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## Shamir urges Jews to back Israel against U.N. move

By DAVID LANDAU

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Israel's furious reaction to the U.N. Security Council resolution condemning the fatal shooting last week of 21 Arab rioters on the Temple Mount in Jerusalem intensified Monday. Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, in a fiery speech at the opening of the Knesset's winter session, issued a clarion call to the nation and to Jews the world over — particularly in the United States — to rally around Israel against the resolution, which he denounced as biased. All Israelis and Jews abroad "can only look aghast" at the tendentiousness of the U.N. position, Shamir declared.

A similar call was issued by World Zionist Organization Chairman Simcha Diniz, who urged Zionist groups around the world to protest the "distorted and one-sided resolution."

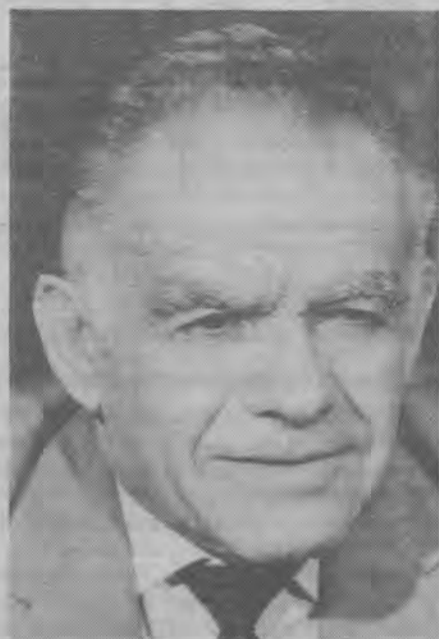
The resolution, which condemned the excessive use of force by Israeli police that also left more than 150 Arabs wounded, called on the U.N. secretary-general to send a team to Jerusalem to investigate the incident and report back.

But Shamir's Cabinet voted unanimously Sunday not to receive the U.N. mission or cooperate with it. The Cabinet did not bar the U.N. secretary-general's emissaries from entering Israel. But Defense Minister Moshe Arens, apparently reflecting the prevailing government attitude, made it clear in a U.S. television interview that it would be better if the three-member mission stayed home.

Washington, however, seems equally determined that the Security Council's mandate is carried out. "I want to see that U.N. resolution fully implemented," President Bush told reporters aboard Air Force One en route to Texas. "We are a part of it, and we think it's the right step," he said.

In Washington, State Department spokeswoman Margaret Tutwiler said Monday that the United States "voted for this resolution because we think it is right. And therefore we are disappointed that the Israeli government has decided not to cooperate with the mission."

In Paris, French President Francois Mitter-



Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir

rand said he hoped Israel would reconsider its decision. "A country which refuses to apply a Security Council decision risks a far more severe resolution," he warned.

Prior to the Cabinet's decision Sunday, U.S. Secretary of State James Baker had urged Israel to cooperate with the U.N. team. In a letter to Foreign Minister David Levy, Baker

warned that by rejecting it, Israel would open itself to charges in some quarters that it is no better than Iraq, which also ignores U.N. resolutions.

Baker's letter also reportedly warned that rejection would keep the Jerusalem dispute in the limelight, while it is in the mutual interests of Israel and the United States to focus world attention on Baghdad and the Kuwait crisis.

Those pleas have fallen on deaf ears, given the mood in Israel.

Shamir accused the Security Council of deliberately ignoring a Palestinian attack on Jewish worshippers at the Western Wall during the Sukkot holiday. He defended the police, who he said reacted "to a cruel, criminal

Shamir also charged that the motive behind the Security Council's unanimous support for the resolution was "the current international situation."

That was an oblique reference to Washington's strenuous efforts to maintain the solidarity of its international alliance against Iraqi President Saddam Hussein, especially the Arab component.

Other members of Shamir's Cabinet were no less fervent in their condemnation of the U.N. resolution and the American role in orchestrating it.

David Magen of Likud, the minister of economics and planning, reportedly spoke so harshly of the United States that Levy, himself

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He insisted the violence was triggered by "the criminal acts of the Arab mob."

a hard-liner, interjected, "Those are our closest friends you're talking about."

The mood of the Cabinet appears to reflect the views of the country as a whole, making it especially difficult for the opposition parties to

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## Germans rejoice in the streets while leaders reach out to Jews

By ALLISON KAPLAN

NEW YORK (JTA) — While the citizens of Germany were busy reveling in the carnival of activities surrounding German reunification, German officials were making efforts to show that a reunited country would remain sensitive to Jewish concerns.

On October 3, in the midst of commemorating the day the two Germanys became united

after 45 years of division, Helmut Kohl, the chancellor of the new combined Germany, sent a letter to Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir telling him, according to reports from Jerusalem, that Germany "affirms its commitment to Israel and the Jewish people and is aware of its past."

Israel Radio quoted Kohl saying he hoped "that united Germany will make sure that the events of the past do not recur."

In a congratulatory letter to Kohl, Shamir articulated his desire for continued good relations with Germany, but expressed his disappointment that the unity agreement did not contain any mention of the Nazi slaughter of 6 million Jews.

At a ceremony in Berlin, German President Richard von Weizsacker made reference to the Holocaust, calling it "this most awful of all crimes."

On October 2, meanwhile, Israeli officials announced that West German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher told Israeli Foreign Minister David Levy that he would recommend to his government that the deadline for filing claims for formerly Jewish property in East Germany would be extended.

In a meeting between the two leaders last month, Levy asked Genscher to extend the deadline for applying for reparations beyond Oct. 13, which many Israelis and American Jews had protested was too soon. Levy has also requested that unclaimed Jewish East German property be transferred to the State of Israel. Genscher told Levy that the German Justice Department would consider this request.

The West German foreign minister also

discussed the issue of reparations during a meeting earlier this month with World Jewish Congress officials.

According to WJC Executive Director Elan Steinberg, Genscher said the Germans were "going out of their way" to show that they would not forget the legacy of the Third Reich. Genscher "said it was incumbent on the new Germany to inform its young of its history, particularly those young in East Germany who have not had Holocaust education," Steinberg said.

Genscher evoked the memory of the Holocaust in remarks made at the international signing ceremony October 1 of the document eradicating the rights of the countries who triumphed in World War II over Germany.

"Germans unite aware of our special responsibility toward the Jewish nation," Genscher said at the ceremony.

The German foreign minister made similar remarks at an earlier stage of the signing, when he said last month in Moscow that Jewish "agony" suffered during the Holocaust should not be repeated.

Another German official remembered Jewish suffering at a United Nations news conference held October 2. West German U.N. representative Hans-Otto Braeutigam said that as unification approached, "we remember the victims of dictatorship in Germany, the victims of the Holocaust, the untold suffering of Jewish people."

Braeutigam said that "our memory will not turn blind, our responsibility will remain and it will be the duty for my generation in Germany to pass on that responsibility to our children and grandchildren."

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## Soviet pianist to perform at JCC

When 15-year-old Alex Slobodyanik won the 1990 Young Concert Artists International



Alex Slobodyanik

Auditions in New York on January 6, he was the youngest pianist ever to do so. According to the jury of the 1990 Young Concert Artists Auditions, "Slobodyanik is one of the best, talent like this is so unusual." He was called a naturally brilliant musician, everything about him is natural, brilliant and beautiful," by the jurors.

Slobodyanik, son of the celebrated Soviet pianist Alexander Slobodyanik, studied at the Moscow Special Center Music School where he studied with Tamara Kolos and Rene Shereshevskaya. He has also studied with Vladimir Tropp at the Gnessin School of Music and with Vera Gomostayeva, a professor at the Moscow Conservatory.

Slobodyanik will be the guest artist for the Second Annual Dr. Isadore Slovin Memorial Concert at 8 p.m. on Saturday, November 10, at the Jewish Community Center. His program will include works from Bach, Rachmaninoff, Beethoven, Chopin and Scriabin.

Tickets may be purchased at the Jewish Community Center Front Desk. Pre-sale tickets are \$11, those purchased at the door are \$12 and Sr. Citizen tickets are \$10.

## Editorial

# Tragedy in Jerusalem

Not surprisingly, the Arab and Israeli accounts of what precipitated the violence near the Western Wall and Al Aksa Mosque in Jerusalem last week differ greatly. But what cannot be disputed is that violence, fueled by hatred and distrust, resulted in death and injuries.

The Arabs say that Israeli police opened fire indiscriminately on them while they were at prayer and defending their mosque from alleged threats from a small group of Jewish fundamentalists seeking to reclaim the Temple Mount.

The Israelis maintain that the Arab attack of rocks and bottles on thousands of Jews praying at the Western Wall during Sukkot services was premeditated. The Minister of Police said that "piles of stones and incendiary material, prepared in advance, were found at the site of the incident." He also noted that "the very presence of thousands of Arab youths on a normal day, not at an hour of prayer at the mosque, indicates the intent of the rioters" who knew full well that thousands of Jews would be praying at the Wall.

The tragedy at the site of the holy places underscores the extraordinary efforts Israel has made in seeking to maintain freedom of worship for Arabs and Jews over the years. It seems clear that the attack was an attempt to disrupt that balance and exacerbate Arab-Israeli tensions over the Persian Gulf crisis by seeking to distract the world from that crisis.

Unfortunately, the U.S. response to chastise Israel and urge the United Nations to condemn the Jewish state only plays into the hands of Yassir Arafat and Saddam Hussein, who want to shift attention from Saddam to Israel while linking the Kuwaiti and Israeli issues.

The bloodshed is deeply regrettable and the heavy loss of life is indeed sorrowful. Whether or not it was necessary for Israeli police to use live ammunition, in addition to tear gas and rubber bullets, can be debated from afar, but police officials said it was a matter of self-defense.

For thousands of Arabs, whose own holy site is protected by Israel, to rain rocks and stones on thousands of Jews praying at Judaism's holiest site is an act of provocation. The spiral of violence is maddening, but this latest incident only points to the Arab need to recognize the right of a state of Israel to exist, where Jews can pray in peace at the site of a temple that has been destroyed twice by those who would prefer us extinct.

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## Letters to the Editor

### Saddened by lack of community participation in Operation Exodus

I had hoped that someone else would have written this letter, but since no one has, and I feel the questions are so important, I decided to write it myself.

As a person who has some understanding of the techniques of fundraising and strong positive feelings for the Delaware Jewish community, I was both pleased and shocked at the "formal" report of Operation Exodus. Pleased because we had gone over our formula goal. Shocked because only 20 percent of our people had understood the gravity of the situation and were willing to make a three-year commitment to meet their obligation and the community's goal.

I hope that the leaders of Federation are reviewing this very serious matter. I know there is talk among my friends who are Exodus givers about this very low participation. This talk is very troublesome.

Let me enumerate some of the areas in the recent campaign that I believe should be reviewed by Federation, keeping in mind that from a goal and money point of view this was a very successful campaign.

1) When only 20 percent of our people can reach almost \$900,000, why can't the regular campaign reach \$1,300,000, when I assume almost 60 percent or more of our people contribute?

2) Not that national averages mean much, but how did we rank in participation and percent of goal in comparison with all other intermediate communities of our size?

3) Since the one dinner held for those who were thought capable of contributing a minimum of \$2500 raised about \$460,000, does this mean that our top givers do not give well to the regular campaign or does it mean that our largest contributors understand far better than our average Jewish citizens how important this campaign was?

4) When the top gifts dinner was so successful, did our campaign leadership become complacent and not follow up with a second dinner for \$500 contributors because they believed the Bikel concert/rally would raise the remaining money necessary to meet goal? Did a concern about the regular campaign inhibit their thinking?

5) Why didn't Federation mount a Super Sunday for Operation Exodus — or a week of telephoning — so that no one could say they were not contacted?

6) More important by far is why didn't people give on a voluntary basis as they did in 1967 and 1973 when they besieged Federation with gifts before anyone had to ask them?

Is our community not really interested in helping Russian Jews to go to Israel?

Have we forgotten that most of our ancestors came from Russia and Poland?

With almost 1900 families belonging to synagogues, have we lost what Judaism is all about? I hope the rabbis talked about this

during the High Holidays.

Has intermarriage affected our fundraising efforts? Did the intermarried contribute less, the same or a higher percentage than others that gave?

All of the above is to urge the Federation and the Board of Rabbis to think through what this 20 percent response to this very critical campaign means to the future of the Delaware Jewish community.

Nathan Barnett

### Cemetery not cared for

I write this letter to alert every family who has loved ones buried in the Jewish Community Cemetery. Our loved ones are buried in pools of water, the grass is yellowed, there are holes in the ground and gravestones have fallen over for lack of support below.

It is a total disgrace and recently brought tears to my eyes to see that no one cares. I beg those in charge to obey the laws of perpetual care.

Adele Balick Seidel

### Wother Wonderful responds

I was very distressed to read that someone considered my mom a stereotype. She certainly didn't consider herself one, and neither did I. She was the original Mother Difficult, unique and one of a kind, and she made me whatever I am today by setting standards for me, which is what I think a parent is supposed to do for their kid.

Besides, what's wrong with guilt? Guilt produced an entire generation of doctors, lawyers, and CPA's and other responsible professionals, who may not have been sexually fulfilled, but the children raised without guilt are hardly an improvement. They're sexually active in their early teens, take drugs and can't seem to stay married for more than five years at a time.

Morsels and Memories was my love song to a super mother who imparted her very unique sense of humor to me, and instructed me in the ways of wisdom. Consequently, not only can I operate a food processor, but if (God Forbid!) it should go on the blink, I can always fall back on my *verisha* (inheritance): her dull-bladed *hockmesser* (chopping knife) and a slightly rusty *riebizen* (grater).

Myra Chanin

### CORRECTION

An article in the September 28 issue regarding Dr. David Geffen's November 4-8 visit to the Delaware community was incorrectly headlined. Geffen will be the visiting scholar of the Jewish Historical Society of Delaware, with cooperation and financial assistance from several local sources.

## Op - Ed

## The last refuge of a scoundrel

### Pat Buchanan's anti-Jewish patriotism

By EDWARD ALEXANDER

With a fine instinct for tradition in such matters, Patrick Buchanan timed his latest attack on Jews (20 September) for publication on the Jewish New Year. Perhaps someone had told him that pogromists in Europe often assaulted Jews at Passover; and certainly he remembered that the Arabs launched the 1973 installment of their 42 year old war against Israel on Yom Kippur, the holiest day of the Jewish year.

Buchanan is a veteran of many struggles with the nefarious Jews in recent years. Having decided that the survivors of Hitler's death camps suffer from "group fantasies of martyrdom" and "Holocaust survivor syndrome," he alleged that the gas chambers could not have killed human beings. How did the budding scientist know this? Simple "In 1988, 97 kids, trapped 400 feet underground in a Washington, D.C. tunnel while two locomotives spewed diesel exhaust into the car, emerged unharmed." Buchanan has, however, declined invitations to stand in a gas chamber designed to murder people and find out for himself whether it proves more lethal than accidental spewing of exhaust in a tunnel.

