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## THE Bagels of NEW CASTLE COUNTY

By DAN WEINTRAUB  
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Bagels are transforming from the round familiar breakfast staple of the Jewish people into an all-American phenomena. Delaware, particularly the suburbs of Wilmington, is reflecting that trend with the growth of its bagel businesses. *Bagels and Donuts*, which has served the region alone since 1974, has recently been joined by *Manhattan Bagel* and *Bagel Builders*. The growing presence of bagel stores creates more bagel customers in Delaware. For Jews, and others who already enjoy bagels, the increased availability of bagels is a welcome trend.

Ralph Jacobs, the proprietor at *Bagels and Donuts*, says his three area locations features old-fashioned, New York style bagels which are baked on the premises. Jacobs says his bagels have no preservatives, no fats and are not frozen. He says bagel consumers appreciate that his bagels are boiled and baked fresh on the premises seven days a week. Jacobs touts his 26 varieties. He says many customers enjoy his flavor of the month, which is banana nut for March. Jacobs told *The Jewish Voice* that the growing popularity of bagels is due to a variety of factors. Jacobs says that bagels make a good staple food since they are healthier than croissants, low in calories and a good source of carbohydrates. His bagels contain no fat, he says, except for his egg bagels.

Jacobs also says that bagels are not just "a white collar Jewish food anymore." He says that it used to be the bagels were found in the New York, New Jersey, Philadelphia area only. The introduction of supermarket bagels increased awareness of the food but, according to Jacobs, most supermarket bagels are dried out bread in a bagel shape.

Jacobs welcomes the competition represented by the two new stores. "Competition is good for everybody" he says "it keeps everybody doing a good job." He encourages his customers to compare his bagels with those from the other operations since he believes that most will come back to *Bagels and Donuts*. *Bagels and Donuts* also features fat free muffins, challahs and rye breads prepared in their "from scratch" bakery. Jacobs store is the only kosher bagel proprietor certified by the *Va'ad Hakashruth*.

Randy Glick, who recently opened *Manhattan Bagels* in the area, hails from northern New Jersey outside New York City. Glick told *The Jewish Voice* that he has been "overwhelmed by the response to *Manhattan Bagels*" by Delaware noshers. Glick describes his bagels as "authentic New York style bagels." He claims to have won over many skeptical displaced New Yorkers living here. Glick credits the quality of the bagels at *Manhattan Bagels* to a secret recipe that even franchise owners do not know. At *Manhattan Bagels* the dough is boiled in a kettle for about 30 seconds - for a shiny exterior and soft inside -

before baking. The standard look and product of *Manhattan Bagels* franchises is another plus for customers says Glick.

Glick says that members of the Jewish community have been good supporters of the new bagel enterprise. He recalls preparing many break-the-fast trays shortly after opening in September. Glick says customers have come to his store from Middletown and Hockessin. He gives credit to Lender's frozen supermarket bagels for helping to popularize the food with the general public. Glick agrees that more bagel places helps to expand the market by increasing the number of bagel eaters in Delaware. He calls Delawareans "a finely, discriminating group" who can appreciate quality bagels. He says that competition is "great" since it will "keep us on our toes." Glick says anyone can say that their bagels are the best but he says customers will decide.

Mrs. Mary Oliet of *Bagel Builders* says she "grew up with bagels." She says many people



are responding to bagels because they are low in fat. Oliet says that toppings such as cream cheese or turkey do however add fat. She remembers an 85 year old woman coming into *Bagel Builders* who was afraid to try bagels but found she enjoyed adding bagels to her diet. She says many of her customers are moms on the way to drop off or pick up their kids at school. Oliet says *Bagel Builders* prepares party trays and breakfast trays.

Oliet says quality control at *Bagel Builders*,

is insured because of a central commissary in South Jersey where the dough is prepared. *Bagel Builders* franchisees prepare bagels from dough which is flash frozen before kettling and baking. Oliet says that popular flavors include plain, cinnamon raisin and rye swirl. *The Jewish Voice* asked Oliet if the growth in bagel consumption is just a passing fad and she said "I hope the bagel is here to stay."

In the meantime Delaware residents will have *munch* to choose from.

## You've Come A Long Way Bagel!

### Rabbi BERNARD S. RASKAS

A researcher for the American Institute of Baking in Manhattan, Kansas, estimates that Americans consumed fewer than a half-million bagels in 1962 but more than five million last year. Now sales are in excess of one billion dollars a year in the United States alone. Fast-food chains have them on the menu; they are found in supermarkets and special bagel shops.

There are over 4,200 bagel bakeries today and the number is growing. One wit says, "A bagel is a doughnut with the sin removed." Others term it a "cement doughnut" or "a doughnut with rigor mortis."

The basic information about the bagel can be found in *The Bagel Bible* which was writ-

ten by Marilyn and Tom Bagel. (Bagel is their real name.) Marilyn Bagel fears that their soaring popularity could make it into a new Wonder Bread.

There are two versions of its origin. One is it was invented by a Jewish baker in Vienna in 1683 to thank King John III Sobieski of Poland who saved the city from Turkish invaders. The baker crafted a hard roll in the shape of a riding stirrup, in honor of the king's favorite hobby. The bread's original name was "bugel" from the German for stirrups.

Others contend that the earliest form of the term comes from the Yiddish word "beygl." This word is found in the communal rules of the Jewish Community of Cracow, promulgated in the year 1610. The rules stipulate

that bagels are among the gifts which may be given to women in childbirth or midwives. Bagels were served at the meal following a burial to signify the cycle of life, but no one is certain where or when the custom began.

The bagel was brought to America by Jewish immigrants in the early 20th century. The recipe was fiercely guarded by Bagel Bakers Local 338, a union of 300 workers based in New York City. By limiting admission to sons of members, the union endured the perpetuation of the time-honored technique of the two-step process of first boiling and then baking.

During the Depression, the bagel became "The Dough Jones Index." The bigger the hole, the less dough was used: this was a sign of hard times. In more prosperous periods, bagels would be so generously proportioned that the holes would practically disappear.

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CAIRO - Vice President Al Gore and Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak chat at the Presidential palace March 20. The two discussed U.S. aid, trade and investment; Middle East peace; and Egyptian opposition to Israeli's nuclear policy.

Lauren Hutton to speak at Kutz Home Auxiliary's donor luncheon. See story page 14.



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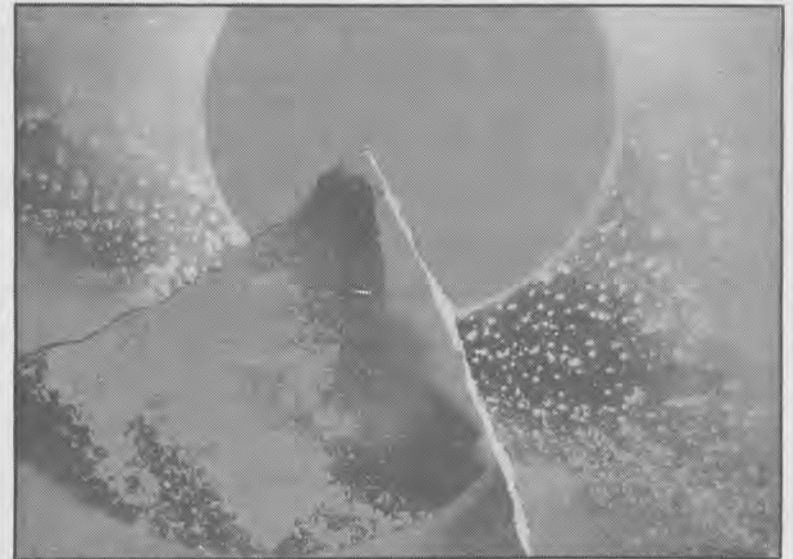
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## BRIEFS



(MARCH 16) GAZA STRIP -- British Prime Minister John Major and PLO chairman Yasser Arafat shake hands March 14 as Major completes the handover to the Palestinian police of 50 vehicles donated by Britain.

## Israelis Can Soon Shop Via TV At Home

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Israel's first TV home shopping network is scheduled to be open for business within six months. A consortium of companies had competed for, and won, their participation in the shopping network. Tuvia Saar, the joint-managing director of the group, said the network would bring Israeli consumers into a new era. "Instead of hurtling into traffic jams and fighting for parking places, you can sit at home, watch the TV messages regarding our products and just make a phone call." The purchases will either be sent to the consumers by mail or be picked up by consumers at one of Israel's major bookstore chains.

## Jewish Protestors At Buchanan Rally

WASHINGTON (JTA) — Three Jewish protesters, bearing placards reading "Buchanan Is a Racist," disrupted a Manchester, N.H., rally Tuesday, where Patrick Buchanan launched his bid for the presidency. The three rushed the stage as Buchanan declared himself a candidate for the Republican nomination. One of them yelled to Buchanan, "You're a fascist!" as he and the others were dragged from the stage by guards. According to news reports, Buchanan dismissed the interruption as an example of "what we're fighting against." The three protesters, who wore skullcaps identifying themselves as observant Jews, were members of the Coalition for Jewish Concerns-Amcha. The group is led by New York activist Rabbi Avi Weiss. Buchanan has come under fire from Jewish leaders for calling Adolf Hitler "a great man" and for referring to Capitol Hill as "Israel's occupied territory." Jewish Republicans here denounced Buchanan while criticizing the protesters' methods.

## Cairo Lecturer Calls Insrael A 'Cancer'

In the publication *Elwatan Elarabi* (Paris), Abed Elsaboer Shahin, a lecturer in the Arab language on the faculty of "Dar Elaloom" at Cairo University called Israel a "cancer" in a recent interview. Shahin is a member of the Supreme Council for Islamic Affairs and gives sermons at the Amru Ben Alaatz mosque in Cairo. He was asked what the attitude of Islam was to Israel. He replied, in part, that "Israel is a center of cancer which has been grafted into our area by imperialism. There were those who claimed that the Jews were a hunted people who deserved a homeland, but now the Arabs are running after peace with the Jews with determination. Israel is not going for peace but rather to defeat the Arabs in order to establish a Jewish state from the Nile to the Euphrates. The Jews do not send experts to us but rather spies and tourists tainted with AIDS in order to destroy the Islamic society. [SOURCE; Dr. Aaron Lerner, Associate - IMRA (Independent Media Review & Analysis)]

## Marriott Business Cover for Gaza

WASHINGTON (JTA) — Palestinians in the Gaza Strip will see the economic benefits to peace — in the form of a sprawling business center. In less than two months, the Marriott Corp., in conjunction with the General Resources Design Group, plans to begin building a 275-room hotel complete with 10,000 square feet of leasable office space, three restaurants, a swimming pool and mega-business center, according to Marriott officials. "This will be a landing pad for business to come to Gaza," said Ziad Karam, president and CEO of the design group. Located less than one mile north of Gaza City, the \$80 million beachfront Gaza Marriott Business Center will bring 1,000 jobs to Gaza during two years of construction, said Karam, a Palestinian American. The project, a brainchild of Builders for Peace, is scheduled to be completed by early 1997. Builders for Peace was founded after Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization signed the Declaration of Principles in September 1993 to encourage Arab and Jewish Americans to invest in Gaza and Jericho.

