. It tries to do everything, to understand everything, to make provision for everything. . . . These people are actively, individually engaged in universal history. I don't see how they can bear it."

Sometimes Israelis do not bear it well. For one thing, the burden is immense, yet there are only 3.6 million Jews there to shoulder it. For another, the hostility of a world in which more countries recognize the PLO — sworn to Israel's destruction — than they do the Jewish state should be unbearable. Sometimes Israelis take it personally when PLO flag-waving demonstrators shout, "Hitler didn't finish the job!" and then hurl stones and firebombs.

Yet the resulting pictures should not cause us to question so much where Israel is going as where the Arabs are. The violence in the territories challenges Israel. But Israel's example over the past four decades challenges the Arabs, and the world.

The little miracle at the end of the Mediterranean, on the edge of the desert, is something to celebrate.

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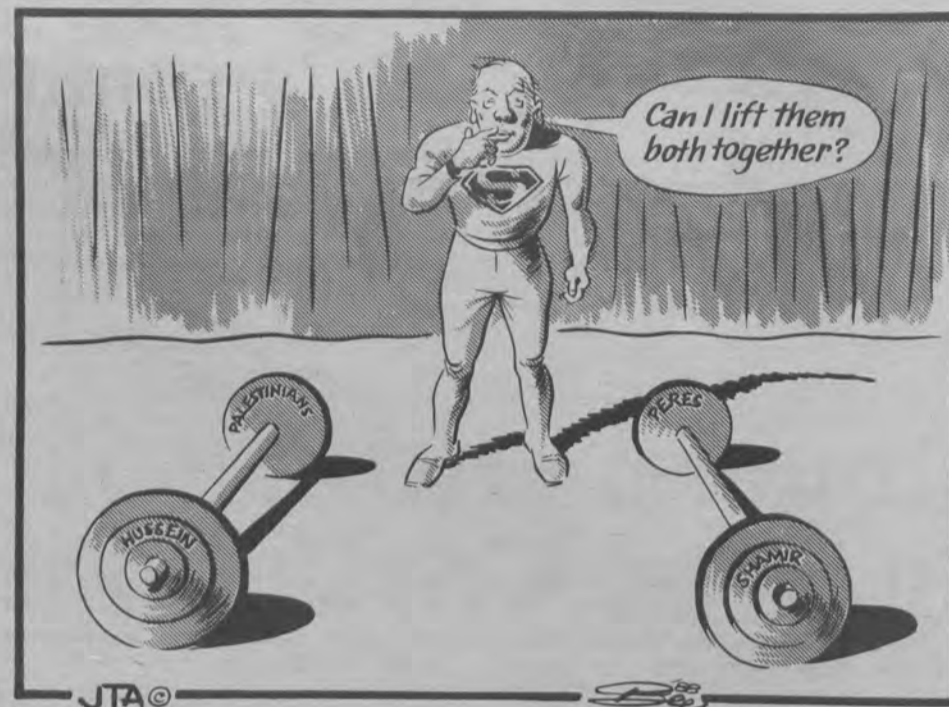
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Unfinished Work

By PAULA BERENGUT

Despite an unseemly foot-dragging of almost 40 years, the final step for operating approval of the Genocide Treaty has not yet been taken by the United States. The treaty was ratified by the Senate two years ago, but implementing legislation to incorporate the treaty into the U.S. criminal code was never taken.

Yom Hashoah is upon us — the Day of Remembrance to the Victims of the Holocaust. It would be a most appropriate time for the United States to take this final step and overcome this embarrassment. As recently as December 10, 1987, Human Rights Day, Tass (the Soviet press agency) took the opportunity to remind the world that the U.S. had not fully recognized the Genocide Treaty.

For an effort that springs from international revulsion to Nazi annihilation of the Jews during World War II, the Day of Remembrance would be a perfect choice.

The Senate Judiciary Committee held a hearing on the genocide convention on February 19. This convention was originally adopted unanimously by the United Nations in 1948. That effort was led by the U.S. and was presented to Congress the following year by President Truman. Why does it still languish there? It has been ratified by 97 other countries — ever other major power and virtually every democratic country.

The treaty defines genocide as an attempt to destroy a national ethnic, racial or religious group and it commits signatories to aid in its prevention and

punish anyone guilty of such crimes. This treaty is as important for its symbolism as for anything, as seven Presidents have said in pressing for ratification.

Both the house and Senate judiciary committees seem poised for the final step to finalize this treaty. Forty years is a long time. Congress could redeem itself somewhat on this issue by taking the opportunity to use this Day of Remembrance 1988 to stop the foot-dragging and take that final step.

Letter

Thank you for your thorough and excellent coverage of the dedication of the Halina Wind Preston Holocaust Resource Center.

For the record, I'd like to note one omission and one typographical error.

The omission: While my sister, Shari, and I have been motivated and inspired by our late mother's dedication to the cause of Holocaust education, another Holocaust survivor also has been a source of motivation, inspiration, support and encouragement. He is our father, George E. Preston.

The typo: Had I received my master's degree in 1972 as the article states (I received it in 1979), it would have been at the time of my graduation from Tattall at age 17. Even my parents never pretended I was that precocious.

David Lee Preston

DEADLINE

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N. Even Or

A Generation That Knew Not Pharaoh

Now there arose in America a new generation that knew not Pharaoh.

That's not quite what the Bible says, is it? We read in Exodus that "there arose a new king over Egypt, who knew not Joseph." But the problem in the American Jewish community today may well be more in our lack of knowledge of Pharaoh than in our lack of knowledge of Joseph. And maybe there is an approach to the problem through looking at Jewish history and the calendar for April, 1988. Let me explain.

On the evening of April 1, corresponding to the 14th of the month of Nisan, we began the celebration of Pesach, our festival of freedom. In our homes we sat around our tables and read the Haggadah, the story of God's delivering us from slavery to freedom, from the shame and pain of bondage in Egypt to

the glory and exaltation of the march across the Red Sea. And we asked the question and propounded the answers, particularly that each of us must consider the exodus as a personal experience, not something that happened to a distant past generation.

And we read in the Haggadah: "It was not just one alone that stood against us to destroy us, but in each and every generation they rise against us to destroy us." Oh, what bitter truth in these words, words that are not a recent addition, but date to the Gaonic period, over 1000 years ago. We shall not call the long, almost unending roll. But we remember, remember that they drove us out of England, and there was no place to go. And they drove us out of Spain, and there was no place to go. And they drove us out of here and out of

ther and into the overcrowded ghettos, and there was never any place to go.

And then, in my generation, there arose against us the Pharaoh from Austria, he of such consummate evil that we cannot comprehend him. And he destroyed our people in each country he entered. Not just the new-born males, as did the Pharaoh Rameses, but the old men and women, the fathers and mothers, the children, the tender and the beautiful and the holy. And he destroyed them in such unspeakable ways that there are not words fit to describe them and eyes fit to see the words and mouths fit to speak them and ears fit to hear them. And, for our people, there was never any place to go.

The first Seder night, April 1 this year, was also the 45th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising, when a hand-

ful of incredibly brave young men and women stood against the German army to resist the final destruction of the Jews of Warsaw. They fought against several thousand heavily armed troops with nothing but a few handweapons and little ammunition. They fought against howitzers and tanks, flamethrowers and massive anti-aircraft artillery. They knew that, sooner or later, they would die, and die they did, all except for a small number that made their way through the slime of Warsaw's sewers.

On April 14 this year we commemorate Yom Ha-Shoah, the day each of us tries, unsuccessfully, to grasp the significance of six million Jewish lives destroyed for no reason but that they were Jews. The speeches are made,

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Community Urged To Write In Support Of Israel

The ongoing unrest in the West Bank and Gaza, the current peace initiative proposed by Secretary of State George Shultz, and the critical voices heard within both the American Jewish community and the U.S. Congress are creating new and potentially troubling pressures on the U.S.-Israel relationship.

Secretary Shultz's efforts to begin a peace process are commendable. However, many aspects of his plan remain unclear or troublesome for several of the parties involved. Prime Minister Shamir expressed some of his concerns over the plan to Secretary Shultz during his recent visit to Washington. Shamir also indicated his government's strong desire to begin meaningful, direct negotiations and was even prepared to accept a limited international "opening" to those negotiations in order to facilitate their beginning.

In early March, 30 of Israel's strongest supporters in the Senate sent a letter to the Secretary of State expressing support for his peace initiative and criticizing the Arab states and Prime Minister Shamir for their positions on the peace process. Such public statements are, on the whole, not helpful. Nevertheless, it is important to remember that these Senators have been and will continue to be stalwart in their support of Israel and the U.S.-Israel relationship. They remain among Israel's best friends. The letter grew, in part, from the overwhelmingly negative feedback Members of Congress are receiving from their constituents and local media.

That's why we must intensify our communications with our elected officials. Mail is running roughly ten to one against Israel in many Congressional offices. It is critical that it be

countered with positive reinforcement on an ongoing basis, particularly before Congress considers the fiscal year 1989 foreign bill and other critical legislation.

Now is the time for the pro-Israel community to let members of Congress know of its fundamental support for the state of Israel. We urge you to write your senators and congressmen and stress.

☆The fact that leaders of both major parties in Israel have been and continue to be anxious to engage in direct, bilateral negotiations with their Arab enemies. No Arab state, other than Egypt, has yet to change a 40-year policy of not negotiating with or recognizing the existence of the state of Israel;

☆The difficult situation Israel now finds itself in where it must restore order in as humane a way as possible in an area increasingly dominated by the most radical fundamentalist forces;

☆The need to maintain the long-standing U.S. policy of not negotiating with the PLO until it recognizes Israel, renounces terrorism and accepts U.N. Resolutions 242 and 338;

☆The importance of a strong and secure Israel to basic U.S. interests in the Middle East;

☆The vital significance of continuing current levels of aid to Israel (\$3 billion) and opposing any attempts to reduce or condition that aid.

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Don't Blame Israel

By DAVID G. MARGULES

All too often, our impressions of world events are as two-dimensional as television images. Superficial similarities in news footage become a basis for moral comparisons between people acting in different parts of the world, under different circumstances.

A prime example is the ridiculous comparison between Israel and, on the other hand, South Africa and Nazi Germany.

Certainly, Israel is using force against Palestinian rioters. But, comparing its actions to apartheid or genocide is like claiming that Pearl Harbor was the moral equivalent of the Normandy invasion.

Despite isolated incidents involving the use of unnecessary force by Israelis, the fact remains that violent rioting has continued because the Israelis refuse to employ the kind of force that its neighbors have used under similar circumstances.

This difference was highlighted by Rep. Jack Davis, R-Ill., in describing rioting he observed in January in Rafah — a town of 10,000 that straddles the border between Gaza and Egypt. According to Davis, "The Israeli police attempted to stop the riot using tear gas and rubber bullets, while on the Egyptian side, the Egyptian police opened up with machine guns and killed something like 46 people."

The analogies to South Africa and Nazi Germany are dishonest for an even more fundamental reason. The rioting is not the product of frustration on the part of people shut out of legitimate political processes. It is part of a war waged by those who refuse to participate in a legitimate political process.

Israel's leadership consistently has sought face-to-face negotiations with its Arab neighbors. By contrast, the Arab leadership does not accept Israel's right to exist, and continues to prefer a perpetual state of war to diplomacy.

Only Egypt has broken ranks. It obtained Israel's withdrawal from the Sinai Peninsula in exchange for peace.

Israel also agreed at Camp David to negotiate the future of the West Bank and Gaza with Egypt, Jordan and the Palestinians. Jordan and the Palestinians refuse to join the peace process.

As the AFL-CIO executive council recently stated, "The real tragedy of the Palestinians... is that they have failed to develop leaders willing and able to negotiate with Israel."

Israel always has treated the current status of the administered territories as temporary. Israeli Arabs are Israeli citizens with full civil rights. But, Arabs living in territories are governed according to the laws in force before 1967, and not Israeli law.

Even so, Israel has attempted to improve life in the refugee camps. Many of its efforts have been blocked by the Arab countries, at whose insistence the United Nations passed Resolution 32/90 in 1977, reprimanding Israel for its attempt to provide jobs and better housing for Gaza residents.

What is happening in Gaza and on the West Bank is not apartheid or Nazism. Rather, the violent rioting and Israel's confrontation with the extremists who are leading it are a part of a struggle for survival — the political survival of the region's only democracy, and the physical survival of a nation returning after thousands of years of exile and repression.

David Margules is chairman of the Israel Task Force of the Jewish Community Relations Committee.

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Candle Lighting

APRIL

15th- 7:19 PM

22nd- 7:27 PM

29th- 7:32 PM

Greetings From Shimon Peres On Israel's Independence Day

We are today celebrating 40 years of the independent Jewish state, the State of Israel. What has been achieved during these 40 years is unprecedented in the annals of human history, as in our own history and experience. No other nation has ever returned to its homeland after a separation of 2,000 years, renewing its language and culture to carry on one of the oldest and most unique heritages in the world.

The experience of these 40 years has not been easy. We have never sought wars, nor do we seek victories. Five times we were attacked; five wars were forced upon us. Despite inferiority in numbers, we prevailed over our adversaries. But we paid for these victories with the lives of those dearest to us.

While overcoming these challenges, Israel has recorded impressive achievements in many areas

of life. We have created a Hebrew culture. Our children speak in the language of the prophets. We have developed one of the most advanced agricultures in the world, despite the aridity of the land. Indeed, Israel today exports fruits, vegetables and flowers to many countries. We have developed sophisticated industry — in certain fields we stand alongside the most advanced nations. We have provided health care and social services for all our citizens, and extended life expectancy in Israel by ten years. Our children enjoy free primary and secondary education. Trees have been planted, roads have been built, new settlements have been established — including kibbutzim and moshavin, representing a unique combination of freedom and equality in the 20th century.

Israel has come to hold a special place in the hearts of millions of people, yet there is still a great

deal to be done. The most important goal after independence, namely peace, has not yet been achieved. During the next 40 years, peace will therefore be our highest priority — for the sake of our children, for the sake of Arab children, for the sake of the region. Only through peace will we be able to realize our desire to be a nation that contributes to and enriches its environment; a nation that cares for all people regardless of differences in race, in color, in religions, in national origin.

This may today seem something of a dream, but, having in our first 40 years realized our greatest dreams, we may be permitted to dream once again, together — the dream of all Jewish people, you and us. For it is such solidarity of vision that has led us to this point — and will lead us to a much greater and more important future.

Jewish Film Festival

The fourth annual Jewish Film Festival opened on March 6 at the National Film Theater of London with 21 films touching on various aspects of Jewish history and culture.

Films range from Louis Malle's Oscar-nominated *Au Revoir, les enfants* to the documentary *The Rise And Fall Of The Borsch Belt*, directed by Peter Davis.

The fest, which ran through March 31, also featured

Transports Of Death from Bulgaria, and *Death Of the Beautiful Roebucks*, from Czechoslovakia. A selection of the films were also shown post-fest in Manchester as part of that city's bicentenary celebrations of Jewish life.

The event was organized by the Jewish Film Foundation, which produces, distributes and promotes Jewish film in the U.K.

Hatikvah — The Hope

By DULCY LEIBLER


(WZPS) A young man from Galicia, named Naphtali Herz Imber, inspired by the founding of Petah Tikvah in 1878, wrote a poem about his feelings. A farmer from Rishon LeZion heard the poem and enjoyed it so much that he promptly set it to music. The song, originally called "Tikvatenu" ("Our Hope"), later became "HaTikvah," the national anthem of the State of Israel, and has lifted the spirits of Zionists around the world for nearly a century.

Naphtali Herz Imber was born in 1856 into a Hasidic family. He received a traditional education, and left home at an early age to wander around the world. While in Constantinople, he struck up a friendship with Laurence Oliphant, a Christian Zionist, and came with him to Palestine in 1882, serving as Oliphant's secretary and advisor on Jewish affairs. Imber stayed in Palestine for some six years, during which time he wrote essays and articles for Hebrew periodicals, as well as several poems.

Tikvatenu, one of Imber's most popular poems, was first published in 1886, although it had initially been read in public as early as 1882 to a group of farmers in Rishon LeZion who received it enthusiastically. Among them was Moldavian-born Samuel Cohen, who decided to set the poem to a melody based on a traditional Moldavian-Rumanian folksong called "Carul cu Boi" ("Cart and Oxen.")

During the 1880's in Palestine, many tunes and adaptations rapidly became folksongs, and none thought of copyrights at that time. The "Tikvatenu" melody thus quickly became anonymous, and Imber's association with it all but forgotten.

Many changes were made in the original text of the poem over the years, and these have



הַתִּקְוָה (ההמנון הלאומי)

כָּל עוֹד בְּלִבְּב פְּנִימָה
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וּלְפָאֵתִי מִזְרַח קִדְמָה
עֵין לְצִיּוֹן צוֹפֶיָּה —

עוֹד לֹא אָבְדָה תִּקְוַתֵּנוּ
הַתִּקְוָה בְּת שָׁנוֹת אֲלֵפִים
לְהִיּוֹת עִם חֶפְשֵׁי בְּאַרְצֵנוּ
אֶרֶץ צִיּוֹן וִירוּשָׁלַיִם!

נשמע הרץ אימבר

Hatikvah — Israel's national anthem.

been traced through old song books, memoirs, and the like. Firstly, the title was changed to "HaTikvah," then some words were changed to suit contemporary opinion, and later the old-fashioned Ashkenazi syllable stress was changed to the Sephardi stress, used in modern Hebrew today.

At the conclusion of the Sixth Zionist Congress in Basle in 1903, it was sung by all present. Since this was the last congress presided over by Theodor Herzl, it is clear that Herzl did manage to hear "HaTikvah" before his untimely death in 1904. The anthem was sung at all subsequent Zionist Congresses, but not until the 18th Congress, held in Prague in 1933, was it officially confirmed as the Zionist anthem.

By that time, Imber has been dead for 24 years. He had left Palestine in 1888 to resume his world-wide wanderings. Always poor, and frequently involved with Christian missionaries, his close friends often wondered if he had not converted to Christianity in order to escape starvation.

