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## Berger Will Be First Woman On The First State's High Court

### No Glass Ceilings In Delaware Judiciary

"Justice, justice you shall pursue..." Deuteronomy 16:20

By DAN WEINTRAUB

Editor of The Jewish Voice

Carolyn Berger, 45, Vice Chancellor of the Court of Chancery of the State of Delaware, has been confirmed as a Justice of the Supreme Court of Delaware. She will be sworn in next week. The highly regarded Berger is the first woman in Delaware history to be nominated for a seat on the state's highest court.

In announcing her nomination, Governor Thomas R. Carper called her "one of the finest jurists in Delaware's judicial system." He added, "Having served on the Court of Chancery for more than 10 years, her experience, intellect, and respect for the law make her an excellent addition to a Supreme Court that is already the envy of other states ... I am convinced that she will continue to serve the people of Delaware well in this new capacity."

She assumed the Vice Chancellorship in 1984 after a half dozen years as a corporate lawyer with Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom. In the late 1970s she served as a Deputy Attorney General for three years.

In her private life she uses her married name which is Silverman. Her husband is Judge Fred Silverman who sits on the Superior Court of the State of Delaware. They have two children.

The next Delaware Supreme Court Justice was a member of the Board of Directors of the Jewish Federation of Delaware from 1988 through 1990. Mrs. Silverman served as President of The Milton and Hattie Kutz Home, Inc. for two years ending in 1990. Prior to that she served as Vice-President of the Kutz Home during the years 1985 through 1988.

She is still a member of the Board of directors of Kutz Home. Between 1989 and 1993 she was a member of the Board of Directors of the Delaware Region, National Conference of Christians & Jews, Inc.

Last week Carolyn Berger spoke by telephone with The Jewish Voice. "Thrilled, honored, and looking forward to assuming my new responsibilities," was her reaction to being named to the Supreme Court of the State of Delaware.

Berger expects that she will bring a different perspective to the Court as a woman who has balanced the often competing demands of career, motherhood and marriage. Berger said these "issues which many women in this day and age have to cope with" will contribute to a sensitivity in explaining court decisions. She stressed, however, that in "terms of substantive law I won't be causing any changes in the Court or its decisions... The law is not a moving target, it's settled. It is there in statutes, decisions and rules which control what happens in the next case. I won't introduce a whole new approach... what will make a difference is my different background, different life experience and different perspective."

The future Justice clarified that she does not "mean to suggest that there was anything wrong with the Court before. I just bring an added element."

While acknowledging that her life experiences would inform her application of the law to the particular facts in cases which come before her; she underlined her interpretation that a Judge should be true to existing law rather than making new law. "I do not see myself as a judicial activist," amplified Berger.



### New Reconstructionist Prayer Book Released

The Reconstructionist Press, a division of the Federation of Reconstructionist Congregations and Havurot, has released the latest volume of *Kol Haneshamah* (translation: "Voice of the Soul"), called *Shabbat Vehagim* ("Sabbath and Holidays"). The prayer book is being introduced in congregations across the country.

The new prayer book, whose predecessor, *The Reconstructionist Sabbath Prayer Book*, was publicly burned in 1945, includes features unique in Jewish liturgy, such as complementary artwork, inclusion of laypeople in its creation, unique God-language, and the ability to personalize prayers. The editor-in-chief of *Kol Haneshamah: Shabbat Vehagim* is Dr. David A. Teutsch, president of the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College. The illustration, above, from *Shabbat Vehagim* is a triptych by Betsy Platkin Teutsch.

Does being Jewish have an impact on Berger's judicial career? "I don't imagine my religion will have any bearing on my role as a Judge," said Berger. "I haven't had an experience where because I am Jewish I (reached a particular result)."

However, she continued, "Being Jewish is a reason why I am a judge. It is not the most highly paid position a lawyer could take." Jewish values, according to Berger, encourage public service as a high goal toward which to aspire. "It may be what my family taught me... a fundamental sense of fairness and justice is also part of what the Jewish tradition represents."

As imminently the first female Justice of the Supreme Court of Delaware, Berger has been characterized as a trailblazer. But Berger told *The Jewish Voice*, "I do not see myself as a pioneer." She notes her career choices were influenced by her mother "who was a traditional mother." Berger explained "she went on to law school when I was in college. She encouraged me."

The future Justice declared, "I think it would be wonderful if I could show that there are no glass ceilings in the Delaware judiciary. I have a daughter and I tell her she could be anything. She should not think there is any profession or trade that (women) cannot do. At the same time if there are professions without women in them it gives her a mixed message. Hopefully she will go around and see there are women doctors, lawyers and judges."

Berger responded to a question about why she thought Jewish women have led the way in participating in the work place. "I have a gut level feeling that Jewish families have valued education as a means of insuring the next

generation would be able to fend for and take care of themselves. These opportunities for learning blossomed into the development of leaders. In my family, and my husband's family, women have been very bright and active in terms of making the family work. Women were often the brains behind the business man who owned the store. For example, my grandmother helped my grandfather with his manufacturing outfit. Although she was not at work she was regarded as the brains behind the business."

Berger is expected to complement the Delaware Supreme Court with her expertise in corporate matters.

