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# Teen Israel Programs Fit Major Pieces of Jewish Identity Puzzle Together

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1. Brad Cutler, son of Roberta and Scott Cutler, is in the 11th grade at Brandywine H.S., and is a member of Congregation Beth Emeth. "I hope to learn more about Israel and my responsibility toward this country," he said.

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2. Anna Dolinsky, daughter of Olga and Sergey Dolinsky, is in the 10th grade at A.I. DuPont, and is a member of Congregation Beth Emeth. "I want to experience Israel (with people) who share my background and who truly care about their religion and heritage," she said.

3. Adam Hebbel, son of Sean and Deborah Hebbel, is in the 12th grade at Brandywine H.S., and is a member of Congregation Beth Emeth. "To spend an amazing summer in Israel would be the best thing for me educationally and socially," he said

4. Jonathan Kaufmann, son of Charlie and Joyce Kaufmann, is in the 11th grade at Tower Hill School, and is a member of Congregation Beth Shalom. "I would like to speak about my experiences to other teens thinking of going to Israel," he said

5. Marna Lew, daughter of Jeffery and Lynne Lew, is in the 10th grade at Concord H.S., and is a member of Congregation Beth Emeth. "Going to Israel will help me serve my community, both Jewish and secular, as I return from the hardest but most exciting journey of my life," she said.

6. Jonathan Makar, son of Ron and Millie Makar,

6. Jonathan Makar, son of Ron and Millie Makar, is in the 11th grade at Concord H.S., and is a member of Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth. "Even though I was born in Virginia, Israel is my homeland," he said.

7. Sharon Sandell, daughter of Lionel and Nancy Sandell, is in the 11th grade at Concord H.S., and is a member of Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth. "I hope it will bring me closer to my Jewish heritage before I go off to Israel," she said.

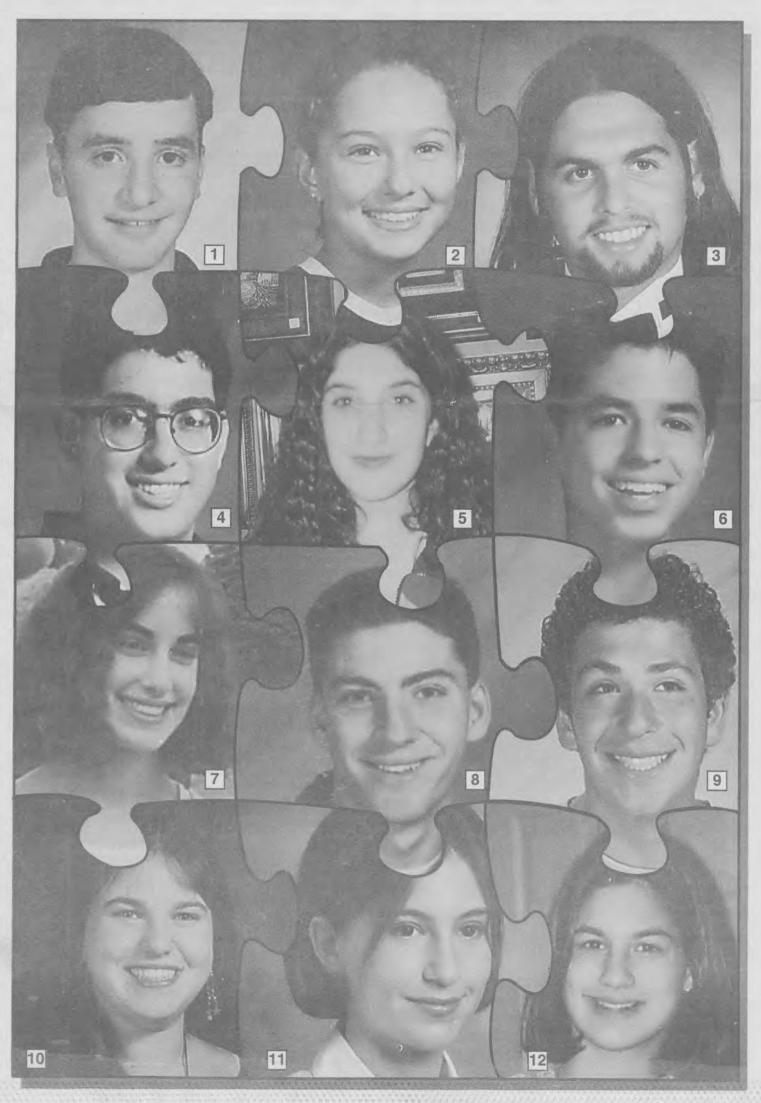
8. Josh Schoenberg, son of Alan and Barbara Schoenberg, is in the 11th grade at Brandywine H.S., and is a member of Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth. "I hope to increase my knowledge of Israeli culture and expand my personal knowledge of Judaism and enhance my leadership skills," he

9. Matt Tanzer, son of Dan and Linda Tanzer, is in the 11th grade at Brandywine H.S., and is a member of Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth. "I hope to learn about Israel from an internal primary source, not from television, magazines, and books," he said.

10. Sarah Tartack, daughter of Ira and Mara Tartack, is in the 11th grade at A.I. DuPont, and is a member of Congregation Beth Emeth. "I wonder what it will be like to watch the sunrise in a land that means so much to our people," she said.

11. Leah Wasserman, daughter of William and Patricia Wasserman, is in the 11th grade at Concord H.S., and is a member of Congregation Beth Emeth. "I believe that visiting Israel this summer will help me with my quest for knowledge and help to define myself as a person and as a Jew," she said.

12. Jennifer Wienner, daughter of Marcus and Andrea Wienner, is in the 10th grade at Mt. Pleasant H.S., and is a member of Congregation Beth Emeth. "Could this mean finding another piece of my Jewish identity?" she said.



TERRALATA BEARACTER

## NATIONAL • INTERNATIONAL

# French Elections Fail to Dispel Fears Over Fascism

By LEE YANOWITCH

PARIS (JTA) – French Jews are applauding the weak showing of Jean-Marie Le Pen's National Front in the parliamentary election run-off, but they worry that the partly could continue to gain influence.

The June 1 vote gave France its sixth prime minister in as many years, a clear indication of the French people's frustration with the mainstream political parties

and their inability to remedy a 12.8 percent unemployment rate.

Although Jean-Marie Le Chevallier, mayor of the southern town of Toulon, was the only National Front candidate who won a seat in the 577-member National Assembly, the party tallied 15 percent of the vote in the first round.

High unemployment has been a major factor contributing to the anti-immigrant party's growing popularity. "The National Front's 15 percent score is a sign of a social malaise," Meir Waintrater, editor of the Jewish weekly review l'Arche, said in an interview.

"The people who vote for the National Front are not necessarily all fascists and anti-Semites, but they are not put off by voting for a party whose leaders are fascists and anti-Semites."

The question is "how can we prevent the current disarray in the

political system from becoming a springboard for the extreme right," he said.

As a result of the poll, conservative President Jacques Chirac will be forced to share power with the Socialist Lionel Jospin as prime minister and a left-wing parliament. The left won 279 seats to the center-right coalition's 242 seats. But the Socialists will have to form an alliance with the Communist party to govern with an absolute majori-

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During the month long election campaign, Le Pen had called on his supporters to vote for the opposition Socialists in constituencies where the National Front candidate was eliminated in the first round of voting on May 25.