His resentment of Holocaust survivors led him to become a truculent defender of a whole gallery of Nazi war criminals, including John Demjanjuk ("Ivan the Terrible"), Klaus Barbie ("Butcher of Lyons"), Karl Linnas, who ran a Nazi death camp in Estonia, and other wor-

thies. As Alan J. Ryan, Jr., former Justice Department prosecutor, said: "Pat Buchanan is going to bat for any Nazi war criminal in the United States." Since Buchanan had long vilified lawyers who sought to reopen cases of Americans on death row as "bleeding hearts," his new-found compassion seemed suspiciously selective.

In 1989 he took up the cudgels against Jews who objected to the presence of a convent and a 20-foot high cross outside Auschwitz, the greatest site of Jewish slaughter in history. They were guilty of a "blood libel" against Catholicism (the very church that invented the blood libel), especially if they dared suggest that the Vatican's silence about the murder of European Jewry was less than laudable.

At first glance, Buchanan appears to be some curious insect preserved in amber from the 1950s, when a vocal minority of American Catholics tended to equate Catholicism with the nineteenth-century dogma of papal infallibility, which they mistakenly interpreted as extending beyond matters of morals and faith to politics (especially bad politics). In fact, however, Buchanan aspires to be more Catholic than the Pope. Even as he was busily defending Pope Pius XII's behavior during World War II and the outrage of the Auschwitz convent, the present Pope pulled the rug out from under him by supporting the 1987 recommendation of four archbishops that the convent be relocated to a more decent place.

Although Buchanan has alleged that the U.S. Congress is "Israeli-occupied territory" and has even insinuated that Marion Barry's exoneration could be blamed on the bad example of Israeli jurisprudence, some fit of prudence kept him from charging that the Pope too had become a Zionist agent.

Now that A.M. Rosenthal has had the temerity to affix to Buchanan the antisemitic label he so richly deserves (quite as much as the adulterous Hester Prynne deserved her scarlet letter) he has decided to cloak himself in the American flag: "Nothing un-American," he righteously quotes Al Smith, "can live in the sunlight." He will sally forth as a courageous knight to rescue America from the clutches of the alien Hebrews. As Samuel Johnson wrote long ago, "Patriotism is the last refuge of a scoundrel." It is therefore perfectly natural that Buchanan should avail himself of it.

From the beginning of Iraq's invasion of Kuwait, Buchanan the patriot has been contributing to the morale of American hostages in Kuwait and Baghdad by declaring that Saddam Hussein was justified in holding them because the American blockade is an act of war against Iraq. He has been making his patriotic contribution to the morale of our troops by insisting that they have no business to be in Saudi Arabia at all. And now he is trying to make his greatest contribution to national unity in crisis by charging that "there are only

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## A blueprint for German reunification

By DAVID A. HARRIS

There can be few more complex or sensitive issues for Jews to address than the question of German unification. It is an issue fraught with wearing emotion for a people who lost six million lives as a consequence of the Nazi pursuit of the Final Solution — the attempted extermination of the Jewish people.

Survivors of the Nazi death camps live in our midst; memories remain fresh; the pain persists; the unanswerable questions linger. Few Jews, therefore, can approach the question of the prospect of German unification with casualness or indifference.

Given the unexpected speed with which events have occurred in the German Democratic Republic, the question for those interested in German unification is not whether or not it is a good idea. That question is no longer relevant. It has been decided by the people of the two Germanys.

Rather, the relevant question is what are the particular interests of those who have suffered at the hands of a once-united Germany, and

who want to be certain that their voices are heard, their concerns addressed, their fears lessened.

To be sure, the events in the German Democratic Republic that precipitated the rush to unification caught the imagination of people everywhere. The crumbling of the discredited Communist system proved the bankruptcy of totalitarian rule. The courage and persistence of East Germans to bring about historic, and previously unimaginable, changes moved the world. And the destruction of the Berlin Wall once again sounded freedom's bell. Democracy and human dignity were the winners; fear, repression and tyranny the losers.

But at the same time, it is fair to wonder aloud where events are headed. Will the end of Germany's division also augur the end of historical memory about the Nazi era and the incalculable tragedy and destruction it wrought?

Will November 9, the anniversary date of Kristallnacht, now be wholly replaced in the German consciousness by November 9, the anniversary date of the Berlin Wall's first holes?

Will a united Germany ever again flex its muscles and attack its neighbors as it has done twice in this century alone?

It simply is impossible to answer these questions today with any degree of certainty. Still, there is a basis for hope. The striking record over the past four decades of West Germany's transformation into a fully democratic country governed by the rule of law, firmly rooted in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, committed to the European Community, and a constructive participant in the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe surely provides grounds for optimism.

Moreover, West Germany's willingness to accept historical responsibility as the successor state to the Third Reich; its payment of substantial reparations, compensation and indemnification to individual Jewish victims, to Jewish organizations and to Israel; and the close links the West German government has maintained with Israel have underscored Bonn's determination to forge a new chapter in relations with

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## There's no excuse for simple stupidity

By ALAN M. DERSHOWITZ

American Jews should be reticent to criticize Israel over controversial national security decisions that require a weighing of competing considerations. But when the Israeli government engages in a stupid action without any possible redeeming value, it should not be immune from scathing criticism from supporters of Israel both within and outside the country.

The decision by the Israeli government to seek an injunction in the United States against the publication and distribution of Victor Ostrovsky's expose of the Mossad was one of the dumbest things the Israeli government has ever done.

It had absolutely no chance of working, as any experienced American constitutional lawyer would have advised Israel. And it virtually guaranteed that the book would become a best seller, as well as an object of extensive media attention.

The lawsuit — which required Israel publicly

to acknowledge that Ostrovsky had indeed worked for the Mossad — also lent considerable credibility to Ostrovsky's claims. If the allegations were unfounded — I have heard Americans reason — Israel would never have bothered to bring a lawsuit.

I have absolutely no idea what the Israelis responsible for the decision to sue were thinking when they decided to make the Mossad turncoat into a millionaire, a First Amendment hero and a media celebrity.

I am certain there must be some theory behind the decision, but the only explanation I can come up with is incredible stupidity or total ignorance about the American legal system. (These two explanations are really one, since it required stupidity to file a lawsuit in the United States without being educated in the law of our First Amendment).

Even if the lawsuit had succeeded, the book would not have stayed banned. The publisher would almost certainly have violated an injunction. Moreover, the media — especially televi-

sion — would have disclosed the juiciest tidbits regardless of whether the test of the book was published.

It is impossible to speculate about what would have happened if Israel had simply ignored the book, refused to confirm or deny whether Ostrovsky had worked for Mossad, and then perhaps responded a few obvious errors in a way that undercut the author's credibility.

Whatever would have happened, it could not possibly be worse for Israel than what did happen. Israel is now seen by most Americans as insensitive to freedom of speech, as well as willing to engage in the sordid activities recounted in Ostrovsky's book.

I have represented numerous books, films, magazines and shows which American authorities have tried to censor on a variety of grounds, such as breach of CIA agreements, breach of contract, violation of privacy, obscenity and libel. The tactic of prior restraint

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## Fair-weather friends?

By DAVID FRANK

Earlier this month, the *Jerusalem Post* reported on a critical situation in Eilat: not enough masks to go around. No, not gas masks — diving masks! Despite the threat of Iraqi belligerency, so many Israelis and (gentile) tourists from abroad came to the resort town for the Red Sea International Jazz Festival that diving equipment was in short supply.

There were reportedly very few American Jews among the crowds on Eilat's beaches. Indeed, since the onset of the Persian Gulf crisis two months ago, the American Jewish tourist is becoming an increasingly rare sight on the streets of Israel.

Ask any Israeli hotelier or tourist guide. Ask any local travel agent who specializes in travel to Israel. Whenever a crisis looms, American Jews are the first to cancel or postpone their visits to the Jewish state.

Remember Mission 1,000? Mission 2,000? Mission 10,000? All the other community-sponsored solidarity missions organized with great fanfare during the past year-and-a-half, in response to the fall in tourism engendered by the Palestinian intifada? The intention, as one organizer put it, "was to inundate Israel with American Jews and show the Israelis how much their American Jewish brethren cared."

Well, the missions went — and returned home, the participants brimming with enthusiasm about their experiences and full of confidence about the safety of Israel. Even now, two months into the Gulf crisis, visitors to Israel continue to return from vacations and business trips insistent that nothing has changed, that Israel is as safe and as wonderful as ever.

Yet the vast majority of American Jewry does not appear to be listening. Or maybe they're listening, but they're certainly not lining up to purchase tickets to El Al.

Uncertainty and the threat of violence are valid reasons for canceling travel plans. Why visit Belfast, Beirut or Beijing during a period of unrest? Clearly, one is entitled to prefer an untroubled destination for one's vacation.

But Israel is different. Or should be. First, Israel is a safe place! People tend to take the often slanted and sensational media reports of occurrences in Israel literally while, in reality, life in Israel remains calm.

Even when Israeli troops are occupied with Palestinian terrorists in southern Lebanon or are quelling unrest in East Jerusalem or Nablus, there is no danger to the tourist sipping coffee in a West Jerusalem cafe or window-shopping in Tel Aviv.

On the whole, Israel is as safe — or safer — than the home towns of most Americans. On their return from Israel, American Jewish visitors consistently tell their friends and neighbors that they felt safer walking through Israeli streets than they do riding a New York subway or shopping in the downtown area of Boston.

Second, Israel isn't just any country. It is the Jewish state, the only one we have. If we regard a visit to Israel as no different from a trip to London or Bermuda, what kind of Jews are we?

Again, ask the hotelier or the travel agent. Non-Jewish travel to Israel is generally stable during times of Middle East turbulence; in contrast, it's always the Jews who are afraid to take a trip at these junctures.

It is particularly troubling when Israel is let down by so-called Jewish community leaders, like when a delegation of Jewish journalists opts to postpone a visit for several months (until things are quieter), or when a third of the members of a top-level mission from a national Jewish organization cancel their reservations, as they did a few weeks ago. Last week, several major cities' missions were cancelled.

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# Dvar Torah

Parshat Noach, October 20th

## Righteous in his generation

By BRUCE AFT

This past summer, I had the pleasure of working at the B'nai B'rith Youth Organization Kallah in Starlight, PA, an intense Judaic study program for teenagers between their sophomore and junior years of high school.

One of the evening presentations was given by a gentile who had helped a Jewish family during the Holocaust. At its conclusion, one of the teenage participants approached me, and said she felt she had just met an "angel." I was somewhat surprised by her reaction, as I don't usually stop and think of people in terms of their being angels.

After speaking with her, I realized that she was suggesting that our speaker might be among the "lamed vavniks" — the 36 righteous people who are said to exist in every generation. (The term is derived from the Hebrew letters which designate the number 36: the numerical value of the letter lamed is 30, and of the vav, 6.) We do not know who these people are, and our tradition teaches that they are ordinary individuals who are doing important deeds, improving the quality of life, and whether they know it or not, are making a difference. They may not receive any headlines, but their actions sustain the world.

Our Torah portion states that Noah was "a righteous man, blameless in his generation." The rabbis compare Noah, who was righteous only in his generation, to Abraham, who is considered righteous for all generations.

What does this verse reveal about Noah's character? Rashi explains, in his commentary on the phrase "in his generation," that rabbinic opinion is divided over whether this is to Noah's credit or not. Some say that since he managed to be righteous even in his own corrupt age, he would have been an even better person had he lived at a time when other people were righteous too.

Other sages interpret it to Noah's discredit, inferring from the text that Noah was righteous in comparison to other people who lived during his age, but he would not have been considered particularly righteous had he lived during the time of Abraham. The Midrash Tanhuma compares Noah in his own time to a silver coin among copper coins, or the scent of balsam in a grave. Why?

Noah responds to the evil of his generation by withdrawing from society. He builds an ark for himself and his family, and does not intercede on behalf of anyone else. Comparing his reaction (Genesis 6:13) to Abraham's response to the condemnation of an entire group of people (Genesis 18:20-23), the Zohar says:

God said to Noah, "The end of all flesh is come before me...and behold I will destroy them from the earth. Make thee an ark of gopher wood..." And Noah held his peace, and said naught, neither did he intercede.

Abraham, on the other hand, argues with God about the imminent destruction of the people of Sodom and Gomorrah. "Wilt Thou also destroy the righteous with the wicked?" he asks. He does his best to intervene on behalf of these two notorious cities because of the possibility that even a few righteous individuals might reside in them.

Like Noah, we sometimes have to deal with the negative behavior that surrounds us by withdrawing from those people whom we find are living the types of lives of which we do not approve. However, there are those in every generation who choose to actively intercede, rather than withdraw. By standing up for what they believe in, they try to make a difference.

The righteous gentile, whose actions so deeply affected the young lady at the Kallah, is an example of someone in our own time who is prepared to take a stand and get involved, even at great personal risk. As a director of a Hebrew high school program, I find that teenagers in particular are hungry for leaders in our society who are not afraid to stand up for their beliefs, and express their convictions in words and in action.

Noah and Abraham are both paradigms for righteousness in our own age. Noah had to strive to be righteous in an environment where he could have easily given in to the pressures surrounding him. However, like Abraham, we must also stand up for what we believe in, and challenge our society to strive to walk in God's ways. We must not blame our era or our environment for our inability to behave righteously, and must continue our quest to make the world a more righteous place.

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# The Rabbi Writes

Rabbi Peter H. Grumbacher  
Beth Emeth Congregation

## Beyond 'Shalom'



Rabbi Grumbacher

If there is a "Jewish" greeting other than *shalom* it surely is *Baruch ha-bah*, which translates as "Blessed is the one who has come to this place." The implication is that he or she is present for not only an important event but one in which a sacred purpose is present. A guest at a wedding is not only in attendance to eat, drink and be merry but to witness a major life-cycle moment and to internalize the meaning of the occasion, to get something out of the experience that might change the life of the witness.

Newcomers to our state will find that we have important organizations, that the Jewish groups in particular represent not just one way of thinking but many. For all intents and purposes the goal of each is to serve the Jewish People so that indeed there is a sacred purpose to each group transcending everything else. It can be said therefore that a hearty *baruch ha-bah* should be intoned for every new member who chooses to get involved.

From my point of view, the most important thing for newcomers to our community to do is to shop around. One could literally spend every day — morning, noon and night — in some form of service to the community... and pretty soon there would be burn out. Few organizations have the same purpose (except of course service to our People) so the interests of the individual must come to the fore before a decision is made as to which organization(s) will get your attention. And just because a new acquaintance is "intimately" connected to that group should be only one of the criteria for membership and involvement. Just as you check out pediatricians before deciding on the right doctor for you, check out the many options for involve-

ment in the Jewish community. Another point must be made in this connection. Newcomers and oldtimers alike have to take into account that with respect to certain concerns, we have to be above particularism. There are needs which can be met only through the combined efforts of the entire Jewish community. In spite of our differences — and there are differences for which we can be grateful — we have an obligation to our People as a whole — here, in the diaspora and in Israel. It should be more and more apparent that our destiny is in our own hands. We are responsible; you and I are responsible, one for the other.

"*Baruch ha-bah*" to each of you. May the life you will enjoy in Delaware be a committed one to the good causes of service to *am Yisrael*, the People of Israel!