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## NATIONAL • INTERNATIONAL

## Legislator's Introduce Terror Bill

By MATTHEW DORF

WASHINGTON (JTA) — With the help of Congress, President Clinton launched phase two of his war on terrorism. In the Senate and in the House of Representatives, legislators introduced the administration's Omnibus Counterterrorism Act of 1995 last month. The long-awaited bill seeks to ban fund raising by American organizations that benefits terrorist groups abroad. The bill would also make it a federal crime to engage in terrorist acts and in the planning of terrorist acts both in the United States and abroad, if such acts affect U.S. interests. And it would establish the death penalty as punishment for terrorism that results in murder.

Clinton began the American effort to combat terrorism this year by freezing the assets of 12 terrorist groups and preventing future money transfers to them. Jewish groups were quick to praise the new bill, which was introduced in the U.S. Senate by Sens. Arlen Specter (R-Pa.), Herb Kohl (R-Wis.) and Joseph Biden (D-Del.), and in the House by Rep. Charles Schumer (D-N.Y.). "Passage of this tough, comprehensive bill will go a long way toward keeping our country from being used as a base to organize, finance and direct terrorist activity here and abroad," Anti-Defamation League officials said in a statement. The statement was jointly signed by David Strassler, ADL national chairman, and Abraham Foxman, ADL national director.

Although ADL and other Jewish



(MARCH 20) JERUSALEM - A wounded Israeli woman is carried into Haddassah Ein Karem hospital March 19 after an attack by Palestinian gunmen on a public bus traveling in the West Bank city of Hebron. Two Israelis were killed and at least six wounded in the attack. Israeli leaders vowed to continue peace negotiations with the Palestinians, as thousands of people took part in the funeral of the two Israelis killed in this week's terror attack near the West Bank town of Hebron. Yehuda Fartush, 42, and Nahum Hoss, 31, were killed Sunday night when Palestinian gunmen ambushed an Egged bus traveling from Jerusalem to the Jewish settlement of Kiryat Arba, situated near Hebron. Fartush, who lived in Kiryat Arba, is survived by a wife and infant. Hoss, who was married and lived in Hebron, was Rabbi Moshe Levinger's confidant. The rabbi is the founder of the Gush Emunim settler movement. Five other people, including a 12-year-old boy, were wounded in the attack. (Naomi Segal of JTA contributed to this caption.)

groups support the bill, some others have joined the senators who introduced the legislation in expressing substantive reservations about certain aspects of the initiative. Provisions in the bill that give law enforcement officials greater flexibility in launching investigation of terrorist suspects could pose constitutional problems, the senators said in announcing the legislation at a news conference last month. In addition, a section of the bill that would allow expedited closed-door deportation hearings for aliens accused of terrorist activity is prob-

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## Conoco Decision Draws Praise Averts Showdown With Bronfman

By MATTHEW DORF

WASHINGTON (JTA) — Under the threat of a presidential order and dissent within its own parent company, Conoco, the major American oil company, has canceled a \$1 billion deal with Iran. The move drew praise from Jewish groups and averted an anticipated showdown between Edgar Bronfman and the board of directors of Delaware-based Du Pont, Conoco's parent company. Bronfman, along with his brother Charles and son Edgar, holds a controlling interest in the Seagram's company, which owns 24.3 percent of Du Pont, which in turn owns Conoco Inc., the Houston-based oil company. Although Bronfman, a leading Jewish philanthropist and president of the World Jewish Congress, stood to gain hundreds of millions of dollars from the deal, instead he led the charge to scuttle the agreement. In recent visits to Capitol Hill, Bronfman had signaled he would "do everything he can" to block the deal when it came before the Du Pont board, according to legislative aides who attended the meetings. Sources close to Bronfman said if "push came to shove, he had the support" to kill the deal.

As Clinton was poised to sign an executive order banning U.S. companies from entering into contracts for the financing, supervision or management of oil development projects in Iran, Conoco announced

it would abandon its deal signed March 6. Under the agreement, Conoco was to have built two offshore rigs and natural gas lines for Iran. The company stood to gain \$1 billion from the deal.

Bronfman met in early March with Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole (R-Kan.); Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich (R-Ga.); Sen. Jesse Helms (R-N.C.), chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee; Rep. Benjamin Gilman (R-N.Y.), chairman of the House International Relations Committee; and Rep. Dick Gephardt (D-Mo.), the House minority leader. According to staffers, Bronfman was trying to persuade members of Congress to pass legislation banning any other American companies from stepping in with Iran if he were successful in persuading the company to pull out of the deal. The president's executive order, according to the Capitol Hill staffers, essentially gave Conoco a face-saving way to bow out of the agreement with the National Iranian Oil Company.

Conoco called off the deal with a statement released by Constantine Nicandros, vice chairman of Du Pont and president and CEO of Conoco. "Du Pont and Conoco pride themselves on being and corporate citizens in the United States as well as around the world. As a result,

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## LATE BITS

(The following summaries relate to late breaking stories and other items of interest. Much of what follows was not available in a more substantial form at press time. Other items are included in summarized form to reflect current developments. These news summaries are adopted from what has been provided to The Jewish Voice from the Jewish Telegraphic Agency (JTA).

WASHINGTON — Ninety-three senators sign onto a letter urging the Clinton administration to move the U.S. Embassy in Israel from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem by the end of the final status negotiations.

WASHINGTON — In a shroud of secrecy, Israel and Syria resume talks here on the ambassadorial level.

JERUSALEM — Israeli police arrest two Hamas members in connection with a planned car-bomb attack in Beersheba.

JERUSALEM — Israel's Environment Minister Yossi Sarid says Jewish settlers should leave Hebron.

JERUSALEM — The question of U.S. aid to Egypt arises during Vice President Al Gore's trip to the Middle East.

JERUSALEM — Four members of the extremist Kahane Chai group are sentenced to prison for their role in a deadly grenade attack in the Old City.

JERUSALEM — An ideological rift over the centrality of aliyah surfaces between President Ezer Weizman and Avraham Burg, acting chairman of the Jewish Agency for Israel.

PARIS — A delegation of freemasons in Europe make a visit to concentration camps.

BONN — Fifty years after the end of World War II, the Jewish Museum in Warsaw receives 50 German video cassettes documenting the years gone by.

ATHENS — A trial here involving the murder of a Greek Jew unfolds like a John Le Carre spy novel.

EDITORIAL

Letter About Jerusalem Was Historically Inaccurate

The Editorial Committee of The Jewish Voice is severely disappointed with the letter concerning Jerusalem sent to President Clinton earlier this month by eight prominent American Christian leaders. Their statement called on the President to use his influence to curtail Israel's presence in and control of Jerusalem. The church leaders dispute the Israeli assertion that Jerusalem will remain the "eternal and undivided capital of Israel." They accused Israel of violating international law by expanding Jewish settlements in Israel and accuse Clinton of failing to "recognize and support Palestinian rights and interests in Jerusalem." The statement wrongly fixes the blame on Israel for a diminishing Christian population in Jerusalem. Many Jewish groups have strongly objected to the statement.

The statement is disappointing because these leaders failed to dialogue first with the Jewish community, because such interference with the delicate Israeli-Palestinian negotiations is unwarranted and because the statement's assertions are historically inaccurate.

The statement was signed by eight individuals and certainly does not represent the views of all Christians. For example, last week Ralph Reed, Director of the Christian Coalition, the evangelical group affiliated with Pat Robertson, issued its own statement objecting to the letter to Clinton. Reed wrote to Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole (R.-Kan.) and Speaker of the House, Newt Gingrich (R.-Ga.), that the letter from eight prominent Christian leaders "does not represent the sentiments of our organization nor, we believe, the beliefs of the millions of evangelical Christians who cherish the security of the State of Israel as one of their top foreign policy concerns... We recognize the Holy City as the undivided capital of the State of Israel ...." While the support of Pat Robertson's Christian Coalition for the fact that Jerusalem is the undivided capital of the State of Israel is welcome, there is concern that such support should not disguise the fact that their domestic agenda is largely at odds with majority positions of the American Jewish community.

Given the prominence of the eight leaders, the nature of the statement, and the lapse in the interfaith dialogue which preceded its release, the statement should not be ignored. Among the signers were Cardinal William

Keeler, the ranking Catholic official in the United States, Edmond Browning, presiding bishop of the Episcopal Church and Bishop Herbert Chilstrom of the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

The statement suggests in error that most Christians living in Jerusalem in the past fifty years left the city during the time of Israeli rule. The Christian population in Jerusalem was 28,000 in 1948 when the modern state of Israel was born. Israel did not gain control of Jerusalem until the Six Day War in 1967. Between 1948 and 1967, the Christian population of Jerusalem fell to 11,000 while under Jordanian control. Today the Christian population of Jerusalem is 10,000. Since 90 per cent of the decrease in Jerusalem's Christian population occurred before Israel unified the city, the statement to the President falsely affixes blame for the decrease on Israel.

Under Jordanian control freedom and access in Jerusalem was severely limited for Christians and Jews. Israel allows full religious freedom and access to holy sites in Jerusalem for Christians, Muslims and Jews. Such freedom and access deserves recognition and support. Perhaps the eight leaders who wrote to Clinton may have decided that by advancing a pro-Palestinian position they could protect their co-religionists' interests if negotiations lead to some form of Arab control in Jerusalem. Given Israel's outstanding record on religious freedom, they would have nothing to lose with the Israelis should negotiations lead to continuing Israeli control over Jerusalem. If this suspicion is valid such motivation, although politically expedient, seems unprincipled.

What seems particularly disappointing about the letter to Clinton is that it comes against a backdrop of strong interreligious relations. Many Jewish inter-faith leaders describe the Catholic-Jewish relationship, as being the best interreligious or interethnic relationship in the country. According to Jews leaders involved in inter-faith discussions, there is a tacit agreement between Catholics and Jews engaged in a dialogue that calls for consultation before either group issues a position on a subject considered to be sensitive by the other. Procedurally, there was no warning to the Jewish community issued prior to the letter to Clinton which in substance advocates the Palestinian position.

