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Some International Opposition To Sharansky As U.N. Ambassador

By HUGH ORGEL

TEL AVIV (JTA) — Strong misgivings have surfaced over the proposed appointment of Soviet Jewry activist Natan Sharansky to be Israel's ambassador to the United Nations.

Liberal and leftist circles fear Sharansky's strong anti-Soviet stance could compromise Israel's policies at a time when relations with Moscow seem to be warming. According to the *Jerusalem Post*, U.S. State Department officials have expressed similar concerns, which have been conveyed to Jerusalem by the Israeli Embassy in Washington.

Sharansky is an outspoken critic of Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev. He calls his *glasnost* (openness) policy more cosmetic than indicative of long-term, substantive changes in the Soviet system. Moreover, some argue, the Soviets are likely to take offense if a man they convicted of spying for the United States — however trumped-up the charges may have been — heads the Israeli delegation in the world organization.

But a spokesperson for the Soviet Mission to the United Nations in New York, quoted by *Ma'ariv* said Sharansky's appointment would be of no concern to the USSR. "Whatever we think about him, you are entitled to make your own diplomatic appointments," the spokesperson was quoted as saying.

Media reports last week said Sharansky was approached informally for the U.N. job by Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, Foreign Minister Moshe Arens and Deputy Foreign Minister Binyamin Netanyahu. But Shamir later appeared to distance himself from the offer. A spokesman said the prime minister was not asked officially to approve Sharansky's appointment. It must also have the consent of Shamir's coalition part-

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Natan Sharansky

Super Sunday Sets Record

By PAULA BERENGUT

A record \$148,000 was raised during the January 29 Super Sunday telethon in Delaware. Volunteers contacted more than 1700 individuals and families asking them to make their commitment to the 1989 Federation Campaign. The total represents a 19 percent pledge card-for-card increase over the amount raised on Super Sunday in 1988 and a 28 percent overall increase. The total raised on Super Sunday 1988 was \$116,000.

According to campaign co-chairperson Richard A. Levine, with follow-up telephone calls planned for several weeks after the Super Sunday event, a record total of \$200,000 is anticipated.

Under the leadership of Sonia and Steve Bernhardt and Hal Lindbergh in northern New Castle County and Helen Gelof in Dover, a group of 120 volunteers made calls in four shifts from Patterson-Schwartz Realty in Wilmington and B. Gary Scott Realtors in Dover. These volunteers were joined on the telephones by several Delaware dignitaries including Congressman, Tom Carper; Lt. Governor, Dale Wolf; State Treasurer, Janet Rzewnicki; New Castle County Executive, Dennis Greenhouse; and Wilmington Mayor, Dan Frawley.

Prior to manning the telephones, volunteers were briefed by campaign leadership regarding the current needs of the Jewish community, locally and abroad. Volunteers were also asked to make their own pledges before asking for pledges from the Jewish community. Over 3,000 phone calls were made.

Levine and Henry Topel, 1989 Campaign Co-Chairmen and Stephen E. Herrmann, Federation President commented on the excellent training, preparation and organization that took place. "The camaraderie of the volunteers and the spirit of the day truly illustrated 'Dor L'Dor' Generation to Generation." The volunteers represented every synagogue, Jewish agency and Jewish organization in the state. Fifteen singles from the Young Jewish Adults of Delaware, four students from Gratz Hebrew High School and one Albert Einstein Academy student participated. The youngest volunteer was 11-years old.

"With such a committed group of volunteers and with such a wonderful outpouring of pledges, the day symbolized that 'we are one,'" said Levine. Herrmann commented on the "unity within our community" which was demonstrated, he said, during the weekend which began with Federation Shabbat on Friday evening (see article this page) and concluded with the telethon event, both of which drew its participants from the broad spectrum of the entire Jewish community.

Topel reflected on "the outpouring of volunteers and the responses of the Delaware Jewish community" which, he said, has "energized me to work even harder for the balance of the Campaign." The 1989 campaign goal is \$1.5 million. (See centerfold for Super Sunday photos.)

Final Allocations Made For 1988

By PAULA BERENGUT

On Thursday evening, January 19, the board of the Jewish Federation of Delaware, on the recommendation of the Federation's Budget and Planning Steering Committee, approved its final 1988 allocations for both local and worldwide Jewish agencies. When allocations were initially approved, in June 1988, 20 percent of the recommended allocations were held back.

The Federation felt it necessary to approve its agencies' allocations in June with an 80 percent release restriction for two reasons: first, in anticipation of the Kutz Home's needing more in allocation than had been requested, and, second, pending the completion of the 1988 campaign. (Only UJA — that portion of the Federation's campaign funds earmarked for Israel —

were allocated at 100 percent in May.)

The Steering Committee's recent findings at the conclusion of the campaign included the fact that the total shortfall — the difference between the total dollars needed to allocate 100 percent and the total actually available for distribution — was \$12,638. Other funds available included a \$3,707 surplus from the Abba Eban lecture, \$3,965 in 1987 campaign funds, \$4,500 from the Capital Maintenance Fund and \$567 from the Federation's 1989 fiscal year budget. Without the use of these funds, the allocations could not have been made at 100 percent.

The surplus from the Young Foundation's Abba Eban lecture is available to the Federation for its determined use. The recommendation this year was that it be used for allocation.

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U.S. Firms Linked To Shipment Of Chemicals To Middle East

By SUSAN BIRNBAUM

NEW YORK, (JTA) — American companies have shipped large quantities of substances that can be manufactured into chemical weapons to Middle East countries, U.S. Customs officials have discovered. The U.S. shipments were uncovered as Customs officials stepped up scrutiny of chemical exports, following revelations that West German firms were involved in shipping chemicals to Libya for use in an alleged poison gas plant.

According to recent reports in *The New York Times*, Iran was able secretly to recruit the help of companies in Germany, the United States and Asia to increase its stockpile of chemical weapons. Subsequent inquiries also reveal shipments of chemicals to Jordan and then, officials believe to Iraq. Presumably such chemical weapons could be used against Israel.

The findings came to light during U.S. Customs investigations of a Baltimore firm, Alcolac International,

whose records drew attention because of their use of vague terminology indicating the chemicals' destination.

American export law requires special licensing of chemicals that can be used in the production of poison gas and completely forbids their shipment to Iran, Iraq and Syria.

The findings of the investigations came to light when American court documents were recently made public in Baltimore. The investigations of Alcolac revealed that an Iranian diplomat, Seyed Kharim Ali Sobhani, working through the Iranian Embassy in Bonn, arranged three shipments in 1987 and 1988 of thiodiglycol, a chemical used in the manufacture of mustard gas. The first two shipments, totaling 90 tons, went through. But the third, weighing 120 tons, was intercepted by Customs, which substituted water for the chemical and then traced its passage.

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OPINION

Editorial: No News Is Good News

If you accept the old adage that "no news is good news," then, in the past few months there has been an awful lot of good news.

Not that newspaper front pages around the world have suffered from a lack of big news stories. But those big stories have turned out to be only potential big stories.

Following the November Israeli elections, there were fears that Prime Minister Shamir might put together another coalition government which some observers predicted Israel could not survive. After a lot of noise, the coalition was formed without any disaster.

Then the "Who is a Jew?" issue got pretty hot. The international Jewish community was reported to be in serious danger of being divided over that one. American Jewish leaders went running to Israel with lots of dire predictions and messages of outrage from American Jewry. Two months later, that issue has simmered down considerably.

In December, the PLO, through its leader, Yasir Arafat, finally said the magic words: it recognized Israel's right to exist. And it renounced terrorism as well. But, following its recent death threat to one of its own, Bethlehem Mayor Elias Freij, who proposed a moratorium on the year-old intifada, that leopard has shown that it is not capable of changing its spots.

So the news, then, after all these temporary bursts of turmoil and excitement both pro and con, is that there is no news. The news is that the international picture is stable. And there's nothing new in that... international news tends to be inertial. Major changes in international affairs have historically taken place over a long period of time and drastic overnight changes are certainly the exception rather than the rule.

We might take comfort in that stability. With so much at stake, changes of the magnitude necessary for peace in the Middle East or which could affect the worldwide Jewish community must be thoughtful ones. We shouldn't give up hope for positive changes, but we must also hope that those in positions to effect such change, both in this country and abroad, will take their time.

Meanwhile, no news is good news.



Letter to the Editor

BBW Former Presidents Sought

In preparing for the 50th anniversary of B'nai B'rith Women in Delaware we have found that we do not have current addresses of some of our former chapter Presidents. We would like to be able to include them in our celebration scheduled for March 29. Information concerning these women can be sent to Judy Goldbaum, 1621 Windybush

Road, Wilmington, DE 19810. The women whose addresses we are missing are: Ruth Schwartz, Peggy Covell, Syd Heller, Susan Kaufman, Sylvia Hirschfield, Ida Horowitz, Frances Waldman, Lydia Balin, Laura Ackerman, Adele LeBlang, Martha Lewis and Lucille Barab.

Judy Goldbaum

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"Quote of Note"

Millions of my people were gassed to death during the Second World War. This may not have been chemical warfare in the accepted sense of the word. But defenseless men, women and children were killed by the use of poison gas in gas chambers engineered and produced by supposedly legitimate industrial concerns.

-Israeli Minister of Foreign Affairs, Moshe Arens, at the Paris Conference of States Parties to the 1925 Geneva Protocol for the Prohibition of the Use of Chemical Weapons, January 9, 1989.



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Report From Sinai - - Inside Second Section

Israel's new Consul General in Philadelphia recently asked, tongue-in-cheek, what coverage the media would give today to the revelation and proclamation of the Ten Commandments. How much would they capture in the 10 second video bite, and what would make the headline? It started me thinking and fantasizing about the copywriter working over the reporter's notes.

Thunder, lightning and smoke: sounds like the Fourth of July, but may add some color. *I am the Lord—who brought you out of the land of Egypt:* nice rhythm to it, but dead history. *No other Gods before me:* lots of trouble with that one; separation clause, church and state, anybody can worship what he wants to; He'll never get far with that one. *Graven images, bow down to them:* that's a real non-starter; who ever saw an idol shop in Talleyville or Christiana Mall? The only bowing down around here is in the exercise classes. *Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain:* no idea what that one means; if it's not to swear, it'll never fly—everyone would end up sounding like John Gielgud. *Remember the sabbath day to keep it holy:* that's a laugh; with fewer than 5 percent of the Jews going to services, unless there are an awful lot of Seventh Day Adventists, he can forget that one. *Honor thy father and mother:* covered on that one—we've got Father's Day, Mother's Day, even Grandparents' Day, all with FTD specials available. Which brings us to the big action ones, *murder, adultery and stealing:* doesn't even mention

rape, incest and child abuse—we don't even notice adultery anymore, sort of quaint. We're doing the best we can with the other two, with more prisons and all, but the judges let 'em loose as fast as the cops bring 'em in. The next one, *Thou shalt not bear false witness,* seems to be a throw-away, doesn't fit: true, there's a little perjury here and there, but who wouldn't lie to keep his job? As for the last one, *Thou shalt not covet,* He's really in orbit on that one; everybody's always coveting everything; that's what makes the world go round and keeps the fashion industry going; even Jimmy Carter used to lust in his heart despite teaching Sunday school; get rid of coveting and it's the end of the growth economy. All in all a pretty weird package, but good for inside the second section. Headline? New Cult: No Sex or Free Enterprise.

Maybe I've been a bit rough on my imagined copywriter, but I do believe that the revelation and proclamation at Sinai is, for many people, shrouded in a cloud of irrelevance. It does not speak to them and the problems they face in their lives today. Perhaps it is because we have not focused carefully enough in our times on the meaning of a word, a concept, a state, that is so much on our lips: *freedom.*

Freedom is what we want and we all want it now and without limit. We want to do what we want to. And we don't want anyone else, government or individual, setting limits on this freedom. And yet, when we seek to define our freedom operationally, in a way of life,

we find that it runs away from us. I find that my freedom can bump into and even negate the freedom of another, just as his freedom can negate mine. Is freedom, then, a mirage? Can what happened at Sinai shed any light on this question?

Each Passover we joyously celebrate the deliverance from Egypt as a festival of freedom; we were brought "out of the house of bondage", but this is indeed only half of the story. From Moses' very first meeting with Pharaoh, what was it he sought? To go forth into the wilderness "to serve our God." The same Hebrew word, *avodah*, is used for bondage in Egypt and for serving God. The long walk from Egypt to the sacred mount in Sinai was a walk from the serfdom of man to the service of God, from the misery and ignominy of the slime pits of Egypt to the glory of responsibility in assuming the yoke of Torah. We Jews, then, do not see freedom in absolute terms. Our choice is in whom or what we serve. Shall we serve Pharaoh or shall we serve God? This is the choice that faces each of us each day in such subtle and insidious ways. For we are surrounded by Pharaohs in every direction we turn.

About 500 years ago the great Spanish commentator, Yitzhak Arama, wrote about the second commandment, the admonition against worshipping idols:

Under the category of idolatry we must include a form which is particularly virulent today, the devoting of all energies and thoughts to the accumula-

tion of wealth and achievement of worldly success. These are the mighty gods on which they rely, to which they pay allegiance and for which they repudiate the Lord on high and forsake his Torah, leaving it deserted and forlorn in a remote corner. This is the very essence of idolatry.

The Torah never objected to the acquisition and enjoyment of wealth, and the patriarchs themselves are described as being men of substance and many possessions. What was wrong was not the acquisition or the enjoyment of wealth, but regarding it as an end in itself rather than a means to an end. Indeed, idolatry may well be defined as the transformation of means, even perfectly legitimate means, into ends in themselves. Paralleling the thoughts expressed by Arama, Franz Rozenzweig wrote less than 100 years ago:

Names change but polytheism continues. Culture, civilization, people, state, nation, race, art, science, economy and class — here you have what is certainly an abbreviated and incomplete list of the pantheon of our contemporary gods. Who will deny their existence? No idolator has ever worshipped his idols with greater devotion and faith than that displayed by modern man towards his goals — a continual battle has been going on to this very day in the mind of man between the worship of the One and the many. Its outcome is never certain.

Maybe we should tell the copywriter to take a second look. That story from Sinai might just be front page after all!

Halacha As Dynamic System Creates Need For New View On Homosexuality

By RABBI BERNARD S. RASKAS

It would be correct to say that the traditional Jewish view of homosexuality is negative.

However, to leave it at that would leave a mistaken impression, because it would be without the perspective of Jewish thought and law, without the recent advances in the scientific understanding of homosexuality, without the classic Jewish components of understanding and compassion. This calls for a new Jewish view of homosexuality.

To begin, it should be noted that there are two, or possibly three, Torah text references to homosexuality (Leviticus 18:22, 20:13; Genesis 19). References in talmudic and post-talmudic writings are relatively few and tend to reflect the negative biblical attitude.

As with all sparse biblical statements, they lend themselves to wide discussion and interpretation. Some biblical statements have often been reversed, ignored, consciously neglected and vastly misinterpreted.

The law of *prosbol* (restructuring

debt) was a basic change in response to economic conditions.

The law of a rebellious son was ignored because of changing and enlightened understanding.

Lex talionis, the law of retribution, was changed from its literal meaning through significant interpretation because of a more thoughtful and practical grasp of the human condition in terms of fair compensation.

In relatively modern times, the Mishnaic law declaring a deaf-mute *heresh* (incompetent) was reversed because of the evidence of new data.

No less a prominent person than Rabbi Isaac Herzog (a chief rabbi of Israel) concluded that new research demonstrated that a deaf-mute had normal intelligence and should be treated that way.

Rabbi David Novak in *Halacha in a Theological Dimension* has described the dynamic of change that is central to the halachic system.

Halacha is not monolithic and immutable. Halacha may be stable, but it does not stand still. We owe much to the late Rabbi Herschel Matt and Rabbi Robert Kirschner for their pioneering work in the changing relationships between halacha and homosexuality.

A basic consideration in Jewish thinking about homosexuality is the principle that "onus," one who is shaped by outside forces, is understood by the merciful One (Nedarim 7a).

It has been assumed until now that gay and lesbian human beings engage in a form of sex through a free and considered choice.

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Life Insurance offers a splendid way for persons of moderate circumstances to make a significant gift to the Federation of other community institutions. The gift of a whole life policy to the Federation's Endowment Fund will produce a charitable deduction based on the cash value of the policy and any remaining premium payments are also deductible. For the younger contributor, life insurance offers a way to make an endowment gift at very low net cost. For example, a 40-year old male can provide a \$50,000 testamentary gift to the Endowment Fund by making five annual premium payments of \$764, ten annual payments of \$465 or one single-premium payment of \$3723. By naming the Jewish Federation of Delaware Endowment Fund both the owner and beneficiary of the policy, the donor is entitled to a charitable income tax deduction for the full value of each premium payment. There are a variety of life insurance products with premiums that can be adjusted to meet almost every financial situation. For additional information, consult your insurance broker or Connie Kreshool, Endowment Director, 478-6200.

Just A Minute

Paradise On Earth

By ISRAEL PELEG

Recently we celebrated "Tu-Bishvat" which, like Arbor Day, is the new year of the trees. Tree planting in Israel is associated with soil reclamation and symbolizes the restoration of Jewish life in our ancient homeland.

The tree is an important symbol in Jewish sources. The Garden of Eden - mankind's lost paradise - included every kind of tree. The very word

paradise derives from the Hebrew word "pardess," meaning fruit orchard or orange grove.

So, the yearly planting of trees not only holds to a national tradition and contributes to the reforestation of the State of Israel, but demonstrates our wish to make our life on earth - if not an actual paradise - at least as a "pardess."

(Dr. Israel Peleg, Ph.D., is the Consul General of Israel in Philadelphia.)

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Federation Shabbat Speaker: UJA Does What Israel Can't

By PAULA BERENGUT
 It is very important to put things into perspective as we conclude Israel's fortieth anniversary celebration, Zeleg Chinitz told approximately 250 people at Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth synagogue on Friday evening, January 29. Chinitz was the guest speaker at the annual Federation Shabbat service on the Friday evening before Super Sunday, the Federation's telethon event.

The Brooklyn-born Chinitz, an ordained rabbi, has lived in Israel for the past 20 years, serving until 1986 as Director General of the United Israel Appeal in Israel. He currently serves as Executive Vice-Chairman of the World Zionist Organization in North America. "As I move around the country," he told the audience, "I'm not so sure about third and fourth generation American Jews and their sense of commitment." Most of these Jews were born into the existence of an Israel and don't really have a sense of what happened in 1948 and prior to that, Chinitz said. "Therefore, it is difficult to engage their hearts and minds."

To prove his point, Chinitz noted that while "only some in the audience remember the melodramatic days in 1948 when Israel declared its independence, more recall the Sinai Campaign in 1956, still more remember the heroic days of the Six-Day War in 1967, and nobody will forget the 1973 Yom Kippur War."

Chinitz listed these wars and the wars of attrition in between, he said, as a context into which to place the perennial efforts of UJA/Federation. "It is no exaggeration to describe the 40 year history of Israel as one long war. And I submit for your consideration that perhaps never before have we — the Jewish family — been confronted with so many wars of attrition simultaneously as we are today."

Listing the "Zionism as Racism" vote in the U.N., the economic hardships created by war, and the year-old *intifada* as examples of the continuing wars of attrition, Chinitz asked, "Isn't it amazing that, after 40 years, we still have to justify our existence?"



Zelig Chinitz

And when we, in America, criticize Israel, he cautioned,

we "must ask ourselves, 'What are the alternatives?'" In terms of the *intifada*, Chinitz said that the "alternative of additional repression would be un-Jewish and the alternative of walking out completely would be too dangerous." Regarding the recent declaration of a Palestinian state, Chinitz said that the Arab Palestinians are entitled to feelings of national self-dignity, but *not* at Israel's expense.

"No people should be asked to commit an act of national suicide to cater to the nationalist feelings of another people," he said. "And that is what is at stake for us." We in America, he said, who are deeply involved in Israel's fate and future, must realize that we

are confronted with a very serious dilemma.

"In this century of Auschwitz," Chinitz cautioned the audience, we have to face the choice to be "unpopularly dead... I think the answer is self-evident."

The economic hardships caused by Israel's wars make the UJA/Federation funds necessary, Chinitz said. Other financial crises mentioned were the settlement of Soviet Jews, the absorption of Ethiopian Jews into Israel, and the Project Renewal neighborhoods. "These are the things we [UJA] do, for which the [Israeli] government doesn't have the resources," he said. "It is in this context that we approach the 1989 campaign."

Shamir Calls Reagan One Of Israel's 'Greatest Friends'

By HUGH ORGEL
 TEL AVIV (JTA) — Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir sent a "Dear Ron" farewell message to outgoing President Ronald Reagan describing him as "one of the greatest friends" Israel has ever had. Defense Minister Yitzhak Rabin sent similar cables to two departing members of the Reagan administration, Defense Secretary Frank Carlucci and Secretary of State George Shultz.

Shamir's cable to Reagan began: "Dear Ron, 'I am most grateful to you for your warm words of congratula-

tion to me and my colleagues on the formation of our new government of national unity. This government faces the formidable challenge of external dangers, of economic hardship and the ongoing search for peace with our neighbors, for peace and coexistence with the Palestinian Arabs who live under our rule."

"We shall look for solutions with utmost vigor and pray that we shall be successful."

The prime minister extolled Reagan's "outstanding leadership of the United States of America and the free world."

He observed that "the relationship between our two coun-

tries has never been better than in the period of your leadership of the United States."

"It is no wonder, therefore, that the memorandum of agreement we signed on Israel's 40th anniversary is already known and spoken of as the Reagan agreement," Shamir said.

Noting that "it was possible occasionally to differ without impairing the basic friendship," Shamir reminded Reagan that Israel is "the country with the best voting record at the United Nations at the side of the United States."

The prime minister wound up

his message with an invitation to Reagan and his wife to visit Israel "at any early date."

To Shultz, Rabin wrote: "I sincerely hope that I express the unanimous feeling of all the people in Israel, and especially of those involved in the defense of Israel, in extending to you our thanks for your personal share in the strengthening of Israel's security."

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Israeli Consul Tells Audience: Arafat Is Not To Be Trusted

By PAULA BERENGUT

Amnon Efrat, consul of Israel in the Israeli Consul General's office in Philadelphia, addressed about 40 people at the Jewish Community Center on January 24 and warned them that the "new" Yasir Arafat who speaks of accepting the state of Israel is not to be trusted.

"There has been a tendency to view [Arafat's] words as the new position of the PLO. . . But the PLO documents have not changed," Efrat cautioned. He said that the world's misreading Arafat has led to increased pressure against Israel "to soften its stand" against face-to-face negotiations with the Palestinians. Efrat said that would never happen.

The consul compared Arafat to Hitler. During the early years of World War II, he said, Hitler and his counselors made a practice of saying one thing privately and presenting a softer, very different, message to the Western world and the press.