(Delaware Jurists Past and Present - See Page 6)



Vice-Chancellor Carolyn Berger

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## BRIEFS

Remembering  
The Holocaust

People were shocked last year when a prominent polling firm reported that a third of Americans were skeptical that the Holocaust actually took place. But a more precisely worded survey conducted by the Gallup Organization this year produced different results.



## Q. Do you know what the term "Holocaust" refers to?

82% "Yes"

17% "No"

1% "Not Sure"

## Q. In your opinion, did the Holocaust definitely happen, probably happen, probably not happen, or definitely not happen?

79% "Definitely Happened"

17% "Probably Happened"

2% "Probably Not"

2% "Not sure"

\* Less than one-half of 1 percent "Definitely Not"

Source: A Gallup survey based on telephone interviews with a representative national cross section of 1,010 adults, 18 and older, conducted during the period of January 1994.

## Clinton Visits Berlin Shul

BERLIN (JTA) — Leaders of the German Jewish community laid out the red carpet for President Clinton this week when he visited a Berlin synagogue that survived German arsonists in 1938 and Allied bombs during World War II.

"It's a miracle it survived," Clinton said as he toured the synagogue. Ignatz Bubis, chairman of the Central Council of Jews in Germany, noted that during his visit to Warsaw last week, Clinton also visited the Jewish community and the former ghetto.

Addressing the issue of racial intolerance, Clinton said, "Here in Germany, in the United States, and throughout the entire world, we must reject those who could divide us with scalding words about race, ethnicity or religion."

## Israeli Stock Market Losing Billions

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Shares traded on the Israeli stock market have lost some \$20 billion in value since the beginning of 1994, with losses particularly heavy during the past couple of months.

In an interview with the Israeli daily Ha'aretz published Wednesday, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin said the market did not reflect the state of the economy which, he said, was growing by 6 to 7 percent annually.

Rabin said that no one could satisfactorily explain why the stock market was performing so poorly, but there have been repeated statements in the Israeli media by financial experts that the stocks were overvalued.

Hebron Massacre Inquiry  
Finds Goldstein Acted Alone

JERUSALEM (JTA) — The Rabin government and the Israel Defense Force welcomed the findings of the official commission of inquiry investigating the circumstances surrounding the Feb. 25 Hebron massacre.

Following six weeks of hearings, the panel, headed by Supreme Court Chief Justice Meir Shamgar, issued a 350-page report indicating that Kiryat Arba settler Dr. Baruch Goldstein had been solely responsible for the slayings of at least 29 Palestinians at a Hebron mosque.

Though it found that security had been lax at the Tomb of the Patriarchs on the day of the killings, the five-member panel, which included an Israeli Arab judge, ascribed no negligence to government officials or senior army officers.

The panel did, however, note that several border guards were not at their posts at the time of the incident. But it did not recommend that proceedings be initiated against the guards on charges of negligence.

Terming the Feb. 25 killings "one of the harshest expressions of the Jewish-Arab conflict," the Shamgar Commission found that Goldstein had planned the massacre alone, concealing his plans even from his wife, Miriam.

The panel rejected testimony that a secret accomplice had helped Goldstein carry out the killings.

## Arafat Returns To Set Up Shop In Gaza

By CYNTHIA MANN

JERUSALEM (JTA) — As Palestine Liberation Organization Chairman Yasser Arafat made what is being billed as an official return to Gaza this week, Israel and the PLO disagreed over how quickly to move to the next phase of Palestinian autonomy.

The two sides resumed negotiations on Palestinian self-rule this week in Cairo.

Arafat is calling for an accelerated pace in the expansion of self-rule beyond Gaza and Jericho. But Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin is pointing to the complexity of the issues and is urging caution and a "step-by-step" approach.

Negotiations in the second phase, begun this week, are to focus on the transfer of authority in certain spheres to Palestinians in the Palestinian population centers in the rest of the West Bank.

The Israeli newspaper Yediot Achronot reported that Israeli officials are now favoring "self-rule pockets" of Palestinian authority in West Bank towns without a full-scale withdrawal of Israeli troops from the area.

The agreement calls for the negotiation of a transfer of authority in the West Bank for: education, culture, health, social welfare, direct taxation and tourism.

The Israelis refer to this as "early empowerment."

The Palestinians seek fuller autonomy in the towns of Nablus, Jenin and Tulkarm.

There are reports that there are already uniformed Palestinian police carrying out some civil functions in Nablus with the apparent consent of Israel.

But Oded Ben-Ami, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's spokesman, said any reports of Palestinian police operating outside of Gaza and Jericho are entirely unfounded and that Israel would not approve.

"We have to go very slowly, step by step," he said.

Last week in Paris, Arafat renewed his vow to convene the 468-member Palestine National Council — the PLO's parliament-in-exile — to revoke those sections of the PLO charter calling for the destruction of Israel.

Arafat had issued a similar promise 10 months ago, when he and Rabin exchanged letters of mutual recognition that paved the way for

the historic signing of the self-rule accord last September.

Perhaps reflecting the enormous challenges facing him, Arafat's return to Gaza on Tuesday was a low-key affair.