Le Pen himself did not stand in the election, saying that he was preparing to run in the next presidential contest. Le Pen has been quoted as saying that he wanted to create gridlock between Chirac and the parliament, hoping that it would force the president to call for new elections within the next two years.

"The National Front's strategy was to go for the worst-case scenario," said Chaim Musikant, director of CRIF, France's umbrella group for secular Jewish organizations.

"Le Pen wanted the Socialists to win because he was sure they would fail," he said. "Then French voters would see that things weren't good" with either mainstream party in power "and they would turn to the National Front."

Le Pen was also betting that the conservatives, fragmented and traumatized by their stinging defeat, would eventually turn to his party for an alliance to ensure their own return to power in the next election.

Some members of the moderate right have already called for such an alliance.

"The fear exists that in this period of division and settling accounts, part of the right may be tempted by such appeals," said Musikant.

Another concern is that the moderate right, as it reorganizes to recover from its humiliating set-back, may move farther rightward, which could also push it into the arms of the National Front.

In a misguided gamble, Chirac had called the election 10 months early in the hope of winning a vote of confidence for his next five years in power.

It is the first time a right-wing president will have to rule with a hostile government in what will be the third period of "cohabitation" in 11 years.

In the last two periods of "cohabitation," the late Socialist President Francois Mitterrand shared power with a conservative premier.

The National Front's showing aside, the election results are not likely to herald much change for France's Jews, who vote along the same lines as the rest of the country.

Even Chirac's pro-Arab policy in the Middle East, which had disturbed Jewish leaders in recent years, will not be tempered by a Socialist prime minister because foreign affairs are the prerogative of the president.



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#### The EWISE

#### BRIEFS

# Jewish Leaders Meet with Gen. Powell

NEW YORK — A small delegation of the nation's top Jewish leaders met May 23 with General Colin Powell to discuss ways that the organized Jewish community can participate effectively in the bipartisan volunteer

mobilization effort known as "America's Promise."

Attending the meeting with General Powell — which took place in the offices of America's Promise in northern Virginia — were Rabbi David Saperstein (director of the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism), Marlene Post (national president of Hadassah), Rabbi Raphael Butler (executive vice president of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America), Rabbi Jerome Epstein (executive vice president of the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism), Diana Aviv (director of the Washington Action Office of the Council of Jewish Federations), and Dr. Lawrence Rubin (executive vice chairman of the Jewish Council for Public Affairs).

Rabbi Saperstein, who organized the meeting with General Powell and who is serving as the Jewish community's representative on the "Communities of Faith Task Force" of America's Promise, called the meeting "a good start" and welcomed the "recognition, on the part of General Powell and the other leaders of the mobilization effort, that the Jewish community has a significant role to play as this endeavor moves

forward."

JCPA's Rubin, noting that the recently held "Summit for America's Future" in Philadelphia had conflicted with the Jewish observance of Passover, asserted that the organized Jewish community was "pleased to have this opportunity to meet with General Powell and investigate ways in which we can work together in mobilizing grassroots support for this historic initiative."

(Source: The Jewish Council for Public Affairs - formerly known as the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council.)

# Iraq Explores Trade with Israel

JERUSALEM (JTA) — A large Iraqi firm has reportedly approached Israel with the knowledge of the Baghdad authorities to explore trade possibilities with the Jewish state.

Contacts were made through the Israel-Arab Friendship Association in order to pave the way for the imports of large quantities of Israeli food products, medicines and car parts in exchange for Iraqi fuel, Israel Radio reported.

Israeli officials were examining whether such a deal would be possible under the terms of United Nations regulations that allow Baghdad to sell limited amounts of oil in exchange for necessary food and medical supplies, according to Israel Radio.

#### Israeli Airlines to Ban Smoking

JERUSALEM, May 27 (JTA) — Israel's Transport Ministry has decided to ban smoking on Israeli airline flights of less than five hours. The ban will affect most flights from Israel to Europe. Similar sanctions are already in effect on flights of less than two hours. The three Israeli airlines — El Al, Arkia and Sun D'Or — have 90 days to respond to the proposal, before it goes into effect for a year-long trial period.

Recently, a committee set up to examine privatizing El Al, has recommended that 100 percent of the airline's capital be sold on the Tel Aviv stock exchange in the first half of 1998. The committee recommended that all the stocks be sold at once in stocks and warrants.



In June, 1967 Hadassah's hospital on Mt. Scopus, which had been in Jordanian hands for 19 years, lay battered and wounded from the fierce fights of the Six Day War. On June 9th, the fifth day of the war, Hadassah's flag was once again raised on Mt. Scopus. Pictured in this 1967 photo is the flag raising ceremony. At far left is Rebecca Shulman, former National President of Hadassah. This year will mark the 30th anniversary of the re-unification of Jerusalem.

#### VOICE

# National • International

# Ehud Barak Elected New Labor Party Head

By NAOMI SEGAL

JERUSALEM (JTA) – Members of the opposition Labor Party have overwhelmingly elected Knesset member Ehud Barak as the new party chairman.

Exit polls gave Barak 57 percent of the vote in the June 3 primaries, according to Israel Television.

Knesset member Yossi Beilin, one of the architects of the Israeli-Palestinian peace accords was expected to come in a distant second with 28 percent, followed by Knesset members Shlomo Ben-Ami and Ephraim Sneh.

Voter turnout exceeded 70 percent, dispelling initial speculation that few people would cast ballots on the assumption that Barak would win anyway.

The voting by Labor's 167,000 registered members marked a milestone for the party, signaling a transfer of power, which was for more than two decades held by former Prime Ministers Shimon Peres and Yitzhak Rabin, to a younger generation.

Barak described himself this week as the heir to the warrior-turned-peacemaker Rabin.

"I see myself as his follower and the one to continue his legacy," Barak told a news conference June

Barak, a former Israel Defense Force chief of staff, is expected to square off in the national elections scheduled for the year 2000 against Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. Barak said he would soon convene the other three candidates and senior party officials from other camps to head off a "settling of scores" within the party.

# Israeli-Palestinian Tensions Rise in Wake of Land Dealer Murders

By NAOMI SEGAL

JERUSALEM (JTA) - Rising Israeli-Palestinian tensions over the murders of Arab land dealers may further diminish chances of reviving the stalled peace negotiations. Israeli officials are accusing the Palestinian Authority of direct responsibility for the recent murders and of threatening Palestinian employees of the Israeli government.

Palestinian officials are sharply denying the accusations.

The tensions made the city of Jerusalem seem more divided than ever this week as Israel celebrated the 30th anniversary of the city's reunification during the Six-Day War

Israel lodged a formal complaint with the Palestinian Authority over the killings. In a letter sent to chief Palestinian negotiator Saeb Erekat, Cabinet secretary Danny Naveh accused Palestinian officials of encouraging violence.

"We emphatically demand that the Palestinian council and its executive authority fulfill their obligation and undertaking under the peace agreements to immediately and effectively cease all such acts of incitement," the letter said.