In 1892, the poet settled in America, where he was married for a brief time. It was here that his second volume of poetry appeared in 1900, a Hebrew translation of the *Rubaiyat* of Omar Khayyam was published and some of his own poems and several tracts on Talmudic literature were translated into English. In spite of these intellectual achievements, however, he found it impossible to make a decent living, and in 1909, in New York City, he succumbed to a life of squalor, misery and alcoholism.

His poem lived on, becoming the unofficial anthem of Jewish Palestine under the British mandate, and at the Declaration of the State of Israel on May 14, 1948, "HaTikvah" was sung by the assembly at its opening ceremony.

The words of "HaTikvah" have a timeless relevance, a meaning for Jews everywhere, reinforced by both good and bad experiences — reinforced by wars and peace treaties alike, by both anti-Semitic acts and *aliya*. Naphtali Herz Imber's words are as old as the Jewish people itself, yet they are also as young as the State of Israel, which took them to its heart.

As long as still within our breasts
The Jews heart beats true,
So long as still towards the East,
To Zion, looks the Jew,
So long our hopes are not yet lost -
Two thousand years we cherished them -
To live in freedom in the land
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Israel Can Become U.S.-Europe Trade Conduit

By YITZHAK RABI

NEW YORK — A high-ranking Israeli official asserts that Israel is in a unique position to become "the Hong Kong" of the Near East — a financial and business center linking America and Europe.

Gabriel Levy, Israel's economic minister to North America, claims that "Israel can turn into a bridge between the European and the American markets and vice versa, because Israel is the only country in the world that has free trade agreements with the United States and the European Economic Community.

"As a result, the United States can actually export duty-free goods to Europe through Israel, and the Europeans can do the same with the vast American market also through Israel. The potential for growth and economic expansion for Israel is therefore enormous."

Noting the efforts of the United States to balance its mushrooming trade deficit, Levy said in an interview in his office at the Empire State Building that the United States no doubt will attempt to increase its exports to Europe as well as other countries.

Israel's role will be more than a stopping point for goods to be traded, he added. According to the free trade agreements, Israel must produce at least a third of the product on behalf of an American or European company in order for the product to be traded through Israel in the other realm duty-free. "And Israel of course has the infrastructure and professionals to do it," he pointed out.

Levy, who assumed his post here less than a year ago, said that he sees his task as locating American companies and businessmen and making them aware of the new possibilities for investment in Israel in view of the free trade agreements. "Our economic mission's goal is not to interfere in business ventures, but rather encourage them, to coordinate between the various bodies involved, to give advice and escort the investor in all the stages of the venture, until the mission is satisfactorily completed," Levy said.

A lawyer and businessman himself, Levy recommended that American businessmen turn to the economic mission here as the "one single address" for all the aspects of investing in Israel. He said the economic mission encompasses the activities of Israel's investment authority, finance and tourism ministries, and trade and supply missions in the United States. Levy said he is aware of complaints that bureaucratic red tape deters

many Americans from investing in Israel. However, he contended, "Recently, there has been a lot of improvement in this regard. In fact, things are moving much faster now in Israel, even faster, in many cases, than in dealings with governmental offices in the United States.

"I want to stress, however, that in many cases, when complaints were looked into regarding red tape in Israel's governmental offices, it turned out that those who complained did not turn to the right offices or the right official. In many cases, they dealt with too high-ranking officials. Our goal is to direct these investors and businessmen to the right people in Israel who can help them solve their specific problems."

Claiming that in recent years Israel has become an attractive place for financial investment, Levy disclosed that his office and the Merrill Lynch stock brokerage company are planning to create a mutual fund to be registered in New York, with the goal of securing \$50 million to be invested in stocks in Israel. "Such a mutual fund will strengthen the stock market in Israel and will give serious Israeli companies the opportunity to find financing in Israel," Levy said.

Other avenues for investments in Israel include existing companies and factories. Levy said that because of the high cost of financing in Israel, as compared with the United States, "many good and serious Israeli businesses find themselves in difficulties."

His ministry is undertaking, together with Israeli banks, a rehabilitation plan of a number of businesses to be presented to American investors with attractive terms, he said.

As for Israeli exports to the United States, Levy said that Israel is still trying to "penetrate" the vast American consuming market. He said that to a large extent Israel is being helped in promoting its products in America by its "Jewish connections," because many Jews are involved in the marketing networks of this country.

For Israel, he noted, that last goal is critical. "I believe that once we penetrate the American market, and Israeli products become household names here, we will come to the important stage of increasing production in Israel, because the potential of the American market is almost unlimited.

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Summit IV has been announced, and President Reagan will definitely meet General Secretary Gorbachev in Moscow from May 29 to June 3.

Locally the Soviet Jewry Task Force of the Jewish Community Relations Committee has planned a program to focus community attention on the plight of our Soviet brethren



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who, despite the promises of "Glasnost" remain mired in the Soviet Union, denied the right to emigrate.

Fredric Goldfein, Esq., and Leon Wertheimer, D.D.S., of Philadelphia have visited the Soviet Union six times, most recently in January 1988. They

will be at the Jewish Community Center Thursday, April 28 at 7:30 p.m. with a slide presentation and commentary exploring aspects of Jewish life in the Soviet Union. Though you may be familiar with the stories of the refusenik stars such as Sharansky and Begun, Goldfein and Wertheimer will be viewing the situation from a different perspective.

The program on April 28 will also give the community an opportunity to sign petitions and letters to President Reagan supporting his long-held position that human rights and Soviet Jewry are of paramount importance to the American people. The program is open to the public and is free of charge. Family attendance is encouraged.

American Parents Reassured By Visit To Israel

By Yitzhak Rabi

NEW YORK (JTA) — Only four weeks ago Cal Teich, a businessman from New Jersey, was not sure whether he should send his teen-age daughter to Israel this summer. He was concerned that as a result of the disorders in the territories, Israel might not be a safe place to travel.

But last week, Teich said that his 17-year-old daughter, Andria, is definitely going to Israel this summer.

Teich has just returned from a "fact-finding mission to Israel" with a group of 29 other parents of members of various American Jewish youth groups.

The week-long trip was sponsored by the American Zionist Youth Foundation and El Al Israel Airlines, which provided free airfare. The trip was arranged in response to con-

cerns, fanned by media reports, about safety in Israel in the wake of nearly four months of violence in the West Bank and Gaza.

"To me Israel felt very safe indeed," Teich said in an interview. "It is a whole different feeling when you are there. Now I have no qualms whatsoever with sending my daughter there this summer."

For all but two of the 30 parents, it was their first visit to Israel. The trip included stops in Tel Aviv, Jerusalem and northern Israel, many of the sights their children will visit this summer.

According to Aviva Lavi, a spokeswoman for El Al, the airline has reserved 10,000 seats for American Jewish youth who will be going to Israel this summer. Last year, she said, about 8,000 youth, all members of Jewish youth groups, traveled to Israel with the company.

"All of the Jewish youth groups and agencies that send kids to Israel have three times as many inquires for 1988 as they did for 1987," Ina Strauss, director of the AZYF's Israel Program Center, said in a telephone interview. "If we could convince the people who are already interested, but hesitant, to sign up their children, we will do better than last year."

Strauss pointed out that the Jewish youth groups do not travel to the West Bank and Gaza Strip, where the disturbances presently are taking place. "Every child that goes to Israel this summer will be getting the same positive experiences that tens of thousands of Jews have gotten in the past summers," she said.

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Missions are an interesting and informative way to visit Israel. The United Jewish Appeal and other groups schedule missions during the year for various groups and for different reasons. We have listed below some of the missions we feel would be most valuable to the community. For more information about these and other missions, contact the sponsoring agencies.

UJA 1988 National Summer Family Missions

There are three family missions scheduled for the summer of 1988:

June 26-July 6, July 10-July 20, August 18-August 28

UJA Family missions include participation in a Bar/Bat Mitzvah atop Massada, an Oneg at the Western wall, participation in an archeological seminar, a tube float down the Jordan River and more.

Features include round trip airfare from New York, five star hotels and kibbutzim, touring with trained UJA guides, special youth programming led by trained counselors and transportation on modern, air conditioned tour buses.

Cost of these missions vary according to the numbers of adults and children sharing a room. Children must be six years old or older. For more information call the Jewish Federation of Delaware at 478-6200

Singles Mission To Israel

Also sponsored by UJA through the Jewish Federation of Delaware, there are two singles missions scheduled for the summer of 1988.

July 17-July 27, July 31-August 10

These missions include a stay at a kibbutz, guided tours of Israel's classic attractions, briefings by leaders in government, industry, military, education and social policy. Also included are visits to our Project Renewal neighborhood, Jessie Cohen, tours of social service facilities and home hospitality with an Israeli family.

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Fall Study Mission

This mission is scheduled for November 6 through 16. For more information contact the Jewish Federation of Delaware at 478-6200.

The Zionist Organization of America (ZOA) offers several missions to Israel for different purposes and groups. Among the missions offered are: Teenage Camp, Teenage Tour, Leadership Training Course, Masada Kibbutz Program, Masada Trail-Blazer, Masada Institute for Water Sports, Maccabi Institute for Sports Training, Masada Student Tour and a Masada College Seminar Program. There is also a mission in celebration on Israel's 40th Anniversary. For more information, contact ZOA, 4 East 34 Street, New York, NY 10016.

The National Federation of Temple Youth (NFTY) is sponsoring several varied missions to Israel for high school students. Costs for the programs vary according to the program chosen. Among those missions offered are: 1 26-day and a 14-day safari tour of Israel at two of the country's world-famous nature centers, an archeological dig, a choir tour, a Hebrew ulpan and a mitzvah corps. For more information contact NFTY at 212/715-1505 or 212/592-6352.

Homtel Israel and the Israel Youth Travel Bureau also sponsor tours for youth which include archeological tours and desert/safari tours. For more information contact Homtel Israel, 1133 Broadway, New York, NY 10010 (1-800-367-4668).

B'nai B'rith Youth Organization sponsors a six-week program for high school students. For more information, call 202/857-6634.

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Write a Letter to the Editor

JNF Of Wilmington Announces Phone Line

The Jewish National Fund Council of Wilmington is proud to inaugurate the direct, "JNF TREELINE." "This is a new local phone number affording the entire community the opportunity and ease of planting trees in Israel," announced Col. Eli Shwartz, JNF Regional Director.

Founded in 1901, the Jewish National Fund is the organization responsible for the afforestation and land reclamation in Israel. JNF was originally established to buy land for

the Jewish People's return to their ancient homeland, Israel. These purchases served as the criteria for the United Nations 1947 Partition Plan which drew Israel's borders along the lines of JNF's land holdings.

After the founding of the State of Israel in 1948, JNF's work shifted from land purchase to reclamation, development, and afforestation. Major development projects have included the reclamation of hundreds of thousands of acres for agriculture and afforestation,

land preservation, site preparation for housing and industry, road building, dam and reservoir construction, creation and maintenance of parks, playgrounds and recreation areas, and advanced research into desert agriculture.

The 185 million trees planted by the JNF continues to be an integral part of Israel's agriculture, economy, and security. Ecologically, trees hold the soil together, preventing water and wind erosion, anchor sand dunes and lower



the desert temperature. Trees improve the quality of the environment, screening out urban noise and absorbing harmful industrial pollutants. Fruit trees, which flourish in former-dried river beds, help contribute to Israel's economy. JNF's afforestation program is also essential to Israel's security. Trees suppress dust at air force bases, provide camouflage for border com-

munities and serve as obstacles against surprise attack.

This year efforts in tree planting have taken on even greater importance. In 1987, more than two hundred (200,000) thousand trees were destroyed by more than 800 forest fires. Losses have been placed in excess of \$10 million.

"These disastrous forest fires have focused our attention on the importance of JNF's work," concluded Col. Shwartz. "We believe very deeply in our mission. We hope people will answer the call to turn sand to land and bring life back to Israel's lifeless forests."

For a convenient and direct link to plant trees for any occasion... Births, Bar/Bat Mitzvahs, Graduations, Weddings, or Memorials... call the JNF "TREE LINE - 665-TREE."

JWV Takes Marines To Court

The Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.A. is awaiting a decision in its lawsuit aimed at removing a 65-foot, illuminated Latin cross from Camp H.M. Smith in Hawaii. The cross, erected in 1966 for an Easter sunrise service, remains on the marine base despite an opinion by Navy Judge Advocate General, Admiral T.E. Flynn, that it be removed.

To date, maintenance and utility costs for the prominently

displayed cross have been paid out of government public funds.

Former Secretary of the Navy, James Webb, and former Commandant of the U.S. Marine Corps, General P.X. Kelley, are defendants in the case. Kelley insists the cross stay in place as a "non-sectarian symbol" of hope to families of POWs and MIAs remaining in Southeast Asia.

JWV says the cross, as a

sacred and revered symbol of Christianity, does not honor or respect the faith of non-Christians, particularly Jewish military personnel who died in Vietnam or Jewish families of MIAs.

According to JWV's attorney, Mr. Ronald Koerner, this case is unique in that the federal government has defied an established constitutional principle by endorsing the presence of a permanent religious symbol on government property.

The Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.A. was established in 1896 to uphold the integrity and reputation of American soldiers and sailors of the Jewish faith. Then, as today, a major objective of the organization was to combat discrimination and insensitivity in the military which would lead to anti-Semitism.

emigrated to live abroad.

Boulos, who presided at the afternoon session, said, "I am participating so I can tell people what Arabs are. A lot of Jews hate Arabs, but they don't understand. They think we all throw rocks."

U.S. To Sell Fighter Planes To Israel

By HOWARD ROSENBERG
WASHINGTON (JTA) — The Reagan administration informally notified Congress earlier this month that it intends to sell 75 F-16 fighter planes to Israel, worth \$2 billion, a Capitol Hill source said Friday.

The sale originated last year as a way to help offset Israel's cancellation of the Lavi fighter plane project.

The administration must for-

mally notify Congress of the sale by April 4. Congress then has 30 days to vote to block the sale. If it does not vote on the matter, the sale will go through automatically.

The source said that the planes, which will be built by General Dynamics, will be delivered in 1990, which marks a speeding up of the procurement process from the usual three to four years required to build the planes.

Children Convene Zionist Congress

JERUSALEM (JTA) — For the first time in history, an Arab served as co-chairman of a Zionist Congress.

His name is Toufik Boulos, and he is 11 years old and lives in Jaffa. The chairman who appointed him is Yisrael Niv of Kibbutz Sarid, also 11.

The event was the third Zionist Congress organized by Children for Zionism, held at the Weizmann School in Jaffa last Thursday.

Participants discussed the administered territories, immigration and the army. As at adult conclaves of this kind, no consensus was reached on some issues. But one decision was reached. Each participant would begin writing to a child in the diaspora whose parents are yordim — Israelis who

New Sweden Stamp Issued

B'nai B'rith Philatelic Service has created a First Day Cover serviced with the airmail rate (44¢) New Sweden commemorative stamp (joint issue with Finland and Sweden). It was issued March 29, 1988, in Wilmington, Del.

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History And Beauty Uncovered In Caesarea

By LIMOR JOSEPH

The colorful history of Caesarea is examined in a current exhibition entitled "King Herod's Dream: Caesarea on the Sea" at the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of Natural History. The exhibit, which is beginning a two-year tour in North America, will remain at the Smithsonian through June 19. The exhibition is the first public presentation of over 200 excavated artifacts from Caesarea, including a hoard of Islamic jewelry, Byzantine mosaics, as well as glassware, coins and culinary items.

Two decades before the birth of Christ, Herod the great, king of Judea, set out to create an international metropolis on the coast of Palestine where no major city had ever stood before.

In a career marked by grandiose building projects — the Temple in Jerusalem, the Winter Palace in Jericho, the lofty Dead Sea citadel of Masada — this was to be his crowning achievement. Caesarea Maritima, rival to Alexandria in the eastern trade, a city in opulence and magnificence would be worthy to be named for Herod's patron, Caesar Augustus, master of the Roman world.

Caesarea would become as rich in history as it was in monuments. From this capital Pontius Pilate, notorious in scripture for condemning Christ, ruled Roman Judaea. The Apostles Peter & Paul preached here and Paul languished two years in prison.

Here Jews First revolted against Rome, Arabs besieged Byzantines, Crusader armies fought Saracens. Until its destruction by the Mamluk Sultan of Egypt in the late 13th century, the city stood center stage in a region always a world crossroads. Although 2,000 years had passed, one could at this time, conjure an image of Caesarea's construction by the sheer size of the site and how much of the harbor is still visible.

One can see the massive crusader walls and moat cleared by Israeli archaeologists in the early 1960's. Within them lay vestiges of a medieval cathedral, ancient shops, mills, fountains, columns — even the mosque of a colony of Bosnian villagers who dwelt amid the ruins until 1948. To the south the crusader walls and a restored Roman theater, where on summer nights, one could still enjoy jazz and classical concerts over-looking the Mediterranean and view breathtaking sunsets.

As the city grew on the shore, engineers tackled the problems of building a harbor reflecting the imperial grandeur of Caesarea. The location Herod had selected proved a nightmare. The sandy, unstable coastline lacked coastal island or bays that could be incorporated into an artificial harbor. No harbor had ever been built without starting off from such natural features.

Completed in less than a decade, the project displayed remarkably innovative

technology: the use of hydraulic concrete, which hardens underwater; unique wave-breaking structures and stepped reverends; ingenious sluice systems to reduce siltation. The largest anchorage constructed to that time, it could be called the world's first modern harbor.

Six colossal statues stood outside the harbor entrance, three on either side. On a podium dominating the harbor, Herod raised a temple to Augustus and Rome. This landmark, identifying the city, could be seen from far at sea. When he had finished, a harbor capable of becoming the leading transshipment port in the Mediterranean, Herod bestowed on it a regal name, -Sebastos, the Greek equivalent of Augustus.

For those interested in archaeology, especially surveying underwater remains of ancient harbors, Caesarea is the largest Greco-Roman harbor open to archaeological exploration. Unlike Greek, Italy, Spain or Egypt where harbors are buried under an airport like Rome's ancient Portus, silted up like Leptis Magna in Libya, or in commercial operation today like Egypt's Alexandria or Athen's Piraeus.