Efrat cautioned that Americans should not be fooled by similar tactics. "It is essential," he said, "that we recognize that these documents represent PLO policy, not Arafat's words. And these documents have not changed." He noted that the official PLO policy still calls for an "armed struggle to free Palestine."

Calling Arafat's comments a ploy to enlist world opinion to "isolate Israel with more moderate [Palestinian] position, Efrat said it "is a new illusion that was conceived to deceive the international community."

Efrat said he felt there was no doubt that this PLO campaign is "directed first and foremost" toward the U.S. and that while Arafat actually did recognize Israel's existence, he has never recognized Israel's right to exist. "That's an important difference," he said.

He also accused Arafat and the PLO of using the recent uprisings in the occupied ter-

ritories to generate anti-Israel opinion throughout the world. Arafat recently issued a threat, Efrat said, "to kill any Palestinian who even thinks of stopping the uprisings."

There is a "new Middle East," Efrat said. "We are witnesses to a new situation. . . in which the Syrians speak with the Iraqis. The Egyptians have spoken with the Syrians. . . The U.S. talks with the PLO and the Soviets speak with the Israelis." But, never, he said, will the Israelis have direct talks with the PLO. "That would be de facto recognition of a Palestinian state. And we don't want to even think about that."

Efrat was in Wilmington at the invitation of Jewish Community Relations Council of the Jewish Federation of Delaware. Dr. Israel Peleg, Consul General in Philadelphia, was originally scheduled to address the community. The address was open to the public.

Policy Focus:

Chemical Weapons In The Middle East

By PAULA BERENGUT

"The spread of chemical and biological weapons in the Middle East has ominous implications for the United States and its allies," according to the Washington Institute for Near East Policy, a private, educational foundation with supports "scholarly research and informed debate on U.S. interests in the Near East."

In a report published in December, 1988, the Institute has studied the existence of chemical weapons and studies the threat posed by these weapons.

According to the report:

• At least six Middle East countries manufacture chemical weapons — Syria, Israel, Egypt, Iran, Iraq and Libya — and the latter four have probably use them. In addition, Iran, Syria and Iraq are reportedly working on chemical warheads for ballistic missiles.

• At least five countries in the region have, or are working to acquire, a biological warfare capability: Egypt, Iran, Iraq, Israel and Syria. Iraq and Syria appear to have the most advanced programs.

West European and Japanese companies and individuals have played a key role in the construction of facilities to manufacture chemical agents, throughout the Middle East.

"Efforts to slow the proliferation of chemical and biological weapons must become a high priority of the United States," the report concluded. "Among its options are to continue hindering the transfer of production technology, promoting international agreement to strengthen the Geneva Protocol 1925 as well as sanctions against violators, assisting U.S. allies to acquire defensive gear and assuring them that the United States will actively support any ally under chemical or biological attack."

In a chapter devoted to "Chemical Warfare and the Arab-Israel Conflict," the report states, "Recent initiatives by Syria to strengthen its chemical warfare capabilities, coupled with Iraq's massive use of chemical weapons, have intensified concern that chemical weapons might be used in a future Arab-Israeli war." And while the

main focus is on the possibility that Syria might launch a chemical attack on the Jewish state, the report says that in the future it is likely that the problem will become more acute as Libya and Iraq acquire long-range ballistic missiles armed with chemical warheads.

Israel, however, has taken steps to significantly reduce the danger from chemical attack, the report states. First, the Israelis have acquired gear to protect soldiers and civilians against such an attack. Second, the Israelis have the ability to mount a retaliatory chemical strike, severely impeding military strikes against it. And third, Israel has made it clear that any chemical attack by Syria is likely to result in massive retaliatory conventional attacks.

The report concludes this chapter, however, that although Israel is currently in a position to discourage a chemical attack, this "equation will be altered as a growing number of countries acquire ballistic missiles armed with chemical warheads." It also

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Shamir Reveals Peace Plan, Rules Out Palestinian State

By EDWIN EYTAN
PARIS (JTA) — Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir has offered a preview of his long-awaited peace plan, based on the premise that "a Palestinian state is unimaginable." Shamir outlined his peace scenario and expressed strongly held views in a remarkably candid interview published January 31 in the French daily *Le Monde*.

He is expected to present his peace plan to President Francois Mitterrand of France, when he visits Paris this month, and to President George Bush in Washington, on his visit there in March.

Shamir ruled out unconditionally Israeli negotiations

with the Palestine Liberation Organization. He said the Palestinians "will never have a Palestinian state — they will not have it through negotiations nor by force. A Palestinian state is unimaginable. It will never happen," he told *Le Monde*.

What he does offer the Palestinians is a two-phased settlement. In the first phase, they will be granted what Shamir considers extensive and liberal autonomy for a period of unspecified but limited duration. It would be followed by negotiations, without preconditions, over the future status of the West Bank and Gaza Strip. Shamir said

the negotiations would seek a solution "acceptable to all parties."

He said it might include withdrawal of Israeli troops into specific security zones. That would be "a guarantee for Israel's security, but also a guarantee for the territories' autonomy," the prime minister said. "If we reach an agreement in principle on two-phased negotiations, there will be immediate democratic elections to enable the Palestinians to be represented," Shamir said.

Asked if there was not a risk that PLO representatives might be elected, Shamir replied, "Yes, there is a risk, but to counterbalance such a risk there will remain Israeli troops in the territories, within the (security) zones. There will be no revolutionary change in the territories till we reach a definite solution," he said.

Shamir said Israel would have preferred to reach preliminary agreements with Jordan and Egypt. "Reaching an agreement with even one of them would be sufficient, but as both refuse right now, we would accept reaching a two-phase agreement with the

Palestinians, if we don't have to deal with the PLO," Shamir explained.

Shamir referred several times to the 1978 Camp David agreements as the basis for a settlement of the Arab-Israeli conflict.

His questioners, *Le Monde's* foreign editor, Jacques Amalric, and the paper's Israel correspondent, Alain Franchon, pointed out that both Shamir and Foreign Minister Moshe Arens had opposed Camp David and voted against the accords in the Knesset at the time.

Shamir admitted that "both Arens and I were against. I was in favor of the peace treaty with Egypt, but I opposed a total withdrawal from Sinai and the evacuation of Yamit, which created a precedent that has caused trouble." Yamit and its satellite settlements were built by Israel in northern Sinai. They were razed by the Israel Defense Force before the territory was handed back to Egypt.

Shamir characterized Israel's present diplomatic position as "grave." He said the American decision last month to open a

dialogue with the PLO and President Mitterrand's plans to meet with PLO chief Yasir Arafat "drive Israel to despair."

"I don't think it is good for the international community to push Israel into a desperate (situation)," he said. The prime minister stressed that Israel will never accept "an imposed solution. If we don't want an international conference, we simply will not go to an international conference," he said.

Shamir had high praise for the Middle East policies of the Reagan administration, and he said he hoped they would be continued by the administration of George Bush. Reminded that it was Reagan's secretary of state, George Shultz, who decided on a dialogue with the PLO, Shamir replied, "Yes, but until that moment he had been excellent."

Asked what legacy he would like to leave for history, the 73-year-old Israeli leader said, "I think of peace, at least to enable it, and a reform of our electoral system to prevent us from becoming like France's Fourth Republic," which was marked by repeated changes of government.

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ADL Reports Highest Incidence Of Anti-Semitism In Five Years

By SUSAN BIRNBAUM
NEW YORK, (JTA) — Last year witnessed the highest number of anti-Semitic incidents in the United States in over five years, according to the 10th annual audit of such events released recently by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith. This was the second straight year in which there was a sharp upswing of anti-Semitic acts and harassment, following a four-year downward trend. New York, California and Florida were the leading states where such incidents took place.

"A troubling undercurrent of anti-Jewish hostility remains beneath the surface of American society," the report stated. Anti-Jewish acts included 823 incidents of vandalism in 1988, compared with 694 the year before; and 458 cases of harassment last year, compared with 324 in 1987.

For the first time since 1981, the ADL called a news conference to discuss the findings. They were motivated by concern over what ADL's national director, Abraham Foxman, called "disturbing statistics."

Foxman pointed out factors that contributed significantly to the pronounced increase, including the Palestinian uprising in the Israeli-administered territories. ADL counts a total of 117 anti-Semitic incidents linked by their perpetrators to the intifada, a factor of almost one out of 10 of all such incidents in 1988. But Foxman said the intifada was "not so much a cause, but an excuse" for anti-Semitism.

Anti-Semitic vandalism tied specifically to the 50th Anniversary of Kristallnacht added substantially and rather ominously to the annual toll. During the week of November 6, when both Jewish and Christian houses of worship observed commemorative services for the "Night of Broken Glass," more than 60 anti-Semitic in-



Vandalism being documented at Denver's Hebrew Education Alliance following the fiftieth anniversary of Kristallnacht in November 1988. (Photo: RNS)

idents, ranging from graffiti to threats, were recorded in all parts of the country.

The audit reported anti-Semitic acts in 40 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. They were compiled by the ADL's regional offices as well as by law enforcement officials.

The largest number of anti-Semitic incidents last year took place in New York state, where 208 acts of vandalism were reported, and 115 cases of harassment, threats and assaults.

California was next after New York, with 121 acts of vandalism and 49 of harassment. This was followed by Florida, with 89 acts of vandalism and 40 of harassment. New Jersey followed with 67 acts of vandalism and 30 harassments. Of those four states, only California's incidents decreased from those in 1987.

Anti-Semitic vandalism was particularly prevalent in the South. The most striking cases was Tennessee, which saw a jump from zero acts of vandalism in 1987 to eight, and zero incidents of harassment in 1987 to nine in 1988.

Moreover, the violent youth known as Skinheads either were found responsible or claimed responsibility for 41 anti-Semitic incidents in at

least 15 states. The most recent ADL report on Skinheads said there were more than 2,000 of them active in 21 states.



Skinhead John Lyman talks about his views on racism during a recent interview. The skinheads are a group of chiefly young male white supremacists with shaven heads and neo-Nazi politics. The group has been blamed for numerous anti-Semitic and anti-black incidents throughout the United States. (Photo: RNS)

In addition, there was a steep climb in the number of incidents on college campuses in 1988 — a total of 54 such events, compared with 14 in 1987. The incidents ranged from harassment to vandalism.

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State Department: Administration Not Selling Arms To Saudis Yet

By HOWARD ROSENBERG
WASHINGTON(JTA) - The State Department said last week that the Bush administration has not yet made any decision to sell Saudi Arabia 315 M1A1 Abrams tanks, seven multiple-launch rocket systems, and up to 110 F-16 or F/A-18 fighter planes this year. Those weapons, as well as 2,000 Mk-84 aerial bombs, 75 anti-jam radios, an air defense radar system, and maintenance equipment for F-5 and F-15 fighter planes, were contained in the administration's 1989 "Javits Report," named for late Sen. Jacob Javits (R-N.Y.). The report lists arms sales that may come this year.

the Reagan administration to Congress January 19, its last full day in office - was endorsed by the Bush administration, but he could not comment on it since it was classified. But Redman specifically denied that any sale of advanced aircraft to the Saudis would occur in 1989. "We do not have plans this year nor do we anticipate notifying Congress of any such sale this year," Redman said of the F-16s or F/A-18s. The *New York Times* quoted Saudi and U.S. sources as saying the aircraft sale may be proposed early in 1990. Israel could receive 200 Stinger anti-aircraft missiles, four reconnaissance helicopters, three artillery-locating radars, as well as avionics, armament, engine

and airframe improvements on 47 of its F-15 aircraft, *The Times* and *The Washington Post* reported. Various potential weapons sales to Egypt and Morocco are also cited in the report. A Capitol Hill source predicted that the Saudis will want the F/A-18s over the F-16s, but that, in any event, the weaponry is geared mainly for defensive uses. The aircraft would likely replace aging F-5s, which was one of the purposes in the U.S. sale of F/A-18s to Kuwait last year. A second source had no immediate analysis of how the 2,000 bombs would affect Israel's security, but noted that fighter planes can become offensive weapons in wartime. The first source noted that

tanks are offensive weapons but since they would have to roll through Jordan to reach Israel, they are "not high on anyone's threat list." The missile launchers have a 30-kilometer range, which could not reach Israel from Saudi Arabia, although he said they would help upset the Arab-Israeli military balance, as would a sale of F-16s or F/A-18s. Potential sales to three Persian Gulf Arab states are also

named in the report, specifically Bahrain, Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates, *The Times* said. Components of potential sales to those countries are F/A-18 Hornets, M1A1 tanks, Maverick "G" air-to-ground missiles, and TOW anti-tank missiles. The source speculated that one of the Persian Gulf sales will be sent to Congress, before a proposed sale to Saudi Arabia, to test congressional sentiment.

State Department spokesman Charles Redman said that the report - sent by

New Regional ADL Director

Scott M. Feigelstein has been appointed director of the Eastern Pennsylvania-Delaware office of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, it was announced today by Abraham H. Foxman, ADL's national director. Feigelstein, formerly ADL director in Connecticut, succeeds Barry Morrison, who has assumed new responsibilities with the League in Chicago.

Foxman announced two other appointments in ADL's Philadelphia office. Fred David Levine as associate director and Frances Perlman as director of development.

Feigelstein, a native of New York City, received his Juris Doctor degree as part of the first graduating class of the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law of Yeshiva University. He holds a B.A., cum laude, from the State University of New York at Buffalo.

Joining ADL in 1980 as assistant director of the Florida regional office based in Miami, he assumed the directorship of the League's Connecticut office in 1983. A frequent contributor to the News media, he produced television programming on prejudice reduction and interfaith cooperation.

Feigelstein implemented a broad range of ADL programs in areas such as police community relations, race rela-



Scott M. Feigelstein was recently appointed director of the Eastern Pennsylvania-Delaware office of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

tions, monitoring and counteracting extremist group activities and the investigation and resolution of complaints of discrimination.

He played a major role in coordinating legislative strategy leading to the enactment of several key initiatives including Connecticut's Bias

Crimes Act, Gifts from Foreign Services to Universities Act, and House of Worship protection law.

Levine was formerly ADL's associate director of its Florida office in Miami and prior to that served as assistant to the director of Intergroup Relations at ADL's national office.

A native of Miami Beach, Florida, he holds a B.A. in sociology from Brandeis University. He attended the Jewish Theological Seminary of America and spent several years living and studying in Jerusalem. Recently, he served briefly as executive director of the Anne Frank Institute and as interim director of Har Zion Temple.

Perlman, a native of Wynnewood and a graduate of Lehigh University, has 10 years of financial and fundraising experience and will concentrate on expanding support for the League. She recently served as assistant director of CARE and was director of special events for Senator Arlen Specter.

The Eastern Pennsylvania-Delaware office is one of ADL's 31 regional offices under the supervision of Charney V. Bromberg.

Book On Italy And Holocaust Wins Prize

By RUTH GRUBER
ROME - (JTA) Author Susan Zucotti has been awarded a major literary prize here for her book *The Italians and the Holocaust*.

The prize, known as "Acqui Storia," is awarded by a jury for historical works.

Zucotti's book was issued in Italian translation this year and depicts anti-Semitism in Italy during the fascist years and World War II.

Noted Italian journalist Furio Colombo said in his introduction to the book that it "probably is the definitive text on this tragic affair."

Zucotti received the award in the category of "first works."

The main award went to professor Andrea Riccardi for his *The Power of the Pope from Pius XII to Paul VI*.

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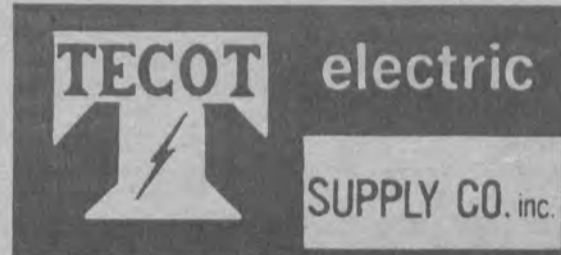
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Torah Portion

Parshat Titzaveh, February 18

A Time To Be Anonymous

By an anonymous writer, a rabbi and author, a spiritual leader of a congregation, which also remains anonymous.

I note with interest that last year in this space there was another D'var Torah by an author who chose to remain anonymous. That was not I. It is possible we are related, but I do not know.

Why this sudden urge to write a D'var Torah anonymously? Because in Parshat Titzaveh, Moses becomes anonymous. His name is not mentioned even once. And for me to put my name where even the name of Moses does not appear would be hutzpadik.

The Midrash understands the absence of Moses' name to be a fulfillment of his own words. After the incident of the golden calf, Moses puts himself between the wrath of God and the children of Israel. "Take me first!" he cries. "If you do not forgive their sin, then erase my name from this book which you have written. If they are not there, I do not want to be there either!"

God continues the relationship with the people of Israel. But in the very next parsha, the name of Moses is obliterated.

Now, what did Moses think when he read on in the book he was writing down, and his name was nowhere to be found. "My God, He did it! I am gone. I have disappeared. No one will know who I am. My name will never again appear in history. Who will know the name of the person who wrote down the book destined to become the best seller of all time? Gevult! Woe is me!"

In place of the name of Moses, we find the adornment of the High Priest. He is to be decked out in an ephod (an apron-like garment), a breast plate of jewels, a royal robe fringed with golden bells, a headdress, a sash and linen breeches. The High Priest will not remain anonymous. Anything but. Anywhere he goes, bells will ring. He will be resplendent in his finery.

And what did Moses think of this? "Ah, instead of me, God has created this to lead the people. Pomp and circumstance. So much for modesty. See what being an eesh anav ma-od (a very humble man) gets you. Nothing. Nada. Not even an honorable mention."

Did Moses have such thoughts? Not if he was truly an eesh anav ma-od.

Moses' strength was his humility, his willingness to remove himself to allow not only the preservation of the people, but the growth of the people.

A few weeks ago we read Parshat Yitro — the section named after Jethro, the father-in-law of Moses. Moses has no parsha named after him, but his father-in-law, a priest of Midian, has such an honor. Moses, we learn, is not a good administrator. His father-in-law has suggestions which Moses accepts at once. This is the action of an eesh anav ma-od.

There is no parsha which speaks more eloquently of the character of Moses than the one which we read this week, Titzaveh, the parsha in which the name of Moses does not appear. The absence of his name allows for the greatest creativity of the people.

When the leader permits his ego to fill the entire space, so that nothing appears but his name and his presence, there is no room for the creativity of others. But when the leader sets an example and withdraws, creativity takes place. Moses set his example, and he withdrew, and just look at the artistry and creativity of this portion!

Those of us who lead congregations sometimes have a tendency to allow our egos and our names to fill the entire space. No creativity can take place then. Occasionally we should be reminded to be anonymous, to set an example and withdraw. If we have done our job well, the risk we take will be rewarded with extraordinary creativity.

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Archbishop Desmond Tutu Honored

By PAULA BERENGUT
Desmond M. Tutu, the Anglican Archbishop of Capetown, South Africa, who received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1984 for his "courageous and fearless" stand against apartheid, was honored for that effort by two groups at New York's Stephen Wise Free Synagogue on January 30.

The synagogue's spiritual leader, Rabbi Balfour Brickner, said the black leader had been chosen to receive the 26th annual George Brussel, Jr., Memorial Award because he is "one who has consistently fought for the abolition of apartheid and for the entire spectrum of civil and human rights for all peoples." The award is conferred each year by the board of trustees of the synagogue, "for exceptional devotion to the cause of individual freedom and social justice, in the spirit of the Hebrew prophets."

The award — a shofar, which was used in ancient Israel to sound an alarm in times of danger — marks the first time the bishop has been honored by a Jewish religious institution, according to Brickner.

Among the 25 previous recipients of the award have been Norman Lear, Jack Greenberg, Daniel Schorr, The Fortune Society, People of the Netherlands, former New York Mayor John V. Lindsay and Carl Sagan.

"The plight of blacks in South Africa is a concern to both the Jewish and black communities in the United States," said Rabbi Lynne Landsberg. Landsberg is the acting director of the Marjorie Kovler Institute for Black-Jewish Relations of the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism which presented the second award. "Our purpose is to bring the two communities together on

such common concerns," Landsberg said.

The Kovler Institute's award — a grant of \$100,000, will go to Medical Education for South African Blacks, Inc., a non-profit corporation based in Washington and Johannesburg, according to Herbert Kaiser, president of the group. He said it had financed training



South African Archbishop Desmond Tutu was honored by two groups in New York for his devotion to the cause of individual freedom and social justice.

Morris Abram Named Ambassador To Geneva

By DAVID FRIEDMAN

WASHINGTON (JTA) — President Bush has appointed Morris Abram, the former chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, as the U.S. ambassador to the European headquarters of the United Nations in Geneva.



Morris Abram

Abram said he was "very pleased by the appointment," and called Geneva "an important center in Europe" for the United States.

The U.N. headquarters in Geneva houses such agencies as the U.N. Commission on Human Rights, the International Labor Organization and the World Health Organization. There are about 300 U.N. meetings a year in Geneva.

The 70-year-old Abram, who recently stepped down as chairman of both the Presidents Conference and the National Conference on Soviet Jewry, said that among the issues he will be dealing with are two that he has long been

interested in, human rights and health.

In the Johnson administration, he served as U.S. representative to the U.N. Commission on Human Rights from 1965 to 1968. President Carter named him as chairman of the President's Commission for the Study of Ethical Problems in Medicine and Biomedical and Behavioral Research in 1979, and under President Reagan he served as vice chairman of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights from 1983 to 1986.

A Georgia-born New York lawyer, Abram was president of the American Jewish Committee from 1963 to 1968 and president of Brandeis University from 1968 to 1970. He was also president of the United Negro College Fund from 1970 to 1979.

for 135 black South African medical workers last year, including physicians, dentists, pharmacists and nurses.

Kaiser said there are fewer than 700 black physicians currently serving South Africa's black population of 26 million. The country has about 70 black pharmacists and 20 black dentists, he said. He said that the health care training project, established four years ago by black South African directors, was aimed at preparing black professionals to play an essential role in a "post-apartheid society."

The first black to assume the post of Archbishop of Cape Town, Bishop Tutu has made the liberation of South African blacks part of a theological movement. For his work on behalf of world peace, he has received a number of honorary doctorates and prizes.

The citation accompanying the shofar presented by the Stephen Wise Free Synagogue read, in part: "Although he has never learned to hate, no one has opposed injustice with a more burning anger."

In accepting the shofar, Tutu told the audience of approximately 1,000, "I invite Elie Wiesel to be a mediator with me in seeking a resolution of the Palestinian problem." He said he had not consulted Wiesel before making his proposal.

The bishop said that "Israel has a right to its territorial integrity and to the secure borders that are its sovereign right. I categorically condemn terrorism in all its forms, including anti-Israel terrorism."

The speech included the kinds of remarks that have made Tutu a controversial figure among Jews: He criticized Israel for "collaborating" with South Africa's white leaders on security and "nuclear matters." And he said accounts of Israeli actions against Palestinian demonstrators "could be a description of what is happening in South Africa."