It added that Israel would have to "consider carefully" the Palestinian stance on the killings before resuming the peace talks, which broke off in mid-March.

Israel issued an arrest warrant June 3 for a Palestinian official in connection to the murders.

"At this stage the investigation shows he was directly involved and we intend to detain him the moment he leaves the limits of the Palestinian Authority," Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said.

Although the official was not named, Israeli police earlier said Tawfik Tawari, the head of Palestinian intelligence in the West Bank, was suspected of involvement in the murders. Stepped-up Israeli efforts aimed at ending the killings came after the slain body of an Arab land dealer was found May 31 near the town of Ramallah.

Ali Mohammad Jumhour was the third Arab land broker to be killed since Palestinian Justice Minister Freih Abu Medein announced last month that Arabs selling land to Jews were committing a crime punishable by death. Jumhour, who had an Israeli identity card, was killed in the same fashion as the two previous victims – by shots to the head at close range.

The Israeli daily Ha'aretz reported June 2 that the Palestinian Authority had ordered the murders of 16 Arab land dealers who sold or allegedly planned to sell land to Jews. Israeli police had a list of the names and had alerted a number of the land dealers, Ha'aretz said. The three land dealers killed in recent weeks were among those on the list.

An Israeli security official was quoted as saying that some of those on the list had hired bodyquards

The Palestinian Authority broadcast a statement on Voice of Palestine Radio, saying that while selling land to Jews was a crime punishable by death, it would only be implemented after legal proceedings. The statement said no trials were held preceding the three murders, which it said proved that the self-rule government was not involved.

Meanwhile, a governmental committee on Jerusalem discussed the murders and decided to allocate a budget to beef up the police presence in eastern Jerusalem by 400 officers. In addition, Israeli officials are giving Arab land dealers flares and stun grenades to protect themselves, Israel Television reported.

"We are stepping up protection for them," Netanyahu said. "No protection is hermetic, but we are making every effort."

Netanyahu praised the work of the police, who apprehended six Palestinians during an attempted abduction of another land dealer, Assad Rajibi. Acting on intelligence information, officers had gone to Rajibi's home near the Shuafat refugee camp near Jerusalem and spotted two cars speeding toward the West Bank town of Ramallah.

After a chase, police arrested the six abductors and freed Rajibi. The abductors were armed, and four of them were identified as Palestinian security agents who had documents linking them to the two previous murders of land dealers. Rajibi told a news conference June

2 that there had been a misunderstanding, and that he had been traveling to Ramallah of his own free will.

In a related development, Arab employees at the Interior Ministry's branch in eastern Jerusalem returned to work on June 3 after police were stationed in the area to ensure their safety.

The office had shut down for four days after workers failed to report to work, saying they had received threats on their lives. Israel's Interior Ministry has requested a police investigation of Arab media reports that the Palestinian Authority views all Arabs working for the ministry as collaborators.

Meanwhile, the battle over Jerusalem entered Arab schools after Mayor Ehud Olmert announced that he would make sure that Israeli educators, and not Palestinian officials, oversaw matriculation exams this week. Olmert said he would set up a special committee to work toward the full integration of the curriculum in the city's Arab schools with schools in Israeli Arab communities.

Although Israel annexed eastern Jerusalem after the 1967 war, Jordan, and later the Palestinian Authority, was allowed to handle educational planning.

Against this backdrop of escalating Israeli-Palestinian tensions, Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak's top political aide, Osama Al-Baz, resumed consultations with the two sides in an effort to find a formula to renew negotiations. Baz's shuttle effort comes in the wake of the recent summit between Netanyahu and Mubarak.

After Netanyahu met June 1 with Baz, the Prime Minister's Office said in a statement that some progress had been made toward resolving the problems between the sides.

But Erekat, who was scheduled to meet this week with Baz, was less optimistic. The chief Palestinian negotiator said talks he held in Cairo were not encouraging, and that there were still wide gaps between the Israeli and Palestinian sides.

# Youth and Israel

This issue of The Jewish Voice features stories about Jewish youth in our community. It is especially appropriate that it is printed just before Shavuot, the holiday during which many of our teens will celebrate their Confirmation, and Jews around the world will celebrate the giving of the Torah more than 3,000 years ago. Just as the commandments were given from G-d to Moses to our ancestors at Sinai, we entrust them and our future to our children and grandchil-

The cover of this issue of The Jewish Voice features twelve Delaware students who have received grants from The Jewish Federation of Delaware (JFD) for an Israel Experience. The 1990 National Jewish Population Study and the 1995 Delaware Jewish Population Study found that programs in Israel have significant positive correlations with Jewish identity expression. JFD hopes to insure that these teenagers return armed with the passion to enhance our community. All of the participants have made arrangements to fulfill community service work upon return.

Alarmingly, the study also reported that only 5% of Jewish households in Delaware with children have sent a child to Israel. We are hopeful that the availability of grants from JFD, synagogues, and Jewish youth organizations will enable more of our teens to experience Israel.

High quality transformational experiences such as an Israel Experience take high priority because of the tremendous impact made on its participants. The 1995 Council of Jewish Federations Report of the North American Commission on Jewish Identity and Continuity states that, "The power of a youth group experience for teens has been confirmed repeatedly both anecdotally and statistically. Empirical evidence confirms that a quality educational experience in Israel does impact positively on Jewish identity."

#### To the Editor:

On May 18 beautiful spring weather greeted more than 100 Hillel supporters, students and parents at a splendid reception hosted by President and Mrs. David Roselle at their lovely home on the University of Delaware campus. This gathering demonstrated that the students are not alone in their desires for a vibrant young Jewish organization at the University of Delaware. The adults in attendance were willing to contribute \$100.00 or more during Hillel's current fiscal year. Some donated services and concrete items totaled as much. Graduate student Gillian Steinberg said, "It made me realize that this community really does have a strong support group for young Jews that may not always be apparent from the outside. And, because so many community members are clearly interested in helping Hillel to grow, students have become more motivated to help as well.

Hillel is the home away from home for the Jewish students on campus. There are approximately 1800 Jewish students, making 11% of the total student population. Shabbat dinners, bagel brunches, study times, schmooz hours, guidance and holiday celebrations are just some of the activities that go on here. Without the support of the Delaware Jewish community, including the Jewish Federation of Delaware, Hillel would not be able to provide all of the services to the future Jewish leaders of our state and

The cocktail party was not only fun, but encouraging. The Roselles provided kosher fare and drinks as to be entire inclusive of the Jewish community, not exclusive. Several of the Jewish professors thought the food was the best they ever had on campus. The Roselles were most gracious hosts. Throughout the atternoon background music was played on the piano by Gillian Steinberg.

President Roselle spoke eloquently of his enthusiastic support of Hillel's mission on campus and took the time to recognize the profound difference that the organization made in the life of its members. Ben Epstein, as fundraising chair, has spent many long hours working for Hillel these past few years. He, like the rest of the Board of Directors, the Jewish Federation of Delaware and the administration of the University realize the need for such an organization. However, Hillel still needs much financial and physical support. If you would like to donate time, services or financially, please contact Hillel at 47 W. Delaware Avenue, Newark, or call 453-0479. Hillel would love to add YOU to its list of support-

> Linda Oster Interim Director Hillel University of Delaware

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#### VOICE BOX

"I never realized America depended so much on Israel for its balance of trade. It actually appeals to our collective ego and our sense of economic self-worth.

-Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, reacting to a statement made by U.S. Ambassador to Israel Martin Indyk, in which the ambassador told the Israeli government that it must pay pay back America for its friendship by opening up trade with the United States. Indyk also complained that Israel's law prohibiting the importing of meat that does not conform to the laws of kashruth is in violation of free trade agreements.

"I'm sure there is a finger of an Israeli in this assassination."

-Palestinian Authority Justice Minister Freih Abu Middein, on June 1, 1997, accusing the Israeli intelligence services of the latest killing of an Arab suspected of selling land to Jews. The Palestinian Authority has denied involvement in the killings. On May 5, 1997, Mr. Abu Middein said that Arabs convicted of selling land to Jews would be sentenced to death.



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Rabbi Bob Alper, who created this cartoon, will perform June 15 at the JCC.



# Respect is No Dream

By JENNIFER WEISS

Special to The Jewish Voice

(Editor's note: This essay by Jennifer Weiss, a senior at the University of Delaware, was this year's winner of the Sarah Duker Essay Contest. The contest is conducted by USD/WZO and the Israel Aliyah Center. The prize was a choice between a scholarship to a Hebrew University summer program or a plane ticket. Having already spent two semesters abroad at Hebrew University, Jen opted for the plane ticket. For additional information on Israel programs, call 1-800-27-ISRAEL.)

To look upon the last hundred years is to look upon those who created them. So we look upon them, the dreamers and the pioneers, as if we were God, as if we were omniscient. We look upon them and their idealistic dreams with a bittersweet mixture of agony and pride. We know that which awaits them—the difficulties and the seemingly endless battles. Perhaps most importantly, we look upon them with the most intense feelings of pride. To think that so much was accomplished in one hundred years! We look and we think: "I too, am Jewish".

We too, are Jewish. And so the challenge posed by the founders of the State, "to stand by us in the great struggle...," applies to us as well. But perhaps their request is now irrelevant. What remains to be done? In the land of deserts and wastelands, forests and gardens now grow. What was once a pover-

ty stricken country is now considered as one of the industrialized nations. A people who had forgotten how to defend themselves and who had forgotten that they had ever known how, is now a strong nation. The ancient hope, "to be a free nation in our land," is now a thriving reality. Jews from all four corners of the earth now make their homes and their lives in Israel. Even peace with the Arabs seems closer at hand. So much has been done that it simply takes one's breath away. The days of the halutzim and struggle are over and there seems to be nothing left for us to do.

But in learning how to become strong, we may have lost one of our greatest achievements from our days of weakness: unity. To deny that there have always existed differences between us would be to whitewash the past. Yet somehow, in the days when we were completely scattered, they were easier to overlook. We wanted nothing more than to be reunited. The dream has been fulfilled - it is not all that we had hoped for. We find it incredibly difficult to live together. There is little shalom b'bayit.

This is not to say that peace is not a current issue in Israel. Israel is struggling with the issue of peace, but much of the focus is on peace with the Arabs. Articles whose points of view range from the idealistic to the apocalyptic inundate the Israeli and Jewish press. But when all is said and done, the vast number of opinions and theories boil down to two: it will work or it will not. What more is there to say?

I do not worry so much about the Arabs. I believe that peace is only a matter of time. If it is not achieved right now, it will be in the future. If the future is slow in coming, we will nonetheless make it through. The war outside is one of a series which we have fought since the beginning of our history. From Haman to Hitler, we have survived them all. But I do worry about what will happen to us in a world free from oppression. What will hold us together? It is truly ironic that the peace between Israel and Jordan may be more secure than that between Reform and Haredi Jews.

I worry about the war within. I worry that one sees Jews who throw stones at women praying at the Kotel. One sees Jews who advise other Jews to assassinate their fellow Jew, and there are Jews who follow that advice. One sees Jews who are unwilling to avoid driving through religious neighborhoods on Shabbat, and who will fight for their right to continue to do so. I worry because one sees each group justifying its actions on the grounds of preserving Jews and Judaism. With hate, disrespect and violence, they presume to preserve it. If a Palestinian were to commit any of the above acts, Jews from around the world would be united in their denunciation of such heinous, terrorist acts. Are we then to become terrorists ourselves and to commit acts of terrorism against our own?

Israel is a land, and Israel is a people. Zionism is about a land, but it is also about a people. The land would not be Israel if it

were in Uganda, and the people would not be Israel if they were not Jews. This then, is my vision of Zionism: to forge new bonds among ourselves. We are not all alike, we do not all agree on everything. We must learn to accept that and to treat each other with respect, these differences notwithstanding. We must learn to always remember that we are all Jews, we are all one, we are all in this together. The Declaration of Independence calls upon us to work together for the redemption of Israel. In the first hundred years, they redeemed the land; in our hundred years we must redeem the people. In the first hundred years, Herzl's words, "If you will it, it is no dream," served as the underlying philosophy. May they be ours as well. And may our work be just as fruitful, just as green, just as astonishing in its suc-

A hundred years from now, I dream that a student much like myself will be sitting at a computer (or the futuristic equivalent), slaving over an essay - this one on the bicentennial of the First Zionist Congress. I dream that he or she will not have to worry about wars with the Arabs, but even if that is still a fear, I pray that the solidarity of the Jewish people will be beyond any doubt. That the concept of a Jew treating another Jew with anything but the utmost respect would be completely foreign and strange to all Jews. May they look upon what we have created for them; may it take their breath away. May they look upon us and say, "I too, am Jewish."

# Torah's Teachings Emphasize Jews' Respect for Environment

A person who is

teaching and interrupts his

walking along repeating a

learning to say, 'What a

beautiful tree,' deserves

to lose his life.

#### By Rabbi DAVID MEVORACH SEIDENBERG

NEW YORK (JTA) - On Shavuot, when we celebrate receiving the Torah, we also celebrate the offering of the first fruits in the Temple, the bikkurim.

The offering was a supremely humble gesture: the fruits which form first on a tree are often smaller, less perfect, only hinting at the abundance to follow.

In ancient Israel, these offerings were gussied up, surrounded by the more beautiful fruit which grew later, brought sometimes in gold baskets, accompanied by flutes, processions. All the trappings of art and wealth were used to beautify the offering. Yet without the small, wrinkled up fruit of the bikkurim, there could be no offering.

It is at this moment of offering that the Torah teaches us to recite the story of redemption, the same one we now read in the Passover Haggadah.

The story was also a garland, as it were, for the bikkurim offering, connecting our history to the very physical redemption of another spring and another growing season. These first fruits were a reminder, in a way, that society, civilization, culture, wealth and religion, are all built on a relationship to the earth.

The people who brought the offering were taught to trust in God's love for the earth, praying, in the words of the Torah: "Look out from the sanctuary of your holiness, from the skies, and bless your people Israel and the earth which you gave us."

The bikkurim make a kind of opening for us to think about our relationship to the rest of life and creation. I am reminded, when I think of this simple gesture, of a teaching of the Ba'al Shem Tov, the founder of Chasidism.