Last week Cardinal William Keeler, who is said to have a long history of close relations with representatives of Jewish groups, met with Jewish interfaith leaders and issued a statement clarifying his stance on the status of Jerusalem. Jerome Chanes, co-director for domestic concerns at the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council, (NJCRAC) an umbrella group of Jewish agencies, had a mixed response to the meeting with Keeler. Chanes spoke positively about the responsiveness of Keeler in scheduling a quick meeting. According to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, some Jewish leaders left the meeting concerned that some Christian leaders failed to see how central the issue of Jerusalem is to the Jewish community. Chanes said of Keeler that it is "clear that he takes very seriously the consultative process and the fact that there was a lapse in that process."

In his clarification, Keeler, wrote that the earlier statement was not intended to suggest that negotiators should change "their agreed schedule as to when the issue of Jerusalem" will be addressed, nor was it intended to "endorse any particular position on the permanent status of Jerusalem," nor did it intend "that outsiders should enter the peace process." The clarification stated that the original statement intended to preserve all options and possible solutions and indicated that representatives of local religious communities should

be involved in discussions of religious "rights and needs." Keeler's clarification voiced a concern that "developments on the ground" near Jerusalem might preclude aspects of the peace negotiations.

Michal Kotzin, director of the Jewish Community Relations Council of Chicago, said that on the one hand the clarification by Keeler "in effect reverses what was there before," but on the other hand "the original document is still there, so there is still something problematic out there with his signature."

As the 3,000th anniversary of Jerusalem with a Jewish presence approaches, and as the fragile peace process struggles to progress, the initial statement by eight Christian leaders was particularly unwelcome. The initial statement to Clinton also was signed by Monsignor Gerald Brown, president of the Roman Catholic Conference of Major Superiors of Men's Institutes; Kara Newell, executive director of the American Friends Service Committee; Archbishop Iakovos of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of North and South America; Metropolitan Philip Saliba, Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America; and Robert Seiple president of World Vision. It is hoped that the renewed dialogue with Keeler and others can minimize damage to the peace process and avoid such counterproductive statements in the future.



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By IRV KAUFMAN

Jewish Voice Editorial Committee Member

With the possible exception of Literature, no field of intellectual inquiry has been more assaulted by the modern array of multiculturalists and revisionists than the field of History. No longer confined to the university, the assault reaches deep into our communal lives and our civil society, the so called cultural wars, that may dissolve us into nothing more than a nation of contending factions.

For Jews who need civic order and a past to give meaning to their future, these confrontations are aimed at destroying tradition. If we felt our fragility as a community prior to this tide of historical revision, can we now find

## History And A Commemoration

added courage to resist this new group of ideologues and their public demands?

Whether it is the Smithsonian's attempt to mount an exhibit on the Enola Gay and the Hiroshima bombing, or the celebration of the 500th anniversary of Columbus's landing in the new world, or the suggested revisions in the teaching of American and European History, the ways in which we are being told to remember and use the past, to teach it or to view it, have changed.

The history of western civilization is being rewritten, and, in its place we have begun to see a history that has a high profile political agenda, graded with the rake of political correctness. The revisionist's task, it seems, is nothing less than inverting the entire cultural and social history of the west.

Jews need no reminder of the way in which corrupted and politicized history has been used to justify centuries of murder and persecution. In recent years Holocaust revisionists, the Black Muslims with their "Jews as slave traders" assertions and the Arab and Third World denunciations of Israel "Zionism is racism", have all shredded history for political purposes

and contributed to the distortion of the Jewish historical past. It is noteworthy that in each of the above instances support for these managed histories has also come from the university.

My attention was recently directed to an article in the new republic on the Holocaust curriculum material called "Facing History And Ourselves" now circulating among the nation's high schools. The curriculum, the article said, greatly improved on the teaching of Holocaust materials. One section of this curriculum dealt with American racism. The authors, in their attempt to develop a comparative approach between the pain and suffering of the Black people and other people's pain and suffering (including Jewish Holocaust victims), chose Louis Farrakhan as the exemplar spokesperson for that piece of moral education. Need more be said about the new history and its capacity to be trusted to exercise moral authority with our young.

While I seem to have little tolerance for the new historians, my reading of Jewish history pulls me toward a welcoming acceptance of a history that provides space for ordinary and

non-western peoples. After all we were slaves in Egypt and I'm certain that our tribulations received little reading in the hieroglyphics on the pharaohs' tombs, the tombs that we helped build. It is not until the Twentieth century that Jewish history, except for isolated fragments, has found its way into the established histories of the world, and it took a Holocaust and Israel to make that happen.

Alternative views of the past are important and should not be greeted with intolerance. But that alternative view needs to be shaped by a rigorous seeking after truth. Our suspicion should be aroused when that alternative history is used to demonize some groups and sanctify others. Distorted history, even under the guise of being a people's history, remains false history.

It was another Jew, Robert Alter, the Hebrew scholar and literary critic who provided a clue to what the loss of Jewish collective history would mean. He wrote that Jews in America have the illusion of having a common culture, but that what we really have, he

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## Commentary: School Prayer Is Back Again

By MATT DENN

Jewish Voice Editorial Committee Member

Delaware's legislators face many seemingly intractable problems in the coming year. These problems include the nation's highest infant mortality rate, the nation's highest cancer death rate, and controversies over education and welfare reform. Few if any bills have been introduced on these issues this year. Instead, the legislature has decided to once again focus its attention on bringing prayer back into Delaware's schools. Leaving aside the question of what this focus on school prayer says about our legislators' priorities, it is important for Delaware's Jewish community to understand the bills pending in the state legislature.

## What Is The Status Quo?

Even if no school prayer bill is passed this year, Delaware's schoolchildren will continue to have an opportunity to pray in school if their consciences so dictate. They have had this right for years. Delaware has a "moment of silence" provision in its education code, which allows school teachers who want to pro-

vide their students with an opportunity to silently pray to do so at the beginning of each school day.

Delaware's schoolchildren also have the unquestionable right to use classrooms for religious purposes before and after school, if those classrooms are being made available to non-religious student groups. The Supreme Court of the United States unanimously ruled in 1993 that public schools which make their classrooms available to non-religious student groups must make them available on an equal basis to religious student groups.

## How Does the State Legislature Propose to Change the Law?

There are actually two school prayer bills pending in the state legislature — one in the State House of Representatives, and one in the State Senate. According to the News Journal, the bill in the State Senate, S.B. 34, is now the 'working' bill, as the bill in the State House was generally recognized to be flatly unconstitutional. S.B. 34 has been co-sponsored by ten out of the twenty-one State Sena-

tors, and has been pre-approved by the Governor as it is currently written.

What does S.B. 34 say? A lot of what it says is remarkable for its redundancy. The bill creates a moment of silence at the beginning of the school day — which we already have. It also provides for equal access for religious groups to classrooms during non-instructional time — which we already have. It contains a great deal of language barring the schools from compelling students or teachers to participate in prayer ceremonies, which is the law and has been for over two decades.

The portion of the bill that actually creates new law is buried in this thicket of redundancies. The new law allows for "student-delivered, voluntary messages" to be delivered "during noninstructional time at noncompulsory student assemblies, student sporting events, graduation or commencement ceremonies and other school-related events." In English, this means that there will be religious prayers at graduation ceremonies and football games, with the only unusual aspect being that stu-



dents rather than adults will deliver the prayers. Other provisions of the bill state that school officials cannot be involved in the content of the prayers (or "messages" as the bill cutely refers to them), and that school officials cannot discriminate between student speakers based on the content of what they want to say.

## Can They do This?

It's not clear, but the answer is probably "no." The Supreme Court of the United States ruled less than three years ago that a "non-sectarian" invocation delivered by a rabbi at a public middle school graduation ceremony violated the First Amendment of the United States Constitution. In that case, the school district selected the rabbi, and provided him with guidelines written by the National Conference of Christians and Jews to try to make his invocation acceptable to all the graduates' families. The Supreme Court held that although the graduation ceremony was technically voluntary, in reality it was not voluntary because students feel compelled to attend their own graduations, and therefore the prayer was unconstitutional because it compelled the attending students to participate in a religious exercise.

The authors of S.B. 34 have tried to make it subtly different from the fact scenario barred by the Supreme Court. S.B. 34 would prevent school authorities from involving themselves in the content of the speech of the student who was delivering the prayer, and it would prevent school officials from determining which student would give the invocation based on religious grounds.

Read strictly, this would mean that a student who wished to conduct a Satanic worship service would have just as much right to deliver the invocation at his high school graduation as any other student; in fact, the school could not even ask him what he planned to say without suggesting that it was violating the

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## It Is Time For Equality

By Rabbi AMMIEL HIRSCH

Executive Director

Association of Reform Zionists of America

There is a shadow over Israel's otherwise vibrant democracy that affects all Jews, wherever they may reside. Israel is the only democratic state in the world where non-Orthodox Jews, who comprise 80 percent of world Jewry, are religiously disenfranchised. The Reform, Conservative and Reconstructionist movements are robbed of equality, respect and dignity. Their institutions receive little state funding, while the Orthodox receive hundreds of millions of dollars annually, legally and illegally. Their congregations are often denied permits to build synagogues. Their rabbis are denigrated and their values ridiculed.

The ultra-Orthodox religious establishment does not even reflect the sensibilities of many Orthodox Jews. Secret "sin" lists maintained by the rabbinate disqualify thousands of Jews from marrying other Jews. The rabbinate recently invalidated a marriage because the wife's ancestors allegedly committed a sin in 580 BCE!

The problem, of course, is not in alleged transgressions committed 2,500 years ago, but that the ultra-Orthodox establishment is 2,500 years behind the times. These rabbis, who wield immense political power in Israel, are

intolerant, anti-democratic, anti-modern, and in many cases not even Zionists. They zealously preserve their control by selling their support in the Knesset to the highest bidder — whoever offers them more power and money.

The progressive movements of Judaism can no longer tolerate second class treatment. The soul of the Jewish state is at stake. Now that Israel appears to be on the road to greater peace and security, it is time to ensure the authenticity of her character. Love of Israel obligates American Jews to join Israelis in seeking reform.