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The Tikkun Conference: A Delaware View

By IRVING LEVITT

Tikkun Magazine sponsored an event recently aimed at "Reconstructing the Progressive Tradition of American Jewish Intellectuals." It was like a Jewish Kent State with a much grayer cast; and fewer casualties. This gathering was

made up of "old left" liberals, "Mike Harrington socialists," labor (both Israeli and American), Feminists, vegetarians, and even members of the Israel Defense Forces, at the Penta Hotel in Manhattan, across the street from the Madison Square

Garden, another arena famed for its monumental battles.

And yet, all of these groups had one conviction in common — a deep devotion to the State of Israel and a deeper concern that the only democracy in the Middle East was being torn apart by fundamental dif-

ferences on what to do about the year-long uprising in the occupied territories.

Five Delawareans: Sanford, Jeanne and Andy Solomon and Phyllis Levitt, and I, all from Dover, attended the Sunday session on December 18 —

in time to hear an unusual roundtable of Palestinians and American Jews present their views on the latest PLO initiative. Edward Said, professor of English, Columbia University and a member of the Palestinian National Council stated that the PLO goal was "rational peace through reconciliation," that the creation of a Palestinian state would correct "an historic injustice."

Michael Lerner, editor of *Tikkun* framed the issue succinctly: "Two monologues do not equal a dialogue."

The general theme was one of giving some good faith negotiations a chance. Two peoples cannot live side by side, Lerner continued, without recognizing each other's historic right to exist; and military security must be based on a mutual acceptance of this principle.

Participants in later sessions included sociologist Michael Walzer, Irving Howe, editor of *Dissent*, literary critics Alfred Kazin and Ted Solotaroff, and writers Grace Paley and Howard Fast.

Workshops were organized around a variety of themes, including "Zionism in light of the *intifadah*," and "AIPAC, the conservative Jewish establishment and the challenge from the left." All of this is disconcerting to some American Jews because the Jewish community, up until now, has spoken publicly in one voice when the security of Israel could be in jeopardy. Dissenting opinions have always surfaced relative to what Israel should do at particular times in its short history. But until now, no Jewish group has wished to move the discussion into the media or make them part of public forums.

Edward Said, talking about Palestinian aspirations while sitting in an auditorium crowded with Jews who were not openly hostile, was a rare moment in the history of this conflict, and it is now quite clear that between the position expounded by Mr. Shamir and those within the Labor coalition who are willing to exchange land for peace, that some middle ground must be reached. Jordan, as well, must be part of the equation because Amman has just as much as stake as Israel.

Even after almost 20 years of political hibernation the Jewish progressive, liberal movement is not only alive, but is apparently attempting to finally shake off the effects of a long, deep sleep. Positive signs of life now sprout among the salt & pepper beards, thick glasses, rumpled Harris tweeds, itchy turtle necks, pipes, notebooks, and left, labor feminist magazine and pamphlets. And the "T" shirts for sale urge all to read *Tikkun* — and suggest on the back of the shirt that "the rest is commentary."

The right in America might now claim to be the official guardians of the State of Israel. But this conference stressed that this need not be the case: the Palestinians have an opportunity, along with Jordan and Israel, to talk constructively about reshaping the Middle East scrabble board.

In its own small way, this conference may have made a positive contribution toward resolving one of the major political dilemmas of our time.

Interfaith Housing Director Asks: Where's The Jewish Involvement?

By CELIA GANS

Special To
The Jewish Voice

"It's true," said Emilie M. Barnett, Executive Director of the Interfaith Housing Task Force, a private, non-profit housing development organization, "the Wilmington Jewish community isn't carrying its 'fair share' in the fight for affordable housing in Delaware.

"Why aren't we involved?" asked Barnett. "Don't we know that one third of all Delaware households have incomes under \$15,000 per year, and that 42% of all renters in Delaware have incomes under \$10,000 per year?" Or is it because, as Barnett wrote in *Delaware Business Review*, the Jewish community believes that "... low income or subsidized housing means loss of property value, fear of neighborhood decline and some real concern about the 'kind of elements' that such housing would bring."

It doesn't matter what portion of the rent a tenant pays from his or her paycheck and what portion is subsidized, argues Barnett. Good neighbors are good neighbors. It is the Task Force's goal to provide decent housing, and find "good neighbors" to fill it.

"The Jewish community cannot afford to think in terms of 'those people' when we discuss subsidized housing. We cannot afford to become 'NIM-BY's' — the 'not in my backyard' faction. We see that people deprived of decent housing in a safe neighborhood with good schools become burdens on society.

"So my job, and the job of the Interfaith Housing Task Force," said Barnett, "is not only to work on providing housing, but to work on changing attitudes! One of the ways we do this is by forming partnerships."

The Interfaith Housing Task Force, located at 900 Washington Street in the Grace Methodist Church, is itself a partnership, founded in 1985 by local religious leaders. In 1986, the Enterprise Foundation, led by James W. Rouse founder/developer of Columbia, Maryland, signed a five-year contract with the Task Force. It will provide "hands on" guidance, through consultants and field workers, to help with Interfaith projects. One of its first contributions was hiring Emilie M. Barnett as the Task Force's Executive Director.

Barnett, who holds graduate MSM and JD law degrees from Case Western Reserve University, came to Wilmington from Cleveland, Ohio, where she served as Director of Community Relations for the Jewish Federation. Widowed with four children in 1975, Barnett admits that this is her

first time living "away from home. I've always lived in Cleveland. But I'm finding it exciting living and working in Delaware. I'm impressed at the real commitment of the religious community, government officials and their staffs to get the job done — to solve Delaware's housing problems. They see that partnership with the Interfaith Housing Task Force is part of the solution," she added.

"Our housing partnership involves all elements of the community. From the initial site selection through tenant occupancy, we involve members of the communities in which we work," said Barnett. In the Overlook Project, meetings were held at the Claymont Community Center, and a joint neighborhood-Task Force team worked on development plans. In Wilmington, the Eastside Citizens group guided neighborhood Task Force planning, and the Latin American Community Center guided work on the Hill Top area renovation."

During its first year, using a combination of government and private funds and private building contractors, the Interfaith Task Force remodeled 30 townhouses in Claymont, and two houses in Center City Wilmington. Interfaith is currently working on developing a West Center City Wilmington site with sale/lease-purchase single family townhouses, and developing proposals for housing south of Wilmington and in southern Sussex County.

"We involve the local financial community," explained Barnett. "We have received a major commitment from the Wilmington Savings Fund Society, for example. We involve the local business community. E.I. duPont de Nemours & Co. has invested \$400,000 in a limited partnership with the Interfaith Housing Task Force. During our first year, six banks and savings and loans have pledged to lend \$5 million dollars to the Task Force at 9½% interest.

"And all of this has been accomplished without one pro-

bono Jewish lawyer, or one pro bono Jewish architect. And where are the creative Jewish financial people?"

As an example of creative financing, Barnett described a Baltimore program called LINK, in which depositors place money in local banks and agree to take less than the market-rate-of-interest on their funds if their money is, in turn, lent at less-than-market-interest to non-profit housing development groups.

"What can you do to aid the Interfaith Housing Task Force? Call me," said Barnett. "Each time I answer the phone, I find another way to use community talents. At the moment, I'm thinking about how teachers can help our tenant families' youngsters who must adjust to new schools. Or how a graphic artist could improve our newsletter. Just call me!"

Editor's Note: The Interfaith Housing Task Force is located at 900 Washington Street in Wilmington (654-7180).

Endowment Award Will Support Local Teacher's Independent Study

The National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) announced today that it has selected Phoebe B. Eskenazi of Wilmington to be Delaware's NEH/Reader's Digest Teacher-Scholar for 1989.

NEH selected 53 teachers — one from each state, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands — to undertake an academic year of independent study on topics in history, literature, foreign languages or other humanities disciplines.

Each award provides a stipend up to \$27,500 to replace the teacher's annual salary or to supplement sabbatical pay up to the amount of the academic year salary.

Beginning in the fall, Eskenazi, who teaches fourth grade at Colwyck School in New Castle, will use the award to study the native peoples of the American Southwest and how their cultures are transmitted from one generation to the next.

"Good teachers often must struggle to find adequate time to think and learn more about the subjects they teach," NEH Chairman Lynne V. Cheney said in announcing the new awards. "We at NEH are delighted to provide an opportunity for teachers to conduct a full academic year of rigorous, self-directed study in the humanities."

The Humanities Endowment selected the 53 winners from



Phoebe Eskenazi

615 eligible applications from teachers across the United States.

Project proposals were reviewed by panels of humanities educators who judged the applications on their intellectual quality, the significance of the topic and materials to be studied and the

relevance of the study plan to the applicant's teaching responsibilities.

Eskenazi, who has been teaching at the Colwyck School since 1985, will explore native American cultures in New Mexico, with special emphasis on the Zuni, Acoma, Jemez, Taos and Navajo peoples.

During her project, Eskenazi will conduct site visits and interviews in New Mexico, and she will work with scholars at libraries and museums in New Mexico, Delaware and Philadelphia. Her project will provide valuable background for part of her district's fourth-grade curriculum on peoples of the desert. "My objective is to raise my students' consciousness toward a group of Americans not well known in most of our society," Eskenazi said.

In 1966, Eskenazi, a native of Wilmington, earned her B.S. in elementary education from the University of Delaware, where she is now working toward a master's degree in education.

10 Appointed To Holocaust Council

By DAVID FRIEDMAN
WASHINGTON (JTA) — President Reagan, in one of his last acts before leaving office, named 10 new members to the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council and reappointed three others, all to five-year terms.

The council, which is made up of 55 persons appointed by the president and 10 members of Congress, is the governing board for the U.S. Holocaust Museum being built near the Washington Monument.

Jewish Family Service of Delaware

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



The Service Continues

By ARNOLD LIEBERMAN

The recently ended year of 1988 represented another year of valuable service to our community by Jewish Family Service. As we compiled statistics, we were surprised that we had again provided more service than we did during the prior year.

During 1988, our Family Counseling and Services to the Aged Programs served 631 different families, compared to 552 in 1987. The families were served through 3,812 contacts compared to 3,529 the previous year.

We again assisted with a range of problem areas from in-



Arnold Lieberman
Executive Director
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describing how Jewish Family Service serves our community. The feelings and reactions of the people we serve are the most accurate assessment of our value. We see feelings of frustration, anger, grief, and despair that people bring to our agency diminish as they gain control of their lives and take steps to improve their functioning. Where we can be helpful, we see feelings of relief, happiness, and gratitude toward our agency.

These changes are brought about by the support of the

Jewish Federation, the United Way, and everyone in our community, who supports Jewish Family Service financially or otherwise. The enablers are a competent and dedicated Board of Directors and agency staff, who set the policies and provide the services.

Jewish Family Service has been very fortunate in having the necessary resources to produce the results that have been making a most positive impact on our community for a long time. May it continue for many years to come.



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dividual adjustment to marital problems, to total family dysfunction. Among the elderly, health problems, depression, and planning for different living arrangements were most prevalent. Within these two areas, 79% of the families served were Jewish.

Our Jewish Family Life Education Program also grew in 1988. A total of 79 programs were attended by 1,666 people, representing 20 different groups. In addition to providing this service to the Jewish community, as we always have, eight programs in 1988 were cosponsored by non-Jewish groups such as the United Way, Du Pont Company, Maryland Bank, and St. Helena's Church.

These programs were provided to groups ranging from 7 to 150 people, and covered a range of life-cycle and problem areas from childhood to old age.

Our Communal Services Program continued its tradition of many years whereby Jewish Family Service volunteers visit Jewish patients in institutions throughout the year; provide food and gifts to needy Jewish families at holiday times; and prepare and serve meals at the Emmanuel Dining Room.

Reporting numbers is necessary to measure the amount of service being provided by an agency. However, numbers do not come close to

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We love both of you, even if you hate each other. We need both of you, so give us a break!

A Victim of Solomon's Judgement

Dear Victim,

Victims, by definition, don't prosper. Show this letter to both your parents, and see if they have enough emotional strength left to work on your problem. Your situation is a recipe for trouble in relationships: mix one kid who loves both parents with one cup each of pain and conflict plus divided loyalties, stir in feelings of helplessness, and heat to the explosion point. If your parents can't help themselves, seek counseling for yourself. Now is a good time; if not, as soon as you get to college.

Parents: you got divorced because you couldn't get along with your spouse. Your kids need you more than ever. Now that you've got a chance to develop your own recipe for happiness, you must pay attention to the innocent by-products of your earlier mistakes. Like an omelet on a high flame, kids will be fried if left on the fire too long. You and your ex figured out the recipe for bringing them into this world. Since omelets can't be unscrambled, you and your ex must realize that you are co-parents forever. Hostilities toward exes must go on the back burner whenever the kids are around. You can boil over with your friends, support group, or therapist.

Sixty percent of American children will live with a single parent before they are 18. Thanks for a timely — and poignant — reminder of what this statistic means to kids.

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FEC Files Charges Against AIPAC, 27 PACS

WASHINGTON (JTA)—Seven critics of Israel, backed by an Arab lobbying group, have filed legal charges with the Federal Election Commission against the American Israel Public Affairs Committee, 27 pro-Israel political action committees and 26 of their officers.

In a 100-page brief released last month, the complainants, who include George Ball, undersecretary of state from 1961 to 1966, and former Rep. Paul Findley, R-Ill., who has attributed his 1982 defeat to pro-Israel activists, allege that AIPAC illegally coordinates the PACs' contributions to various

political campaigns. This is the first time charges have been filed with the FEC against AIPAC, the registered pro-Israel lobbying group in the United States. The effort is being spearheaded by the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee.

The basic charge against AIPAC and the PACs is that they engage in a "campaign of collusion" by directing PACs to contribute funds to particular congressional challengers and incumbents. As evidence of collusion, the plaintiffs cite similarities in funding decisions by various PACs, as well as a 1986 memorandum from

AIPAC staffer Elizabeth Schrayner that they say suggests campaign contributions by nine pro-Israel PACs.

Responding to the allegations, AIPAC spokeswoman Toby Dershowitz said, "AIPAC members proudly participate in the American political process and do so within the law." She added that AIPAC is "confident that the FEC will expeditiously concur."

(The local Delaware Valley PAC was one of those named in the case. Robert Golder, chairman of the board, declined to comment on the charges.)

Cohen Foundation Funds Community Institutions

January 19 marked the thirty-first anniversary of the death of Harry Cohen, one of the founders of the Wilmington Jewish community. During his lifetime he devoted his time, energy and finances to the betterment of the Jewish community locally and in Israel, and less than a month after his death it was disclosed that his will had established the Harry Cohen Foundation of 1 1/4 million dollars.

This foundation has distributed over one million dollars to the Delaware Jewish community, since its inception in 1959, and this sum does not include the funds which have been distributed elsewhere. Through his *mitzvot* and through the foundation he established, he touched, and continues to touch the lives of nearly all Jews in Delaware.

His generosity did not stop there, however. Also included in his will were Delaware hospitals, Toys for Tots, Neediest Family Fund and the Jewish National Fund.

Harry Cohen was a self-made man. Born in Russia, he emigrated to the United States in the early 1900's. He worked simultaneously as a leather worker, coal stove blackener and barber until he saved enough money to buy a small grocery store at 13th and Wilson Streets.

By 1953 when he succumbed to a stroke, he had already accumulated his fortune. His growing wealth did not interfere with his commitment to his fellow Jews, and the interven-

ing years were important ones.

The Adas Kodesch Center building at 515 French St. had been vacant for several years when in 1932 Cohen enlisted Charles I. Belfint to join in a campaign to put the empty building to good use. Belfint played an active role in developing the dedicated committee, which, in 1934, opened a Y.M./Y.W.H.A. with Lou Simon as president and Isadore Solod as executive director.

Cohen was one of the prime movers of the early Jewish Federation of Delaware (JFD). He was treasurer for years, Campaign chairman for two succeeding terms and the representative of the Jewish Federation of Delaware to the National Council of the United Palestine Appeal.

He was also a firm believer in communal Jewish education. On Jan. 21, 1940, he wrote to Milton Kutz, then JFD president, asking that a survey be taken of Jewish education in the City of Wilmington. This resulted in Cohen's establishment of the Associated Hebrew School in 1943. While he was critically ill in the 1950's the Associated Hebrew School closed its doors.

In 1945 he offered \$50,000 toward a Campaign for a new Y.M. and Y.W.H.A. building. The Wilmington Jewish population was shifting from downtown to the northern suburbs, and he felt a new location in north Wilmington would be more appropriate. The offer was not accepted, but he set up

a building fund in his will which amounted to \$58,077.10 which, fortuitously, was close to his original offer in 1945.

In 1946 Cohen and Kutz each pledged \$25,000 to the Federation Campaign. These two pledges were the very first big dollars contributed in the city of Wilmington.

On July 3, 1948, Judge Morris Rothenberg of New York, president of the Jewish National Fund, came to Wilmington to present the deed for a 250 acre colony in Israel named after Delaware. Cohen and his committee had raised \$27,000 for this project.

Because of the foundation he established, Harry Cohen continues, in essence, to raise money for worthwhile projects.

Sadie Toumarkine, Cohen's daughter, presented a check for \$13,686.50 to the Jewish Federation of Delaware at its December 15, 1988, board meeting. That amount represented the 1987 distribution of the Cohen Foundation. At that meeting, Toumarkine

reviewed the grants made by the Foundation to the Jewish community in Delaware since it was established in 1959.

According to Toumarkine, the Kutz Home has received \$185,670.47, the Jewish Community Center has received \$258,747.60 and the Jewish Federation of Delaware has received \$280,066.81 for a total of \$724,484.88. Together with the synagogue beneficiaries, that total is \$1,281,495.32.

Toumarkine predicted that the 1988 distribution would bring the total close to two million dollars. She also reported that the distribution to the JCC and the Federation, for the past three years, has totaled \$70,522.29 and that that total is to be credited toward the Foundation's commitment of \$200,000 to the Campus Campaign.

"Remembering the departed has always played an essential role in Jewish tradition," commented Stephen E. Herrmann. "It is particularly important for



Harry Cohen

today's community leaders to realize that their accomplishments stem from the foundation laid by men like Harry Cohen."

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Stripped Of Political Role, Kahane Campaigns For New State

By ANDREW SILOW CARROLL

NEW YORK (JTA) — Denied a seat in the Knesset by Israel's Central Elections Commission and shunned by the Israeli news media, Rabbi Meir Kahane took his campaign for an independent Jewish "State of Judea" in the West Bank and Gaza Strip to the United States late last month. The "State of Judea" campaign is the latest effort by the leader of the outlawed Kach party to regain the spotlight lost when the Central Elections Commission declared his movement racist and undemocratic. Its move was affirmed by Israel's High Court of Justice.

Israeli polls showed Kach capable of winning as many as five seats in last November's elections. Kahane is eager to maintain a following among Israelis and Americans who favor annexation of the administered territories and denying Palestinians living there the privileges of citizenship enjoyed by Jews. Because annexation is not now a viable option, Kahane said he is laying the infrastructure for an independent Jewish state in the West Bank.

He told a sparsely attended news conference here on January 23 that the new state is neither a gimmick nor a game. He is seeking United Nations observer status for his new state, "just like the PLO," declared an independent state in the territories last November. As Kahane announced in Jerusalem last month, a provisional assembly for the State of Judea has already been elected, and Education and Defense ministries are "all in place." "Citizenship cards," examples of which he brought to the news conference, are available for supporters in Israel and abroad.

Kahane is also establishing "consulates" that will fly the state's blue-and-white flag in major cities. In New York, the "consulate" will be located in an office provided by supporters at the Edge Marketing Co., who announced their new status with a yellow Post-It note reading "Consulate for Judea" stuck on the office door.

But Kahane said he is not trying to create a state at the moment. Rather, he is "building an infrastructure of that state" for the moment when Israel decides to withdraw from any of the administered territories. "We want to propel and push Israel to annex the territories. We don't want two Jewish states. But more than that, we don't want one Palestinian state," the former Knesset member said.

Kahane envisions a democratic state based on the Torah. "A Jewish state, not a state of Jews" is how he described it. The Arab inhabitants of the territories would be given a choice of either living there without national rights or leaving. The state would maintain a defense force like the pre-independence Hagana, but "never, never would there be a conflict with the Israeli army."

Kahane said he believes support for a new state is

widespread and includes representatives from 25 percent of the settlements. The militant Gush Emunim settlers movement has not supported "Judea," he said, because the

initiative "threatens them as leaders."

Kahane denied charges by the Israeli charge by the Israeli news media that he is being treasonous. He is not urging a

part of Israel to secede, he said, but rather declaring a state in areas over which Israel has not declared Sovereignty "If we have no right to Hebron, Shechem and Jericho," said

Kahane, "then we have no right to Tel Aviv. The only right we had to Tel Aviv in 1905 is only because our ancestors lived in Hebron 2,500 years earlier."

Coalition Formed To Save Jews Of Yemen

By SUSAN BIRMBBAUM
NEW YORK (JTA)—A Group of Yemenite Jews and non-Yemenite supporters are claiming that Jews who remain in North Yemen have been subject to forced conversion to Islam and they have formed an advocacy group to try and save the remaining Jewish community there.

The National Coalition for the Rescue of Yemenite Jewry was established here last month, in a meeting at Stern College for Women of Yeshiva University.

David Shuker, chairman of Israel's Public Committee for Yemenite Jewry, charged that Jewish women have been kidnapped, forced to convert to Islam and then made to remarry Muslim men. Shuker, who read from letters allegedly smuggled out from Yemen in recent years, also reported that at least two Jews in Yemen were killed.

Shuker said the alleged murders and other forms of danger to Jews in Yemen date from the 1982 arrival there of members of the PLO, who were forced to leave Lebanon after Israel invaded that country. The claims are based on letters and tapes brought out of Yemen by unnamed tourists.

In addition to the reading of the letters, written in Rashi script, photographs were shown of Yemenite Jews. Two of them were identified as being recorded on tape.

A woman's voice was heard chanting and lamenting the plight of the Yemenite Jews and their desire to be reunited with their brethren in Israel.

The Yemenite coalition is asking for religious and human rights for Yemenite Jews and the preservation of sacred Jewish places.

The number of Jews remaining in Yemen has been variously estimated at between 2,000 and 6,000, with most having become "Marranos," or closet Jews. Yet there was general agreement that the exact number of Jews in Yemen could not be determined.

Yemen is the name generally used for what is officially called North Yemen. It was home to an ancient Jewish community, which was widely believed to have emigrated en masse to Israel when it was established in 1948, leaving virtually no Jews behind.

Shuker, who lives in Bene Ayish, near Ashdod, said it was a mistake to believe that all Jews had left Yemen. He said his Israeli neighbors, most of them Yemenite Jews who left that country in 1961 and 1962, have close relatives still living there.

Many Jews left on foot for the British crown colony of Aden, which is now the Marxist state of South Yemen. Participants at the group's founding meeting said there are no Jews in South Yemen.