CAHEP — The Caesarea Ancient Harbor Excavation Project, is a project organized in 1980 as an international consortium of universities, is headed by Avner Raban of the University of Haifa. Its one of the largest underwater archaeological teams in the world, with divers from many countries: men, women, ranging from corporate executive to carpenter, from student to soldier, aged from 15 to 69.

A visitor who does not have a scuba license can still enjoy the underwater findings of this ancient glamorous city's harbor at the museum at Caesarea, at the nearby Kibbutz of Sdot Yam, and at the Museum of Ancient Art in Haifa.

Situated midway along the coast between Haifa and Tel Aviv. Besides the old Roman theater, Harbor and two enormous statues, there is a Roman hippodrome and an aqueduct running from Mount Carmel (on which the city of Haifa is built) nine miles long. Today's Caesarea offers an attractive bathing beach with inviting restaurants, shops and galleries which line an old port, where the remains of Herod's harbor can be explored with your own or rented diving equipment. There is fishing, an 18-hole golf course, horseback-riding along the beach, and clay-pidgeon shooting range. Caesarea has a luxury hotel or the modest holiday village at nearby Kibbutz Sdot-Yam.

Limor Joseph is on the staff of the Israel Government Tourist Office.



Archeological excavations at Caesarea



One of the archeological treasures on display at the Smithsonian's exhibit on Caesarea.



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Abba Eban: Israel Should Be Willing To Negotiate

By Yitzhak Rabi

NEW YORK (JTA) — Abba Eban said April 6 that Israel should be willing to negotiate with the Palestine Liberation Organization, providing the PLO renounces terrorism and accepts a peaceful resolution of the Middle East conflict.

"I am willing to sit down and negotiate with my enemy," the Laborite Knesset member told an overflowing auditorium at the New School for Social Research here. "We want to

negotiate with Palestinian representatives, with those who abjure terrorism and want peace," he said.

Eban, a former Israeli ambassador to the United Nations and the United States who chairs the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee, came out strongly in favor of an international conference to open direct peace talks between Israel and its Arab neighbors.

Charging that "a scare campaign" against an international conference is under way "not only in Israel but in the U.S. itself," Eban said that in the last 40 years "Israel participated in five of them, and there is always a way out," if something does not work out.

Eban noted that the United States is offering "extraordinary safeguards" to Israel to participate in an international conference and has assured the Israeli government that the United States will walk out together with Israel from such a conference if Israel's interests are compromised.

As for Soviet participation in the conference, which some have opposed since the Soviet Union does not have diplomatic relations with

Israel, Eban, asked: "How can you have peace without Soviet participation?"

He scoffed at the suggestion that Israel would be isolated at such a conference. "Israel and America together will not be isolated," he said.

Eban praised Secretary of State George Shultz's new peace initiative, claiming that it has filled "a vacuum" in the area as demonstrated by the continued unrest in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip.

"My only criticism is that it came too late," he said, noting that both Israel and the United States are gearing up for general elections this fall. "But later is better than never," he quipped.

"Any body should want it not to fail," Eban said in reference to Shultz's initiative, warning that the coming year could be "a year of breakthrough or a tragic year."

Eban described the current situation facing Israel as being a "temporary dilemma" over the future of the territories and "a temporary anguish" over the daily violence and demonstrations in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

He said that Israel's rule over more than 1.5 million Palestinians in the territories has created a "crisis of structure" under which social harmony and peace cannot exist.

He said that he is "totally surprised that the unrest did not occur before" last Dec. 9, when the riots started.

Claiming that it is unjust and unrealistic for Israel to continue to rule over the Palestinian population, the Israel lawmaker said that "sovereignty and territory must be shared" by both Jews and Palestinian Arabs in the Land of Israel.

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Netanyahu Resigns —

(Continued from Page 1)

Shamir and is very popular among conservative thinkers, particularly those in the Shamir-Moshe Arens camp. Arens, a former defense minister and former ambassador to the United States, is, like Shamir, a Herut hard-liner.

While Netanyahu's entry into the political arena was greeted enthusiastically by Likud Knesset members, some Herut old-timers appeared to resent his "instant leadership within the party without having to go through the lengthy term of work in the local (party) branches."

Netanyahu is likely to get a spot among the first 10 names on the Likud election lists, which virtually assures him of a seat in the next Knesset. Some observers suggested Thursday that the haste of his resignation might indicate a Likud decision to call for early elections.

Netanyahu, who said when he announced his resignation that he hoped for a place on the Likud list in the Knesset elections scheduled for next November, charged that Shultz had been "influenced by all sorts of Arabist officials in the State Department."

He said that the secretary, who is due in Israel Sunday to resume shuttle diplomacy in the region, had "crossed the Rubicon" with his "very dangerous" peace plan and his meeting last Saturday with two members of the Palestine National Council which Israel, unlike the United States, does not differentiate from the PLO.

Netanyahu accused Beilin, a close associate of Peres, of drumming up support for the international conference idea which is part of the Shultz plan and is favored by the Labor Party. He had good words only for former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, who he said had warned Beilin that acceptance of an international conference meant shoving Israel back to its pre-1967 borders. According to Netanyahu, Beilin's response to Kissinger was "So what?"

Beilin promptly denied the charge. He said he told Kissinger last summer that even the Reagan plan, enunciated by President Reagan in 1981 and subsequently shelved because of Israeli objections, did not call for such drastic concessions by Israel. Therefore, he saw no danger that an international conference would compel Israel to withdraw to the old boundaries.

Asher Ben-Natan, a former Israeli ambassador to West Germany and France, is reported to be front-runner for Netanyahu's replacement as Israel's permanent representative to the United Nations, if both Shamir and Peres agree.

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Book Review

Celebration Of Israel's 40th: Books For Young Readers

Israel: A Sacred Land. Emily Taitz and Sondra Henry. Dillon Press Inc. 242 Portland Avenue So., Minneapolis, MN 55415. 1987. 160 pages. Ages 10 and up. \$12.95.

A Kibbutz in Israel. Allegra Taylor; photographs by Nancy Durrell McKenna. Lerner Publications, 241 First Avenue N, Minneapolis, MN 55401. 1987. 29 pages. Ages 7 to 10. \$8.95.

The Animated Israel: A Homecoming. Ephraim Sidon.; illustrated by Hanan Kaminski and Gil Elkabetz. Scopus Films, Suite 1102, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10011. 1987. 48 pages. Ages 5 to 10. \$14.95.

Daughter of My People: Henrietta Szold and Hadassah. Hazel Krantz. E.P. Dutton, 2 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10016. 1987. 145 pages. Ages 10 to 14. \$14.95.

By GLORIA GOLDBREICH

The celebration of Israel's fortieth anniversary is appropriately marked by the publication of a variety of books for young readers which focus on aspects of life in the Jewish state.

Particularly noteworthy for the clarity of the writing and the sensitivity of approach is **Israel: A Sacred Land** which is essentially a text but is attractive and readable enough to engage a young reader independent of classroom experience. The writers provide all geographic and historic facts without overpowering the reader with dates and statistics. There is no evasion of unpleasantness. Ambivalences about the war in Lebanon are clearly stated and no judgements are rendered. Especially impressive is the recognition of the role of Arab citizens of Israel play in the life of the young nation. There is a discussion of Arab holidays and Arab customs.

Beautiful color photographs support the strong text and it is perhaps quibbling to note that a photograph of Jerusalem's Ben Yehuda Street is captioned "The Jewish Sabbath, Shabbat, is a favorite time for a family walk down Ben Yehudah Street..." when the photograph itself portrays a workday scene with men carrying attache cases and women

laden with shopping bags. Still, that is the kind of inconsistency which might catch the eye of a young reader and raise questions of credibility. This however, is an unfortunate oversight in an otherwise wonderful book.

In **A Kibbutz in Israel** Allegra Taylor provides an excellent description of life on Kibbutz Erez as it is experienced by ten-year-old Tal Niv. The ideological principles of kibbutz life are explained simply but accurately. The arduous labor is not minimized but the author rightly stresses the joy and excitement of communal living with a description of holiday celebrations, picnics and outings. References to Israel's history and the personal experiences of the Niv family are woven through the text. A reference to the Holocaust explains that some members of Erez "... had suffered terrible things and ... were determined to build a place where they could live in peace at last."

Allegra Taylor has given us a clear description of such a place and Nancy Durrell McKenna's full color

photographs are possessed of a unique vitality. The publisher would have been well advised to omit an end page entitled "Israel and the Arab Nations" which provides a history so painfully abbreviated as to be virtually useless.

Ephraim Sidon utilizes the rhythms of Dr. Seuss in **The Animated Israel**, a fanciful picture book for very young children which tells the story, in rhyme, of stars, birds, a tree and two children who re-create the vast panorama of Jewish history. Endearing in places, confusing in others, but always lively and innovative, this bright, oversized volume will be a welcome addition to the juvenile Jewish bookshelf. Kaminski and Elkabetz deserve special kudos for their charming drawings and especially for the two-page illustration in tones of gray and umber which capture the ambience of the Holocaust. Otherwise all the illustrations are vividly colored and share a lively whimsicality.

Hazel Krantz focuses on early Zionist history with her excellent biography of Henrietta

Szold, who came to Palestine as a middle-aged woman and through the force of energy, imagination and commitment founded Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America. The origins of the internationally famous hospital, of Youth Aliyah and other Hadassah projects are explained and a clear picture is drawn of the intimate lives of the Jewish community in Jerusalem. There is perhaps too much emphasis on the internecine warfare within the organization, but on the whole the text introduces us to an admirable role model.

Interesting photographs will add to the young reader's understanding of "the remarkable Miss Szold." This is a valuable addition to the impressive Jewish Biography Series issued by Lodestar Books which also includes biographies of Sarah Aaronsohn, Louis Brandeis, and Eliezer Ben Yehuda, among other Jewish figures.

Gloria Goldreich is the author of several novels, the most recent being *West to Eden* (Macmillan, 1987.)

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Allen Pollack Analyzes Middle East Crisis In Meetings With Delaware Jewish Community

By PRISCILLA W. SIEGEL
Staff Writer

That Israel is fundamentally a good and moral country is evidenced by the anguish it feels over the recent events in the occupied territories, according to Dr. Allan Pollack. "Anyone in Israel who is not troubled by the newspaper articles and pictures of what is going on in the occupied territories is not normal." Addressing audiences at the University of Delaware and the Jewish Community Center on March 23, Dr. Allen Pollack, a founder of the American Professors for Peace in the Middle East, stressed that Israel's basic morality has created the quandary in which it finds itself: how to maintain the peace within an acceptable moral framework. According to Dr. Pollack, if such uprisings had occurred in Jordan the police would have wiped out the demonstrators in a few days. "It's a miracle," said Dr. Pollack, "that no Israeli soldier, faced with an angry and threatening mob, has not opened widespread fire into the crowd."

In analyzing world response to the West Bank/Gaza situation, Pollack contended that the media has unquestionably played a damaging and dangerous role in exacerbating the situation, both in rousing world opinion and in stirring up Palestinian nationalism among Israeli Palestinians. Despite the current turmoil, Pollack emphasized that one must not lose sight of the fact that Israel is essentially a stable country, and that the international political climate vis-a-vis Israel is, at present, promising. Israel has achieved a guarded peace with Egypt, and other moderate Arab states have accepted Egypt's relationship with Israel. Israel's most bitter Arab enemies, Syria and Libya, weakened by internal economic and political crises, are not in a position to threaten Israel. In the past, all wars waged, or threatened, by the Arab countries had the tacit approval of, if not aid from, the USSR. But Gorbachev, as the new head of the Soviet government, appears to be interested in formalizing relations with the United States. Russia's position in the Middle East has, accordingly, altered and neither Syria nor the PLO can depend on automatic Soviet support of aggressive behavior. Further indication of changed priorities in the Middle East, is the most recent Arab summit meeting which focused, not on Israel and the Palestinian question, but on the Gulf war and Islamic fundamentalism. Citing these events as having positive implications for Israel, Pollack counseled his audience, "We should not allow our traditional

Jewish masochism to take over. The West Bank and Gaza Strip problem doesn't mean that the world is coming to an end."

While the conflict in the occupied territories is indeed problematical for Israel, it may turn out to be a disaster for the Palestinians. Frustrated and angry over the lack of progress in achieving autonomy, young Palestinians have activated a momentum of rioting to which the moderate Palestinian leadership has fallen victim. Expressing outrage, but no demands, the Palestinians, without a moderate leadership, have severely lessened their negotiating possibilities.

What are Israel's options in handling this current period of unrest? Prime Minister Shamir has, thus far, rejected Secretary of State Schultz's peace initiatives, calling for an international conference. Shamir is

aware that such a conference would put pressure on Israel to give up the occupied territories, a plan to which Shamir is deeply opposed. This represents one of the most fundamental ideological differences between the Likud and the Labor party, which considers the occupied territories negotiable.

Pollack believes that the West Bank and Gaza conflicts have shifted popular opinion toward the conservative right, and that the forthcoming elections, to be held no later than November, will give Shamir's Likud faction a victory. Pollack further predicts that if the rioting continues, Israeli soldiers will be withdrawn along with Israeli support of the occupied territories' infrastructure. In the vacuum created by the withdrawal of a peacekeeping force, conflicts between the factionalized Palestinians

could conceivably unleash a bloodbath, blame for which, said Pollack cynically, might well be heaped upon Israel. Summarizing the current favorable confluence of historical circumstances, the Arab states' diversion of attention from Israel to the Iran-Iraq war, Gorbachev's changed agenda, and the weakened positions of Syria and Libya, Pollack expressed hope that Israel could avail itself of the opportunities presented in this more auspicious climate.

Pollack holds a Ph.D. in Russian history from Princeton University and currently lives and teaches in Israel. Sponsored by the Jewish Community Relations Committee of the Jewish Federation of Delaware, Dr. Pollack's lectures provided Delaware's Jewish community with the opportunity to hear an illuminating analysis of the pre-

sent problems facing Israel. In an extended discussion period following his talk at the Jewish Community Center, members had an opportunity to question the speaker on a wide variety of issues concerning Israel.

When asked about parallels being made between Israel and South Africa, Pollack replied that the parallels are inappropriate, inasmuch as the issue in South Africa is over the sharing of power, whereas in Israel, the Arabs want all of the power.

In recommending ways of giving public expression to opinions regarding Israel, he Pollack suggested that in lieu of letters to the editor, jointly signed letters be sent to the Israeli consul, who has the necessary information to deal with the issues in question and to pass it on to the appropriate Israeli officials.

Study Indicts U.S. Media For Apathy

By BEN GALLOB

After careful study of American newspapers and other periodicals from 1933-45, a Jewish education expert asserts that the American mass media generally failed to report on the Nazi genocide and the events leading to it.

The charge was made by Deborah Lipstadt, former director of the Brandeis-Bardin Institute in Los Angeles, in the book "Beyond Belief: The American Press and the Coming of the Holocaust." Details of her findings and a commentary on them appear in a review of the book by Monty Penkower, professor of history and chairman of the Division of Social Sciences at Touro College in New York. The Penkower review appeared in a recent issue of Dimensions, a journal of Holocaust studies published by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

Penkower wrote that the Lipstadt study traced how that media failure "effectively contributed to the disbelief and equanimity with which the United States confronted Germany's annihilation of European Jewry during World War II." He wrote that the mass media "down-played Nazi anti-Semitism and rationalized its murderous ideology and early manifestations" even as they reported on them.

Lipstadt found that "most journalists followed The New York Times and (leading journalist) Walter Lippmann in minimizing the ominous storm clouds which hovered over the Jews of Europe."

Skepticism — augmented by recollections of World War I "atrocities," the desire to remain neutral in European af-

fairs, support for restrictive immigration quotas and fear of foreign spies — "led to the suppression of unsettling reports and stories," she contended. That left the public with at best "brief ambiguous accounts . . . relegated to the inside pages of newspapers."

As late as 1944, well after the December 1942 United Nations Declaration on Jewish Massacres, the major dailies "persisted in ignoring the Final Solution. Confusion and myopia reigned even during the liberation of the concentration camps in the spring of 1945," Penkower wrote.

He said Lipstadt's book raised "a number of intriguing issues such as the improvement of the coverage by the papers of William Randolph Hearst in the 1940s and the difference in approach British and American newspapers.

Penkower said the Lipstadt study prompted him to wonder if there were "comparable failures of the imagination by the American press during World War II in other areas? Did (American) journalists react far more forcefully when non-Jewish lives were at stake, and, if so, with what results?"

The Touro College scholar declared that the book raised some questions about Lipstadt's expectations of the press. He agreed that "half-hearted coverage of history's most ghastly crime assuredly helped to fashion public indifference to the Final Solution."

But he added he did not agree that this failure made the American press "ultimately as culpable as the (American) government." He argued that the United States government and its allies had decided "early on" that the Jews were ex-

pendable, as he had contended in his book with that title.

He indicated he doubted that "an aroused press" could have significantly altered Allied policy on the doomed Euro-

pean Jews. he recalled that, as Lipstadt made clear, American journalists generally supported the admission to the United States of Jewish (Continued to Page 26)

Shamir Unveils Cornerstone For Wiesenthal Center Museum



Israel Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir recently unveiled the cornerstone of the Simon Wiesenthal Center's new Beit Hashoah/Museum of Tolerance at a ceremony in Los Angeles, calling the museum, "a major educational force for the future." Coming directly from talks with President Reagan in Washington, D.C., Shamir spoke to a crowd of over 2000 at the site of the Center's new building: "The need for a united front of Jewish people is even greater," he said, referring to recent unrest in Gaza and the West Bank. "Despite any differences of opinion, the basic relationship between Israel and the United States is as strong as ever. That is the meaning of friendship and alliance." Pictured at the cornerstone ceremony with Prime Minister Shamir is Samuel Belzberg, Chairman of the Wiesenthal Center's Board of Trustees, and Shulamit Shamir (right), wife of the Prime Minister.