The Association of Reform Zionists of America (ARZA) is launching "Operation Equality," a two year campaign to bring religious equality to Israel in the realm of marriage. Fed up with ultra-Orthodox abuse and officially sanctioned discrimination, we want to seize the initiative for the first time in Israel's history. Working through a worldwide partnership of Reform Jews, we plan to introduce a bill in the Knesset giving non-Orthodox rabbis the right to officiate at marriages. The Israeli Conservative movement and various Israeli civil rights organizations have already pledged their support. We invite their American counterparts to join us, including Orthodox Jews who are pained and embarrassed by

the damage being done to Judaism in the name of Orthodoxy.

In Israel, we will mount an aggressive public information campaign. Israeli citizens are increasingly dismayed by ultra-Orthodox militancy and can be expected to respond to a grass roots push for change, which will reduce religious coercion and increase religious options for Israeli Jews. In schools, synagogues, community centers, and through newspapers, radio and television, Operation Equality will seek to generate public support for this legislative initiative.

In the United States, we will mount a major campaign to mobilize American Jews. We shall circulate petitions demanding recognition. We will ask American Jewry to help us raise two million dollars to support our efforts in Israel.

Some in America do not yet understand that religious discrimination in Israel directly affects them as American Jews. Recently, I participated in a meeting of one of the largest Jewish umbrella organizations, where Orthodox colleagues argued that pluralism was an internal Israeli affair that need not concern American Jews.

But American Jews are directly affected by their disenfranchisement in Israel. As we saw



Nadine Strossen, Executive Director of ACLU of Delaware, in plaid jacket, makes a point. Photo credit: Dan Halprin.

# ACLU Director Speaks At Beth Emeth On Prayer In Schools

By DANIEL WARREN HALPRIN  
Special To The Jewish Voice

On Wednesday, February 22, the Sisterhood of Congregation Beth Emeth hosted Nadine Strossen, the Executive Director of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of Delaware. The topic was prayer in public schools. Ms. Strossen is well-acquainted with both the school prayer issue and the workings of public policy. She has been on the board of the Jewish Federation of Delaware (JFD), and has also served as the Director of the National Organization for Women (NOW), on the board of the Delaware Children's Museum, and on the board of the Delaware Mentor Program.

She reminded the assemblage that this is not a theoretical issue: House Bill NO. 24, an act to amend the Delaware Code relating to the separation of church and state in public schools sponsored by Delaware House Representatives Plant and Scott is currently up for consideration in the Delaware House of Representatives. The legislation will permit "nonsectarian and nonproselytizing voluntary benedictions, invocations, or prayers to be initiated on public school property during school related events."

Although the bill emphasizes that the prayers must not be compulsory, and that the bill must not be used to promote or establish "a religion or religious belief," many are worried that it will make it impossible for the public school students from minority faiths to avoid desecrating the integrity of their religious beliefs and practices without risking the status of a pariah for themselves and their faiths among most other students. The bill is carefully worded so that to block it from consideration would be a violation of students' free speech rights. Because of this, it can only be challenged once it is in effect, when a specific case has violated the Establishment Clause of the First Amendment (this calls for freedom of religion, which includes the separation of church and state).

The bill, Ms. Strossen pointed out, can be voted down, but currently Governor Carper and those in the Delaware Congress who disagree with HB 24 are worried that a less than far right-wing vote on this issue is political suicide. She urged the gathered to call or write to their representatives and empower those who want to vote against the bill, but are afraid to, with a mandate of voter support.

This is the second such bill in two years. To defeat this bill, she said, it will be necessary not only to take individual action but to form coalitions. As part of her presentation Ms. Strossen used a video put together by the ACLU which demonstrated how many more such coalitions are possible that one might expect, especially on this issue.

It was recognized even at the most optimistic points in the meeting that prayer in public schools has long been a divisive topic, and its supporters are believed to be many, but as a Southern Baptist Minister who narrated the video pointed out, as did the speaker herself, most people simply want their children to be taught their own religion; the idea of society helping them do this through the public schools may initially seem helpful and harmless.

However, as the Baptist minister noted in the film, once the doors have been opened to the imposition of one religious faith in a community-funded public forum, they are also opened to impositions of many other religious ideas with which students' parents may violently disagree but which they will have little recourse against once they have ceded their individual rights to the whims of a mass-mentality. The film pointed out, that once people realize this, they usually side against state involvement in religious matters.

The film also pointed out the very American nature of this decision. As

a historian from the University of Texas related it in the film, many of the original settlers of the United States came from countries such as England, a nation which was often bitterly divided by fighting between Protestant and Catholic zealots. These settlers came to America in part to escape this and to not build their society on such an autocratic base.

As part of this, they did not do as the nations of Europe had done and authorize that there be a state religion. They worried, the historian explained, that such a decision would result in a holy war in the United States every time the leadership changed. The film argued that the separation of church and state is necessary for the stability of our society as a whole, and near its end, the Baptist Minister who introduced the film reminded the viewer of other countries that did not try to be so tolerant, Ireland and Bosnia.

By the end of the meeting, many spoke in opposition to HB 24. Some expressed worry about a crumbling sense of community, but described the bill to reintroduce group prayer into public schools as adding to this break-up.

Several people mentioned that individual prayer is already permitted in public schools, and is protected under freedom of religion. This implied to many present that the real purpose of this bill is not to promote religious expression or feeling, but to coerce minority religions into disavowing their own traditions in favor of the majority faith. Some saw it more starkly: as state religion.

As the meeting came to a close, Ms. Strossen reiterated the importance of coalition-building, of voting and of tolerance. There are intolerant people on both the right and the left, she said, the issue was freedom. The meeting was part of the Beth Emeth Sisterhood's Critical Issues Series.

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## Delaware Division For Visually Impaired Receives Award

On February 8, 1995, Delaware Ophthalmology Consultants presented the 1994 Distinguished Citizen Award to the Delaware Division for the Visually Impaired. The staff of the Division for the Visually Impaired is committed to helping visually challenged residents of Delaware maintain self-esteem, dignity and self-confidence through training for daily living, educational/vocational assistance, counseling and support services. Delaware Ophthalmology Consultants honored this group for their contributions to the community.



Dr. Judith A. Holloway presents the 1994 Distinguished Citizen Award to Dianne Post-Hamlett of the Delaware Division for the Visually Impaired. Front row (L to R) Virginia Dettinger, Dianne Post-Hamlett, Harry Walker, second row: Judith Holloway, O.D., Glen Hutchison and Chuck Gebhart.

## AKSE Hosts Community Seder

AKSE once again will host a Community Seder on the second nite of Passover. The Seder, which is Glatt Kosher, will be catered by Steve Bonner of Ala Carte Caterers.

The Seder will be on Saturday, April 15, 1995 at 8:00 p.m.



## NCCJ Honors

The Delaware Region, National Conference of Christians and Jews will hold their 1995 Annual Award Dinner on Thursday, April 6, 1995 at the Hotel duPont. Dinner Chair is Henry Topel, President of Henry Topel and Company, along with Associate Chair, Howard E.

Cosgrove, CEO of Delmarva Power. "Providing Keys to Equal Access and Inclusion For All, is the theme for this year's honorees, William B. DeLauder, Ph.D and Aida Waserstein, Esquire. In different ways they have worked to reduce barriers to inclusion and have helped others gain access through education, advocacy, empowerment and encouragement.

As the President of Delaware State University, William B. DeLauder, Ph.D., has worked from within the

educational system to create equal opportunity and access.

Through the university, Bill has sought to make education more accessible to all. He helped develop no less than 13 academic and cultural programs for elementary and high school students, including the Saturday Academy. This program was designated by former President Bush as a "Point of Light" and recognized by the State Chamber of Commerce as a "SuperStar in Education." Other outreach programs include: the Fo-

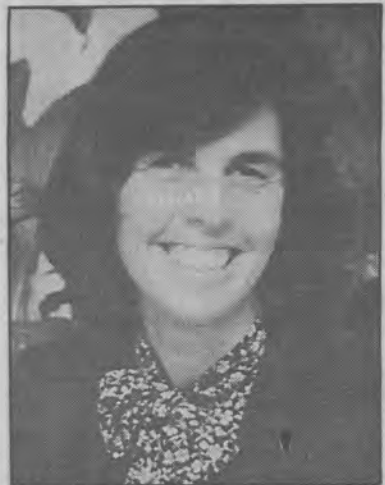
rum to Advance Minorities in Engineering (FAME), and Intensive Summer Program (ISSP). He helped institute the Delaware Procurement Technical Assistance Center which helps minority-owned businesses become suppliers for federal, state and local agencies and the Minority and Small Business Entrepreneurial Center which provides help to low income citizens and people of color to start new businesses. Bill also helped initiate an academic program for inmates at Gander Hill prison.

In 1994 William DeLauder re-

ceived the Thurgood Marshall Award for outstanding contributions to higher education of African Americans, presented to him by the editors of Jet and Ebony Magazines.

In contrast Aida Waserstein, Esquire has worked through the judicial system to advocate for the needs of others, particularly women and children. Aida is a member of the Delaware State Bar Association, specifically in the Family Law, Women in Law and Labor Law Sections.

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## From Delaware To Bosnia And Back - Paula Gordon To Speak April 30

Paula Gordon, a Wilmington native who graduated from A.K.S.E. Talmud Torah and Gratz Hebrew

High School, will address the Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Congregation (A.K.S.E.) Men's Club concerning

her recent exploits in Bosnia and Sarajevo. She currently resides in Manhattan. She is a free-lance stage director and writer. Ms. Gordon is a graduate of Brown University where she received her Bachelor of Arts in Communications.† Paula participated in convoy aide to rural villages in Bosnia and Croatia.

She witnessed firsthand the current condition of ethnic minorities in Bosnia and Sarajevo, including the

Jewish and Muslim population. She will share her exploits, which are documented in slides, at A.K.S.E.'s monthly Men's Club Brunch on Sunday, April 30, 1995. Paula is the daughter of Mendel and Helen Gordon who reside in Shipley Heights, Wilmington, Delaware.

The Men's Club welcomes all to attend this stimulating program. The cost is \$2.00 for members and \$5.00 for non-members. For more information, contact A.K.S.E. Congregation, 762-2705.

## VNA Delaware Volunteers Needed

The Visiting Nurse Association of Delaware has expanded their Volunteer Program and is currently recruiting volunteers. Volunteers are still needed to provide companionship and support to home bound clients. Training will begin in mid-April. Other opportunities are also available. Volunteer and join the VNA Team. For more information, call Margarita Rodriguez-Duffy at (302) 323-8200.