In stark contrast to the greeting he received last week during his five-day visit to Gaza and Jericho, only three Palestinian officials were on hand to greet him at the Rafah border crossing between Egypt and Gaza.

And as his motorcade traveled to Gaza City, where he plans to take up residence, the crowds were far thinner than last week.

The Rabin government believes that given the squalid living conditions and widespread unemployment in Gaza, Arafat should first focus on shoring up civil affairs in the newly autonomous regions of Gaza and Jericho before extending autonomy to the rest of the West Bank.

Now that Arafat has returned to



ARAFAT RETURNS... GAZA STRIP -- Palestine Liberation Organization chairman Yasser Arafat is lifted up on the shoulders of Palestinian police July 1 as he makes his entrance into the Gaza Strip at Rafiah moments after entering the self-rule area. At left is Nasser Yousef, commander of the Palestinians in the self-rule areas. Since receiving a U.N. Peace Prize with Rabin and Peres in Paris, Arafat has returned to settle in Gaza. CREDIT:RNS PHOTO/Reuters (Reproduction rights not transferable) 1994

Gaza to live, said Ben-Ami, "we hope he'll stop shuttling around the world and start running civilian (affairs) there. We have to see the first phase is working well and overcome the difficulties" before moving ahead.

Peres greeted Arafat's return to Gaza this week as a hopeful sign for the future.

The foreign minister promised financial assistance in helping the autonomous areas get started.

But Peres was at the same time firm that Orient House, the PLO's headquarters in Jerusalem, would not be permitted to become a center for the administration of Palestinian autonomy.

"The administrative center for those areas is either Gaza or Jericho," Peres said. "But certainly not Jerusalem."

(JTA correspondent Dvora Getzler in Jerusalem contributed to this report.)

Supreme Court Reaffirms  
Separation Of Church And StateBy Rabbi  
MARLA J. FELDMAN, ESQ.

Director of the JCRC of JFD

In a recent Supreme Court decision, *Board of Education of the Kiryas Joel Village School District v. Grumet*, the Court reasserted its commitment to the principle of separation of church and state. In that case, a special school district was created in order to provide public school education for disabled students of the Satmar Hasidic sect. Most of their students attend private religious school; however, to accommodate their disabled students, the special school district was created to avoid the difficulties Hasidic students face in a secular environment. While

the desire to provide educational opportunities to disabled students is laudable, the creation of a school district along religious lines constituted a violation of the establishment clause of the First Amendment. The National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council (NJCRAC) supported this position in an amicus brief to the Court. This case highlights the delicate balance between the separation of church and state and other values, including the compelling needs of disabled students for an appropriate education. While those educational needs must be met, weakening the First Amendment is not the appropriate solution. We applaud the Court's decision in the case of Kiryas Joel.



KOSHER BURGER KING... JERUSALEM — An observant Jew takes his first bite into a kosher "Whopper" June 15 at the world's first fully kosher Burger King. The fast-food restaurant, which is closed on the sabbath, does not serve cheeseburgers because Jewish ritual law forbids the mixing of milk and meat. CREDIT:RNS PHOTO/Reuters (Reproduction rights not transferable) 1994

## EDITORIAL

## Let's Go To Shul Shop

For those of us who still measure time according to a school calendar, Rosh Hashana is coming very early this year. Yes, we know it will fall on the first of Tishri as it does every year, but somehow the thought of yontif dinner replete with round challah, apples and honey seems "out of synch" with a Labor Day barbecue. However strange as it seems, the High Holiday season is arriving soon. Now is the time to prepare for celebration. Now is the time to join a synagogue.

Many factors should be considered in choosing the synagogue that is the right match for a family. Is the congregation traditional or lib-

eral? Is the service formal or informal? How welcoming and warm are the members to adults? To children? To singles and single parents? Is the rabbi a good listener? A good teacher? What are the objectives of the religious school? What is the role of women? Are new ideas welcome?

The only way to answer these questions is to visit the synagogue and to interact with its congregants and leaders. We urge all of the members of our community who have not yet affiliated to "shul hop" and "shul shop" this summer. The rewards of membership are unlimited.

## You Can Be A Part Of This Important Project

After a long interval the return is near for a Guide to Jewish Life in Delaware. The Jewish Voice is coordinating efforts to produce a community Guide. This Guide will be distributed to new Delaware residents throughout a period of twelve months beginning in August. Since this Guide will also be sent to readers of The Jewish Voice it can be used by anyone as a handy reference to our community. No other resource can provide a reader with the same kind of picture of the entire Delaware Jewish Community.

For retailers, professionals and others, this upcoming guide to Jewish Life in Delaware is a wonderful vehicle to reach new Delaware residents and long-time residents as well. In addition to featured advertisements in this Guide, Irv Epstein, the Advertising Manager of The Jewish Voice, will be accepting \$21 professional listings for service providers. Call Irv Epstein at 478-6200 to be a part of this special project.

The Jewish Federation of Delaware, JFD, wants to integrate newcomers into our community. Greeting newcomers is a high priority. The JFD invites everyone to call in throughout the year with names of newcomers to the area.