A Symbol Could Take The Nobel Peace Prize

**By KIPP FRIEDMAN
LAKE WORTH, FLA.** — Jesse Zel Lurie was on the phone with Israel recently when he first learned that the School for Peace at Neve Shalom/Wahat al-Salam, the only village in Israel where Jews and Palestinians live and work together in peace and equality, was nominated for a Nobel Peace Prize by a member of the Swedish parliament.

"I was jumping for joy. I was excited. I was enthusiastic. It was a great thing," said the diminutive Zel Lurie, co-chairman of the American Friends of Neve Shalom/Wahat al-Shalam. "It's not often that you're working for an organization that gets nominated for a Nobel Peace Prize."

Zel Lurie, 74, has been a Zionist journalist for the past 53 years. He began writing for the *Palestine Post* in 1934, and he covered the UN beat for the *Post* from 1937 through 1967. He also served as editor and publisher of *Hadassah Magazine* for 30 years.

The first thing he did was phone his old friend, last year's Nobel Peace prize recipient, poet and scholar Elie Wiesel, to confirm the nomination.

"He [Wiesel] said, 'Yes, I just heard about it,'" said Zel Lurie, who added that Wiesel said he would immediately exercise his

Nobel Laureate privilege by supporting the nomination.

The 13-year-old settlement of Neve Shalom (Hebrew for Oasis For Peace)/Wahat al-Salam, on 100 acres of rocky Judean hills on the grounds of the Trappist monastery of Latrun halfway between Tel Aviv and Jerusalem, is the only cooperative agricultural village that is lived in and run jointly by Arab and Jewish families.

The School for Peace, formed in 1980 at Neve Shalom/Wahat al-Salam, conducts four-day workshops twice a month, bringing together 40 youths — 20 Jewish and 20 Palestinian — from Israeli high schools. The students board at the school during the duration of the four-day stay.

Four workshops have taken place since the Palestinian uprisings began last December in the West Bank and Gaza. All were fully attended, said Zel Lurie, who added this was a testament to the success of the school's format.

About 7,000 students — half Palestinian and half Jews — have graduated from the School for Peace program since the school opened. Another 1,000 adults have also gone through the program.

"It's a wonderful organization," said Zel Lurie. "It's an

idea that's a little ahead of its time."

Zel Lurie said the significance of the peace prize nomination is that it shows a world recognition of this unique effort within Israel.

He said, however, that the School for Peace program, acknowledged in Israeli circles, has not gained full recognition and support by the Israeli government or the settlement authorities because they are fearful that the school might weaken Zionism.

Zel Lurie argues this couldn't be further from the truth. "Denial of the legitimacy of the Palestinian nationalist movement is a denial of the basis of Zionism — the Jewish liberation movement," he said. "Neither side has ever recognized the legitimacy of the other side, and until they do, there cannot be any reconciliation or resolution."

He said the school serves as a symbol in Israel and the Middle East of how the larger political questions might be resolved in Israel's occupied territories. "If these kids can talk together and settle their differences, then adults should be able to also," Zel Lurie said.

Major American support for Neve Shalom/Wahat al-Salam and the School for Peace comes from the New Israel

Fund, a fund-raising organization that supports organizations working for a peaceful coexistence and civil rights, the Ford Foundation and Milton

Petrie, and American philanthropist, said Zel Lurie.

Kipp Friedman is a staff writer for the Jewish World in Palm Beach, Fla.

Ivies Take On Jewish Partners

NEW YORK (JTA) — Two Ivy League universities have announced new programs combining the resources of their social work departments and local Jewish institutions.

In New York, the Columbia University School of Social Work and the Jewish Board of Family and Children's Services jointly sponsored the establishment of a Center for the Study of Social Work practice, combining for the first time the research capability of a university and the practice experience of a social service agency.

The Center's research findings are expected to address social practice concerns and contribute to the advancement of social work knowledge, the delivery of day-to-day services and the training and education of social work students and clinicians.

Individual projects will be funded by private and public donors, and \$1.5 million of the

needed \$2.5 million endowment has already been raised. Dr. Shirley Jenkins, a professor of social research at Columbia for 25 years and author of 10 books on social welfare, is director of the center.

In Philadelphia, a joint program between the University of Pennsylvania and Gratz College will allow students to earn both a master's degree in social work and a certificate in Jewish communal studies.

The program will enable students to prepare for a wide variety of careers in Jewish communal service, in such institutions as commonly centers, federations, Jewish schools and geriatric facilities.

In addition to the regular two-year social work curriculum at Penn, students will be required to take six Judaica courses at Gratz. Gratz is the oldest non-denominational college of Jewish studies in the United States, founded in 1895.

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Judeschen Selbst-Hass/ Jewish Self-Hate

Solomon Liptzin, born in Russia in 1901, was professor and chairman of the German Department at CCNY in 1930, and for two decades also professor of literature at Yeshiva University. For the past twenty-five years, he has published and written from his home in Jerusalem. A very important book, *Germany's Step-children* was published in 1944 by J.P.S. and re-issued by Meridian in 1961.

It is the thesis of this book that the German-Jewish intellectuals whose biographies are here, practices various degrees of Jewish self-hatred. Some Jews, who not only hate themselves a little bit, change their names, and try "to pass" as non-Jews, but still associate with Jews.

Others hate themselves even more, and creep into the "wood-work." They have plastic surgery to remove a

"Jewish nose," change their name, deliberately marry a "blonde gentile," never telling the children that their father is Jewish. Others go further in their self-hate. They also join the Christian Church and raise the children as Christian. Often they attack *Kashrut* but praise the immaculate conception as scientific rationality. Others go further in their rejection of their parental and people's heritage. They have the need to renounce and attack Judaism, the Jewish people, and everything Jewish. Some of these individuals join Neo-Nazi organizations, deface and burn Synagogues, and hide the fact that they were born of a Jewish mother and father. When caught by the police, and examined by a psychiatrist, the sad truth comes forth. So deep is their self-hate! Some men even go further, and have surgery to reverse their cir-

cumcision. They are embarrassed to have their gentile girlfriend or wife, behold their Jewishness.

Liptzin, in his remarkable book, shows that not only Moses Mendelson's daughters went into Christianity with the onset of the "Emancipation" in the 19th century, but many other talented authors and writers followed them: Karl Beck & Moritz Hartmann, political poets; Joel Jacoby, poet; Ludwig Borne, poet; Ludwig Robert, dramatist; David Friedrich Koreff, physician and poet; Rahel Varnhagen, poet. All these talented people discarded their Jewishness and sought escape into the majority religion and culture of Germany.

Let us not think that Germany and Vienna produced only self-hating Jews. Moses Hess, co-father of Religious Zionism; Theodore Herzl,

father of political-Zionism; Richard Beer Hoffman, great poet and dramatist, defender of Judaism and Jews; Martin Buber, philosopher of Chassidism, and Gershom Sholom, great scholar of *Kabbalah-Jewish Mysticism*. All these authors and thinkers fought for *Judensdadt* and Jewish independence.

Is it a mystery why one Jewish person is a proud Jew, and why another is a self-hating Jew?

I think that *the self-hating Jew* deep in his psyche, sees himself, unfortunately, as the anti-Semite sees the Jew.

We Jews need to view ourselves through our own life, our own beliefs and our own interests.

If we accept this basic proposition of the authentic Jew, we fully agree with columnist George Will. He wonders why some Jews want Israel to

return to 1967 borders. George Will replies to these self-confused Jews:

1. Jordan is a Palestinian state. A large majority of the population is Palestinian.
2. Israel must be secure to survive. This cannot be done within the 1967 borders. Within the 1967 borders, Israel's waist is no wider than the length of the drive from the Brooklyn Bridge to Kennedy Airport.
3. Hand and shoulder missiles can be fired by enemy troops from the hills of the West-Bank into Tel Aviv and Jerusalem. The 1967 boundaries are indefensible.

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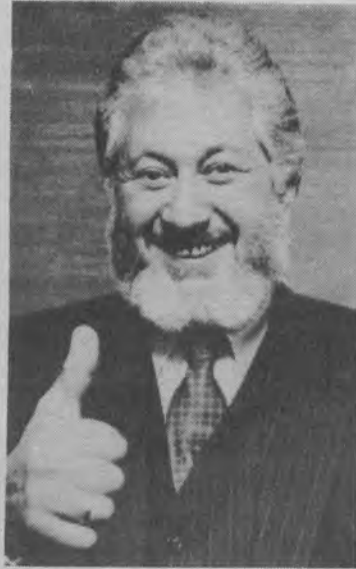
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A Refusenik Diary: Freedom Flight Of The Slepaks

When Soviet Jewish refuseniks Vladimir and Masha Slepak stepped off a plane in Vienna seven months ago and rushed into the welcoming arms of their son, Sanya, their 17-year quest to leave the Soviet Union became only a painful memory. They had survived exile, imprisonment, the loss of their jobs and the break-up of their family. The emotional story of the Slepak's reunion with their children and grandchildren and their long-sought arrival in Israel is told in *A Refusenik Diary*, a one-hour documentary which airs Thursday, April 21, at 10 p.m. on WHYY (TV12).



Vladimir Slepak and his wife, Masha, tried for 17 years to leave the Soviet Union. They are now free and are the subjects of a one-hour documentary to be shown on April 21 on WHYY.

A Refusenik Diary, produced by WHYY-TV, includes exclusive footage of the Slepak's arrival in Vienna as well as interview footage smuggled out of Moscow before their release. The program is based on *Refusenik: A Family Divided*, a half-hour WHYY production on the Slepak's struggle which coincidentally aired on TV12 the week Vladimir and Masha received permission to emigrate. *A Refusenik Diary* will air nationally on public television later this year.

A Refusenik Diary producer David Rosenberg and a TV12 camera crew travelled to Vienna to witness the first steps of the Slepak's family reunion — the tearful embrace of their older son Sanya, a Philadelphia physician. They were the only journalists to accompany the Slepaks on a private jet to Israel, and the interview recorded enroute captures the Slepak's first reactions to their freedom and the joyous popping of champagne corks when the flight reached Israeli airspace.

The Slepaks were among the most well-known Jewish Refuseniks — dissidents whose exit visas were consistently denied by the Soviet government. The sequence taped in Moscow before the Slepak's release recounts the family's long ordeal as they waited for permission to emigrate. *A Refusenik Diary* tells how Vladimir's father, Solomon, denounced his Judaism to become a prominent member

of the Communist government. When Vladimir wanted to reaffirm his religion and live in Israel, Solomon disowned his son, calling him "an enemy of the people."

Vladimir and Masha became involved in Jewish circles in the late 1950s, but their activism didn't begin until 1969 when they applied for, and were refused, an exit visa to Israel. During the 1970's, they were fired from several jobs, interrogated and harassed. In 1978 they were arrested for demonstrating on the balcony of their apartment and Vladimir was sentenced to a five-year exile at a Siberian labor camp. Their son Sanya received an exit visa in 1977. Their other son, Leonid, left the country in 1979, leaving Vladimir and Masha unable to see their children or the five grandchildren who were born in the United States.

With Leonid and Sanya as their advocates, the Slepaks maintained their hope. As Masha said in their taped Moscow interview, "We'll not be divided, we'll not be split... we'll be together again."

That dream came true in Oc-

tober, 1987. When the precious exit visas arrived, the Slepaks quickly packed and departed for Vienna, Austria, enroute to Israel. *A Refusenik Diary* follows the Slepak's arrival in Israel and their non-stop week of reunions, parties and press conferences in their newly-adopted home. Masha was particularly impressed by the Israeli lifestyle. "The first few days was a real shock. The way people act. People are more relaxed. They walk with their heads up. In Moscow, only the

Western tourists walk around that way."

Vladimir and Masha then traveled to New York, for their reunion with their younger son Leonid and their five grandchildren. The program concludes in Philadelphia, where the Slepaks enjoyed the simple — but previously denied — pleasure of a fall afternoon at a playground with their grandchildren.

The Slepaks still carry on their struggle to gain freedom for other Soviet Jews. Producer

Rosenberg points out that while the Soviet government has recently released a number of well-known prominent refuseniks, they have at the same time tightened restrictions for exit visas. "The fact that they allowed me and some other long-term refuseniks to leave isn't a change of the policy," said Vladimir. "The final solution of this problem will be when every human being in the Soviet Union gets the right to leave his country when he wants and where he wants."

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Yad Vashem & U.S. Holocaust Council To Exchange Material On Holocaust

A landmark agreement between the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council and Yad Vashem, Israel's national Holocaust institution, to exchange Holocaust information and materials has been signed in Jerusalem. The agreement is expected to forge a close link between the world's only two national Holocaust institutions.

The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, which is being built here adjoining the National Mall and is scheduled to open in 1990, and Yad Vashem agreed to exchange materials for exhibition in their respective museums and to consider donating duplicate materials to each other. They also agreed to co-publish books on the Holocaust in English.

The signing took place February 15 at Yad Vashem, Israel's memorial for the six million Jews murdered by the Nazis. Upon signing the agreement, Dr. Yitzhak Arad, chairman of Yad Vashem, expressed his hope that the agreement would foster close cooperation between the two institutions and result in an increased awareness of the Holocaust in the United States and all over the world. Dr. Arad stressed the importance of a joint effort to collect documents dealing with the Holocaust from sources until now unavailable to Yad Vashem.

Another of the signers, Council Vice Chairman William J. Lowenberg, said the agreement will lead to an "ever greater illumination of the truth of the Holocaust as the most evil event in human history and to a more universal remembrance of its victims."

The other signatories were Reuven Dafni, vice chairman of Yad Vashem; Miles Lerman, Chairman of the Council's International Relations Committee and Lyle Ryter, the Council's Executive Director.

Under the agreement, the Council, as the governing body of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, and Yad Vashem will pursue and review educational programs and services which they might jointly organize and operate, and assist each other's scholars and researchers.

The two parties agreed that Yad Vashem will participate in the test program being developed by the Council to create an automated inventory of Holocaust-related documents worldwide, a project which will begin in the summer.

Yad Vashem and the Council also agreed to coordinate their programs to reproduce Holocaust-related documents, and to exchange copies of documents in their possession. In addition, they agreed to

translate eyewitness testimonies and memoirs into English and Hebrew to make this first-hand information more readily available to a wider audience that does not read such languages as Yiddish, Hungarian and Polish.

The materials and documents obtained from Yad Vashem will be used to help assure the authenticity of the Museum's exhibitions and will be included in the Museum's archives for scholarly study. Key documents and materials from Yad Vashem could be included in the Museum's exhibitions. Both sides will endeavor to implement the terms of the agreement in the immediate future. The agreement will come into

force after ratification by the boards of both parties.

The United States Holocaust Memorial Council was established by Congress in 1980 to plan and build the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C. and to encourage and sponsor observances of an annual, national, civic commemoration of the Holocaust known as the Days of Remembrance. The Council also engages in Holocaust education and research programs. It consists of 55 members of all faiths and backgrounds appointed by the President, plus five U.S. Senators and five members of the House of Representatives.



William J. Lowenberg, left, vice chairman of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council, and Dr. Yitzhak Arad, chairman of Yad Vashem, sign cooperation agreement in Jerusalem between their two national Holocaust Museums.

Holocaust Materials Sought For New National Museum

WASHINGTON, D.C. The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum has issued a worldwide plea to Holocaust survivors, allied military veterans who liberated the Nazi concentration camps, their heirs and others for Holocaust-related documents and materials for the Museum.

The Museum, scheduled to open in 1990 at a site adjoining the National Mall, will tell the story of the Holocaust. "To tell that story accurately, authentically and powerfully," Museum Director Arthur Rosenblatt said, "we need original artifacts, documents, letters, diaries, and documentary works of art and photographs that were created in the camps, in ghettos or in hiding."

The Museum, mandated by a unanimous vote of Congress, needs original materials that depict life in

the ghetto, that warned of the Nazi terror or documented the crimes. It is also seeking material pertaining to armed or spiritual resistance and to establishing life anew following the Holocaust.

Preliminary work has begun on the Museum's permanent exhibition and development of its archives is well underway. The request for materials was issued by Benjamin Meed, chairman of the Museum's Content Committee, which will oversee its exhibitions.

The Museum will be located in Washington, D.C. near the Washington Monument, and millions of visitors are expected to visit its permanent exhibition. So far, more than \$47 million has been raised to build the Museum. Preliminary construction work on the site will begin this winter, and major excavation will begin in the spring.

Individuals and organizations with original Holocaust-related material are urged to send a full description of the material to: Curator, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, 2000 L Street, N.W., Suite 588, Washington, D.C. 20036.

The United States Holocaust Memorial Council was established by Congress in 1980 to plan and build the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C. and to encourage and sponsor observances of an annual, national, civic commemoration of the Holocaust known as the Days of Remembrance. The Council also engages in Holocaust education and research programs. It consists of 55 members of all faiths and background pointed by the President, plus five U.S. Senators and five members of the House of Representatives.



This is what the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum will look like from the grounds of the Washington Monument. This photograph of the museum site shows the Bureau of Engraving and Printing to the right of the museum along Raoul Wallenberg Place. Independence Avenue, which runs along the National Mall, is in the foreground. A photograph of a model of the Museum was superimposed on the site photograph to create this effect. Preliminary construction on the site began in March with completion scheduled for 1990.

U.S. Holocaust Council Creates Five PSA's

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Five public service announcements designed to preserve the memory and meaning of the Holocaust were produced and distributed by the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council.

Sent to each major television station in the top 50 media markets in the nation and to the major market in each state, the PSA's deal with five aspects of the Holocaust period from 1933 through 1945: book burnings; Hitler speaking to the Reichstag; Generals Eisenhower, Patton and Bradley touring a liberated concentration camp; a commemoration of the victims of Nazi genocide; and the Jewish children who were victims.

The PSA's are intended for viewing during the Days of Remembrance, April 10-17. They were distributed to 451 television stations. Each PSA is narrated by former CBS News correspondent George Herman who reported from Europe during World War II.

The PSA's were created for the Council by David Haspel, a Dallas, Texas, filmmaker who is working on a documentary film about the Holocaust. He donated his time to the Council for this project.