When God gives instructions to Noah for building the ark, Noah is commanded: "Tsohar ta'aseh latayvah/ Make an opening-of-light for the ark."

In Hebrew, the word "tayvah" has the meaning of both "ark" and "word." The Ba'al Shem Tov therefore taught us to read the verse this way: "Make an opening for light within every word you speak." Open up each word and gesture — to meaning, to feeling, to the outside and unexpected.

Instead, we create ghettos within ghettos. We act as though civilization were a self-enclosed system, sealed shut, like Noah's ark, daubed everywhere with pitch.

Society shields us from famine, violence, disease. The economy produces our food, fuel, wood, cloth, everything we need to live comfortably. Even

Torah can become a kind of ghetto, a book that looms so large before us it takes up the entire horizon.

A Mishnah in Pirke Avot says, "A person who is walking along repeating a teaching and interrupts his learning to say, 'What a beautiful tree,' deserves to lose his life."

Outside of all this human activity lies what we call "nature," from which we extract our needs and into which we cast our waste. But are we really supposed to see only the words on the page, to hear only the sounds of human culture, and nothing else?

The Ba'al Shem Toy's teaching continues: "Make your words shine, because in every letter there are worlds, souls, in every letter divinity."

If we really pray and learn from the depth of our being, we begin to see the beauty and holiness of creation within our words. When that happens, encountering a tree is no longer an interruption but a continuation of Torah

On Shavuot, we study all night in order to

become open to how every word in the Torah shines with meaning. Similarly, the first fruits teach us to remember that in every being, every creature, every small piece of fruit and every stirring of life, there are also worlds, souls, and divinity

If we only see the divine in our-

selves, if we only appreciate human initiative and activity, then our words, our world, cannot be whole. When our civilization becomes a sealed-off room, when the walls that separate us from other creatures become too thick, we ourselves cannot survive.

Pirkei Avot

This is what the Torah says: "Make a light opening for the ark, and complete the ark from above." One might have thought that a window diminishes a wall; after all, a hole makes a wall less complete. But an ark needs an opening which lets in light and sea

air, which is, as it were, open to God's care and nature's storm, in order to be complete and life-sustaining.

In a time when our contact with the nonhuman world may be limited to parks, gardening and natural disasters, how can we open up to the full meaning of prayers and rituals like the bikkurim offering, which are so connected to the earth? If we are cut off from other people, we must open our words, our language, toward them. Likewise, if we are cut off from the source of our physical life, from the natural world, we must open our sense of caring and our culture toward nature.

We learn the same lesson from the giving of the Torah itself. There is a Midrash which teaches that Israel only heard the first letter of the first word of the ten commandments, which was Alef, the silent one. That which comes first, that which is still and small, like the Alef, or the bikkurim, is a place where we can find new meaning, and new wisdom.

Only by making an opening to what is beyond the words, beyond human culture, are we able to receive revelation. In the words of the Ba'al Shem Tov, "There is no place empty of the One."

The infinitude of living things upon which our lives depend, the manifold changes and processes of Creation, all manifest God's image. Our civilization is only one room in the ark of life which carries us through the cosmos unto God.

(Rabbi David Mevorach Seidenberg is a doctoral student at the Jewish Theological Seminary, where he founded an environmental group that is funded by the Coalition of the Environment and Jewish Life.)

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#### Sociology Prof. to Analyze Dershowitz's Latest Book

The Newark Hadassah Chapter and the Newark Hadassah Study Group will hold a brunch at the home of Frankie Klaff on Sunday June 22, from 11am to 1pm. The program will feature Professor Vivian Klaff, who will discuss Alan Dershowitz's book, "The Vanishing Jew." Dr. Klaff, a demographer and professor of Sociology at the University of Delaware, is currently serving on the Population Study Implementation Committee for the Jewish Federation of Delaware, a group planning for the Jewish community's future by utilizing the results of the 1995 Delaware Jewish Population Study, implemented by the Jewish Federation of Delaware. Dr. Klaff also contributes to The Jewish Voice periodically. Call (302) 239-5086 or (302) 737-5473 if you are interested in attending.



Нарру Shavuot!

# **JWV** Celebrate 50 Years



Dept. Cmdr. Harry Lubin receiving honorary plaque from Post Cmdr. Ted Mattes.

The Jewish War Veterans, Department of Delaware, recently celebrated the founding - fifty years earlier - by eighteen recently discharged WWII Delaware veterans, firmly committed to patriotism, religious faith, service to the community, and support for Israel. Of this founding group, only Harry Lubin, Paul Hurschman, Bernard Greenhouse and Jack Coonin remain. Of approximately 575 Delaware Jews who served in WWII, 27 (nearly 5%) were KIA's; the JWV Posts perpetuate the names of three of these. Present Department strength is 123 mem-



Recently elected JWV Officers (left to right) R. Barnett, S. Davis, E. Kaufman, S. Donner, H. Lubin, G. Greenstein, T. Mattes, S. Wenzer.

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## JFD Board Members Joins HIV Consortium Board of Trustees

By JORDAN SOPINSKY

Editor of The Jewish Voice Alan P. Goldberg, a board member of the Jewish Federation of Delaware, has joined the Delaware HIV Consortium's Board of Trustees. The past president of Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth is the Senior Director of Project Management at DuPont Merck

Pharmaceutical Company, where he is responsible for project teams in oncology and HIV.

In a recent telephone conversation with The Jewish Voice, Goldberg revealed that, in his opinion, "Significant unmet needs where many medicines are palliative rather than cure oriented," is a concern. However, he added,

"Recent data show that combinations of drugs have decreased the number of patients per year dying of AIDS.

Commenting on community service, Goldberg compared his volunteer work with the consortium to taking an active role in Jewish functions, such as helping to make phone calls on Super Sunday. "It's important for people to give back to the community," he said.

Reverend Jonathan Baker, James Gandolfo, Stephen Elkins, and Joseph Irr have also been appointed to the Consortium's board of trustees.

The Delaware HIV Consortium is a non-profit organization with a mission to see that Delaware residents with HIV are provided with the highest quality AIDS-related services available. In addition, the Consortium coordinates statewide effort to plan effective HIV prevention programs.

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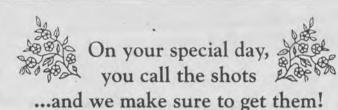
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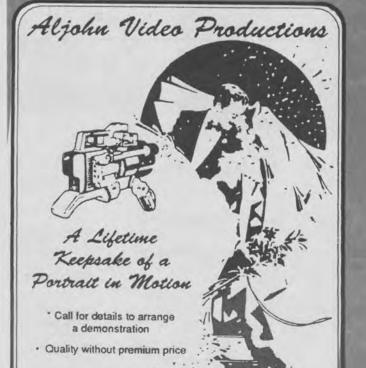
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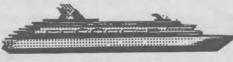




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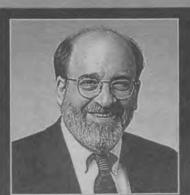
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#### Words & Music:

# Pero No More

By STEVE COHEN

An original and touching play about the Holocaust received its world premiere at the Annenberg Center in Philadelphia May 21. It attracted a multi-national audience, being the central event in the International Theatre Festival for Children and being a co-production by Philadelphia's Festival Theatre for New Plays and Het Waterhuis from the Netherlands.