Newcomers to the Jewish community are invited to join Delaware's synagogues & organizations. See the Guide to the Delaware Jewish Community in this issue.

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**Changed relationships** — As the years pass there may be new or different people to be remembered in your will.

If any of these changes affects you, then it is time to update your will. In most cases a simple codicil can take care of the necessary changes.

Your Federation's Endowment Department is available as a resource for your charitable giving plans. For information call the Director, Connie Kreshtool, 478-6200.

# Judy Topkis will serve as president of Women's Division

The Women's Division of the Jewish Federation of Delaware has announced that Judy Topkis has accepted the position of President. Topkis has begun to institute plans for the revitalization of Women's Division, plans which were begun during Nancy Kauffman's presidency last year. Topkis was involved in the establishment of a Strategic Plans Committee which explored possible avenues for Women's Division expansion.

As a result of last year's preplanning, Women's Division will begin its 1991 activities with a dessert reception for women in leadership positions. Anna Paukov, a former refusenik who is touring North America speaking about anti-Semitism in the USSR, will address the group. Topkis feels strongly that the Women's Division should provide the women of Delaware with an avenue for involvement, not only in the campaign, but in other realms of Jewish community activism. "Women

have a tremendous potential to be a powerful force in our community, a potential we have only begun to tap in the last several years," she said.

In addition to Topkis' involvement in Women's Division in the last several years, she has been a member of the JFD Task Force on Aging since its inception in 1983. She has served as a member of the Geriatric Services Board of Delaware, Inc. from 1983 to the present. She currently holds the position of Geriatric Services Resource Development Chairperson. Topkis has been active with United Way of Delaware as member and chairperson of the Nominating Committee as well as a member of the Volunteer Development Committee and the Strategic Planning Committee Governance Task Force.

As a native Delawarean and a parent who has raised two daughters here, Topkis says she is aware of the needs and desires of her fellow citizens. "Women in the Jewish community have always been teachers of

tzedakah and have always found ways to give of themselves, whether it was donating time to a cause or putting money aside weekly for charity," she said. With the fast pace of our world and the advent of two career families it is sometimes difficult to find time to participate effectively in community support positions, she noted. However, Topkis says that, "with the revitalization of Women's Division we are looking for new ways to be the conduit for the dynamic Jewish women of Delaware to express their Jewishness in everyday life and to be connected to the community."

Topkis is inviting "women who are interested in meeting the challenges of the 1990s" to join her in helping her to "build a better community." For more information regarding Women's Division, call Lelaie Nemser, Director at Women's Division, Jewish Federation of Delaware, at 478-6200.

# County Executive issues proclamation calling Sukkot 'Week of Shelters'

By PAULA BERENGUT  
Editor of The Jewish Voice

In a ceremony held at Congregation Beth Emeth on October 3, New Castle County Executive Dennis Greenhouse issued a proclamation recognizing both the Jewish holiday of Sukkot and the problem of homelessness, calling the week of October 1 through 7 "The Week of Shelters."

Besides participants in the ceremony, which took place in front of the Beth Emeth sukkah, included Ken Smith-Shuman, board member for the National Coalition for the Homeless; Rabbi Peter H. Grumbacher, spiritual leader of Congregation Beth Emeth; and Rabbi Nathan N. Schorr, spiritual leader of Adas Kodesh Shel Emeth Synagogue.

Smith-Shuman explained the connection between the holiday of Sukkot - when Jews voluntarily choose to live in temporary shelters - and the problems of those who have no homes and no choice. "The home is a place of respect, where human needs are met," he said in an introduction. A home, he maintained, is something that every human being has a right to.

"The sukkah signifies the wandering of the Jewish people, the harvest and God's bounty," Grumbacher said. "It signifies the fragility of life as well as the temporary aspect of it. We must be sensitive to the needs of those who don't have shelter."

Agreeing that the needs of the homeless are tremendous, Schorr called the Sukkot-Homeless connection "contradictory." Regarding the building of a sukkah, Schorr explained, it is proscribed that the shelter should not be built from any cultivated material. Rather, it must be constructed of material grown in the wild - by God. On the other hand, he said, it is from materials cultivated by man that housing must be built



Under the sukkah at Beth Emeth Congregation, New Castle County Executive Dennis Greenhouse reads his proclamation declaring the week of October 7 through 7 the "Week of Shelters." Greenhouse presented the proclamation to Ken Smith-Shuman (center), board member for the National Coalition for the Homeless. At right is Beth Emeth Rabbi Peter H. Grumbacher. (Photo: Paula Berengut)

Immediately to meet the needs of the homeless.

Greenhouse then read the proclamation urging the citizens of New Castle County to help those dedicated to putting an end to homelessness and to creating a better future for all residents.

The proclamation remembered the work of the late U.S. Congressman Mickey Leland of Texas whose efforts "maintained that a place to call home is essential to all human beings in order to keep themselves and their

loved ones united, safe and healthy."

Smith-Shuman, in concluding the ceremony explained that the Mickey Leland Bill which came out of Congress as a result of the Housing Now! march a year ago would put \$125 million into the budget to build some two million housing units. "Actually," he noted, "four million units would be needed to meet the country's housing needs."

He said he hopes to eliminate "people wandering in our communities."

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# Duke's strong showing in Louisiana race for Senate has many concerned

By DEBRA NUSSBAUM

NEW YORK (JTA) — David Duke did not win the October 6 race for U.S. Senate in Louisiana, but his strong showing has many worried. The former Klu Klux Klan leader was expected to take 20 to 30 percent of the vote, but walked away with 44 percent in the race against three-term Democratic incumbent J. Bennett Johnston, who won with 54 percent.

Duke garnered more than half the votes of whites who turned out at the polls — between 55 and 60 percent, according to initial analyses by local observers. Many of the votes Duke received were seen as a protest against the political establishment represented by Johnston. But analysts say his white-supremacist views have gained popularity in Louisiana.

Duke's stronghold lies primarily with white middle-class and working class men who earn less than \$40,000 a year, voters who have been hard-hit by the high unemployment rates and general economic malaise blanketing the state.

Analysts attribute his success to a platform built on easy answers to complex problems and to the fact that he provides his supporters with a target for their frustrations: non-whites and non-Christians.

The one-time neo-Nazi activist, who continues to head the National Association for the Advancement of White People, has tried to avoid



David Duke

overt denigrations of blacks and Jews during his latest campaign. Instead, he condemns an "underclass" of welfare recipients and lauds the "Christian spirit" of his supporters. "People are frustrated and looking for a panacea," explained B. Botnick, South-Central regional director of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

Duke is appealing because "he is so glib and has an anchorman presence and a silver tongue," Botnick said. And now that Duke has traded his Ku Klux Klan robes and Nazi uniform for a J.C. Penney suit, he is

more "dangerously seductive" than ever, Botnick added.

Duke's strong showing in this race provides him with valuable credibility and makes him a very attractive candidate for voters who "need the sense that they're with a winner," according to Jane Buchsbaum, executive director of the Jewish Federation of Greater New Orleans. She added, "He's a Nazi among us, I assure you."

Jewish organizations have been hesitant to mount a community-wide battle against Duke, because of Internal Revenue Service regulations that prohibit non-profit groups with tax-exempt status from actively participating in partisan politics.

Since the IRS has been assiduous in its prosecution of organizations it feels are not remaining sufficiently apolitical, Jewish groups are treading very lightly around the Duke issue. "We are very conscious and very careful of our status as a not-for-profit," Buchsbaum said.

But the rabbis of New Orleans' eight synagogues, which serve as a Jewish community of about 14,000, all addressed the Duke issue in their High Holiday sermons. And individuals have been working with the Louisiana Coalition Against Racism and Nazism, which was founded 18 months ago, shortly after Duke was elected to the Louisiana State Legislature.

The coalition serves as a political

action committee and as a clearing house for information about Duke and his activities, which included selling Nazi literature out of his legislative office until three months after he became a state representative.

The group claims 5,000 contributors and volunteers. Speakers have addressed groups at community and parlor meetings across the state, and a direct-mail campaign sent a brochure about Duke to 200,000 registered voters.

A 60-second television commercial played heavily during the final two weeks of the campaign. It zeroed in on several issues, including the fact that he did not file Louisiana tax returns for four years and that, contrary to his claims, he never served in the armed forces.

Buchsbaum, who participates in the coalition, feels sure that the group's work "kept him from winning more than he did."

Lance Hill, the group's executive director, points out that in March, 32 percent of Louisiana's white voters regarded Duke negatively, and now that number has risen to 40 percent.

There is little doubt that Duke, who has lost almost every election in which he has run, will run again, at the last in an effort to retain his seat in the state legislature.

Duke, who ran on the Republican ticket in this race, without the party's approval, is now reportedly considering a run for the House of Repre-

sentatives and possibly for governor.

Candidates espousing the values of the far-right wing will come "out of the woodwork" now that they see how successful Duke has been, according to Buchsbaum. She believes the interim until the next election is a critical "window of opportunity" for organizations to work on educating voters.

In a statement issued Monday, American Jewish Committee President Shalom Comay urged both the Democratic and Republican national parties to "take advantage of the time before the next election to develop a strategy" to deny party support for bigots.

The Jewish Defense Organization, a far-right group itself, has started a postcard campaign asking the Republican Party to expel Duke, according to its head, Mordechai Levy.

The Coalition Against Racism and Nazism, though \$40,000 in debt from its campaign to combat Duke, is now planning a long-term strategy against the "perennial candidate" and against bigotry in general.

"We are broadening our organization to include projects like developing anti-prejudice and Holocaust curriculums in the schools," said Hill. "We think the best way to combat bigotry and anti-Semitism is education over a long period of time," he said. "We will continue to monitor the activities of Duke and the far right. We are not going away."



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# Community Book Month celebration will include speakers, fair

The Jewish Community Center will hold its annual Jewish Book Month celebration and Book Fair from November 15 through December 9. As in previous years, the Jewish community will be given the opportunity to listen to a variety of writers and authors discuss their recent works.

"Committee involvement is the goal of this year's book fair," according to Leah Tenenbaum, Chairperson of the local Jewish Book Month event. "Whether your Jewish experiences stems from Wilmington or Jerusalem, this Jewish book celebration will cover the breadth of Jewish literary culture."

The first scheduled event of the celebration will be a "Meet the Author" session on Thursday, November 15, at 7:30 p.m. At that time, Rabbi David J. Wolpe will discuss his book, "The Healer of Shattered

Hearts: A Jewish View of god." This work has been called the volume of Jewish spirituality for the 1990s. Wolpe's presentation is being co-sponsored by the Jewish Community Center and Congregation Beth Shalom.

Lisa Hostein, managing editor of the Philadelphia Jewish Exponent, will give a lecture and slide presentation entitled "The Jews of Turkey," on Sunday, November 18, at 11:30 a.m. Hostein recently won the Smolar Award for Excellence in North American Jewish Journalism in the Human Interest category for her two-part series on the private lives of the Turkish Jewish community and the declining image Turkey is trying to revive with the help of Israel and American Jewry. This focus on the Jews of Turkey was published in *The Jewish Voice* in September 1989.

Following Hostein's presentation,

Deborah Bash will discuss her new book, "Jerusalem's Best Buys: The Traveler's Shopping Guide to the Holy City." Bash has explored every corner of the ancient city and "her book takes you farther than any other travel guide on the market today," according to one review.

Philadelphian Myra Chanin, a cookbook author and humorist, will discuss her new book, "Mother Wonderful's Cheesecake and Other Goodies," on Wednesday, November 28, at 7 p.m. Chanin is a frequent guest on Philadelphia radio shows, has appeared regularly with Gary

Collins on Hour Magazine and other television shows and is an occasional contributor to *The Jewish Voice*.

On Thursday, November 29, author Harry Cargas will discuss his book, "The Christian Response to the Holocaust." Cargas' presentation is being co-sponsored by the Halina Wind Preston Holocaust Education Fund Committee and the JCC.

Once again, Yiddish folklorist and author Max Rosenfeld will address the community on Sunday, December 2, at 11:30 a.m. His presenta-

tion will focus on "The Role of Yiddish in Jewish Humor."

The lecture will be followed by an art exhibit featuring the works of Mordechai Rosenstein at 3 p.m. Rosenstein will review his works and present a slide show and lecture. His work will be available for purchase during the months of November and December in the JCC Art Gallery.

For additional information on the celebration of Jewish Book Month, the Book Fair or the JCC Art Gallery exhibition, contact Lynn Greenfield, JCC Adult Program Director, at 478-5660.

## Jewish participation is needed by housing task force, group told

Participation by members of the Jewish community in the activities of the Interfaith Housing Task Force, is very lax, a group of representatives of various congregations and the Jewish Federation was told by Gloria Fine, IHTF Secretary, at a meeting held at her home on September 4. Both lay and religious representatives from all of the congregations in New Castle County were present, as well as lay and staff representatives from the Jewish Federation, Jewish Community Relations Committee and National Conference of Christians and Jews. At the meeting, Fine and other IHTF personnel discussed the objectives of the organization, housing projects currently under construction and future plans. A videotape presentation of the work of IHTF, which was underwritten by the New Castle County Board of Realtors was shown which explained the mission of IHTF, describe the financial assistance being provided by many local corporations and financial institutions and the partnership among the various religious segments of our community which makes the program successful.

According to Fine and Emilie Barnett, IHTF Executive Director, the program arose out of the cooperative effort of representatives of all of the various religious denominations in Delaware. Since that time, however, participation by members of the Jewish community has fallen far below expectations, both finan-

cially and in terms of volunteer services. During the fiscal year 1989-90, for example, the corporation received approximately \$562,000 in income, the bulk of this from foundation grants. \$111,000 was received from various religious denominations, either through direct subsidies, or participation in fund raising events on behalf of IHTF. Of this \$111,000 there were no funds received which could be attributed directly to participation by the Jewish community, according to Fine.

While financial assistance is certainly needed, the group was told that volunteer participation is of critical importance to the program's success. Assistance would be welcome from virtually all persons who's skill levels range from very little to those with expertise in legal, financial, marketing or construction matters.

A number of the representatives present showed interest in promoting the work of the Interfaith Housing Task Force within their congregations and further efforts along these lines will be planned. Additionally, Barnett advised the group that with the opening of an IHTF office down state, further meetings will be planned in Kent and Sussex counties to seek out the participation of members of the downstate Jewish communities. Anyone interested in obtaining more information or volunteering to assist IHTF may contact Barnett at 654-7180.

## Students, immigrants celebrate Sukkot



The Chabad-Lubavitch Sukkahmobile allowed more than 75 University of Delaware students to celebrate the Sukkot holiday. The travelling sukkah made stops at fraternity and special interest houses, dorms, shopping malls and hospitals. At left, Rabbi Chuni Vogel, Director of Chabad-Lubavitch of Delaware, watches a student make the blessing with a lulav and etrog. Above, some recently-arrived Soviet Jewish immigrants participated in some of the Chabad Sukkot celebrations. For many, this was their first experience with the holiday.