Most Jews in North Yemen are believed to live in and

around Sanna'a, that country's capital. Others are said to live in surrounding villages.

Professor Haim Tawil, a Yemenite Jew who teaches Bible at Yeshiva University here,

said, "I feel the quantity of Jews in Yemen means very, very little. If you save one, you save the entire people," he said, paraphrasing the Talmud. Tawil said Yemenites are

generally a "shy" people and that this group was moved to action by Moshe Barr-Nea, a Holocaust survivor born in Lodz, Poland, who edits the *Sephardic Views* of Brooklyn.

Vanik Now Supports Waiving Amendment He Co-Authored

By ANDREW SILOW CARROLL

NEW YORK (JTA) — Former Representative Charles Vanik has added his voice to those urging a waiver of the U.S.-Soviet trade restrictions that bear his name. In a conversation February 6 with the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, Vanik recommended that American businessmen "place their support behind" an 18-month waiver of the 1974 Jackson-Vanik amendment. The amendment is the most punitive of a number of U.S. laws linking the Soviet's emigration policy to their trade with U.S. businesses.

Vanik's recommendation, which he extended to the Jewish community, is further indication that long-time critics of the Soviet Union are ready to acknowledge big improvements in its emigration policy.

Last year, nearly 19,000 Jews were allowed to leave the Soviet Union, and 30,000 to 40,000 are expected to be let out this year. In 1986, by contrast, only 914 were allowed out.

On February 2, the Board of Governors of the National Conference on Soviet Jewry passed a resolution saying the conference will continue its process of "looking toward a new policy in the near future if emigration, and the climate in which it functions, are sustained." The resolution was confirmation of a January 10 joint statement by the National Conference and 18 other Jewish organizations calling for a review of U.S.-Soviet trade policy.

On February 5, the American Jewish Congress announced the results of a January 22 meeting, in which their Governing Council voted to recommend to other organizations that they also agree to support a waiver of Jackson-Vanik. "Because the conditions (in the Soviet Union) are demonstrably and dramatically improved, it is useful to demonstrate we are responsive," Phillip Baum, associate executive director of the AJCongress, said.

A decision to waive Jackson-Vanik would have to come from President Bush. Last month his administration said they would require a "strong consensus" of support among the public before they would consider such a waiver. The business community is said to back a waiver, but consensus is

not altogether apparent among Jewish organizations and other human rights groups.

Micah Naftalin, national director of the Union of Councils for Soviet Jews, told a news conference in Washington last week that "it is vital that we withhold playing the Jackson-Vanik card — the most important remaining concession — until Soviet promises are converted into actual performance." If emigration reaches 30,000 to 35,000 this year, said Naftalin, he would agree to a repeal of the 1974 Stevenson Amendment, which puts a \$300 million ceiling on loans available to the Soviets from the Export-Import Bank for the purchase of American goods.

Naftalin said Jackson-Vanik should be waived only if emigration reaches the 60,000 per year level, according to the wishes of Vanik's co-signer, the late Sen. Henry Jackson (D-Wash.). Jackson died in 1983.

Test-Tube Twins, Triplets First To Be Born In Israel

By HUGH ORGEL

TEL AVIV (JTA) — A woman implanted with frozen embryos gave birth to triplets on January 30, the second test-tube birth in Israel within 24 hours. The 37-year-old mother from Rishon le-Zion thereby upstaged a woman from Ashkelon who bore twin boys from frozen embryos a day earlier.

The triplets, boys, were delivered by Caesarean section at Assaf Harofeh Hospital in Tzrifin. Their birth weights were 3.1, 3.3 and 3.7 pounds.

The woman, who has an 8-

year-old son, was unable to conceive again and was treated for infertility. Her ova were removed, fertilized and stored in deep freeze until she was medically ready for implantation.

The first test-tube twins born to an Israeli woman were successfully delivered by Caesarean section at Sheba Hospital in Tel Hashomer on January 29. The infants, boys who are fraternal, not identical, twins developed from embryos that had been stored in deep freeze for six months. Each weighed a healthy 7.7 pounds at birth.

Hospital Baptizes Dying Jewish Infant

By LEON COHEN

The Wisconsin Jewish Chronicle
MILWAUKEE (JTA) — A Madison Jewish couple grieved when their expected infant was born prematurely and died early in December in a Catholic hospital there and their emotional distress was intensified when they learned that the fetus had been baptized by a Catholic neonatologist who had not checked the parents'

religion.

That action prompted leaders of the Madison Jewish community to meet with the president of St. Mary's Hospital Medical Center, to discuss ways of making sure this does not recur.

The hospital's president "acknowledged that the hospital's policy didn't work" and agreed to suggestions made by Madison's Jewish Community Council director.

Rabin Defends 'Get Tough' Policy To Hail Of Criticism In Knesset

By GIL SEDAN

JERUSALEM (JTA)— Defense Minister Yitzhak Rabin, caught in a cross fire of criticism in the Knesset last month, delivered an impassioned defense of his latest "get tough" policies, aimed at suppressing the 13-month-old Palestinian uprising. But he cut short his speech and stalked angrily from the podium when, after warning Palestinian rock-throwers that they will "suffer," a left-wing opposition member shouted back, "So will we."

Rabin spoke for the government against eight opposition motions of no confidence, all of which were easily defeated.

He linked the uprising, which the Palestinians call the *intifada*, to "the overall menace to the security of Israel" from outside. In that connection, he claimed that four Arab countries were manufacturing "advanced chemical weapons, which are only designed against Israel." He insisted that the minimum goal of the uprising is to push Israel out of all of the territories and East Jerusalem.

Even as the Knesset met, rioting continued in the West Bank, Gaza Strip and East Jerusalem. But it was on a smaller scale than in preceding days, which witnessed an upsurge in Arab fatalities. Two Palestinians were reported wounded in clashes in Hebron. A bus from Ramallah carrying Arab day workers to jobs in Israel was hit by a gasoline bomb. The driver and one passenger were injured. The West Bank civil administration closed all schools in Ramallah, El-Birch, Jenin and Kalkilya. Police ordered a girls school in East Jerusalem closed for a month and they arrested eight demonstrators.

The sharp divisions in the Knesset are along ideological lines. They reflect mounting frustration over the inability to end the uprising. The right wing demands harsher measures. The left insists the Israel

Defense Force response has been inhumane and counter-productive. It urges a political settlement.

Yossi Sarid of the Citizens Rights Movement deplored the daily casualties. In 13 months of the *intifada*, 90 children have been killed, he said. "Even dead children ask questions. 'Why do they say rubber

bullets do not kill and yet we are dead?'" Sarid asked rhetorically. "This policy is not only killing Palestinians, but also the souls of Israeli soldiers." He demanded that Rabin resign "for the sake of our future and our common destiny."

Geula Cohen of the right-wing Tehiya party, said her no-

confidence motion was directed less at Rabin than at Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir. She charges that Shamir has joined "the club of those who are willing to give up parts of Eretz Yisrael," a phrase referring to the biblical Land of Israel.

Rehavam Ze'evi of the extremist Moledet party, which

favors transferring the Arab population outside of Israel and the territories, charged that the government is not tough enough. "Children and teenagers are running wild in the villages and on the roads," he said. "For them it's a festival; for us, a continuous Yom Kippur."

U.S. Takes Issue With Arafat For Threatening Palestinians

By PAULA BERENGUT

The government last month said it considers a January 1 statement by PLO leader Yasir Arafat to be a threat against Palestinians who seek reconciliation with Israel, but a State Department spokesman left unclear whether the U.S. believes that the threat was specifically aimed at the life of Bethlehem mayor Elias Freij.

Charles Redman said the State Department had obtained a tape of Arafat's New Year's Day speech in Saudi Arabia. He quoted the PLO leader as telling Palestinians, "Whoever thinks of stopping the *intifada* before it achieves its goals, I will give him 10 bullets in the chest."

On December 23, Freij was reported in *The Jewish Post* as saying that the Palestinians would "be happy to accept an honorable truce... it would be a calming period to ease the tension so people could begin to think and behave normally."

Speaking in Riyadh, on January 1, Arafat said, "Any Palestinian leader who suggests ending the *intifada* exposes himself to the bullets of his own people and endangers his life. The PLO will know how to deal with him." That message was broadcast, in Arabic, over several stations, including Radio Monte Carlo and Beirut's Voice of Lebanon. It was also reprinted in several Arab newspapers.

On January 2, *The Jerusalem*

Post reported that Freij had retraced his proposal for a truce. "The PLO does not support my proposal," he said. "I will not pursue my proposal for a truce any further."

Moshe Arens, Israel's Foreign Minister, commented, "If that is not terrorism, I do not know what terrorism is."

Although the State Department did not say whether it believed the threat to Palestinians in any way specifically aimed at Freij, a January 13 statement by the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine (DFLP) and published by the Agence France Presse left little doubt. "The rare Palestinian voices that have declared that they are for a truce must be silenced — those such as Elias Freij..." The DFLP is a constituent member of the PLO and was a signatory of the Algiers PNC declaration in November 1988.

The Israeli Embassy in Washington, D.C., said, "The PLO has often resorted to threats and, when necessary, murder to impose its will on Palestinian leaders. For example, Zafar al-Masri, the former mayor of Nablus, was gunned down by the PLO in March, 1986." The embassy added, "Many other local figures have been murdered over the years for not having toed the PLO line. The recent threats show that terror is still the PLO's way of silencing dissenting votes."

On January 5, *The*

Washington Post reported that then-Secretary of State George P. Shultz was unhappy with the turn of events. Shultz said, "The statement that [Arafat] made [in Geneva, renouncing terrorism], and we were very clear about it, was not a statement that 'I renounce all terrorism except in Israel or the West Bank.' It was a renunciation of terrorism — period. That's the standard that we set out." Asked how Arafat's threat squared with the U.S.

understanding of the PLO's renunciation of terrorism, Schultz replied, "Very badly."

Redman said that the U.S. has made it clear to Arafat that "this threat is inconsistent with Arafat's December 14 renunciation of terrorism" and the subsequent U.S. decision to open a dialogue with the PLO.

Arafat has denied that he intended any threat against Freij. (JTA contributed to this article.)

Rabin Warns Arabs

TEL AVIV (JTA) — Defense Minister Yitzhak Rabin warned Arab countries last month that there will be dire consequences if they dare to use chemical weapons against Israel. "Israel will not tolerate even anyone thinking about using this kind of means against us," Rabin told a group of visiting State of Israel Bonds leaders from the United States, Europe and Latin America.

Israel has known for some time of Libya's plans to produce chemical weapons, he said. "Therefore, we consider Libya one of our most dangerous potential enemies. We have tried to make it clear to the Arab countries' leaders that Israel is not Iran, and whoever dares to use this kind of weapon against Israeli military units or against Israeli civilian targets will be clobbered 100 times or more," Rabin said.

Speaking to the Bonds leaders, the defense minister also addressed the increased use of plastic and rubber bullets by the Israel Defense Force against Palestinian rioters in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. Although intended to reduce fatalities, they have often been as lethal as live ammunition.

The IDF has just expanded the use of plastic bullets. They now may be fired by senior non-commissioned officers in life-threatening situations. Previously only a commissioned officer was authorized to fire them.

Rabin insisted that the rubber and plastic bullets used in the field are no different from those used by police forces all over the world to control rioting. He said their purpose is to inflict injury and pain. He admitted they could kill at close range.

Some Things Unchanged



Despite the *intifada* Arabs and Jews still mix freely on the streets of Jerusalem. Here, in the Bucharian Quarter, two old men, one an Arab and one a Sephardic Jew, chat while waiting for a bus. (Photo: RNS)

Palestinians Facing Deportation Have Right To See Evidence

By GIL SEDAN

JERUSALEM (JTA) — The Israeli High Court of Justice ruled February 5 that Palestinian activists facing deportation have the right to see evidence brought against them by the security services. The precedent-setting decision was announced by Justice Gavriel Bach in the case of Balal Shahshir of Nablus, who is fighting a deportation order.

Bach did not specifically order the security services, notably the Shin Bet, to make the evidence available to the accused. He simply ruled that in principle, evidence may be classified only in instances when its exposure would compromise the sources of information.

It has been the practice of the Shin Bet, Israel's internal security agency, to mark evidence as classified in deportation or other security cases. It was therefore not accessible to the accused or his attorney. The courts have accepted this until now. They have never

reversed a deportation order.

A prominent Palestinian activist from the West Bank, Faisal al-Husseini, who was released from six months' administrative detention on Jan. 29, never saw the evidence used to justify his arrest. But Shahshir was allowed to see the case against him as a result

of Bach's ruling.

Although he had spent the past five years in jail, Shahshir was accused of membership in Nayef Hawatmeh's Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine, hostile activities against Israel and active leadership of the Palestinian uprising.

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Jewish Conversion: Four Roads To One Goal

By LEO NOONAN

The (Los Angeles) Jewish Journal

The volatile subject of *Who Is a Jew* that has created such a stir the last two months has obscured the question of conversion itself, and what each branch of Judaism considers in its conversion process. A broadly based survey of the approach taken by the different branches of Judaism has made some fascinating discoveries:

- Standards are strikingly similar, from a layman's perspective, and the principal differences lie in nuance and attitude rather than method.

- There is no single ceremony, such as the Orthodox or the Reform way to convert — there are variations on a theme within each movement.

- Some non-Orthodox rabbis send candidates for conversion to Orthodox rabbis, bypassing their own movement, because they say the person is planning to make *aliyah* and this would avoid a potential problem with the Law of Return.

- The incidence of the "scattershot" approach to conversion — "it differs from rabbi to rabbi, regardless of the movement" — has been greatly reduced in recent years. Conversions in Los Angeles have become institutionalized, taken out of the hands of individual rabbis, for the most part.

- In the process of interviewing more than a dozen rabbis, one is struck by the serious approach each takes to a candidate for conversion.

- Most would-be converts are contemplating marriage to a Jew. Virtually every movement requires the Jewish partner to attend classes with his intended.

In short, you sometimes might not know whether a conversion was Orthodox or Reform merely from the description of the process. The tipoff would be the identity of the rabbi, which is the core issue, according to critics of the *Who Is A Jew* amendment in Israel.

Here is a closer look at each movement's approach:

REFORM

Most potential converts who seek out a Reform rabbi are referred to the movement's "Introduction to Judaism" class, which is two hours a week for 18 weeks. The class, offered at 20 different sites, from San Diego to Los Angeles, throughout the year on most nights of the week, was a trailblazer when it was

period of outside study with a rabbi varies greatly. "Every person brings a different amount of knowledge and background to our class. No two people could be expected to go through the preparation period in exactly the same amount of time," she said.

As for a first-hand view of how Judaism is practiced, "we certainly hope they go to Shab-

"We don't want them to commit to Judaism, a priori. People have various motivations when they come to us... They want to make up their own minds. REFORM"

created here 35 years ago by Rabbi Albert Lewis of Temple Isaiah and Dr. Samson Levey of Hebrew Union College.

Lydia Kukoff, director of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations' outreach program, said that it never is presumed that because a gentile comes to class, he will follow through, and convert. "We don't want them to commit to Judaism, a priori," she said. "People have various motivations when they come to us. It isn't unusual for them to change their minds during the 18 weeks, deciding to back off, and then deciding to continue. At first they don't want to feel pushed into the program by their partner; they want to make up their own minds."

Reform's emphasis is on education and counseling in contrast to making an overt commitment. While studying Jewish history, holidays, rituals and observances, students are required to keep a journal or diary.

Each student also meets periodically with a rabbi, outside of class, for additional study. Sixteen topics are covered in the course: birth, death, conversion, Jewish education, marriage, Shabbat, Chanukah, Purim, Pesach, Shavuot, Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Sukkot, Simchat Torah, Yom Ha'atzmaut and Yom Hashoah.

Kukoff, herself a convert who coined the term "Jew by Choice," stressed that the

bat services several times during the 18 weeks," Ms. Kukoff said. Most classes also offer a Shabbaton, or weekend retreat.

Once the class is over, the actual conversion process between student and rabbi is "highly individualized," she noted. A *mikveh* immersion for the man or woman is optional, as is the practice of either circumcision or, if the man has been circumcised, drawing a drop of blood.

Most conversions are performed in a synagogue sanctuary. Rabbi Harvey Fields, of Wilshire Boulevard Temple, has traditionalist leanings, but says "Reform never has felt it is necessary to ape traditional views. Our movement looks critically at tradition and chooses that which is most meaningful."

CONSERVATIVE

The Conservative Movement's "Introduction to Judaism" class at the University of Judaism differs from the Reform course in several respects. It also is 18 weeks, but is three hours per class, is held only at the university, is offered year round and also stresses that it isn't just a conversion exercise.

"An important distinction," says the director, Rabbi Neal Weinberg, "is that we don't just teach Conservative Judaism, objectively. Our students include Orthodox, Reconstructionists, Reform

and Conservative Jews as well as prospective converts. Living in a pluralistic society, we encourage them to go to all synagogues and then decide for themselves."

Students are not allowed to miss more than three classes and must pass a final exam that

"...The more a person learns about Judaism, the deeper his own commitment will become. Judaism will sell itself... Maybe the convert isn't as committed as you would like, but chances are he is more committed than many born Jews. CONSERVATIVE"

requires knowing all of the holidays in order (including Hoshana Rabbah), their meaning and symbols. They are also tested on the contents and meaning of what is on the seder plate, in Hebrew and English; the halachic reasons for observing Shabbat and keeping kosher; having a basic understanding of Hebrew; translating the "Shema" into English; and evidence they have learned from the major texts used in class, including Abba Eban's "My People," Rabbi Chaim Donin's "To Be a Jew," Rabbi Louis Jacobs' "Book of Belief," plus the "Many Faces of Judaism" and "Embracing Judaism."

Students also are required to keep kosher for one week, to keep Shabbat every week, and to attend at least seven synagogue services.

Any similarity with Reform preparation ends after class, which is where Jewish Law comes in. Prospective male and female converts go to the *mikveh* for immersion; men either are circumcised or have a drop of blood drawn; and all go before a rabbinical court for the final questioning.

Rabbi Elliot Dorph, provost of the University of Judaism, was asked the difference between Orthodox conversions and those performed by his Conservative movement. "We teach what, at least, Orthodox public relations says they do about the importance of keeping Shabbat, kashrut and family purity laws," he said. "Orthodox say they won't convert people unless they promise to keep those, but we don't insist people sign on the dotted line."

Making an ironclad commitment to observe the *mitzvot* is

"Judaism has to be caught rather than taught. The emphasis is more on halacha than acquiring knowledge. Remember, you're dealing with a Jewish soul, not a Jewish mind. ORTHODOX"

not important on the day of conversion, says Rabbi Moshe Rothblum, president of the Board of Rabbis. "My feeling is the more the person learns about Judaism, the deeper his own commitment will become. Judaism will sell itself. Maybe the convert isn't as committed as you would like, but chances are he is more committed than many born Jews. Besides, the important thing is for him or for her to get a foot in the door."

RECONSTRUCTIONIST

After studying for six to 12 months with a Reconstruc-

tionist rabbi, a candidate for conversion is asked — not required — to make four commitments:

- To raise any children Jewish;

- To commit to Jewish peoplehood by, for example, participating in a community

spiritual than academic tone.

Judaism has to be felt rather than reasoned," says Rabbi Maurice Lamm, formerly of Congregation Beth Jacob, who is writing a book on the history of conversion. "Judaism has to be caught rather than taught. The emphasis is more on *halacha* than acquiring knowledge. Remember, you're dealing with a Jewish soul, not a Jewish mind."

In addition to the conventional course of study — Jewish history, Judaism's customs and demands — Doris Feinstein believes it is necessary to see and experience Judaism firsthand. She may spend more time showing them how to live as Jews than she does teaching. She takes students shopping for kosher groceries and she brings them into the Feinstein home for one 25-hour Shabbat, "so they can appreciate the taste and consistency of what we do every week. Ultimately, we find, they fall in love with something so constant that has stood the test of time." Students are expected to keep kosher and observe every Shabbat.

Rabbi Lamm says that a common mark among gentiles intending to convert is how deeply the notion of Jesus as messiah is ingrained in Christians "whether they have been active or not. I have found that feeling literally takes years to

"Since Reconstructionism understands Judaism as an evolving civilization where peoplehood is primary, it is more important for a convert to have a feeling of joining a community. RECONSTRUCTIONIST"

it is more important for a convert to have a feeling of joining a community than it is to have what Herson calls a "personalistic" or individualized approach to a new religious life.

Interfaith couples come to Herson at the Malibu Jewish Center and Synagogue to investigate the possibility of the non-Jewish partner converting. "I tell them to respect each other's feelings," he said, "because you can't enter a mixed marriage and then backtrack. If that person wants a Christmas tree, I tell them it's all right, out of respect for the person's feelings."

As for the relatively liberal conversion process, Rabbi Herson, who grew up in an Or-

thodox home, says "tradition has a vote but not a veto."

Orthodox Doris Feinstein concludes her instruction period with a final exam that is oral. "Anybody can write out answers, but when you test orally, you can sense, you can see in their face what kind of commitment there really is." She says she failed the first student she ever tested.

After graduation, the students are sent to Rabbi Shmuel Katz, who has headed the Orthodox *beth din* (rabbinic court) in Los Angeles for at least 20 years. Men and women undergo the immersion in the *mikveh*, men are circumcised or have a drop of blood drawn; and then comes the final portion that separates Orthodox converts from all others: They are required to promise that they will be *Shomer Shabbat*, that they will keep kosher and will observe the laws of family purity every month.

While the differences between movements goes on in the background, rabbis here across the spectrum agree that what's needed is a *beth din* that includes Conservative, Reform and Orthodox representatives, so that conversions would be universally sanctioned. "A *beth din* that embraces all the movements soon may be the only alternative to a horrible fragmentation of the Jewish people," says Conservative Rabbi Eli Schochet.

(Leo Noonan is a staff writer for *The Jewish Journal* in Los Angeles.)

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'Visual Testimony' Looks At Ties Between Jews And Catholics

By PAULA BERENGUT

A product of the cooperative efforts of the Vatican Library, Miami's Center for the Fine Arts and the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, the exhibit "A Visual Testimony: Judaica From The Vatican Library" opened on January 27 at the Philadelphia Museum of Art.

The show, which comprises 57 rare manuscripts dating as far back as the eighth century, was five years in the making. According to museum officials, the display ties together the Jewish and Catholic faiths through Bibles, the Kaballah and texts written by Greek philosophers and translated into Hebrew. Also included in the exhibit are prayer books and an Italian version of a Hebrew grammar book.

The works demonstrate varied artistic styles and some of the manuscripts on display demonstrate how Jewish works incorporated graphic and literary styles from catholic art and writings.

According to a report in the Philadelphia Exponent, the show has not been without controversy. A Miami Beach-based group called the Committee for the Recovery of Jewish Manuscripts has taken out ads in some cities that have hosted the display, calling for the rightful reclamation by Jews of the works shown in the exhibit, that newspaper said.