Based on the wartime experiences of Nelly Toll, now of Cherry Hill, The Secret Window was written and composed by the cuttingedge Elizabeth Swados.

After seeing dozens of Holocaust dramas and documentaries - and even a Holocaust comedy (Have You Heard From Any Jews Lately? by Bruce Jay Friedman) -I was pleasantly surprised to see Swados create a new approach in The Secret Window. This is the story of a youngster who uses her paint brushes to create a happy world that she imagines is on the other side of the boarded-up secret window in her constricted hiding place.

When the Nazi soldiers threaten, Nelly escapes into fantasy and so does the play. The flowers that she draws float down from the flies and in from the wings, the other actors

reappear in colorful costumes and act out Nelly's happy inventions.

Not everything works perfectly. I would jettison the clumsy opening scene where performers babble indecipherable words in five different languages while another performer shouts to the audience: "You'll understand this." She's trying to prepare the listener for the fact that some parts of the dialogue will be in Hebrew, Yiddish, Polish, Russian and German. The explanation is unnecessary.

There were interesting glimpses into the souls of the non-Jewish neighbors and even the occupiers. Swados's evocative music supported the drama. One scene stands out vividly. When Nazi troops march into Nelly's town we hear their music and see their flags rising above the rooftops. On a wall, Nelly smilingly waves at them and imitates their goosestep march. It's chilling. But I have to question the legitimacy of the scene. After eight years of Nazi persecution of the Jews, after two years of war, would any Jew, even the most naive child, not know that the Nazis were the

The Secret Window is being considered for presentation by Jewish agencies around the country, one of which asked my opinion

of it. I strongly recommend it, but more for teens and adults than children. My four-year-old sat attentively through it and absorbed the message that art can provide a way of escape from troubles, but young kids clearly won't understand many parts of the play.

I have no such reservations about Pero, a beautiful one-hour musical play, that was the surprise standout of the Children's Festival. This is great for all ages sophisticated romance that could play as successfully as Fantasticks in any small New York theater. The songs rival the best of what I hear in Broadway and Off-Broadway

At opposite sides of the stage, Annemarie Maas and composer Guus Ponsioen assume the roles of the sun and the moon. They narrate, play pianos and sing the music while two actor/puppeteers mime the love story of an Italian baker and a washerwoman. While that story is unfolding, the narrators develop a love-hate romance of their own. The characters and every object in their homes are ingeniously moved by the puppeteers. Maas in particular delivers a tour de force of great singing and playing piano, percussion and sax-

Pero has had hundreds of per-

formances in Dutch, French and English. How sad I am to hear that this was the last engagement of Pero anywhere and that Maas is going back to her school teaching job in the Netherlands.

Among other good shows at the Festival were Tamakko-Za, an amusing drumming act from Japan, and Blocks, in which a hand-puppeteer coaxes fun out of a series of boxes within boxes. At the end, children in the audience are invited on stage to climb in and out of the cubes.

This festival on the campus of the University of Pennsylvania is now in its 15th year. It attracts attendees from all across America and I heartily recommend that anyone with children in the Delaware Valley plan to spend some time at it next year. In addition to ten short plays and musicals for children, the festival provides crafts, complete with instruction and materials. We came home from it with a puppet, tom tom, paintings and an Indian dream-catcher, all made on the spot by our son.

The Tony Awards on June 1 provided good news for people who take pride in Jewish success stories. Alfred Uhry won the award for Best Play of 1997 with his The Last Night of Ballyhoo, a story about conflict within Jewish society on the eve of World War II. Uhry becomes the first author ever to win a Pulitzer Prize, Academy Award and a Tony. (His earlier suc-

cess was Driving Miss Daisy also on a Jewish subject.)

Best Musical of 1997 was Titanic, written by Maury Yeston and Peter Stone. But for those who glory in Jewish ethnicity, it wouldn't have mattered who won. The other nominees were Steel Pier by John Kander and Fred Ebb; The Life, with music by Cy Coleman and words by Ira Glasman; and Juan Darien, with an exotic score composed by Elliot Goldenthal and conducted by the talented Richard Sephardic musician, Cordova.

Juan Darien would have gotten my vote because of its originality and creative magic. But it stood little chance because it was presented at Lincoln Center for a short limited run and most voters didn't get to see it.

The Life has some good songs by Cy Coleman, particularly "Was That a Smile," but most of the tunes have repetitious phrases that go nowhere. Rhythmic riffs are no substitute for melody or harmonic invention and the show's music had too much of a soul sound for my taste. It seems out-of-place when Jewish guys try to sound Motown.

Kander & Ebb's Chicago was chosen as best revival over Leonard Bernstein's Candide, Mary Rodgers' Once Upon a Mattress and Charles Strouse & Martin Charnin's Annie. In that category as well, it was all in the family, so to speak.

#### Shavuot Recipes

#### By NAOMI ARBIT

BAYSIDE, Wisc. (JTA) Shavuot, which is celebrated seven weeks after Passover, commemorates the receiving of the Torah by Moses on Mount Sinai.

It is customary to serve dairy foods, such as kugel and blintzes, during Shavuot.

Eggless noodles, egg substitutes or egg whites, low or non-fat sour cream and cheese, skim milk, cinnamon and vanilla as flavor enhancers and sugar substitutes can be used in the following recipes.

#### PINEAPPLE UPSIDE-DOWN KUGEL

1/4 cup margarine canned sliced pineapple maraschino cherries brown sugar walnut halves

2 eggs 1/4 cup vegetable oil 1/4 cup sugar

8 ozs. wide noodles, cooked and BLINTZES drained

heavy 10-inch skillet. Place 1 slice of pineapple in the center with a cherry in the middle. Cut rest of slices in half and arrange these in a circle around the center slice like the spokes of a wheel, with the rounded edges facing the same way. Fill spaces with cherries and walnuts. Sprinkle with brown sugar. In a large bowl, beat eggs, sugar and oil. Stir in noodles. Pour into skillet and bake in a 350degree oven for 40 to 50 minutes. Let stand for 5 minutes. Loosen sides and invert over serving dish.

#### NOODLE KUGEL BUNDT

1/4 cup melted butter or mar-

3/4 cup firmly packed brown

1/2 cup coarsely chopped wal-

4 eggs, beaten, or 1 cup egg substitute

1 tsp. cinnamon 1/2 cup sugar

1 cup non-fat yogurt 3/4 cup unsweetened apple-

12 oz. yolk-free noodles, cooked and drained

Pour melted butter into the bottom of a 12-cup bundt or tube pan. Sprinkle with brown sugar and nuts. In a large bowl, blend all ingredients, except noodles. Add drained noodles and mix well. Pour into pan, spreading evenly. Bake in a 350-degree oven for 1 hour or until lightly browned. Remove from oven, turn upside down on platter and serve.

3 eggs 1 cup flour

a rotary beater, blender or processor until smooth. Let rest several hours in the refrigerator or while making the filling.

1 lb. dry cottage cheese or low-

fat ricotta cheese 8 ozs. low-fat cream cheese

2 eggs

tsp. vanilla

Tbsp. sugar (more or less to

low-fat sour cream or yogurt for

In mixing bowl, combine all ingredients except sour cream, beating until smooth.

