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Bush Tells Soviets Reform Must Precede Trade Concessions



U.S. President Bush and Soviet President Gorbachev during their historic press conference following their Malta Summit. (Photo: RNS)

VALLETTA, Malta (JTA) — George Bush ended his first superpower summit conference as president without giving Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev a firm commitment to ease trade sanctions against the USSR, though it is clearly the U.S. administration's desire to do so.

The two countries agreed to set up informal working groups to draft a bilateral trade agreement. But Bush told his Soviet counterpart that the United States is prepared to make trade concessions only if promised emigration reforms are implemented.

That stance pleased leaders of the National Conference on Soviet Jewry, who came here to monitor the summit meeting. They were also pleased that the subject of human rights figured high on the agenda of the two leaders' talks.

Other areas of particular concern to Jews that were discussed by the superpower leaders included German reunification and the Middle East.

Bush and Gorbachev discussed these and other subjects at a news conference Sunday aboard the Soviet cruise ship Maxim Gorky, as did members of their respective entourages, in interviews with the broadcast media.

Brent Scowcroft, the president's national security advisor, said Bush and Gorbachev "talked about a trade agreement as a precondition for most-favored-nation status." That has been precluded since the Jackson-Vanik Amendment linking trade with Soviet emigration policies took effect in 1974, aborting a trade agreement that had just been hammered

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PLO Initiative Defeated In U.N. General Assembly

By ALLISON KAPLAN

UNITED NATIONS (JTA) — Jewish leaders and Israeli officials are crediting the tough stand taken by the United States for the defeat of the Palestine Liberation Organization's push to be recognized as a state by the General Assembly.

Even before the resolution upgrading the PLO mission's status to that of an observer state was introduced by the Arab bloc last week, the U.S. State Department and its mission here went on the offensive, threatening to cut off the U.S. contribution to the U.N. budget should the resolution be adopted.

The U.S. pressure proved to be successful Wednesday, when the 16 Arab countries that had sponsored the resolution agreed to postpone consideration of the matter indefinitely.

General Assembly President Joseph Garba formally announced the Arab states' agreement to the world body Wednesday afternoon. A day earlier, Garba had urged the Arab states to postpone consideration of the resolution. But along with that request came criticism of the U.S. tactic of threatening to cut off its contribution, which accounts for 25 percent of the U.N. headquarters budget.

That threat also met criticism last week from U.N. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar and was even more bluntly denounced by Arab officials, who called it "blackmail."

American Jewish leaders, however, were full of praise for the U.S. move. "The courageous support of the United States for the integrity of the General Assembly inspires

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United Way Goal Met And Passed

By PAULA BERENGUT

Speaking to a group of hundreds of volunteers and supporters on November 16, Jim Knox, United Way of Delaware Campaign Chairman announced that the goal of the 1989 fund raising campaign had been met and exceeded.

"You and I accepted this challenge back in April," Knox remarked at the closing event at the Hercules Atrium in downtown Wilmington, "because each of you knows, deep down in your heart, that if we can raise one extra dollar today for our agencies, we can feel good knowing one more hungry person in our community is fed, or one more person will get help when they are cold and lonely."

The organization raised a projected total of \$17,120,613 in slightly more than nine weeks

of campaigning. This sum represents an increase of 8.5 percent over last year's giving level.

The Kutz Home, the Jewish Community Center and the Jewish Family Service are all recipients of allocations from the United Way of Delaware. During the 1989 campaign, the giving level among the employees of these agencies and the Jewish Federation of Delaware increased by almost 16 percent from last year's giving level.

"This is a happy night...a celebration, for we have seen 15,000 volunteers pull together to accomplish a 'giving level' never before achieved in United Way of Delaware's history," Knox said.

Since the amount raised represents a projected figure, United Way relies on those contributors to fulfill their pledges. Recommendations for the exact amounts to be allocated to member agencies will be presented to the United Way Board of Directors in March. Last year the group raised over 15.8 million dollars. This is the third year in a row that the United Way of Delaware has raised over a million new dollars.

By PAULA BERENGUT

"Celebrations of the Season," an interdenominational display of holiday symbols in Rodney Square which had been planned by the National Conference of Christians and Jews, has been cancelled, according to Evelyn Lobel, Executive Director of the Delaware Region NCCJ. Lobel said that the event apparently was not supported by any religious group, other than the Keep Christ in Christmas Creche Committee which will erect a nativity display in Rodney Square in mid-December. This year would have marked the first time such an interdenominational event would have taken place.

At a meeting at the Wilmington NCCJ office in October, Jewish Federation of Delaware representatives made clear to Lobel that, as in the past, the Federation stands with the recom-

mendations made by the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council (NJCRAC) in discouraging the placement of religious symbols in public places. Specifically, the Federation said it believes that a creche display on public property violates a Constitutional ban against government-sponsored religion and representatives said that they would argue against the placement of a menorah on any public property, including in Rodney Square, by any group.

Federation Executive Vice President Robert N. Kerbel said the JFD is pleased with the NCCJ decision to cancel the December religious display in Wilmington. "It is very encouraging that this community has not shown interest in this type of display," he said.

"We are not against the concept of what NCCJ was planning to do, which was to

Egypt Accepts Five-Point Plan

By HOWARD ROSENBERG

WASHINGTON (JTA) — Egypt has accepted the five-point U.S. proposal for starting a dialogue between Israel and the Palestinians, the State Department announced Wednesday.

Egypt's acceptance, which follows Israel's approval of the proposal on Nov. 5, clears the way for the State Department to arrange a meeting in Washington that will include Secretary of State James Baker, Egyptian Foreign

Minister Esmat Abdel Meguid and Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Arens.

Department spokeswoman Margaret Tutwiler would not comment directly Wednesday on whether Egypt had secured the Palestine Liberation Organization's approval of the U.S. plan. But she said it was "quite obvious" that the Egyptians "have been talking to the Palestinians."

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'Celebrations Of The Season' Cancelled

display the diversity that exists within the community," explained JFD Jewish Community Relations Committee Chairman Robert Coonin. "Our opposition to the display was that it was being planned during the Christmas season, motivated by the city's licensing of the creche."

Coonin said his committee feels that it is "inappropriate to create a counter-religious demonstration to neutralize a religious demonstration." The JCRC, he added, would support such a display at another time of year.

In a related story, the "Holiday Tree," planted last month in front of the Morris Library at the University of Delaware, was lighted on Monday evening, December 4. Students and faculty were invited to attend the event through advertisements in the campus newspaper, *The*

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OPINION

Editorial: Are We Still The People Of The Book?

New books of Jewish interest published in this country number more than 500 every year. Their topics range from the religious to the secular; from philosophy to food; from biographies to Bible commentaries; from Israel to Diaspora. Jewish children's books also run the gamut from history to holidays and from ethics and morals to Zionism and anti-Semitism. Languages in which these books are written include English, Yiddish, Hebrew and Braille. And it is in honor of these books that we annually celebrate Jewish Book Month, this year from November 23 through December 23.

In our modern society, who among us doesn't complain that there is not enough time for everything we want to do? Reading is a pleasure that has, for many of us, taken a back seat to other more pressing needs. We don't have the time to read so we look for quick information to keep us informed. We read "People" magazine. We hook up to a Walkman and hope to catch the news while we run to our appointments. Or we watch the six o'clock news to find out what's happening in the world. We grab a newspaper and check the headlines. We don't even need to make the time to go out to the theater because our homes have VCRs and compact disc players as standard equipment.

The result of our modern lifestyle might be that we risk losing the important exchange that occurs when people go together to a concert and talk afterwards about whether or not they liked what they heard or discuss a book that they have read to hash out the ideas they have encountered.

"Blip" information, however, is not our tradition. We Jews are "the people of the Book" — the people of a tradition. After we received the Torah at Mt. Sinai, for example, we felt the need to talk about it and expound upon it until it had to be written down in the Mishnah. And we talked some more until that had to be written down in the Talmud. That is our tradition.

The popular culture in this country is overwhelmingly Christian. What we see on television is not necessarily going to be a presentation of Jewish issues, ethics or beliefs. Children who are raised on American television are not going to develop any strong ties to the Jewish culture. They need the tradition of the book. A decline in the written word is a very dangerous thing for minorities, assimilation being the by-product.

At 500 publications a year in the United States alone, Jewish publishing is thriving at the moment. Jewish books continue to be printed which provide a look at the concerns and interests of the Jewish community. It is a safe bet that as long as the American Jewish community is strong and interested in learning, Jewish publishing will remain strong and interesting. But if we slack off, so, surely, will the number of books available to us decrease.

Within the Delaware Jewish community there are a number of book and study groups — at synagogues, through havurot, at the Jewish Community Center. And the Jewish Community Center is currently presenting a series of speakers in celebration of Jewish Book Month. With so much literature out there for us to choose from, this community display can help us to make intelligent choices. Jewish Book month gives us the opportunity to look at some of the best of what's been published — what relates to us as members of the Jewish community. Community participation in Jewish Book Month is a community celebration of our tradition, our history, our future. No matter how busy we are, that's worth taking the time to celebrate.



Letters to the Editor

On The Reunification Of Germany

The "Spirit of Change," is sweeping all over the East European Community. Best of all, it is being accomplished, in the most part, without armed conflict. Maybe Communism is crumbling. But more than likely it is only bending a little.

What does this mean for the few remaining Jews in the Eastern European Community? We are all familiar with the remarks of Cardinal Glemp, in regard to the Carmelite Convent at the site of the Auschwitz Concentration Camp. There have been other incidents. In the Soviet Union Jews are being blamed for starting the revolution and the shortage of food and consumer goods. A top-ranked soccer team in Hungary was financed by Jews in the 1930's, but now when this team takes to the field, epithets are hurled at them (Goose Mongers), meaning money grabbers.

In the Soviet Union the weekly (Ogonovk) which has campaigned against anti-Semitism has received numerous pieces of hate mail. They threaten to kill Jews before they leave Russia and not have to hunt them down like they did Leon Trotsky more than forty years

ago. In the case of Hungary, let us not forget that the Arrow Cross helped the Nazis kill Jews during the Holocaust. In fact, the United States Ambassador to Budapest has warned that the resurgence of anti-Semitism could jeopardize Western support for democratization.

Now the winds of change are blowing in East Germany. Let us not forget that East Germany (Prussia) is a scaled-down version of this State of the German Empire of 1914. One need only read the history of the many wars that came about because of the planning of William I. Bismarck, Kaiser Wilhelm II and Hitler. This is where poison gas to kill the Jews in the concentration camps was made. Anti-Semitism has never been dead in East Germany. East Germany has never admitted their part in the atrocities that took place under Hitler. The East Germans never confessed their guilt. A United Germany is not in the best interest of the United States or Jews of all persuasions. Write your Senators and Congressmen to not let this happen, because we know that anti-Semitism is very much alive in Eastern Europe.

Samuel and Goldie Kagel

With the phenomenon of the mass exodus from the German Democratic Republic and the extraordinary events in that country, the issue of Wiedervereinigung (reunification) of the two Germanies) is becoming popularly conspicuous. The singular issue upon which to date the USA and the USSR have been consonant since the end of WWII is the division of Germany into two separate states. Reunification is considerably less than desirable for the European community and for the world.

Historically, Germany as a nation state has evidenced that it is incapable of managing its national assets and politics in a manner, which is not destructive and threatening to Europe and to the rest of the world. A reunited Germany would be a horrendous threat to the peace and security of Europe both economically and politically. With reunification, Ger-

many would immediately become the most powerful nation in Western Europe.

It should be noted that Germany has only very limited and recent experience with democracy, which is essentially an alien concept to that nation. While Germany does well economically, the fringe elements are relatively well under control, although the Neo-Nazis of the Schoenhuber complexion are doing quite well currently. If the German economy should deteriorate, Germany is quite capable of producing and accepting another demagogic and charismatic leader.

It should also be noted that 'denazification' as such was a farce. It was never implemented and only a very minuscule percentage of the criminals was ever brought to trial, and only a far smaller percentage of the criminals was convicted. For many decades after WWII to a large extent the German judiciary, industry and police was dominated by war criminals, at all levels, including a former Bundeskanzler.

Although Germany has expended its inventory of Jews, the millions of Gastarbeiter (foreign workers) in Germany do provide a very available target for discrimination, prejudice and other potential abuses. Two separate German states are necessary for the peace and security of Europe.

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OPINION

Battles Won, But Not the War

By **ROBERT B. COONIN**

Operation Moses and the reestablishment of Ethiopian-Israeli relations! Walesa! Czechoslovakia! The Berlin Wall! It seems as if the miracle of the day has been reduced to the miracle of the day as the headlines in both the Jewish and non-Jewish press recite the latest call to euphoria. Recent events in eastern Europe and North Africa do, at times, appear mind boggling, almost overwhelming.

With the erosion of many eastern countries communist political monopolies, with the opening of the Berlin Wall and the lifting of East German travel restrictions, with the "flood" of Soviet emigration minded Refusniks applying for visas, it is very easy to assume that the war is over and we have won. But before we trample each other in our attempt to be the first on our block to dance in the streets, perhaps we should all count to ten, take three deep breaths and ask ourselves how much have we won, how long will it last, and what remains to be accomplished.

While the secret air lifts of Operation Moses were a life saving miracle to the 8,000 Ethiopian Jews liberated from refugee camps in Sudan, nearly 15,000 Beta Yisrael were left

behind, unable to complete the mountainous trek from Ethiopia. To those children approaching Bar/Bat Mitzvah age, the future does not contain a triumphant Haftorah Reading from the bemaah to a congregation filled with relatives and friends. Those who survive the pilio, malaria, tuberculosis, numerous infections, or malnutrition are still likely to have the civil itself snuff out their lives. For these mostly women and children, the miracle of Operation Moses is as far from reality as is Disney World. While recent diplomatic progress between the governments of Israel and Ethiopia lend promise for further emigration to those hanging onto the thread of life, high level talks neither feed the hungry nor cure the dying.

Likewise the flood of new Americans, and for that matter, new Israelis from the Soviet Union, commands so much of our time in acclimation efforts that it is very easy to overlook those who will not be coming out. Not this year! Not next year! Perhaps never!

While the United States Government authorized the emigration of 40,000 Soviets, 30,000 of them Jews, 18,000 are to be

counted against next year's quota. The bureaucratic requirements make it likely that many of the 12,000 who are entitled to enter this country this year will be delayed.

Of course it is our moral obligation to help these people to start their lives over in freedom, we cannot do so, must not do so at the expense of those left behind. The resettlement of the newly emigrated and the improvement in the living conditions of those who are not, are not mutually exclusive endeavors. We must continue to do everything possible to improve the conditions under which those remaining must live, to lobby our government to put pressure on their governments for more religious freedom, better employment, and reduced religious persecution, both that which is imposed by the government, and that which is merely sanctioned at the turn of a head.

For while the gates of freedom for many of our brethren quickly swung open, the same gates can close just as fast. It is fair to assume that if Mr. Gorbachev goes, as many knowledgeable people assert is eminent, his policies will go with him. And even if he succeeds, many Soviet Jews will not be coming out.

Many because their occupations prohibit it. Many because they choose not to. Just as we debate the question "Am I an American Jew or a Jewish American", so do many of our brethren. Not every Russian Jew is waiting to leave as soon as he can get his visa. Centuries of residing in a country tend to make one feel quite nationalistic. Many will never consider leaving, choosing to remain behind, committed to the belief that they can make their country change for the better.

Just as we must fulfill our commitment to those who will be arriving here and in Israel with the belief that a better life awaits them and that such belief be fulfilled, we must not do so at the expense of those who still cry for freedom, cry for opportunity, or simply cry for food. Current political events are not proof that we have won any war, merely confirmation that we are capable of winning the battles, one at a time. Will that be enough to maintain our commitment. Of course it will. What choice do we have. The lives of those left behind demand no less.

(Robert B. Coonin, Esq., is the Chairman of the Jewish Federation of Delaware's Jewish Community Relations Committee.)

In Defense Of Hanukkah

By **TONI YOUNG**

"Hanukkah is a minor religious holiday; therefore, American Jews shouldn't make such a fuss about it," my Orthodox friends continually remind me. I can't agree. Certainly, I understand that the story of the Macabees, while inspirational, is not of the same religious importance as Yom Kippur, Rosh Hashanah or Passover. However, an accident of the calendar makes Hanukkah an ideal holiday for American Jews to observe. I believe celebrating Hanukkah is a practical solution to life in a Christian society, not a sacrilege.

During 4,000 years of history, Judaism has survived largely because of its ability to adapt to foreign cultures. Because Jews have lived in so many parts of the world, Judaism incorporates a rich mixture of traditions from a wealth of civilizations. In this historical context, we must expect that Judaism will change as a result of its existence in the United States. The way we observe Hanukkah may be one of the ways Judaism changes. All successful religions change. The western church, with Rome as its center, didn't begin to celebrate Christmas on December 25 until the fifth century. Until then the important holiday was Epiphany on January 6, which the Eastern church still celebrates. Adaptation is a sign of growth and strength.

We American Jews live in a culture that is overwhelmingly Christian. As early as September, the trappings of Christmas begin to permeate our stores and catalogues. Our Christian friends begin to talk about family gatherings, gifts, and parties. We also live in a society that places greater emphasis on the present moment. People buy the books on this week's best seller list; they discuss what happened in East Germany this morning, not in China six months ago. In such a society, people want to be part of "what's in the air." They want to be with family and give gifts at the time when everyone else is doing it, not several months later at an appropriate Jewish time. If Jews can feel like they're part of the festive air by spending extra time with their families, lighting symbolic candles, spinning dreidels, and giving gifts, I see no problem. I don't think they're exaggerating the importance of Hanukkah; I think they're creatively adapting a holiday to fit their needs.

A closer look at Christmas in America shows us a predominantly commercial and social holiday, not a religious one. Although the vast majority of Christians go to church on Christmas, most view Christmas as a social holiday.

Many Christians bemoan the effects of materialism as much as we do. If my Orthodox friends are objecting to the materialism of American culture, that's a whole different subject, one that I agree needs a great deal of scrutiny. But I would rather have Jewish people giving Hanukkah gifts than Christmas gifts, which I'm afraid is one alternative. Another equally unsatisfactory alternative is Jewish people speaking out resentfully against Christmas because they feel left out.

In the twentieth century, all religions struggle to reach young people. I think Hanukkah is a perfect holiday to reach the very young. To most small children, a celebration with sparkling candles, dreidel games, and gifts is immediately appealing. Even before the age of reason, children can feel the warmth and excitement of Hanukkah. If we are honest with ourselves, we can easily see why Hanukkah reaches small children on a far more primary level than children's services in strange locales or endless seders.