This exciting Guide and project are not the work of the Jewish Voice alone. Joan Wachstein, Newcomer's Committee Chairperson, will be working to make the vision of welcoming newcomers a reality. The Newcomer's Committee is made up of various Jewish community agency and organization representatives. Ella Zukoff of the Jewish Community Center, JCC, has also contributed ideas to make the community Guide a great success.

Your anticipated participation in this year's Guide and the project shows your concern for our community. Since the Guide to Jewish Life in Delaware will be distributed throughout the year it makes good business sense for you as well.

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## THE VOICE BOX

(If Jews) "become second-class citizens in our own country, that support doesn't matter."

-ADL director Abraham Foxman discounting the Christian Right's support for Israel in light of to what he sees as their threat to pluralistic America.

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"Joining an e-mail list is not such an awesome commitment as joining a shul or Hadassah. It's not a substitute, either, but it definitely can be a first step."

-Charles Arian, Hillel director at American University on using Internet for Jewish Outreach

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"How can I get him unbaptized?"

-Esther Ramon, after learning that her religious Jewish grandfather, who was killed by Nazis in the Holocaust, had been posthumously baptized by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, also known as the Mormons.

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"Why do guys smoke? To make an impression on girls...I call on women to decide not to go out with men who smoke."

-Rafael Eitan, chairman of the Knesset Committee on the War on Drugs

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"(He) is...creating situations that are embarrassing the Israeli government. That's for the opposition in Israel to do. It's not the job of the American Jewish community."

-Seymour Reich, president of the mainstream American Zionist Movement criticizing Morton Klein, the troublesome renegade national president of the Zionist Organization of America

## LETTERS

## Time to Tend To Our Own

Dear Sir:

It is time for the Jewish Leadership to do something about the Anti Semitic statements made under the guise of free speech by the "Nation of Islam" leader Farrankan and his former mouthpiece and deputy Khalid Muhammad.

During the 20's Henry Ford Senior published "The Prodigals of the Elders of Zion," in his newspaper the Dearborn Independent. It was a fraud that told how the Jews were going to take over everything. A Jew from

New York sued Ford and he publicly apologized and settled out of court.

What these men utter is a slander against all Jews and I believe is a basis for a suit to shut it down. Free speech doesn't give you a license to spread untruths that find eager ears from the most vulnerable of our population, "The young college crowd." It is time to tend to our own problems here and not only be concerned with problems all over the world. Sincerely yours,  
Samuel Kagel

## Ten Questions For Israel Non-Visitors

To the Editor:

Is it really necessary to continue urging so many American Jews — those who have never been to Israel or have not been there in recent years — to go there? After all, it really is a great and unforgettable experience.

These repeated pleas to have American Jews visit Israel in increasing numbers are starting to sound like a broken record. Why have only 15 to 20% of all American Jews ever been to Israel? Why is this figure so unbelievably low considering we live here in the freest and most affluent Jewish community our history has ever known? And especially now, when non-Jewish travel from America exceeds Jewish travel, which unfortunately is subject to more cancellations and postponements than the travel of any other group for the least deviation from "normal" conditions in Israel?

Israel has always been subject to certain politically motivated events and intermittent terrorism which caused "irregularities" in daily life. The effects of these events habitually are greatly exaggerated and blown out of proportion by the media, which also present out-of-context details and thereby create the impression of a permanent battlefield atmosphere throughout all of Israel. And while nothing can be further from the truth, these false images of Israel are then projected emphasizing violence and upheaval while downplaying and ignoring the many unbelievable wonders and accomplishments by and in Israel.

Unimportant details, all of which are designed to create a false image of conditions within Israel are thus featured by the news networks which are selling violence and unrest rather than peaceful accomplishments.

Since these distorted presentations obviously do have a dampening effect on tourism to Israel and seem to affect Jews more than others, one wonders, considering the special and historically unique relationship American Jews have with the State of Israel, whether each of us does not have some sort of moral obligation — after the Jewish experiences of the 20th century — to visit Israel "because..." unless there are health or financial limitations to travel.

Although a majority of American Jews were not yet around when Israel's existence as an independent state began in 1948, and therefore may lack a certain emotional bond with Israel, we are all tied to Israel — whether we like it or not, recognize it or not, admit it or not — definitely so.

Through these ties we usually are collectively praised for Israel's accomplishments — even though we had nothing to do with them and equally are blamed when Israel does something internationally unpopular and we again had nothing to do with it either. We simply cannot overlook or deny this relationship and responsibility for each other and therefore — at least for our own good — should visit Israel at least

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## OPINION

# The Continuity Debate

First in an occasional series



By DAVID J. MARGULES

Vice-President of The Jewish Federation of Delaware  
Every few years a great debate captivates America's Jewish community. Today's concern, "Jewish continuity," was catapulted to the forefront by a 1990 survey which found that 50% of Jews marry people of a different faith, and that a high percentage of Jewish children are being raised in homes in which another religion or no religion is practiced. The *Jewish Voice* has opened its pages to the

Continuity debate. This is the first of what we hope will be many articles, columns and letters focusing on this critical issue.

For decades, Organized Jewry — central Jewish fundraising organizations and the institutional network they fund — operated on the assumption that Jews are inherently protected against assimilation. That assumption has been shattered.