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## Senate confirms Judge Souter

By DAVID FRIEDMAN  
WASHINGTON (JTA) - The Senate voted 90-9 on October 2 to



Judge David Souter

confirm federal appellate Judge David Souter to be an associate justice of the U.S. Supreme Court.

President Bush's first Supreme Court nominee, who currently serves on the 1st U.S. Circuit court of Appeals in Boston, is not expected to join the high court until next week. The court began its new term October 1.

Several abortion rights groups, women's organizations and civil rights groups opposed confirmation, chiefly on the grounds that Souter did not make clear whether he believed the right to an abortion was protected by the Constitution.

But only two Jewish groups came out publicly in opposition: the National Council of Jewish Women and the American Jewish Congress.

Voting against confirmation were Sens. Daniel Akaka (D-Hawaii), Brock Adams (D-Wash.), Bill Bradley (D-N.J.), Quentin Burdick, (D-N.D.), Alan Cranston (D-Calif.), John Kerry (D-Mass.), Edward Kennedy (D-Mass.), Frank Lautenberg (D-N.J.) and Barbara Mikulski (D-Md.).

## Anti-Semitic incidents are reported at Dartmouth, CCNY

By JOSEPH POLAKOFF

Special to The Jewish Voice

Anti-Semitic outbursts in student newspapers at Dartmouth University and at the College of the City of New York have brought denunciations from the institutions' presidents and student leaders.

An article by Vivek Golikeri which appeared in CCNY's *The Campus* described Jews as "powerful, arrogant people who often control everything" and made reference to "this cunning Jewish clique."

CCNY's president, Bernard Harleston, denounced the article in an open letter to faculty and students and urged student editors not to accept such contributions. CCNY, once a haven for poor Jewish students, is one of eleven branches of the City University of New York and has more than 13,000 students and a faculty of more than a thousand.

The serene New England town of Hanover, N.H., is embroiled in the anti-Semitic incident resulting from publication of an unattributed excerpt from Adolf Hitler's "Mein

Kampf" on the eve of Yom Kippur in the *Dartmouth Review*.

The excerpt read "Therefore, I believe today that I am acting in the sense of the Almighty Creator. By warding off the Jews, I am fighting for the Lord's Work."

More than two-thirds of Dartmouth's 3,200 students signed a petition protesting the often controversial conservative weekly that is supported by many prominent Americans and the school arranged an anti-hate rally. The Dartmouth Student Assembly, the school's governing body, declared the excerpt "repugnant" and said its publication by the *Review* "invoked in us powerful feelings of shame and moral outrage."

James Freedman, Dartmouth's president who is Jewish, declared "appalling bigotry of this kind has no place at the college or in this country." Freedman, whom the review has caricatured in the past as seeking "a final solution" for Dartmouth's "conservative problem," also condemned the publication for a pattern

of discriminatory attacks and "moral cowardice."

Meanwhile, the *Review* placed advertisements in Dartmouth's official newspaper to apologize and said the excerpt was sabotage. Kevin Pritchett, the 21-year-old editor of the *Review*, said the quotation was inserted in the publication without staff knowledge and is pressing its search for the saboteur. The *Review*'s student president, C. Tyler White, resigned in protest.

The *Review* sent a letter of "heartfelt" apology to the Dartmouth community that said the "offensive offal" was unauthorized and that the perpetrator would be "thoroughly punished."

Pritchett said the act was an "ugly, awful, anti-Semitic act" and that "we at the *Review* are sickened by this." The *Washington Times* reported Pritchett as saying he is receiving support from "prominent Jewish people" who understood the unfortunate nature of the episode.

## Court rules school must be open to religious group

By DAVID FRIEDMAN  
WASHINGTON (JTA) - Jewish groups will be watching closely the effects of a Supreme Court decision last week that, in effect, requires a Pennsylvania school district to allow a religious organization to use its facilities.

In deciding not to review the case, the court left standing a June ruling by the U.S. Court of Appeals in Philadelphia that the Centennial School District in Bucks county must allow the use of a high school auditorium by Campus Crusade for Christ. The school board had denied the

use of the auditorium to Student Venture, a division of the national religious organization, for a program featuring a magician that ended with a statement on how religion had changed his life.

The appellate court said that since the school district had allowed other community organizations to use its facilities, it could not deny them to religious groups.

The decision is consistent with the Supreme Court's 8-1 ruling in June upholding the constitutionality of the Equal Access Act of 1984. That law, which was vigorously opposed by

Jewish groups, requires public schools that allow non-curriculum-related student groups to use school facilities after class hours to grant the same privileges to religious groups.

In that case, an Omaha, Neb. high school was ordered to allow a Bible-study group to meet in its facilities after hours.

Amy Adelson, a staff attorney for the American Jewish Congress, explained that the Pennsylvania case did not come under the Equal Access Act, since it did not deal with an extra-curricular school club but an outside group.

But she said the reasoning is the same in both cases, since the courts ruled that if one group is allowed to use a school, an "open forum" is created to which other groups must have the same access.

School boards have feared that creating such an open forum would require them to allow their facilities to be used by extremist groups, such as neo-Nazis.

Adelson said many other cases are "percolating" through the courts against state or school board policies banning religious groups from using

school facilities. She said that in many of these cases, like the Pennsylvania one, magicians are used as the feature to attract an audience. But she said that every case is different, and the Supreme Court has not yet made a final determination.

Last week's action by the high court sets no precedent. Adelson said it too soon to state whether the court's decision will create a problem for Jewish groups, since there could be a different response to the various other cases now before the lower courts.

## Red Cross opens center offering Soviet lists of Nazi victims

By JOSEPH POLAKOFF

Special to The Jewish Voice

WASHINGTON - The American Red Cross has opened a special Holocaust and War Victims Tracing and Information Center in Baltimore with a staff of five persons to handle inquiries as a result of the Soviet Union's recent release of documentation with 400,000 names of persons recorded to have been in Nazi death camps and forced labor establishments.

Recovered by the Soviet Army during liberation of camps at the close of World War Two, archival materials have been turned over to the International Red Cross and stored at the International Tracing Service in Arolsen, West Germany. The Arolsen facility, a part of the International Red Cross, already has 13 million names on file.

Included in the Soviet documentation are 46 Sterbebucher (death books) containing nearly 70,000

death certifications from the Auschwitz concentration camp and 200,000 names of victims in other camps including Dachau, Sachsenhausen, Gross Rosen and Buchenwald. In addition, the Soviet provided the names of 130,000 prisoners used for forced labor in various German companies.

The center is a collaborative effort between the American Red Cross and the International Committee of the Red Cross, other national Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies and the Magan David Adom in Israel. Its phone number is 1-800-848-4277.

In a news conference on September 24 at its national headquarters in Washington announcing the center's establishment, the American Red Cross noted "the fate of many of the Holocaust victims is still unknown to their loved ones" and "in a dramatic gesture of good will and humanitarian concern, the authorities in the

Soviet Union have opened their archives to the International Committee of the Red Cross."

The first person to fill out a tracing request for handling at the center was Congressman Tom Lantos of California, a former internee at a forced labor camp. He sought information on the circumstances of his mother, Anna, who died in Auschwitz.

Ann Stingle, a spokesperson at the Red Cross here, urged that persons wishing to learn the fate of family members should contact their local chapter of the Red Cross. Their request will then be sent to the center in Baltimore where it will be translated into German and forwarded to the International Tracing Service in Arolsen.

Red Cross units in many countries in the world have traditionally helped in tracing missing persons but the Baltimore center is the first set up

especially for Holocaust victims. The tracing process is complex, involving cross-referencing with other data and complicated by various spellings of

names and possible inaccuracies in the records. Interim reports will be provided to the person who filed the request.

## U.S. military celebrate Holy Days in Saudi Arabia



Aboard the USS *Saratoga*, stationed in the Mediterranean, Jewish chaplain Rabbi Maurice S. Kaprow (left), and ET1 John Dalpe prepare to lead Rosh Hashanah services for Jewish military personnel. The JWBC Jewish Chaplains Council, a service of the Jewish Community Center Association of North America, provided a full range of resources and ritual items to its chaplains and lay leaders in the Middle East and throughout the world to insure an opportunity for appropriate observance to all Jewish members of the military.

## Christians urged to fast on Yom Kippur

WASHINGTON (JTA) - The Rev. Pat Robertson urged Christians to fast and pray on Yom Kippur for the well-being of U.S. troops in Saudi Arabia.

Robertson made the plea on Sep-

tember 25 on his syndicated television program "The 500 Club." The conservative Christian leader not only warned about a possible Iraqi attack against Israel, but of a possible Soviet strike on the Jewish state should its economy collapse totally.

Robertson, who spoke of dire circumstances facing the world today, also expressed concern about any pressure the Iraqi crisis would place on Israel to withdraw from East Jerusalem, which it annexed in 1967.



# Wallenberg Commission convinced diplomat didn't die in 1947

**By BRAM D. EISENTHAL**  
MONTREAL (JTA) — An international commission that visited Soviet prisons this summer in an effort to establish the fate of Raoul Wallenberg has reached the preliminary conclusion that the Swedish diplomat missing since 1945 may possibly still be alive somewhere in the vast Gulag that is the Soviet penal system.

In any event, the commission believes it has "incontrovertible evidence" that Wallenberg did not die in 1947 in Lubyanka prison, as the Soviets have insisted until recently.

The commission consists of experts from several countries, including the Soviet Union, in the fields of law, science, politics, academia and other humanities. It began its "search for the truth" about Wallenberg's fate on August 27 and concluded the first phase of the search last month.

The commission's members included Wallenberg's half-brother, physicist Guy von Dardel of Sweden; biochemistry Professor Marvin Makinen of the University of Chicago, an American who was once a political prisoner in Vladimir prison in the Soviet Union; and Professor Irwin Cotler, a professor of law at Montreal's McGill University and a human rights advocate. Cotler, who has been probing for years to get at the truth about Wallenberg, described the commission's findings and explained the conclusions it has reached so far.

What made the most recent effort

unique, he said, is that the Soviets, who for 45 years refused to allow any outside investigation into Wallenberg's whereabouts, agreed to cooperate fully with the commission in an "open-ended" investigation.

Soviet officials agreed to open their prisons, prison archives and dossiers for scrutiny by the commission, archives that had not been made available to outsiders at least since 1917.

The investigation, unearthing evidence damaging to the Soviets, found, for example, that the Soviets never conducted their own investigations into Wallenberg's fate, although they gave many assurances to the contrary over the years.

Prison archives were not scrutinized, nor were officials or relevant witnesses examined off the record or under oath.

Alexander Semyonova, the warden at Butyrka prison, was quoted as saying that "Wallenberg was a non-person for us until 1988, an unmentionable. We couldn't even talk about him before that, let alone investigate if he had been imprisoned here."

It was quickly established by the commission that the official Soviet stance on Wallenberg had no empirical foundation. Certainly there was none to substantiate the February 6, 1957, memorandum of then Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko, stating that Wallenberg died of a heart attack at Lubyanka on July 17, 1947.

The commission centered its examination on prisons where Wallen-

berg was reported to have been seen alive after that date. It spent a full week at Vladimir prison, the site of much of the witness testimony of the 1950s.

It learned that foreigners incarcerated there at the time were generally registered under a number or a false identity. Subsequent investigation at Butyrka corroborated that finding.

The commission's study of prisoner files, registration documents and other support materials allowed for the placement of Wallenberg in prisons where he had reportedly been seen over the years.

"Analysis clearly confirms, by way of a clinical on-site investigation (of the prisons), the actual presence of those witnesses who gave testimony that they had seen Wallenberg alive," Cotler stated. "We now have proof of the existence of 15 of these individuals, something we did not have before."

The commission discovered that in addition to personal prison files, there were parallel "investigative" or "operative" files kept by the KGB on foreign prisoners at Vladimir which were transferred to the KGB in Moscow.

Evidence therefore points to the KGB offices as the probable source of a "smoking gun" which will uncover more about the exact fate of Wallenberg if the files there are ever allowed to be viewed.

Two additional findings were deemed "incredulous" and "astound-

ing" by the commission. The first was the KGB's assertion that in 1988 it found items belonging to Wallenberg "by accident" when his family visited Moscow.

After claiming for 32 years that they had no knowledge of his whereabouts, the KGB found, supposedly, by chance, such items as Wallenberg's passport, prison registration card and money.

Under the Soviet system, such belongings are classified in separate files. The commission found it difficult to believe that all of the separate files were uncovered simultaneously by accident.

The disclosure by the Soviet procurator general that it opened its first file on Wallenberg only in 1988 and promptly closed it did not rest well with the commission.

The rationale offered by the procurator general was that it lacked authority to investigate in the absence of a "criminal case — where there had been no trial, no judgment, no sentence."

But it is the responsibility of that office to investigate the "legality of confinement." The commission believed therefore that the procurator general not only had the authority but the responsibility of investigating a case of imprisonment without trial, judgment or sentence.

The recent trip to the Soviet Union represented only the beginning phase of the investigation.

The Soviet component of the commission will continue archival investigation and interviews with prison personnel. The international

group is presently studying the computerized data and cross-referencing information which has been received.

Cotler stressed that the commission has obtained "incontrovertible evidence" that Raoul Wallenberg did not die in 1947 as the Soviets had claimed, which raises the question of whether he is alive today.

"While in the Soviet Union, we received a call from the Swedish Embassy," Cotler recalled. "They had been contacted by a man who gave his name and other relevant information and said that he had been imprisoned in Kasan in the Tatar Republic in recent years. He claimed that Wallenberg was there and very much alive."

"We believe that now that the process is an open and legitimate public issue, others will come forward with more information," Cotler predicted, and said that the search for the truth will continue.

The worldwide interest in Wallenberg stems from his humanitarian accomplishments during the closing months of World War II and the subsequent mystery surrounding him.

A young diplomat at the time, Wallenberg was posted to the Swedish legation in Budapest. He is credited with saving at least 100,000 Hungarian Jews from deportation to Nazi death camps by providing them with Swedish documents and diplomatic refuge.

Wallenberg was arrested by the Red Army when it entered Budapest in January 1945 and has not been heard from since.

## Study: 207 firms in 22 countries have supplied Iraq with lethal arms

**By TOM TUGEND**  
LOS ANGELES (JTA) — Some 207 companies in 22 countries — including 86 firms in the former Federal Republic of Germany — have supplied Iraq with chemical weapons and other means of mass destruction over the past decade, the Simon Wiesenthal Center charged in a report released October 2.

The report, made public on the eve of Germany's reunification, singled out the Federal Republic as leading the list of suppliers to Saddam Hussein. Other countries listed include the United States and Great Britain each with 18 firms, followed by Austria with 17, France with 16, Italy with 12 and Switzerland with 11.

The 54-page report, entitled "The Poison Gas Connection," deals with four types of non-conventional weaponry supplied to Iraq, as well as to Libya: chemical warfare; biological

warfare; nuclear technology; and missile and computer technology.

The author of the report is Kenneth Timmerman, identified by Wiesenthal Center officials as a non-Jewish Middle East expert based in Paris, who has been monitoring weapons acquisitions in the region for many years. Most of his data have been culled from open public sources, complemented by intelligence reports.