We must also be realistic about the psychological messages we send our children. A Jewish two year old comes home talking about the boy next door who is getting a truck from Santa Claus. He wants the same one. Does the good Jewish parent tell him that in seven months for his birthday, he can have one? Perhaps, but in my opinion, that message also tells the youngster you're not Christian so you can't have something you really want. Why give a child a reason for thinking that what he is, is not as good as being something else? Why should the Jewish child wish that Santa Claus could come to his house? Why not say, "you may get that truck for Hanukkah?" In other words, "you have a different holiday, but it's equally satisfying." Isn't such a positive attitude the foundation we need to make our tiniest Jews want to be part of our tradition? When a child grows older, he will learn that Hanukkah is not at the center of Jewish liturgy. I know no Jewish adults, raised on Hanukkah, who see Hanukkah as the center of their religious lives. Think about how lucky we are. We can use Hanukkah to reach our tiniest Jews, and we don't even have to "sully" an important religious holiday to do it.

If my Orthodox friends held sway and discouraged Jews from "making a fuss" about Hanukkah, we'd be faced with a real danger. Right now, Christmas is still a Christian holiday. Yes, a great many things are closed on Christmas day because the majority of our

citizens are Christian, but everyone knows the different between Fourth of July and Christmas. However, with its direct link to the commercial heart of the United States, Christmas could easily become an American holiday. That's what we Jews must oppose. The celebration of Hanukkah at the same time as

Christmas is a continuous reminder to all Americans that Christmas is a religious holiday.

So I say, go spin your dreidel and enjoy!
(Toni Young is a writer/historian and Chairman of The Jewish Voice Editorial Committee.)

The Wall Came Down

By **ARNO HERZBERG**

November is not a good month for the Jewish people, and I am always glad when it has passed without leaving its mark on current events.

It was in November that history records the most gruesome deeds against Jews. In our lifetime, it was in November 1923 that Hitler tried for the first time to grab power, that he started to write "Mein Kampf" and that he was kept alive by German industrialists.

It was in November that the synagogues were burning in the convulsions of Kristallnacht. It was in November that the Germans stole whatever was owned by Jews in retribution to the death of a minor official. It was in November that the trains started rolling.

And now, in November, the Berlin Wall has come down on the same day the synagogues were burning years ago. It is bad for the Jews. It is bad for the world.

In the euphoria that gripped the Western World, reason and history are forgotten. The big shots of television who were sent to cover the story of the wall did not say one word about events that created the wall, nothing of its stabilizing influence in the post-war world, nothing of the fact that the wall was the only reminder to the Germans that they had lost the war and that they had to pay a small and insignificant price for all their evil deeds.

It never dawned on those well-spoken and well-tailored men that with the wall gone, all of Europe will now have to face a new agenda, and that reunification can only be postponed, but never prevented. The Germans have won all they were striving for; they have won the war.

Sure, all the suppressed and seemingly uncalled for emotions come to the fore — in the Germans and in us Jews. One survivor attached much — and maybe too much — to the existence of the wall. He gloated when he saw the pictures of the gray stones dividing East and West.

At least the wall put everything in its proper place. It shut out the West and shut in the East, confining the anti-Jewish feelings of both of them to their respective sides. We knew with whom we had to deal.

The East, without shame or hesitation, sided in all the years past with the Arabs. It had no diplomatic relations with Israel. Arafat, the gangster called freedom fighter, was an honored guest in East Germany.

Now, the social democrats in the West have invited him. There is not much you can expect from Socialists. But we surely can expect that reunification, regardless under which name it is represented to us, will fortify anti-Israel forces and will give anti-Semitism a new lease on life.

The past is, unfortunately, a good indicator of such an attitude. The East never took any responsibility for the crimes of the Nazis. In both East and West there were Nazis in all walks of life; they saw to it that changes did not get out of their control.

American Jews did not see it this way. They only saw the trappings of a power struggle. Their good hearts melted at the sight of what they called ugliness. I remember a gracious lady, with all her pathos, calling the wall "man's inhumanity to man." She just had come from Berlin, a willing tool of German propaganda.

She was talking of families divided by the wall. She did not care that the pitiful remnant of those Jewish victims not gassed and not tortured to death was scattered all over the globe and never could see their relatives. But this was another, less interesting story.

"It was 40 years ago," a German lady said on television, when asked how she thinks Jews would feel with the wall gone and reunification expected. The Holocaust "was 40 years ago. This is a long time." She might as well have added: We cannot be bothered with it.

Willy Brandt, a socialist who was mayor of

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Candle Lighting

DECEMBER

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15th -- 4:20 PM

22nd -- 4:23 PM

29th -- 4:27 PM

DELAWARE'S SYNAGOGUES

ADAS KODESCH SHEL EMETH

(Traditional)
Affiliation:
Union of Orthodox Jewish
Congregations of America
Washington Blvd. and Torah Drive
Wilmington
762-2705
Rabbi Howard Matasar
SERVICES
Friday -- 8 p.m.
Saturday -- 8:45 a.m.

BETH SHOLOM CONGREGATION OF DOVER

(Conservative)
Affiliation:
United Synagogues of America
Queen and Clara Sts.
Dover
734-5578
Rabbi Moshe Goldblum
SERVICES
Friday -- 7:30 p.m.
Saturday -- 9:30 a.m.
Discussion of Torah Portion takes place
following Saturday morning service.

CONGREGATION BETH EMETH

(Reform)
Affiliation:
Union of American Hebrew Congregations
300 Lea Blvd.
Wilmington
764-2393
Rabbi Peter Grumbacher
SERVICES
Friday -- 8 p.m.
Saturday -- 11 a.m.
A Torah Study group is led by the
rabbi on Saturdays at 9:30 a.m.

CONGREGATION BETH SHALOM

(Conservative)
Affiliation:
United Synagogues of America
18th and Baynard Blvd.
Wilmington
654-4462
Rabbi Herbert Yoskowitz
SERVICES
Friday -- 8 p.m.
Saturday -- 10 a.m.
A Torah discussion is led by the rabbi
during Saturday morning services.

MACHZIKEY HADAS CONGREGATION

(Traditional)
B'nai B'rith Building
800 Society Blvd.
Claymont
798-6846
Friday -- 8 p.m.
Saturday -- 9 a.m.

TEMPLE BETH EL

(Reconstructionist)
Affiliation:
Federation of Reconstructionist
Congregations & Havurat
301 Possum Park Road
Newark
366-8330
Rabbi David Kaplan
SERVICES
Friday -- 8 p.m.
Saturday -- 10 a.m.
A Torah study group meets
on Saturdays at 9 a.m.

Dvar Torah

Parashat Vayetze, December 9

Angels & Jigsaw Puzzles

By RABBI SHOHAMA WIENER

Special to The Jewish Voice

Until I was in my mid-thirties, Talmud was for me a foreign word, conjuring up images of old men with long beards arguing over how many angels could fit on the head of a pin. This was particularly puzzling to me since I knew from my studies of Medieval and Renaissance Art that all angels had long white gowns and broad white wings. Not even one of them was small enough to fit on the head of a pin.

I've since learned that the Jewish concept of angel is quite different. In Hebrew the word for angel is *malach*, and it means messenger. A messenger can be any size or shape. In this week's Torah portion, *Vayetze*, Jacob dreams that there is a ladder reaching from earth to heaven, "And behold the angels of God are ascending and descending on it." Gen. 28:12. The text is not concerned with what the angels look like; it notes instead that there are many of them, enough to fill both sides of a ladder going from heaven to earth.

Rashi, a medieval commentator, explains that one group consists of the angels that had accompanied Jacob in the Holy Land. The other group were angels coming down to escort Jacob on his perilous journey outside the Holy Land. So why did he need so many angels? One good guardian angel wouldn't do? Apparently that is not the way of Jewish angels. The Midrash, a collection of rabbinic interpretations, says "One angel never performs two missions" (*Genesis Rabah* 50:2).

What a fantastic thought! If one angel is only good for one mission, then there must be an infinite number of angels. Jacob, whose name is changed to Israel, is the paradigm for the Jewish person. What was true for Jacob should be true for us. We too must have countless numbers of angels. So what do they look like? And how can we recognize them?

According to Rabbi Lawrence Kushner, an angel can be anybody at all. And anybody at all can be an angel. Here is how he explains it: (*Honey from the Rock*, pp. 68, 69). Each lifetime is the pieces of a jigsaw puzzle. For some there are more pieces. For others the puzzle is more difficult to assemble.

Some seem to be born with a nearly completed puzzle. And so it goes. Souls going this way and that. Trying to assemble all the myriad parts.

But know this. No one has within themselves All the pieces to their puzzle. Like before the days when they used to seal jigsaw puzzles in cellophane. Insuring that All the pieces were there.

Everyone carries with them at least one and probably Many pieces to someone else's puzzle. Sometimes they know it. Sometimes they don't.

And when you present your piece Which is worthless to you, To another, whether you know it or not, Whether they know it or not, You are a messenger from the Most High.

A few weeks ago I was meeting with our incoming group of rabbinic students at the Academy for Jewish Religion, and I read them this poem and asked them how it was that they came to our school. The school is not well known. One woman related the following: "I was waiting in line at the drugstore when the woman behind me said, 'Would you possibly let me go ahead of you because I'm late for class?' I saw that she was much older than the typical student, so I asked what class she was taking? She told me she was in rabbinic school, and I was shocked. There is no rabbinic school in the neighborhood. When she told me that the school met in a building on the upper West Side of Manhattan that I passed every day, I was floored. I asked her for the address, and here I am. Imagine if I had just turned away and said, 'Sorry.'"

Jewish mysticism teaches us that every moment reflects God's intention and input. Whether or not we believe this is true, living as if it were can make life more exciting and meaningful. I no longer get fidgety on lines. The person behind me is now someone I'd like to meet. Maybe he has a piece of my puzzle. Maybe I have a piece of his. It's a nice thought.

(Rabbi Shohama Wiener is Executive Dean of the Academy for Jewish Religion in Manhattan and rabbi of Mayim Chayeem, a havurah in White Plains, NY.)

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Men And Women May Have Sat Together In Ancient Synagogues

The archeological and literary evidence that ancient synagogues had separate seating for women and men fails to make a good case, says Harvard scholar Bernadette J. Brooten. Her re-examination of the evidence, she says, "has convinced me that what was once a scholarly consensus (for separate seating) is insupportable."

"Scholars, unfortunately, are not immune to finding what they want to find," Brooten says in the December 1989 issue of *MOMENT* magazine. "Scholars assumed the existence of women's galleries in ancient synagogues, not because of ancient evidence, but because of the strict separation of the sexes in contemporary Orthodox synagogues, in which women worshippers sit up in a gallery, behind a lattice screen, behind a curtain or in a separate room."

In fact, Brooten says, despite many archaeologists' assumptions, in every case the evidence in the ruins of ancient synagogues is too meager to presume the existence of a balcony. Even in the ancient synagogue at Capernaum in Israel, where there are steps remaining from a staircase, the site's current excavators believe the staircase is more likely to have led to a storage area than to a balcony.

Excavators of ancient synagogues outside of Israel have seen no evidence of galleries, but often assumed that a room of the synagogue attached to the main prayer hall was set aside for women. In the case of one ancient synagogue (c. 200 C.E.) at Dura Europos in present-day Syria, an archaeologist revealed his lack of scholarly rigor when he designated as the women's section a room that could only be entered or left by walking through the men's section, which

would violate the principle of separation.

Brooten further challenges other scholars with her analysis of the writings describing the Second Temple. She does not consider the Second Temple an appropriate model for separation of the sexes because the Women's Forecourt of the Temple was a large outer court where the sexes mingled. It marked the boundary beyond which women could not pass. The Temple's gallery for women was only used once a year, to prevent excessive "frivolity" at the joyous water drawing ceremony on the second night of Sukkot. Brooten doubts that ancient synagogues would adopt an arrangement used so rarely in the Temple as their everyday policy.

Brooten questions whether scholars should generalize as they do from Philo's first-century C.E. description of a particular Jewish sect that had separate seating in its synagogues. That sect, the Therapeutae, also practiced celibacy and pursued the contemplative life. Separate seating, Brooten says, may have been an outgrowth of the sect's desire to promote celibacy, which was certainly not the norm among Jews.

Brooten says that while her analysis of the evidence be the most comprehensive to date, she is not the first scholar to question the consensus on separate seating. "I concede that I have not proved that there was no separation of the sexes in ancient synagogues," she goes on to say, but the evidence that has traditionally been offered for separate seating "fails to make the case."

Brooten is an assistant professor of scripture and interpretation of Harvard Divinity School.

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Advanced Gifts Division Kicks Off Its Campaign

The Captains of the Jewish Federation of Delaware (JFD) Advanced Gifts Division have announced that they have "set an exciting pace" for this year's annual campaign with a 14.4 percent increase card for card over last year at the division's first meeting on November 20, according

to division co-chairmen Cas Anolick and Barry Kayne. The meeting was the kick-off of that division's 1990 Campaign. The Captains' meeting was held at the home of Reiko and Barry Kayne, and Martin G. Mand, past president of the JFD and current Vice-President for the Du Pont

Company, spoke on the needs and goals of this year's campaign.

The Advanced Gifts Division represents contributors to the JFD Campaign with a giving history of \$500-2499. In the 1989 campaign, this division raised more than \$225,000.

Mand referred to the participation of his entire family on a recent United Jewish Appeal Family Mission to Israel. "To watch my three sons together at the Western Wall was a special experience for me... I only pray that my children will have the same opportunity with their children. Regardless of my personal differences with some of Israel's policies, we must assure that she remains strong," he said.

Mand discussed the various welfare programs in Israel which have been cut-back and/or cut-off because of decreasing United Jewish Appeal funds available. (In 1986, the Jewish Federation of Delaware cut-back its United Jewish Appeal allocation from \$500,000 to \$450,000; despite inflation and increasing needs, this allocation has remained the same.)

Captains for this division are responsible for overseeing approximately five workers who will each contact their peers for their personal commitment to the 1990 JFD Campaign. Following Mand's presentation, each Captain selected individuals to be invited to attend a workers' meeting Sunday, December 10. Steve Rothschild, current Vice-President of the Jewish Federation of Delaware and Co-Chair of the Campaign Benefactors Division, and the Managing Partner of the law firm of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom, will address the group about the 1990 Campaign.

The Captains for this division are

Mark Caplan, James Chaikin, Robert Davis, David Epstein, Steven Goldberg, Garth Koniver, Daniel Kresh-tool, Alan Paikin, Manuel Panar, Alan Schoenberg, and Edwin Tocker.

The JFD Campaign is an annual fundraising effort conducted to benefit the Jewish community in Dela-

ware, Israel, and in the more than 30 other countries where there are Jewish communities. For more information on the JFD Advanced Gifts Division, or the JFD Campaign, please contact Seth M. Bloom, JFD Director of Community Development, 478-6200.



Even though a thunderstorm cut off the electricity on November 20, the Advanced Gifts Division co-chairmen Cas Anolick (left) and Barry Kayne carried on by candlelight.

Joan Spiegelman Presented With Braunstein Award

Joan Spiegelman was presented with the Braunstein Memorial Award at the Council of Jewish Federations General Assembly in Cincinnati last month. Spiegelman received the award for her volunteer leadership within the Jewish community as well as in the general community.

She has been a volunteer at the Jewish Federation of Delaware since 1985 when she chaired a Community Awareness Institute. Since 1986, Spiegelman has served as chairperson of the Halina Wind Preston Holocaust Education Committee. It was under Spiegelman's leadership that the Halina Wind Preston Holocaust Resource Center was organized and dedicated in the spring of 1988.

In cooperation with Yale University, Spiegelman is charing a project of videotaping witnesses and survivors of the Holocaust. Committed to the principle that only an informed community will be able to guard against future holocausts, Spiegelman has worked for many years to widen community participation in the annual Yom HaShoah commemoration. She is also currently involved with her committee in searching for an effective way to introduce a Holocaust curriculum into the Delaware schools.

In addition to her Jewish community activities, Spiegelman has served as president of the Brandywine School District Board of Education, and the boards of the United Way and the Wilmington Music School.

Spiegelman was recognized in April as one of ten "outstanding volunteers in Delaware" by the Division of Volunteer Services at the Governor's Outstanding Volunteer Awards Dinner.

The Braunstein Award, established in 1968, evolved from a fund set up in memory of Harry Braunstein. The award is given to an individual who has taken an active interest in either

the Jewish Federation or its related agencies and who shows a definite potential for leadership in the Jewish community.

Proposal To Solve Conversion Dilemma

TORONTO (JTA) — A proposed compromise to the controversy over non-halachic conversions that would be amenable to the three main branches of Judaism met with little enthusiasm, as a panel of Orthodox, Conservative and Reform rabbis debated the "Who is a Jew" issue at the United Synagogue of America's biennial convention.

Rabbi Stanley Wagner of Denver's Orthodox Beth HaMedrosh Hagadol Congregation, offered his "Denver Program" as a working proposal.

The seven-point Denver Program included the establishment of a conversion board separate from a beit din, consisting of Reform, Conservative and Orthodox rabbis who would supervise a 16-week course before recommending candidates to the Orthodox rabbinical court.

Though each rabbi would be required to work independently with

the candidates he referred, it was made clear the converts were not being prepared for "denominational" Judaism but Jewish life as a whole, Rabbi Wagner said.

Reform spokesman Rabbi Dow Marmor of Toronto's Holy Blossom Temple quoted from a Jan. 4 column in the *Jerusalem Post* by Rabbi Shlomo Riskin of the West Bank town of Efrat.

Riskin's solution calls for the formation of a "unity beit din" comprising three Orthodox rabbis and an equal number of Conservative, Reform and Reconstructionist rabbis.

Marmor noted that since three rabbis are the minimum required to convene a rabbinic court of law, the Orthodox presence would fill this requirement without compromising the pluralistic stance of their non-Orthodox colleagues.



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'Up Close And Personal' With Some Recent Soviet Immigrants

By CELIA GANS

During the month of November, the Wilmington area received seven new Russian immigrant families. All are now enjoying their new apartments, exploring our local community, working on their resumes, preparing for job interviews, and improving their English. Here are three of these families "Close-Up and Personal."

The Livanovs

The Livanovs' apartment, filled with children's toys, books, magazines, a coffee table with a dish of peanuts for snacks, and an American flag on the wall of the stairwell wraps its visitors in a warm, friendly bear hug. Valentin (who had an "e" on the end of his name when he entered Italy, but lost it somewhere "in translation;" his U.S. documents are "e"-less), Maria, Michael (age 9), and Constantine (age 5) are all anxious to get to know members of the community.

Trained at the Medical Institute in Baku, Valentin received his advance training at the Scientific Center of Narcology, Alcoholism and Drug Abuse in Moscow. His thesis was on "Alcoholism in Women."