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## MARCH

**Friday \_\_\_\_\_ 24**

**Start of Beth Shalom's weekend retreat** at the International Hotel, Atlantic City, N.J. The scholar-in-residence is Samuel Tobias Lachs. Dr. Lachs' most recent book is "Humanism in Talmud and Midrash" which will be the basis of study for the weekend. This retreat will conclude

on Sunday, March 26. For additional information contact the Beth Shalom synagogue office (302-654 4462).

**Sunday \_\_\_\_\_ 26**

**Professor John E. Stapleford**, Director of the Bureau of Economic Research at the University, will speak about "The Economic Health of Delaware" at the A.K.S.E. Men's Club Breakfast at Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Congregation. Breakfast is at 9:30 a.m. The program follows from 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. All are welcome. The cost is \$2.00 for an all-you-can-eat breakfast buffet. For more information, contact A.K.S.E. Congregation, 762-2705.

**The Beth Emeth Brotherhood** Presents: "An Afternoon Wine Tasting", 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. The cost is \$10.00 per person. If you may be interested in attending, please contact Rich Weisband at 610-494-0663 for more information.

**Monday \_\_\_\_\_ 27**

**JCRC Public Education Task Force** meeting, 7:30 p.m. at the JCC. For information call Rabbi Marla Feldman at 478-6200.

**Monday \_\_\_\_\_ 3**

**JCRC meeting**, Temple Beth El, Newark, 7:30 p.m. For information call Rabbi Marla Feldman at 478-6200.

**Thursday \_\_\_\_\_ 30**

**Ivan Ceresnjes, President** of the Sarajevo Jewish Community, 7:30 p.m. Congregation Beth Emeth, sponsored by the Young Leadership Cabinet of the Jewish Federation of Delaware. Free and open to the public.

**AKSE Sisterhood** regular meeting. Nancy Tonik from BeautiControl will discuss skin care/color coded make-up for your season. Complete skin and color condition analysis. Refreshments. Call Andrea 764-0318 for more info.

## APRIL

**Saturday \_\_\_\_\_ 1**

**The AKSE 12th Annual Concert** will feature Russian pianist Mikhail Yanovitsky. 8 p.m. Tickets cost \$18 and are available at AKSE. For information call 762-2705.

**Tuesday \_\_\_\_\_ 4**

**Opening reception of "Fifty Faces" photographic exhibit**, featuring Joe Klein, one of the Holocaust survivors appearing in the exhibit, 4:00-6:00 p.m. JCC. Co-sponsored by the JCC and the Halina Wind Preston Holocaust Education Center.

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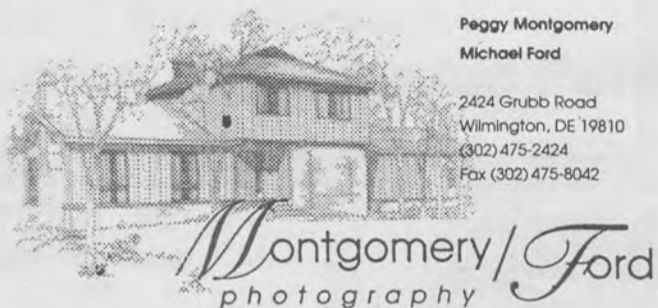
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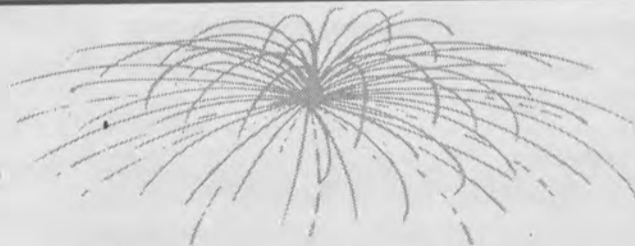
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Sarejevo Jewish Leader To Speak In Delaware 50 Faces... The Holocaust Remembered Opening Event

The Young Leadership Cabinet of the Jewish Federation of Delaware invites you to hear the inspirational story of Ivan (Ivica) Ceresnjes, President of the Sarajevo Jewish Community.

Mr. Ceresnjes is the chief architect of the Jewish community's policy of 'engaged neutrality' that made possible the dramatic work of La Benevolencija, a non-sectarian humanitarian aid society providing soup kitchens, pharmacies, food distribution, home care for the sick and pas-

sage of aid and refugee convoys during the height of the siege of Sarajevo. He will be speaking on Thursday, March 30, 1995 at 7:30 p.m. at congregation Beth Emeth at 300 W. Lea Blvd., Wilmington.

The event is free and open to the public. For more information call (302) 478-6200.



The Halina Wind Preston Holocaust Education Committee and the Jewish Community Center are pleased to announce that Joe Klein will be the featured speaker for the opening event of the 50 Faces... The Holocaust Remembered exhibit. Mr. Klein is a Holocaust survivor and is featured in the exhibit. He is also a well-known speaker and educator on the Holocaust. The opening event will be held on Sunday, April 2 at 4:00 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center. As a child of the Holocaust, Joe brings a perspective of survival that is uniquely his own. He will also discuss the 50th Anniversary of liberation from the camps and the responsibility this brings to future generations. Mr. Klein resides in Cleveland, Ohio, where he worked as a printer and property manager. He is originally from Munkach, Czechoslovakia. He survived

Auschwitz, Buchenwald and Theresienstadt concentration and labor camps. After his presentation, Joe will serve as a docent for the 50 Faces exhibit. As a personal friend of many of the individuals pictured in the exhibit, he will be able to provide some insights into the exhibit. Light refreshments will be served. The event is free of charge and open to the entire community. For more information, call Artie Allen at (302) 478-5660. The Halina Wind Preston Holocaust Education Committee and the Jewish Community Center are beneficiaries of the 1995 "Live Jewish" Community Campaign which is administered by the Jewish Federation of Delaware (JFD).



Joe Klein

Albert Einstein Academy Celebrated Purim

On March 17, 1995, Albert Einstein Academy's student body celebrated Purim. They began with a special prayer service at which they read the Magillah. Following the service, they displayed their creative costumes by parading throughout the Jewish Community Center. Then they performed various songs and plays depicting the Purim story. Following a carnival at which the children won tokens that represented money that was then donated to Tzedakah, their festive day ended with an exchange of Mishloah Manot baskets.



From left: Abe Lincoln, Julius Caesar, Purim Mar, and Carnac, all of the JCC, observing Purim.

JCC Annual Passover Restaurant

The Jewish Community Center will hold its Annual Passover Restaurant on Wednesday, April 19 at 6 p.m. in the Zallea Auditorium of the JCC. A Kosher for Passover meal prepared by Traditions Fine Kosher Catering (a division of CaterKart Cuisines), under the supervision of the Va'ad Hakashruth, will include gefilte fish, chicken with gravy on the side or chicken florentine, honey glazed carrots, apple sauce, sweet kugel, assorted Passover pastries and hot and cold beverages. The fees are \$14.75 for adults, \$8.25 for seniors and \$6.75 for children ages 3 through 12. Advance registration is required by April 7, 1995 at the JCC Front Desk. Due to the popularity of this program, no walk-in registration will be accepted. For more information, call the JCC at 478-5660. The JCC is a beneficiary of the 1995

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### Immigration Legal vs. Illegal

By **ROBERTA D. BURMAN**  
Jewish Family Service

A briefing for the New York Task Force on New Americans was held to discuss proposed federal immigration legislation and its potential cost implications. Frank Sharry, Executive Director of the National Immigration

Forum, began the presentations with an overview of the post-election climate and the likely impact on national and local immigration policy. The main thrust of the message was that the current debate about immigration is carried out largely on an emotional rather than rational level. "Right now, there is a lot more heat than light around the issue," said Sharry. As a result, there is no distinction made between legal and illegal immigration. "The images are of illegals crossing the border," Sharry continued, "whereas most people enter the country legally. Of the immigrants entering the U.S. annually,

about 675,000 come as legal immigrants, 120,000 as refugees, and 300,000 are undocumented." The heart of the issue, and the one that makes the public cry out, is the question of who pays for services to illegal immigrants. The Federal Government receives most of the income tax dollars, while states absorb most of the costs of services - particularly education, emergency medical care, and nutrition. Therefore it is essential that the Federal Government assume more responsibility for deciding how to handle the undocumented and reduce illegal immigration. Proposals are being submitted to reduce assistance for all aliens! The majority of people who would be denied federal assistance under many of the proposals are legal aliens and "aliens permanently residing under color of law," a legal grouping that comprises some thirteen categories of aliens who have a legitimate INS status and cannot be deported. The challenge will be, mandating the reporting of undocumented aliens to the proper authorities, coupled with the problem of law enforcement in multicultural communities where illegals tend to hide.

We must call on legislators to come to the defense of the legal immigrants! The other side of the issue is reaching into people's ugly feelings and it is time to make everyone understand the difference between those that come here legally and those that don't.

### JCC Trip To Barnes Exhibit

The JCC is sponsoring a trip to the Barnes Exhibit at the Philadelphia Art Museum on Friday, April 7.

The exhibit is called "From Cezanne to Matisse great French paintings from the Barnes Foundation." The trip includes a guided tour from 10 a.m.-11 a.m. and transfers via motorcoach. Lunch is on your

own. The bus will depart the JCC at 8:30 a.m. and return by 4 p.m. Fees for members: \$26 and \$32 for non-members. For reservation or information call the JCC, 478-5660.

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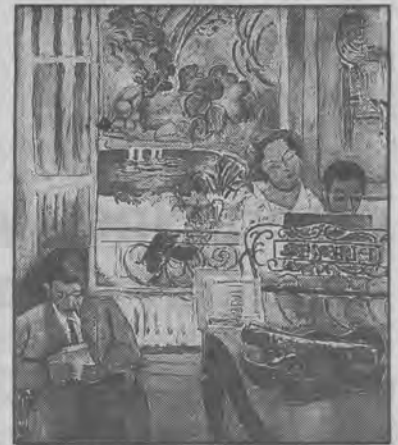
### Lauren Hutton To Speak At Kutz Luncheon

On Thursday, May 18, at 11:30 a.m., the Auxiliary of the Milton and Hattie Kutz Home will hold its annual donor Luncheon at the Du Pont Country Club.

This year's speaker will be Lauren Hutton, international fashion and cosmetics model. Ms. Hutton began her meteoric career in the mid-1960's and continued to be highly visible through the '70's and '80's. After a hiatus from modeling, she has returned to represent Revlon as well as other fashion leaders.

The cost of the luncheon is: Diamond - \$150; Platinum - \$120; gold - \$75; Donor - \$45; Guest - \$45. Proceeds benefit the Home's residents.