Organized Jewry is rushing into the breach with cash, committees and conferences. It is doing so, however, without answering two key questions: *what are we trying to preserve*, and *what is the best way to preserve it*. Instead, constrained by a need for consensus, the primary strategy is to target money to institutions in the existing network that service what are considered "critical populations." Little guidance is offered on how to use the new resources, and there is no apparent effort to reach outside the traditional network.

The flaw in this strategy is demonstrated by the issue of intermarriage, which often is viewed as a barometer of Continuity.

The Reform movement treats intermarriage as a fact, not a problem, and its strategies fo-

cus on making non-Jewish spouses comfortable in the synagogue. This is consistent with a philosophy that each person must define Judaism for himself or herself. Reform advocates also defend the policy by arguing that if intermarried couples are welcomed in Jewish communal life, they are more likely to pass to their children a reverence for Judaism.

Traditional Jews view intermarriage as a threat and focus on preventing such relationships before they occur. The approach is consistent with the belief that Judaism is governed by Divine laws which prohibit intermarriage. It also is defended with the argument that accepting intermarriage encourages more of it.

The Conservative movement seems to be moving toward a middle ground of greater acceptance of intermarried couples, in hopes that the non-Jewish spouse ultimately will convert.

These approaches are contradictory. While reasonable people can differ over which is best, it is hard for anyone to argue that all three should be pursued. Yet, by simply continuing to fund agencies across the denominational spectrum, Organized Jewry effectively backs all three.

More troubling than the lack of a coordinated strategy is the apparent perception of Organized Jewry that Continuity is a new problem requiring new solutions. The first Mishne in Pirke Avos (Ethics of the Fathers) answers the questions that Organized Jewry seems reluctant to ask: "Moses received the Torah from

Sinai and transmitted it to Joshua; Joshua to the Elders; the Elders to the Prophets; and the Prophets transmitted it to the Men of the Great Assembly."

The passage teaches several points about Continuity.

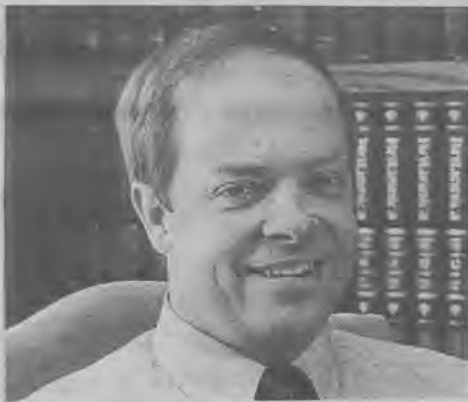
**First**, Judaism is a living system given by G-d and embodied in the Torah. It is a relationship with our past as much as with our future. All of Judaism's major movements claim to fall squarely within that tradition. The more liberal movements, however, have not done enough to foster an understanding of and respect for the Judaism that our grandparents practiced and to communicate their own place within that tradition.

**Second**, each generation is obliged to receive the system and to live within it. Continuity requires a personal acceptance of Judaism as a defining force in our lives. We cannot pass on something having no personal relevance.

**Third**, each generation is obliged to pass the tradition along. All of Judaism's movements are working in some way to pass on the tradition as they see it. The more traditional movements, however, need to develop a greater willingness to reach out to Jews across denominational lines and to participate as full partners in the institutions of Organized Jewry.

Above all, Continuity requires constant work. As Rabbi Tarphon stated, "You are not required to complete the task, yet you are not free to withdraw from it."

## Oberly On Israel



By CHARLIE OBERLY

After serving as Delaware's Attorney General and chief law enforcement officer for 12 years, I have accumulated a strong record on a variety of issues.

As the Democratic candidate for U.S. Senate, however, there are many issues that I must address and speak publicly on for the first time. One such issue is our relationship with the State of Israel. I believe that the United States must maintain strong support for our ally in the Middle East.

In 1983, I visited Israel and I saw a vibrant country living in what used to be a desert. To

this day, I am amazed by the people whom I met and the devotion to their country. Ever since Israel was created in 1948, it has been a place of safety and hope for millions of people around the world. It has withstood the pressures of its enemies to form a strong bond to the United States.

In the United States, we do not live under the constant threat of destruction as do the Israelis. However, we must do our best to understand Israel's concerns and to attempt to reduce this threat. We must not turn our back on Israel. Israel has been one of our strongest allies in the world, and as a U.S. Senator, I will work to ensure that this strong relationship continues.

**In the Senate, I would vote and support the foreign aid package as it is currently constituted.**

The five critical issues I would specifically address as a U.S. Senator are foreign aid, the peace process, the economic boycott of Israel, the status of Jerusalem and the security of Israel.

Since the United States implemented the Marshall Plan after World War II, we have tried to promote democracy around the world. We cannot afford to abandon this tradition now.

Not until more democracies have been formed in the Middle East can we expect peace there. Until such a time, Israel requires our economic aid.

I support the current levels of aid for Israel, \$3 billion, and would oppose any efforts to reduce it. Israel cannot be forced to take an economic step backwards, especially when she is taking risks on the path to peace.