In Grodno, a town near the Russian-Polish border where the family lived, Valentin, a psychiatrist, was employed as a counselor and thera-



The Dolinskys — daughter Anna, Sergey and Olga.

Valentin is preparing for exams which enable him to become a licensed physician in the United States (including the English exam), and looking for employment in the social work or counseling field. Maria is working on her English — and on making new American friends.

The Dolinskys

Sergey, Olga and Anna Dolinsky spent more than a year in Italy awaiting permission to enter the United

States. They remember endless food shortages with government-issued coupons for sugar, tea, one bar of soap per person for three months, and little or no washing machine detergent (with or without coupons). They not only remember shortages, but the poor quality of the food. Sergey describes sausages made from cardboard: "When you boiled them, they swelled to two or three times their original size."

What they remember most vividly, however, was the closing of all the major Russian universities to Jews. They claim that by the 1970's, only one or two of the smaller institutes would accept Jews, and always on a quota basis. The Polytechnical Institute in Leningrad was one school with such quotas.

The Pivovarovs

If you participated in Roberta Burman's fictitious lottery — the one which asked where the Pivovarov's baby would be born — Italy, an airplane, an airport or Wilmington — the winning answer is *Wilmington*. And, according to the Italian doctors, the impending arrival is a boy. His name, say the almost-parents, will probably be Vladimir, to be called William in English.

Michael is a mechanical engineer, with credentials from the Institute in Leningrad, whose last position in the Soviet Union was in a chemical plant. His wife, Eugenia, was trained in art and art history. She was an art teacher

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The Livanov family in their new apartment: Maria, Michael, Valentin and Constantine.

pist. But because he, an Azerbaijani, was married into a Jewish family, he was not allowed to teach. Thus his income was only 162 rubles a month; a clinic staff member with both state patients and a teaching load received 300 - 400 rubles a month.

The family was fortunate to live in a comfortable apartment, and had joined with Maria's parents and brother in building a *dacha* in a wooded area nearby. Shortly after the Livanov family applied for permission to immigrate, the *dacha* was destroyed by fire. While the authorities assured the family that, of course, there was "no connection" between the two events, the Livanov's obviously have doubts.

They applied to leave the Soviet Union in May of 1989, and arrived in Vienna on September 16; they arrived in Wilmington on November 14. At the present time, Maria's parents, who are religious, and her brother, a 40-year old engineer with a wife and two children are preparing to immigrate to Israel.

Michael and Constantine enjoy each other's company immensely; they play endless games with their Matchbox boys and share a brother-language all their own. The boys attend Albert Einstein Academy.

States. Why? Perhaps because of their professions, suspects Sergey. He is a systems programmer/analyst and Olga is trained as both a pharmacist and plant biologist.

From 1984 to 1988, Sergey worked at the Agrophysical Institute in Leningrad, where he developed agro-ecological simulation models and developed "AGROM," a language for non-programmers. He is skilled in COBOL, FORTRAN, OS/JCL, and DOS/JCL for the IBM 360/370 family of computers.

Olga spent the past two years in a biological laboratory developing new agricultural and medicinal plants, after completing training at the Chemo Pharmaceutical Institute in Leningrad. She found her work exciting and rewarding, and hopes to find similar work in the Wilmington area.

Both Sergey and Olga are rapidly improving their English, while daughter Anna, age 8, may be the family's prize linguist. In Italy, Anna attended Italian schools, where she learned Italian and special classes by HIAS volunteers for Hebrew. She is now polishing her new English skills at Einstein Academy. She also enjoys swimming.

In Leningrad, the family lived with Olga's parents in two rooms, a not uncommon arrangement in Russia's



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Shamir's Appeal For Solidarity Challenged By Jewish Leaders

By ALLISON KAPLAN
NEW YORK (JTA) — Putting out a call for Jewish unity, Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir told more than 150 Jewish organizational leaders that it is "imperative" to the success of the peace process for Jews in both Israel and the Diaspora to stand together in solidarity.

But as he received questions and comments from members of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, on November 20, it became apparent, as it had been during the course of Shamir's visit to the United States, that unity and consensus among American Jewish leaders has become as slippery and elusive as among Israeli politicians.

Immediately after his speech, Shamir was told flatly by Henry Siegman, executive director of the American Jewish Congress, that American Jewish organizations are as divided over the issue of "land for peace" as Israel, and that the unqualified support Shamir sought from American Jews "does not exist today."

So, Siegman asked, "can you ask us to pretend that there is a total and complete unity?"

Siegman's question reflected an atmosphere in the Jewish organizational world that may have made Shamir's time with American Jews almost as uncomfortable as his meetings at the White House. Throughout his week in the United States, parts of the American Jewish community made it clear, both pub-

licly and privately, that they were unhappy with many of Shamir's unyielding positions on the peace process.

At the same time, there are still many Jewish leaders who believe that American Jews should support the Israeli prime minister as much as possible, and should not dwell on their differences, particularly in public. Even before Shamir's arrival in Washington, the Conference of Presidents became tangled over an advertisement that was to appear in *The Washington Post* when he got there.

The original draft of the advertisement specifically expressed support for positions held by Shamir, such as his refusal to talk to the Palestine Liberation Organization and his demand that negotiations with a Palestinian delegation must be limited to election procedures. Several groups, including the American Jewish Congress, American Jewish Committee and the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, asked for revisions in the ad.

Unable to change the language to all of their members' satisfaction in time to meet newspaper deadlines, the umbrella organization was only able to publish a very general statement wishing Shamir luck in his talks with the Bush administration. Having missed the *Washington Post* deadline completely, the ad ran in *The New York Times*.

But on the same day, an advertisement similar to the original state-

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ment appeared in the *Times*, under the auspices of B'nai B'rith International, whose president, Seymour Reich, also chairs the Conference of Presidents.

Another sign of dissent occurred at the 58th General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations in Cincinnati, where Shamir arrived to encounter a letter signed by 41 prominent fund-raisers telling him not to "mistake courtesy for consensus, or applause for endorsement" of his policies.

Shamir chose to dismiss these rumblings in his comments here on November 20 to the Israeli press. He brushed aside the Cincinnati letter, telling Israeli reporters that "despite all of the unpleasant tones of the people who see only the bad, the support of the American Jewish community is massive, even more than in the past."

He added that "if there are here and there some groups whose profession it is to criticize Israel's government, their influence is less and less. The American Jewish masses support the national unity government and, I might add, the position of the prime minister," he said. "I have more and more proof of this every day."

Shamir was more circumspect when addressing the issue during his speech at the Conference of Presidents, hinting only that he would

prefer receiving criticism from American Jewry in a less public fashion. "We are open to the views and thoughts of our brethren," Shamir said, "preferably directly and not via the front pages of *The New York Times*."

His remark provoked chuckles in the audience.

Both Reich and Malcolm Hoenlein, the executive director of the Conference of Presidents, deny that consensus among American Jewish leaders is becoming more difficult to achieve. "If we had more time," Reich said, "we could have worked out language that was more acceptable" to members of the umbrella group when putting together the newspaper advertisement.

But others said that there is a growing polarization among American Jewish leaders on the peace issue. "The American Jewish community inevitably reflects what is happening in Israel itself," said Rabbi Alexander Schindler, president of the UAHC. "The Government there is divided on fundamental issues; you have that divergence here as well."

Shamir's perception that the bulk of American Jewry is behind him, however, must have been strongly reinforced by his reception at a community rally in Brooklyn, which took place immediately after his visit to the Conference of Presidents.

A cheering crowd of more than 1,000 greeted him with applause, cheers and cries of "Not one inch!" in support of Likud's refusal to cede any

part of the West Bank or Gaza Strip. "There was not one voice of questioning, let alone dissent," said Harriet Mandel, assistant director of the New York Jewish Community Relations Council.



Israeli Prime Minister
Yitzhak Shamir

The crowd was both more Orthodox and older-aged than the Jewish leaders, Mandel said. She said they were more convinced that "Likud policies are, in fact, the way to go."

Mandel said those at the rally cheering Shamir were "reacting with their gut to a sense of danger to the Jewish people" and that they believed "the only way to deal with it is to be strong."

Shamir Tells CJF Delegates To Back Soviet Resettlement

By MARK JOFFE
CINCINNATI (JTA) — Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir made an impassioned plea for Jewish unity November 16, in an attempt to rally American Jews behind his government's \$2 billion program to resettle the flood of Soviet Jews already pouring into Israel.

He indicated that Israel may also soon face the challenge of resettling thousands more Jews from Ethiopia, who may be allowed to leave in greater numbers in the wake of that country's resumption of diplomatic relations with the Jewish state earlier this month.

"By historic coincidence, the opening of the gates of the Soviet Union may be followed with the end of the tragedy of Ethiopian Jewry," Shamir told the 58th General Assembly of

the Council of Jewish Federations, which met here last month.

"We are looking forward to the understanding and cooperation of the Ethiopian government in reuniting Jews who remained in Ethiopia with their families," he said, pointing out that there has been "an increase in the number of Jews reaching Israel" since ties were re-established November 3.

"Anyone who sees the plane loads of Jews arriving in Israel from the Soviet Union, or the groups of frail and tired Ethiopian Jews kissing the soil of Eretz Yisrael, cannot but be overcome with emotion and excitement. We are truly living in a prophetic period," he said, quoting a passage from the Book of Isaiah about the return of the Jewish exiles to the land of Israel.

Shamir urged his listeners, who represent the cream of the American Jewish philanthropic community, to understand the historic nature of the exodus and to respond accordingly.

"My friends, such an opportunity occurs once in a generation," he said. "We must grasp it. We must not lose it through inaction, debates on technicalities or indifference."

Such discussions, in fact, have dominated the proceedings of this year's General Assembly, to the same extent that the "Who Is a Jew" controversy superseded every other issue at last year's G.A. in New Orleans. In fact, CJF devoted an entire day of its program to plenaries, forums and workshops on the Soviet Jewry resettlement issue.

Sessions ranged from an exploration of the changes under way inside

the Soviet Union to "nuts and bolts" workshops on such issues as finding jobs for tens of thousands of Soviet Jews settling in this country.

There were also strategy sessions on how to mount campaigns in local communities to raise the millions of dollars needed to fund resettlement of Soviet Jews both in the United States and Israel.

The Jewish Agency for Israel is asking the United Jewish Appeal to raise \$350 million over the next five years, exclusively for the resettlement of Soviet Jews in Israel. That campaign, which has not yet been formally launched, comes on the heels of UJA's difficult "Passage to Freedom" drive this year, which after eight months has raised \$44.59 million toward its \$75 million goal and only collected \$15.8 million in cash.

Even if local federations are able to mount the dramatic campaign UJA is requesting, it will not fund the rising costs of resettling the thousands of Soviet Jews still pouring into the United States.

While a higher percentage of Soviet Jews is expected to immigrate to Israel in the coming months, close to 50,000 are expected to arrive in the United States in the next year.

Recognizing that, CJF has now established a blue-ribbon panel to examine the magnitude of resources that will be needed to fund both the absorption of Soviet immigrants in Israel and the resettlement of those who come to the United States.

In his speech, Shamir spoke of the urgency with which such efforts must be made. "We must act quickly," he said. "Experience has taught us that, when dealing with the Soviet Union, no one knows what tomorrow might bring."

While dwelling on the present and the future, the prime minister also took a few moments to look back and praise the Soviet Jewry emigration

movement for making the wave of migration possible. And he thanked former President Ronald Reagan and his secretary of state, George Shultz, "who made a point of raising the Soviet Jewry issue at the beginning of every meeting with Soviet leaders."

Shamir met here for 20 minutes on November 16 with the former president, who was in Cincinnati to address the local Bankers Club. Details of their discussion were scarce. But when asked by a reporter afterward if he had requested Reagan's assistance in the peace process, the prime minister nodded and said, "Yes."

Shamir discussed the peace process in broad terms during his address to the General Assembly.

While he reiterated his familiar ironclad refusal to deal in any way with the Palestine Liberation Organization, he also attempted to mitigate the perception of his intransigence with prophetic citations and lofty statements of intent.

"We have never abandoned our hope for peace," he said, adding somewhat cryptically that his government has made "a long list of attempts — some of them secret, which will become public one day — to break through the wall of enmity and open a process of peace."

But while he pledged that his government would "leave no stone unturned, no opportunity untouched in our quest for peace," he asserted, "We will not be pressured into committing national suicide."

"If the history of this century has taught us one thing," he said, "it is that peace without security is no peace at all."

Earlier in the evening, outside the convention center where he spoke, the New Jewish Agenda and a Palestinian group staged demonstrations against Shamir's policies. Pro-Shamir forces also demonstrated.

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Walesa Praised For Jewish Outreach, Criticized For Support Of Glemp

By ALLISON KAPLAN

NEW YORK (JTA) — Jewish organizational leaders emerged from an hour-long meeting with Solidarity founder Lech Walesa last month praising the Polish hero's sincerity in reaching out to them, but uneasy over his denial of Polish anti-Semitism and his attitude toward the conflict over the Auschwitz convent.

Walesa was visibly torn between his desire to build a bridge of friendship between Poles and Jews and his ironclad loyalty to the Polish Catholic Church and the Polish people, according to those who attended the closed-door meeting. While personally denouncing anti-Semitism, Walesa said he did not believe that hatred of Jews was historically part of the Polish character, and that Polish Catholic primate Cardinal Jozef Glemp is "not an anti-Semite."

In the midst of the dispute over the Auschwitz convent, Glemp accused world Jewry of violating Poland's sovereignty and of poisoning the international media against the nation. Walesa said that Glemp's statements about Jews last August were "unfortunate" but that as a loyal Catholic, he would not publicly denounce the cardinal.

Walesa also said that his religion prevented him from speaking directly on whether he believed the Auschwitz convent should be moved. "The blood that was spilled there obligates us to find a solution that will enable persons of all faiths to go there," Walesa said.

Asking for a "common understanding" between Poles and Jews, Walesa said that "the Holocaust was our common tragedy. We must put an end to fighting and remembering our common past, work together to transform Poland's future."

In response, Seymour Reich, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, which convened the meeting, told Walesa that while Jews "are prepared to engage in a new beginning with Poland, we can't forget the past, or the anti-Semitism that was rampant in Poland."

The most emotional moments during the meeting, observers said, came when Polish Jewish survivors of the Holocaust addressed Walesa.

Benjamin Meed, president of the American Gathering of Holocaust survivors, asked Walesa to see to it



Polish Solidarity leader Lech Walesa kisses a 1500-year-old jar presented to him by the Conference of Presidents of Major Jewish Organizations during his visit to the United States. (Photo: RNS)

that the remnants of Jewish life in Poland that remain, including synagogues and cemeteries, be preserved. Such preservation was necessary, Meed said, to remind future generations of the once-flourishing Jewish community in Poland and its destruction during the Holocaust.

"I will personally guarantee that any remaining Jewish holy sites will be declared historic shrines. Jews died in the concentration camps simply because they were Jewish. This must and will be acknowledged," Walesa said in response.

Meed and others were pleased with Walesa's pledge.

"He has now made a concrete commitment to which he can be held. I would hope that he meant it," said Menachem Rosensaft, founding chairman of the International Network of Children of Jewish Holocaust Survivors.

Despite the points of disagreement, Walesa generally charmed the group of 70 Jewish leaders, as he did all of his audiences during his week in the United States.

Walesa told the group that he believed full diplomatic ties between Israel and Poland were "a matter of time."

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2001: A Jewish Look Into The Future

By RUTH ROVNER

Sometime in the 21st century, there might be as many as 100 million Jews in the world, predicts futurist Max Singer. Or there might be so few that they become "a tiny remnant, like the Amish."

Singer, a Washington-based consultant, spoke recently at a special program about "the Jewish future," sponsored by Beth Israel-Beth Zion synagogue in Philadelphia. He said he could not predict whether Judaism would thrive or decline in the next century. But one thing, he said, was certain: the future would give Jews a unique opportunity they've had at no other time in history.

"As we look to the future, the most dramatic change will be the sudden flood of people from villages to the modern world," said Singer, author of "Passage to a Human World." "Probably never again will there be such rapid change."

"We can be sure that in the next two centuries, there will be 10 billion educated people in the world, who will be living mostly in modern cities, where they'll be free to choose their own way of life — and their own religion."

And that religion, he further pre-

dicted, might be Judaism — especially if Jews manage to "rediscover what Judaism is" and show that to others. "If we pull ourselves together," said Singer, "if we develop modern, vibrant Jewish communities, then why shouldn't others, too, find Judaism attractive?"

"Until now, Jews have had a relatively small audience. But in the future, with the flood of newly free people about to wash over the world, we'll have a real theater in which to show the world what Judaism is," said Singer, who is co-founder of the Hudson Institute, a research organization.

Singer's vision of a possible new "audience" for Judaism was just one of the predictions made when he and three panelists — a rabbi, lawyer, and doctor — discussed their vision of a Jewish future. Titled "2001: Jewish Life Defined," the event drew a large audience to Beth-Zion-Beth Israel on a Sunday last month. They listened attentively as the four speakers predicted a future full of challenge for Jews.

One challenge will be changes in family structures. "The ability of Judaism to survive will depend on our ability to accept the fact that the

traditional idea of family will not be the only one," said Miriam Gafni, a Philadelphia attorney and Gratz College board member.

Increasingly, she said, Jewish "families" will include such non-traditional units as unmarried couples or lesbian couples who adopt children. "And the Jewish response to these non-traditional families will be what makes or breaks the Jewish community," said Gafni.

Rapid advances in reproductive technology, such as test-tube babies and gender pre-selection, will also pose challenges to Jews in the future as they assess how Jewish law deals with processes undreamed of by those who framed it.

Dr. Frances Batzer of the Philadelphia Fertility Institute told the audience about a Jewish woman without a uterus who will soon become the mother of a baby gestated outside the womb.

Already the legal papers have been drawn certifying the woman as legal mother, since traditional Jewish law specifies that a Jew is someone born of a Jewish mother. "Judaism is constantly challenged by issues like this," said Batzer.

Another challenge will come from

the ongoing abortion debate and its implications for Jews. "For Jews, the question of abortion will be much more political than religious," predicted Rabbi Ira Stone of Temple Beth Zion-Beth Israel.

"In Judaism, the general principles about abortion are established and not very controversial. The real issue will be that we'll have to choose political bedfellows that won't always be compatible."

Already, he said, "Jews find themselves pitted between pro-life and pro-choice positions." And neither one, he explained, is entirely compatible with Jewish law, which does not favor abortion-on-demand but also stipulates some situations in which abortion is actually mandated, as when the mother's life is in danger.