Dr. Philip E. Miller, librarian of Hebrew Union College/Jewish Institute of Religion and curator of the exhibit, dismisses what he calls the committee's contention that some of the Vatican pieces had been stolen.

"One of the fascinating things about this exhibit," said Anne d'Harnoncourt, museum director, "is how interrelated these two great religious cultures are. These manuscripts reflect that tie." The show, she said, should make a strong impression on viewers, "particularly in the way the artists respond to content and culture. I know it was a

Shamir Invited To Washington

WASHINGTON (JTA)—President Bush has invited Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir to Washington, Israeli Embassy spokesman Yossi Gal said on January 26.

White House and State Department officials would not confirm Bush's apparent invitation. "We have seen the report, but we do not have a confirmation of it," a State Department source said. Gal said there is no definite date for a Shamir visit, but it may occur in the beginning of April.

Gal said Bush called Shamir "to thank him for his congratulatory note or letter that was delivered to the White House." The phone call lasted five to six minutes, during which Bush said he enjoyed receiving Shamir's letter and "promised to keep the good relationship between the two countries."

revelation to me."

Sponsoring the exhibit are the National Committee for the Vatican Judaica Exhibition and, locally, the Pew Charitable Trusts.

This exhibit was recently shown at the New York Public Library where it attracted more people than any other in the library's four-year history of shows. Some 150,000 viewed the Vatican Documents which were in conjunction with another exhibit entitled "A Sign and a Witness: 2,000 Years of Hebrew Books and Illuminated Manuscripts." The exhibit ran for three months in New York.

The museum has scheduled a symposium about "The Art of the Manuscript," on February 26, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. there will also be a daylong event celebrating the traditions of Judeo-Christian arts on March 12 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. The exhibit will remain on display through April 2. An illustrated catalogue is available. For more information on the exhibit, call 763-8100.



Above left, a manuscript from "Psalms," written by Elija ben Jacob h-Koehn in 1292-1293. Above right, "Mishneh Torah, Sefer Taharah," written by Moses Maimonides, 1283-1284. These manuscripts are among those on exhibit in "A Visual Testimony: Judaica From The Vatican Library," currently at the Philadelphia Museum of Art.

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It is a known fact that a child's camping experience has far reaching effects throughout his or her life. Camping is a long standing tradition in many communities. Here in Wilmington, the JCC is in its 45th year of camping.

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For many, camping is a family tradition. Grandparents, parents and children enjoy the shared experiences of camping songs and traditions passed down from one generation to the next.

Camps are the ideal setting for a child

to grow, develop self confidence, learn to set and attain personal goals, enjoy friendships, develop independence and leadership skills, explore interests and talents that may have otherwise lay dormant, learn team cooperation and socialization skills, develop health and physical fitness skills and experience nature and develop outdoor skills, knowledge and appreciation. What better way for your child to enjoy summer? But you must choose the camp that is best suited to your child.

Choosing the camp for your child is a very important decision. Clearly parents want their children to have the most fulfilling and enjoyable experience possible. The following guidelines should help you make this decision an informed one.

“ A child's Jewish identity is enhanced by the programs in camp. An awareness of Israel, Jewish customs and traditions are woven into all aspects of programs and enrich your child's life culturally. ”

Why Choose A Jewish Camp?

When choosing a camp, another important decision is whether to send your child to a Jewish camp. There are many reasons why parents choose Jewish camps. With less of an emphasis on formal Jewish education in today's times, it is reassuring to know that your child can enjoy a camping experience that enriches his or her life Jewishly.

The JWB (Jewish Welfare Board) Florence G. Heller Research Center did a study recently entitled: "The Jewish Day Camp as an Educational Setting: Confirming an Assumption." This well-researched study revealed a direct correlation between Judaics integrated into programming and the children's awareness and appreciation of Judaics at the end of camp.

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An informal survey of Jewish community leaders revealed Jewish camping as a common experience. This is why Jewish day camps are supported by a wide variety of Jewish organizations, agencies, movements and synagogues.

It has also been observed that children who have attended Jewish camps go on to have higher aspirations, such as teen trips to Israel and involvement in Jewish youth groups and Jewish campus activities.

Of course your child should have fun at camp as well as learn many new skills and leadership traits, but the sense of Jewish identity and belonging can have an imperative and positive lasting effect as your child grows as a member of the community.

If you have questions about choosing a camp, please feel free to call Moises at 478-5660.

(Moises Paz is the Wilmington JCC Assistant Executive Director and Camp JCC Director.)



Playing on a team and team spirit are two of the lessons children learn through a camp experience. These campers and their counselor are shown enjoying Camp JCC 1988, the first summer the new Jewish Family Campus was open.

Choosing A Camp For Your Child

What To Look For

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- Counselors that are trained specialists or teachers
- Counselor to camper ratio of 1 to 5 for young campers and 1 to 8 for older campers
- Camp that is supervised by full time professional staff
- Lifeguards and water sports instructors should be Red Cross certified
- Variety of trained specialists for specific areas (ie. sports, nature, music, drama, dance and Israel)
- Staff trained in CPR and First Aid
- Nurse on the camp site
- Full time maintenance staff to assure clean and well maintained facilities

PROGRAMS

- A full variety of age appropriate programs and activities featuring nature, sports, arts and crafts, Judaics, aquatics, music, drama and dance
- Creative special events such as theme days, cook outs and overnights
- Day to day and weekly schedules that will motivate and stimulate the campers
- A program that has been extensively pre-planned and developed
- Programs that challenge and aid in goal setting and skill development



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Nazi War Criminals Released In Netherlands

By Henrietta Boas
AMSTERDAM (JTA) — Two Nazi war criminals responsible for the deportation of more than 100,000 Dutch Jews were released on January 27 from Breda prison by an act of the Dutch Parliament, amid angry protests from Jewish groups

and former resistance fighters in the Netherlands and other countries. Ferdinand aus der Fuenten, 79, and Franz Fischer, 88, the last two war criminals incarcerated in Holland, were set free four hours after the lower house of Parliament voted 85-

65 to expel them from the country as "undesirable aliens." They were escorted to the West German border near Venlo, where they were handed over to German police. The West German news media paid little attention to the event.

Justice Minister Frits Kortals Altes revived longstanding proposals to release the two and the matter was promptly put to a Parliament sharply divided over the issue.

Rabbi Marvin Hier, dean of the Los Angeles-based Simon Wiesenthal Center, protested in a letter to Dutch Prime Minister Ruud Lubbers. "It is unconscionable to release such notorious individuals who perpetrated heinous crimes and caused suffering to so many thousands," he wrote to Lubbers. "To pardon such criminals desecrates the memory of

those who perished and sends the wrong signal to the perpetrators of tomorrow's crimes."

Ephraim Zorof, a Holocaust historian who heads the Wiesenthal Center in Israel, said, "Their release will not help our struggle to persuade Britain and Sweden to bring Nazis to trial."

He added that the Dutch decision "is very grave because these two criminals, who served as important parts of the Nazi mechanism in Holland, did not even express regret for their deeds."

Deported 13,000 Zorof noted that aus der Fuenten, a captain in the SS, was deputy director of the office responsible for deporting Jews to death camps. In that capacity, he oversaw all Jewish deportation from the Netherlands from 1941 until

the end of the war.

Fischer, a Gestapo official, registered and deported 13,000 Jews from The Hague.

The two, convicted in 1949, were among 154 German and Dutch Nazis and collaborators found guilty of war crimes and sentenced to death in Holland in the years immediately after the war.

In February 1972, the justice minister at the time, Andries Van Agt, supported their release. Hearings were held behind closed doors and the idea was rejected.

Now, 16 years later, the parliamentary debate on the same subject was broadcast live in its entirety by Dutch television.

Jews and former resistance fighters demonstrated against release of the war criminals in The Hague and Amsterdam on the night before their release.

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The 13th World Maccabiah Games are scheduled for July 3 through July 13 in Israel. More than 4,000 world-class athletes from 38 countries are expected to participate in the games. The United States will field a delegation of more than 50 athletes, coaches and trainers, including Charlotte Balick from Wilmington who will compete in golf. The Maccabiah Games are the third largest international competition and are recognized by the International Olympic Committee.

In 1989, the Maccabiah will celebrate its Bar Mitzvah — the 13th Maccabiah Games. "The 'coming of age' in Jewish tradition is a time of great significance, a time to strengthen ties and celebrate the continuity of a people," according to a spokesman at the Maccabi World Union at JWB in New York. As part of the Maccabiah festivities, the 13th

Maccabiah Games Organizing Committee has invited youth from all over the world, along with their families in parallel programs to join its celebration of the 13th Maccabiah.

The participants will take part in a Bar and Bat Mitzvah ceremony at the Western Wall with youth from all over the world. They will join in the Opening and Closing Ceremonies of the Maccabiah Games, travel all around Israel, stay with an Israeli family and much more.

The Organizing Committee of the 13th Maccabiah Games is offering two programs, both specifically designed for 12-14 year olds and their families. The programs will be organized according to age groups and no particular religious background is needed.

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Program B, "your footsteps in the Maccabiah," is specially designed for parents who want to make their own holiday arrangements in Israel while giving their children a chance to take part in the excitement of the 13th Maccabiah and the thrill of the Bar Mitzvah celebrations. It allows the kids

to join in the fun with youngsters from all over the world at six special events, while families relax and enjoy the break. Alternatively; parents can join selected events and enjoy them as a family.

For more information and registration contact: Kenes Tours USA/13th Maccabiah, 271 Madison Avenue, New York, NY 10016; telephone (212)986-8300 or (800)356-3809, or contact Ori Eilan, Maccabi World Union at JWB, 15 East 26th Street, New York, NY 10010, (212)532-4949.

Court Rejects Redgrave Appeal

WASHINGTON (JTA) — The U.S. Supreme Court has turned back an appeal by British actress Vanessa Redgrave, refusing to hear her suit against the Boston Symphony Orchestra.

Redgrave, who is a strong supporter of the Palestine Liberation Organization, sued the orchestra after it canceled her contract in 1982 to narrate Igor Stravinsky's "Oedipus Rex" in Boston and New York. The orchestra canceled her appearances after it received threats that the performances would be disrupted.

A federal appeals court in Boston ruled in August that Redgrave could collect \$27,000 for her contract plus \$12,000 in damages. But the court rejected her argument that she was entitled to higher damages under a Massachusetts civil rights law.

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The Wilmington delegates included Rabbi Kenneth Cohen, Congregation Beth Shalom and Rabbi Peter Grumbacher, Congregation Beth Emeth.

The delegates met with Prime Minister Shamir, Finance Minister Peres and Tourism Minister Gideon Patt among other government officials, members of the Knesset, religious leaders, academics and tourism industry representatives.

"We are going to Israel in a spirit of unity to witness once again the goodness of Israel and to declare our readiness to continue playing our part in helping to ensure that Israel can meet its vital economic development needs in this critical period of budget reductions," Rabbi Stanley M.



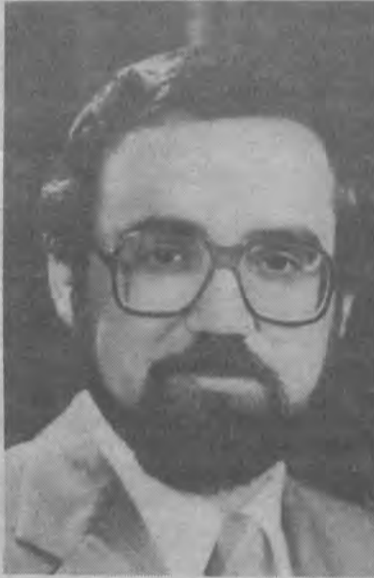
Rabbi Peter Grumbacher

Davids of New York, Chairman of the National Rabbinic Cabinet of Israel Bonds, said before departing.

The synagogue High Holy Day Appeals for Israel Bonds last year contributed a record amount of \$64.8 million to the Bond Organization's worldwide total of \$631 million for Israel's economic development, its best achievement by far in the organization's 37-

year history. The synagogues' total Bond sales in 1988 were \$125 million.

"We believe that Israel is the front line of global Jewish life," Rabbi Davids added. "The diversified composition of our delegation demonstrates again that representatives of all Jewish religious denominations in North America are united in support of an economically strong Israel, an essential condition for the nation's attainment of peace."



Rabbi Kenneth Cohen

Shamir Urges World Fund For Arabs Refugee Housing

By MARK JOFFE

TEL AVIV (JTA) — Israel will urge the creation of an international fund to provide "adequate housing" for Palestinian refugees, Prime Minister told the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, at the closing dinner of its three-day gathering here.

"The international community, including the rich Arab countries, must provide decent living conditions — housing, education and medical facilities — and take the people out of the refugee camps," he said.

Shamir noted that the Palestinian Liberation Organization has not spent "one cent" of the billions of dollars it received from Arab countries on reducing the plight of the Palestinians in the camps.

"This is not the only refugee problem in the world. But it is the only one that has been perpetuated for political reasons for more than four decades," he said.

In the course of outlining other priorities of Israel's new National Unity Government, the prime minister also appealed to Diaspora Jewry to help find a solution to what he called "the vexed problem known as 'Who Is a Jew.'" Calling on the leaders of the Jewish communities of the world — and especially the United States — to find a formula that would be acceptable to the various religious streams, Shamir said "I earnestly hope you will waste no time and act quickly. We have done all we could. It is now up to you."

Murder In West Bank Symbolizes End Of Era

By GIL SEDAN

BEIT LID, West Bank (JTA) — It was a day of mourning in this Palestinian village of 5,000, which overlooks the Nablus-Tulkarm main road and the Jewish settlement of Einav. Mahmoud Salem, 65, was murdered.

The question bothering the villagers is whether he was killed as a result of a land dispute with neighbors or by Palestinian nationalists who believed he was collaborating with the Israelis.

Salem had been mukhtar (head man) of this village since the Jordanians controlled the territory more than 21 years ago.

On January 29, he rode his donkey to inspect his olive grove. When he failed to return home by late afternoon, his nephew, Jamal Salem, set out to look for him. He found the older man's body in the olive

grove with multiple stab-wounds.

But Jamal rejected the idea that his uncle was murdered as a collaborator, although politically motivated killings are more and more frequent in the territory. "Had it been the case, the killers would have conveyed a message to that effect, blaming my uncle for collaborating with the authorities," he told reporters. "No one has done so."

Outwardly, the villagers show no emotion. Violence has become commonplace in the territory. The death of a village elder is cause for sorrow, but not likely to change anything.

But in Salem's case it symbolized the end of an era. The last remnants of the old Palestinian leadership is fading away. The younger leaders are strongly behind Yasir Arafat, the Palestine Liberation Organization chief.

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Teen Scene

Shalom From Israel

For the last 5 months I have been on an incredible program sponsored by "Youth Aliyah." I am in a school in Pardess Chana, Israel, located between Haifa and Tel Aviv. My roommate is from California and the students I go to school with are from the United States. We go on trips throughout the country learning the culture and language. My classes are just like the United States, except we study Hebrew and the history of Israel. We live in dormitories and it is a one-year program from August until July. We have all the Jewish Holidays off for our breaks.

When I first arrived, I was a bit nervous because of the fighting going on in the Gaza and West Bank. Since I have been here I have found out that you really don't even hear or see the problem except on television or radio. I feel it is safer here than anywhere in the U.S.

During the Israeli election that is all everyone talked about. It was a topic unlike the United States. The two largest parties are the Likud and Labour. Since Likud won, things are now back to normal.

Teens are not different in Israel. They like the same things we like in the United States. We go to parties, the beach, movies, listen to music, go shopping and anything else that happens to come along.

The thing that I like most is the feeling of being Jewish. Everyone you come in contact with is Jewish. One thing I am not is religious, but you can always feel Israel is your home whether you do live here or don't live here.

I know this is an experience I will never forget and I have made friends I will always keep in touch with. If you would like to join in this program I strongly recommend it.

For anyone who wants to write me, my address is:

Ari Greenberg
American-Israeli High School Program
Pardess Chana Secondary School
Pardess Chana, Israel 37000
Regards to Everyone,
Ari

This page is written by teens for teens.



Ski Montage

(Grades 7 - 12)

Slide down the slopes with us! Montage Ski Resort is located between Wilkes-Barre and Scranton, in the Poconos. We have three different ski packages, so take your pick:

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Package B \$50.00/Members, \$60.00/Non-Members
Includes: Transportation, Lift Ticket and Equipment Rental
Package C \$55.00 / Members, \$65.00 / Non-Members
Includes: Transportation, Lift Ticket, Equipment Rental and Lesson
Date: Monday, February 20, 1989. Time: 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Registration Deadline is February 15.

BBYO Beau Sweetheart

Imagine two hundred Jewish teens pouring into the Wilmington Jewish Community Center. Ranging from ninth to twelfth grade, these loyal BBYO'ers are appearing from points as far south as Dover, as far north as Wilkes Barre and as far west as Penn State. All to just spend a week-end in Wilmington with their Jewish friends. But wait! This isn't just any BBYO week-end, this is BBYO's Prom: Beau Sweetheart 1989.

From March 17 to 19 kids will come pouring in from all over Central Region East to attend this weekend, hosted by

Wilmington BBYO. If you think this sounds like fun, this is just the tip of the iceberg. Friday night there will be mixers. Saturday morning features a special mystery program, and in the evening a Dinner/Dance. Sunday's focus is on our regional meeting.

If you haven't done so already, jump on the bandwagon and join some 100 local teens as a member of Wilmington BBYO. All it takes is your dues. Call Matt Meyer or Frank Jacobs now!

Matt Meyer
Friends
Grade 11

Chicago and Beach Boys Rock Philly

On Tuesday, January 24, 14 Teens of Delaware traveled to the Philadelphia Spectrum to see a terrific concert by Chicago and the Beach Boys. As the lights went down, and Chicago appeared on stage, the near sold out crowd rose to their feet with applause. After performing such hits as "Look Away," "You're the Inspiration," and "I Don't Want to Live Without Your Love" and other great hits, the band said a farewell and left the stage. After a brief intermission, the ever-popular Beach Boys came out to a standing ovation. Six girls danced to the song, "California Girls." The band also played hits like "Little Deuce Coupe," "Help Me Rhonda," "Surfin' USA," and other classic hits. Much to the crowds surprise, Chicago came on stage with the Beach Boys to perform the hit single, "Kokomo." They also played "Dancing in The Streets," "Midnight Hour" and other favorites. Special thanks goes to our Chaperone, Shelley Gitomer, who took us to this incredible concert.

Scott Berger
Concord
Grade 10

BBY Parents An Evening Of Fun And Facts

Thursday, February 16, at 7:00 p.m., the parents of current and prospective teens interested in the B'nai Brith Youth Organization are invited to attend this evening of "Fun and Facts." Hope Horowitz, Regional Director, and Stephen Alexander, Assistant International Director of Field Service, will be the featured speakers. This program will be held at the Wilmington Jewish Community Center. For more information contact Matt Meyer (888-2060), Francine Jacobs (475-8687) or Jean and Steve Chamish (475-7008).

Harlem Globetrotters Game

(Grades 7 - 12)

Get ready for hilarity, hoopla and side-splitting shenanigans. See the Globetrotters brand of basketball at the Philadelphia Spectrum!
Date: Sunday, March 19, 1989.
Time: 12:15 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Fees: \$30.00/Members, \$35.00/Non-Members.
Registration Deadline is March 8.

Ice Skating Party

(Grades 7 & 8)

Tonight we will be gliding across the ice at the Skating Club of Wilmington. Your favorite ice cream spot will round out this fantastic evening.
Date: Saturday, March 4, 1989.
Time: 7:30 p.m. - 11:30 p.m.
Fees: \$12.00/Members, \$15.00/Non-Members.
Registration Deadline is March 1.

Kibbitz With Friends

(Grades 7 & 8)

Relax in our Teen Lounge with all of your friends. Swap your dinner or pack your favorite picnic basket and play some games.
Date: Tuesday, March 7, 1989.
Time: 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Fees: No Charge.
Registration Deadline is March 1.



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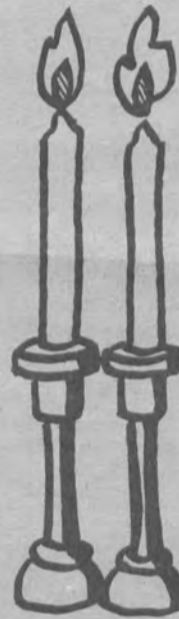
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Inscribe Them On The Doorposts Of Your House



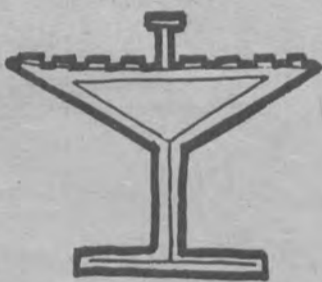
Many symbols could be found inside a house that would let people know a Jew lived there. Candlesticks, a Bible, a menorah, Jewish books, and a kiddush cup are some of the signs of a Jewish home. There's only one sign of a Jewish home on the outside: the mezuzah.

Jews attach a mezuzah to the doorposts of their houses because of the commandment in the Bible to "... inscribe (write) them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates." Originally, a shortened version of the Shema was actually carved into the wood of the doorpost. Later, Jews began writing the full 22 lines of the Shema on a piece of parchment and attaching the parchment to the doorpost. Finally, they began to use containers, much like the ones used today.

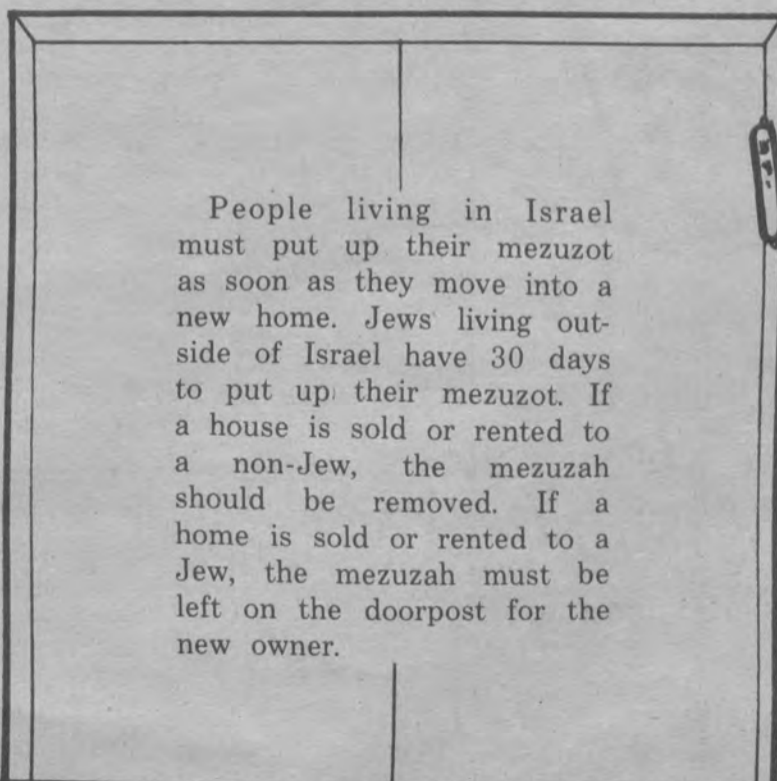


Every mezuzah has the word "Shaddai", שדי, either inside on the scroll or outside on the container. Shaddai means "Almighty". Usually, the mezuzah's container has a hole so that the word Shaddai can be seen. Other times, Shaddai or the Hebrew letter Shin, ש, is shown on the front.