Lightly oil or spray a 6- or 7-inch skillet and heat. Pour in just enough batter to coat thinly, tilting pan from side to side and pouring out excess. Cook on one side until batter loosens around sides of pan. Turn out, browned side up, on a tea towel. Repeat until all batter is used; add a bit more water if batter thickens. Place 1 Tbsp. filling on each pancake and fold up envelope

Refrigerate or freeze until ready to use. Just before serving, sauté blintzes in butter, margarine or vegetable oil until brown on both sides, or bake in a well-oiled oven dish in a 375-degree oven for 35 minutes or until brown. Serve with sour cream or yogurt.

#### Blueberry Sauce for Blintzes

1 can blueberries, drained; reserve liquid

1 Tbsp. cornstarch 2 Tbsp. sugar

1 Tbsp. fresh lemon juice

Blend cornstarch and sugar in a Beat all ingredients together with small saucepan. Pour in blueberry liquid; stir and cook over low heat until clear. Add lemon juice and berries and heat through. Serve warm over hot blintzes and sour

(Naomi Arbit is a syndicated food writer living in Bayside, Wisc. She is the co-author of seven cookbooks, a restaurant consultant, a former cooking instructor and a member of the International Association of Culinary Professionals.)





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#### Michelle Medwin Ordained at Brookner **HUC-JIR**

Michele Brand Medwin was ordained on May 18, 1997 at the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in New York City. While a student, Michele worked as an educator at Camp Harlam, a student rabbi in Lock Haven, PA and as a rabbinic intern at Congregation Beth Emeth. She also taught at Gratz Hebrew High School. On July 1, 1997, Michele

will assume the duties of Assistant Rabbi at Temple Sholom in Broomall, PA with Rabbi Mayer Selekman.

# Birth

Phyllis Kazinoff of Wilmington is pleased to announce the birth of her grandson, Dennis Edward Brookner, born on April 29, 1997. The proud parents are Carrie and Jeffrey Brookner of Houston, Texas. The baby is named after his maternal grandfather, Dennis Edward Kazinoff. The paternal grandparents are Barbara and Mark Brookner of Houston, Texas.



Joan Wachstein, Wilmington native and active and dedicated community volunteer, was elected President of the Milton and Hattie Kutz Home Board of Directors at the Home's Annual Meeting, June 1st.



Kutz Home residents have appreciated the beautiful cello playing of volunteer Joe Zimmerman for many years.



Volunteers Helen Rose and Romeo brighten the day for Kutz Home resi-



#### The 63rd Annual Meeting of the Jewish Federation of Delaware

Thursday, June 19, 1997 7:30 p.m. at the JCC 101 Garden of Eden Road

The guest speaker will be David Rappaport, son of Bryna & Jay Rappaport, a 1996 magna cum laude graduate from Brown University. He recently returned to the States after spending 11 months in Israel and Ukraine with the AMITIM Community Development Project, a first year project sponsored by 8 Southern US Federations and the JDC. After training in Israel, he worked in Donetsk, Ukraine helping to develop Jewish communal infrastructures.

Dessert will be served. Please RSVP by Monday, June 16th to the Jewish Federation of Delaware (302) 427-2100, x15.

#### Volunteers Are Essential

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#### **News**

## Intermarrieds Fear Anti-Semitism. According to Survey

## AJCommittee Study Offered **Broad Range of Questions**

By REBECCA PHILLIPS NEW YORK, June 3 (JTA) -American Jews have an "ongoing sense of anxiety" about anti-Semitism, according to the results of a new survey by the American

Jewish Committee. In fact, a majority of American Jews believe that anti-Semitism is a greater threat to Jewish life in the United States than intermarriage.

But of the 61 percent of respondents who listed anti-Semitism as a greater threat, 82 percent of them were intermarried.

Each year, the AJCommittee releases a comprehensive survey of American Jewish attitudes toward a broad range of subjects, including the Israel-Arab peace process and Jewish identity issues. While surveys in recent years have focused

heavily on the Middle East peace process, the 1997 Annual Survey of American Jewish Opinion downplayed its findings in that

AJCommittee officials said this year's findings — which include the statistic that 61 percent said they 'support" the "Netanyahu government's current handling of the peace negotiations with the Arabs" were "taken over by events" in the Middle East.

Both in the report itself and in a

news release accompanying it, AJCommittee emphasized that the survey of 1,160 adults in February was taken after the government led Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu had signed the Hebron agreement, transferring the bulk of the city to the Palestinians.

According to David Singer, AJCommittee's director research, this year's survey focused on a broader range of questions, including those related to domestic social and political issues and views of anti-Semitism.

According to Singer, the main finding of the survey is the Jewish perception of anti-Semitism.

There is a "significant gulf between mass Jewish opinion" and what social scientists have found with regard to the extent of anti-Semitism, Singer said.

Among the findings related to anti-Semitism:

\* Ninety-five percent of American Jews believe that anti-Semitism in the United States is either a "very serious problem" or 'somewhat of a problem.'

\* Jews perceive the religious right and Muslims as the most anti-Semitic groups.

\* Forty-seven percent of respondents disagree with the statement: "Virtually all positions of influence in the United States are open to

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The study, released this week, found a correlation between views on anti-Semitism and personal characteristics of respondents.

\* Seventy-four percent of those who identified themselves as Reform Jews and 75 percent of those who said they were "just Jewish" answered that intermarriage was less of a threat than anti-

\* The view that anti-Semitism was a problem was more prevalent among those who are older, have lower incomes or have less educa-

Some 43 to 44 percent of respondents over 40 years old said anti-Semitism is "a very serious problem," compared with 34 percent of those under 40.

In terms of income, 52 percent of those who make less than \$30,000 backed that view, compared with 36 percent of those who make more than \$50,000.

Fifty-seven percent of those with a high school education or less agreed with that opinion, compared with 30 percent of those who have five years or more of higher education.

On questions related to Jewish identity, 47 percent of those surveyed said that "being part of the Jewish people" was most important to their Jewish identity; 18 percent said "social justice" was; 16 percent cited "religious obser-

Seventy-one percent American Jews said celebration of the Jewish holidays was "extremely important" or "very important."

Turning to Israel, the survey found that 61 percent of respondents were in favor of the Hebron agreement; Orthodox Jews were the only group with a majority opposed to the Hebron agree-

A majority of Orthodox Jews, however, support the Netanyahu government's handling of the peace process.

The survey was conducted for AJCommittee by Market Facts, Inc. between Feb. 3 and Feb. 11. The margin of error was plus or minus 3 percentage points.

## Germany's Jewish Population Begins to Regenerate

By DEIDRE BERGER

FRANKFURT, June 4 (JTA) Berlin's Jewish community has elected a new generation of leaders. As a result of the June 1 elections, the new community parliament consists mainly of delegates born after World War II. They will take over the leadership of Germany's largest Jewish community from the generation of Holocaust survivors who re- established the community after the war.

The newly elected delegates now face the job of ending internal strife in the community, which became so serious it attracted prolonged attention in the German press. Charges of mismanagement and allegations of corruption involving former parliament members had dominated the campaign.