"I see this as a paradigm," he continued. "In other matters, too, I foresee that Judaism's way of doing things won't fit with either of two extremes."

While Jews in the future will deal with these and other social issues and changes, they will also face questions and challenges focused on Judaism itself. One such issue, panelists agreed, will be the relationship between Israel and the Diaspora.

"There's no question that Zionist ideology needs revision," said Rabbi Stone. "And the first revision is to legitimize the Diaspora. I can't even begin to guess at the political life for Israel in the future. But Israel as the *raison d'être* for being Jewish in the Diaspora is over."

"In the next few years, we'll come to terms with the fact that we need to

create a vibrant, dynamic life in the Diaspora. Even though I also see a wonderful future for Israel, the Judaism it creates will be specific to being Jewish in Israel and we'll be left out of it significantly. We'll have to create a Judaism for us."

"The Israel-Holocaust connection will not be enough for our children and that's what we've thrived on until now. The Judaism of the future depends on the willingness of Jews in the Diaspora to build something new," Stone said.

Futurist Singer was even more emphatic about the need to "revitalize" the Jewish Diaspora. "If we're going to succeed, we've got to live our message so that people want to be Jews and stay Jews. We've got to recognize that our time is coming," he said, referring again to the opportunity of a changing world population. "But if we don't change, we're through," he concluded.

And one of those big changes, predicted both female panelists, will involve Judaism's attitude towards women. "The issue of where women are in our religious life is crucial," said Gafni, who recently chaired a conference titled *The Empowerment of Jewish Women in Philadelphia*. "If you don't have a real place for women, that's not going to be an attractive place for people to choose or to stay in, that's not a place where people can transmit values by in a loving and caring way to their families."

"Just as I'm active in my medical community as a woman," said Batzer, "for me the challenge to Judaism is to give me an important place as a woman, too."

AEA Students Participate In Drill

By VICKY ROSENTHALIS

"A frightening scenario for any child: encircling groups of white coated strangers engaged in indecipherable conversation, mysterious beeping machines and harsh white lights — a hospital," explained Albert Einstein Academy Physical Education and Health instructor, Wendy Berkover. "How does one take the horror out of hospitals for children?" she asked.

In an effort to reduce that fear, Albert Einstein Academy offered its second through fifth grade students

an opportunity for familiarity with a hospital situation on October 26. As a supplement to its Health Education classes, the Academy participated in the Alfred I. DuPont Disaster Drill.

The group of 26 students was met by the Children's Hospital staff in the Institute lobby to begin a game of "pretend." Children were tagged with various injuries sustained in a hypothetical school bus accident, and they were then "examined" and "treated." They encountered the Operating Room, Intensive Care, X-Ray and Casting Departments. Each student

made his own finger cast and used a stethoscope and blood pressure cuff on a doll. The medical and nursing staffs, interacting with real equipment and pretend patients, provided the children with a fun-filled and enlightening day.

The Disaster Drill, designed as a periodic exercise for the hospital staff, was topped off with lunch, complimentary dessert and a souvenir T-shirt for each student. Berkover remarked, "Everything is fun, yet they learn. Most importantly, a hospital is no longer threatening."

Dover Jewish Community Super Sunday Event Planned

The Dover Jewish Community will once again be administering its own Super Sunday effort in conjunction with the Jewish Federation of Delaware Super Sunday, January 21, 1990, according to Kathy F. Bloom and Alan H. Paikin, Super Sunday Co-Chairpersons. Charles A. Salkin, President of Congregation Beth Shalom in Dover, said that "volunteers from the Dover Jewish community will be meeting at the offices of B. Gary Scott (Greentree Shopping Center) to contact their friends and neighbors in our community to make a pledge to the 1990 JFD Campaign. The efforts of B. Gary Scott realtor and Beth Shalom Vice President Dolores Knopf in coordinating this are certainly appreciated by our entire community."

Super Sunday is the official kickoff of the JFC Campaign which raises funds to support social, educational, cultural and humanitarian services to the Jewish communities in Delaware, Israel and around the world. Last

year's Super Sunday enabled more than 1700 individuals to make their pledges to the Federation campaign. More than \$140,000 was raised, which represents approximately 11 percent of the overall total for the 1989 campaign.

Leslie Newman, President of Jewish Family Service, and Secretary for the Jewish Federation of Delaware Board of Directors, will be the featured speaker at Congregation Beth Shalom's Oneg Shabbat on January 19, the Shabbat before Super Sunday. Newman will discuss the modern exodus of hundreds of Soviet Jews which has been occurring in the age of glasnost, and how the American Jewish community is absorbing this flood of new neighbors. Throughout the next year Jewish Family Service estimates that they will assist in the resettling of approximately 75 Soviet Jewish families in Delaware, which includes assistance with finding a home, obtaining employment, and adjusting to a new country with a unique culture vastly different from what they were used to in the Soviet Union.

For more information about Super Sunday 1990 and/or the Jewish Federation Campaign, please contact Seth M. Bloom, JFD Director of Community Development, 478-6200.



Leslie Newman, President of Jewish Family Service and Secretary of the Jewish Federation of Delaware Board of Directors, will be the featured speaker for the Dover Jewish community's Federation Shabbat on January 19.

Federation Wins Award At General Assembly



Dulcie Rosenfeld of Detroit, co-chairman of the Council of Jewish Federations Public Relations Awards Committee, congratulates Robert N. Kerbel, Executive Vice-President of the Jewish Federation of Delaware, who accepted the 1989 public relations award for "Best Campaign Brochure" on behalf of the JFD during the 58th CJF General Assembly in Cincinnati last month. The brochure was published as a supplement to *The Jewish Voice* in January 1989 and outlined the needs and goals of the annual federation campaign and highlighted the community's volunteer leadership responsible for the campaign.

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Acculturation Committee Formed To Settle Soviet Jewish Immigrants In Delaware

A community-wide plan to provide for the acculturation of the Soviet Jewish immigrants in Delaware has been recently established. Seventy-five new Soviet Jews will have settled in Delaware by June 1990. The Jewish Federation of Delaware has allocated \$75,000 for their resettlement.

In the past, Jewish Family Service has provided resettlement services effectively, but with increased numbers of immigrants that agency has needed extra assistance. In an unprecedented action, seven local Jewish institutions (JCC, JFD, JFS, and the four northern Delaware synagogues) have begun to form plans for a new acculturation committee. Rachel Yoskowitz will chair the committee with representatives from all seven institutions.

Yoskowitz has done extensive work with Soviet Jews and Soviet Jewry committees in Baltimore, Houston, and Minneapolis. Her Masters degree on the subject of Soviet Jewry was entitled, "A Study of the Health Status of Soviet Immigrants and a Health Education Plea to Upgrade Their Level of Wellness."

The new committee will focus on the following services for Soviet absorption:

1. The Family to Family Program
2. English as a Second Language
3. Transportation Team
4. Employment Consultants
5. Social Functions and Education for New Americans
6. Friendly Services
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The division into project areas was dictated by identified known needs within our community as well as by the results of national research concerning Soviet Jewish immigrants conducted by the Council of Jewish Federations.

The entire undertaking of absorbing Soviet Jewish immigrants into

both American society and the Jewish community will require the commitment of a large number of volunteers, the committee feels. Every aspect, from the Family-to-Family Program which will provide home hospitality to Friendly Services which will offer small individualized services, will need extra hands.

Because of the large influx of

immigrants in the last few weeks, Russian translators and people who can help with forms and resume-writing are urgently required. One of the primary objectives for those involved in the process is to get the Soviet Jews employed as soon as possible. At the present time jobs are needed for the following people: a computer programmer, a pharma-

cist, a mechanical engineer, a ceramic jeweler, a specialist in physical education.

Yoskowitz said volunteers are welcome for any aspect of the new plan. Call Roberta Burman at Jewish Family Service, 478-9411, or Lelaine Nemser at Jewish Federation of Delaware, 478-6200.

Anne Pollard Released From Prison

By ALLISON KAPLAN

NEW YORK (JTA) — Anne Pollard's troubled stay in federal prison has finally ended. She was released to a Manhattan halfway house November 21, after serving two years and eight months of her five-year sentence in federal prison. She was convicted for crimes related to the activities of her husband, Jonathan Pollard, who is serving a life sentence for spying for Israel.

"If I wasn't so sick, I would be feeling elated," she said in a telephone interview, adding that the management of the halfway house seems "wonderful."

Pollard suffers from biliary dyskinesia, a rare gastro-intestinal disorder, which she and her family claim has worsened from inadequate care during her imprisonment. She said she has been feeling especially ill over the past several weeks and that she had a doctor's appointment scheduled for the day after her release.

Her new life in Manhattan will include a full-time job working for her father's public relations firm, Bergert, Henderson, Schechter, Smith. She said she will be working on a number of accounts, among them the National Coalition of American Nuns, whose newsletter she will be producing.

"I want to get on with my life and my work," said Pollard, who was a public relations professional before her imprisonment.

Much of her time and attention, however, will be focused on "Justice for the Pollards," an organization that raises funds for the couple's legal fees and her medical expenses. Pollard said she is determined to win her husband's "freedom and vindication" and will pursue all possible ways in which to achieve that. She plans to speak publicly about the case and hopes to meet with both American and Israeli politicians.

Coincidentally, Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir was in New

York, addressing the Conference of Presidents of Major Jewish American Organizations, on the day Pollard was released.

Some supporters had urged her to go to the meeting and confront Shamir directly, asking him to help her husband's cause. But she said she refused, out of "respect for the prime minister and because I didn't want to cause a scene."

Pollard is confined to Hopper

House, located on the Lower East Side of Manhattan, from 9 p.m. until 6 a.m. during the week, and is required to remain within a 50-mile radius of the facility at all times. Her stay at Hopper House will end in March, when she is due to be released on parole.

She said she has "not broached the subject" of whether she will be permitted to travel to Marion, Ill., to visit her imprisoned husband during her time in the halfway house.

AFL-CIO Supports Israel

NEW YORK (JTA) — The AFL-CIO unanimously passed a strongly worded resolution in support of the State of Israel, at its 18th convention held last month in Washington.

Herb Magidson, president of the Jewish Labor Committee, said the resolution was "the most recent reaffirmation of the labor movement's

bedrock support for the State of Israel."

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Shamir Promises Continuing Dialogue Over Israeli Ties With South Africa

By DAVID FRIEDMAN

WASHINGTON (JTA) — Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir has promised a continuing dialogue with black and other members of Congress concerned about Israel's dealings with South Africa.

"I promised them that I will consult about these problems with some leaders of African black countries with whom I have some friendly relations," Shamir said November 19 in an appearance on the CBS-TV program "Face the Nation." "And I will come back to them, and we will discuss this together," he said.

Shamir said he had "a very deep discussion" on Israel's relations with South Africa with a group of black and Jewish members of Congress last month.

The closed-door meeting was held at the request of the lawmakers, who wanted Shamir to know not just their concern about recent media reports of Israeli cooperation with South Africa on missile technology, but also their anger, according to a source who was present.

Shamir gave the lawmakers the same answer he gave President Bush, when Bush reportedly asked about the South African connection during their hour-long meeting November 15 at the White House. In response to the lawmakers' query, Shamir reiterated Israel's policy of opposition to apartheid, the source said.

Israel has abided by a March 1987 Cabinet decision that the govern-

ment would no longer cooperate on military projects with South Africa, but would not abrogate existing agreements, Shamir said. He added these agreements are being phased out and will expire in another year or two.

In the CBS interview, Shamir vigorously rejected charges that he wants to torpedo his own peace initiative, including the proposal for elections in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. "It is nonsense to think that I am against my own peace plan," he told "Face the Nation."

"It is my plan. I am committed to every word of this plan. I will do my utmost to implement this plan," he said, "because I am sure, I am convinced that this is the only realistic plan of peace — as you say, the only game in town."

Shamir added that Jews and other friends of Israel "know that I am tough, maybe, in protecting our interests. But at the same time, I am very, very eager to get peace."

Shamir repeated his assertion that his meetings with Bush and Secretary of State James Baker were not tense, despite some concerns raised by the president. These meetings were the frank discussions expected between friends, he maintained.

"He (Bush) asked, I tried to answer," Shamir said. "I think in the end we have a full understanding of all of the issues we are going to handle together."

Shamir said that the United States

and Israel do differ about the permanent solution of the Arab-Israeli conflict, which the Bush administration believes requires "land for peace."

"We have to resolve the conflict, but the territories are part of our heritage," Shamir said. In this context, the Jewish settlements in the West Bank and Gaza are "not any contradiction" to Israel's proposal that the Palestinians in the territories elect representatives to negotiate with Israel for autonomy.

Shamir and Bush raised the question of settlements, particularly reports that the Israeli Cabinet had approved a new one near Dugit, in the Gaza Strip, just before Shamir came to Washington.

"I explained to the president that it was not a new settlement," but a change in location for a settlement agreed to by the government months ago, Shamir said.

Not mentioned in the CBS inter-



Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir

view was Shamir's failure to get from Bush or Baker the assurances Israel has sought from the United States in accepting Baker's five-point proposal for Israeli-Palestinian talks.

This includes a guarantee that Is-

rael would not be required to negotiate with the Palestine Liberation Organization and that the talks would be limited to discussing the implementation of Palestinian elections in the territories.

Controversy Arises Over Interracial Transplants

By HUGH ORGEL

TEL AVIV (JTA) — A debate is rising in Israel over the propriety of transplanting hearts between people of different religious or ethnic backgrounds.

It was triggered by the successful transplant of the heart of a slain Israel Defense Force soldier to save the life of an East Jerusalem Arab.

The operation was done at Hadassah University Hospital in Jerusalem late last month, only hours after Sgt. Ze'ev Traum, a 40-year-old Israel Defense Force reservist died at Soroka Hospital in Beersheba from head wounds suffered in a Palestinian ambush in the Gaza Strip on Nov. 13.

The recipient was Hana Khader, 54, a Christian Arab patient at Hadassah Hospital.

Soroka, protesting publication of the donor's and recipient's names after the operation, announced its withdrawal from an inter-hospital agreement to notify each other of the availability of human organs donated for transplant.

In this case, Soroka, a government hospital, notified Hadassah that Traum's heart was available.

Soroka and other sources claim no one was authorized to release the donor's name, which was published by Reuters, the international news agency.

Traum, who was born in Israel, was brought to New York at the age of 9 and was active in a Bronx chapter of Habonim, the youth group of the Labor Zionist movement. He returned to Israel in 1968.

His American-born wife, Brenda Krasner Traum, was a member of Habonim in Baltimore. Brenda authorized the transplant of his heart. She apparently agreed to release his name, partly to draw public attention to the need for organ donors. But she had no idea at the time who the recipient would be.

Doctors explained it is impossible to give this information in advance, because the donated heart must be tested for compatibility with the recipient.

Khader, in fact, was one of three potential recipients summoned to Hadassah Hospital. Doctors found his case was the most urgent.

But public debate has focused mainly on the fact that a Palestinian benefited from the death of a Jewish

soldier killed by Palestinians.

Some religious and right-wing circles have demanded an end to interracial transplants.

Professor Avraham Abramov, chief of pediatrics at the Bikur Holim Hospital in Jerusalem, an Orthodox institution, was quoted by the Jerusalem Post on Sunday, saying he thought the transplant of the heart of a Jewish soldier killed by Arabs to another Arab was "tasteless and tactless. There is a limit to democracy," the Orthodox doctor was quoted as saying.

But Habonim Dror North America, the Labor Zionist youth movement to which Traum once belonged, took a different view.

It "saluted its graduate, IDF Sgt. Ze'ev Traum, who gave his life in defense of Israel and then donated his heart to save the life of a Palestinian Arab."

Meanwhile, the heart recipient was reported to be doing well. He was disconnected from his respirator and other life-sustaining systems two days after the surgery, chatted with his wife, and even managed to get out of bed.

Libya Is Making Poison Gas

BONN (JTA) — Libya has begun to produce poison gas at its chemical plant at Rabta, which was designed and equipped by a West German chemical firm, government officials here confirmed.

The quantities so far have been negligible and experimental, according to a West German customs officer, Klaus-Peter Rieke. But Libyan agents have approached many West German companies in recent weeks to obtain more of the substances needed to go into full-scale production, Rieke told the news program "Tagesthemmen."

Jürgen Immhäusen, the owner and manager of the company that built the Rabta plant, has been in prison in Mannheim for four months awaiting trial. He allegedly provided Libya with the know-how and materials to produce poison gas.

Prosecution officials made available to television blueprints of the Tabta plant prepared in West Germany and photographs of the plant as it now stands.

"The similarities are striking," said one official. "There is no doubt in our minds that the factory was planned on drawing boards in this country."

Investigators here said full operation of the Rabta plant may be only weeks away and would depend on the ability of the Libyans to get more assistance from West Germany.

The prosecution identified the ingredients for poison gas which Libya has gotten from West Germany. They are thiodiglycol, thionylchloride, phosphorus trichloride and sodium fluoride. They are used to produce the deadly gases Lost, Sarin and Soman.

No PLO At Olympics

Yasir Arafat recently wrote to the chairman of the International Olympic Committee asking him to support the PLO's application to become part of the committee that supervises the Olympic Games. The PLO — which perpetrated the 1972 massacre at the Munich Olympics — first applied for membership in 1979 and renewed its application in August.

"The Palestinian people is fighting to obtain its national right to join the other peoples of the world in humanitarian activities... in the field of sport," said Omar Hussein Ali, secretary general of the Palestine Olympic Committee (Reuters, Nov.

1).

An American member of the IOC told the *Near East Report* that she did not believe the PLO would be admitted. "They don't meet the criteria in the Olympic Charter required for membership," she stated. One of those criteria is to have a geographic area.

This was confirmed by a spokeswoman for the IOC in Lausanne. To even be considered for membership, she said, a sports federation must be associated with "a territory with international status." Since the international community does not recognize a state of "Palestine," the PLO's application will not be approved.

Palestinian Activist Advocates PLO Talks With Shamir

ROME (JTA) — The principle that bitter enemies can resolve their disputes peacefully, only by negotiating with each other, was hammered home by a prominent Palestinian at a three-day conference on the prospects of Middle East peace, held last month in Milan.

According to Faisal Hussein, the Palestine Liberation Organization must negotiate with the government headed by Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, "not because he is a man of peace, but because he is the representative of the other side. Our representative is the PLO, and it is with this organization that Israel has to deal, regardless of whether or not it considers (Yasir) Arafat a man of peace," said Hussein, an East Jerusalem activist.

The Milan conference, organized by the Italian Center for Peace in the Middle East, was attended by members of Israel's Labor Party, including a former justice minister, Haim Zadok, assorted doves from Israel and Jewish sympathizers from the United States, Italy and France.