While the words on the parchment inside must be written by hand by a trained scribe, the outside container could be made by anyone. It can be made out of wood, fabric, silver, ceramic, stone, or even paper. The mezuzah should be examined twice every seven years to be sure the writing is still clear and correct. If the writing needs to be replaced, the old parchment should be taken to the synagogue so that it can be buried properly.



The word mezuzah means "doorpost". Jews are told to put a mezuzah on every doorpost in the house (except for bathrooms). It should be on the right-hand side of the person going into the room. It should be placed on an angle, with the upper part leaning toward the room.



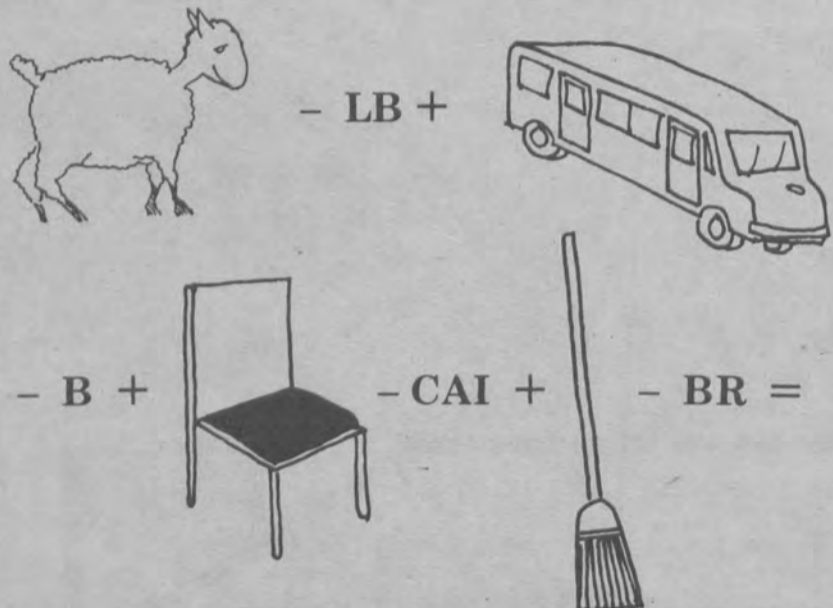
People living in Israel must put up their mezuzot as soon as they move into a new home. Jews living outside of Israel have 30 days to put up their mezuzot. If a house is sold or rented to a non-Jew, the mezuzah should be removed. If a home is sold or rented to a Jew, the mezuzah must be left on the doorpost for the new owner.



The great teacher Maimonides said that the mezuzah is not meant to be a "good luck charm", but a serious religious duty. He taught that the mezuzah reminds us of God's love, every time we leave our home and every time we come back to it.

Rebus - (Ree-boose) ריבווס

On what kind of room can you never put a mezuzah?



Make a Mezuzah Cover

Having a mezuzah on your doorpost is a religious duty. Making a mezuzah for others is considered a mitzvah (good deed, commandment). Here's an easy and inexpensive way for you to make a mezuzah cover for yourself and others. (Kosher scrolls to go inside your mezuzah cover can be bought at most synagogue gift shops.)

What You Need:

- 2 pieces of felt (4 inches by 2 inches)
- needle
- thread
- paint in a tube

What You Do:

1. Cut the edges at the top and bottom of the felt to give your mezuzah cover an interesting look.
2. Put the thread through the needle. Tie a knot in one end of the thread. Now, stitch the two pieces of felt together all along the edges. Be sure to leave the top edge open.
3. Paint any picture that shows your interests or the interests of the person who will receive the mezuzah.
4. After the paint has dried, just put your mezuzah scroll inside, through the opening at the top. You can leave this opening unstitched.
5. If you like, you could use glitter and glue instead of the paint in a tube.



הקוד המסתורי

(Ha-Code Ha-mees-toe-ree)
Mystery Code

The Hebrew letters שדי (Shaddai) are found on the back of the parchment in every mezuzah. Shaddai is the Hebrew word for "Almighty". It is also the abbreviation for what words (in English)?

To find out, match the symbols to the letters and write the letters in the blanks. When you are through, you'll know the answer to the mystery code.

⊙ = A	◇ = H	◊ = R
* = D	☆ = I	∴ = S
□ = E	♥ = L	○ = T
△ = F	♠ = N	⋈ = U
● = G	⌘ = O	



Why was the baby goat on Noah's ark angry at Noah?

Noah talked to it like it was a kid!

Answer To Rebus

Lamb - lb + bus - b +
chair - cai + broom - br =
A mushroom.

Answer To Mystery Code

Guardian of the doors of Israel.

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חברים לעט

(Chah-veh-reem L'et) - Pen Pals

Dear Readers:

Here are some readers who would like to hear from you! If you are 6-12-years-old and want a pen pal, you may fill out the form below or write to one of these names. To send a letter to one of the names listed below, first write your letter. Put a stamp on a blank envelope with your return address. Put your letter and the stamped envelope in another envelope. Address that envelope to: the name of your pen pal, c/o NOAH'S ARK, 7726 Portal, Houston, Texas 77071. We are sorry that we cannot print every letter we receive. - Kanga



Jennifer Rich
Nashville, Tennessee
Age: 7 Grade: 1st
Likes reading mysteries, animals, and skating.
Wants a girl pen pal, aged 6-7.

Wendy Freedman
Houston, Texas
Age: 7½ Grade: 2nd
Likes reading, swimming, writing, talking on the phone, and having fun with friends.
Wants a girl pen pal, same age.

Nyomi Rochel Matthews
San Diego, California
Age: 8 Grade: 3rd
Likes to go to junior services at Temple and to have fun.
Wants a girl pen pal, aged 9.

Daniel Whitefield
Willowdale, Ontario, Canada
Age: 8½ Grade: 3rd
Likes video games, baseball, art, piano, reading, French, soccer, and skateboarding.
Wants a boy pen pal, aged 8-10.

Ethan Wolf
Huntington, West Virginia
Age: 9 Grade: 4th
Likes piano, lacrosse, cricket, and screaming at his sister.
Wants a boy pen pal, older than he is.

Jill Sears
Larchmont, New York
Age: 9 Grade: 4th
Likes playing the violin, talking on the phone, reading, and playing tennis.
Wants a girl pen pal, aged 9-11.

Jonathan Rome
West Hartford, Connecticut
Age: 10 Grade: 4th
Likes hockey, basketball, baseball, soccer, girls, football, telephone, and animals.
Wants a girl or boy pen pal, same age.

Alice Gabrielloff
Miami, Florida
Age: 10 Grade: 5th
Likes shopping, bike riding, swimming, having parties, being with friends, and having a pen pal.
Wants a girl pen pal, aged 10-11.

Sally Nourani
Westlake Vlg., California
Age: 11 Grade: 6th
Likes tennis, telephone, boys, dancing, books, and parties.
Wants a girl pen pal, same age.

Dave Lipman
Wilmington, Delaware
Age: 11½ Grade: 6th
Likes sports, food, girls, and books.
Wants a boy or girl pen pal, aged 10-12.

Stacey Wolkuck
Kingston, Massachusetts
Age: 12 Grade: 6th
Likes books, TV, clothes, talking, staying up late, eating, listening to the radio, and movies.
Wants a girl pen pal, same age.

Jessica Howard
Richmond, Virginia
Age: 12 Grade: 6th
Likes TV, sports, food, friends, boys, and skating.
Wants a girl pen pal, aged 11 or older.

Zehariya Dekhovitch
- a boy, aged 11
Nechama Dekhovitch
- a girl, aged 10
Kosmonavtov 20, Apt. 67
Vinnitsa, 286021, Ukrainian SSR, USSR

Zehariya and Nechama are refuseniks (Jews who ask for permission to leave the Soviet Union and are refused.) They need letters to know you care about them. When you write, write like you would write to any pen pal. Do not write anything about them being refuseniks or anything bad about the Soviet Union. Send a picture if you have one. (Needs an overseas, air mail stamp.)

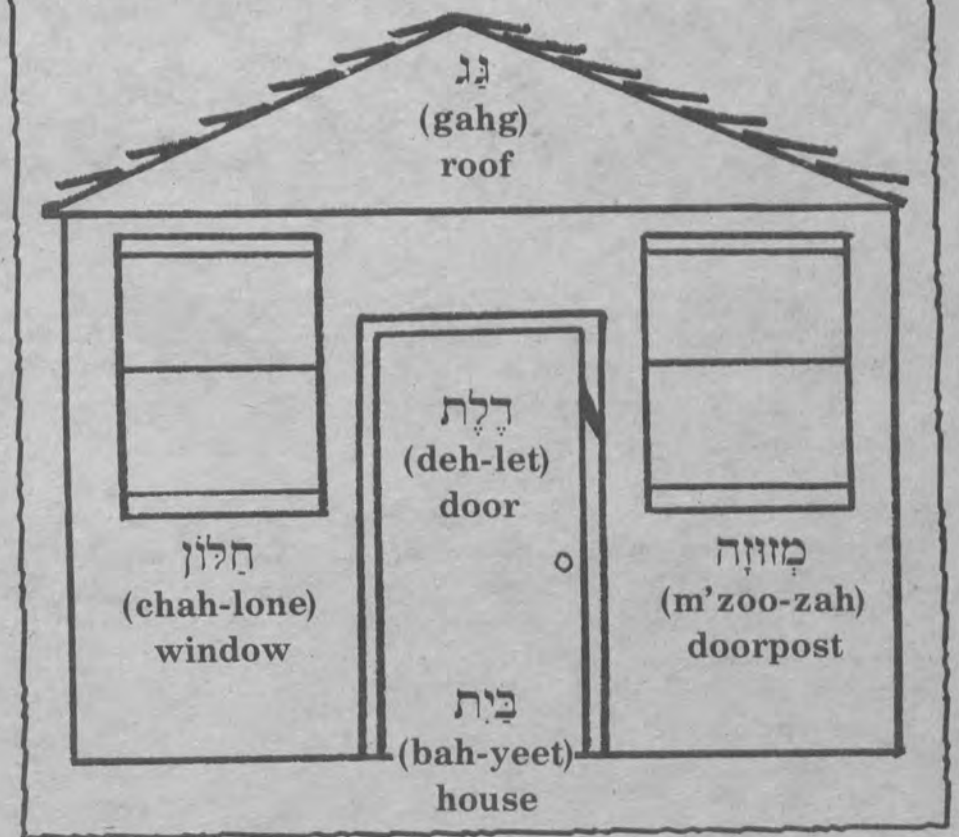


If you would like your name printed in the pen pal column, send this form to Kanga, c/o NOAH'S ARK, 7726 Portal, Houston, Texas 77071. (We are sorry that we cannot print every letter we receive.)

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Age: _____ Grade: _____
Likes: _____
Wants a pen pal who is: (check) a boy _____ a girl _____ aged _____

מלונני

(Me-lo-nee) - My Dictionary



מעשים טובים

(Mah-ah-seem Toe-veem) - Doing Good Deeds

Jennifer Strausz, 8-years-old, from Southfield, Michigan has a neighbor from another country, who is also 8-years-old. Not too long ago, the child needed help with her homework. She was supposed to make a time line and neither the child nor her mother knew how to do the work. They knew that all they had to do was to call Jennifer. Jennifer explained the work to the child and her mother, and stayed to make sure the neighbor did the work correctly.



A few days later, another neighbor, aged 6, called Jennifer. She needed help in making an Indian costume. Jenny invited the child to her house and helped her on her project.

Jennifer is a third grade student at Temple Emanuel in Southfield.

Kol hakavod ("all the honor", congratulations) to Jennifer for showing kindness and concern for other human beings.

If you or any child you know, aged 6-12, has done a mitzvah that could be featured in NOAH'S ARK Newspaper, just write about him or her and send it to: NOAH'S ARK Mitzvah, 7726 Portal, Houston, Texas 77071. Be sure to include the child's age, complete address, phone number, and a picture if you have one.

Akiva: "One of the Fathers of the World"



When Akiva was a young man, he was very poor. He was not even educated. However, at the end of his life, after the Temple had been destroyed, it was said that Akiva was one of the most outstanding scholars and leaders in the history of Judaism!

Akiva's first job was as a shepherd for one of the wealthiest men in Jerusalem. He met his boss's daughter, Rachel, and fell in love. Many of the wealthy young men in the city wanted to marry Rachel, but Rachel only wanted Akiva. Rachel's father was angry that his daughter would want to marry a poor, uneducated shepherd, so he cut them both off, without any money.

That didn't stop Rachel from wanting to marry Akiva - on one condition. Akiva would have to follow his dream and study the Torah. So, when Akiva was forty-years-old, he went to school for the first time. Akiva couldn't just start learning with the great teachers of Judaism. He didn't even know the alphabet! In fact, he studied in school as his own son's classmate!



Later, Akiva went to an academy to study, far away from home. He studied day and night, living as a poor man. One day, after 12 years, Akiva finally came home, finished at last with his studies. Standing outside his doorway, he heard his wife tell a neighbor that she would be glad to wait another 12 years if Akiva could learn twice the amount he already learned. So, Akiva left and studied some more. He didn't return home again for 12 more years!



When Akiva returned home the second time, he was already known as a great scholar and teacher. He was followed into Jerusalem by thousands of his own faithful students.

During this time, Akiva became known as "one of the fathers of the world". He was well known for his knowledge and for his ability to solve problems. He was also one of the greatest teachers of his time, and his students became known as some of the wisest Rabbis of the next generation.

During the time Akiva lived, Rome ruled the land. The Romans did not allow Jews to study, but Akiva taught them secretly anyway. Akiva taught that the Torah came from God and was true. He taught, "Whatever God does is for the best."

The Romans arrested Akiva and threw him into prison. They sentenced him to death, along with other great Rabbis of the time. When they took him out to kill him, it was time to say the Shema. As the skin was being torn from his body by the cruel Romans, Akiva smiled. "Our teacher, why are you smiling, even now?" his students asked him. "There was one commandment that I never knew if I would be able to observe completely. The commandment in the Shema is 'to love the Lord thy God with all thy heart and all thy soul.' I think 'all thy soul' means even if God takes your soul. Now, as I die, I have the chance to love God with all my soul."

משחק (Mees-chahk) - Game

The duck on Noah's ark has a question for you:

What is written on the scroll inside a mezuzah?

To find out, cross out every D, U, C, and K.

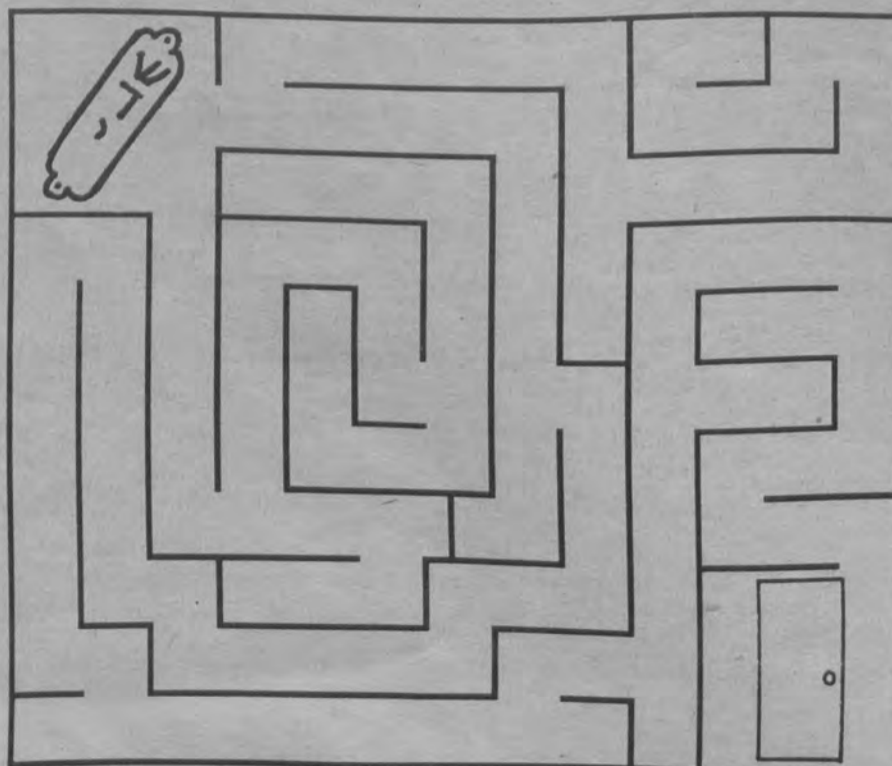
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Twenty-two lines of the Shema.

MAZE

Put the mezuzah on the doorway.



Book Review

A.B. Yehoshua's Five Seasons: The Throes Of Orpheus

By JOSEPH COHEN

For a long time I have been astounded by the razor-thin line between life and literature. Poetry and fiction have long been a sustained passion for me, but it was not until I entered my middle years that I had experienced enough of life to realize, as a professor of literature, just how easy it is to slip consciously and unconsciously back and forth between the human experience of life and that of books. That is why sensitive readers, on finishing a first-rate novel by a perceptive writer so often have the urge to write the novelist and say "You have written my story, your book is about me and my life."

As it turns out, A.B. Yehoshua, the brilliant Israeli novelist, has in his new novel *Five Seasons* (translated from the Hebrew by Hillel Halkin; Doubleday; \$19.95) captured absolutely and precisely the intrinsic essence of a crucial episode in my own life: the loss of a wife through terminal il-

ness after nearly three decades of marriage, the all-encompassing devastation of the sick spouse's prolonged physical decline, the trauma of death, and the ensuing complexities, marked both by pathos and humor, as the surviving spouse puts his life back together.

Nearly a decade has passed now since the traumatic event which changed my life, but with the passing of time and a happy second marriage I have acquired, I think, some objectivity in dealing with the subject matter of Yehoshua's book. Its emphasis is not on the grimness of ravaging disease and certain death so much as it is on an exploration of (1) the interpersonal dynamics of a married couple whose marriage is being wiped out by disease; and (2) the ways the protagonist learns to deal with the loss in terms of subsequently moving his life forward. Without having gone through it himself, Yehoshua captures every nuance, tone and distinction of the experience. That is to say, the



A.B. Yehoshua

book is impressively remarkable in its accurate reflection of its subject matter.

More than that, it reflects a new, more mellowed sophistication in Yehoshua's fiction than in his previously published short stories, novellas and novels. His earlier heavy reliance on symbolism and the bizarre is moderated here, there are no obvious Faulknerian or Joycean structures, and the temporal and spatial patterns are familiarly linear rather than relative. The plot glides smoothly along the changing temperatures of the five successive seasons into which are set the protagonist Molko's travels from his home in Haifa to Jerusalem and the Galilee, to Paris, West Berlin, Vienna and East Berlin in his quest for a new life.

Yet the mellowed prose and the less complicated structures of *FIVE SEASONS* do not mean that the depth, profundity and humor that pervade Yehoshua's work are not present here. They are, indeed, and in abundance. If anything, the humor is greater and is handled with an assured sensitivity and charm. The vicissitudes poor Molko experiences as he gets back into

circulation again will fill every reader with warmth, because we can all respond to the universally human need for romance and companionship, and with sympathy, because there are fewer situations more absurdly ridiculous than a sexually hungry, deprived middle-aged long married widower's having to start all over again by engaging in what are basically adolescent dating patterns which are awkward and intimidating.

As if this was not subject enough, Yehoshua's story is enhanced by the articulation of the major themes and concerns which mark all of his earlier work: generational conflict, the decrepitude of old age, the sterility of an outmoded Zionist idealism, the aimlessness and indirection of contemporary middle-class Israeli life, the competition, tension, despair and malaise of marriages coming apart, the destructiveness of right-wing orthodoxy, the trench mentality of the Israelis in perpetual conflict with the Arabs, sexual separation and impotence, and the failure of Aliyah. For all his superb literary craftsmanship Yehoshua is a man with a political message, and he makes his points deftly without impeding in the least the flow of his art.

Though writing is his art, it is music in this novel that fuels the text. *Five Seasons* is an operatic tragicomedy, a cross between *Don Giovanni* and *Orpheus and Eurydice*, two operas Yehoshua invokes in a wonderfully funny sequence to indicate symbolically how poignant Molko's passage is from the past to the future. On one occasion he travels to Berlin with a woman colleague from his office—he is an accountant,

she an attorney for a government ministry—with whom he hopes to have an affair. The attorney sprains an ankle on their first night in Berlin and takes too much of a painkilling drug which keeps her asleep for most of the trip. Molko goes alone to the opera house the second night, looking forward to *Don Giovanni* only to find that it has been cancelled and replaced by *Orpheus and Eurydice*.

After Molko returns to their hotel room, the attorney awakens sufficiently to go to dinner during which time she blasts Molko for what she believes to be his inadequate care of his deceased wife. It amounts to castration: "The legal adviser bent toward him, leaning so far across the table that he felt her hair brush his face, in her eyes, a cold, intellectual glitter. 'And so,' she whispered, 'you killed her little by little - I only realized that today.' For a second he felt his blood curdle." The romance curdles too. Instead of becoming a renewed Don Juan, Molko is torn to pieces by the furies, and the resumption of his sexual life is effectively precluded. He will have to be pieced back together again over time before he can resume a normal existence.

Five Seasons is a rich and rewarding novel in its combining music and literature, its psychological insights into human loss and need, its view of contemporary Israeli life, its lyricism and its symbolism. In my view, it is Yehoshua's best work, a new triumph for him and for all of us who find life and literature inseparable.

(Joseph Cohen is the Chairman for Special Projects of the Jewish Studies Program at Tulane University)

Jewish Library In Cairo

JERUSALEM (JTA) - A Jewish heritage library was inaugurated in Cairo last month, a joint venture of the local Jewish community and the Israeli Academic Center there.

Although Cairo's Jewish community numbers no more than 80 people, most of them elderly, the library is an "important expression of cooperation between the Jewish community and the Egyptian authorities, particularly in these days of tension between Cairo and Jerusalem," Professor Asher Ovadiya, head of the

Academic Center, told Ha'aretz.

The library will be housed in the Sha'ar Hashamyim synagogue on Adlei Street. It already has 9,000 books and ancient manuscripts, among them rare volumes on Kabbalah, including the Zohar. The oldest date back to the 16th century. Some were printed in Egypt, others in Turkey, Italy and Palestine.

The library's goal is 60,000 volumes recounting the history of Egyptian Jewry.