For further information, please call the Kutz Home at 764-7000.



"From Cezanne to Matisse: Great French Paintings from the Barnes Foundation". For information on the JCC trip call 478-5660.

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### Third Annual Women's Seder

By **MICHELE SANDS**  
Special to The Jewish Voice

The third annual women's seder sponsored by the Jewish Family Service's Judaism and Feminism group will be held Tuesday, April 18 at 6:00 P.M. at the B'nai B'rith House, 8000 Society Drive, Claymont, DE. The seder is open to women who are at least 12 years and one day old, and to men, as seating is available. Members of the Judaism and Feminism group developed the concept of the women's seder in 1992, and spent several months writing a hagaddah that includes women's issues and concerns in the telling of the Pesach story, and translates various blessings into language that is gender sensitive. The group's first women's seder was held in 1993 in the home of one of its members. It was attended by many generations of women, including several mother-daughter pairs. The evening concluded with the spirited singing of Hebrew songs to the accompaniment of a flute and guitar. The seder moved to the Jewish Community Center in 1994, accommodating a larger number of women, but retaining the special feeling of a group that shares a common bond. After everyone participated in the reading of the hagaddah, which recalls a moment of freedom in Judaism important to the formation of the Jews as people, a number of women told of personal experiences related to the celebration of Passover.

The cost of the women's seder is \$15 per person, and includes a light meal and a copy of the hagaddah. Seating is limited, and prepaid reservations must be made by Tuesday, April 4. Checks payable to the Jewish Family Service should be mailed

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and support for community members less fortunate than ourselves is indeed a meritorious act that is kind, virtuous and considerate" the Mayor said as he presented an official proclamation to Synagogue President Dr. Paul Imber.

On Sunday, March 5th over 125 adults and children devoted the day to a variety of programs at the synagogue, throughout the city and county. Synagogue activities included cataloging the library, kitchen maintenance and visiting homebound members. Under the direction of Cantor Norman Swerling a group of volunteers marked the Torahs to ensure future identification and restor-

ing and polishing the torah crowns, shields and finials. Community programs included painting at the Wilmington Senior Center on North Market Street, serving meals and making Purim decorations at the Kutz Home. A choral from the Beth Shalom Choir and members from choirs from other synagogues and churches entertained at the Delaware State Hospital and The Layton Home.

Another group of adults and children spent the day at the Newark

Food Bank sorting and packing donated food items for distribution to needy families. Beth Shalom's religious school distribution to needy families. Beth Shalom's religious school collected baby items for D.A.P.I. (Delaware Adolescent Program Inc.) and Synagogue members collected cleaning items and food for less fortunate community members.

Greetings and proclamations were received from County Executive Greenhouse, Governor Carper and Lieutenant Governor Minner.

## Russian Pianist at AKSE

Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth (AKSE) presents its 12th Annual Concert on Saturday evening, April 1, 1995 at 8 p.m. This concert features pianist Mikhail Yanovitsky. Previous performers at A.K.S.E. include Jerome Lowenthal, Sergiu Luca, Stephanie Chase, Matt Haimovitz.

Twenty-eight year old Yanovitsky has won awards and honors in Europe, America and the Far East. He opened the 31st Young Concert Artists Series in November, 1991 with his New York debut which included Bach's "Goldberg Variations" and the Beethoven Op. 111 Sonata. As winner of the 1991 Young Concert Artists International Auditions shortly after emigrating to this country, Mr. Yanovitsky was also presented in his Washington, D.C. debut at the Kennedy Center in February, 1992. He received the first 1993 Aaron and Irene Diamond Soloist Prize and appeared as soloist at the 92nd Street Y in New York and with the New York Chamber Symphony.

In 1994, Mr. Yanovitsky won the Grand Prize of the Pro Piano competition. As a result, he will give a recital at Carnegie Hall in New York on April 5, 1995. He has performed as soloist with the Reno Chamber Orchestra, the Santa Barbara Symphony, the Richmond Symphony,

the San Francisco Symphony and at the Little Orchestra Society at Lincoln Center's Avery Fisher Hall. His recital engagements have included the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum in Boston, and at Carnegie-Mellon University in Pennsylvania. He has given educational residencies throughout the country. During 1992-93 Mr. Yanovitsky made his concerto and recital debuts in Japan.

Born in Leningrad, Mikhail Yanovitsky began his piano studies with his mother. He later attended Leningrad's Special Music School for gifted children. From the age of 18, he studied at the Moscow Conservatory. He has performed as soloist with the Moscow Philharmonic, the Leningrad Philharmonic and, at age 15, with the Leningrad Chamber Orchestra.

He has performed in Mexico and Uruguay. Mr. Yanovitsky is currently pursuing a Doctoral degree at Temple University.

The pianist's program will include works of Chopin, Schubert, Scriabin and Brahms. A meet-the-artist reception for all will follow the concert.

Tickets at \$18 are available at the A.K.S.E. office, Washington Boulevard and Torah Way, and will be available at the door.



Mikhail Yanovitsky



From left to right; Cantor Normal Swerling, Mayor Sills, Jane T. Monahan Executive Assistant County Executive Office, Synagogue President Dr. Paul Imber, Synagogue Vice President and Mitzvah Day Co Chair Rhoda Dombchik, Co Chair Marilyn Cooper.

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## SYNAGOGUE LIFE

## Hadassah and Beth Emeth Host Event

The Wilmington Chapter of Hadassah and Sisterhood of Congregation Beth Emeth will host an innovative Donor Event on Sunday, April 23, 1995. This event will be held at Congregation Beth Emeth, 300 Lea Blvd., Wilmington, De. The event will begin at 3:00 p.m. with supper being served at 5:15 p.m.

During the program numerous demonstrations will be held with some of Wilmington's finest culinary experts. Additional seminars will be held in flower arranging, food garnishing and wines.

Among the demonstrators presenting are: Thomas Hannum of the Hotel Dupont, Richard Kunsch of the Rodney Square Club, David Banks of Harry's Savoy Grill, Tony Causl of Ristorante Piccolo Monde, Michael Greenfield of Garda Mange, Steven Glickman of Flowers by Elaine and Don Kreston of Kreston Liquors. Each participant will be given a choice of 4 seminars to attend.

Fees are based on Donor levels set by each organization. In addition to Donor levels, a \$15.00 plate fee will be charged.

Contact Bryna Rappaport at 477-0663 or Cheryl Jacobs at 764-2240 for additional information.

Reservations will be on a first come first served basis. No reservations will be accepted after April 15, 1995.

## Stapleford on Delaware Economics

Professor John E. Stapleford, Director of the Bureau of Economic Research at the University of Delaware and a professor in the Economics Department at the University, is the featured speaker at the A.K.S.E. Men's Club Breakfast at Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Congregation on Sunday, March 26, 1995. Breakfast is at 9:30 a.m. The program follows from 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Professor Stapleford's topic, "The Economic Health of Delaware," will explore the recent trends in the State's economy. He will discuss current conditions and present both short-term and long-term forecasts for our State. Professor Stapleford resides with his wife Linda Stapleford, an Environmental Engineer employed as the Stream Watch Coordinator for the Delaware Nature Society, and their two children ages 21 and 17 in Nottingham Green in Newark, Delaware. The Men's Club welcomes all to attend this program. The cost is \$2.00 for an all-you-can-eat breakfast buffet. For more information, contact A.K.S.E. Congregation, 762-2705.

## Art In Newark

An exhibition titled "Love Show" featuring works of art by Daniel Warren Halprin will run during March 1995 at The Malt Shoppe on 45 E. Main St., Newark, De.

The exhibition includes paintings, drawings, books of poetry and art, and books of cartoons.

## Skin Care At AKSE

Come and learn about your skin type and make-up colors at Akse Sisterhood's next regular meeting. On Monday, April 3rd, at 7:30 p.m., Nancy Tonik, an image consultant from BeautiControl, will present a complete skin and color condition analysis and will discuss skin care-color coded make-up for your season. Refreshments will be served. Call Andrea 764-0318 for further information.

## AKSE Trip to NYC

The Adult Education Committee of Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth announces its bus trip to the Jewish Museum in New York City on Sunday, May 7, 1995. In addition to its vast collection of Judaica, the Jewish Museum is currently featuring an exhibit by the Jewish impressionist artist, Camille Pissarro.

Buses will leave Akse at 8:30 a.m. and will return at about 7 p.m. (The Akse morning minyan will begin at 7:30 a.m. that day.)

After the tour of the museum, the buses will stop at a kosher restaurant in Manhattan. Those who wish to do so, can partake in an early dinner, at their own expense, before returning home.

The cost is \$20. per seat for members of Akse and \$25. for non-members (includes admission to museum and mini-breakfast).

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## School Prayer

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law. Under this bill, any student who is not allowed to get up and say what he wants will probably have a legal cause of action against his school.

In spite of this attempt by the authors of Delaware's law to take school officials out of the process, the bill still allows for prayer ceremonies which look very much like those barred by the Supreme Court: graduation ceremonies will still be effectively compulsory state-sponsored activities, and students attending those ceremonies will still be compelled to participate in a prayer service if this bill is passed. Nevertheless, federal courts throughout the country have issued conflicting opinions on whether a bill with a provision similar to Delaware's can withstand a First Amendment challenge.

Just because a bill may be constitutional, of course, doesn't mean that it is a good idea. Placing into the hands of students the right to get up during graduations, sporting events, and even home room period, and spout off about anything they choose no matter how inappropriate or obscene, with no fear of retribution, does not seem like a good way to operate schools which already seem out of control at times. Rather than figuring out clever ways to dance pirouettes around the edges of students' religious freedoms, perhaps the state legislature could spend some time this year dealing with the real problems that face Delaware's children.

## Israel Bonds Over 40 Singles to Barnes

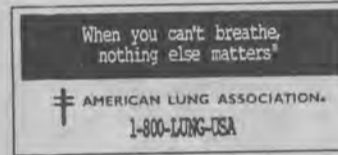
Israel Bonds "Singles Over 40" will sponsor a viewing of the famed Barnes Collection of impressionist paintings on Wednesday, April 5 at 5:30 at the Philadelphia Museum of Art. The Barnes Collection is internationally renowned, and has been displayed in prestigious galleries throughout the world.

The viewing will be preceded by slides and a lecture by an expert on impressionist art.

The evening will begin at 5:30 with an optional dinner at the museum restaurant, followed by the slide presentation and lecture. The viewing of the collection will start at 7 p.m. Participants will then have the option of gathering at the Cafe Flower Shop for dessert and coffee.