But despite the presence of Labor Party members, Hussein said the Palestinians would find it difficult to hold a dialogue with these Israelis. "There isn't any symmetry between the Israelis and Palestinians present at this conference," he maintained.

"We Palestinians represent the current majority, while the Israelis are part of the opposition. This is an anomalous condition. We cannot negotiate with their positions, we must negotiate with the government."

Hussein is considered an influential figure among West Bank Arabs, and in fact became so also among Israelis during his most recent period of administrative detention, which lasted 18 months. He was jailed for his pro-PLO views. Ironically, it was during this detention that Israeli government leaders began visiting Hussein for informal talks. Hussein emerged from jail more of a respected opposition figure than ever before.

Hussein told the conference attendees that the Palestinians "want negotiations based on the presence of an international conference. We want the great powers to contribute to the solution of the problem," he said.



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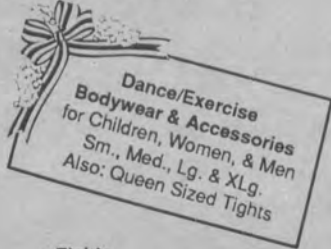
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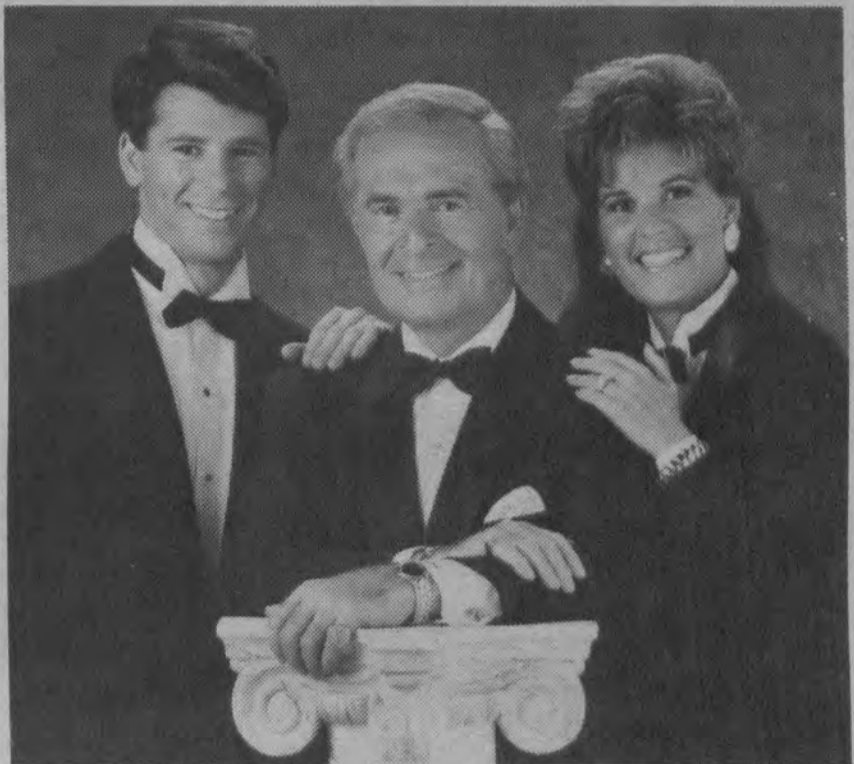
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Reform Movement Urged To Accept Gay Members

NEW ORLEANS — The leader of the Reform Jewish movement has called on his organization's 822 synagogues to practice a policy "by which the many gay and lesbian Jews of our community will know that they are accepted on terms of visibility, not invisibility."

Ultimately, said Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler, president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (UAHC), "they must know that we place no limits on their communal or spiritual aspirations."

Schindler spoke in delivering the keynote address, in the form of a Sabbath sermon, at the UAHC's national biennial convention. Addressing 3,500 convention delegates, representing 822 Reform synagogues in the United States and Canada, he said, "Fifteen years ago the UAHC

admitted the first synagogue with an outreach to gay and lesbian Jews, and we have added three since. Gay men and lesbians by the hundreds who had felt themselves alienated from Judaism have joined these congregations and added their strength and commitment to our religious community.

"But in most mainstream congregations," Rabbi Schindler said, "we have not extended our embrace to include gay and lesbian Jews. We have not acknowledged their presence in the midst of our synagogues. We have not dispelled the myth of the 'corrupting homosexual' — the counselor or teacher who would fashion children in his or her sexual image. And we have not included gay and lesbian parents as part of the Jewish family circle."

The Reform Jewish leader conceded that "many of us agree intel-

lectually that it is wrong to stigmatize and ostracize homosexuals." He added, "we will speak of 'them' and 'us,' as though gay men and women were descended from a distant planet. Yet if those who have studied these matters are correct, an estimated 500,000 of our fellow-Jews — and no less than 100,000 Reform Jews — are gay. They are our fellow-congregants, lay and professional leaders, some of them our sisters and brothers, daughters and sons."

In this denial, we forget Jewish history and opt for amnesia, Schindler said. "We who were beaten in the streets of Berlin cannot turn away from the plague of gay-bashing. We who were marranos in Madrid, who clung to the closet of assimilation and conversion in order to live without molestation, we cannot deny the demand for gay and lesbian visibility."

Rabbi Schindler acknowledged the Biblical injunction against homosexual acts. But he noted there was also a time in Jewish history when deaf-mutes were considered mentally incompetent and hence denied the right to participate in Jewish religious life. He said "no less an authority than Maimonides" was prepared to lift this restriction when deaf-mutes gave evidence of a capacity to learn. He codified the flexibility provided by the Talmudic sages.

Similarly, the UAHC president said, few Orthodox rabbis who decide questions of Jewish law today would enforce the Biblical ostracism as lepers. "Then why are we, and especially we Reform Jews, not willing to set aside the despicability of homosexuality in Jewish law in order to reflect equally our newer knowledge?" he asked.



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Book Review

Personal Look At 'That Place And Time'

Reviewed By
HERBERT M. LINSENBURG
FROM THAT PLACE AND TIME:
A MEMOIR, 1938-1947, by Lucy S. Dawidowicz. W.W. Norton & Company, 333 pages, \$21.95.

In her most famous book, *The War Against the Jews, 1933-1945*, Lucy Dawidowicz related, in stark historical detail, the events that led to the annihilation by the Nazis of 6 million European Jews. Her latest work is more personal. In it, she tells the story of the year she spent in Vilna, in northern Poland (now Lithu-

ania), from August 1938 to August 1939, as a student at the Vilna Scientific Institute (YIVO).

She describes the people she lived with, studied with and came to love. She also writes of her return to Europe in 1946 to work with Jewish survivors of the Holocaust as an official of the Joint Distribution Committee and her search for the remnants of her earlier life in Vilna.

During her return, she was able to contact only a few of the survivors. Although those meetings proved to be disappointing, she did manage to

discover some 76,000 manuscripts and other materials belonging to YIVO and sent them to the institute's office in New York, YIVO's new home.

It was a bittersweet discovery. Some of the books bore personal traces of people with whom she had studied. She even found her own application and admission papers to the institute. In her words, "I no longer dreamed of rescuing Rivele and Kalmen from the flames of war, but now I had become obsessed with saving as many remnants as I could of the Vilna YIVO's books and manu-



Lucy Dawidowicz

youths, would attack Jews on the streets and smash the windows of their homes and places of business. The attackers were rarely apprehended.

The students at the University of Vilna were the most zealous practitioners of the fine art of hooliganism. Each Nov. 10 was a day to be feared by the Jewish population, for it marked the anniversary of the death of a Polish student who had participated in a university rampage against Jews in 1931; the anniversary was celebrated annually by outbreaks of violence.

Anti-Semitism also took the form of boycotts against Jewish businesses. By the late 1930s, the "don't buy Jewish" program had developed into a national movement and had the support of local officials, who helped the boycotts along by enacting laws requiring Jewish stores to be identified.

By the summer of 1939, Dawidowicz had had enough. She was torn between concern for the people she knew and the desire to escape. She left Poland on Aug. 25, 1939. The Nazis invaded on Sept. 1.

The remainder of the book traces the course of World War II and describes the fate of Polish Jewry at the hands of the Nazis. But this part of the story is anticlimactic. The Jews of Vilna suffered the same fate as all of their Eastern European brethren. Their death was part of the Nazis' final solution of the "Jewish problem."

The efforts of the author to "save the remnants" of Vilna and the treasure trove of historical and scholarly documents represent a heroic endeavor that must have been richly rewarding for her. But the main loss should not be obscured by her heroism — the Jewish life of Vilna was destroyed and, with it, a significant portion of the historical heritage of all Jews throughout the world.

The author preserves, in her poignant descriptions of the people she knew and the experiences she savored, a piece of the mosaic that makes up a subliminal part of the lives and background of all of us. In the author's descriptions, you can almost feel the presence of the Vilna Jews — just as if you were in the middle of a Roman Vishniac photograph. But for Dawidowicz's writing, this presence might be lost to us, entirely — and forever.

(Herbert M. Linsenburg is a partner in the Philadelphia law firm of Fox, Rothschild, O'Brien and Frankel.)

Hanukkah Books For Kids

By SYBIL ZIMMERMAN

Special to The Jewish Voice

Hanukkah books for children this year are flooding the market! Over a dozen books for all ages are available — retelling the Hanukkah story, celebrating Hanukkah through stories or activities and Hanukkah adventures.

Activity Books

"*Hanukkah Game Book*" by David A. Adler, Bonim Books (Hebrew Publishing Co.), \$3.95, paperback, 48 pp.

Although this book is not new, the games, puzzles, riddles and more will delight children 4 to 8 years of age. Children will spend hours trying to trap the soldier of Antiochus, going through a Jerusalem maze, drawing a menorah and telling each other silly Hanukkah riddles.

"*Creative Activities for Hanukkah*" by Doris Gerber, Contemporary Designs (P.O. Box 60, Gilbert, Ia. 50105), \$2, paperback, 22 pp.

Children 5 to 9 years old will be able to connect the dots, make finger puppets, sing songs, do word puzzles and play games — all on the theme of Hanukkah with this book.

"*The Animated Menorah*," design and graphics by Janet Zuebner, Shapolsky Publishing, \$5.95, paperback, 46 pp.

This Hanukkah activity book is for children 5 to 10 years old and includes games, puzzles, activities and fun facts.

"*Hanukkah Activity Book*," Contemporary Designs (P.O. Box 60, Gilbert, Ia. 50105), \$1.50, paperback, 35 pp.

Here is a fun-filled book of word games, craft projects, cut outs, cooking activities and more for children 5 to 10 years old.

Hanukkah Story and Theme
"All About Hanukkah" by Judy Groner and Madeline Wikler, illustrated by Rosalyn Schanzer, Kar-Ben Copies Publishers, \$4.95 paperback, \$10.95 hardcover, 32 pp.

This National Jewish Book Award finalist presents the historical background of Hanukkah for children 5 to 9 years old. Children will also be able to use the blessings, music, games and other activities of modern observance.

"*Hanukkah*," story and pictures by Miriam Nerlove, Whitman Publishers, \$10.95, hardbound.

The rhyming text of this charming story follows the activities of a little boy and his parents as they prepare for Hanukkah. The pen and ink illustrations washed with color add to the story. A glossary of terms is at the end of the book. The story is perfect

for children 1 to 6 years old.

"*Happy Hanukkah Rebus*" by David A. Adler, illustrated by Jan Palmer, Viking Kestrel Publishers, \$11.95, hardbound, 31 pp.

Rebus were a popular style in children's books at the turn of the century, as children saw the words interspersed with pictures and learned to "read" this way.

Children 3 to 8 years old can read this version of the story of Hanukkah with their parents, in rebus format or without, with the focus on a little girl named Sharon. The author is an established writer of more than 50 children's books.

"*A Hanukkah Letter from Moscow*" by Jeffrey S. Winter, Ph.D., Contemporary Designs Publishers (P.O. Box 60, Gilbert, Ia. 50105), \$2, paperback, 24 pp.

This fictional story is based on the author's meeting with refuseniks in the Soviet Union. He tells the story of Masha, a 10-year-old girl and her brother, Boris, 5 years old, who live in Moscow.

This book is a wonderful way to introduce children to the issue of Soviet Jewry. In addition to the story line, there are puzzles, mazes, objects to identify, decoding, pictures to color and games. The blessings for lighting the candles and songs are also included.

The book concludes with addresses of where to write government officials about letting Jews out of the Soviet Union and space to write a letter to a child.

"*The Dangerous Dreidle Ride*," written and illustrated by Chaiky Halpern, Feldheim Publishers, \$2.95, paperback.

Children 4 to 8 years old will giggle and laugh at the exciting adventure story of King Rimpu in the land of Miroop and the guard, Dani Dink. They will see how the kingdom celebrates Chanukah and what role Dani Dink played in the celebration.

"*Malke's Secret Recipe*" by David A. Adler, illustrated by Joan Halpern, Kar-Ben Copies Publishers, \$10.95 hardcover, \$4.95 paperback, 32 pp.

Children 3 and up who have not yet been introduced to the whacky world of Chelm, the legendary town of fools, will have a treat with this book.

Malke, the tailor's wife, was the envy of all the townspeople for her latke recipe. The shoemaker, Berel, decides to try to discover the secret recipe and get his wife to duplicate it.

This is a wonderful, fun book to read, and children can even make Malke's secret recipe which is in-

cluded at the end.

Adler, who is author of three other books reviewed here, is a senior editor at the Jewish Publication Society and winner of the Sydney Taylor Book Award of the Association of Jewish Librarians for one of his books. The illustrator, Halpern, is a seasoned illustrator with 25 years experience in design and advertising work.

"*Hershel and the Hanukkah Goblins*" by Eric Kimmel, illustrated by Trina Schart Hyman, Holiday House Publishers, \$14.95, hardbound.

Hershel of Ostropol plots to get rid of the goblins which haunt his village's synagogue and prevent them from destroying the Hanukkah celebration.

Older children will enjoy this story because it is not typical in its theme or setting. The author is a professor of education; the illustrator is a Caldecott medal winner for her illustrations.

"*The Hanukkah Story*" written and illustrated by Marilyn Hirsh, Bonim Books (Hebrew Publishing Co.), \$4.95, paperback, 32 pp.

No matter how many times children hear the story of Hanukkah, they will undoubtedly enjoy another version. Hirsh, who has a Ph.D. in art history, has written and illustrated a number of books with Jewish content. The illustrations definitely enhance the story and children 3 years and up will especially enjoy the detail work in costumes and architecture.

(Sybil Zimmerman is a staff writer for the Kansas City Jewish Chronicle.)

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Book Review

Looking Back On A Lifetime Of Food And Humor

COOKING WITH MEMORIES: Recipes and Recollections by Lora Brody, Stephen Greene Press, November 7, 1989; \$18.95; hardcover, 224 pages.

Recreating her Jewish upbringing in Hartford, Connecticut, with irrepressible wise-girl humor, Lora Brody's new book, *COOKING WITH MEMORIES: Recipes and Recollections* is a wonderful collection of family recipes and flashbacks.

COOKING WITH MEMORIES traces the author's passage from a childhood spent buried in books to a life highlighted with great food. As Lora explains, "For me, the spark of memory kindled by tastes, textures, or aromas illuminated long-forgotten episodes; funny, poignant, tender, and treasured. And it worked both ways. As the memories were called

up, along with them came the recipes, recorded on yellowed and dog-eared index cards, scribbled on the flyleaves of old cookbooks, buried in the saved letters of friends. I resurrected treasured dishes, some of which had not seen the light of day since 1957, and found that my children loved them as much as I had. The passage continues." She helps us recall the special foods of holidays and childhood, while passing on the recipes to a new generation of cooks.

Dishing up mouth-watering nuggets of yesterdays, Lora offers us witty recollections with over 90 delicious, satisfying recipes, all with kosher conversions. Share Lora's hunger pangs as she takes an afternoon stroll with her Aunt Rose while they wait out the Yom Kippur fast,

the reader into a household sitting shivah, where the children, unaware of the significance of the gathering, stuff themselves to the brim with Salmon Salad, Noodle Pudding, and Coconut Macaroons, and are sent upstairs to play monopoly. Visit Lora's Seder dinner, where the whole family longs for her simple yet superb Chicken Soup, while eating gourmet consomme' that a guest slaved over for hours.

Lora's unique ability to capture the toughness and tenderness of growing up, combined with her sassy and savory humor will make you feel like you've come home. Noted food writer Barbara Kafka adds, "Lora Brody, writer of culinary memoirs, perceives her world through smells and savors. By sharing them, she takes us on a

loving trek through her past."

COOKING WITH MEMORIES, sometimes hilarious, sometimes sentimental, always heartwarming, makes a deliciously loving gift for cooks and readers for all the holidays, from Hanukkah to Mother's Day.

Lora Brody, a founder of the Woman's Culinary Guild, writes about food with humor, and is an entertaining lecturer. Her recipes have appeared in *The New York Times Magazine*, *Newsday*, *Gourmet*, *The Boston Globe*, *The Philadelphia Inquirer*, *Woman's Day* and *The Los Angeles Times*. Lora is also the author of *Indulgences* and *Growing Up On The Chocolate Diet*. She lives in Newton, Massachusetts, with her husband and children.



Lora Brody

Editor's Note: Lucy Dawidowicz and Lora Brody are both participants in the Jewish Community Center's Jewish Book Month celebration on Sunday, December 10. Brody will share recipes and anecdotes at 1:30 p.m. and Dawidowicz will deliver the Doris and Irving Morris Leadership Lecture at 8 p.m.

Jewish Book Month Posters



Jewish Book Month was celebrated by Delaware's Hebrew schools by creating posters which are on display at the JCC. Above, AEA 4th graders Ashley Lange and Stacey Dunner expressed their appreciation of Jewish Books. Below, the JCC Afternoon Kindergarten class recreated the story of Noah. (Photos by Paula Berengut)



Hanukkah Recipes From 'Memories'

Potato Latkes

6 Idaho potatoes, peeled
2 medium onions, diced
2 extra large eggs
1/2 cup flour
1/2 teaspoon baking soda
1 tablespoon salt
Freshly ground pepper to taste
Vegetable oil

Grate the potatoes by hand or in a food processor. Cover with cold water and refrigerate for 2-3 hours before starting the latkes. Change the water several times.

Drain off the water and squeeze out any remaining liquid. Mix in the onion. Beat the eggs briefly and then stir them into the potato mixture. Sift together the flour and baking soda and stir into the mixture. Add the salt and pepper.

Pour 1/4 inch of oil into a skillet or electric frying pan and heat. When the oil is hot, spoon in mounds of batter to make 2 1/2-inch pancakes. Brown very well on both sides. Replenish oil as necessary, waiting to make sure the oil is hot before proceeding.