The film in the PSA's is from original footage shot by foreign correspondents, Nazi filmmakers and U.S. Army photographers during the most horrific chapter in human history.

Additional copies of the five PSA's are available for broadcasters in a variety of formats: VHS, Beta, 1/4 inch and 1 inch. For a copy, please write to:

Days of Remembrance PSA, U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council, 2000 L Street, N.W. (Suite 588), Washington, D.C. 20036

Roots & Branches

Miriam Wiener

Testimony To The Living

Last year, more than one million people visited Yad Vashem in Jerusalem, including many foreign dignitaries. One million making certain that six million Jews who perished in the Holocaust are not forgotten.

As the foremost institution in the world for Holocaust research and commemoration, Yad Vashem serves as the beacon of awareness, education and remembrance of the devastation of European Jewish communities and the six million victims.

Most visitors to Yad Vashem who request a search of the files of "Pages of Testimony" are looking for confirmation of the death of a Holocaust vic-

tim. Frequently, these files become a testimony to the living as well.

According to the 1953 Martyrs' and Heroes' Remembrance Law, Yad Vashem is to "commemorate the six million members of the Jewish people who died a martyr's death at the hands of the Nazis and their collaborators... to gather into the homeland material regarding all those members of the Jewish people who laid down their lives... to confer upon the members of the Jewish people who perished in the days of the disaster and the resistance the commemorative citizenship of the State of Israel, as a token of their having been gathered to their people."

In order to fulfill its task, Yad Vashem undertook to record the names of all the Jews who perished at the hands of the Nazis during the Holocaust. The registration was done by relatives or friends of the victims who filled out "pages of testimony", which contained all the pertinent biographical information on the individual and the circumstance of his or her death. These Pages of Testimony, which number over 3,000,000, are filed at the Hall of Names.

The library and archives serve diverse interests. The investigation and prosecution of Nazi War Criminals relies substantially on the material available at Yad Vashem. The increasing number of publications on the Holocaust cite numerous sources from its files.

Among those utilizing its vast services are scholars, researchers, authors, and film producers, as well as students from all levels. Survivors and relatives of families lost in the Holocaust also visit the library and archives.

The archives contain more than 50 million documents concerning the Holocaust. On a daily basis, survivors and others continue to supply additional documentary items.

As the survivor and immigrant generation dwindles, more and more of their descendants feel the need and responsibility to discover and preserve their family history. The material at Yad Vashem provides a wealth of information for genealogists who are reconstructing the history of their family and the ancestral towns where they once lived.

"We regret that we have no information on your family members" is the usual response to my written inquiries over the years. However, not long ago, a search request to Yad Vashem yielded a different response and resulted in the discovery of a previously unknown branch of my family, most of whom had perished in the Holocaust.

The tracing of my family name of "Odnoposov" led me to the Hall of Names where it was confirmed that Pages of Testimony existed for at least two "Odnoposovs" — Henry and Ester. Ultimately, a year later, I was to sit with Ester's surviving son, David, in Tel Aviv, and record his memories of this new family branch.

When I received the Page of Testimony for "Henry Odnoposov", I was pre-occupied with the biographical information and details of death at Treblinka. His place of birth, in Priluki, was the same ancestral

town as mine and it was clear at once that he was part of our family. It took awhile to register with me that the form was completed by a surviving brother, identified in 1956 as "David Ud". Then began the arduous task of tracing David Ud from an address that was almost thirty years old. It took some time, efforts of several cooperative people and agencies and a little "mazel", too.

In a matter of months, I found David and his wife, Franka, living with their married daughter in Tel Aviv. Shortly thereafter, I was in Tel Aviv meeting my new cousin, David, and his family.

My first question was "why did you change your name from Odnoposov to Ud"? David and Franka told me they wanted a Hebrew name and "Ud" meant "the firebrand that is left from the fire". I understood immediately when it was explained that David was the sole member of his family to survive. When I unrolled the twenty-foot computer printout of the Odnoposov family tree, David was overwhelmed with joy to learn he had such a large family spread throughout the world.

A lengthy exchange of letters, photos and memories has

followed that first meeting with the hope of a worldwide family reunion one day, in Jerusalem.

The Pages of Testimony project is still in progress. Yad Vashem provides blank "pages of testimony" to all interested individuals and organizations. They have initiated appeals to Jewish communities all over the world to participate in this endeavor. The American Society for Yad Vashem, 48 W. 37th Street, New York, NY 10018, will provide the blank "Pages of Testimony" upon request.

Whether you are looking for information about your family members who perished or who survived, Yad Vashem is a valuable source of information. To initiate a search, write to Hall of Names, Yad Vashem PO Box 3477, Jerusalem 91034 Israel. Although there is no charge for the search, a tax-deductible contribution is most welcome.

A Beginner's Guide (55 pages) on how to research your family history, which includes charts, list of archives and libraries, maps, bibliography, family group sheets and more, can be ordered from: Miriam Wiener, 136 Sandpiper Key, Secaucus, NJ 07094.

Holocaust Education Booklet Published

NEW YORK (JTA) — The Department of Defense is distributing a 96-page book entitled "Days of Remembrance" to assist members of the U.S. armed forces in organizing Holocaust education programs and ceremonies as part of this year's national Holocaust remembrance.

The book, produced in conjunction with the International Center for Holocaust Studies of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, is intended for more than five million members of the American military around the world.

Included in the guide are statements from President Reagan and Secretary of Defense Frank Carlucci and a

variety of suggestions on how to organize an observance. The book also contains historical information on the Holocaust.

It includes sections examining the U.S. Army's liberation of the Nazi death camps; those who collaborated with or passively watched the Nazis murder Jews; the Jewish resistance; efforts to rescue Nazi victims; and the effects of the Holocaust even today.

The Department of Defense has conducted Holocaust remembrances since 1984. This year's remembrance, April 10-17, marks the first time that detailed planning guidance and materials have been supplied to the military.

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Vice President George Bush
December 6, 1987 at the Rally for Soviet Jewry

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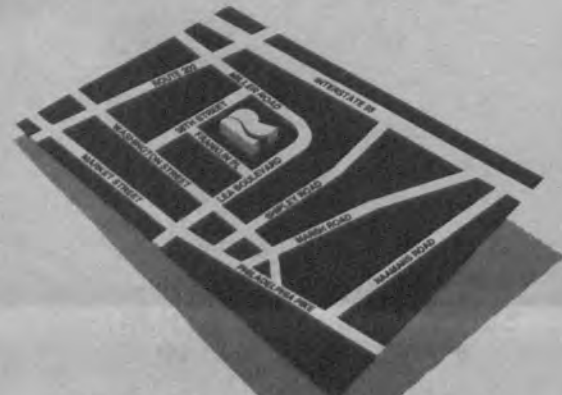
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Mideast Primer

The Shifting Sands Of The Middle East

By IRV BRESLAUER

If you had been a school child at the turn of this century you would have called Iran by its ancient name of Persia, Syria, Lebanon, Jordan, Iraq and Israel would all have been included in what our grandparents called the Ottoman (Turkish) Empire. Most of the horn of Africa was colonized by France, England and Italy, and the Arabian peninsula consisted of a number of independent tribal states.

The defeat of the Turks and Germans in World War I (1914-18) saw the entire region sliced up to satisfy the colonial ambitions of the victors. France occupied what later became Syria and Lebanon, Britain took the future Jordan, Israel and Iraq. Persia, which had been truncated by British and Russian influence in the first decade of the century, regained its lost territory.

During that first decade and

for unnumbered years before, Jews, escaping terror in Russia and Eastern Europe, made their way to Palestine, their biblical home. They were joined by other Jewish immigrants from the region who had dreamed of "next year in Jerusalem" and were able to fulfill that dream.

In 1920, after the French deposed Emir Faisal who had been proclaimed King of Syria, the British offered him a consolation prize. They named him King of Iraq. In a further effort to ingratiate themselves to the Arabs, the British split the remainder of Palestine, drawing a line from the French Mandate border through the Sea of Galilee, down the Jordan River to the Dead Sea and then to the Port of Eilat (Aqaba).

They put Faisal's brother, Abdullah, on the throne of the country east of that line and called it Transjordan. The country west of the line was called Palestine, from the Latin

Palaestina (Land of the Philistines), from the Hebrew *Pelesheth*.

During the next two decades, most of the Arab states had achieved independence: Iraq in 1932, Lebanon in 1943, Syria in 1946 and Transjordan (renamed Jordan) in 1946. Saudi Arabia was unified under Ibn Saud and the smaller states and emirates on the Arabian peninsula achieved independence from their colonial masters.

All of which brings us to 1947 and the U.N. plan to partition Palestine.

Editor's Note: Irv Breslaauer, a retired U.S. Air Force officer, lived for a year in Israel, and is coordinating the local observance of Israel's 40th anniversary for the Jewish Community Relations Council of St. Louis. The 'Mideast Primer' is a feature which seeks to clarify the complex issues of the Mideast conflict.

Anti-Israel Sentiments Expressed At Lincoln University Colloquium

By PRISCILLA W. SIEGEL
Staff Writer

"Israel: The Vision and the Reality," a panel discussion organized and moderated by Dr. Julia Brun-Zejmis, professor of Russian, was held on March 29 at Lincoln University, Oxford, Pa. Rabbi Peter Grumbacher of Wilmington's Temple Beth Emeth and Daniel Drooz, freelance journalist, presented the topic and Lincoln University faculty members, Chronis Polychroniu, Political Science Department and Rev. John West, Department of Religion, were the discussants.

Addressing an audience of about 75 students and faculty, Rabbi Grumbacher described his father's flight from Nazi Austria and the subsequent annihilation of remaining family members. This personal history, multiplied by millions, is one of the bases for the establishment of a secure homeland for the Jews — the vision of Israel. After providing a brief historical background for the problems with the Palestinians now faced by the State of Israel, Rabbi Grumbacher described the status of the Palestinians within the occupied territories. Acknowledging that the Palestinian question must be confronted, he nevertheless contended that Palestinians living under Israeli rule fare better than those living under Arab jurisdiction,

where they have been manipulated and exploited. Rabbi Grumbacher concluded his presentation with the ecumenical hope that the gulf which has separated the black and Jewish communities over the last twenty years would be bridged.

Mr. Drooz, focusing on "Israel: the Reality," outlined Israel's development from 1948 until the present, citing Golda Meier's refusal to talk to the Palestinians, as a critical mistake. The present Palestinian demonstrations have awakened Israel to the frustration, anger, and sense of hopelessness which has overwhelmed this displaced population. It is this internal situation, not the PLO, that has inspired the demonstrations, said Drooz, and it would be in Israel's self-interest to "cut loose" from the Palestinians (i.e., give the Palestinians autonomy).

Responding to the presentations by Grumbacher and Drooz, Mr. Polychroniu characterized Israel as a state created by the terrorist activities of the Haganah and the Stern gang, which ruthlessly attacked Palestinians. Despite Israel's condemnation of the PLO as a terrorist organization, he continued, the PLO is recognized internationally by 110 states, while Israel has the recognition of only 70 states.

Rev. West, in his rebuttal, remembered that he was just a boy at the time of the Six Day War and recalled the general admiration for the victory won by the beleaguered state of Israel, a country outnumbered 25-1. It was a David and Goliath story, but now, asked Rev. West, who has the slingshot?

The statements of the discussants aroused considerable sympathy and applause from a hitherto reserved audience and the ensuing 90 minute discussion was highly charged and often hostile. Grumbacher and Drooz were barraged with questions from faculty and students over a wide variety of issues relating not only to Israel, but also to other Jewish issues. The rapidity and intensity of the questioning provided limited opportunity for meaningful dialogue. One faculty member challenged the premise of Israel as a homeland for European Jews — "other countries had been proposed as a place for displaced Jews, Uganda or Argentina for example." Another question focused on Israel shipments of arms to South Africa and Israeli training of South African soldiers, while another questioner wanted to know why oriental or black Jews have not been assimilated into Israeli society.

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Reform Community Shows That Arabs And Jews Can Co-Exist

By DAVID FORMAN

A three-year-old Reform Jewish settlement in the hills of Galilee is out to prove that the pioneering spirit is not dead in Israel and that Arabs and Jews are able to live side-by-side in peace.

At a time when turmoil in the administered territories has given rise to bitterness and conflict, the tiny new settlement has become a symbol of hope, opportunity and rationality. Not even the current violence has disrupted the live-and-let-live philosophy that characterizes relations between the Jewish settlers and their Arab neighbors.

The community, Har Halutz, is located in the rugged Tefen Range north of Carmiel. It was founded in 1985 under the sponsorship of the Reform movement as a model community based on the tenets of liberal Judaism.

Planned for an eventual population of 200 families, the community includes among its purposes the improvement of relations between Israeli Arabs and Jews, strengthening ties between Israel and the Diaspora and encouraging ecological awareness.

Today, the 17 pioneering Jewish families who have settled in Har Halutz live in compact and surprisingly comfortable trailers while they build permanent housing. They come from a variety of ethnic backgrounds, some from Israel, others from the Diaspora.

Hal Applebaum, an American from Tuscaloosa, Alabama is the secretary of Har Halutz. He spent a year on a Reform kibbutz, returning home to complete his university studies, then came back to Israel to settle permanently. He wanted to live in a Reform Jewish community, but was looking for something different from the Kibbutz lifestyle of Yahel and Lotan, the first two Reform settlements in Israel.

Alternative Community Living "When the Reform movement decided to create Har Halutz as a free-enterprise experiment in alternative community living, it seemed like a perfect solution," he says. "Not only could I find a home in Israel, but I would be in on the ground floor, building the type of community I had envisioned."

Another driving force behind Har Halutz is Haim Sharett, son of the late Prime Minister Moshe Sharett. The younger Sharett became involved when the kibbutz federation in Israel, TAKAM, sent him to the U.S. as an emissary to the Reform movement. He quickly recognized that there were many Reform Jews who were interested in Aliyah but wanted something that combined the individualism and flexibility of the American tradition with the pioneering features of kibbutz life. The answer was Har Halutz.

A major goal of the pioneering community is to demonstrate that Jewish and Arab communities can exist side by side peacefully, regardless of political differences. The settlers believe that their relations with the nearby Arab village of Dir El Asad proved their point. Not even the current violence appears to have affected the stability of that relationship.

"Relations with our Arab neighbors are good — proper is probably the correct word," says Sharett. "I won't say they are warm or intimate, at least not yet. But we have managed to live together and do business together, and not even the troubles in the territories have interfered."

Har Halutz settlers patronize garages and shops in the nearby Arab village and invite their Arab neighbors over for visits, which sometimes develop into discussions of political issues. In addition, the Jewish settlers employ a teacher from Dir El Asad to teach them Arabic.

Har Halutz has also developed a close relationship with the nearby Druze village of Kisra. Social visits with Kisra residents are common, particularly at holiday times and special occasions, such as periods of mourning and weddings. But commercial relations are limited because of the lack of a usable road, according to Haim Sharett.

"Only mules and donkeys are capable of travelling the narrow hilly paths, so most of the visits are by Druze coming to Har Halutz," he says. In addition, a Druze from Kisra works as a settlement guard at the settlement.

Each Har Halutz family is

allowed to construct a house on a quarter-acre lot, with the help of a low-interest government mortgage. Financial incentives are also provided to encourage residents to open small businesses. Half of the settlers currently work outside the village at the nearby Tefen Industrial Park, which is part of an overall government program for development of the Galilee.

Although industrial jobs are plentiful, many residents whose background is in creative activity choose to do their work within the settlement. "I draw inspiration from the environment," says Ehud Ryden, an artist who is a native of Seattle.

Haya Burstein, a writer and illustrator from Hicksville, Long Island, echoes the sentiment. "The tranquility of this place is a genuine attraction," she points out. Living in Har Halutz, they say, encourages creativity and individual experimentation.

The pioneering venture in settlement living extends to religious activity. All holiday and prayer services are celebrated communally, as well as religious workshops and Friday night dinners.

While the settlers represent a wide range of religious backgrounds, all are committed to the principle of open inquiry into their Jewish roots. "Consensus determines our decisions," says Hal Applebaum. "Everyone brings his or her family traditions to Har Halutz, thus creating an exciting integrative experience."

A communal approach is also reflected at the kindergarten level, where 14 children ranging in age from six months to

six years learn and play in an open classroom setting. The kindergarten was set up by Keren Aharoni, who came from Scotland and met her sabra husband, David, while she was on a volunteer program in Israel.

Har Halutz is now looking ahead to the development of a Seminar Center at the settlement, one that can accommodate the 1,500 high school and college youth who come to Israel each year in youth programs sponsored by the Reform movement.

The Center would also serve the needs of the region for a conference facility center in Galilee. Haim Sharett, who currently is in the U.S. to make arrangements for the Seminar Center, reports he is receiving help from the Association of Reform Zionists of America (ARZA) with participation by the North American Federation of Temple Youth (NFTY). Both ARZA and NFTY are affiliated with the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, central body of Reform Judaism in the U.S. and Canada.



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Reagan Receives Havdallah Set



Members of the Prime Ministers Council of the United Jewish Appeal present President Reagan with a Havdallah Set. Over 150 Council members listened last month as the President again confirmed his commitment to Israel's security, Soviet Jewry and the cause of freedom throughout the world. He said, "The safety and security of Israel are all part of a larger cause, the cause of human rights for every man, woman and child on this earth. And today... let's rededicate ourselves to that cause."



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Caregiving: Some Suggestions For Coping

By RUTH KERBEL



Ruth Kerbel is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker, associated with Jewish Family Service since January 1986.

Most of us are aware of the "graying of America," and that approximately 25% of our population is over 65. In fact, 10% of those over 65 also have children who are over 65. Most older Americans have living children and those who do are in close touch with them. They usually don't live together, unless either the parents or the children are in poor health or in poor financial circumstances. All prefer to be autonomous and are happier when they can be. While parents and adult children prefer to live near each other, and if they move apart for economic or career reasons, they tend to move

closer again in later life. How much is the strength of the bond the enjoyment of each other's company, and how much a duty or obligation motivated by guilt, is not known.