Space is limited to 40 participants. Prepaid reservations of \$15 per person must be received by March 15.

For further information about the event or securities offered by State of Israel Bonds/Development Corporation for Israel call Ellen Rofman or Adele Hager at 215-561-2663, or 800-752-5671.



## Book Review

## The Life and Teachings Of Hillel

BOOK BRIEF: The Life And Teachings Of Hillel - Yitzhak Buxbaum

Jason Aronson Inc., 1994,

Review by MARVIN CYTRON  
Special to The Jewish Voice

In his introduction for this book, New York teacher, storyteller, and author Yitzhak Buxbaum explains that there has not been a comprehensive book written about Hillel and consequently decided to fill this need. The book opens with a brief background of the historical setting of the time of Hillel during the early part of the first century B.C.E.. The author provides background of the politics in the land of Israel at this time discussing the Roman influence in the area particularly in King Herod and the religious sects of the time most notably the Pharisees and the Sadducees. Hillel was born in Babylonia, received his primary education in this influential exile community. About 60 B.C.E. Hillel went to Jerusalem to continue his studies and it was here that the famous story of Hillel on the roof takes place. Unable to pay the doorkeeper a small fee for attending the house of study Hillel climbs up on the roof and listened to the discussions and lessons above a skylight. Hillel falls asleep and is soon covered with snow and spends the night on the roof. The next morning Hillel is discovered by the teachers and students because the study hall is dark. The author follows this story with a discussion of the devotion that Hillel had towards study and that being poor is

## NACHES

## Schwartz-Rosenweig

Mr. and Mrs. Barton Schwartz announce the engagement of their son Paul Alan to Julie Rosensweig,

## Chasin-Silldorff

Dr. David and Rosalyn Chasin announce the marriage of their daughter, Carol Nancy Chasin, to Dr. Erik Silldorff. An outdoor ceremony was held on August 27, 1994, at the home of Erik's parents, Phyllis and Peter Silldorff. It was followed by a reception and dinner at the Lantern Lodge in Lebanon, PA.

The bride, Carol, has a Masters Degree in Public Administration with

## Dresin Birth

Rabbi Sanford and Paula Dresin take great pleasure in announcing the birth of their second grandchild, Avi in Baltimore on March 9, 1995. Mazal Tov to the parents David and

daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Morton Rosensweig, of Scarsdale, N.Y. Paul is a graduate of University of Virginia and Michigan Law School. Julie is a graduate of Princeton University and Michigan Law School. Both are currently practicing law, and an October wedding is planned.

emphasis on the environment from the University of Delaware and is currently working as an environmental consulting firm in York, PA. The groom, Erik, has a Ph.D. from the University of Delaware in Physiology and is currently doing a Post-Doctorate in Nephrology at the Hershey Medical Research Center.

The couple is residing at their home in Harrisburg, Pa.

Dina Dresin of Baltimore, MD, great grandparents Nat and Vivian Dresin of Wilmington and to Dina's parents, Rabbi Daniel and Rachel Schultz of Jerusalem, Israel, as well as to Avi's big sister Ayelet.

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## Back Care To Be Discussed

The Wilmington Chapter of Hadassah will have its final Brunch and Learn Series on Sunday March 26, 1995 from 11 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Arnold Kerr, 903 Overbrook Rd., Westover Hills. The guest speaker for this program will be Mr. Robert M. Catalano, owner of Rehabilitation Consults, Inc., Concord Plaza. The title of his talk will be *Taking Care of Your Back for Good Health*. Mr. Catalano is a Physical Therapist whose area of professional interest includes Industrial Medicine, Work Hardening and Ergonomics. He is also involved with Sports Medicine and General Orthopedics. Mr. Catalano is a graduate of The School of Allied Health, Ithaca

College, Albert Einstein College of Medicine, Ithaca, New York where he received his B.S. Degree in 1977. He received his M.A. from Central Michigan University, Mt. Pleasant, Michigan in 1985. He is licensed in both Delaware and Pennsylvania. Mr. Catalano is a member of the American Physical Therapy Association, Orthopedic and Sports Medicine Section, a Fellow of the American Back Society and Adjunct Professor at the School of Allied Health at the University of Delaware. Please make your reservations early for this program. Reservations and information can be obtained by calling either Ann Jaffee at 762-5882 or Eva Weissman at 478-4514. The cost is \$6.00 per person.



## It's Time For Equality

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in the "Who is a Jew" controversy several years ago, there is a continuing effort to write out of Judaism tens of thousands of American Jews. Our children too are at risk. In their most recent outrage, the Israeli rabbinate refused to recognize as Jewish 4,000 children who were adopted and converted abroad by Reform and Conservative rabbis.

The Shas party's recent attempts to blackmail the Rabin government demonstrates the ferocity of their opposition to non-Orthodox Judaism and the lengths to which they will go in order to preserve their monopoly. As the price for its political support, Shas is demanding that the Israeli Supreme Court, the nation's final judicial authority, be circumvented if it renders decisions favorable to non-Orthodox Judaism. Thus, even the crucial safeguard and symbol of Israeli democracy, the Supreme Court, is expendable as far as the ultra-Orthodox are concerned.

Demographers assure us that within 20 years Israel will be home to the majority of world Jews. Movements that seek to have their values perpetuated well into the next century must strike root in the soil of Israel, lest they become increasingly marginalized and lose impact in Jewish life. There is a critical need for non-Orthodox movements to flourish in Israel so that their progressive Jewish values will endure.

Religious discrimination in Israel directly affects American Jews. The

ultra-Orthodox monopoly over religious affairs in Israel must be broken so that all the movements can compete in the free marketplace of religious ideas. Only then when Israel officially embraces the sensibilities of most of world Jewry, not just a small minority, will it truly be the center of Jewish Life.

(Rabbi Hirsch will speak tonight, March 24 at 8 p.m., at Delaware's Congregation Beth Emeth and will lead their Torah Study Class on March 25 at 9:15 a.m.)

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## History And A Commission

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said, was an "experience in transition." His critical eye had seen that one of the effects of modernity was to transform our collective memory, our tradition, into transitional private memories. The assault on the past, on text and memory, is an assault that Jews, along with other traditional peoples, cannot endure. We are left with the folksy "Bubbe Meise" (grandmother's story). Those stories are tolerated in the post-modern culture precisely because they are transitional, personal and devoid of historical meaning.

But to speak about Jewish history without entering a piece of that rich fabric into the memory of this column's readers would be to ally myself with those who dismiss our history and tradition.

This year, this month, is the 84th anniversary of the Triangle Shirt Waist Fire. It bears remembering because it is where many Jewish families began their American journey. More importantly, it needs remembering and consideration precisely because it carries little resemblance to who and where we are today as Jews.

In the first decade of the Twentieth century, the emerging labor union movement in the United States was in a desperate struggle with the industries of a growing American capitalism. In New York City that struggle helped to create two labor unions—the International Ladies Garment Workers Union and the Amalgamated

Clothing Workers Union. These unions signalled the Jewish working class's entry into the conflict for economic justice.

In March of 1911, at a site not far from Washington Square in downtown New York, stood a factory building teeming with immigrant women employed as sewing machines operators. The managers of the triangle shirt waist company, in fear of the unions which were organizing similar shops of garment workers, locked the doors of their factory. A fire broke out, and, in minutes, the flames, smoke and panic had consumed 146 lives. Most of them, Jewish and Italian seamstresses, were burned to death. Some jumped from the ninth floor windows of the factory. Newspaper photographs of the time show their mangled bodies on the street with spectators looking upward to watch the efforts of the firefighters.

The tragedy turned to grief. The entire East Side mourned their loss. Rabbi Stephen S. Wise spoke before a mass meeting at the old Metropolitan

Opera House and called the city of new York to penitance and action, "this ought to be a fast day of the citizens of new York, our day of guilt and humiliation. Let it not be a day of unavailing regret..." Rose Schneiderman, the tiny fiery leader of the Women's Trade Union League was not as eloquent but more direct when she spoke about her sister workers. "it is up to the working people to save themselves," she said.

If the memory of that fire and the

era in which it took place is beyond the recall of many of us, it is not beyond historical memory. Rose Schneiderman's call to "save themselves" was heeded, by more than just the survivors of the fire. We did survive that bitter era of our American history, and it is now behind us.

Our survival, according to the late Irving Howe in his book "World Of Our Fathers" was due to "great strengths peculiar to the immigrant Jewish milieu: a rich and complicated ethic that remains embodied in the code of menschlichkeit, a readiness to live for ideals beyond the clamor of self, a sense of plebian fraternity, an ability to forge a moral order even while remaining subject to a society of social disorder, and a persuasion that human existence is a deeply serious matter for which all of us are finally accountable."

If the new history is successful in distorting such accountability and separating us from our past, then we will have lost a connection to our spiritual and moral heritage that cannot be replaced.

## Singles

ROCKVILLE, MD. — The Society of Young Jewish Professionals, proud sponsor of the MATZO BALL®, an organization for Jewish professionals, ages 21-49, announces "Kibbitz N' Bitz", on Thursday, March 30, 1995 at Studebakers, located at 1750 Rockville Pike in Rockville, Maryland.

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# OBITUARIES

**SELMA S. ASHER**

Selma S. Asher, 58, of 1900 Lovering Ave., Wilmington, formerly of 845 Tatnall St., died March 8 of cancer in Kentmere Home of Merciful Rest, Wilmington.

Mrs. Asher was a nurse's aide at Kentmere Home of Merciful Rest for 12 years.

She is survived by a son, Joseph M. of Wilmington; and three sisters, Celia Kruger, Molly Campbell and Mary Flowers, all of Wilmington.

**CHARLOTTE KESSLER**

Charlotte M. (Gordon) Kessler of 63 Prince Hinckley Road, Centerville, Massachusetts formerly of Wilmington, died at home after a long illness.

She leaves her husband of 46 years, Sidney Kessler; three sons, Steven M. Kessler of Mansfield, MA, Edward W. Kessler of Newark, Del., and Jon H. Kessler of West Chester, Pa.; a sister, Audrey Scher of Clifton Pond, N.Y.; eight grandchildren. She lived 29 years in Wilmington, Del., before moving to Centerville in 1986.

While in Wilmington, Mrs. Kessler was a member of Temple Beth Emeth and the Jewish Community Center.

**ABRAHAM NATHANS**

Abraham Nathans, 73, of Philadelphia, formerly of Wilmington, died March 10 of kidney failure at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania.

Mr. Nathans owned several restaurants in Philadelphia.