Serve the latkes hot with sour cream or applesauce. The latkes can be frozen after they have completely cooled. Store them in heavy-duty zip-lock freezer bags and heat in a 400-degree oven.

Makes 3-4 dozen latkes

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Noodle Pudding

1 pound 1/4-inch egg noodles
6 eggs, lightly beaten
1/4 cup sugar
6 tablespoons butter, melted
1 cup sour cream
1 pound cottage cheese
1/2 pound (8 ounces) farmer's cheese, or whole milk ricotta
1/4 pound (4 ounces) cream cheese at room temperature
2 cups whole milk

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees with the rack in the center position. Butter an 11 x 13-inch (larger is o.k., smaller will be too small) rectangular Pyrex dish or an ovenproof casserole. Cook the noodles in boiling water al dente. Drain and place in prepared dish. Combine all the other ingredients and pour evenly over the noodles. Bake for 30 minutes. Meanwhile prepare the following topping.

For The Topping

2/3 cup sliced almonds, crushed but not finely ground
2 tablespoons melted butter
4 tablespoons brown sugar
1 cup apricot preserves

Combine all the ingredients in a small saucepan and stir over medium heat until softened and well com-

bined. Drop by spoonfuls over the noodles and spread evenly. Return to the 350-degree oven for 50 minutes to 1 hour or until the top is browned and bubbly. Serve warm.

Serves 12-16

Raspberry Applesauce

While it is slightly more delicious to make this simple recipe with home-made applesauce, store-bought is perfectly acceptable. This makes a wonderful condiment to meat and poultry dishes.

1 10-ounce package frozen raspberries

1 quart applesauce
3 tablespoons framboise or other raspberry liqueur (optional)

Place the frozen berries in a coarse mesh sieve or strainer set over a bowl so that the juice runs off as the berries defrost. Discard the juice, replace the bowl under the sieve, and use a wooden spoon or stiff rubber spatula to push the berries through the sieve. Discard the seeds left in the sieve. Combine the pureed raspberries with the applesauce. Add the optional framboise, if desired.

Makes 8-10 servings.

(From *Cooking With Memories* by Lora Brody. Reprinted with permission.)

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Chabad Schedules Hanukkah Activities

With Hanukkah rapidly approaching, Chabad-Lubavitch announces various holiday programs for children and adults.

Saturday evening, December 23, the second night of Hanukkah, Chabad will sponsor a "Hannukah Celebration in the Mall" at the giant menorah adjacent to the Food Court in Christiana Mall. The program will start at 7:30 p.m. with entertainment and fun for the whole family. Clowns & jugglers will perform, traditional Hanukkah songs will be sung, and dreidles, latkes, balloons and Hanukkah gelt will be distributed to all participants.

Sunday December 24, the award winning radio program "Miracle of the Maccabees" will be aired at 8:30 a.m. on WDEL (1150 AM), and again at 9 a.m. on WJBR (1290 AM). At

3:30 p.m. there will be a Hanukkah program for the Jewish residents at Foulk Manor South, and friends and relatives are invited to participate.

Tuesday December 26, there will be a Hanukkah program for seniors at the Kutz Home at 3 p.m. Later in the evening, Chabad will host a Latke party for all Russian Jewish immigrants. For many, this will be their first celebration of the holiday commemorating religious freedom.

Wednesday December 27 at 2:30 p.m., there will be a Hanjiiah program for Jewish doctors and residents at the VA hospital in Elsmere. Later that evening, at 8 p.m., Chabad will host its annual Community Latke Party at the Vogel residence — 1306 Grinnell Rd. (Green Acres). The community is invited. Reservations should be made by December 25, by calling 478-4400.

Thursday December 28, Chabad

will be sponsoring a Hanukkah celebration for all Jews in the Dept. of Correctional Facilities in southern Delaware.

This year, for the first time, Chabad, in co-operation with Jewish doctors and the Medical Center of Delaware, will be sponsoring steel menorahs in each of the lobbies of the three hospitals. Menorahs will

also be erected in St. Francis Hospital, I.I. DuPont Institute, and Pathmark on Concord Pike, as well as in other locations. Illuminated Menorah-Mobiles will also travel throughout New Castle County.

Chabad will once again be making available informative and educational holiday guides complete with historical overview, customs, traditions and

recipes. "A little light dispels much darkness," is a basic Jewish teaching," says Rabbi Chuni Vogel, Director of Chabad-Lubavitch. "This year our goals is to bring these 'little lights' and joy of Chanukah to more people than ever before."

For a free guide and more information, call the Chabad office at 478-4400.

Beth Shalom To Present Program Of Jewish Theater Music

An evening of music from the Yiddish theater and Broadway will be presented by Cantor Norman Swerling at Congregation Beth Shalom, 18th and Baynard Boulevard, on Sunday evening, December 17. The Chairperson for the evening is Eddie Chaiken.

Through a blending of music and theatrical narrative, the program, entitled "Uptown-Downtown," highlights the historical events that shaped much of American Jewish life from the turn of the century to the present. The program shows some of the contributions of Jews who have figured strongly in American performing arts. The songs of Molly Picon, the Gershwins, Aaron Lebedev and Richard Rogers are among those on the program. The cantor's goal is to have his audience "laugh a little, cry a little and sing a little."

Swerling studied Theater Arts at Boston College and Tufts University and then went on to graduate as an

invested Cantor from the School of Sacred Music of Hebrew Union College. He has served at several synagogues, including Congregation Mikve Israel-Emanuel in Curacao, Netherlands Antilles. From 1975 to 1985 Swerling was Director of the Eisner Camp Institute For Living Judaism in Great Barrington, Mass. He is currently Cantor at Congregation Beth Shalom.

Swerling has performed his innovative one-man music and theater programs throughout the country. He has previously performed two of his original works — "The World of the Shtetl" and "To A New And Goodly Land" — for Wilmington audiences.

Chaiken called the evening a "pre-Hanukkah gift from Congregation Beth Shalom and the cantor." There will be no admission charge and the program is open to the entire community. Refreshments will be served at 7:30 and the program will begin at 8:15.



Cantor Norman P. Swerling

Medical Center Plans Hanukkah Programming

The Medical Center of Delaware will conduct special activities for Jewish patients and employees during the festival of Hanukkah, December 22 through 29, at all three of its hospitals.

The Medical Center will air a closed-circuit television special on the meaning of Hanukkah each evening of the festival. In addition, menorahs will be lit at sundown in the chapels of the hospitals during the Hanukkah holiday.

Chaplain Rheva Cook of the Medical Center's Pastoral Care Department said gifts will be presented to Jewish patients at Medical Center hospitals. In addition, hospital cafeterias will be decorated, and a traditional Hanukkah meal of potato latkes and applesauce will be served.

Family and friends of Jewish patients with special holiday requests should telephone the Medical Center's Pastoral Care Department at (302) 428-2780.

PLEASE NOTE

A page of business listings in the recently-mailed Kutz Auxiliary newsletter, "On The HOMEfront," should have been titled "Gala Program Book Contributors."

JWV Meeting Planned

The Jewish War Veterans, Posts 525, 747 and 767 will hold their regular meeting on Monday, December 11, at the B'nai B'rith Meeting Room at 8 p.m. All members are urged to attend and wear caps. Two new members will be introduced — Pauline Rosenthal and Robert Barnett. Refreshments will be served after the meeting.

The Jewish War Veterans had a

large turnout at the new Veterans Cemetery on Veteran's Day, when a section of the cemetery was consecrated "kosher" to be used by any Jewish veterans who choose to be buried there. The services were conducted by chaplain, Cantor Norman P. Swerling. Non-veterans are now eligible to join the Jewish War Veterans. Annual dues are \$24. For an application, call 764-2120 or 475-6521.

ORT Hanukkah Party

The ORT Brandywine Chapter has planned a pre-Hanukkah party at the Jewish Community Center, on Sunday, December 10, from 3 to 5 p.m. The event will include gift-making,

wrapping and refreshments. The fee for materials is \$2 for ages under 3 and \$4 for ages over 3. For reservations, call Sylvia at 475-8351 or Judy at 478-8336.

AKSE Sale Of Dishes

The Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Sisterhood is sponsoring a sale of many of its sets of dishes on Tuesday, December 12 from 9:30 a.m. to 2

p.m. at the synagogue. The sale price is \$2 per place setting. This event is open to all institutions and the general public.

Beth El Hanukkah Bazaar

The annual Hanukkah Bazaar will be held at Temple Beth El, 301 Possum Park Road, Newark, on Sunday, December 10, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Traditional Hanukkah items, deco-

rations and gift wrap, as well as gift items and crafts, will be available for purchase. There will also be games for children.

For more information, call the Temple office at 366-8330.

WHYY Hanukkah Programming

WHYY will celebrate Hanukkah, the eight-day Festival of Lights, with an encore presentation of "Joy Of Hanukkah," a half-hour program produced by TV12. "Joy Of Hanukkah," to be aired Tuesday, December 19, at 7:30 p.m., will mark the Jewish holiday through song and story in a traditional family setting.

The story revolves around Judah the Maccabee, who led a revolt against the Hellenic Syrians in 165 B.C.E. Judah and his army were victorious in routing the Syrians from Israel.

Taped at Beth Zion, Beth Israel Synagogue in Center City Philadelphia, the Singing City Choir, conducted by music director Graeme Cowen, will sing "Cast Thy Burden," "Lift Thine Eyes," "Hanukkah Madrigal," "See the Conqu'ring Hero Comes" and the traditional rendition of "Rock of Ages."

Hanukkah has been celebrated for more than 21 centuries by millions of people. Once only a minor holiday in the Jewish calendar, it now plays a more dominant role in Jewish life. Yet Hanukkah remains one of the most misunderstood of holidays to Jews and Christians alike, partly because it falls so close to Christmas each year.

Hanukkah: Let There Be Lights, produced by WVIZ-TV/Cleveland-Akron and airing on Thursday, December 21 at 7:30 p.m. on TV12, explains this special Jewish celebration. Falling in December each year, the traditional lighting of candles, the games, gifts and even the foods all have political and religious significance.

Hosted by educator and actor Reuben Silver and Rabbi Ben Kamin of The Temple in Cleveland, Ohio, *Hanukkah: Let There Be Lights* blends the historical aspects of the holiday with personal stories of family

celebrations. Harold Gould, Robert Clary, Lainie Kazan and Jack Carter share their childhood memories of Hanukkah, and reflect on what "The Festival of Lights" means to them today.

Just BECOS



Recently, for 14 weeks, on Thursday evenings, aides at the Kutz Home took special classes which assisted them in becoming licensed by the State of Delaware. During that time, members of the Beth Emeth Corps of Seniors and B'nai B'rith Building residents came to the rescue at mealtime and fed handicapped Kutz Home residents. Those who volunteered their time were: (front row) Janice Antinoph and Etta Budin; (second row) Peg Rosenstiel, Betty Hoffman, Rose Cohen and Faye Rubenstein; (third row) Beverly Hoffman, Howard Hoffman, Ed Budin and Lotte Tavel. (Missing is Aimee Mullins.)

Announcements/Events

Young Jewish Adults December Calendar

The Young Jewish Adults of Delaware (for Singles 21-35) has planned several activities for December. To be included on the mailing list for their monthly newsletter, call the JCC at 478-5660.

The Singles will be participating in another Shabbat service on Friday, December 15, at Adas Kodesh Shel Emeth Synagogue, Washington Street Extension, at 8 p.m. To participate (Hebrew or English part) contact Jeff Joseph at 762-6102 by December 8. At 9:30 p.m. there will be an Oneg celebration at Joseph's home.

On Wednesday, December 20, at 6 p.m. the 5th Annual YJAD Hanuk-

kah Cocktail Party, will be held at Waterworks Cafe, 16th and French Streets in Wilmington. Cover is \$7 per person. For information, call Ron at 762-7411.

A Hawaiian Hanukkah Luau will take place on Sunday, December 24, at the home of Mark Kuller and Lori Barbanel, 1003 N. Madison Street, in downtown Wilmington (655-9109 for directions), beginning at 8 p.m. Call Mike Schwartz at 798-8501 for reservations by December 23.

The Group will meet on Thursday, January 4, for a Restaurant Sampler at 5:30 p.m. at the American Bar & Grill in the Radisson Hotel on King Street in downtown Wilmington. At

7:45 p.m., they will go to the Comedy Cabaret on Jefferson and 11th St. Dinner is pay as you go, and the show is \$5 at the door. Space for both events is limited to the first 35

people who make reservations by January 2. For dinner call Pam-Sue (737-0958), and for comedy call Mike (368-1982).

The Singles co-ed volleyball league

will meet every Monday evening at 8 indoors at the JCC. For more information or to sign up, call Michael Schwartz at 798-8501.

Beth El Men's Club Speaker

One of the organizers of the Philadelphia Committee for the Women of the Wall will speak at the Men's Club breakfast meeting on December 17. Barbara Wachs, a doctoral student in Jewish Education of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, has recently returned from a sabbatical year in Jerusalem — where she davened regularly with the Women of the Wall.

The Women of the Wall have been trying to pray, read Torah and sing

sacred songs at the Kotel, the Western Wall of the Temple Mount enclosure. The ultra-orthodox men and women who worship at the wall have been doing everything possible to keep the women from anything but silent prayer.

The Beth El Men's Club breakfast begins at 9:30 a.m. This program is co-sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Delaware and Temple Beth El. The public is invited to attend.

NCJW December Meeting

The National Council of Jewish Women will hold a fundraising musical event on December 13 at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Jean Blumenfeld. Nancy Hoerl, an opera singer on the faculty of the Wilmington Music School, will perform.

Hoerl received a degree in music at Moorehead State University and studied at the Vienna Conservatory

of Music. She has sung with Opera Delaware and with an opera company in Minnesota.

There is a minimum contribution of \$5 which will be donated to the Battered Women's Shelter as part of NCJW's year-long emphasis on Domestic Violence. To attend, call Jean Blumenfeld (478-3835) or Ethel Parsons (762-6407).

Beth El Get-Together For College Students

Young adults who are away at college or working full-time are invited to a get-together at Temple Beth El in Newark on Wednesday, December 27, from 8 to 11 p.m. The event is planned to be an occasion to renew acquaintances and meet

new people as well as an opportunity to make contacts at various colleges and universities.

Temple Beth El is located at 301 Possum Park Road, Newark. For more information, call the temple office at 366-8330.

Naches

Silverman

Isadore N. Silverman, of Wilmington, was presented with the Silver Beaver Award by the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America, through the Del-Mar-Va Council, Inc., on November 4. Silverman received the award for "distinguished service to boyhood through scouting," according to the council.

The awards are presented annually to qualified recipients nominated from the field, following a selection and approval process by the Silver Beaver Committee.

Silverman became active in scouting with Troop 28 at the Jewish Community Center at the age of 18. He became a Scoutmaster at age 21

and led scout troops for the next 18 years. Silverman has served the scouting movement in several capacities, including Institutional Representative, Troop Committee member, Explorer Advisor and Ner Tamid Religious Award advisor. He is a 55-year scouting veteran.

Levine

Dr. and Mrs. Allen Levine announce the births of two grandsons. Zachary Neville Bornstein was born on October 13. He is the son of Dr. Larry and Phyllis Bornstein and the brother of Jacob. Samuel James Lucas was born on November 1. He is the son of Tim and Marcy Lucas and the brother of Monica.

AKSE/Hadassah Co-Sponsoring 'Women's Plea For Soviet Jewry'

The annual Women's Plea for Soviet Jewry will take place this year on Monday evening, December 18, at 7:30 p.m. at Adas Kodesh Shel Emeth, located on Washington Street at Torah Drive.

Julia Ziemecki, a local resident who teaches at Cheyney State College, will be the guest speaker.

Kutz Auxiliary To Participate In Chanukah Choopla

This marks the first year that the Kutz Auxiliary will participate in the annual Chanukah Choopla at the Jewish Community Center.

For several months, Auxiliary members have been knitting vests for young children. The motifs are owls

or rabbits in various colors and with appropriate trimmings. Two sizes will be available. Also available for purchase will be macrame and other craft items.

There will also be baked goods for sale, including cookies, kugels and

Soviet Jews, and ask questions about adapting to the American way of life.

Co-sponsoring organizations for the program are the Wilmington Chapter of Hadassah and Adas Kodesh Shel Emeth Sisterhood. The meeting is open to the public, and there is no charge. Refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the program.

Funds raised by the Auxiliary at the Chanukah Choopla will be used for various projects. For more information, or to volunteer, contact Marge Maerov, Volunteer Coordinator at the Kutz Home, at 764-7000.

Beth Emeth Sisterhood Planning 'Plea For Soviet Jewry' Campaign

The Sisterhood of Congregation Beth Emeth will join Jewish women across the United States and Canada during December in the observance of the annual Women's Plea for Soviet Jewry.

Although there has been unprecedented emigration of Jews from the Soviet Union this year, there remain hundreds of families still in refusal for more than ten years. This year the plight of these refusniks is highlighted by assigning to each national Jewish

women's organization the family of a member of the Jewish Women Against Refusal (JEWAR). JEWAR is a group of Soviet women who have banded together to plead their cause before the Soviet authorities and to gain support from women worldwide.

Beth Emeth Sisterhood women will be corresponding with Galina Genis and her family to let them know what they have not been forgotten. They will also be writing to

Ambassador Dubinin to petition on their behalf.

The Delaware community may join with them by writing to:

Galina and Anatoly Genis
Bul. Slavyansky 5/1/104
Moscow 121352
RSFSR USSR

and to:

Ambassador Yuri Dubinin
Soviet Embassy
1125 16th Street
Washington DC 20006

Fashions: 'Barometer Of The Times'

A humanities scholar and a fashion merchandiser, both affiliated with the Brandywine College of Widener University, will team up to present a program at the December 12 meeting of the Sisterhood of Congregation Beth Emeth. Charlene Bunnell of the Fashion Merchandising Department and K.B. Brannon of the Humanities Department, will discuss the manner in which women's fashions reflect economic, social and historic conditions in the United States, from 1900 to the present.

Entitled: "A Barometer of the Times," this program has been partially funded by the Delaware Humanities Forum, which receives its major funding from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Luncheon will be served at noon, with complimentary child-sitting available. For all reservations, call Carole Bernstein at 375-6259.

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Lavi Technology Used For Cancer Detection

TEL AVIV (JTA) — The abandoned Lavi fighter plane project is helping an Israeli company produce a new device for the early detection of cancer. The machine, called the cytoscan, was developed at a cost of \$9 million by the Tamam Precision Instruments company, a subsidiary of Israel Aircraft Industries' electronics division.

It expects to sell about 20 worldwide in the coming year. The device is expected to sell for \$175,000.