AEA Students Celebrate TuB'Shvat With Poems

I have a tree in my backyard that grows berries.
It has a strong trunk and great tasting cherries.
But one day when I looked out my window I found that my tree was falling to the ground.
I ran to its side as fast as I could.
I wish it could stand up brave and tall,
I really wish it would.
But it just limped there with its face turned toward the ground.
Its cherries brown and rotten and not red and round.
I walked away sadly from my tree.
It was just my thoughts and me.
I thought how trees must be wise and clever.
For they have almost been around forever.
They're more than just a place to hang a swing and rope.
They symbolize life, peace, and hope.
I said to myself, "Turn that frown upside down," and plant a new tree in the ground.
So today I have a new tree.
For everyone, not just for me.
Shelly Dunner

There's a tree in my backyard and its having a happy time.
The tree's beautiful leaves and branches are dancing like ballerinas.
The tree's bark is as pretty as redwood.
The tree's roots are as hard as marble.
Tammy Goldbaum

Trees mean a lot to us.
They are a part of life.
Without them what would we do.
We have marriage trees, trees of life, family trees, but most of all, the tree itself.
From the time of Adam and Eve, a tree is a part of us.
Gabrielle Hall

I don't know why this tree had to die.
because it was so good, and served a higher purpose than wood.
It stood so proud and tall like the Western Wall. Why this tree had to die, I don't know why.
The symbol of the tree went back a long way, even before G-d made Shabbat day. Why this tree had to die, I don't know why.

This tree was a symbol for many things: marriage, the Torah, the family and me.
For a long time, it was kept alive and beautiful and proud.
Then one day they made it die, I really don't know why.
But can you really kill a tree that is so old, so strong and free?
Not the Jewish Tree, it's seeds are sprouting strong and wide and we will keep it full of pride.
Jennifer Labowitz

A symbol of life, that is a tree,
on a quiet day blowing in the the breeze
Flying by, here comes a dove, to rest in the tree of peace, the tree of love.
With a trunk so strong, branches so wide, and bright green leaves where the branches can hide.
This tree does not belong to me - it's for everyone in the world to see.
There in the sun it stands, proud and gleaming. By looking at it you can tell it has much significance and meaning.
So next time you come across a tree you might just want to think and sit because every tree deserves some credit.
Jennifer Rosen

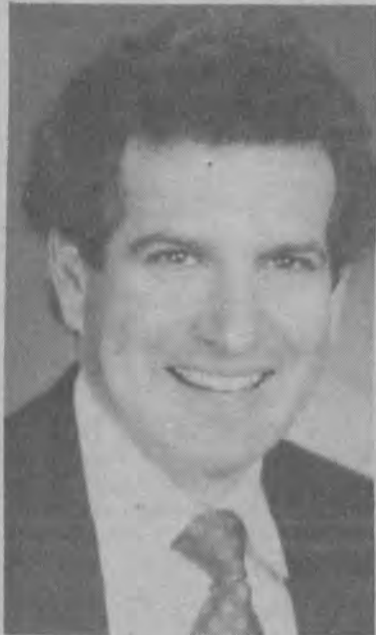
Every year at Tu Bishvat
It's the birthday of the trees.
We take time out to look at things that not everybody sees.
Trees are a symbol of our holy book
And of many things we overlook.
A tree is a symbol of a husband and wife.
A tree is our Jewish symbol of life.
A tree's a symbol of spring and a little seedling, too.
And, if you want, a tree can be a symbol of you.
Pamela Weisberg

Announcements/Events

Naches

Green

Bert Green was installed as President of the New Castle County Board of Realtors at that organization's January Luncheon Meeting. Green said his first goal is to take an active role on the issue of affordable housing and to speak out to political leaders to urge them not to take away incentives for producing such housing. Green also serves as Treasurer of Jewish Family Service's Board of Directors.



Bert Green

Jacobs

Andrew S. Jacobs, 13-year-old son of the Honorable and Mrs. Jack B. Jacobs, has been named national winner of the Senior High Student Composition Competition sponsored by the Music Teachers National Association and Columbia Pictures Publications.

(The newspaper previously reported that "Quinary" won the first place award of the Eastern Division of MTNA, thereby qualifying to compete in the National contest).

His prize-winning composition "Quinary," which is set to Matthew Arnold's poem, "Dover Beach," for tenor voice and woodwind quintet, will be performed at the MTNA National Convention in Wichita, Kansas, in April, at which time Andrew will receive the award.

Kotler

Ofer Kotler, Israeli born ceramic artist has joined the staff at the Christiana Cultural Arts Center as its new ceramic arts instructor. Ofer's style and approach encourages discovery and hands on experience for his students. A graduate ceramic teacher's assistant at the University of Delaware, Kotler resides in Newark.

Levinson

The Del-Mar-Va Council of the Boy Scouts of America has announced the appointment of State Insurance Commissioner David N. Levinson as Chairman of the Delmarva Chapter of the National Eagle Scout Association. Levinson, an Eagle Scout himself, has joined with the Boy Scouts organization to identify and recruit Eagle Scouts living and working on the Delmarva Peninsula for the purpose of developing a leadership group to assist in promoting healthy lifestyles and self-esteem among youth.

Levitt

Phyllis Levitt, chair of the English Department of Dover High School and resident of Dover, was recently re-elected for a one-year term as the Delaware Humanities Council vice-chair. She has served on that council for five years.

The Delaware Humanities Forum is an independent educational foundation and grant-making agency supported by the National Endowment for the Humanities, private contributions and corporate funding.

New I.M. Wise Department At Gratz

For the first time in its 24 year history, Delaware Gratz Hebrew High School has joined the I.M. Wise Department of Gratz College's Jewish Community High School of Philadelphia. This two year program for 11th and 12th graders is specifically designed to train future religious school teachers in the reform movement.

To be eligible for this program, students must be entering 11th grade and must have completed the equivalent of confirmation studies in their religious school. In addition to classes one evening a week at Delaware Gratz, they serve as Cadet-aides in a supervised student teaching program at their home synagogue.

Credits at Gratz are earned in courses such as Jewish Literature, Contemporary Jewish Issues, Bible, History of Reform Judaism and Educational Theory and Methodology.

Students who complete the above requirements are entitled to receive a teaching cer-

tificate for reform congregation religious schools and participate in both the local and Philadelphia graduation ceremonies. They also can receive up to 6 advanced placement college credits through special arrangements with Gratz College. In addition, Congregation Beth Emeth provides a partial scholarship for members of their synagogue.

By taking part in this program, students also have the opportunity to be a part of Gratz High School's educational and social activities and can participate in the Gratz Hebrew Ulpan.

Gennifer Goldenberg, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Edward Goldenberg of Beth Emeth, is the first person to enroll in this department at Delaware Gratz. "We hope that she is paving the way for many new students in the years to come," said Delaware Gratz principal Elaine Friedberg.

"Members and faculty of Congregation Beth Emeth and the entire Gratz faculty are very enthusiastic about the educa-



Gennifer Goldenberg is the first local student to be enrolled in the I.M. Wise Department of Gratz College's Jewish Community High School, which Delaware Gratz Hebrew High School has recently joined.

tional opportunities of this program and the fact that at the completion of this course of study, they will see qualified teachers graduating and prepared to teach in reform congregational schools," according to Friedberg.

Salkin

Charles Salkin, of Dover, recently received one of five research fellowships granted by the Delaware Humanities Forum for his research project entitled "The History of the Jewish Agriculture Society." He is president of Congregation Beth Sholom in Dover.

Finkelstein

Arielle Tovah, a daughter, was born to Loren and Amy Finkelstein on December 23, 1988. The Finkelsteins also have a two-year-old daughter, Michaela.

Formerly associate director of the Rocky Mountain Region of the Anti-Defamation League, Loren now serves as Executive Director of the Jewish Community Relations Council of Northern New Jersey. The family resides in Mahwah, N.J. Arielle's grandparents are Nisson and Rona Finkelstein and Arthur and Lee Feldman of Denver, Colo.



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NCCJ 'Peoplehood' Luncheon

The Delaware Region National Conference of Christians and Jews will honor eight of the community's "unsung heroes" at its Peoplehood Celebration Luncheon on Friday, February 24 at the Radisson Hotel, 8th and King Streets in Wilmington, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

The purpose of NCCJ is to bring together individuals from diverse ethnic, racial, religious and social backgrounds who, without compromise of their own distinct identities, work together to achieve a humane and harmonious community. The Peoplehood event is held annually to inspire commitment to the cause of improving human relations and to focus public attention on the impact one individual can have in promoting intergroup cooperation.

Evelyn Lobel, NCCJ Regional Executive Director, stated, "The strength and

vitality of a society depends on the active participation of all of us. In honoring eight diverse members of our community as 'Community Builders' who have given of themselves for the good of others we celebrate the diversity that is American pluralism and our common humanity."

This year's Peoplehood Awards will be presented to Donalee S. Blaine, Sister Mary

Cordula Brand, Shirley A. Cupery, James "Jim" Dunlap, Lydia H. Garnett, Rabbi Peter H. Grumbacher, Miriam Melgar and Susan Wright.

Reservations for the luncheon, at \$12.50 per person, may be made before February 17 by calling NCCJ's Regional Office at (302) 655-0039. Kosher and vegetarian meals may be arranged and parking is available below the hotel.

AEA Celebration



In a program for family and friends on Saturday evening, January 28, the first and second grade students at Albert Einstein Academy led a Havdallah service, the symbolic ushering out of the Shabbat. The students studied the Havdallah service with Cantor Norman Swerling of Congregation Beth Shalom and with their Hebrew teacher, Mrs. Eta Knepler. First graders were then presented with their first siddurim (prayer books) and the second graders each received a chumash. Above, Rachel Schenker and Teddy Shusterman prepare to begin the Havdallah service. (Photo: Gale Rowell)

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Einstein Academy Celebrates TuB'Shvat With Environmental Study And Arts

Respect for our environment and the preservation of our earth's natural resources have become a recent concern in our society. "For the Jewish people, however, it is not new," commented Eleanor Weinglass, Einstein Academy principal. "It is a valuable stressed in the Torah." And because the holiday of Tu B'Shvat reminds us about our relationship to the world of nature, she said, the school used the month of January to focus on ecological studies and projects.

One of the highlights of this study included the first graders writing stories about trees and second graders focusing on finding solutions to problems in our environment, ranging from the use of chemical pesticides to "not dumping waste in the ocean."

The third through sixth grades explored the customs of the holiday with some students studying the Jewish calendar and its association with the seasonal cycle. The students explored the concept of the tree not just as another plant in Bible but also as a symbol of life, man and the Jewish people.

The third through sixth graders at AEA have been involved for several months in their own hands-ons ecology project, Streamwatch, which has enabled students to study problems of pollution. The students adopted Wilson's Run, a stream that courses the Brandywine Creek State park, and have monitored it regularly, measuring the oxygen content, pH balance and the temperature. Their efforts were



AEA fifth and sixth graders with their props from their pollution play. Standing, from left to right, are Tammy Goldbaum, Elissa Hall, Jennifer Labowitz, Jennifer Rosen, Shelly Dunner. Seated are, left, Pamela Weisberg and Gabby Hall. The props include the ocean, a whale and some debris.

recently validated when the Delaware Division of Water Resources verified their findings.

Another ecological activity for these students has been collecting aluminum cans for recycling. With the money raised through this effort, the children plan to purchase new science equipment.

A Tu B'Shvat seder, during which students progressed through experiential interest centers, was the culmination of their process of consciousness-raising. As they moved from center to center, the students tasted, sang, drew and wrote about Tu B'Shvat. That program ended with the presentation of a play, written by the older students, about pollution in the ocean.



Planting seeds was an AEA Tu B'Shvat activity. Above, Jennifer Rosen (sixth grade) helped first grade Zev Rovine and kindergartner Roni Gendler get started.

French Drama Premieres At Jewish Film Festival

Le Jupon Rouge (Manuela's Loves) will make its Philadelphia Premiere at the Jewish Film Festival at the Gershman YM & YWHA Branch of Jewish Community Centers, Broad and Pine Streets, in Philadelphia, on Saturday February 25, at 8 p.m. and Sunday, February 26, at 3 p.m.

Le Jupon Rouge, an adult-only drama, is interwoven with themes of desire, sensuality, possession and breaking apart and evolves into a wildly romantic story of three women of diverse backgrounds drawn into the purgatory of love's madness. Bacha, played by Alida Valli, is a survivor of the holocaust, tortured by her memories of Nazi death camps. Marie-Christine Barrault is Manuela and Guillemette Grobon is in the role of Claude.

Speaker with the Saturday evening screening is Molly Haskell, film critic for *Vogue Magazine* and author of *From Reverence To Rape: The Treatment of Women in the Movies*.

Admission for the evening screening is \$7.50; matinee (film only) is \$5.50. For more information, call 215-545-4400, ext. 243.

Hebrew Classes At Beth Shalom

Congregation Beth Shalom in Dover is offering Hebrew classes for both beginners and advanced beginners. The classes, which began on February 7, will run for 13 sessions on Tuesday evenings

from 7:30 to 8:30 at the synagogue. Cost of the classes is \$20 and includes the text. The instructor is Barbara Onca. For more information call the synagogue office at 734-5578.

Beth Shalom Sisterhood

To Present 'Evening In Vienna'

The Sisterhood of Congregation Beth Shalom, led by Dr. Ruth Morelli, is hosting an "Evening In Vienna" on Saturday, March 18, at 7:30 p.m. Beth Shalom's Gibstein Auditorium will be transformed into a European ballroom under the direction of Cindy Imber. The evening's continental cuisine will include a champagne reception and Viennese dessert table. There will be dancing to live music following the program which features entertainment by Beth Shalom's Cantor Norman Swerling.

Swerling will present a one-man Jewish musical theatre program entitled "To A New And Goodly Land." The program will focus on the dissolution of Eastern European

life at the end of the 19th century. In song and drama, Swerling will trace the emigration of Eastern European Jews to Western Europe, South America, North America, and Israel.

This evening will be black tie optional. The cost is \$25 per person, but individuals wishing to act as special patrons may purchase tickets at \$50 per person. Tickets are available by reservation only through March 10 by calling Carolyn Fuhrman 762-4684 or Danna Levy 478-7853.

This event is Sisterhood Beth Shalom's annual fundraiser. The proceeds from the evening will be applied toward the purchase of an electric organ for the congregation.

Jewish Family Service Plans 'Comedy Cabaret'

The Board of Directors of the Jewish Family Service is sponsoring "An Evening of Comedy" on Sunday, March 12, from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Comedy Cabaret, 410 Market Street, Wilmington.

The evening will include a buffet, wine, beer and soda. The show will feature three comedians. Casual dress is suggested. Cost for the evening is \$37.50 per person, with \$22.50 being tax deductible.

Reservations may be made by mailing the coupon found elsewhere in this issue or by calling JFS at 478-9411.

Mended Hearts

A regular meeting of the Mended Hearts of Delaware will be held on Monday, February 6 at 7:30 p.m. in Room 1306 of the Christiana Hospital. The guest speaker will be Dorothy Conticello, Registered Dietitian. Her topic will be "food". The community is invited to attend.

The Mended Hearts is a National Organization providing moral support to all cardiac patients and their families while experiencing the trauma of heart attack or open heart surgery.

Beth Shalom Men's Club

There will be a meeting of the Beth Shalom Men's Club on March 5 at 10 a.m. following services. Services will begin at 9:15 a.m. A light breakfast will be served and new members are invited.

Checks should be made payable to Jewish Family Service. No tickets will be mailed; all tickets will be held at the door.

Beth Shalom Men's Club

The Beth Shalom Men's Club will hold a "Get Acquainted Breakfast" on February 12 at 10 a.m. at the synagogue. Cost for the breakfast is \$4 per person and children under 13 are free. Services will be conducted before the breakfast and will begin at 9:15 a.m.

Del. PEP

Delaware PEP, the Parkinson's Disease educational program of Delaware, will hold its next meeting on Sunday, February 26, at 1:30 p.m., at the Church of the Covenant. Jane Mitchell, the Coordinator of Health Advocacy for the AARP will speak on "Changes in Medicare." The program is open to interested members of the community and is free of charge. For more information, call 475-4641.

AEA Open House

Albert Einstein Academy is currently inviting applications for the 1989-1990 academic year. Parents of prospective Kindergarten students are invited to attend an Open House on Wednesday evening, February 15, at 7:30. This will be an opportunity for parents to meet the teachers and learn about the Einstein curriculum. Those interested in attending should contact Eleanor Weinglass at the school (478-5026) or Cindy Udell (215-793-2362).

Jewish Museum Expands Monday Movie Series

"Monday Movies at the Museum," the annual winter film series presented by the National Museum of American Jewish History, Independence Mall East, has been scheduled this season in an expanded form. The new format features screenings Sunday afternoons at 2 p.m. as well as the traditional Monday 1 p.m. matinees.

Drawn from the Museum's Ralph Lopatin Film Library, the documentary films selected for the series offer insights into the diversity of the Jewish experience in America. A teenager leaving home for college, a retired businessman finding a new vocation in painting, and an Egyptian matriarch preparing a seder are among the real-life characters that figure in the films.

The contributions of Jewish anarchists to Yiddish culture in America, the utopian com-

munities built by Jewish immigrants to this country and the inner enclaves of the Brooklyn Hasidim are portrayed in the series, which also examines the American Jewish community's response to the Yom Kippur war and the Nazi march on Skokie.

The series includes *Yudie and Number Our Days*, Feb. 12 and 13; *Leaving Home and I Miss the Sun*, Feb. 19 and 20; *Free Voice of Labor*, Feb. 26 and 27; *Raanamah and The Spark*, March 5 and 6, and *Rendezvous with Freedom and American Jewry Review*, March 12 and 13.

Admission to each screening, which will be followed by discussion, is \$2, \$1 for Museum members. Series tickets are \$10, \$3 for members. For information, call the Museum, (215) 923-3811.

Obituaries

Sidney Gerber

Sidney Gerber, 62, who resided in the Kutz Home for several years, died on January 10 at the Veterans Administration Hospital, Elsmere. Graveside observances were conducted by Rabbi Chuni Vogel, assisted by Rev. Samuel Mandelberg, at the Jewish Community Cemetery.

Born in Philadelphia, he was

a graduate of West Philadelphia High School. Mr. Gerber served in the infantry in World War II and in the Air Force during the Korean period. As advocate for veterans, during the summer of 1988, while a patient at the VA Hospital, he joined Viet Nam Veterans in their public appeal for mandatory veterans' benefits.

Gerber was a career salesman and was recognized by the Chrysler Corporation and other manufacturers for his record of sales promotion and dealer development. He was last employed by Concord Volkswagen before serious health problems forced him to retire in 1980.

Despite his declining health, Mr. Gerber continued to be optimistic about his rehabilitation and maintained a high level of activity. As the youngest resident at the Kutz Home, he often said that he had an obligation to perform mitzvahs, helping others less capable than he. Anxious to keep busy, he showed an artistic flair and was prolific in his production of crafts in the Home's workshop and in the VA recreation program. He was also an active participant in religious observances at the Home, often reciting the kiddish at Friday evening meals.

Few who visited the Home during his years of residence failed to meet and befriend Mr. Gerber. A man with a considerable repertoire of anecdotes, experiences and jokes, he especially enjoyed sharing these with younger visitors to the Home.

Esther Chaikin

Esther Chaikin, 86, formerly

of the Devon Condominiums, 2401 Pennsylvania Ave., died January 27 of cancer in Tilton Terrace Nursing Home, 801 N. Broom St.

Mrs. Chaikin was a homemaker.

She was born in Korlavitz, Russia. She was a member of Beth Shalom, Hadassah Ort and Ohev Shalom sisterhood in Chester, Pa.

Her husband, Henry, died in 1966.

She is survived by a son, James of the Devon Condominiums; a daughter, Helen C. Blum of Bryn Mawr, Pa.; a brother, Alexander Long of Wallingford, Pa.; six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Instead of flowers, the family suggest contributions to Hadassah, in care of Judy Steibel, Wilmington.

Barbara D. Widder

Barbara D. Widder, 58, of Woods Manor, Dover, January 31, died of cancer at home.

Mrs. Widder was a psychologist in the office of psychological services at the Delaware Department of Health and Social Services for many years.

She earned her undergraduate and graduate degrees from New York University, where she was

elected to Phi Beta Kappa. She was a member of Congregation Beth Shalom, the American Ethical Society, the American Psychological Association, and the American Association of University Women.

She is survived by her husband, Dr. Bertram N.; a daughter, Helen Flood of Dover; a son, Russell of Wilmington; a brother, Evan Diamond of Norwalk, Conn.

Instead of flowers, the family suggest contributions to Delaware Hospice Inc., Dover.

Jane Gloria Pollack

Jane Gloria Pollack, 61, of 5 Walnut Lane, Holly Oak, formerly of Bowie, Md., died February 1 of cancer at home.

Mrs. Pollack, was a bookkeeper in Oxon Hill, Md., until she retired in 1983.

She was a member of Temple Solel, Bowie.

She is survived by two daughters, Lori Beth Pollack Ozer with whom she lived and Lee Ellen Pollack of New York City; two brothers, Howard Leeb of Port St. Lucie, Fla. and Norman Leeb of North Lauderdale, Fla.; a sister, Elinor Singer of Coconut Creek, Fla., and a grandson.

Instead of flowers, the family suggest contributions to the Multiple Sclerosis National Society, Delaware Chapter, Wilmington.

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State Dept. Harshly Critical Of Israel In 'Intifada'

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

"The Israeli government has regarded the uprising as a new phase of the 40-year war against Israel and as a threat to the security of the state," the report said. "The Israeli Defense Forces, caught by surprise and untrained and inexperienced in riot control, responded in a manner which led to a substantial increase in human rights violations."

This has resulted in an "excessive use of force to try to maintain law and order in the occupied territories," Paul

Hare, acting assistant secretary of state for Near Eastern and South Asian affairs, said Tuesday. His remarks were made in testimony to the House Appropriations subcommittee on foreign operations, which has jurisdiction over foreign aid. The subcommittee was holding a hearing to determine whether foreign aid should be reduced to countries in the Middle East because of human rights violations. The human rights report is submitted to Congress to aid it in legislation.

But Rep. David Obey (D-Wis.), the subcommittee's chairman, appeared to reject any reductions in the \$3 billion in economic and military aid to Israel because of human rights violations. Obey added that the fact that a country is a large recipient of U.S. aid "does not diminish" the U.S. obligation to press for reforms.

The Lawyers Committee for Human Rights and the Helsinki

Watch, two U.S.-based human rights monitoring groups which testified before the subcommittee, also rejected any cuts in the \$3 billion in economic and military aid Israel receives from the United States. They argued that the United States should place additional private and public pressure on Israel to resolve their differences.

The human rights report also emphasized rights abuses in Iraq, Egypt, Iran and Kuwait. The report called Iraq's human rights record "abysmal," due mainly to its use of poison gas against Kurds. It praised Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak for extending political liberties, but also cited "credible reports" that police and security officials practice torture with impunity.