As the world's only superpower, it is the responsibility of the United States to keep the peace process on track. We must do this in a fair and even handed manner. The U.S. cannot dictate the terms of the agreement that would only foster resentment and would not lead to lasting peace. The peace must be agreed to by all sides if it will be successful.

The United States must be an active participant throughout the peace process and should continue to provide political and economic support. Only then will Israel remain strong enough to bargain for a fair peace agreement that is in the best long-term interests of both Arab and Jew.

The economic boycott must end. If it ever had a time and purpose they have passed. Today, it stands in the way of economic growth for all of the Middle East. All people are hurt by the lack of economic activity between neighbors.

United States law prohibits any U.S. company from conducting business with countries participating in a boycott against an ally. As long as the boycott continues, U.S. compa-

nies will lose sales and profits to nations supporting the boycott. This is not acceptable.

The United States is committed to free trade throughout the world and must do everything possible to end this boycott. This would benefit all the people of the Middle East.

Israel has the right to place its capital where it wants. All sovereign nations have that right, and Israel should be no different.

Jerusalem is the home to people of many different and diverse religions. It must remain so. However, the executive branch of the United States should recognize Jerusalem as the capital of Israel and move the embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem.

Israel continues to be the only true democracy in the Middle East. Even as the peace process continues, there are still threats to Israel's existence. We must ensure that Israel remains strong militarily in comparison to her neighbors.

The United States must work to limit the flow of arms into the Middle East. Arab nations will continue to maintain a quantitative advantage militarily over Israel. We must make sure that Israel keeps its qualitative advantage in order to protect herself. To promote stability in the region, Israel's armed forces must remain the best in the Middle East.

(Charlie's children attended pre-school at the Delaware Jewish Community Center. He faces Bill Roth in this year's U.S. Senate election.)

## Authenticity vs. Artificially

By Rabbi ROBERT L. WOLKOFF

Guest Columnist

It has long been noted that organized Judaism is not meeting the needs of American Jews. This is surprising in light of the obvious strengths of synagogues and federations, Jewish study programs, day schools and other institutions which appear to be thriving.

Nevertheless, there is a malaise haunting the Jewish community, a fear for survival itself. In part this is due to frightening demographic figures released in recent years, which have triggered a flurry of activity to stop internal hemorrhaging.

The prospects for such programs are doubtful, because the institution of American Jewry have not been dealing with the real issue. In

broad strokes, the dominant issue, consciously or unconsciously shared by all movements and ideologies, has been "Tradition vs. Change." Simply put, the question has been: How much do we have to change in order to integrate fully in American life?

The spectrum of answers to this question is less significant than the question itself, which prioritizes a "becoming of the other." There is nothing negative about being an American (to the contrary, it is — regardless how it sounds in this unpatriotic age — a great honor), and there is nothing intrinsically contradictory in being both Jewish and American (to the contrary again, one could argue in the words of historian Howard M. Sachar that the Jewish experience is a palimpsest of American life).

But one could have predicted that defining as a Jewish goal the achievement of an identity that is not intrinsic to Judaism would inevitably distort the direction of Jewish life. Indeed it has.

Consider the "heroes" of American Jewish life over the last several decades: Henry Kissinger, Woody Allen, Philip Roth, Mel Brooks, Bob Dylan, Gloria Steinem and an endless list of others to whom Jews, sitting over their *New York Times* (in its own way, a hero also) and their bagels, could proudly point as success stories.

Question: How many of our heroes' children are Jewish, much less committed Jews, much less committed Jews making a contribution — to American or Jewish life — remotely close to that of their illustrious parents? To answer "nearly none" would not be an exaggeration.

In other words, the American Jewish community has been looking up to "heroes" whose path, if followed by all, would be suicidal for the Jewish people. Clearly, an untenable position.

Simultaneously it is significant to note that the core institutions of American Jewish life, while struggling mightily to define proper proportions for "Tradition and Change," have not generated a single leader with mass appeal.

We have of course been blessed with certain giants like Wiesel, Singer Golda Meir et al. Without in any way wishing to denigrate them, it is fair to say that a large part of their strength derives from the unique — and non-American — environment with which they are associated (the Holocaust, Eastern Europe, Israel).

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## Steven Rothschild Named United Way Board Chairperson



Steven J. Rothschild, Esq.

Steven J. Rothschild, Esq., was named the new Chairman of the Board of United Way of Delaware. He assumed chairmanship of the Board at United Way's annual meeting held June 22, 1994.

Rothschild, one of the founding partners of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom Wilmington office, concentrates in corporate matters and corporate, securities and commercial litigation.

Rothschild, who graduated from

the University of Vermont with a Bachelor of Arts degree and from Georgetown University with a Juris Doctor degree, has served United Way as a Vice Chairman and member of the Board of Directors and Campaign Chairman. His other positions of community leadership include President of the Board of Trustees of the Delaware Art Museum, President of the Board of Directors of the Milton and Hattie Kutz Home, Vice President of the Jewish Federation of Delaware, Chairman of Governor Carper's Commission on Major Commercial Litigation Reform, Chairman of the Delaware Supreme

Court Board on Professional Responsibility and Chairman of the 1982 Delaware Citizens Conference on the Administration of Justice. He has also sat on the Boards of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, Delaware Hospice, Jewish Federation of Delaware, Delaware Board on Professional Responsibility, and Delaware Board of Bar Examiners.