IAI sources said the manufacturing principles, employing lasers, are a spinoff from the Lavi, Israel's sec-

ond-generation jet fighter-bomber, which reached the prototype stage before it was canceled in 1987 because of excessive costs. The cytoscan was developed by Israeli scientists on the basis of principles devised by a British-born husband-and-wife medical team.

The couple, who now live in the United States, had difficulty raising money to advance their ideas and turned to Israel for capital and manufacturing know-how.

The cytoscan can diagnose a cancerous growth within 60 minutes, using a blood sample, and can also

determine the kind of cancer and its location in the body, according to a report in *Ma'ariv* on December 1. It can detect and locate lung, breast and skin cancer and cancer of the large intestines. It cannot spot cancers where there is no solid tumor,

such as blood cancer.

Experts say the equipment will be used initially in follow-up tests on women who have had surgery for breast cancer. But it will be some time before it is used in pre-cancer detection in presumably healthy

persons.

The Israeli scientists credited with developing the cytoscan are Mordechai Deutsch and his instructor at Bar-Ilan University's physics department, Professor Aryeh Weinreb, and Dr. Reuven Tirosh.

German Jews Fear Reunification

BONN (JTA) — Officially, the Jewish community here is silent on the subject of German reunification. But privately, often indirectly, community activists articulate their fears.

Some spoke of leaving the country after Chancellor Helmut Kohl delivered a major policy speech November 28, in which he extolled the idea of one Germany. "We are ready to develop confederative structures between both states in Germany, with the goal of a federation," Kohl told the Bundestag, West Germany's parliament.

He said that if East Germany holds free, democratic elections, the two countries could soon establish a bilateral commission to coordinate policies.

The issue of reunification has emerged so swiftly and suddenly that German Jews have been taken aback. Only a few weeks ago, the Berlin Wall was intact and political reform had not swept the Communist hard-liners out of office in East Berlin.

Now, reunification is considered unavoidable. A member of the Jewish community in Cologne was reported by friends to be considering migration to the United States, Britain or Israel.

Elsewhere in the Federal Republic, Jews are concerned that there will be an upsurge of German nationalism if the two Germany's are united to become the strongest nation in Eu-

rope. "Until now, German national ambitions have been barely audible for fear and shame, but that posture is bound to disappear when the Germans are united," one Jewish community member said.

So far, the only official Jewish reaction to the breaching of the Berlin Wall has been satisfaction that contacts will be easier between the two Jewish communities.

Arafat Sends Message To President Bush

By DAVID FRIEDMAN

WASHINGTON (JTA) — President Bush has received an oral message from Yasir Arafat, chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization, the White House said late last month. But White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater would not reveal what is in the message, except to concede that it deals with the Middle East peace process.

"It was a private message and it was sent orally, in order to keep it private, and we will maintain that confidence," Fitzwater said.

He said the message was relayed through Robert Pelletreau, the U.S. ambassador in Tunisia and the only U.S. diplomat authorized to conduct formal talks with the PLO. "There are no plans, at this time, for the president to respond," Fitzwater added.

The Bush administration has maintained that it has been using its dialogue with the PLO to persuade it to allow Palestinians in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip to negotiate with Israel on elections in the territories. The elections would be followed by

talks to set up an interim autonomy arrangement.

At the same time, the administration has denied talking to the PLO about Secretary of State James Baker's five-point proposal for Israeli-Palestinian talks in Cairo. Instead, the administration insists that the Baker proposals are being discussed with Egypt, which in turn has been discussing them with Palestinians, including the PLO.

Egypt still has not accepted the five points, Fitzwater said. The administration said it would wait for the Egyptian response before proceeding.

Israel's Inner Cabinet has accepted Baker's proposals, but it asked for several assurances, including a promise that Israel will not find itself talking to the PLO and that the talks with Palestinians only deal with organizing the elections, and not the future of the territories.

Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir failed to get concrete U.S. assurances during his meetings last month with Bush and Baker in Washington.

33 S. African Jews Refuse Army Service

NEW YORK — Thirty-three young South African Jews say they will refuse compulsory military service because they oppose apartheid, according to the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, the Reform movement's umbrella group, which praised the youth for their "courageous stand."

The 33 are among a group of 771 white South Africans who have publicly declared that they would refuse to be drafted into the South African Defense Force and wished to be registered as conscientious objectors.

There is no provision in South

African law for conscientious objection or alternative service, and each of the participants in the anti-conscription campaign faces an automatic prison sentence of six years.

According to Rabbi Clifford Kulwin, international affairs director of Reform Jewry's World Union for Progressive Judaism, most of the 33 young Jews are members or graduates of South African Reform Jewish institutions. Harley Conyer of Johannesburg, on behalf of the Jewish conscientious objectors, recently wrote to Kulwin requesting broad public support for their efforts from U.S. Jewish groups.

Nathan Gets Message From Arafat

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Peace activist Abie Nathan, in jail for meeting with Yasir Arafat, has received a message of encouragement from the Palestine Liberation Organization chief, Israel Radio reported late last month.

A telegram from Arafat was deliv-

ered to Nathan at Eyal prison by Abdel Wahab Darousha, the sole Knesset member of the Arab Democratic Party. He received it from the PLO's Paris representative, Ibrahim Sousse. Nathan notified the prison authorities immediately, Israel Radio said. Receiving a message from Arafat is itself a criminal offense.

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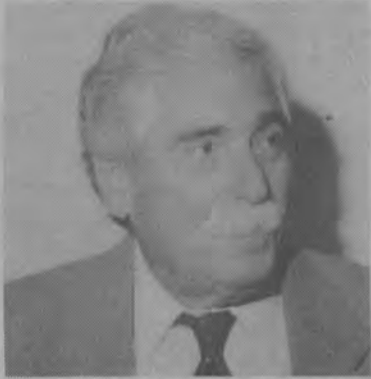
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National Family Week 1989



By **ARNOLD LIEBERMAN**
Executive Director, Jewish Family Service

The recent occasion of National Family Week served as a reminder that the family as an institution in our American society is alive and well. It can also be said that the Jewish family is even more alive and healthier than families in general in our overall society.

Through the years, the family has been beset by problems of a broad scope and varying intensity. This has primarily served to reconfirm the resiliency and adaptability of the family as an institution. There has never been a serious challenge to its

position as the basic unit in the social structure.

One could argue indefinitely about whether or not the family is stronger or weaker than it has been in the past. Another debatable issue is whether the influence of the family on its members is greater or lesser than it had been compared to other influences in our society. But one point is not debatable: the family in both the American society and the Jewish community has changed in regard to its structure and the roles within the family.

The Jewish family currently shows a higher percentage of both parents working outside the home, and of single-parent heads of families than ever before. Jewish families are also smaller than they have ever been, and there are more intermarried families than at any time in the past. Change has also impacted the extended family in that it continues to become more spread out geographically with each passing year.

Despite the changes in its form, it remains a family. We speak of "single-parent families," "intermarried families," and "two-working-parent families." Despite the adversity it faces, it still retains its status as a family, i.e., "homeless families," or even "crack families." All this represents not only the durability of the institution, but the need for people to be part of or connected to such a unit.

We, at Jewish Family Service, are here to serve families regardless of their form or the situation in which they find themselves. We are constantly reaffirming our belief in the

family as the cornerstone of our society and the right of each person to be part of a healthy, happy family. Our goal is to make this a reality whenever we can. It begins by your calling 478-9411.

Dear Rachel,

I know you are going to tell me that I do things all wrong, but I want to tell you how we solve the Christmas-Hanukkah problem in my house. I never wanted my kids to feel envious of their many Christian neighbors at this time of year, so what I've done is give them everything Christmas for Hanukkah. We had Hanukkah stockings, loads of nice presents, one for each of the eight days, all the beautiful Hanukkah and Israeli songs my husband and I could dredge up, Hanukkah cookies in the shape of dreidles and menorahs, Hanukkah parties for their friends, and dinner parties for our friends. My kids turned out all right. For one thing, they all married Jews. For another, they all feel great about their Jewishness. What do you have to say about that, Rachel?

I Did It My Way

Dear My Way,

If there is one thing I have learned in writing this column, it is that there is no one right way to do anything. You took a gamble, and shortened the odds on your side by making Hanukkah a rich and beautiful holiday. For anyone else who is tempted to try your way, I would make a suggestion. Kids aren't fools. If the only holiday that is celebrated in your house with gusto comes around Christmastime and looks a lot like Christmas, the kids may draw conclusions that parents won't like. I can understand why parents would like to make a bigger-than-traditional fuss about Hanukkah. However, the best message for the kids' identity is a year-round fuss about Jewish holidays. There are lots of them designed for kids: Passover, Purim, Tu B'Shvat, Sukkot, Israel Independence Day, etc. Holidays can be celebrated many ways and many days!

Rachel

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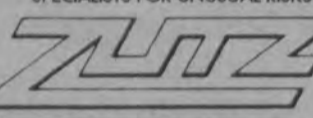
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Obituaries

Beatrice Matusoff Shames
Beatrice Matusoff Shames, 67, of 1403 Shallcross Ave., Wilmington, died November 18 of cancer in Leader Nursing & Rehabilitation Center, Foulk Road.

Mrs. Shames worked at her husband's dental practice for many years. She enjoyed golf and played frequently at Rock Manor Golf Course.

She was a member of congregation Beth Emeth.

Her husband, Dr. Norman A. Shames, died in 1975. She is survived by a son, Rodney Bruce of Toronto; two daughters, Marjorie Bertman of Burke, Va. and Carol Joy Shames of Seattle, Wash.; a brother, Seymour Matusoff of Wilmington; two sisters, Nina Roffman of Wilmington and Estelle Packer of Philadelphia; and six grandchildren.

Instead of flowers, the family suggests contributions to the American Cancer Society, Wilmington.

Gertrude E. Rudman

Gertrude E. Rudman, 80, of 402 Foulk Road, Brandywine Hundred, died November 22 of congestive heart failure in Wilmington Hospital.

Mrs. Rudman was a member of

Congregation Beth Shalom. Her husband, Harry A., died in 1976. She is survived by two daughters, Ellin L. Dwares of Chatham and Marilyn Welsch of Livingston, N.J.; a sister, Syd Herzog of Coconut Creek, Fla.; and three grandchildren.

Arrangements were made by the Schoenberg Memorial Chapel.

Instead of flowers, the family suggests contributions to Delaware Kidney Fund, Newark.

Blanche Brams

Blanche Brams, 86, of Parkview Nursing Center, 2801 W. Sixth St., Wilmington, formerly of 413 Haddon Ave., Collingswood, N.J., died November 23 of heart failure in Parkview.

Mrs. Brams was a homemaker. She was born in New York City and had lived for many years in Newark, N.J.

Her husband, Herman, died in 1979. She is survived by a son, Dr. Richard F. Brams of Wilmington; a daughter, Mitzi Brams of Collingswood; and four grandchildren.

Instead of flowers, the family suggests contributions to the American Lung Association of Delaware, Wilmington.

Pauline Goodman

Pauline Goodman, 79, of Kutz

Home, 704 River Road, Edgemoor, died there November 25 of pneumonia.

Mrs. Goodman and her husband operated a grocery store, Majestic Food Market, at 2001 Market St., for 33 years. They sold the business in 1981. The Goodmans were in the retail food business for over 50 years.

She was a member of B'nai B'rith Women, Hadassah, Kutz Home Auxiliary and Jewish Community Center Senior Center.

She is survived by her husband, Maurice M.; two sons, David of Chadds Ford, Pa. and Robert of Wildwood Crest, N.J.; a brother, Max Berman of Philadelphia; a sister, Anna Abramov of Wilmington; and six grandchildren.

Instead of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions to Kutz Home, Wilmington.

Gertrude Evans Schoen

Gertrude Evans Schoen, 75, of 3400 Miller Road, Wilmington, died December 4 of complications from pneumonia in Wilmington Hospital.

Mrs. Schoen was a homemaker.

Her husband, Murray, died in 1965. She is survived by a sister, Rose Volkman of Wilmington.

Instead of flowers, the family suggests contributions to the American Heart Association, Wilmington.

AJCongress Building Bridge Between Jews, Blacks

NEW YORK (JTA) — Building a bridge of understanding between the black and Jewish communities is the aim of a new project being launched by the American Jewish Congress.

The project, called "Forum: The Black-Jewish Awareness Project," will send news articles to student news-

papers on predominately black college campuses that stress the common concerns and goals of blacks and Jews.

The project's first story deals with the impact of the undercount in the decennial census. In 1980, more than 6.5 percent of blacks were not

included. The article explains how AJCongress is working to help prevent a recurrence of this problem in the 1990 census.

Future articles will discuss areas of common concern, such as ending apartheid, support affirmative action and seeking increased aid for higher education.

652 Arabs, 19 Israelis Dead In Uprising

TEL AVIV (JTA) — The Israel Defense Force has published its official casualty list of deaths on both sides since the *intifada* began nearly two years ago.

It reported last month that 525 Palestinians have been killed by security forces, 122 of them with plastic bullets. Among the fatalities were 68 Palestinian children under 14 years

of age. An additional 127 Palestinians were murdered by fellow Arabs who suspected them of collaborating with the authorities, the IDF said. On the Israeli side, eight soldiers and 11 civilians died.

The first year's toll of soldiers killed during the uprising was four, with seven civilians killed. During that first year, there were 293 Arabs killed.

The IDF reported that 9,221 Palestinians are currently in prison. Of that number, 1,716 are being held under administrative detention, without trial or any charges brought against them.

An IDF spokesman disclosed that security forces have demolished 244 Arab homes in the West Bank and Gaza Strip since the uprising began on Dec. 9, 1987.

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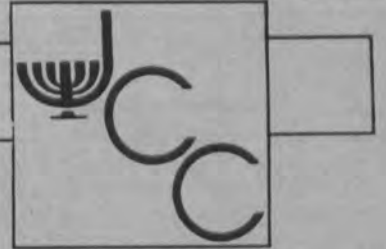
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Over 400 Attend JCC 'Sock Hop'



Over 400 members of the Delaware Jewish community rocked to the sounds of the 50s and 60s during the JCC's November 11 Sock Hop. Jerry Blavat, Philadelphia disc jockey, provided the music. Most of those attending opted for the 50s look, dressing in poodle skirts, bobby socks, prom gowns and leather jackets. Kosher pizza was available throughout the evening. "We searched high and low to find kosher pizza and finally decided to make it ourselves," said Moses Paz, Assistant Executive Director of the JCC. "We had a good time making it, it was great and we showed our commitment to kosher food, even on a night as wild as this one was." Above, the JCC auditorium was decorated and filled with dancers. Below left, Ray and Laura Pleasants chose the Harley-Davidson look, while, Mark and Rona Caplan dressed for a prom.



Doris And Irving Morris Lecture Fund

The Jewish Community Center Board of Directors has established a Board designated fund in honor and appreciation of the leadership furnished to the Delaware Jewish community by Doris and Irving Morris in their role as Chairpersons of the Jewish Family Campus Capital Campaign.

Martin I. Lubaroff, President of the Center, in expressing the sentiments of the Board said, "The fund will be used to bring quality lecture programs to the Wilmington Jewish community and thus serve as an example of the leadership provided by the Morrises."

The fund, which will be known as the "Doris and Irving Morris Leadership Fund," will be used to support a

biennial lecture program, sponsored by the Jewish Community Center. Income earned by the fund, in excess of that which is required to sponsor a lecture program, may be used to support other Jewish Community Center programs.

This year's leadership program will be a lecture by Lucy Dawidowicz, world renowned writer, historian and Holocaust authority. Dawidowicz's

lecture entitled, "A Journey Into The Past: Vilna As It Has Been" will be held at the Jewish Community Center on Saturday, December 10, at 8 p.m. There will be no admission charge for this lecture. Those wishing to contribute to the Doris and Irving Morris Leadership Fund may send their contributions to the JCC, 101 Garden of Eden Road, Wilmington, Delaware 19803.

Chanukah Choopla Scheduled

Preparations are underway for the 1990 Chanukah Choopla Celebration at the Jewish Community Center to be held on Sunday, December 17, from 1 to 5 p.m. The event, which is open to the community, promises "something for everyone," from traditional holiday foods to a sale of the latest fashion accessories.

A first of its kind "Dreidel Olympics" will offer a carnival-like environment for children of all ages. Children will have an opportunity to play several Hanukkah games and win prizes. Each game will be sponsored by an official "Dreidel Olympiad" family from the community. Games include a menorah ring toss, latke flop, word jumble, gelt guess and toss and more. Additionally, families will have the chance to create their own Hanukkah menorahs. Children and adults will be able to try their hands at frying latkes and jelly donuts and take with them some easy to follow recipes.

Featured this year are several performers and groups who will be taking "Center Stage" throughout the afternoon. Demonstrations will be given by the JCC School of Karate, Le Jardin Dance Academy, Albert Einstein Academy and Olympiad Gymnastics. The afternoon will culminate in a family Hanukkah sing-along led by Lynn Lew and Steven Noldes.

As in years past, craftsmen and merchants will be displaying their products at Choopla. Gift items ranging from \$1.50 to \$50 will be a part of this year's bazaar, aimed at allowing children the opportunity to purchase inexpensive, hand-crafted Hanukkah gifts. Food will be available for purchase throughout the day. Dietary laws will be observed in the Dairy Deli Operation, being staffed by several community leaders.

Choopla is open to the entire community, free of charge. A limited number of vendor tables are still available for rental. Further details may be obtained by calling the "Choopla Chotline" at 478-5660.

Seniors To Celebrate Hanukkah

Members of the JCC Senior Center will be celebrating Hanukkah with a special luncheon on Thursday, December 21, at noon. After lunch, beginning at 12:45 p.m., students from the Albert Einstein Academy will be performing a short skit and songs related to the holiday.

Dessert and Hanukkah "goodies" will be served after the Academy's performance. This program is open to the community. Reservations may be made by calling Ray Freshman, Senior Center Coordinator, at 487-5660.



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Rosenstein Art To Be Dedicated

Sheila Inden and Riva Brown, Co-Chairpersons of the JCC Art Gallery Committee, have announced that an original piece of art work created by calligrapher and artist Mordechai Rosenstein will be dedicated at the Jewish Community Center on Sunday, December 17, at 12 noon.

The piece was purchased through funds provided by the Frank and Yetta Chaiken Art Fund, and was specifically designed for the Wilmington JCC. The art work is titled "Dor L' Dor" and depicts the history of the Center, from its beginning years at the French Street location, through the present and into future years at the Jewish Community Center and Family Campus.

Rosenstein will be present at the dedication and will share his concepts in creating the art work with the community.