Today, a greater number of families than ever before are caring for an elderly relative within their home. About one out of every four older people lives with an adult child or other family member. With 95% of the elderly population not being institutionalized, living within a family is far more common for an elder than living in a nursing home.

In a study of 104 families, the following tasks were identified which will shed some light on the impact of the responsibility of the adult child caring for his/her parent in his/her household.

Children do the grocery shopping, cooking, laundering, and housecleaning. They also help their parents manage the finances, make decisions and pay the bills. They often perform the personal care duties of bathing, shampooing hair and dressing. They provide transportation to doctors, dentists, pharmacies. Children also provide emotional support, and in some cases, financial assistance.

Needless to say, there is stress connected with caring for a parent in your home. The stress most reported (63%) by these caregivers was their belief that their parent was lonely. The study suggests that families could save some energy by not worrying about the elder being lonely. Other complaints include lack of privacy or room, excessive demand by the elder, emotional disability or senility, difficulty with special diets, or lack of eating. Sometimes the parent tries to maintain an authoritative role in the family system or becomes disruptive in other ways.

These stresses can result in feelings of frustration and anger. It is important to manage your anger by first recognizing your anger and admitting it to yourself. Anger is a normal human emotion, so there's no need to feel ashamed or guilty about it. Pay attention to the signs of "hidden" anger — tensed muscles, accident-proneness, feelings of frustration or disappointment, and a tendency to use sarcasm. Identify your anger. The cause of your anger may not be due to something your parent did, but rather that a sibling is not contributing to the care of your

parent, and that you feel the burden is on you. Decide what to do, and follow through. Decide which options will resolve the problem that cause your anger. It is important to calm down before discussing the issues; shouting, insults, and name calling only cause more anger. Understand your motives before you express your anger, but don't get physical. Be assertive — not aggressive. Express yourself clearly without making accusations or insulting remarks. Understand the importance of negotiating and compromising to resolve differences. Other ways to control your anger are by physical activity, an ex-

cellent outlet for angry feelings; rest and relaxation through the proper amount of sleep, meditation and breathing exercises, and hobbies such as gardening or knitting. Last, but not least, it is helpful if we can find the humor in situations that arise in everyday life.

In a recent study, an attempt was made to determine the differences between families who perceived caregiving to be a burden, and those who did not. The difference was not in the condition of the elder, or what the caregiver did for the elder. The difference appeared to be their understanding of the ag-

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Dear Rachel,

I am very proud of you for standing up for a New York Jew. He is not ashamed to be known as a Jew. I am very proud to be a JEW! It is the greatest!

One thing I have experienced recently, is that fear can be the etiology of hate and silence. To me, they translate into a form of anti-Semitism within our own ranks. It may be related to an increasing number of intermarriages. More specifically, money, power, acceptance and assimilation are more important than heritage, love and protecting each other. In unity there is strength; unity that is not a facade for monetary and political gain.

Through the years, I have personally found that spiritual people, non-Jews as well as Jews, appreciate one who does not hide his heritage. For without the Old Testament and a rabbi they would not have a beginning. In fact, just recently, I have been told that only when the Jews return and are secure in Israel, will the second coming of Christ occur. Only through honest and sincere communications can improvement in relations be fostered.

Again, another expression of this fear is a Jewish dating service. When you request a date with a partner who upholds tradition, including a kosher home you receive no response. Education, money, power and position is no substitute for love, family life and tradition.

Finally, for over a year I gave everything I had to my Synagogue and Brotherhood. The fear of being identified as a Jew, resistance from mixed

marriage constituents and political and financial power motives caused its destruction.

Bigots and fanatics feed on this type of fear, weakness and facade.

A Jew First

Dear Jew First,

It is easy to see why you feel so proud of your heritage. Being Jewish to you means love, strength, family, unity, and tradition. Yet Judaism is no stranger to "yetzer ha-ra," human drives that are sometimes mistranslated as the evil impulse. These drives give people the ambition to marry and build families, houses, and careers. People naturally seek money, power, position and acceptance. Our tradition attempts to regulate these drives through the performance of mitzvot. These are concrete ways of channeling our ambitions and energy into deeds that build character and society.

Please don't be discouraged in your attempts to build a Jewish home or Jewish tradition. Your return address makes it clear that Jewish resources in your area are limited, and you may have to travel to find Jews who are as proud of their Judaism as you are. Harness your "yetzer ha-ra," and you will be surprised how much energy it will give you in your search. Good luck.

Rachel

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Leadership Delaware will present a symposium on teenage suicide focusing on adolescent depression, communication problems, family survivors and potential programs and solutions on Wednesday, May 4 from 8:30-3:30, at the Jewish Community Center, 101 Garden of Eden Road, Wilmington, De.

Speakers will include: Lucille P. Seigel, Director of Office of Adolescents Health Services; Rev. Dr. Marlene Walters, Mt. Lebanon United Methodist Church; a psychodrama followed by Marion Cooper of Eugenia Hospital, Lafayette Hill, Pa.; George Meldrum, Office of Prevention; Hedvah

Campeas-Cohen, LSCW, Director of Family Life Education, Jewish Family Service of Delaware; Representative Jane Maroney, Chair of Human Resources, Children and Aging Committee; and a representative from Fairfax County, Va., Public School System.

Co-sponsors are the Jewish

Community Center, Delaware Trust, Local 435 of U.A.W., Division of Public Health, Leonetti's Bakery, B. Gary Scott Realtors and the National Council of Jewish Women.

The symposium is open to the public. Please call the JCC at 478-5660 to reserve a seat.

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Get an early start in the job market! Presented by the Barry Services Companies, this seminar will help you prepare for job interviews. We will cover dress codes, what employers look for, anatomy of an interview, and highlighting your skills.

The seminar will be held Wednesday, April 27, from 6-7 p.m. There will be no charge.

Teen Hangout (Grades 9 through 12)

Swimming, gym, and movies will be on the agenda on Saturday, April 30, from 8 to 11 p.m. Join us for a great night. Cost is \$4.

Teen "Happy Hour" (Grades 7 through 12)

Join your friends for pizza and fun on Tuesday, May 10 from 6-7 p.m. Fees: \$3.50. Registration Deadline: Sunday, May 8, 1988.

Cost for the evening is \$3.50 and registration must be made by Sunday, May 8.

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Make-up Demonstration (Grades 7 through 12)

Lyn Farren from Phase I Hair and Make-up will demonstrate how to apply make-up. This class will give you basic techniques and answer all questions on skin care. Thursday, May 26, 1988, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Fees: \$5.00. Registration deadline: Tuesday, May 24, 1988.

Registration must be made by Tuesday, May 24. The course will be held on Thursday, May 26, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Cost for the course is \$5.

Rabbi Alper To Speak At Kutz Auxiliary Donor

Rabbi Rob Alper, of Philadelphia, will be guest speaker at the Annual Donor Luncheon sponsored by the Auxiliary of the Milton and Hattie Kutz Home on Thursday, May 12 at noon at the New Brandywine Country Club, 2822 Shipley Road. Rabbi Alper is a humorist who has appeared at numerous Comedy Clubs in the Philadelphia area and on radio and TV. He feels comedy adds to the image of rabbis as being warm, good-humored and fun.

Claire's Fashions will present a fashion show during lunch. Lady Di Hats will coordinate hats with the fashions. There will be a boutique from 11 a.m.

Donor is \$30; Gold is \$50; Diamond is \$75; and Special Gifts is \$100. Plate charge is \$10. Reservations can be made by calling the Home, 764-7000.

Proceeds will be used to continue the refurbishing of the Home - new lighting in the halls, furniture for the new lobby and remodeling the Day Rooms.



Rabbi Rob Alper

Mrs. Martin Sloan and Mrs. Eugene Kane are co-chairmen of the event. Committee members are: Mrs. Anita Markel, Mrs. Martin Mand, Mrs. Nettie Schagrin, Mrs. Morris Bour, Decorations; Mrs. Julius Komissaroff, Mrs. Carl Cobin, Mrs. Jerry Lehrfeld, Mrs. Edith Rapkin, Mrs. Lillian Kessler, and Mrs. Julia Blumberg.

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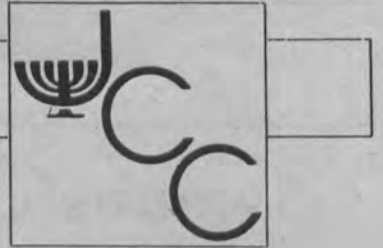
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Jewish Community Center



JCC Receives National Award

The Wilmington Jewish Community Center has gained national recognition with an award for Excellence in Communications in the Brochure/Program Book category. The brochure known locally as the JCC Brochure/Recorder was distributed by the Center this Fall and featured the Mordechai Rosenstein print "Generation to Generation" on the cover.

This brochure was special for several reasons. It was the first brochure receiving general in-

put from the newly formed JCC Marketing Committee, consisting of Sonia Bernhardt, Rand Snyderman and Sandy Herman. Perhaps most significantly it was the first joint project by Susan Parcels, now Publicity Coordinator, and Moises Paz, Assistant Executive Director. Also assisting in this award winning brochure were Toby Weiner and Irv Kaufman.

The award will be received during the JWB Biennial Conference in St. Louis, April 27 through May 1.

JCC Seeking New Members

After completing a very successful membership drive in December 1987, the JCC Board of Directors has initiated a second membership drive targeting the Jewish community.

The goal of this drive is to inform and attract the Jewish community to the new Jewish Community Center Family Campus. This multi-million dollar addition will house the JCC summer day camp as well as offer center members state-of-the-art aquatics and outdoor

recreational facilities.

Moises Paz, Assistant Executive Director stated that "the new campus will be a special bonus to children involved in the JCC summer camp," and added that "the Center is aggressively reaching out with financial scholarships to attract the greatest number of Jewish children as possible."

This campaign is aimed at specifically addressing the Jewish community and will be in effect through May 15.



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Rita Justice On Israel

In celebration of Israel Independence Day, the Jewish Community Center is offering a slide and video presentation on Israel hosted by County Executive Rita Justice. Ms. Justice visited Israel last Fall and has many stories to share with the community, as well as an informative presentation on the Holyland. The presentation will be held at the Center on Monday, May 16, at 12:45 p.m. There is no charge for this program.

Advanced Players Racquetball Clinic

The Health and Fitness Department will offer a Racquetball Clinic for advanced players on Sunday, May 1, from 10 a.m. to noon. The clinic will be conducted by Derek Finch who is ranked number two in Delaware. Instruction will concentrate on the areas of serves, strategies and new rules. The cost for the clinic is \$15. Advance registration is required by April 24 by calling the Health and Fitness Control Desk.

JCC Art Gallery

During the month of May, in recognition of Older Americans Month, the JCC Art Gallery will display the works of Delaware artist Marilyn Bauman. There will be an opening reception for the artist on Sunday, May 1 from 2 to 4 p.m. This exhibit is entitled "People, Places and Things" and will feature a variety of oil paintings by Ms. Bauman and some paintings by residents of the Milton and Hattie Kutz Home. These pictures penetrate the surface of aging and loss to express the essential dignity and endurance of the subjects. Ms. Bauman's figure paintings reveal both the psychological reality of her subjects and the powerful visual effect this reality produces. The paintings are marked by gentle angularity, a complexity and drama of spatial composition and intense color. Whether people, places or things, her work depicts the spirit of her subject in an unusually fresh and forceful manner. This show will continue through Tuesday, May 31 and ten percent of all sales will be donated to the Milton and Hattie Kutz Home.

The JCC Art Gallery Hours are Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m.-9 p.m.; Friday and Sunday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. The Gallery is closed on Saturday.

JCC CLOSINGS

The Center will be closed for Shavout on the following dates:

Saturday, May 21
Closed All Day

Sunday, May 22
Closed All Day

Monday, May 23
Opens At 7 p.m.

Shabbat Dinner

The Child and Family Division is preparing a special Shabbat dinner for the families of walking ones through 6th graders registered in the preschool, day care and after school childcare programs. This program will be held on Friday, May 13 at 6 p.m. It will provide families with an opportunity to share in an evening of singing and visiting with good friends, while enjoying a traditional Shabbat dinner at the Center. The cost for the dinner is \$6 per adult and \$4 per child.

For reservation information, please contact Lucie Shader at the Child and Family Division Business Office.

Bucket Dance Theatre To Perform At JCC

Garth Fagan's Bucket Dance Theatre will perform at the Jewish Community Center on Wednesday, May 18 and Thursday, May 19. The Bucket was founded in 1970 by Garth Fagan, a native of Jamaica. In the 17 years since it's founding, the company has become known in the United States and abroad, according to Dance Magazine, as "one of the top modern dance troupes." Their innovative style, based solidly on modern techniques, demonstrates the strong influences of Fagan's Afro-Caribbean roots.

Those attuned to modern dance will readily acknowledge the muscular originality of Fagan's troupe; those who have always regarded contemporary dance as a secret language only for the initiated will be taken not just with the startling grace and athleticism of the Bucket troupe, but also by the accessibility of their work. Their repertoire includes pieces set to jazz, classical and reggae music.

The Bucket will be giving a brunch and lecture/demonstration for the community on May 18 at 11 a.m. and on May 19 at 1 p.m. The fee for the brunch and lecture/demonstration is \$5 per person and \$2 per person for the lecture only. Group rates

are available. For additional information on the Bucket's performance at the JCC, contact Moises Paz, Assistant Executive Director at 478-5660.

This program is being co-sponsored by the National Endowment for the Humanities and the Delaware State Arts Council.

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"What's the excuse this time, Jonah--get swallowed by a whale on your way home from work?"

45th Anniversary Of Warsaw Ghetto Uprising Observed



Stonemason Henryk Wroblowski puts finishing touches on tablet at the new monument at Umschlagplatz, the square from which 300,000 residents of the Warsaw Jewish ghetto left the city on trains bound for the Treblinka death camp. The monument is to be officially dedicated this month during the 45th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising.

In the wake of Palestinian attempts to expropriate the Holocaust as part of a campaign to delegitimize Israel, Jewish survivors of the Holocaust and their families assemble on Sunday, April 10 to honor the memory of the six million Jews who perished at the hands of the Nazis and to express their solidarity with the Jewish state. The date, which marks the 45th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising, was marked by a memorial service at 3 p.m. in the Felt Forum of Madison Square Garden.

"Our remembrance gathering underscores our collective solidarity with the State of Israel and our firm opposition to Palestinian attempts to hijack the Holocaust for its anti-Israel political agenda," said Benjamin Meed, president of the Warsaw Ghetto Resistance

Organization, who presided at the ceremonies.

"We will demand that the world reject the efforts of the Palestinian Arabs to steal the Holocaust, and kill the six million all over again — along with their children and their legacy, Israel."

Nobel laureate Elie Wiesel was the featured speaker at ceremonies in which over 5,000 persons participated. Other features of the Holocaust memorial program were the recitation of *kaddish*, the traditional Hebrew prayer for the dead, a candle-lighting ceremony by Holocaust survivors, their children and grandchildren, songs of the Warsaw Ghetto and of the Jewish communities of Eastern Europe, the chanting of the *El Mole Rachamim*, the traditional Hebrew prayer for the dead, by Cantor Joseph

U.N. Postpones Discussion Of Israel

NEW YORK (JTA) — Following a holiday recess, the United Nations Security Council on April 4 did not resume its discussion of the situation in the Israeli-administered territories, begun March 30 at the request of Arab countries.

The Arabs were expected to request further condemnation of Israel, a demand that Israel

end its rule in the territories, and the appointment of a new U.N. commission to investigate Israel's handling of the current unrest.

No draft resolution has been circulated, and resumption of the discussion awaits "consultation with member countries," according to a U.N. spokesperson.

Malovany of the Fifth Avenue Synagogue and brief remarks by leaders of organizations of Jewish Holocaust survivors and their children.

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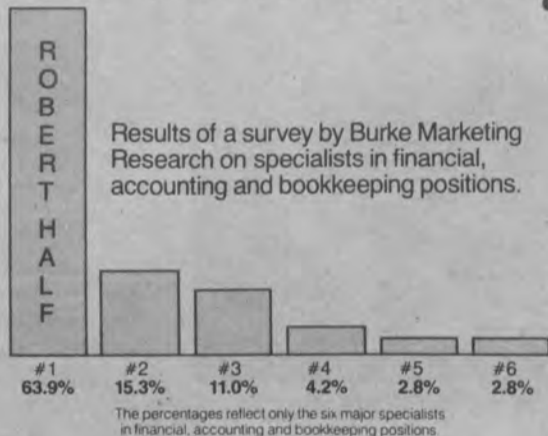
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Announcements/Events

AEA Auction To Help Expand School's Curriculum

Albert Einstein Academy will hold its annual fundraiser on April 30. This year there will be a celebrity auction and cocktail party at the JCC at 9 p.m. Proceeds from this auction benefit the school by providing necessary funds for both the secular and Hebrew studies as well as for extracurricular activities.

During the current year students from Einstein's grades 3, 4 and 5 learned about the environment by "adopting a creek." The children monitor Smith Mill Run on a regular basis which gives them the opportunity to observe first hand changes in the chemical balance of the water. In doing so, they are able to detect problems that may have otherwise gone unnoticed.

Fifth graders have volunteered at the B'nai B'rith House, learning about the mitzvah of Bikur Cholim, visiting the elderly and sick. These children have been able to spend time entertaining the senior adults as well as serving them lunch and interacting with them. Both the children and the seniors have developed a new understanding of one another.

Albert Einstein Academy, the only Jewish day school in the state of Delaware, provides an opportunity for its students to develop a unique awareness of their Jewish heritage and tradition. An important part of the AEA curriculum is the experience of celebrating Jewish holidays and traditional customs. The school sponsors an annual Passover Model Seder, Purim carnival, Hanuk-

kah presentation and Yom Ha'atzmaut (Israel Independence Day) celebration, as well as a celebration of all of the traditional American holidays.

For the future, AEA's goals include the implementation of computer and music programs.

The Celebrity Auction will begin at 9 p.m. with a catered cocktail reception and silent auction as well as a preview of auction items.