As in past years, the human rights report contrasts the situation in Israel proper, which it calls an open and democratic society, with the situation in the territories,

which is under military rule.

Also, in in past years, the 22 pages devoted to Israel are the most of the 169 countries dealt with in the 1,559-page report. "This report differs from many others in this compilation because of the greater detail available on the situation in the occupied territories by virtue of Israel's open and democratic society," the section on Israel explains.

Compiling figures from various sources, the report finds that 366 Palestinians were killed, mostly by the Israeli army, but some by Jewish settlers. Another 13 Palestinians were killed by Palestinians for collaborating with Israel. Eleven Israelis were also killed. In addition, more than 20,000 Palestinians and 1,100 Israelis were injured, according to the report.

In Israel, initial reactions to the report were critical. Judge Advocate-General Amnon Strashnov, the IDF's chief lawyer, complained on Israel television that the State Department did not account for the security threats facing Israeli soldiers in the territories.

In New York, Theodore Ellenoff, the president of the American Jewish Committee, said the report "should be taken very seriously," but "placed within the context of the security challenges Israel now faces. We express our anguish at the human tragedy"

represented by the uprising, said Ellenoff in a statement.

However, he added, "it must be stressed that the overall record of the Israeli army in responding to a threat of this magnitude has been restrained and highly professional."

Israel reacted angrily and defensively to the State Department's harsh criticism of Israel's handling of the Palestinian uprising. A statement issued by the Foreign Ministry Wednesday stressed that all of Israel's actions were "fully in keeping with international law." The ministry maintained that the allegations of human rights violations by the Israel Defense Force were taken out of context, and did not reflect "the lethal nature of some of the means employed by the Palestinian rioters."

One of Israel's complaints was that "within the context of massive human rights abuses throughout the Arab world, the special focus on Israel takes the issue entirely out of perspective. "These (Arab) nations do not draw the enormous degree of attention that Israel receives for measures taken in defense of its security needs and in accordance with international law," the statement concluded.

(JTA correspondents Howard Rosenberg in Washington and Gil Sedan in Jerusalem contributed to this report.)

Nudel, Begun Ask That Pollards Be Released From Prisons

By CATHERINE GERSON and SUSAN BIRNBAUM

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Two prominent Soviet ex-refuseniks, who themselves struggled for years for the right to leave the Soviet Union, have taken up the cause of Jonathan Pollard and his wife Anne Henderson Pollard.

Ida Nudel and Yosef Begun joined about 50 demonstrators outside the U.S. Consulate here Monday, demanding the release of the Pollards. Appealing to President George Bush to grant clemency, the two dissidents said in a statement that as former political prisoners, they were grateful for the role played by the United States in obtaining their own release.

Jonathan Pollard, a former civilian intelligence analyst employed by the U.S. Navy, is serving a life sentence in federal prison for spying for Israel. He was jailed in 1987.

His wife, convicted as an accomplice, is serving two concurrent five-year sentences. She is seriously ill and family and friends have charged she

has been denied proper medical treatment.

Nudel told reporters she considers the two Americans to be "hostages in a foreign country."

In the letter, addressed to President Bush, the protestors said, "We are mindful of the tradition of human rights which forms one of the pillars of your great society. There is a need to extend that spirit of compassion and forgiveness to the Pollards through your intervention in this unfortunate matter. Please grant them their freedom and should they wish to come to Israel, we will gratefully receive them into our community in Israel."

In another development, the first time since her imprisonment March 4, 1987, Anne Henderson Pollard was scheduled to testify Thursday in her own behalf, to tell how she has been treated in prison for her medical ailments.

Late last month, Magistrate Janice Symchych of U.S. District Court in St. Paul issued an order to the Federal Bureau of Prisons, to show cause why

Anne Henderson Pollard should not be released on a writ of habeas corpus. A writ of habeas corpus is a procedure for obtaining a judicial determination of the legality of a prisoner's custody. Pollard was to appear in the courtroom of the Federal Medical Center, a prison facility in Rochester, Minn.

In a petition to the court, attorneys for Pollard charged the warden of the Rochester prison, Joseph Bogan, with illegal imprisonment and inflicting cruel and unusual punishment on Pollard, by refusing to treat her medical attention. "Their decisions to her care have been grossly negligent, if not intentionally injurious," the petition says.

She has told attorneys and family she is not being treated for her illnesses, which reportedly include biliary dyskinesia and gastroparesis, making it difficult and painful for her to digest food. She also has some eye ailments which she charges have not been treated.

Symchych's law clerk, Diane Gerth, said it was "kind of unusual to have a hearing. The reason the magistrate decided to have a hearing was that the allegations in the petition were pretty egregious and well documented." Gerth said they received a lot of orders to show cause by prisoners, but "this one just stood out."

The order to show cause is a standard format advising the prisoner to speak in its own behalf and explain its actions.

Something To Cluck About

A "zero cholesterol" egg was introduced to the public by the Sunfrost Frozen Foods Co. at a news conference in Tel Aviv recently. Developed by Israeli scientists, it is claimed to be the first cholesterol-free egg in the world. The company says no additives are used and that the taste of the egg remains the same.

Allocations —

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The 1987 campaign funds represent payment for pledges that were assumed to be lost to that year's campaign (for variety of reasons).

The Capital Maintenance Fund currently stands at \$72,000 which is more than the level that was anticipated for the year. At the July 1988 allocation meeting, a \$54,000 roof repair bill for the Federation wing of the JCC/Federation complex was anticipated. By using a different roofing procedure the bill was reduced to \$12,000. Capital repairs at the Kutz Home were handled with their internal funds (Jewish Voice, December 16, 1988). Although the committee said it recognized that the fund should be larger, no out of the ordinary expenses are an-

icipated for the remainder of the year.

Regarding the amount available from the Federation's budget, it was the committee's opinion that the budget is able to absorb that amount.

The allocations process involves five task forces which study and review in depth each agency's financial and program needs. The task forces involve over 120 individuals from the community. Their recommendations are submitted to the Budget and Planning Steering Committee, which is comprised of 30 members of the community. Once this committee makes its recommendations, they are presented to the Federation's Board of Directors for final approval.

The 1988 campaign raised a total of \$1,205,211.

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1988 Soviet Jewry Emigration Figures

NEW YORK (JTA) — The National Conference on Soviet Jewry (NCSJ) has revised its emigration statistics for 1988. According to the latest figures obtained from the Israeli government, 18,965 Jews emigrated from the Soviet Union on Israeli visas last year, 11.4 percent of whom settled in Israel.

In Washington, the Union of Councils for Soviet Jews (UCSJ) reported that 18,919 Jews left the USSR in 1988 on Israeli visas. It said up to 400 other immigrated directly to the United States on American visas.

There was no immediate explanation for the slight discrepancy between the two organizations' total, since the Union of Councils also gets its information from Israeli government sources.

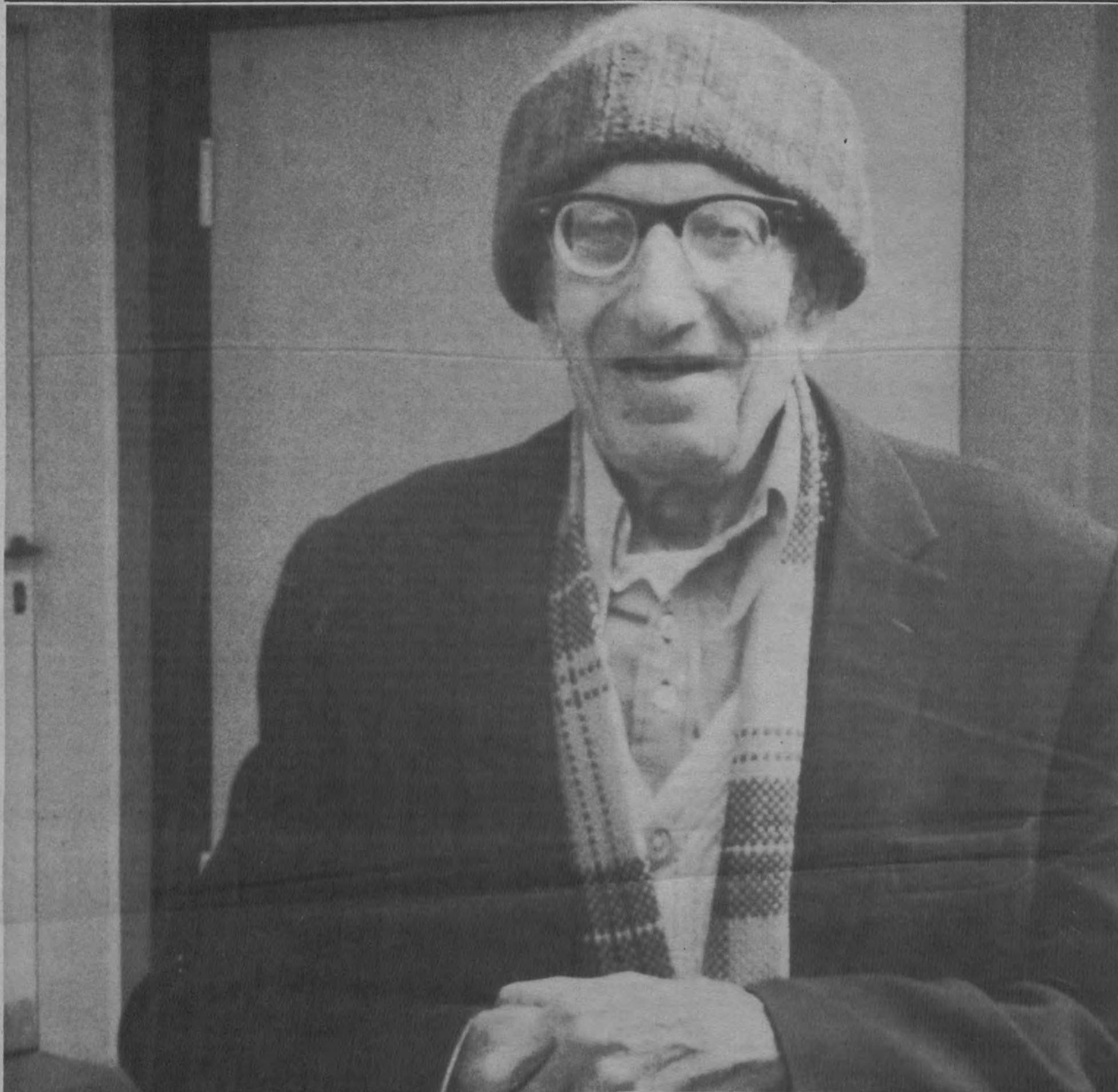
Last month, the National Conference reported that 19,286 Jews left the Soviet Union in 1988, a 133 percent increase over the total for the year before. Its revised total indicates that Soviet Jewish emigration last year was still well more than double the 1987 level.

Ascertaining the number of Jews who left the Soviet Union last year was complicated by the emigration of a number of non-Jewish Soviet citizens with Israeli visas. The visas were provided by the Israelis at the Kremlin's request.

Soviet Jewry groups in the United States learned as early as May that emigration statistics provided by the Israelis may have included some non-Jews. After that point, both the National Conference and the Union of Councils sought breakdowns of the numbers of Jewish and non-Jewish emigres. The Union of Councils then revised its emigration statistics for the first four months of 1988. After the Union of Councils announced its total for the year, the National Conference checked with its sources and then revised its figures for the year.

Following are the updated monthly breakdowns of Soviet Jewish emigration as reported by the two organizations for 1988:

Month	UCSJ	NCSJ
January	682	687
February	690	697
March	949	951
April	1,017	1,020
May	1,047	1,061
June	1,385	1,394
July	1,370	1,371
August	1,780	1,734
September	2,051	2,003
October	2,068	2,068
November	2,228	2,327
December	3,652	3,652
1988 TOTAL	18,919	18,965



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It began with forgetfulness.

Sam, in his late seventies, lived in his own apartment. He gave up his house three years ago after his wife, Bessie, died.

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Joan, very concerned, called the Geriatric Department at the Jewish Family Service. A trained social worker met with her and Sam to evaluate the situation and offered a number of alternatives.

Arrangements were made for Sam to attend the senior program at the Jewish Community Center with transportation provided. Sam would have one hot, nutritious meal per day and have socialization.

An aide would visit twice a week to help shop, prepare meals, do light housekeeping and make sure he bathed.

Appointments were set up with his doctor to assess his health. A volunteer would provide transportation.

Long term plans were made with Sam for admission to the Milton and Hattie Kutz Home should the need arise.

A plan was made to keep his daughter advised, as the social worker continually monitored Sam's condition and coordinated the program.

Sam paid according to his financial ability for the services provided, but he and many others cannot afford to pay for full costs. The Federation's Annual Campaign helps ensure that the service will continue.

The Jewish Community Center, The Jewish Family Service and the Kutz Home all receive substantial funds from the Jewish Federation's Annual Campaign.

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'Halacha' —

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Yet it is only in our generation that homosexual behavior has been found to be not merely a single overt act but a reflection of a profound inner condition over which the individual has no choice.

The fact is that one's particular sexual orientation is fixed by age 3 and is deep-seated. Sexual orientation, like the color of the eyes, perfect pitch, attitudes and personality, is a matter of biological and psychological roulette.

The fact is that homosexuality has been documented since the beginning of recorded history in all cultures and societies, among all peoples of all ethnic, age, occupational, educational and sexual backgrounds, as well as in most educational sectors in society.

The fact is that in 1973, the American Psychiatric Association officially acknowledged that homosexuality is not an illness.

The fact is that the study of sex and the process of sexual difference of individuation reveals an amazing complexity we are just beginning to understand.

New research in hormones, psychology, genetics, etc., are reshaping our views of homosexuality.

The idea that we can recognize gays and lesbians by voice, gait or manner of dress is a myth and sheer prejudice. It is time that we take prejudice out of the closet and recognize it for what it is — inappropriate, ignorant, immoral and un-Jewish.

A Jew should know to be careful in making judgments because we were taught, "Do not judge anyone until you have stood in his or her place" (Avot 8:5).

A Jew should be compassionate, for Jews are termed in Jewish literature as "compassionate people who are the children of compassionate

parents."

The Talmud long ago noted that the Torah was given not to angels but to human beings (Kiddushin 54a). The authority to interpret Jewish law was delegated to the human intellect (Baba Metzia 59b, 86a).

Each generation of Jews was entrusted with the responsibility to apply it in terms of new

conditions, new facts and new understanding of human behavior (Sanhedrin 6b, Nidda 20b et al.).

One of the real tests of morality and Jewish ethics today is not how homosexuals act but how the rest of us do.

The judgement is on us, not them. We are being measured for our fairness, for our com-

passion and, yes, for our love and respect for all people created in the image of God — and that is all of us.

(Rabbi Bernard S. Raskas serves Temple of Aaron Congregation in St. Paul, Minn., and is author of the trilogy Heart of Wisdom.)

Policy Focus —

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says that "When Iraq and Libya have weapons of this type it will become considerably more difficult to maintain stability in the region."

(News reports late last month claimed that Libya now has the ability to refuel in midair, making it possible to reach, and potentially attack, Israel.)

"The prospects for arms control in the area of chemical weapons are... poor," the report concluded. While existing arms control agreements in the area have not been successful. Egypt, Iran, Iraq, Israel and Libya are all signatories to the Geneva Protocol of 1925 which prohibited the use of chemical agents, but that obviously has not stopped them from making use of chemical weapons.

George Bush has said, in a speech given at the University of Toledo (Ohio) in October, 1988, that one of his highest priorities as president will be "to deal with this terrible scourge" that he believes the chemical weapons threat to be.

Progress, the report emphasizes, can be made with the

help of the United States, through a variety of avenues, including: the promotion of international agreements to strengthen the Geneva Protocol; the United States'

Chemical Weapons —

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It is estimated that a ton of thiodiglycol yields at least a ton of mustard gas; 120 tons will cover an area of about 60 square miles. Thiodiglycol is also used in the manufacture of ink and textile dyes.

To avoid the appearance of breaking U.S. export regulations, the shipping of the chemical was effected through circuitous routes, via Thessaloniki, Greece; Karachi, Pakistan; and Singapore.

On January 30, federal officials in Baltimore announced the arrests of an official of a Brooklyn, N.Y., company and of a Dutch businessman. They were charged with organizing illegal export of these chemicals to Jordan, which they allegedly purchased from Alcolac. Officials believe the ultimate destination of the chemicals was Iraq.

Nicholas Delfino, an official of the Nu Kraft Mercantile Cor-

poration of Brooklyn, and Frans van Anraat, a Dutch citizen identified as both a European representative and customer of Nu Kraft, were arrested on January 28 and 29.

Delfino surrendered himself in Baltimore, where he is free on \$500,000 bond. Van Anraat was arrested at his home in Italy, and pertinent documents found there were seized by Italian officials. America has asked that Italy extradite van Anraat. Alcolac pleaded guilty to one count of knowingly violating export laws.

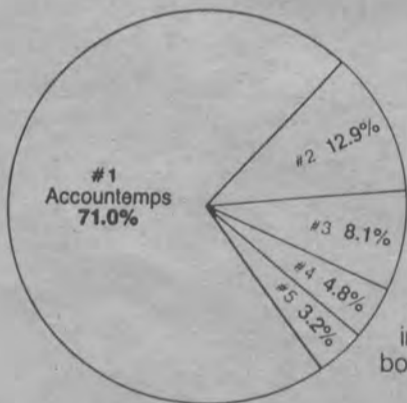
Documents show that Nu Kraft bought four shipments of thiodiglycol, totaling 50 tons, from Alcolac between November 1987 and March 1988. They were shipped via Norfolk, Va.; to Antwerp and Rotterdam. Documents indicate the chemicals were destined for customers in Western Europe. Three shipments went to Jordan. The destination of the fourth is unknown.

The information was cor-

roborated with special Customs agent Donald Turnbaugh in Baltimore. In Washington, State Department spokesman Charles Redman praised U.S. export controls. Redman affirmed that "the government of Jordan has consistently maintained a policy of not acquiring chemical weapons. We have no reason to believe that policy has changed."

The American findings further point out the weakness of West German laws involving such shipments. In Bonn, Chancellor Helmut Kohl and Foreign Minister Hans Dietrich Genscher promised a visiting World Jewish Congress delegation that export laws would be strengthened. In light of the American business involvement with chemicals shipped to the Middle East, the WJC this week said it "would seek to have all governments tighten export control laws and strengthen criminal penalties" to further prevent such happenings.

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ner, Vice Premier Shimon Peres, who heads the Labor Party and also serves as finance minister.

It was in fact Netanyahu, Israel's U.N. ambassador until he quit last year to run for the Knesset, who picked Sharansky as his successor. Arens reportedly agreed readily to the choice.

Sharansky has strong backing in Likud and among right-wing hard-liners in general. But Sharansky has carefully refrained from expressing a preference for any political party during the three years he has been in Israel. He has strong support in the Soviet Jewish emigre community here as well. Many believe that his appointment to the prestigious U.N. post would encourage more Jews leaving the Soviet Union to go to Israel instead of the United States.

Foreign service careerists, unlike Netanyahu and Arens, are less than enthusiastic at the prospect of Sharansky heading Israel's U.N. delegation. They point to his lack of formal diplomatic training and experience. They also note that it has been standard procedure not to name anyone to an ambassadorial post who has lived in Israel for less than 11 years.

This has been a cause of unease among many Israelis, particularly on the left, at a time when relations with Moscow seem to be thawing.

They fear that Sharansky's freedom of action at the world organization may be com-

promised by his relentless criticism of Gorbachev and other Soviet leaders.

Sharansky is a mathematician by profession, specializing in cybernetics. Despite his lack of formal training in diplomacy, he could be an effective envoy for Israel. He is a highly visible personality, popular with the world news media. Israeli journalists, in fact, complain that he has been more accessible to

foreign correspondents than to them.

Sharansky, 40, was sentenced to 15 years in prison on trumped-up charges of espionage for the United States. He served 13 years before his release in an East-West "spy exchange" in February 1986. His case had been kept before the world largely through the efforts of his wife, Avital, whom he married just before his ar-

rest. She settled in Israel, but frequently visited the United States and other Western countries, appealing to the public and national leaders to help secure her husband's release. The couple now live in Jerusalem and are the parents of two daughters.

In New York, Rabbi Arthur Schneier, president of the Appeal of Conscience Foundation, was quick to welcome the

news that Sharansky may be appointed to the U.N. post. "Natan Sharansky is a symbol of man's courage, moral strength and yearning for freedom," Schneier said in a prepared statement. "I believe he will be an eloquent spokesman for Israel and for its commitment to a just and lasting peace with its neighbors."

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9 Wounded in Bombing of Budapest Synagogue by Nazis

BUDAPEST, Feb. (JTA)—Nine Jews were injured tonight, three of them seriously, when a bomb was thrown into the principal synagogue of the Pest Jewish community during Sabbath services. The bombing was reported to have been carried out by Hungarian Nazis in protest against modifications made in the anti-Jewish bill by a parliamentary commission.

Palestine Orchestra Hailed in Cairo Performance

CAIRO, Feb. 3 (JTA)—The Palestine Symphony Orchestra, composed largely of refugees from Germany, was given an ovation last night at Ewart Memorial Hall in the American University here, Eugen Szenkar conducted in what was hailed as Egypt's greatest musical event since Arturo Toscanini conducted the same orchestra in a concert here two years ago.

Chamberlain Voices Peace Hope as Palestine Parleys Open

LONDON, Feb. 7 (JTA)—Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain today launched the Palestine conference by urging Arab and Jewish delegations at separate meetings to seek peace through "understanding" and "personal contact" and receiving promises of cooperation from both sides, but before the parallel negotiations on which Britain bases its last hope for an amicable agreement had gotten under way the first snag was struck on the Arab end.

Anti-Jewish Boycott Drive Opens in Dublin After Arrival of Nazi Official

DUBLIN, Feb. 7 (JTA)—Large inscriptions calling upon the public to boycott the Jews suddenly appeared today throughout the city. The wall of a Hebrew school was daubed with anti-Semitic slogans. The outburst was attributed here to the arrival last week of an official of the German Propaganda Department, who reportedly has been charged with the "enlightenment" of Irish public opinion. It climaxed a campaign marked by private canvassing of members of the middle class who were called upon to boycott the Jews, and by issuance of a new monthly magazine purportedly representing the interests of traders and small farmers, which stirs anti-Jewish prejudice.

Weizmann Demands Implementing of Mandate

LONDON, Feb. 8 (JTA)—Jewish demands for retention and implementation of the Palestine mandate were submitted to the Government tonight by Dr. Chaim Weizmann, president of the Jewish Agency, at the first business session of the Holy Land conference. The closed meeting between British negotiators and a Jewish delegation of 19 members was held while the British pressed efforts, apparently so far without avail, to mend the split in the Arab delegation from Palestine to obviate separate negotiations with the extremist and moderate factions.

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