Frank and Yetta Chaiken will also be present during the dedication and they will be joined by various lay leaders of our community. The dedication is free of charge and open to the entire community.

Bush Tells Soviets Reform Must Precede Trade Concessions

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will continue to do," Baker said. Bush apparently presented Gorbachev with the names of 20 emigration cases, not necessarily all Jewish. The NCSJ had provided the White House and State Department with a list of over 200 Jewish families denied permission to emigrate.

Meanwhile, Jewish emigration from the Soviet Union is proceeding at a record pace. According to preliminary figures reported by NCSJ, 11,168 Jews left the Soviet Union in November, the highest monthly total on record. Of that number, at least 1,826, or 16.4 percent, went to Israel. That number is expected to increase. Final figures will be available on Dec. 10.

The November figure, an 18 percent increase over the previous month, brings emigration for the year so far to 62,504, the highest of any year since NCSJ's Soviet Jewry Research Bureau began recording emigration statistics. Prior to 1989, the record emigration year was 1979, when 51,320 Jews left the Soviet Union.

A sustained high level of emigration is one of four concerns NCSJ would like to see satisfied before the United States moves to normalize trade relations with the Soviets.

The others are progress in resolving the cases of long-term refuseniks, strict limits on the use of "state secrets" as a grounds for denying exit visas and a resolution of the "poor relatives" problem, by which family members may prevent others from emigrating by refusing to sign a waiver of financial obligation.

If Bush receives assurances from the Soviets on those four conditions, NCSJ is prepared to support a waiver of Jackson-Vanik sanctions. But another activist group of summit-watchers, the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry, expressed disappointment over what it called the administration's "abandonment" of its stance on Jackson Vanik.

The Student Struggle's national chairman, Rabbi Abraham Weiss, insisted that before Moscow receives any trade concessions from the United States, it must "codify its emigration laws in accord with international standards and implement its new laws faithfully." He urged a trial period of a year before Jackson-Vanik is waived.

Weiss and two other activists from the Student Struggle staged a small protest outside the office of the Maltese prime minister, as Gorbachev and his wife, Raissa, arrived. Adopting a less confrontational stance than shown at previous summits, they held signs reading "Peace and Freedom for Soviet Jewry" and "Glasnost — Yes! Human Rights — Yes!"

The director of the Supreme Soviet's press center, Arkadi Maslennikov, said here last Thursday that the pending emigration reform legislation would provide for "a considerable widening of possibilities" for emigration and "remove all unjustified limitations on entry and exit, according to international law."

The Soviet official acknowledged, however, that there would be certain restrictions on free emigration for those with knowledge of military and other secrets. But those restrictions

would be for "very specific time limits," he said. The draft legislation is said to specify a five-year maximum.

Soviet and American officials here also discussed the idea of German reunification, which emerged as a real possibility suddenly last out between the two powers.

Bush is said to have told the Soviet leader that he would agree to a waiver of Jackson-Vanik sanctions, but not before the proposed new legislation on emigration becomes law. "The president indicated an 'if,'" Martin Wenick, executive director of the National Conference, stressed in an interview with the Jewish Telegraphic Agency. "My sense is what the president said is that 'it's up to you.'"

Bush is expected to ask for a Jackson-Vanik waiver by his next summit meeting with Gorbachev in June, assuming emigration reform legislation is implemented on schedule.

A draft emigration reform bill won overwhelming support in its first reading before the Supreme Soviet on Nov. 14, but is unlikely to be enacted before February.

Baker said he "will work with the Congress to see if we can't repeal some of this legislation that prevents us from having more normal economic relations."

The secretary of state was almost euphoric on the subject of human rights accomplishments. "We have made so much progress in human rights over the course of the past 11 months with the Soviet Union that it is almost too dramatic to even try to describe," Baker said on the CBS-TV program "Face the Na-

tion."

Baker said that Bush and Gorbachev focused on human rights during their discussions Sunday.

He said the Americans presented the Soviets with a list of names of divided families and refuseniks. "That's something we have always done at our meetings with the Soviets, and we month following sweeping reforms in East Germany, including the symbolic razing of the Berlin Wall.

Many Jews, particularly Holocaust survivors, have expressed apprehension at the thought of a united Germany that could once again dominate Europe economically and militarily.

Baker reiterated his earlier statement that "reunification should proceed gradually. It might be premature to jump from free passage and the right of free travel by East Germans, all the way over to reunification," he said. Gorbachev remarked that the two Germanys were decided by history, and history should decide their destiny.

On the Middle East, Bush said he was pleased with the "constructive role" Moscow was playing in support of a peaceful settlement of the civil war in Lebanon and on the "West Bank question."

But he made clear that while the United States welcomes Soviet cooperation in the region, it is not interested in collaboration — meaning Moscow's direct participation in the peace process.

PLO Initiative

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respect for its deep commitment to the rule of law," said Harris Schoenberg, director of U.N. affairs for B'nai B'rith International.

The PLO's backing down was "a clear demonstration" that when the American government takes a strong stand, it can successfully battle Arab influence at the U.N., said Malcolm Hoenlein, executive director of the Conference of Presidents of Major Jewish Organizations.

The pro-PLO forces "constantly probe for

weakness," said Hoenlein. "When they see resilience and that people are firm, they back off."

Hoenlein, however, did express concern over the possible ramifications of the U.S. threat to cut off funding. Hoenlein and others also stressed the significance of the Soviet Union's signals that it stood with the United States and the Western European countries against the upgrading of the PLO's status.

An Israeli diplomatic source said that the Soviet position was taken not only to curry

favor with the United States, but because recognizing an essentially non-existent state could set a dangerous precedent.

If such a move had been allowed, any of the discontented nationalities within the Soviet Union conceivably could also go to the United Nations and ask to be recognized as a state, the source said.

The source added that it must have been clear to the Arab states that if they brought the resolution to the floor, it would not pass.

The U.S. and Israel had planned to combat the measure in the same way they face down the annual Arab challenge to Israel's credentials. A third country would have introduced a

resolution to indefinitely postpone the vote, and a majority of U.N. members would have approved the move.

Dr. George Gruen, director of Israel and Middle East Affairs for the American Jewish Committee, said he was hopeful that this setback would encourage the PLO to "emphasize practical benefits for the Palestinians living in the territories," as opposed to finding a "forum for its polemics" within the United Nations.

Over the past year, similar moves by the PLO for full-fledged membership in U.N. agencies have also been unsuccessful, usually resulting in postponement of consideration of their membership.

The Wall

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Berlin when the wall was erected, was asked on an American news program whether the Jews would have anything to fear from a reunited Germany. His answer was in the negative as might have been expected. He seemed to be annoyed that the question was asked in the first place.

Sure, the question is open, and not only Jews need mistrust. The French and the British, the Poles and the Czechs, and many more who were under the German heel will have to think twice about what they are doing.

And so have the Russians. They will have to see that this powerful revolution is an expression of a rising tide of nationalism, of an exertion of economic might which next to militarism will be exploited to the fullest by the Germans.

The question goes beyond the Jewish sphere of interest. Is this another Munich that the Soviet Union and the West are hoisting on an unwary world? Another Munich that gave a free hand to conquest and expansion? Are President Bush, Francois Mitterrand and Margaret Thatcher the present day version of Neville Chamberlain, not having the courage to stand up for their rights, applauding the Germans and longing for "peace in our time?"

The answer is not clear at all. Beyond the

powerful influence these personalities have, the trend of events might create problems for them they can only regret but not solve.

At any rate, it is much more likely that all this upheaval will usher in a period of uncertainty and unrest, of shifting alliances and of shifting economic interest. All eyes are on Europe. The Middle East might be pushed out of the headlines.

The Germans have their wall now to enjoy. They can chisel pieces out of it and take them home. We pray at the Western Wall for the security and well being of our people. Somebody may put a piece of paper in its cracks asking for a little bit of peace. (Arno Herzberg was JTA bureau chief in the 1930s.)

Celebrations

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Review. The event featured Christmas carolling.

In an interview with *The Jewish Voice* last month, university president E.A. Trabant, whose office purchased the tree, said that the tree was not intended to represent any religion, but, rather, was a celebration of the "holiday season." When questioned about the significance of an evergreen tree at Christmas, Trabant said, "I am firm in my commitment that this is a tree celebrating a holiday time, not a religious time." The December 4 ceremony featured Christmas carolling.

Peace Proposal

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A meeting in Washington of the three foreign ministers was the only one of the five points contained in the U.S. plan that the State Department had confirmed publicly until Wednesday, when it released the full text of the proposal.

Asked if there are issues of substance that must be resolved before the trilateral meeting, Tutwiler said, "Not necessarily." But she said that Egypt's "positive response," like the Israeli acceptance, contains additional assumptions.

"In their responses, both Egypt and Israel have conveyed certain views and positions on this process. We will be working with the parties on steps needed to get to a trilateral meeting in Washington," she said.

Tutwiler said the Washington meeting could not be scheduled until early in 1990, mainly because Baker is going to Europe next week and because of the holiday season.

Following is the text of the five-point plan:

"1. The United States understands that because Egypt and Israel have been working hard on the peace process, there is agreement that an Israeli delegation should conduct a dialogue with a Palestinian delegation in Cairo.

"2. The United States understands that Egypt cannot substitute itself for the Palestinians, and Egypt will consult with Palestinians on all aspects of that dialogue. Egypt will also consult with Israel and the United States.

"3. The United States understands that Israel will attend the dialogue only after a satisfactory list of Palestinians has been worked out.

"4. The United States understands that the government of Israel will come to the dialogue on the basis of the Israeli government's May 14 initiative. The United States further understands that Palestinians will come to the dialogue prepared to discuss elections and the

negotiating process, in accordance with Israel's initiative. The U.S. understands, therefore, that Palestinians would be free to raise issues that relate to their opinions on how to make elections and the negotiating process succeed.

"5. In order to facilitate this process, the U.S. proposes that the foreign ministers of Israel, Egypt and the U.S. meet in Washington within two weeks."

'Women Of The Wall' Get Torah

JERUSALEM (JTA) — The right of Jewish women in Israel to pray where and how they choose received one setback and one small advance last week as it confronted opposition from the ultra-Orthodox religious establishment. A group called Women of the Wall failed to persuade the Jerusalem Magistrates Court to force Jerusalem's Laromme Hotel to allow it to conduct a Torah scroll dedication ceremony Monday night at the hotel.

But the same court ruled November 28 that

the hotel had to allow the women to conduct prayer services inside the hotel this Saturday.

The Jerusalem Religious Council had threatened to revoke the hotel's kashrut license if it allowed the Torah dedication to take place. It intervened at the last moment, although the ceremony had been scheduled months in advance. The hotel management, fearing it would lose its kosher certification, succumbed to the pressure. The dedication ceremony was held instead in the gymnasium of a nearby school.

The Women of the Wall group, organized a year ago during the First International Jewish Feminist Conference, also held a women's Rosh Chodesh (New Moon) prayer service last week at the Western Wall, which is known in Hebrew as the Kotel.

The Torah scroll was donated by the International Committee for Women at the Kotel, a support group of some 500 Jewish women from the Diaspora, many of them religiously observant. A delegation of 30 women came to Israel under the auspices of the American Jewish Congress to present the Torah to the Israeli group.

CAJE Publishes Children's Guide To Help Cope With Anti-Semitism

NEW YORK (JTA) — The Coalition for the Advancement of Jewish Education has produced a curriculum guide to help school-age children cope with highly publicized incidents of anti-Semitism, and racial and ethnic violence.

The aim is to help youngsters maintain their own self-esteem and group identity without becoming hostile toward others, according to

Peppy Margolis, who prepared the guide with the assistance of Carol D'Allessandro and Helen Dimkins. The three educators are consultants on Holocaust and Genocide Studies for the New Jersey Department of Education.

The Manhattan-based CAJE publishes and distributes curricula and resource materials to more than 3,500 Jewish teachers, administra-

tors, lay leaders and rabbis as a benefit of membership.

The 44-page guide, titled "Prejudice Reduction: Responding to Anti-Semitism in our Students' Lives," is a compendium of resources and activities to help teachers sensitize students to the manifestations and effects of prejudice. It lists objectives, activities and recommended instructional materials and media appropriate to various grade levels from kindergarten through junior high school.

"This curriculum guide is comprehensive in the sense that it is addressed to teachers of primary, elementary as well as middle school students," said Richard Wagner, chairman of CAJE Publications.

"It is our hope," said Margolis, "that students will be able to function more sensitively and thoughtfully in this diverse society."

Book Fair Opens To Sell-Out Crowds

"Several months ago we were assessing whether or not Wilmington was ready for a Jewish Book Month Celebration. If the first Sunday was any indication, we were not only ripe for Jewish Book Month, but it's been overdue," stated Moises Paz, Assistant Executive Director of the JCC.

For several months Lynn Greenfield, Director of the JCC Adult Division and Leah Tenenbaum, chairperson of the Adult Committee, together, with a broad base committee, have been diligently working to develop a uniquely diverse book fair program for 1989.

"The Book Fair truly has something for everyone ranging from the December 3 Sundaes Sunday, with free sundaes for everyone in attendance, to "Jews in Film" and a keynote presentation by Lucy Dawidowicz, renowned authority and author on the Holocaust on Sunday, December 10," stated Lynn Greenfield.

"The response has been incredible. In the first weekend of the program every one of our activities was sold out," Pza said. The Book Fair will end on December 17, when books, gift items and art items will continue to be on sale at the JCC during the annual Chanuka Choopla program. For further information on Book Fair programs, call the JCC at 478-5660.

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Soviet Notice To Syria On Weaponry

By JOSEPH POLAKOFF

Special to The Jewish Voice

WASHINGTON — Soviet notice to Syria that the Kremlin will apply tougher financial conditions in sales of arms and be guided in deliveries of weapons by Syria's "reasonable defense sufficiency" have brought cautious responses in Washington.

Moscow's new approach towards its closest Arab ally was provided to British and American reporters in Damascus by the new Soviet ambassador, Alexander Zotov, who is described as one of the Soviet Foreign Ministry's most urbane and experi-

enced members.

Zotov defined the doctrine as giving Syria capacity to halt an Israeli offensive and then be able to counter-attack with resulting unacceptable losses on Israel. "We have no intention of loosening our relationship with Syria," Zotov said "to make them feel insecure, that they have lost their only friend and pillar of support. But, of course, we're living in a world where we have to look at new developments." The *Financial Times of London* which was represented in the interview reported.

Observers noted that a new devel-

opment in the Soviet view is that Syria owes it approximately \$15 billion for arms and the Soviet treasury and economic conditions are inhospitable to higher indebtedness. Another view is the Kremlin's interest in entering Arab-Israeli situations as a principal participant. "The Soviet Union can exert pressure on the Palestinians and the Arabs," Zotov said. "We can be a constructive partner in the process." At the State Department, Margaret Tutwiler, the chief spokesperson, read a prepared statement which said: "The U.S. would welcome the application of reasonable defense sufficiency in Soviet arms supply policy to Syria. We would need to see if the Soviet

Union translates that policy into reality with respect to arms provided to Syria. We believe political not military solutions to regional conflicts will bring lasting peace and stability."

Much like State's official response, friends of Israel also felt it is too soon to determine the consequences of the Zotov comment and the timing two weeks in advance of the Soviet-American summit at Malta. One concerned friend noted that while U.S. policy is to enable Israel to have an edge in military power over the combined strength of its Arab neighbors the Kremlin may be subtly cutting a path to persuade the Bush Administration to reduce weaponry to Israel by the same doctrine.

"The winds of change are in the air" the source said. "The Soviets are paying almost no attention to the

international conference they've been touting for years. Instead they seem to be looking for a way to approve West Bank/Gaza elections without seeming to be giving into the U.S. and Israeli position."

Another analyst predicted "we may be hearing a lot in the new (U.S.) budget about RDS," he said, using the acronym for the new Soviet doctrine, should the USSR reduce Syrian offensive power. However, he observed the Soviets have delivered their Sukho-24 attack bombers to Syria and the approximately 4,000 military advisors there have not been noticeably lessened. At the same time, Syria is reportedly talking to other potential arms suppliers, particularly China, whose sale of missiles to Saudi Arabia has created concern here and in Jerusalem.

Russians

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in Leningrad, and, for her own enjoyment, sculpted and painted with water colors. Now, they admit, Eugenia isn't focusing on her profession: she is "looking inside, not outside," says Michael, as they prepare for the arrival of their first child.

Michael's constant companion is his English dictionary. As he struggles to express complex ideas in his new language, his fingers fly through its pages. How, he asks, is his English? Better, it might be acknowledged, than some of today's American high school graduates.

The Pivovarovs are introspective, thoughtful people who view life from many perspectives. They admit that they were never hungry, always employed, and always had housing in the Soviet Union. But, says Michael, neither today nor 15 years ago could he be as proud to be a Jew. Only within his — or his mother's — apartment could he express such

feelings. Never in the street. In the street, everyone knew he had a Jewish name — and they wouldn't let him forget it. It isn't that anti-Semitism is new in the Soviet Union, only that it has become more openly expressed, he says.

So, they say, they came to the United States to find themselves, to be able to explore the spiritual aspects of life. They came to be able to express themselves freely in their work. They came to understand new worlds beyond the limited, narrow life lived in the Soviet Union. They came to provide a new life for their child, so that, as Michael says, "Our child would never know a joyless situation."

It is their hope that other members of their family will also complete their journeys to freedom. Michael's mother and brother leave in December for Israel. Eugenia's mother, father and brother are currently in Italy, awaiting a guarantee from an American family.

Barbara Bush Calls ORT Women 'Heroes'

Women's American ORT presented its most prestigious award to First Lady Barbara Bush for her work on behalf of literacy. The Beverly Minkoff Education Award was presented to Bush at the closing luncheon of the organization's 30th Biennial National Convention at the Grand Hyatt Hotel in Washington, DC, last month.

In conferring the award, Reese Feldman, national president of Women's American ORT said: "At a time when rapidly changing technology demands greater skills of literacy than ever before, our country has an unacceptably high rate of illiteracy. The work of Barbara Bush in projecting this problem before the American public and seeking its solution is exemplary and deserves our highest recognition."

Bush, in her acceptance speech



Women's American ORT president Reese Feldman presents the organization's education award to Barbara Bush.

addressed the delegates as, "My heroes," remarking: "Will Rogers once said, 'We can't all be heroes. Some of us have to sit on the curb and clap as they go by.' Well, I am clapping for you, the members of Women's American ORT. You are heroes to me. You have been helping with literacy for so many years. It makes sense that a group that fo-

cuses on the importance of working life, on helping people become productive and contributing human beings would be concerned about literacy, and that a group with deep feelings about our precious democracy would understand so well how critical literacy is to preserving our great freedoms. You really are heroes!"



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