A key document in the report spells out the names and locations of the 207 companies and the type of military supplies and expertise they have furnished Iraq.

A second document is a report presented to the Bundestag by the West German government in February of last year, which detailed the involvement of German companies in the Libyan chemical weapons program.

"It is unconscionable that 45 years after the Holocaust, we have once again the possibility that German-manufactured canisters will be found at another site of mass murder," Rabbi Marvin Hir, dean of the Wiesenthal Center, said in presenting the Timmerman report during a news conference. "How the unified Germany will deal with this scandal will tell the world much about the future course of the 'new Germany.'"

To halt the supply of critical elements for Iraq's strategic weapons program, "a line must be drawn, not in the sand but in the corporate board rooms and in the pocketbooks of wealthy corporations," Hier added.

Rabbi Abraham Cooper, the center's associate dean, noted that the Iraqis have become masters of mix-and-match technologies, drawing strategic materials and hardware from the West and meshing them with the technological know-how provided by the former Communist countries of Eastern Europe, particularly East Germany.

Copies of the report are being sent to Western leaders, starting with President Bush and German Chancellor Helmut Kohl. Simultaneously, Hier said, the center is launching a grass-roots campaign to pressure Western leaders into adopting policies to "keep these horrific technologies and weapons out of the hands of despots such as Saddam Hussein."

Hier also cited a legal precedent that may affect today's suppliers of chemical and other weapons of mass destruction. In 1946, British judges sentenced civilian officials of the German I.G. Farben firm to death by hanging for their participation in the manufacture and distribution of Zyklon B gas to the Nazi death camps during the Holocaust.

## Argentina urges repeal of 'Zionism is Racism'

BUENOS AIRES (JTA) — The Chamber of Deputies, Argentina's legislative body, has urged the government to "promote the abrogation" of the U.N. General Assembly's 1975 resolution equating Zionism with racism.

The chamber resolved by a huge majority early this month that the 15-year-old measure "hinders the peaceful solution of the Middle East problem."

Argentine Foreign Minister Domingo Cavallo made the same point in his address to the General Assembly now in session in New York. Argentine President Carlos Saul Menem has pledged his government would support efforts to rescind the anti-Zionist resolution.

Similar undertakings have been made by President Fernando Collor de Mello of Brazil, the Senate of

Venezuela and the president of Uruguay, Luis Alberto Lacalle.

De Mello told World Jewish Congress President Edgar Bronfman that his country's vote for the resolution in 1975 was a "mistake" which he would rectify.

Lacalle also told the WJC that he would help organize the Latin American states against the resolution.

According to Elan Steinberg, executive director of the WJC in New York, action to repudiate the resolution could come as early as next year's session of the General Assembly.

In New York, Bernice Tannenbaum, president of the World Zionist Organization-American Section, said, "The time is ripe for the United Nations to cleanse itself from the taint and dishonor it inflicted upon itself by adopting this anti-Semitic resolution."

## New shul in Ethiopia

NEW YORK (JTA) — A new synagogue built by the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, completed only hours before Rosh Hashanah, was ready in the nick of time to provide a place of prayer and shelter for thousands of Ethiopian Jews in Addis Ababa. The new shul opened its doors at 3:30 p.m. erev Rosh Hashanah, when the lights were extinguished and the dancing and celebration began.

At 5 p.m., about 50 kessim, as the Ethiopian Jewish religious leaders are known, arrived to spend the night at the synagogue. They prayed and ate bread baked specially for the holiday.

At 1:50 a.m. Rosh Hashanah morning, Jews from all parts of the

city converged on the new synagogue for prayer. About 2,500 attended the service, which began at 4:30 a.m. and lasted nearly seven hours.

The kessim prayer inside the synagogue while the congregation listened outside. Singing and dancing followed the service.

That evening, 15 kessim returned to the synagogue for the night and another 200 people joined them in the morning for prayers. The group dispersed quietly in the afternoon, having ushered in the Hebrew calendar year 5751.

JDC is providing care and maintenance for some 15,000 Jews who are waiting in the Ethiopian capital for permission to leave for Israel.

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# Local resident participates in JNF mission

By PAULA BERENGUT

Editor of The Jewish Voice

"We are spoiled Americans. We have the luxury of planning for the future. Israelis live from day to day and we must support them," said Ellen Koniver, who recently returned from a Jewish National Fund-sponsored mission to Israel.

Koniver's group toured the Jewish State to observe the work currently being done by the JNF.

Twenty-six lay people from across the United States were joined by 23 JNF staff members and travelled in what Koniver describes as a whirlwind tour from September 10 through 17. On many of those days the group travelled and observed for more than 18 hours, she said.

"People don't know that JNF is more than planting trees," Koniver said. The group's tour began in the north, the Galilee, and went as far south as Beersheva in the Negev. Roads, preparation of land sites, infrastructure for new housing — both for Israelis and for the constantly arriving Soviet immigrants — are other tasks JNF takes on, Koniver said. "Without the JNF," she main-



Ellen Koniver, Delaware's participant in the recent Jewish National Fund mission to Israel, at the archaeological dig at Beit Shean.

tains, "the Soviet settlement process could not possibly take place."

Observing the settlement process and the additional responsibilities

placed on the JNF because of the huge numbers of immigrants arriving daily were the purpose of the mission. Koniver noted that her group arrived in Israel on the same day as the 100,000th Soviet Jewish immigrant arrived. While she didn't meet him, she said the group was given a chance during the trip to meet with several groups of immigrants and discuss the immigration experience with them. They were also entertained one evening by a Soviet Jewish Klezmer band.

During a visit to the Galilee, the group was addressed by Natan Timswersky, an immigrant from the United States who has lived in Israel for 11 years. A member of Kibbutz Meirav, Timswersky discussed the settlement process. "Today the Jewish people aren't reading history," he said. "Today we are making history. We are living it."

"Don't think there isn't a problem," Koniver explained. "There is." The number of Soviet Jews being settled is so great that the burden to Israel is enormous, she said.

At Kibbutz Meirav, the settlement process was put into perspective. "If

you take 100,000 people and you bring them to a country of four million, you are talking about four percent of the population who have come in the last nine months," Timswersky said. "If you take four percent of the population in the United States, you are talking about close to nine million people. But if you think of the same burden in the United States 40 years ago, the position of the Jewish people today would be completely different. The financial burden is incredible."

It was Israel — the land — that was the focus of the mission. And there is one trip that sticks out in Koniver's mind, though, as an illustration of the miracle that JNF is creating in the desert. She says the group was in the Negev, visiting a land-site readying area for new homes, where the temperature was over 100 degrees. Suddenly, she remembers, they drove into JNF parkland and the temperature dropped considerably — because of the trees.

Water is the most precious resource in the Jewish state which has such sharply different climatic and topographical differences. One of

the group's tours included a visit to a reservoir construction site in the Galilee. There they saw a massive \$1,000,000 excavation, levelling and pump installation. This is one of several currently under construction throughout Israel.

Such reservoirs, according to Avrum Weiss, Regional Director for JNF in Baltimore, are necessary to provide for the water needs of the increasing population.

Koniver, who said she leaves things to fate, said she was not at all afraid to be in Israel with the threat of war because of the Iraq/Kuwait situation. "I had no sense that there was anything going on. There was no tension," she says. "The country was completely relaxed."

But she says she is saddened by the fact that there are so few American Jewish tourists. "We have a homeland," she says. "At any time, if we need it, we have a place to go. And in order to actually feel what our heritage means, we have to go. You have to visit in order to feel this energy, this enthusiasm, this optimism. It isn't something that can be told to you."

## Israelis elated over direct flights for immigrants

By HUGH ORGEL

TEL AVIV (JTA) — Israeli officials were jubilant October 1 in anticipation of direct flights between Moscow and Tel Aviv, which are expected to begin at the end of this month.

They said the Kremlin would honor its commitment, even though Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze seemed vague on the subject when he met Sunday with Israeli Foreign Minister David Levy at the United Nations in New York.

The carriers will be El Al and Aeroflot, the national airlines of Israel and the Soviet Union respectively.

Shevardnadze and Levy announced that their countries have upgraded their diplomatic representation to the consular level.

But when asked about direct flights, the Soviet diplomat said it was "a complex question and we decided that we will return to that question again."

Transport Ministry officials noted here that Shevardnadze did not rule out direct flights but only remarked that the issue was complicated and needed time to work out. Absorption Minister Yitzhak Peretz thought the Soviet foreign minister's statement was "tactical, intended to take Arab pressure off the Kremlin."

Other officials suggested that Shevardnadze, who was in New York since the U.N. General Assembly opened last month, was not current with the moves and thinking of President Mikhail Gorbachev. He also may have been surprised by the prior announcement in Jerusalem, they said.

Professor Eliahu Zamtov, who is adviser to Science and Energy Minister Yuval Ne'eman and has himself met with Gorbachev, referred to the telephone call that Soviet Finance Minister Valentin Pavlov, made right after Yom Kippur to Israeli Transport Minister Moshe Katsav about inaugurating direct flights.

Zamtov said this had not come about by chance and was no surprise.

There have been several important developments in the past months, he noted. He referred to Gorbachev's meeting with Ne'eman and Israeli Finance Minister Yitzhak Moda'i last month, which he arranged. He also

referred to a Tass report that described the meeting as important.

Then Zamtov said, "After they left Moscow, I stayed on to settle a few

matters."

Although he did not elaborate, he seemed to imply it had something to do with direct flights.

"And yesterday (September 30) came the announcement of the raising of the consular agencies in Tel Aviv and Moscow to full consulate

rank," Zamtov said. "The next step will be the resumption of full diplomatic relations, and that's only a matter of time now."

## Jewish groups applaud Pamyat leader's conviction

By DEBRA NUSSBAUM

NEW YORK (JTA) — American Jewish groups have applauded the conviction in Moscow of a leader of the anti-Semitic group Pamyat as an important first step in the fight against anti-Semitism in the Soviet Union, which for decades was sanctioned by the government.

Konstantin Smirnov-Ostashvili was convicted by a Moscow court last Friday and sentenced to two years in jail for instigating interethnic enmity.

Smirnov-Ostashvili was convicted of disrupting a Jan. 18 meeting of the April Committee, a liberal writers group with Jewish and non-Jewish members. After leading a gang of 20 to 30 Pamyat members into the meeting hall, he shouted through a bullhorn: "Kikes, go home to Israel!"

The intruders smashed windows and threatened that while they were carrying only megaphones that day, they would return in the future with guns. Some of the writers were reportedly beaten up by members of Pamyat, which is the best known of the anti-Semitic groups flourishing under glasnost.

Smirnov-Ostashvili disrupted the courtroom several times during the three-month trial. He suffered a dramatic "heart attack," which most observers believe he faked, during a court appearance in August. He left the hospital a few days later in apparent good health.

Three weeks after that, he disappeared from the public eye, failing to show up at a scheduled court date. But he was there last Friday for the sentencing.

Hecklers interrupted the sentencing, with one Pamyat supporter shouting, "This is a Yiddish, Nazi verdict," according to a report in The New York Times.

Smirnov-Ostashvili shouted, "It's all a lie!" at the court, according to the Times, insisting that he had committed no crime, but rather had

exercised his right to free speech. He charged that extensive press coverage had forced the trial against him.

He denounced President Bush as the leader of a worldwide "Jewish Mafia" and told an applauding crowd of spectators, "I am ready to die for Russia!" as he was led out of the courtroom.

"The conviction is important," according to Micah Naftalin, national

director of the Union of Councils for Soviet Jews. "As far as we know, it's the first time there's been an arrest and conviction in a case of anti-Semitism."

"It is clearly an historic moment, and we hope that it reflects a good precedent for the future," he said.

"This strict sentence was historic because it marks the first time the Soviet government has sent a clear,

unequivocal message that anti-Semitism will not be tolerated," explained Abraham Foxman, national director of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

The National Conference on Soviet Jewry, in a prepared statement, said it hopes the conviction and two-year sentence will "serve as a warning to other individuals and organizations who promote anti-Semitism within the USSR."

## Soviet Jewry groups divided over Nobel Prize to Gorbachev

By HOWARD ROSENBERG

WASHINGTON (JTA) — The two major Soviet Jewry advocacy groups in the United States are in sharp disagreement over the awarding of the 1990 Nobel Peace Prize to Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev.

The National Conference on Soviet Jewry welcomed the announcement Monday and cabled its congratulations to Gorbachev. It told the Soviet leader he had "set into motion processes that have produced fundamental changes in your country."

Likewise in Ottawa, B'nai B'rith Canada wrote a letter to Soviet Ambassador Alexi Rodionov, saying it is "with great pleasure that we write to extend congratulations" to Gorbachev, who the group said had "bravely championed" momentous changes in the Soviet Union.

But Pamela Cohen, president of the Union of Councils of Soviet Jews, said Gorbachev has not "carved out a moral and ethical platform." Gorbachev, who Cohen called a "clever politician," has yet to demonstrate that he is "fundamentally committed to instituting the rule of law," she said.

She said many of Gorbachev's reforms were created by Andrei

Sakharov, the late Soviet physicist and human rights proponent who received the Nobel Prize in 1975.

The National Conference has been hoping to meet with Gorbachev. But

Cohen said her group will not meet the Soviet leader under any condition, because it does not want to accord him "the prestige of meeting with us."

## New English-language magazine in Jerusalem

TEL AVIV (JTA) — The Jerusalem Report, a new English-language news weekly, published its first edition on October 2.

The 64-page magazine, which sells for \$3 a copy on newsstands, is backed by a group of foreign investors and staffed in part by former employees of the Jerusalem Post, which changed hands and politics last year.

The editor in chief of the new weekly, Hirsh Goodman, claims his publication will take "no political line."

Goodman, a former military correspondent of the Post who left the paper well before it changed ownership, said the purpose of the magazine is "reporting, week by week, on what is happening in Israel, the Middle East and the Jewish world."

The managing editor of the new

periodical is Ze'ev Chafets, a former director of the Government Press Office and a Cabinet secretary in the administration of Prime Minister Menachem Begin.

The Jerusalem Report's board of directors is chaired by Richard Pratt of Australia. Other investors on the board include Charles Bronfman of Canada, S. Daniel Abraham of the United States, Stephen Florsheimer of Switzerland and Jonathan Kolber of Canada.

According to Goodman, they invested \$5 million in the project, sufficient to publish for two years. By then, the magazine should be able to stand on its own feet, Goodman said.

## Jewish Community Center

### Adult committees being formed

"In an effort to better accommodate the busy schedules of working adults, the Jewish Community Center has initiated a new committee structure aimed at the area of adult programming," according to Leah Tenenbaum, Adult Committee Chairperson. The Adult Division is now concentrating their efforts in four different areas which include the following:

**Lectures, Forums and Classes:** This committee will arrange Jewish Book Month Programs, Jewish Music Series and Sunday Morning Brunch and Lecture Clubs.

**Trips:** This committee will work closely with the JCC staff in arranging and promoting travel tips to theatres, museums and day trip sites to New York and surrounding areas.

**Special Events:** This committee will conclude plans for the Slovin Concert (November 10), Jewish Music Month and the upcoming Berlin Cabaret and planned concert of syphardic music by the internationally acclaimed, "Voice of the Turtle."