Rothschild is a member of the Delaware, District of Columbia, and New York Bars.

He is married to Carol Schick Rothschild, and has two sons, Jeffrey, 23, and Peter, 20.

## Exec Sought

A search committee, chaired by Sheldon Weinstein, Esq., has been formed to seek a new Executive Director for Congregation Beth Shalom. The new Executive Director will replace Frances Stein who is retiring after 16 years with the congregation.

All persons interested in the position should contact Mr. Weinstein at Young, Conaway, Stargatt and Taylor, P.O. Box 391, Wilmington, Delaware 19899. For further information you may call him at 571-6631.

## United Way Staff Honors Volunteers

The United Way of Delaware inducted 10 long-standing volunteers into its Hall of Fellowship following its June 16, 1994, Board of Directors meeting.

This year's honorees include Gloria Fine and Joan Spiegelman.

"The people selected are trusted advisors, consultants, and mentors, stay behind the scenes and do not work for recognition, never say 'no' to a request, maintain the highest level of ethical conduct, and are a constant resource to professional staff," said Madeleine Warns, President of the United Way of Delaware.

The Hall of Fellowship Award was developed last year as a significant achievement conferred on volunteers by the United Way of Delaware's senior staff.

The special recognition arose because the staff noted that there are many volunteers who, over the years, have been dedicated, devoted partners of the professional staff and have a sincere commitment.

## Delaware Jurists Past And Present

(The following is a list of Delaware judges over the years who were Jewish. This list may not be comprehensive. Any omissions or inaccuracies are unintentional.)

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## Jewish Funerals And Cemeteries

By JORDAN SOPINSKY  
*Jewish Voice Intern*

Although it's hard to contemplate your own death, people can still think about how they want to be remembered once they are gone. Hopefully, in the days following a death, arrangements for funeral and burial can be done without causing the bereaving additional pain.

One way of accomplishing this is by pre-planning the funeral. Although Jewish law prohibits upsetting a dying family member by making funeral plans, it doesn't say that it can't be done discreetly.

Alan Schoenberg, director of Schoenberg Memorial Chapel, suggests three ways of pre-planning: 1) Having information on file, 2) Pre-arrangement, and 3) Pre-payment.

"By having such information available," Schoenberg says, "confusion can be avoided at a critical time. Information includes your rabbi and funeral director, books such as Jewish Religious Practice by Rabbi Isaac Klein and Jewish Way of Death by Rabbi Maurice Lamn as well as biographical information." The individual's information should include full legal name, legal address, Hebrew name, Social Security number, occupation, employer, length of employment, date of retirement, date of birth, place of birth, military service record, Veteran Administration claim number, father's name,

mother's maiden name, and cemetery certificates or receipts.

If you decide to pre-arrange the funeral, call the funeral director to make an appointment so that specifics can be discussed. "If this is done before the need actually arises," Schoenberg relates, "you have the opportunity to discuss the options with other family members, the rabbi, and any one else you feel can contribute constructively to your decisions." After the choices about services and casket as well as other items are made, the funeral director will put this information in a pre-need file.

Pre-paying for the funeral is another option. The advantage of pre-paying for the funeral is that the cost will be the current prices or less. Pre-paid items are guaranteed to be provided.

In thinking about a funeral, one should be aware that Jewish law does not dictate a standard service for funerals. However, there are rabbinic manuals that offer suggestions for service content. Generally, the order of the service is to recite a psalm, read a passage from scripture, deliver a eulogy, and chant the memorial prayer.

"The eulogy," says Rabbi Dresin, "is one of the cathartic experiences involved with the funeral. It expresses grief, optimism, and the positive aspects of the person's existence."

After the memorial prayer, the

pallbearers come forward and while the congregation stands and recites Psalm 91, the casket is carried to the hearse.

The congregation then departs from the chapel. Those going to the cemetery will form a funeral cortege. "In order for the cortege to form, travel, and arrive safely, smoothly, and efficiently, advanced planning is essential," Schoenberg advises.



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Once the cortege has arrived at the cemetery, the family should remain in their cars until the casket is at the grave. The pallbearers carry the casket to the grave. Sometimes they will stop seven times en route to the grave. It is a representation of the seven stages of life as well as a reference to the Book of Ecclesiastes.

The family is then escorted to the grave. During the ensuing service, the rabbi and mourners shovel earth on the casket. Rabbi Dresin believes that the deceased should be in the

ground and covered before departure. Although some people may not wish to cover the casket entirely, placing some earth on the casket can prove to be cathartic. The memorial prayer, Kaddish is then recited by the mourners.

Everyone except the mourners form a guard of honor through which the family passes. Upon leaving the cemetery, water may be provided to wash the hands. The Shulchan Arukh

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### Sounds Of Jews And Jazz

By JORDAN SOPINSKY  
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For many people, it is the most intimate form of musical expression. Encompassing aspects of music from all different parts of the world, jazz distinguishes itself as an eclectic art form. It demands its artists to reveal their innermost thoughts and feelings through improvisation.