He was born in Wilmington. He graduated from P.S du Pont High School and attended the University of Delaware.

During World War II he served in the Army in Europe. After the war, he was stationed in Germany.

His wife, Celia Nathans, died in 1980. He is survived by a daughter, Sheryl Nathans of Syracuse, N.Y.; a son, Howard B. of Philadelphia; three brothers, Isadore of Winnipeg, Canada, Robert of Bellport, N.Y., and Daniel of Baltimore; three sisters, Sophie Cohen of Baltimore, Emma Raymond of Wallingford, Pa., and Fannie Nathans of Wilmington; a companion, Bernice Novin of Philadelphia; and three grandchildren.

The family suggests contributions to The Kutz Home, Wilmington, or charity.

**JEAN SAUNDERS**

Jean Saunders, 70, of Vancouver, British Columbia, and Barbados, formerly of Wilmington, died March 2 of heart failure at her Vancouver home.

Mrs. Saunders, who with her husband, Ernest Saunders, owned knitting mills in Barbados for 40 years, lived in Wilmington from 1927 until her marriage in 1943. She was a graduate of Wilmington High School and was active in the Jewish Y at Fifth and French streets, Wilmington. Survivors include her husband; a

son and a daughter; a brother, Norman Aerenson and a sister, Frances Aerenson, both of Wilmington; and four grandchildren.

The family suggests contributions to charity.

**SOL SEGAL**

For many years, Sol Segal and his brother operated a Forty Acres pharmacy and a downtown surgical supply store. They were well known in Wilmington for their soda fountain and personal service.

Mr. Segal, 84, who swam every day at the Jewish Community Center until just before his death, died February 25 at Wilmington Hospital.

He was raised in Philadelphia, attended Temple University and Wharton School at University of Pennsylvania before helping his pharmacist brother, Jules, open Lincoln Pharmacy in Wilmington's forty Acres in 1929. He was 19, Jules just a few years older.

The two not only survived the Depression but before World War II expanded to 14th and Washington streets, across from Delaware Hospital. They lived above that store with their mother, Rebecca Segal, and aunt, Esther Goldenberg.

In 1942, Mr. Segal enlisted in the Army and served as an infantry officer in Europe.

The Segal brothers eventually converted the Washington Street store into Libby surgical supply named for a niece. They closed that store, now House of Watches, about 25 years ago. They retired about 12 years ago after closing the pharmacy. Jules died eight years ago.

Both brothers remained bachelors until after 60. Sol married Ruth Siegel Brown, of Richmond, Va., and the couple lived in Thomas West House in Brandywine Hundred for many years. After Mrs. Segal's 1991 death, he moved to Forwood Manor.

He was a member of the men's club at his Wilmington synagogue, Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Congregation, and Jewish Community Center.

Mr. Segal, a physical fitness buff, began teaching calisthenics at Wilmington's YMCA before World War II. For years, he enjoyed golfing.

He is survived by two stepsons, Jay Brown and Jeff Brown, both of Rich-

mond, Va.; two brothers, Sam of Philadelphia and Sidney of Lake Worth, Fla.; his sister, Mrs. Liebman; four stepgrandchildren; and nieces and nephews.

The family suggests contributions to Adas Kodesch Congregation, Wilmington.

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Currently, Aida is the Chair of the Delaware Human Relations Commission. She also serves on the Board of Directors of the National Women's Law Center.

In the past, Aida served as a Board member for the Delaware Guidance Services for Children and Youth and was on the board of the NCCJ Delaware Region. In 1982, Aida worked with the Governor's Council on Hispanic Affairs regarding the problem of child abuse and from 1975 to 1981 she represented a Hispanic group that intervened in the Wilmington desegregation case, Evans versus Buchanan. Aida was a staff attorney for the Community Legal Aid Society from 1973 until 1975 and served the organization as Deputy Director in 1976.

Bill and Aida will be honored at the 1995 Annual Award Dinner on April 6, 1995. Individual tickets are \$150 and reservations made by calling the NCCJ office at (302) 655-0039.

## Long Way Bagel

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However, a radical change in bagel baking occurred with the introduction of the Thompson Bagel Machine. Invented by Dan Thompson, the son of a European bagel baker, the machine rolls 200 to 400 dozen bagels an hour. Today, there are 200,000 of Thompson's machines in operation.

A Jewish immigrant named Harry Lender, who was a bagel baker in Lublin, arrived in 1927, and six months later, he opened Lender's Bagels as a family business. In 1963 Lender's was the first to use the Thompson Bagel Machine. Today, Lender's is the leading bagel seller. Lender's frozen bagels are found in the frozen section of every supermarket and U.S. military base in the world.

Two sons of the founder now run the operation and plan to open a bagel plant in Israel. There, the bagels will be marketed under the name *Daganit*. Murray Lender makes commercials for Lender's Bagels. Marvin Lender is President of U.J.A. and Chairman of the Aliyah and Kelitah Department of The Jewish Agency. He told me in Jerusalem, "Our purpose was to 'bagelize' America by taking it from an ethnic food eaten mainly by Jews to be enjoyed by everyone. A bagel is good, healthy, and entertaining for all Americans."

Real bagel baking is a tricky process. As one bagel baker puts it, "Bagel dough is like a human being — it senses temperature." When the weather is warm, bakers use less yeast. In humid conditions, they make other adjustments.

In a professional bagel bakery, after the bagels are formed and have risen, they are placed in a refrigeration unit known as a *retarder*, which retards the rising process and also affects forming the crust. The retarder has a lower humidity than a standard refrigerator. Kettle-boiling the bagels helps form the bagel "skin" and gives bagels their special shine.

Some bakers have introduced soft bagels. This makes the bagel more adaptable. One can make sandwiches out of them or even slice them up and eat them as chips. Traditionalists disdainfully refer to soft bagels as "California" bagels. They contend that this is not only a sign of fading

## Conoco Decision

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Conoco will not proceed with the agreement," the statement said. The Du Pont board would not have approved the deal if the U.S. government opposed the agreement, Nicandros said. The deal reportedly had never been discussed or voted upon by the Du Pont board. Although Clinton's move will ban development in Iran, U.S. companies exported more than \$3.5 billion worth of oil from Iran last year. In addition, U.S. companies exported over \$210 million worth of goods to Iran last year. Meanwhile, Sen. Alfonse D'Amato (R-N.Y.) has proposed legislation that would tighten the loophole that allowed Conoco to sign the deal with Iran in the first place. The legislation would ban all trade between Iran and U.S. companies as well as their overseas affiliates. Many Jewish organizations offered praise for Clinton's order and Conoco's decision. "This sends an important message and we welcome Conoco's decision," said Malcolm Hoenlein, executive vice chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations. "We hope that European coun-

connoisseurship, but also the confusion of the times. There are, to be sure, whole wheat honey bagels, raisin and cinnamon bagels, egg bagels, and cheddar cheese bagels, to name a few.

There is now the "Iron Bagel" — made, of course, as a sandwich with the main ingredient being chopped liver. The "Kojak" bagel features feta cheese, Greek olives, anchovies and onions. "Eggsotic" bagels are not for cholesterol watchers, since it is made with four hard-boiled eggs, well-chopped. There is the Rukami bagel, Tofu bagel, Mexicali Bagel Fondue, Delhi Bagels, Butterscotch bagels, etc. The list is endless.

Bagels are the subject of humor. Dr. Joyce Brothers says, "Bagels are the best teething rings ever devised." Phyllis Diller jokes, "Did you hear about the bagel diet? You just eat the holes." Norm Crosby comments, "I like 'em because I don't like anything square." Whoopi Goldberg observes, "Who needs a pretzel when you have a bagel."

Bagels seem to bring out the best in everyone. It is a conversation opener by asking someone what their favorite bagel flavor is. Share a bagel and begin a romance. Arguments are more civilized over bagels and coffee. Bringing a dozen hot bagels as a house gift is now a common practice.

Bagels also express a philosophy. Life is a circle — what goes around comes around. Life is a cycle. In adversity we can realize that as the world turns, the brighter side will surely show itself again. If we wait for things to sound themselves out, they usually turn out for the best.

This was expressed in an old poem:

Between the optimist and pessimist

The difference is droll:

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tries will see that the U.S. is acting on principles and strategic interests and that they ought to do the same," said Hoenlein. He said he and other Conference of Presidents members "heard a very clear message of universal opposition from congressional leaders and senior administration officials" during their lobbying day."

## Terror Bill

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lematic, they said. At their joint news conference, Specter, Kohl and Biden pledged to air concerns about these provisions at hearings on the measure in the coming months. Biden also said if some of these constitutional questions were not addressed, he would oppose the legislation. [Editor's note: some critics have expressed concern that the bill may set an unwelcome precedent in limiting civil liberties.]

Despite their reservations, the senators expressed optimism that the bill would ultimately pass Congress. Specter praised Clinton and Attorney General Janet Reno for sending the bill to Congress. "The legislation will add to the arsenal of weapons in our nation's battle against international terrorism," Specter said. Under the bill, the president would compile a list of international organizations suspected of terrorism. Anyone who raises funds for organizations on the list would have to register with the administration. Before any money could be transferred to an organization on the list, the American fund-raisers would have to certify to the administration's satisfaction that the money was only being used for humanitarian, educational or religious purposes.

The bill also authorizes wiretaps for investigation of international terrorism plots and institutes into law a 1991 international treaty aimed at identifying plastic explosives by airport sensors.

## L.A. Has Bagel Drive-In

By TOM TUGEND

LOS ANGELES (JTA) — This mighty metropolis, which gave the world the drive-in movie, drive-in church and drive-in bank, has bestowed another boon on folks who just do not want to step. Goldstein's Bagel Bakery was opened as a drive-in (or "drive-through," as some purists have it) in September in the suburb Arcadia. Business is booming, as more than 5,000 bagels are passed through car windows daily. Annual sales are expected to top \$3 million. The enterprise was founded by Michael Goldstein, a former stockbroker, and his wife Bridget Goldstein, who previously opened a conventional bagel bakery in Old Pasadena. "My wife and I have two kids and we use the drive-through a lot, because it's convenient," Goldstein told the Los Angeles Times. "So we decided if we opened another bakery, it would be a drive-through." timing is everything, and the Goldsteins owe part of their success to the evolution of the bagel from an ethnic specialty to an ecumenical favorite. "Bagels have replaced the doughnut as the food to bring to the office," Goldstein said. The U.S. Department of Commerce has confirmed the trend by reporting \$500 million in bagel sales last year, according to the Los Angeles Times.

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