**Art Gallery:** This long-standing

and very successful committee will focus on the contracting various artists to display their works in the JCC Art Gallery.

The adult committees get together on a scheduled basis, ranging from

monthly to quarterly meetings. Anyone interested in participating or finding out more about the committees is asked to contact Lynn Greenfield, JCC Adult Program Director, or Chairperson Leah Tenenbaum.

### Chanukah Choopla

The Jewish Community Center's annual Chanukah Choopla Celebration has been set for Sunday, December 9, from 1 to 5 p.m. A highlight of the program is the "open market" of vendors who display their crafts, holiday gift items and one-of-a-kind handicrafts.

"This year's assortment of vendors promises to be everyone's one stop Chanukah shop," according to J.J. Alter, this year's coordinator of the celebration. "Since Choopla occurs a few days before the holiday, it is the perfect time to finish holiday shopping while avoiding the mall traffic."

Display space is made available to artists and merchants on a first come, first served basis, as space for the bazaar is limited. Items ranging from

Judaica to handcrafted original works of art are among those which will be available for purchase. Other highlights of the afternoon include family entertainment, holiday foods, crafts projects and the Dreidel Olympics Children's Carnival.

"The event promises something for everyone, and judging by past years' attendances of over 800 people, it truly is the way to celebrate the holiday with the community," Alter added.

Display space is still available. Interested merchants and community groups should contact Ella Zukoff, 478-5660, to reserve space. Because of the popularity of this event, no space can be held without full payment. For vendor rates contact the Center.

### College Caravan '90

Area teens are welcome to join teenagers from Cherry Hill to spend a few days in the Boston area viewing nine colleges and universities. There will be special guided tours of the following campuses: Amherst College, University of Massachusetts, Mount Holyoke, Smith, Boston University, Hampshire, Brandeis, Harvard and the University of Connecticut.

This caravan will provide teens with an opportunity to meet with administrations' staff, college students, and Jewish student groups to discuss college life and view each college from the "inside."

The bus will depart from the Wilmington JCC on Wednesday, November 7 (after school), and will return on Sunday, November 11. The cost is \$325 for JCC members and \$375 for non-members. Participants will stay in area hotels. The deadline for registration is October 31 and there is a minimum enrollment of 12 participants.

For more information or to register, call Debbie Rubin at the JCC.

### 'Teen Connection' forming

A new Jewish Youth Organization called "Teen Connection" is now forming at the Wilmington JCC. "Teen Connection" is part of the B'nai B'rith Youth Organization (BBYO) and is designed to provide 7th and 8th graders with the opportunity to get together and experience new and interesting programs and projects.

The first program, New Games Day and Refreshments, will be held at the JCC on Sunday, October 21, from 1 to 3 p.m. The second program, Volleyball Night at the JCC, will take place on Tuesday, November 6, from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

For additional information, contact Debbie Rubin, Teen Coordinator, at 478-5660.

## Decision to introduce religion in Polish schools protested

By RUTH E. GRUBER

WARSAW (JTA) — A decision to introduce Roman Catholic religious teachings and observances in the Polish public schools generated a bitter controversy when schools reopened last month after the summer vacation.

The August 2 decision, made by a joint subcommittee of the Solidarity-led government and the Roman Catholic Episcopate, mandates Catholic religious instruction and prayers in public schools, from kindergarten through high school.

Many Catholics and senior Education Ministry officials, not to mention the country's tiny Jewish community, are opposed to the new policy and resent the fact that the move was made without a parliamentary debate.

"It's not just a problem for Jews, it's a problem for all Poles," said Henryka Zahariasz, who is associ-



Cardinal Jozef Glemp, head of Poland's Catholic Church, equated the lack of religious education in the schools with the old Communist regime.

ated with Warsaw's privately run Jewish kindergarten.

Professor Ewa Letowska, an ombudsman, has appealed to the Constitutional Tribunal, Poland's supreme court, to decide whether the new regulation violates previous laws separating church and state or whether it conflicts with the European Charter on Human Rights.

The policy allows for prayers to begin every school day and for religious instruction twice a week. But the classes, to be taught by priests or lay persons designated by the diocese, are optional. Parents of younger children may decide if they want them to attend.

In the higher grades, the decision is left to the students themselves. Those opting not to take catechism are supposed to be given classes in ethics or other school activities. But so far, it has not been established what the alternative lessons will be or

where they will be given. According to teachers, there are also few details on what the religious classes should cover.

"Nothing has been done to prepare anything," high-school teacher Anna Bogobowicz said in a recent interview. "Everyone was surprised by the decision. No one knows what to do. From a practical point of view, it's terrible." Bogobowicz was clearly disturbed by the policy. "What about tolerance? What about atheists, other denominations?" she asked.

"Intolerance is one thing we fear," said one parent. "As we experienced before the war, the church will impose its doctrine on the overall educational system."

Poland is an overwhelmingly Catholic country. Of its population of 38 million, an estimated 36 million belong to the Roman Catholic Church and, unlike some other Catholic countries, the majority of them avidly go to church on Sundays.

The Catholic hierarchy fully supports religious instruction in the public schools and has been advocating it in weekly sermons.

Cardinal Jozef Glemp, who heads the Catholic Church in Poland, raised the subject last month in an address to 400,000 faithful in Jasna Gora monastery in the southern city of Czestochowa. He equated the lack of religious instruction in the schools with the old Communist regime.

Rev. Henryk Jankowski of Gdansk, who is closely associated with the Solidarity movement, said that "schools are the property of the nation," and the nation, he pointed out, "is over 90 percent Catholic."

But while Poles overwhelmingly favor religious instruction for their children, 59 percent prefer it be given in church classes, rather than in the schools, according to a recent survey by the state television polling service. Of the 900 Poles surveyed, 39 percent favored religious instruction in the public schools.

### Revisionism, 'Jewish conspiracy' are themes of racist conference

By JEREMY JONES

SYDNEY, Australia (JTA) — Denial of the Holocaust and the existence of a worldwide Jewish conspiracy to subvert the white race were the main themes at the annual convention of the Australian League of

Rights, the oldest and largest racist organization in Australia.

Aging white supremacist leader Eric Butler told 150 of his cohorts in Melbourne last week that a "new national campaign to fight the Jewish efforts to have the league outlawed" has become urgent.

He cited the success of the campaign to introduce anti-racist legislation in two of Australia's six states during the last 13 months.

Butler, in his opening address, also stressed the priority of having the Holocaust exposed as "one of the great myths of our time."

The keynote speaker, Nigel Jackson, an English teacher at Carey Grammar, Melbourne's respected Baptist high school, identified Jews as "a clandestine force in the nation," part of a "worldwide conspiracy."

He complained of "an excessive degree of Jewish influence on daily political life, media and parliament in Australia" and claimed Jews were conducting "witch hunts" to outlaw

Australian racists.

Jackson praised John Bennett, Australia's most prominent revisionist, who says the Holocaust was "a Jewish myth perpetrated to extort money and sympathy from the West."

Bennett's book, "Your Rights 1990," has been challenged under the recently promulgated anti-racist laws in New South Wales for its claims concerning the Holocaust and Jewish influence in Australia.

As a result, a printing house in West Australia that specializes in racist and conspiracy theory books will publish future editions, the conference was told.

The bookshop at the conference did a brisk trade in copies of "The Protocols of the Elders of Zion"; "The Hoax of the 20th Century," a Holocaust revisionist work by Arthur Butz, a professor of electrical engineering at Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill.; and "The Zionist Connection," by Alfred Lilienthal, a strongly anti-Zionist American Jew.

### Israel bans

### Russian food

TELAVIV (JTA) — Because of the lingering effects of fallout from the 1986 Chernobyl nuclear accident, immigrants coming to Israel from the Soviet Union have been asked not to bring food either in their personal luggage or crated and shipped separately.

The appeal was made by Moshe Mashiah, director general of the Health Ministry, which is seeking a ban on food imports from the Soviet Union because of the high radiation levels found in Soviet agricultural produce.

## REMINDER

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# Announcements/Events

## Powerful Holocaust film to be shown

In commemoration of Kristallnacht, the Philadelphia premier of an "unusually intelligent and powerful Holocaust documentary" (*The New Yorker*), entitled "Lodz Ghetto", will take place at Gratz College on Wednesday evening, November 7, at 7:30 p.m. The showing will be preceded by a lecture on its significance and impact and followed by a discussion led by Dr. Sara Horowitz, director of the Jewish studies program at the University of Delaware and an expert on Holocaust literature and film.

This documentary tells the story of the 200,000 Jews who were herded into this major ghetto, where they were forced to work for their Nazi oppressors and where their own collaborationist Jewish authorities were made to deliver increasing numbers of them to the Nazi killing machine. The head of the Jewish "government" in Lodz, Mordechai Chaim Rumkowski, is portrayed as a tragic figure caught in a profound moral dilemma: to cooperate and maybe save a remnant, or to refuse and resist, risking the loss of all.

Portrayed in a stark black and white photos (many taken by the Germans themselves), and narrated by such distinguished figures as Jerzy



A Polish youth feeding his sister in the documentary "Lodz Ghetto."

Kosinski and Theodore Bikel, the film was shown to critical acclaim at its New York premier last year. Directed by Kathryn Tavena and Alan Adelson, the film was inspired by the book, *Chronicles of the Lodz Ghetto*, edited by historian and Lodz Ghetto survivor, Dr. Lucjan Dob-

roszycki of the YIVO Institute.

In showing this film, Gratz College intends to inaugurate a regular annual Holocaust memorial event at Kristallnacht in connection with its already extensive Holocaust programs and resources, including its Holocaust Oral History Archives established by the late Professor Nora

Levin, and its Holocaust courses. Thus, all net proceeds of the event will be earmarked towards the establishment of a Holocaust studies endowment as part of Phase II of Gratz College's Capital Campaign.

For further information and tickets contact Terry Shestack, Director of External Affairs, at 635-7300.

## Author to address area singles

Judith Sills, Ph.D., an expert in family and romantic relationships and author of *How To Stop Looking For Someone Perfect and Find Someone to Love*, will address "A Step Above", a new Jewish Singles group for persons 35 and over on Sunday, October 21 at 7:30 p.m. at Har Zion Temple, Hagys Ford and Hollow Roads in Penn Valley.

Sills, who has appeared on the Oprah Winfrey and Donahue Shows, will discuss "The Principles of Love." Following her presentation she will answer questions on relationships and romantic love.

There will be a dessert reception. Admission is \$10. For information call 215-938-0887.

## Hadassah Youth Aliyah fashion show & luncheon

The Wilmington Chapter of Hadassah will hold its annual Youth Aliyah Luncheon and Fashion Show on Sunday, November 4, at 12:30 p.m. at Temple Beth Emeth. The fashions to be modeled will come from The Very Thing, Alfred Carlis Shop and Tux of Class.

The commentator will be Dayle Joseph. Hadassah members and children of members will model fashions including informal, transitional, bridal and cocktail clothes, as well as school clothes for the children. Verna Schenker will be the pianist.

Catering for the luncheon will be provided by Pam and Mike Greenfield of Greenfield Caterers.

The Chairperson for the fashion show is Joan Lubitz. Members of the committee are Lois Chalawsky and Carrie Littman. The cost of the luncheon is \$15. The donation to Youth Aliyah is \$25 if paid in advance or \$45 at the door.

Reservations and checks should be sent to Carrie Littman, 3210 Drexel Drive, Wilmington, DE 19810, 478-8330.

## Dover Hadassah art auction

Hadassah of Lower Delaware will present its annual Art Auction on Sunday, November 4, at Maple Dale Country Club, Dover-Kenton Road, Dover. The preview will begin at 7 p.m. with the auction at 8 p.m. Admission is \$4 in advance, \$6 at the

door.

Cheese and crackers will be served and a door prize will be awarded. Major credit cards will be accepted. For information or tickets call JoAnne Rosenfeld (697-0134) or Helen Flamm (697-6467).

## Beth El 'Beef and Beer'

The Sisterhood of Temple Beth El in Newark will hold its annual Beef and Beer event on Saturday evening, November 3. There will be dancing from 8 p.m. to midnight, featuring

music from the 50s through the 80s. "Little El" will be the disc jockey.

Tickets at \$15 are available at the temple, 301 Possum Park Road, Newark, or by calling 366-8330.

## 'Officer Offbeat' to entertain at Beth Shalom Men's Club

The Men's Club of Congregation Beth Shalom will hold a family breakfast on Sunday, October 28, 1990 at 9:45 a.m. (following services at 9 a.m.). The featured entertainer will be Chris Shelton, better known as "Officer Off-Beat," who will provide a comedy/variety show for children

of all ages which will include juggling, unicycling, stilt-walking, hand balancing and magic. The cost is \$4 for each adult and \$2 for each child (children under 2 are free). Since seating is limited, reservations should be made immediately by contacting the Beth Shalom office at 654-4462.

## Information meeting for trip to Israel

An information meeting for those interested in the trip to Israel planned for August 4 through 18, 1991, by Rabbi Peter and Suzy Grumbacher will be held at Temple Beth Emeth on Monday, October 22, at 7:30 p.m.

The trip will include a visit to a Youth Absorption Center, a tour and lunch at Kibbutz Ereg, crawling in caves from Bar Kochba's time, a visit to a water theme park, dinner in a Yemenite restaurant and a trip to

Masada and the Dead Sea. The cost of the trip will include round-trip bus service from Wilmington to JFK Airport in New York, airfare, hotels, all breakfasts, two dinners and tours.

To date, 22 people have expressed interest in the 1991 trip which is open to the entire community. For more information or to attend the meeting, call the Grumbachers (764-8050) or the temple office (764-2393).

## Naches

### Galperin/Messenger

Ruth and Henry Galperin of Wilmington announce the engagement of their daughter, Nancy, of New York City, to Dr. Phillip Messenger of Rego Park, New York. Phillip is the son of Barbara and David Messenger of White Stone, New York.

A February 1991 wedding is planned.

### Greenhouse

Dennis E. Greenhouse, County Executive, New Castle County, DE, has been named Vice Chair of the National Association of Counties' (NACo) Law Enforcement Subcommittee by NACo President D. Michael Stewart from Salt Lake County, Utah. This is a subcommittee of NACo's Justice and Public Safety Steering Committee.

NACo's 12 steering committees form the policymaking arm of county government. Each committee is composed of approximately 50 to 60 county officials who meet during the year to examine issues critical to local government.

Their recommendations on county legislative goals are presented to the nation's county officials at NACo's annual conference. If approved, the recommendations become part of the American County Platform which is the basis of NACo's efforts in representing counties to Congress and the White House.

NACo is the only national organization representing county governments in the United States. Its goals are to improve county government, act as a liaison with other levels of government, serve as the national spokesman for counties and advance public understanding of the role of counties.

### Rifkind

Amy and David Rifkind of Wilmington announce the birth of a daughter, Sarah Rose, on September 14. Eileen and Howard Eisenberg of Bucks County and Kathy and Steve Rifkind of Maryland.