Sandy Weinberg, WCAU talkshow host, will act as auctioneer. Some of the items to be auctioned have been donated by some well-known

celebrities and there will also be merchandise and services donated by local businesses. Some of the items include an autographed script from the M*A*S*H TV series, clothing from such notables as Cheryl Tiegs and several sports personalities, and a day in Washington with Congressman Tom Carper.

Admission for the cocktail reception and auction is \$9 per person with a reservation made before April 20. Admission will be \$12.50 per person after April 20. For more information or for reservations contact Einstein Academy at 478-5026.

Beth Shalom Square Dance

The Sisterhood and Men's Club of Congregation Beth Shalom will co-sponsor a Square Dance on Saturday evening April 23, from 8:30-10:30 p.m. The dance will be held in the auditorium of the synagogue at 18th and Baynard.

Elmo Toani, a professional

caller will lead and absolutely no experience is necessary. The cost for the evening is \$10 per couple or \$5 per single. Refreshments and desserts will be served.

The community is invited. For more information call Mace Bloom at 475-9534 or Barbara Swinger at 478-7327.

Paul Fine Appointed Chairman Of 1988 United Way Campaign

Paul Fine was recently appointed chairman of the 1988 United Way campaign. Fine, who has been an active volunteer since the late 1960's, was President of the Jewish Federation of Delaware from 1981 through 1983. He is the President of Fine Leasing.

Fine has been a volunteer in many capacities since 1969. He has served on the board and as Vice President of the Jewish Community Center. He has been a member of the board of the JFD and of its Community Relations Committee.

Upon taking the chairmanship of the 1988 United Way Campaign, Fine states that his philosophy is that he has "the responsibility to help those in need. Not only a monetary contribution, but also a contribution of time and effort."

He hopes to promote an increased interest in working with the United Way during his chairmanship, because, he says, "The volunteer experience should be challenging and gratifying."

Fine plans to have volunteers and staff working closely during his tenure and feels that recognition must be given to each group. He also sees the staff-volunteer relationship as a "two-way street." He feels that

the two groups have a responsibility to challenge each other. "In every situation," he notes, "we should never say 'I can't,' but we should ask 'How can it be done?'"

Fine sees his volunteers and staff as a great resource, but he does not stop there in searching for more ways to make his and future campaigns successful. He looks to the community for increased support of his efforts. "Delaware has an outstanding history of caring for those in need," he says. "We also have a wealth of human resources — much of which is untapped."

Fine is a graduate of the University of Delaware with a degree in business administration. He and his wife, Gloria, have three children.

Horowitz Named 1988 Outstanding Volunteer

Dr. Donald Horowitz, of Milford, has been named as one of the winners of the 1988 Governor's Outstanding Volunteer Awards. The awards are presented each year to ten individual volunteers, 3 high school students and 3 non-profit organizations. The award was established in 1983 to "recognize unique contributions by volunteers to their communities within the State of Delaware." According to the

Independence Day Worship Service

The Rabbinical Association of Delaware, with the cooperation of State of Israel Bonds, will be holding a special worship service to commemorate Israel's 40th anniversary of independence, on Thursday, April 21 at 8 p.m. at Congregation Beth Shalom, 18th and Baynard Blvd., Wilmington. This service of celebration and thanksgiving will feature as speaker the renowned Israeli print and television journalist, Israel Amitai. Mr. Amitai, a Sabra, has had an impressive career as an editor of *Davar*, a leading Israeli daily; as one of the first editors, directors and writers for the Israel Defense Forces' radio network; and as a prolific producer and director of Israeli television programs. He was part of the media corps at Camp David during the Carter-Begin-Sadat summit, writing daily news analyses.

Mr. Amitai is widely regarded as an expert on the problems of Israel and the Middle East. He has visited Jewish communities around the world and won great acclaim for his

dynamic, insightful presentations. His remarks will be addressed to the current Israeli situation within its historical context.

The service is open to the public.

Beth Shalom Donor

Jon Williams and his musical presentation of "Ragtime on the Midway" will highlight the annual Donor Luncheon for Sisterhood Beth Shalom. The luncheon will be held on Tuesday May 3 at 11:30 A.M. at the synagogue at 18th St. and Baynard Blvd. There will be a \$6.50 plate charge in addition to completed donor credit. For further information and reservations, call Ellen Pell at 478-3050.

Beth Emeth Garage Sale

The semi-annual Garage Sale of the Sisterhood of Congregation Beth Emeth will be held on Wednesday and Thursday, May 4 & 5. This fund-raiser helps the Sisterhood continue its Congregational and Community Services. The following items will be sold: Clothing, toys, books, games, records, household appliances and goods, bric-a-brac, costume jewelry, furniture, etc. Bring packages to the rear of the stage in the Auditorium.

Caregiving —

(Continued from Page 20) ing process and their ability to access resources.

Many caregivers lacked an understanding of the needs of the elderly — emotionally, physically and socially. This limited understanding has led to setting unrealistic expectations, increased guilt, stress, and strained relationships. Some of the frustrations have come from not knowing how to effectively communicate with someone who is hearing-impaired, or what to serve on a special diet, or selecting clothing that an arthritic hand can fasten. The information is available. The challenge is connecting people with the resources in order to make them aware of their options and the sources of their support.

If you are a caregiver for an older adult in your home, and are experiencing any problems mentioned in this article, or require information about resources that would aid you in your ability to care for your loved one, please call Jewish Family Service, 478-9411.

Naches

Akell

Paul S. Akell, of Wilmington, and Linda Wishnow were married on Saturday, March 26, at Temple Beth Emeth. Paul is the son of Mr. Robert B. Akell, of Wilmington, and Linda is the daughter of Mildred Wishnow, of Las Vegas, Nevada.

Fineman

Betty J. Fineman, daughter of Albert and Selma Fineman has been elected to Phi Beta Kappa National Honor Society. She has also been elected to Pi Sigma Alpha and Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Societies. During her Sophomore year, at the University of Delaware, she was selected a Paul Dolan Scholar. She will graduate May 29 with a major in Political Science and will be employed by Mobil Oil Corporation.



Paul Fine

40th Anniversary Celebrations In Israel

By JANET MENDELSON
MOSHE

(WZPS) "Eretz Israel was the birthplace of the Jewish people. Here their spiritual, religious and political identity was shaped. Here they first attained statehood, created cultural values of national and universal significance and gave the world the eternal Book of Books." So begins Israel's Declaration of Independence.

History aside, however, in honor of forty years since the signing of Israel's Declaration of Independence and the founding of the Jewish state, a host of activities have been planned, which will be taking place throughout the year. Perhaps celebrations are not as heady and hectic as in earlier years, but as befitting middle age, a lot of variety will add spice to the 40th anniversary year.

Activities were kicked off in September under the patronage of Israel President Chaim Herzog as the Israel Declaration of Independence was reaffirmed by a number of those who had originally signed the document 40 year ago, whilst Minister of Education and Culture Yitzhak Navon proclaimed the Declaration the main theme of the year-long activities. Hundreds of thousands of school children and soldiers will also learn

about the Declaration of Independence and its implications in varied educational programs, whilst academics will ponder its merits in a conference in April at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. And in Tel Aviv, an auditorium will be inaugurated in the Karen Kayemet building, where the National Council originally drafted and adopted the Declaration of Independence. The Chagall Auditorium of the Knesset will also be open to visitors, and will feature an exhibit of historical documents of the history of the Jewish state.

Large numbers of tourists will be in Israel to celebrate the year's anniversary activities, many of them here to participate in numerous international conferences. The Jewish Agency and World Zionist Organization hope to bring 50,000 people to Israel to celebrate the anniversary year, and 40 groups of prominent non-Jewish tourists are also expected.

Large gatherings in Israel include the 31st Zionist Congress, which took place in December 1987, the 40th anniversary of the ship 'Exodus' and a gathering of 'illegal' immigrants that arrived in Israel before 1948. In February, a world gathering of Jewish servicemen was held, and in

March, a world gathering of Jewish War Veterans.

On April 20th, Israel will observe Memorial Day for Israel's fallen soldiers, and in the evening, Independence Day will begin with a ceremony on Mt. Herzl in Jerusalem. The following day, selected bases of the Israel Defense forces will open their gates to the public and a large military parade in the Ramat Gan Stadium will demonstrate some of Israel's advances in high technology Parks and picnic spots will, as every year, draw crowds of people, a 'Hebrew's a Beautiful Language' quiz will be held and the Israel Prize will be awarded in a live television broadcast from Jerusalem. On April 23rd, the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra will perform in a festive concert at Malchei Israel Square in Tel Aviv.

The Israel Festival will bring scores of international performers to the country and highlight Israel's noted artists and entertainers. Rock fans should be thrilled with the announcement that tentative concert dates have been set for appearances by the Pink Floyd rock group in Tel Aviv.

Opening in June in the Tel Aviv Exhibition Grounds will be a 40th Anniversary Exposition showing many of the country's outstanding

achievements. The exhibit will no doubt be a source of pride to Israelis, and give visitors an informative look at what has helped to change the face of modern Israel.

From the 5th to the 13th of July, the Negev Celebrations will take place, highlighting the role of Israel's vast southern expanses in modern day history. In addition to encouraging people to visit and see the changes wrought by the reclamation of the desert, a new group of settlements are to be inaugurated in this 40th year.

August will bring a musical,

theatrical spectacle in Safed and a countrywide festival of songs in praise of labor, and in September a Jewish Israeli film festival. A World Jewish Run is also being planned for September. Organized by the international Kibbutz Organization in cooperation with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the World Zionist Organization, Jewish youth around the world will take part in sponsored 5,000 meter runs on Sunday, September 4th, to raise money for Jewish volunteer projects in Israel and the Third World, as well as the major campaigners for the release of Soviet Jews.

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In the event of ties, the winner will be chosen by a random drawing of all those submitting correct entries.

If no one is able to answer all questions, prizes will be awarded for the entries with the most correct answers.

All correct answers and winners' names will be published in the next issue of The Jewish Voice, published on April 29, 1988.

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To help you get started, we have a group of questions that you really should be able to answer:

1. What is the name of Israel's legislative branch and how many members does it have?
2. What is Israel's unit of currency?
3. What countries border Israel?
4. On what date was the State of Israel proclaimed?
5. What is the name of Israel's state-operated international airline?
6. Name the four quarters of the Old City of Jerusalem.
7. Who was the first Prime Minister of Israel?
8. World Jewish athletes gather in Israel every four years to participate in what event?
9. The memorial in Jerusalem to the victims of the Holocaust is known by what name?
10. What city is the capital of Israel?
11. What is the name of the longest river in Israel?
12. Name the school teacher from Milwaukee, Wisconsin, who became Prime Minister of Israel.
13. Israel is located on which continent?

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Now the questions get a little harder:

14. What is the official emblem of the State of Israel?
15. Who founded the World Zionist Organization and in what year?
16. What is the elevation of the Dead Sea (within 100 feet)?
17. What is the highest mountain in Israel and what is its elevation (within 200 feet)?
18. Who was the first king of Israel?
19. Name the gates in the wall surrounding the Old City of Jerusalem?
20. On what date was Israel admitted to the United Nations?
21. On what date was the Camp David Agreement signed and who were the signatories?
22. In what town is the "Good Fence" crossing between Israel and Lebanon?
23. What is the name of the city built by King Herod the Great that was the capital of the Romans for about 500 years?
24. What language is spoken by most Christian citizens of Israel?
25. What is the historical name for the region now called the West Bank?
26. When the Romans conquered the Land of Israel, they changed its name to what?

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And now for the last group that will really show us how much you know about Israel:

27. What is the name of the rank in the Israeli army that corresponds to our Lieutenant General?
28. Which states in the U.S. have an area that is smaller than the area of Israel including territory controlled after the Israel-Egypt peace treaty of 1979?
29. What percentage of Israel's population is Jewish (within 5%)?
30. Which are the two largest universities in Israel?
31. Name and date the wars in which Israel has been involved since it was created.
32. What is the name of Israel's general trade union federation?
33. Name the mountain facing Jerusalem that has an ancient cemetery on its grounds.
34. In 1946 Ben-Gurion was offered land for a Jewish homeland. Who made the offer and where was the land?
35. What was the name of the first kibbutz established in Israel in 1909 on the south shore of Lake Kinneret?
36. King Herod built a fortress-palace near Bethlehem. What is its name?
37. What was the date on which the U.N. passed the "U.N. Resoultion on the Partition of Palestine" which granted recognition to the Jewish state?
38. Who discovered King Solomon's mines at Ezion Gever?
39. Which city in Israel has the highest elevation?
40. What is the lowest city in Israel?

Study —

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children in early 1939, the rescue of Jews en masse prior to the 1943 Bermuda Conference, and the creation of "free ports" to save refugees in 1944, but it was also true that this media support produced "a few tangible results."

Penkower concluded that overall, the Lipstadt study "reminds us of a time when an irresponsible press obscured an understanding of profoundly important political and social crises."

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Nationwide Celebrations Mark Israel's 40th

Thousands of events in hundreds of communities across the United States have been scheduled in a nationwide outpouring of support for the State of Israel on its 40th anniversary. The celebrations are part of a salute to Israel coordinated by the National Committee for Israel's 40th Anniversary under the auspices of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations.

"Israel represents the triumph of the Jewish spirit," said Howard M. Squadron, chairman of the National Committee. "We demonstrate our unity with the people of Israel as we honor their historic achievements."

Morris B. Abram, chairman of the Conference of Presidents, noted that the events all relate to the central themes of the celebration: the deep connection between the land and the people of Israel, the strong link between Israel and the diaspora and the abiding friendship between Israel and the United States. "We salute Israel, a stalwart American ally, and join in her search for peace," he said.

Intensive newspaper and television coverage will bring the celebration into millions of American homes. In the New York metropolitan area, one channel will devote 40 hours of programming in the two weeks leading up to Israel's anniversary on April 24 in presenting an in-depth view of "Israel at 40." A one-hour special on April 18, "Israel - The Dream at 40," will feature rare newsreel footage from the time of Israel's birth.

Other programs will provide an intimate view of Israel's daily life, highlight its burgeoning fashion industry and examine its ancient culture as well as its leadership in 20th century science and technology.

Massive parades are planned in New York City, Los Angeles, Pittsburgh and Philadelphia. Portland (Me.), Albuquerque, Seattle, Salt Lake City, Houston and Omaha will host festivals featuring Israeli products, entertainment and food.

Entertainers and artists including Zoe Caldwell, Misha Dichter, Joel Grey, Itzhak Perlman, Anthony Quinn and Peter, Paul and Mary will salute Israel in gala performances to be given in New York, Washington, D.C., Indianapolis and other cities.

The Boston Pops Orchestra and the symphony orchestras of Nashville, Hartford and Colorado Springs will give special performances in tribute to Israel. Some will feature premieres of songs and dances commissioned especially for the 40th anniversary.

The Seattle Jewish community will recreate the map of Israel within the city limits, simulating Israeli life and

sights. A highlight of the Miami celebration will feature a show of Israeli swimwear at the Seaquarium. Statewide candlelighting ceremonies are planned in Maryland to mark Israel's 40th.

Leading Israeli entertainers will help spread the spirit of Israel of 40 across the country. "The First 40 Years: A Musical Spectacle from Israel" will have performances in 10 cities. The Jerusalem Symphony will play in 21 communities.

Last month in New York, Mayor Teddy Kollek of Jerusalem unveiled the world's largest photograph of Jerusalem. The 18 by 60 foot color photograph is displayed on the Kodak Colorama screen that overlooks the main lobby of the city's landmark Grand Central Terminal.

The fifth annual Israel Film Festival will showcase new Israeli feature films in New York and Los Angeles, along

with a 40-year retrospective of Israel's best films. Special honors will go to American directors who have filmed in Israel.

A major museum exhibition from Israel, "Caesaria On The Sea: The Adventure of Archaeology," will be shown in museums of natural history in Washington, D.C., Los Angeles, Denver, St. Paul, Boston and New York City. (See related article on page 8.)

"ARTIsrael 1988," a major exhibition of 40 paintings and sculpture by 10 prominent Israeli artists, will travel to Chicago, St. Louis, San Francisco and New Orleans. Special West Point ceremonies will honor Colonel David "Mickey" Marcus, the American soldier who died while a volunteer in the Israel Defense Forces during the War of Independence. Many com-

munities will use a special stamp cancellation offered by the U.S. Postal Service.

To generate additional excitement about 40th anniversary celebrations, specialty

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Shalom Sesame is the first of CTW's foreign co-productions to be adapted for American

viewers. It is an English-language adaptation of *Rechov Sumsum*, the Israeli *Sesame Street*, which is co-produced with Israeli Education Television, and has been broadcast in Israel since September 1983. *Rechov Sumsum* is viewed by 97% of Israel's preschoolers and has received the Harp of David Award, Israel's equivalent of the Emmy.

In addition to *Sesame Street* regulars Big Bird and

Oscar the Grouch, *Shalom Sesame* viewers will see Israeli-born violinist Itzhak Perlman, Broadway and television star Bonnie Franklin, the *Sesame Street* Muppets and the Israeli cast of *Rechov Sumsum*.

Shalom Sesame's young viewers will delight in the antics of old friends Bert (Bentz) and Ernie (Arik) and new pals Kippy ben Kipod, and oversized Hebrew-speaking porcupine and Moshe Oofnick, and Israeli grouch.

They'll travel with Perlman and Franklin, who is making her first visit to Israel, from a street cafe in Tel Aviv to the amphitheatre in Caesaria and Shuk (Arab market) in Jerusalem. They'll learn a variety of Hebrew letters, songs, words and sayings — even the Hebrew version of the American classic, "Rubber Duckie."

"*Shalom Sesame* is an important experiment, since it is the first foreign co-production of *Sesame Street* to be adapted for American audiences," said Joan Ganz Cooney, president of CTW.

Dr. Lewis Bernstein, project director, added, "*Shalom Sesame* presents American audiences with a view of everyday life in Israel: the Israel



Itzhak Perlman befriends Kippy Ben Kipod, a Hebrew-speaking porcupine on *Shalom Sesame*, a five-part television series produced by Children's Television Workshop.

which blends an ancient and modern culture, beautiful landscapes and rich tradition."