Two-thirds of the 21 delegates are serving for the first time in the community parliament.

Andreas Nachama, 46, director of a Berlin institute on Hitler's Gestapo terror, received the largest number of votes. He is the son of Estrongo Nachama, the chief cantor of the 10,500-member Berlin community.

Andreas Nachama has been an advocate for a national memorial to Jews killed during the Holocaust, a project that has stirred controversy for years.

The parliament must now elect a 5-member board of directors and a new community chairman.

Nachama says that if he is elect-

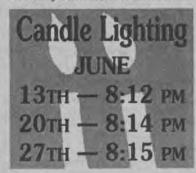
ed chairman, he would focus on integrating Russian emigres into the community, expanding cultural activities and overseeing a professional operation of community

The current leader, Jerzy Kanal, 75, did not stand for election and will step down this year.

Half of the 55 candidates were from Russia or other parts of the former Soviet Union, but only three were elected. Many of the Russian candidates complained that the community does not represent their interests and treats them as second-class members.

More than half of the community's members emigrated from the former Soviet Union during the past 25 years. One of the Russian candidates charged that the election was manipulated, claiming that recent emigres from the former Soviet Union were not properly informed about the election.

An investigation could postpone the first meeting of the parliament, currently scheduled for mid-June.



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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Entries for the Calendar of Events are due on the Thursday deadline, published in The Jewish Voice. Please provide entries in the same format as seen on this page. The Jewish Voice fax number is 427-2438.

Forget-Me-Not Ball - The annual Forget-Me-Not Ball sponsored by the Auxiliary of the Kutz Home will be held on Saturday, September 20th at Arsht Hall, Wilmington Campus of the University of Delaware.

Invitations will be issued. JCC Annual Meeting - The

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the growth and the objectives of

Newly elected officers include:

Samuel Wenzer, Jr. Vice Cmdr.

Garry Greenstein, Sr. Vice

Cantor Norman Swerling,

Paul Hurschman, Jr. Vice Cmdr.

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63rd Annual Meeting of the Jewish Community Center will be held on Sunday, June 8, 1997 at 4:00 p.m. on the grounds of the Jewish Family Campus.

The meeting will include Election of Board and Officers, President's Report and an Awards Presentation. Games and activities for children (ages 3 through 10) will be offered during the meeting portion of the evening. Caryl Marcus Stape is serving as this year's Annual Meeting Chair-per-

A free family picnic-style dinner will be served after the meeting and will be followed by entertainment. Advance reservations are required

Robert Barnett, Cmdr.

Edward Kaufman, Cmdr.

Jewish Renewal Weekend at Elat Chayyim - The Delaware Jewish Community Renewal Weekend at Elat Chayyim will be November 21 - 23 (Fri-Sun.). Join us for a weekend of davening, learning, experiencing, sharing, growing, and community. The food is gourmet vegetarian. The setting is in the Catskill Mountains. Elat Chayyim is into the sixth year of running Jewish spiritual programs. The cost for the weekend (including housing, six meals and programming) is \$125.00 per person. To make a reservation, send a check for \$25.00 to Temple Beth El by June 30th. This weekend is co-sponsored by Temple Beth El and the Jewish Federation of DE. If you have any questions, please call Rabbi Kaplan at 366-8330.

Kutz Home Rededication -Plans are underway for the Rededication of the Milton and Hattie Kutz Home on Sunday, September 21st at 2 p.m. Everyone in the community is welcome. There will be a brief dedication program followed by guided tours of the new wings and the remodeled original building. Arlene Simon is chairman of the Committee planning the event. Other members of the Committee are: Phyllis Cobin, Miriam Edell, Faith Goldman, Howard Hoffman, Ellen Koniver, Louise Sloane, Alan Schoenberg and Ruth Weinstein. The Advisory Committee members are Eileen Conner, Karen Friedman, Joan Wachstein and Sheldon Weinstein.

ton - Mondays: 8 p.m. - Talmud. Tuesday: 12:30 at 1 Rodney Square - Skaden Arps: Talmud. Wednesdays: Behind The Lines, The weekly Torah portion, 8:30 p.m. Call Rabbi Vogel at Chabad in Wilmington at 478-4400

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#### OBITUARIES

PEARL S. FINK

Pearl S. Fink, of Park Plaza, 1100 Lovering Ave., Wilmington, died June 3 of heart failure at home. Her age was not disclosed.

Mrs. Fink was a member of Congregation Beth Emeth and its Sisterhood, Hadassah; Kutz Home Auxiliary, and the Jewish Community Center. Her husband, Dr. Samuel M., died in 1991

Survivors include son, Dr. Fred of Forest Hills Park; daughter, Anne F. Jacobs of Wilmington; brother, Jack Shapiro of Baltimore; 10 grandchildren and 13 greatgrandchildren.

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# JCRC Looks for Consensus On Mission and Process

On June 17, 1997 at 8:00 a.m. at the offices of Young, Conaway, Stargatt & Taylor, on the 11th floor at Rodney Square north at Eleventh and Market streets, the Jewish Community Relations Committee (JCRC) of the Jewish Federation of Delaware (JFD) will meet to continue discussions concerning the mission, role and process of the JCRC within Delaware's community. The pursuit of community relations, including the public affairs component, will be considered in light of the views of local activists, community leadership, tradition and an awareness of Jewish community relations work throughout the United States. Matt Denn, the new chair of the Jewish Community Relations Committee encourages all committee members to attend this meeting. For more information about this meeting or the JCRC call (302) 427-2100.

#### AEA -

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profit corporation which establishes standards and administers them through its commissions, which cover Elementary, Secondary, and

"It has been a process that has been a team effort of our teachers, administration, parents, and board that has successfully resulted in achieving this milestone for the school," said Jeffrey Wasserman, President of the Albert Einstein Academy School Board.

Wasserman, an attorney with two children who attend the school, has served on the school's board for three years. Commenting on the accreditation process, Wasserman said, "It resulted in a lot better understanding between the different participants and brought all parts of the school

Dr. Samuel Blumberg, a psychologist who co-chaired the Accreditation Committee for AEA along with school principal Rabbi Ellen Bernhardt, said, "We are very excited that an independent body has reviewed our school, staff, and curriculum and determined that we have a good quality of education.' Blumberg has a daughter, Jessica, in AEA's fourth grade class and looks forward to seeing his son Ben enter kindergarten next year.

'Completing the accreditation process is another milestone in our commitment to academic excellence at the Albert Einstein Academy," said Bernhardt.

Albert Einstein Academy, a constituent agency of The Jewish Federation of Delaware, serves 115 children in grades K-6 at its location inside the Jewish Community Center.



RABBI/STAND-UP COMIC BOB ALPER will bring his one-man comedy show to The Jewish Community Center of Wilmington, 101 Garden of Eden Road, Wilmington, on Sunday, June 15th. Showtime is 7:30 p.m. Tickets, available at the JCC (478-5660), are: \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door for Adults. \$8 in advance and \$10 at the door for Seniors and Students. Bob will sign and read from his inspiring new book, Life Doesn't Get Any Better than This: The Holiness of Little Daily Dramas, at 4:30 (also June 15) at Borders Books and Music, 4221 Concord Pike,



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