### Schwab

"Echoes of the Past, Rhythms of the Future," an exhibition of mixed-media art by Wilmington artist Judith Schwab, will be on view at Clayton Hall at the University of Delaware through November 16.

## Beth Emeth Sisterhood garage sale

The semi-annual Garage Sale of the Sisterhood Congregation Beth Emeth will take place in the Temple Auditorium on November 7 and 8 (Wednesday and Thursday) from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Items for sale will include clothing for all family members, toys, books, games, records, bric-a-brac, household goods and appliances, costume jewelry, furniture, etc. Admission is free and the community is welcome. For further information, call Pauline Rosenthal at 358-3257.



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# Jewish Family Service

## Then and now

By **ROBERTA D. BURMAN**  
Coordinator

*Russian Resettlement Program*

Last year 18 Soviet families became new members of our Wilmington community.

These emigres came into their new American society after much trauma, with many questions, with varying levels of English and education, with anxieties about the unknown, but also with hope of building a new future.

Lelaine Nemser of the Jewish Federation and I put our heads together to try to make the transition as comfortable as possible and at the same time provide vital Jewish-American information. As a result of this, the Acculturation Committee was formed with Rachel Yoskowitz as Chair. Everyone agreed that it was important for the newcomers to feel connected with the Jewish Community Center and synagogues through a series of social and educational functions held on a regular basis.

After 60 plus years without formal religious training (thanks to the Soviet government's attempt to abolish it), it is difficult to start new habits and provide years of lost lessons. However, with gentle, but constant encouragement, it was felt that the broken threads of continuity could be rewoven.

The negative treatment for being

labeled in Russia as a Jew can now be balanced with the foundation of information upon which to build a sense of pride and belonging.

Classes were formed to provide ESL (English As a Second Language). The goal was to assist at all skill levels to build competence and at the same time to use practical everyday problem-solving as part of the conversation lesson.

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Sunday morning brunch meetings became both social and educational, using various speakers on a variety of subjects. Topics divided themselves into "Survival Skills" (such as a visit to an American hospital, learning landlord-tenant law, and resume writing), plus "Being Jewish in America" (such as what do you do on Shabbat, preparation for Pesach with model seder and visits to share festivities in private homes and local synagogues).

"Family-to-Family" linkages were arranged by the Committee, chaired by Marilyn Harwick, to connect

Russian with local American families. The purpose? Socialization, joining Jewish-American family festivities, forming bonds to share and care for each other — a friendship.

For those also wanting to help but unable to give us much time, the "Mitzvah Corps" was established. Learning to drive, a ride to the doctor, a one-on-one tutor, etc., kept over 75 people involved in a valuable manner. It should be noted that dozens of medical and dental people gave their time free also.

Holiday parties and an American Barbeque/Picnic were popular large gatherings to bring together both newcomers and their new American friends in celebration of what each has learned from the other, of new relationships built on trust and respect.

All of the information above is an overview of what has already happened — THEN.

The first flood came with short notice and little time to "come up for air." This summer, however, we had a little time to breathe, reflect and plan. NOW, it will happen again! The next wave will begin to arrive in about a month. We expect about 68 more people and plan to make their Jewish/American experiences just as positive.

I feel certain that you won't want to be left out. Those already connected will tell you that they received more

than they gave. The experiences have been varied and wonderful.

If you would like to join us in our

Soviet-Jewish Resettlement and Acculturation Effort, please contact Lelaine Nemser or Roberta Burman.

## Dear Rachel

'Tis the season for my mailbox to be full of begging letters from every Yeshiva, orphanage, and Jewish disease. They ask for everything from money to cars to used clothing.

I work in a store. My best customers are under the age of consent. These teenagers never look at a price tag. They'll spend 70, 70 dollars like I spend 50 cents. They work for their money — I asked them — after school and weekend jobs, more often than allowances. They don't save for college or expenses. They blow their paychecks as soon as they get them.

Where are their parents? Where is their sense of responsibility? How are the kids ever going to learn the value of a dollar and what it can really buy without parents to show them?

How about rounding up last season's "awesome" clothes to send to someone who could use or sell them? How about allocating a dollar a week to UJA or an orphanage? The kids will learn self-discipline and tzedakah, and someone who really needs a help will get it.

Making a Living But...

Dear Making a Living,

One of the most common reasons people give for not giving to charity is that no one asked them. How can inexperienced teenagers know about needs and opportunities for giving if no one tells them? Thanks for the reminder to parents and their kids that there is more to living than making a living.

Rachel

Send letters to "Rachel, c/o Jewish Family Service, 101 Garden of Eden Rd., Wilmington, DE 19803." Names and details will be altered in published letters to protect your privacy.

## BBW intermarriage study shows acceptance and growth in U.S.

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Tolerance for intermarriage and the acceptance of a "patrilineal" standard for Jewish identity were two significant findings of a study commissioned by B'nai B'rith Women (BBW) that was released on September 17.

This independent study conducted by Dr. Egon Mayer, professor of

sociology at Brooklyn College, senior research fellow at the Center for Jewish Studies of the Graduate School of the City University of New York, and author of *Love and Tradition: Marriage Between Jews & Christians*, mirrors the findings of another study, released on the same day, detailing American Jewish leadership attitudes toward intermarriage.

Specifically, the BBW survey's results suggest that:

- the desire to see one's adult children married takes precedence over the prevention of intermarriage;
- parents prefer to see their children's marriage officiated by a rabbi, even when the partner is not Jewish;
- grandparents define their grandchildren as Jewish if they are raised Jewish, even though the mother is not Jewish;
- respondents believe that Jewish organizations can and ought to do more in the way of educational programming for intermarried families, as well as for Jewish parents whose adult children are intermarried; and
- intermarriage is growing and widespread among the younger generation.

The Greater Wilmington Chapter Alzheimer's Association and the Medical Center of Delaware will co-sponsor a public forum on Alzheimer's on Saturday, November 3, from noon to 4:30 p.m. at the Wilmington Hospital, 501 West 14th Street, in Wilmington.

Dr. William Reichman, Medical Director of the Copsa Institute of Piscataway, N.J., will be the keynote speaker. Local and area professionals will present workshops and a panel of workshop leaders moderated by neurologist Dr. Lanny Edel-



## Alzheimer's forum planned

son will complete the program. This forum is being planned for families, caregivers, medical professionals and others in the aging field. It's aim is to provide up-to-date information on patient care, research and caregiving coping skills.

Thomas R. Carper, Delaware's only Congressman to the U.S. House of Representatives, will speak at the Sunday morning breakfast meeting sponsored by the Brotherhood of Congregation Beth Emeth. The meeting is open to the community.

The meeting will take place in the Beth Emeth auditorium on Sunday morning, October 28. Breakfast (\$2/person) will begin at 9:30 a.m. followed by the presentation by Congressman Carper beginning at about 10 a.m. He will speak on a number of timely subjects, including the nation's current fiscal and monetary issues.

To make reservations, call Phil Weinberg (475-4962) or Bob Gamiel (764-4122).

Preregistration is necessary. For information and registration call Sandy Drummond, 737-2336.

## Local BBW leader supports resolution on interfaith marriage



Judy Goldbaum of Wilmington strongly supported passage of a B'nai B'rith Women resolution on interfaith marriage adopted during BBW's National Executive Board Meeting held in September in Washington, DC.

The resolution is an outgrowth of the independent study on interfaith marriage commissioned by BBW. It also responds to one of the study's findings that cited Jewish organizations for their reluctance to accept or to establish programs for interfaith couples.

Specifically, the resolution calls for BBW to:

- explore the needs of interfaith families and undertake activities and

actions to address those needs;

- make available to interfaith families opportunities for incorporating the Jewish heritage and traditions in their family life; and
- advocate for fuller integration of interfaith families into Jewish communal life.

In discussing reasons for backing this resolution, Goldbaum, a BBW Executive Board Member, stated, that "because the increase in interfaith marriages is on the rise, I feel we must take a positive step in trying to keep the family unit healthy and whole and encourage, through familiarity with our heritage and traditions, the raising of the children of interfaith

## AEA fundraiser planned

A representative from Estee Lauder will join the Albert Einstein Academy PTA for an evening entitled "Beauty Breakthroughs" on Monday, October 29, at 7:30 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center. The event will include make-up demonstrations and

makeovers.

Those attending will receive a gift and will be eligible for a drawing for a facial valued at \$25.

Tickets (\$5) are available by calling Jean Blumenfeld at 478-3835 or the AEA office at 478-5026.



**NEW YEAR'S EVE IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER...THINK AHEAD!**

## American Jews hold landmark meeting with Dalai Lama

By ALLISON KAPLAN

NEW YORK (JTA)— A landmark meeting took place last month between the Dalai Lama and a group of American Jewish organizational leaders.

Representatives of the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council met Monday with the exiled Tibetan religious and political leader, who won the Nobel Peace

Prize last year. The meeting came after the umbrella group's executive committee released a statement September 10 in support of the Tibetan religion and culture, which is threatened by Chinese hegemony.

"After 31 years of oppression of Tibet by China, it is clear that the Chinese have persecuted and brutalized the Tibetan people, resulting in the deaths of hundreds of thousands

of Tibetans," the NJCRAC statement said.

Abraham Bayer, NJCRAC's director of international concerns, said the Tibetan leader spoke of how he was inspired by Jewish history. "He asked us repeatedly, 'What is the secret of Jewish survival over so many years?'" Bayer said.

The Dalai Lama told the NJCRAC delegation that because of system-

atic population transfers, Chinese now outnumber Tibetans in their native land. "This period now could be a threat to the ultimate survival of Tibetan culture and religion," he was quoted saying.

The NJCRAC delegation traveled to the Buddhist Learning Center in Washington, N.J., to meet with the Tibetan leader and were impressed both with his hospitality and his

demeanor. "We got a very gracious reception," said Bayer. "They even went to the trouble of bringing in kosher lunch," a gesture that made a deep impact on the Jewish group.

Bayer described the Dalai Lama as a "balanced, yet spiritual" person. "He is a marvelous listener, and he speaks with a restraint that is unusual in a public figure," he recounted.

## Reunification

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the Jewish people.

The teaching of Holocaust education in the West German school system, that is, the recognition by West Germany that it cannot, it must not, forget the past and its lessons for future generations, also provides some basis for reassurance.

There may well be a welcome opportunity to extend these achievements to the German Democratic Republic. Previously, the GDR had rejected any historical responsibility for the crimes of the Nazi era. It had not provided compensation to survivors or to the Jewish people as a whole. It had not established diplomatic relations with Israel. Indeed, the GDR had become a principal benefactor of numerous anti-Israel terrorist groups operating in the Middle East.

Unlike West Germany, East Germany had supported the infamous United Nations resolution equating Zionism with racism. It had not fostered ties with world Jewry. In other words, there were no links to speak of between 16 million East Germans and the Jewish people, and East Germany's foreign policy was inimical to Israel's interests.

Unification provides important opportunities to undo this dismal record in East Germany. An important first step was taken in April, on the very first day of the new Volkskammer, or Peoples' Chamber, when this freely elected legislative body asked forgiveness from the world's Jews for the horrific crimes of the Nazis and, by doing so, accepted historical responsibility for the Nazi era.

Moreover, the parliamentarians indicated a desire to move ahead on the questions of claims and compensation, and to establish diplomatic relations with Israel at the earliest

possible moment. These first steps by a new and democratic East Germany do portend well for the future and suggest the kinds of opportunities that unification presents.

Thus, it is fair to say that apprehension is mixed with hope. Time and ongoing deeds will determine which prevails.

In the short term, as unification takes root, the deeds affecting the eastern part of Germany that would be most helpful include:

- The East German educational system must quickly be adapted to include the same programs of Holocaust education that have long been part of the West German system, and other appropriate steps must be taken to ensure that memory and historical accuracy become a part of East German life as well.

- West German-Jewish exchange programs, particularly those involving youth, Christian-Jewish dialogues and other similar program initiatives, could be extended to East Germany as quickly as possible.

- Particular efforts, through lectures, exhibits and other means, should be undertaken to acquaint the East German people with the historical and current realities about the Jewish people.

- The plaques, exhibits and museums located at former concentration camps on East German soil, which hitherto have not reflected historical reality about their usage during the Nazi era as killing fields for Jews, should be altered immediately to reflect that historical reality.

- The outstanding claims of individual survivors of the Holocaust from Eastern Germany, as well as their collective needs, should be resolved as quickly as possible through negotiations with the Conference on Jewish Mate-

rial Claims Against Germany.

In the long term, the new Germany must seek to ensure that memory becomes institutionalized even as the nation charts its future course. In this regard, it is important that Germany:

- Understand the ongoing apprehensions of the Jewish people, treat these apprehensions with sensitivity and, where possible, take them into account.

- Recognize the importance of memory as a central element of Jewish consciousness, identity and continuity.

- Continue to make appropriate public statements, observe commemorative events, establish memorials and support other efforts whose aims are to remember the past and warn against any possible recurrence of extremism, intolerance or hatred directed at racial, religious or ethnic minorities.

- Maintain the special relationship — based on historical and moral commitment — with the State of Israel in the full range of bilateral relations, at the European Community in both political and economic matters, and in international forums.

Importantly, even at the same time as we focus on our specific concerns as Jews, there must be broader hopes for the new Germany that will affect Jews (and many others as well). They include:

- A Germany that continues to follow the strong democratic tradition established over the past four decades by the Federal Republic and committed to the protection of civil rights and civil liberties for all its inhabitants.

- A Germany that remains firmly anchored in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

- A Germany that continues to be linked to the political and economic integration efforts of the European Community.

- A Germany wedded to its pledge of a ban on the production of atomic, biological and chemical weapons, including the export of technology and equipment in these areas that could assist the aims of other countries to achieve atomic, biological or chemical weapons capacity.

- A German committed to the inviolability of its current borders with its neighbors.

The ongoing pursuit of these issues, to deal with the concerns of the Jewish people and the broader political and strategic questions of the day, will go a long way to demonstrating that the unification of the two Germanys may well prove a constructive contribution to the advancement of peace and freedom, and not, as some fear, a prelude to an assertive and aggressive Germany.

(David Harris is director of government and international affairs for the American Jewish Committee.)

## Friends

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If there is no commitment to continue visiting Israel at all times, of what use are the platitudes of these "leaders" to stand by Israel? By not going to Israel, we are playing into the hands of Israel's enemies.

Nothing has happened, yet the Israeli tourism industry is collapsing, as has been the case time after time, whenever anything untoward occurs anywhere in the vague locality that is the Middle East:

## Stupidity

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never works. It always backfires.

I can understand the frustration and fear the Mossad must have felt when they discovered that one of their own "princes" was betraying them. But it is the job of any intelligence agency to remain calm in the face of crises, weigh the alternatives and engage in damage control. The decision to file a lawsuit in the United States appears to have been a panic reaction without forethought for the consequences.

Whoever it was that made the idiotic decision to seek the injunction owes an explanation to every supporter of Israel. As Boulay de la Mourthe once said, "It was worse than a crime, it was a blunder."

Israel has enough external enemies who have been successful in diminishing Israel's image and reality throughout much of the world. It can ill afford the kind of blunder it perpetuated in seeking to enjoin the publication of the Ostrovsky book.