Shalom Sesame will air on PBS stations nationwide in April. Locally, the programs will air on WHYY (Channel 12) April 18-22 at 5 p.m.

The *Shalom Sesame* public television broadcast series, *Rechov Sumsum* (with Israeli *Sesame Street* series), and the *Shalom Sesame* home video series are funded by the American Friends of *Rechov Sumsum*.

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each speaker knowing that the task assigned is impossible of fulfillment, the Kaddish is said, and we go back home to work. In each and every generation they rise against us to destroy us. And there was never any place to go.

But on the 22nd day of April, corresponding to the 5th of Iyar, we will celebrate a different holy day, Yom Ha-Atzmaut, Israel Independence Day, the 40th anniversary of the modern State of Israel, the third commonwealth of Israel. On this day we should remember with pride and with humility those men and women, the unknown as well as the famous, who dreamed the impossible dream and gave their lives to make it come true. Those who died in the malaria-ridden swamps of the Galilee. Those who walked, yes walked, over the mountains of Palestine. Those who offered the hand of brotherhood to the Arabs and were then slaughtered in their sleep. Those who sought peace, but then fought like lions so that there could be a State of Israel.

The 1948 War of Independence was a miracle no less than the exodus from Egypt and the crossing of the Reed Sea. I know that there are those who do not believe in miracles, but I do. We must participate in bringing about God's

miracles. The Reed Sea didn't part, we are taught, until a courageous man, Nahshon, stepped into the water up to his neck. And the miracle of Israel's birth did not happen without the bravery and sacrifice of modern Nahshons.

But it did happen! No more would there be no place for Jews to go. No more would they be turned back, as they were from the beaches of Palestine by British, as they were from New York Harbor by Americans, back to the Nazi death camps.

That's why our celebration of Yom Ha-Atzmaut must be unrestrained, unsullied by those who see only that the people of Israel and the State of Israel are less than perfect in the eyes of its critics. For I remember too well when there was no Israel, no place for Jews to go and live as Jews, when we were a people without a land. And I remember the Pharaoh of this century, may his name be for a curse!

Praised be Thou, O Lord, that I was blessed to see in my lifetime the rebirth of the State of Israel. That I have been

blessed to walk again and again the streets of Jerusalem, to touch my brow to the stones of the Western Wall, to feel in my fingers the soil of this holy land, to stand on Carmel where Elijah challenged the priests of Baal, to pray in Hebron at the tomb of the Patriarchs. For in my lifetime I have witnessed the ingathering of the exiles from the four corners of the earth. I have heard the laughter of Jewish children within the walls of the Old City, the voice of the bride and the voice of the groom.

So let there be joy and celebration on the 5th day of the month of Iyar. Singing and dancing, feasting and merriment. Because God has brought His people back to the land which He gave them, and He has kept them alive and sustained them and brought them to this 40th anniversary. May they go on from strength to strength, and live in security and peace. And may we, each of us, have the strength of heart, the fortitude of spirit, to merit this miracle of our days. Amen.

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Federal Court Acquits 13 White Supremacists

By SUSAN BIRNBAUM
NEW YORK (JTA) — Thirteen white supremacists on trial in Fort Smith, Ark., for seditious conspiracy were acquitted on April 7 of all counts against them. The defendants, all members of violently racist, anti-Semitic groups, had been on trial since Feb. 16 in a courthouse heavily guarded by federal marshals. The jury of 10 men and two women deliberated 3 days.

Another of the original 14 defendants, Robert Smalley, was acquitted March 17 by U.S. District Court Judge Morris Arnold because of insufficient evidence.

A principal defendant, Louis Beam, "ambassador at large" of the racist Aryan Nations and a fugitive until his apprehension last November in Mexico, said, "To hell with the government" upon hearing the verdict.

The trial was marked by warnings by Judge Arnold that he would have to call a mistrial if the prosecution continued to present "hearsay" evidence that went uncorroborated. He had several times asked the jury to ignore evidence because it was hearsay or repetitive.

The acquittals came despite testimony by key witnesses, who were members of the violently anti-Semitic groups, about a plot to overthrow the United States government.

'Land For Peace' Called For By Peace Now

By HUGH ORGEL
TEL AVIV (JTA) — The Peace Now movement, which began in 1978 as a counterforce to nationalist demands that Israel permanently retain all of the Arab territories it captured in 1967, celebrated its 10th anniversary last week, at a time when Israelis are sharply divided over the situation in the territories and their future status.

In 1978, 348 Israel Defense Force reserve officers, the nucleus of the movement, signed a letter to then Premier Menachem Begin warning him that the "Eretz Yisrael" (Greater Israel) movement could not bring peace.

Last month, Peace Now presented an updated copy to Premier Yitzhak Shamir, signed by 1,250 reserve officers. The letter urges a political solution to the problem of the administered territories and the region as a whole.

In an advertisement published in Israeli newspapers, Peace Now called for the acceptance of the "land for peace" formula.

Leonard Zeskind, research director of the Center for Democratic Renewal, which monitors right-wing extremist activity, said, "This is obviously a victory for the white supremacist movement, and it was made possible by the government not presenting the strongest case possible." But government prosecuting attorneys said they were satisfied with the way they had presented their case.

Ten of the defendants, members of the "Christian Identity" movement, had been charged with 119 overt acts, including robbery, counterfeiting and attempting to murder federal officials. They were identified as the "Rev." Richard Butler, so-called pastor of the Church of Jesus Christ-Christian of the Aryan Nations; Robert Miles, former Ku Klux Klansman and "pastor" of the Mountain Church Jesus Christ the Saviour in Cohoctah, Mich-

igan.; Beam; Andrew Barnhill; David Lane; Ardie McBrearty; Bruce Carroll Pierce; Richard Scutari; Samlley; and Richard Snell.

Snell, who is serving a prison sentence for the 1984 murder of an Arkansas state trooper, and four others also had been charged with conspiring to kill federal Judge H. Franklin Waters and FBI special agent Jack Knox. The other four are Lambert Miller, David McGuire, William Wade and his son, Ivan Wade.

Waters and Knox were allegedly killed for their roles in the trail of an Arkansas couple who had been convicted of harboring Gordon Kahl, a fugitive member of the racist group Posse Comitatus, who had killed two federal marshals in North Dakota.

Many of the defendants acquitted April 7 are already serving lengthy prison sentences for related crimes.

Lincoln University —

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 One student criticized the lack of American Jewish support for black causes and wanted to know why there is little Jewish support for the candidacy of Jesse Jackson.

Polychroniu, at one point, differentiated between Jews and Zionists, depicting the Zionists as a malevolent world organization. Citing as a source, for example, Faris Yahya, *Zionist Relations with Nazi Germany* (Beirut, 1978), Polychroniu stated that Zionists during World War II made a pact with Eichmann designed to save a number of Zionists at the expense of 80,000 "non-Zionist" Jews. Interestingly, it appears that much civil rights history has been lost to some students, as one student, referring to Rabbi Grumbacher's comment regarding the twenty year gulf bet-

ween Jews and blacks, asked, "what kind of relationship existed between Jews and blacks twenty years ago?"

Toward the end of the question period, Rev. West asked Rabbi Grumbacher why Israel was not living up to Old Testament moral and ethical precepts. In reply Rabbi Grumbacher queried, "Where does the Christian population stand on the issue of the millions killed in the name of the Savior?"

The intensity of anti-Israeli sentiments on the Lincoln University campus is apparent, but in an interview after the colloquium, Rabbi Grumbacher indicated that despite the negative feelings communicated by the audience, some students expressed an interest in possible further dialogue pertaining to Jewish-Black issues.

70,000th Holocaust Survivor Receives Hardship Check

NEW YORK (JTA) — The 70,000th eligible Holocaust survivor received a check from the Claims Conference Hardship Fund last month, announced Dr. Israel Miller, president of the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany.

The Claims Conference was established primarily for victims of Nazi persecution who emigrated from Eastern Europe after 1965. Recipients live in 27 countries, with the majority living in Israel and about 25 percent in the United States.

The fund is financed by the West German government, which limits individual

payments to the equivalent of \$3,032.00 per person.

Obituaries

Sylvia Knopf-Levitt

Sylvia Knopf-Kevitt of Bay Harbor Island, Fla., died on March 25.

She was the widow of Aaron Knopf. She is survived by her husband, Isadore Levitt; a daughter, JoCarole Lauder of New York City; a brother, Sydney Laiken of Philadelphia; her mother, Eva Laiken of Miami; and two granddaughters.

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Pauline Potter

Pauline Potter, 76, of 603 Rockland Road, died April 4.

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of Baltimore; a brother, Sol Blatt of Brooklyn, N.Y.; a sister, Marcelle Levine of Howell Township, N.J.; and seven grandchildren.

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David Lukoff, of Martins Run, Penn., died April 5.

He was the husband of the late Cheri Bain Lukoff. He is survived by two daughters, Susan Labowitz, of Wilmington, and Alice Hoffman, of Melrose Park, Penn.; a sister, Ruth Greenberg, of Philadelphia; two brothers, Jake, of Los Angeles, Fred, of Seattle; the late Carl Lukoff, of Florida. He is also survived by 5 grandchildren.

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JWB Biennial Convention To Meet In St. Louis

Well-known scholar, philosopher and rabbi Dr. David Hartman will serve as Scholar-in-Residence for the 1988 JWB Biennial Convention. This gathering of more than 1,000 prominent leaders of the Jewish Community Centers and YM/YWHA's from across the continent is scheduled to take place April 27 through May 1 in St. Louis.

Rabbi Hartman, founder and director of the Shalom Hartman Institute in Jerusalem, has become the unofficial scholar of the Jewish Community Center movement. Orthodox in upbringing, he communicates deep concern and love for all Jews. He has frequently expressed his joy at the fact that the Jewish Community Center is the place where all Jews can feel welcome and where Jewish continuity can be fostered. "The Community Center is prepared to go wherever the Jews are and ... reach out to them," he says. "When they come to you at the Community Center," he recently told the JWB Board, "You must set the agenda, the vocabulary that Jews should be familiar with. . . ."

Rabbi Hartman has served as Scholar-in-Residence at previous Biennials and has been invited back by popular demand. "There is no one

more competent or eloquent to address the subject (of the Jewish Community Center movement)," says JWB President Donald R. Mintz of New Orleans. "Hartman is one of my mentors. I admire him as a teacher, as a philosopher, as a Jewish leader. Much of what I embrace ideologically in terms of the role of the Center movements, the importance of creating an environment which encourages pluralism, are concepts that Hartman speaks to quite effectively."

At the Biennial, Hartman will deliver the opening and closing plenary addresses and will lead a variety of workshops and study sessions. The JWB Biennial is a conference presented primarily by and for JCC and Y lay leadership, encompassing more than 100 workshops, forums and activities focused on areas of special interest to Center leadership. Topics fall into three basic categories, or "tracks": "Human Resources," "Center Operations" and "Program Services."

This year a fourth track, "Jewish Education" has been added, reflecting the increasingly important emphasis on Jewish educational program components in Centers.

Attending the biennial from

Wilmington will be Judy Levy, President, of the JCC, as well as Martin Lubaroff, Richard Levin, and Jerry Grossman, Vice Presidents of the Center.

Irv Kaufman and Moises Paz, the Executive Director and Assistant Executive Director will also attend this conference. Levin and Grossman will be

honored and receive leadership awards. Levy has been nominated to the JWB Board of Directors-At-Large for a two-year term.

Austria Will Not Bow To 'Zionist Threats'

The Director General of the Austrian Foreign Ministry on a visit to Kuwait said his country would not bow to "Zionist threats" in the case of Kurt Waldheim.

The World Jewish Congress office in Austria denounced the remarks as blatantly anti-Jewish and an effort to divert attention from the condemnation of Waldheim's Nazi past made by Austria's own commission of historians.

"This is a shocking attempt to incite anti-Jewish hatred in an Arab country and a blatant effort to draw attention away from the fact that Austria's own commission concluded that Waldheim had continuously lied about his wartime activities and had personally facilitated Nazi war crimes," the WJC statement said.

In February, the international panel of historians which handed its report to the Austrian government concluded that during the Second World War Waldheim "repeatedly

assisted in connection with illegal actions and thereby facilitated their execution."

The Austrian official, Thomas Klestil, the former Austrian Ambassador to the United States, quoted the Kuwaiti leader, Sheik Jaber Al-Ahmed Al-Sabah as extending an invitation for Waldheim to visit Kuwait "with all appreciation and welcome," according to the official Kuwait News Agency.

Waldheim, who was formally banned from entering the

United States, has been in virtual diplomatic isolation since the revelations of his Nazi past and has received no invitation to visit any Western country. Klestil said that Austria "will not succumb to Zionist threats and pressures to remove President Kurt Waldheim from his office," the official text of the Kuwait News Agency stated.

Klestil is on a tour of Persian Gulf Arab nations following a visit by Iran's Foreign Minister, Ali Akbar Velayati, to Vienna.

Refusenik Visa Sought

By DAVID FRIEDMAN

WASHINGTON (JTA) — Sen. John Heinze (R-Pa.) met with the second ranking official of the Soviet Embassy here Friday to press for an exit visa for Yuli Kosharovskiy.

The refusenik has been fasting in Moscow since March 10, the 17th anniversary of ap-

plication for an exit visa to leave the Soviet Union.

Heinz presented the official, Sergey Chetverikov, with a letter urging that Kosharovskiy, his wife Inna and his three children be allowed to emigrate. The letter was initiated by Heinz and Sen. Frank Lautenberg (R-N.J.) and signed by 63 other senators.

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Emergency Airlift Brings Passover Staples to Cuba's Jewish Community

By SUSAN BIRNBAUM

NEW YORK (JTA) — Two weeks before Passover, a small Beechcraft private plane owned by a New Jersey Jewish businessman landed twice in 48 hours on Cuban soil.

The first time, it unloaded a small interfaith delegation of American clergy who had come to assess the needs of religious communities in Cuba. The second time the plane touched down, it arrived with six cases of kosher wine, 20 boxes of shmurah matza and enough gefilte fish to feed two community seders held at the Great Synagogue of Havana.

"I called it the mitzvah plane," explained Rabbi Arthur Schneier, president of the Appeal of Conscience Foundation, which arranged the delegation's visit. Schneier said the group found, upon arrival, that the expected provision of passover necessities sent annually by the Canadian Jewish Congress had not yet arrived.

The rabbi obtained immediate approval from the Cuban minister of religious affairs, Jose Carneado, to send the plane back to Miami for an emergency pickup of Passover staples. The plane belongs to businessman Jack Rosen, who accompanied the religious delegation. The mission was accomplished, through Rosen's auspices, in about 12 hours. Thus was made a small dent in the longtime trade embargo between the United States and Cuba.

For the last five years, Schneier said, the Cuban Jewish community has been unable to obtain kosher wine, having to make do with grape juice. He was shown a bottle of 5-year-old wine, a small amount carefully guarded like a treasure. This, he said, underscored the significance of the first direct shipment from the United States of passover food since Fidel Castro came to power.

Schneier described the visit, from March 14 to 17, as the first interfaith delegation to Cuba, whose objective was to "assess on a first-hand basis the church-state relationship, (the extent of) religious freedom and establish an ongoing contact with all religious communities."

The Appeal of Conscience Foundation, which aims to "strengthen religious freedom in all denominations worldwide," also arranges exchange visits of religious leaders and teachers to and from Communist bloc countries. It also has sent prayer-books to those countries and has supplied kosher food and Passover staples to the Moscow Jewish community.

On March 18, Manhattan's Park East Synagogue, where Schneier is senior rabbi, sent

two tons of kosher food and other Passover supplies to Moscow's Choral Synagogue. The shipment marked the first time that kosher food had been flown directly to the Soviet Union, according to Schneier.

The delegation to Cuba met with leaders and congregants of Jewish, Catholic and Protestant denominations. Based on these meetings, the group determined that first and foremost, the Cuban Jewish community must have a rabbi.

"What they desperately need," said Schneier, "is to send in a Spanish-speaking rabbi, and I would appeal to any retired rabbi or any young rabbi who speaks Spanish to render a great service." The community's tradition is Orthodox.

There are approximately 1,200 Jews in Cuba today, mainly in Havana, compared to between 12,000 and 15,000 Jews who lived there before the revolution of 1959. The Havana Jewish community is served by one Sephardic synagogue and two Ashkenazic, of which one, the Great Synagogue, maintains a functioning community center. Dr. Jose Miller serves as president of the "Comunidad Hebraica," as the community is called.

For worship, the Great Synagogue currently makes use of its chapel, "but the main sanctuary needs major restoration," said Schneier. He said his group had discussed government assistance for restoration with Carneado, who also agreed to the request for a rabbi.

The Jewish community, said Schneier, has no mohel to perform ritual circumcisions, but does have a shochehet, who ritually slaughters cattle every Tuesday for the Jewish community, within the confines of government meat-rationing.

The delegation found what seems to be "a renewed interest in religion" in all religious groups and the appearance of "a deliberate policy to encourage wider contact between religious communities and their co-religionists abroad."

Although the Communist Cuban government under Castro never outwardly prohibited religious observance or closed places of worship, church-state relations were for a long time chilled, and most religiously observant people did not speak openly of their spiritual wants.

In early 1985, the Cuban government moved to mend its fences with the religious communities, beginning with a highly publicized meeting between Castro and the first group of American Roman Catholic bishops to visit Cuba since he came to power. Shortly thereafter, the government



President Fidel Castro of Cuba told Rabbi Arthur Schneier (left), president of the Appeal of Conscience Foundation, that he approved a decision by Jose Felipe Carneado, director of the Cuban Department of Religious and Social Affairs, that would permit a rabbi to come to Cuba to serve the 1,200-member Jewish community, currently without a spiritual leader.

established an Office of Religious Affairs.

The Appeal of Conscience Foundation found Castro in the same welcoming frame of mind. Less than 24 hours before the mitzvah plane made its dash for matza, the group had an unusual meeting with Castro, which lasted from 10:40 at night to 2:30 in the morning.

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