(Alan Dershowitz is a professor at Harvard Law School.)

"There was a coup d'etat in Greece last week; maybe it's better we shouldn't spend Pesach in Israel this year."

"Terrorists hijacked a ship in the Mediterranean and killed an American Jewish passenger. Let's try Australia this year."

"Did you read about the civil war in Yemen?; maybe we should spend Chanukah in Bermuda this time."

And now: "Iraq invaded Kuwait; don't you think for once we should spend Rosh Hashanah at home?"

Most American Jews have ruled out aliyah as a personal option. Now it seems that even a brief visit to Israel is only a fair-weather possibility.

What should Israelis tell the tens of thousands of Soviet Jews pouring into Israel? That precisely now, as the greatest miracle in Jewish history since the rebirth of an independent Jewish state takes place, American Jews are too afraid to come visit for a few days and witness the miracle?

Is Diaspora identification with the Jewish state and support for it indeed to be reduced to the checkbook, as Israelis often complain? How demoralizing — for both Israelis and Diaspora Jews.

Israel needs — and deserves — visible support and encouragement from American Jewry. At this time of the year, Israel's hotels should be full of American Jews. Every empty hotel room in Israel during this festive season, from Rosh Hashanah to Simchat Torah, is a blot on our communal conscience, a mark of Cain on American Jewish foreheads. For shame!

(David Frank is the editor of the MetroWest Jewish News, in East Orange, N.J.)

## Shamir

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speaking out against government positions they consider extreme and counterproductive.

The Labor Party sought a middle position from which it could flay both the Security Council's resolution for its bias and the government for various acts of omission.

Labor Party leader Shimon Peres, who addressed the Knesset after Shamir, said refusal to receive the U.N. team would only increase Israel's isolation and ensure that the Israeli-Palestinian conflict would divert world attention from the situation in the Persian Gulf.

Although Labor has taken a far more moderate stand than Likud on Jewish settlement in the administered territories, Peres criticized Foreign Minister Levy and Shamir as well for formally promising Baker last month that U.S.-guaranteed loan money for housing Soviet immigrants would not be used in areas captured by Israel in June 1967.

## Scoundrel

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two groups... beating the drums for war in the Middle East: the Israeli defense ministry and its amen corner in the U.S." Does this mean that John O'Sullivan, editor of the *National Review*, and Senator Alfonse D'Amato and all the other journalists and politicians who have urged destruction of Iraq's poison gas factories, germ-warfare laboratories, and military installations are crypto-Jews? Does it mean that Syria, Egypt, and Saudi Arabia, which are privately urging the very same action, have recently undergone mass conversion to Judaism, or are under the mysterious control of Jews? If Buchanan really believes that they are, I would very much like to meet this flag-waver and have the opportunity to sell him some choice real estate in downtown Beirut.

(Edward Alexander is professor of English at the University of Washington. His most recent book is "The Jewish Idea and Its Enemies" (Transaction Books).

Peres said he would never have given the Americans such a sweeping commitment, because it implies clearly that those parts of Jerusalem that Israel captured from Jordan in 1967 are included. That severely prejudices Israel's claim of sovereignty over the entire city, Peres said.

In saying this, the Labor Party leader was knowingly pouring salt on a wound. Levy has ment Monday saying it understands "Israel's reluctance to subject itself to the scrutiny of a U.N. commission of inquiry," pointing out that the United Nations has had "an abysmal record with regard to Israel."

NJCRAC, which represents 11 national Jewish organizations and more than 100 community relations councils, said it understood Israel's concern that the U.N. team could "directly or indirectly call into question Jerusalem's status." Similar statements were issued by a number of Jewish groups, including the normally dovish American Jewish Congress.

But Rabbi Alexander Schindler, president of the Reform movement's Union of American Hebrew Congregations, called on Jerusalem to cooperate with the U.N. investigation, saying "Israel would best be served by making its case to the world community." been criticized for his undertaking by one of Shamir's closet aides, Yossi Ben-Aharon, director general of the Prime Minister's Office, and by Housing Minister Ariel Sharon, his rival for eventual leadership of Likud.

There are indications, in fact, that Shamir's office is seeking ways to withdraw Levy's commitment.

The government as a whole has mounted the political, diplomatic and rhetorical barricades to portray itself as defender of Jewish sovereignty over Jerusalem against a cynical and largely hostile world.

Its point of view has largely been endorsed by Jewish organizations in the United States.

In New York, the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council issued a state-

# Obituaries

## S. Victor Rubin

S. Victor Rubin, 67, of 510 Calhoun Road, Bellevue Hills, Bellevue, died September 27 of a stroke in St. Francis Hospital, where he had been a patient.

Mr. Rubin was a landscape architect. He worked for 10 years at Southern States Cooperative, Newark, retiring in 1988. Before that, he worked for 11 years for the city of Wilmington and was a supervisor of grounds for 10 years at the University of Delaware.

He was a graduate of Penn State University. He was a former Boy Scout troop master for Troop 28, Wilmington, and a member of Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Congregation.

He is survived by his wife, Dora F.; a son, David F. of Washington, D.C.; a daughter, Lynne I. Klein of Wilmington; a brother, Dr. Nathan W. of Norristown, Pa.; and a sister, Dorothy Sturm of Anaheim, Calif.

Arrangements were made by the Schoenberg Memorial Chapel.

Instead of flowers, the family suggests contributions to Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Congregation, Wilmington.

## Anna M. Cohen

Anna M. Cohen, 82, of 400 Lakeview Drive, South Melbourne Beach, Fla., formerly of Wilmington, died October 8 at home.

Mrs. Cohen had been a legal secretary at Cohen & Cohen, her husband and brother-in-law's firm in Wilmington. She moved to

Florida in January.

She was a member of Hadasah of Wilmington, and Wilmington Senior Center.

Her husband, Herman, died in 1986. She is survived by three sons, Roger M. with whom she lived, Arthur D. of Columbia, S.C., and Stephen B. of Sykesville, Md.; a brother, Morris Stein of Rockville, Md.; a sister, Ida Schwartz of Washington, D.C.; nine grandchildren; and a great-grandson.

Instead of flowers, the family suggests contributions to the American Heart Association or Delaware Hospice Inc., Wilmington.

## Clara H. Arieff

Clara H. Arieff, 86, of The Kutz Home, 704 River Road, Brandywine Hundred, died at home on October 9 of heart failure.

Mrs. Arieff and her husband owned a grocery store for 17 years at 22nd and Jessup Streets, Wilmington, retiring in 1946.

She was a member of Congregation Beth Shalom and Deborah Heart and Lung Foundation.

Her husband, James, died in 1958. She is survived by a daughter, Hannah A. Braunstein of Heather Green; two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Instead of flowers, the family suggests contributions to charity.

## Kenneth H. Horowitz

Kenneth H. Horowitz, 66, of 2405 Heather Road West, Brandywine Hundred, died October

10 of an apparent heart attack in Pittsburgh, Pa.

Mr. Horowitz, a computer scientist for Hercules Inc., retired in 1986.

He was a member of Congregation Beth Emeth; American Civil Liberties Union; and Concerned Citizens.

He was former vice president and president of West Chester (Pa.) B'nai B'rith; board member of Pacem in Terris; a volunteer of Green Circle of the National Conference of Christians and Jews; and a volunteer in Brandywood Carcroft and Brookside elementary schools, assisting in socialization of children for the last four years.

In the 1960s, he was active in the civil rights and fair housing movements, and with voting rights for minorities. He was a draft counselor with Delaware Draft Counseling and Educational Service during the Vietnam War, explaining the requirements of the Selective Service and the steps that had to be taken to fulfill those requirements.

He is survived by his wife, Shirley C. Horowitz; three sons, Mark Richard of St. Paul, Minn.; Arnold Ross of Albuquerque, N.M.; Randolph Frank of Chesterfield, Va.; two daughters, Karen Jane Horowitz of Washington, D.C., and Elise Harriet Horowitz of Albuquerque, N.M.; a sister, Eleanor Garber of Brick, N.J.; and two grandchildren.

Arrangements were made by

the Schoenberg Memorial Chapel.

Instead of flowers, the family suggests contributions to either Congregation Beth Emeth Social Action Fund; Green Circle NCCJ; or ACLU of Delaware.

## Martin Jacobson

Martin Jacobson, 74, of 245 Coventry K, Century Village, West Palm Beach, Fla., formerly of Elsmere, Del., died October 17 of a heart attack in Humana Hospital, West Palm Beach.

Mr. Jacobson, who was retired, moved to Florida in 1984. He was an Army veteran of World War II.

He is survived by his wife, Evelyn; a daughter, Rhea Kissel of Clearwater; a sister, Anne Glazar of Miami Beach; and two grandsons.

## Rose Emma Guberman

Rose Emma Guberman, 90, formerly of Wilmington and Miami, died October 17 of heart failure in The Kutz Home, 704 River Road, Brandywine Hundred.

Mrs. Guberman was a manager for 25 years at Leshem's Barber & Beauty Shop in the Hotel du Pont, Wilmington. She retired in 1970.

She was a member of Congregation Beth Shalom, Wilmington, and the sisterhood of Temple Beth Am in Miami.

Her husband, Louis, died in

He delighted friends and the public at large by his use of as much Hebrew as he could muster, and by his warm appreciation of what Israel was trying to accomplish both within and outside the world of music.

Bernstein insisted that all his musical works that contained choral sections based on biblical texts be rendered in their original Hebrew when performed in Israel, regardless of whether or not he was conducting the performance.

Bernstein's family announced that his funeral would be private. New York's Carnegie Hall and the New York Philharmonic have already announced concerts in his memory, but plans for a memorial service have not yet been announced.

# Leonard Bernstein, composer, maestro, dead at 72

NEW YORK (JTA) — Leonard Bernstein, one of the most gifted conductors, composers and pianists in American history who also epitomized the Jewish success story, died here October 14 of a heart attack in his apartment on the Upper West Side of Manhattan. He was 72.

Ironically, his death came just five days after he announced his retirement due to health problems. A habitual smoker, Bernstein had been suffering from emphysema, pulmonary infections and a pleural tumor.

Bernstein, who at the age of 40 became the youngest music director ever engaged by the New York Philharmonic, was once described as a "restless maestro" because of his extraordinary ability to move among roles as conductor, composer of classical and popular music, television performer and teacher.

Bernstein was known for his love and commitment to Israel. And he occupied a warm spot in the hearts of Israelis ever since his frequent visits began in the early days of the state.

The intense and passionate conductor was born in Lawrence, Mass., on Aug. 25, 1918. His early love for music was frowned upon by his parents, both Jewish immigrants. His father, Sam, a talmudic scholar, hoped Leonard would join his successful cosmetic business.

He retained a lifelong respect for Jewish culture. His "Jeremiah" and "Kaddish" symphonies, the "Chichester Psalms" and several other works were founded on biblical themes.

Israel Philharmonic Director Zubin Mehta, in an appreciation message

broadcast Monday in Israel, termed Bernstein "not only a great composer, pianist and conductor, but possibly even more a great music director through some 100 educational concerts for young people televised and broadcast through the United States."

Mehta was referring to Bernstein's experiences as the star of the New York Philharmonic's televised Young People's concerts. Bernstein's appearances on the television program "Omnibus" fascinated millions with topics that included conducting, symphonic music and jazz.

Always associated with liberal causes in the non-musical world, in 1969 Bernstein hosted guests in his home to solicit funds for the protection of the civil liberties of the radical Black Panther Party.

Like many other artists and public figures, he contributed his services at concerts to benefit the fight against AIDS.

In 1989, he refused to accept a medal from the Bush administration, apparently in protest against what he regarded as censorship of an AIDS exhibition by the National Endowment for the Arts.

Bernstein served as musical adviser to the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra for the 1948-49 season. While traveling through Israel, he entertained members of the Palmach from the back of a truck in the Negev desert.

During the War of Independence in October 1948, Bernstein conducted a performance of Beethoven's Fifth Symphony in Jerusalem's old Edison Theater.



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1970. Surviving are a son, Marvin of Dewey Beach; a sister, Sophie Jacobs of Plantation, Fla.; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

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# Book Review

## Der Yiddisher Cowboy

**Jewish Cowboy/Der Yiddisher Cowboy**

By Isaac Raboy  
Translated from the Yiddish by  
Nathaniel Shapiro  
Tradition Books, 1989  
\$11.95

Reviewed by TONI YOUNG

The expression, "Jewish immigrant" often conjures up visions of

overcrowded slums and sweatshops. Rarely do we associate "Jewish immigrant" with cowboy and the West. However, many Jewish immigrants did go West in search of "the good life." One such adventurer, Isaac Raboy, wrote an autobiographical novel *The Jewish Cowboy*, about his experiences.

Written in Yiddish and published

in 1942, the novel presents a fascinating glimpse into life in the West from the perspective of an outsider, the Jew. The fictional Isaac, like his author Isaac Raboy, leaves New York City and goes to work on a horse farm in North Dakota with the hope of creating an alternative Jewish life. He expects that in a world closer to nature, hard work and integrity will

be rewarded. However, the widespread corruption in the West and the innate prejudices against Jews teach him a different reality. As translator Nathan Shapiro comments, "the novel gives a view of American life that's so different from other cowboy stories."

Isaac's love of nature dominates the novel. On seeing a beautiful sunrise, he pities his friends in New York who "buried in the vastness of the city, had no notion whatsoever of the glories of the natural world." Like Isaac Raboy, who had studied farming at the Baron de Hirsch Agricultural School in New Jersey, the fictional Isaac knows a great deal about

# JEWISH COWBOY

*The novel about the adventures, loves and misdeeds of a young Jewish immigrant who actually became a cowboy on a horse ranch in the North Dakota prairie. A translation from the Yiddish.*



# DER YIDDISHER COWBOY

Translated from the Yiddish of Isaac Raboy by  
NATHANIEL SHAPIRO

horses and farming so the novel is filled with details of horse training, planting potatoes and sowing fields. The descriptions of natural phenomena and farm machinery are often more poetic and memorable than the descriptions of people. *The road glistened in the white sunlight like polished silver and the print of the horses' hooves in the road resembled the engraved marks that silversmiths leave on each piece of their work attesting that the metal is genuine silver.*

One shouldn't read this novel for the characters. They are flat, one dimensional creations with little development. In this sense, the novel is closer to the melodramas so popular in an earlier day than to the contemporary novel.

"Der Yiddisher Cowboy" has been skillfully translated by Shapiro. It reads smoothly and quickly. When published in 1942, the novel became a best seller in Yiddish, but it later disappeared from view with the decline of Yiddish readership. Certainly, Shapiro's translation will make the novel accessible to many more people. Thanks are due to Shapiro for rescuing the novel from relative oblivion.

The dream of finding a better life as a cowboy in the West proves to be allusive in *The Jewish Cowboy* but the reader is left wondering if the Jews were worse off than any other poor settlers in the corrupt West.

Dr. David Geffen will discuss *The Jewish Cowboy* on Wednesday, November 8, at 1 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center. Copies of the novel are available at the JCC from Lynn Greenfield.

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