Charlie Parker said that, "If you don't live it, it won't come out your horn." Whether or not this declaration requires jazz musicians to take chances in life that most people would prefer not to is debatable. But one thing is certain. When it comes time to turn a human story into a musical story, there's no going back to change a note. Improvisation is of the moment.

It also finds itself characterizing not only jazz but klezmer music as well. That's why Don Byron, one of a handful of jazz clarinetists on the scene today, was attracted to the music of Mickey Katz. Up through the swing era, the clarinet was to jazz what the saxophone is to jazz today. And what's a klezmer band without a clarinet?

Jews living in America, while on the one hand retaining their religious and cultural identity, have to a certain extent assimilated into America's melting pot. They have permeated into all fields and interests. Jazz is no exception.

Benny Goodman's small groups of the thirties set new standards for chamber jazz. Along with Gene Krupa, Teddy Wilson, and Lionel Hampton, Goodman's clarinet playing, while securing lines that were even and tonally elegant, could also be blisteringly hot.

Mel Torme's records of the late fifties and early sixties will be remembered by many to contain his finest work. He's not only a great jazz vocalist but also a writer of merit as well.

While some argue that Stan Getz's best work was recorded in 1951 and '52 with his Roost Quartets, others will say that the work he did in his last few years, with the knowledge of a terminal illness, was his finest work. These last recordings are highlighted by the top notch rhythm section of Kenny Barron, Rufus Reid, and Victor Lewis.

Spyro Gyra's Jay Beckenstein is the group's leader and saxman. Recently joining the group, Joel Rosenblatt, a drummer who has

played with Michel Camilo, puts a spark beneath their unique blend of contemporary sounds. If you can schlep a speaker into the bathroom, try listening to "Morning Dance" while in the shower. You'll guarantee yourself an energetic morning.

Israeli Achinoam Nini, more popularly known as Noa, has a self-titled album out which was produced by Pat Metheny. Gil Dor, a student of Metheny's, plays guitar on the album and co-wrote some of the songs.

Other notables include Ben Sidran, Michael Feinstein, Dave Frishberg, Bob Mintzer, Dave Samuels, Wayne Krantz, and Marlene Rosenberg.

While many of these names will be familiar to most people, it is sad to note that the same cannot be said about their music. It is paradoxical that Europeans have paid closer attention to an art form uniquely American than Americans themselves.

Americans have responded to the music of Kenny Gorelek, more popularly known as Kenny G. The multi-platinum seller has even played saxophone with President Bill Clinton. Although you can find Kenny G's recordings in the jazz section of the record store there is much debate as to whether his music is truly jazz.

## Words & Music: All That Jazz

By STEVE COHEN

As Delaware Valley jazz fans debated the success of the recent Mellon/PSFS Jazz Festival, I talked with producer George Wein, the legendary founder of the Newport Jazz Festival.

Wein and his youthful associate, Amy Mandelbaum, are the artistic directors of this series as well as the New York City Jazz Festival.

Some patrons have been puzzled by the choice of acts. People have questioned Festival attractions, like *Schlemiel the First*, which don't seem to be jazz. So I asked Wein how he defines the word.

"At one time it was easily defined," he told me. "It had a 4-4 swing beat. Now a lot of young people, good musicians, mix it with rock and with world music and they call it jazz. I call it 'jazz-type' music."

"In the old days, Benny and Louis and Fats used to say — I'm not sure which one of them said it, and maybe all of them did: 'If you gotta ask, you'll never know'."

Amy Mandelbaum says: "Ask 100 people and you'll get 100 different answers. We try to be inclusive and we try to encourage and nurture the younger musicians."

Asked how he goes about selecting the acts each year, Wein replied: "Dizzy and Sarah used to do a lot of business for us. They filled the Academy of Music. But they're gone, and the younger musicians can't attract enough people to pay for that hall.

So we're trying to put on concerts at small venues to eventually build the musicians into bigger names."

Wein wants to have more events at clubs in the suburbs west of Philadelphia, maybe even in Delaware, as the Festival now does at Ortlieb's Bar and Zanzibar Blue in Philly.

Is there a market here for jazz events? Especially when the artists may not be famous names?

There were complaints, reported and amplified in other papers, that this year's lineup contained too many events that weren't real jazz. But who is writing the definition?

Groves Dictionary of Music said: Jazz. The generic name of a type of dance music based on the idioms of Afro-American folk music and reflecting the emotional characteristics of the negro race (the dictionary didn't even capitalize 'negro'): unrestrained Corbybantic frenzy alternating with passive hopeless melancholy.

Are we agreed that we're not going to use that one?

Roughly speaking, jazz means improvisation. So why isn't the Grateful Dead a jazz group? They spend most of their time improvising.

All the fuss about who's a real jazz artist reminds me of the didactic arguments among Marxists, Leninists and Trotskyites during the 1930's.

*Schlemiel the First* became part of the Jazz Festival because the

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Elizabeth is a graduate of Goldey Beacom with a bachelor of science degree in accounting. She is employed at American Video Training, Chadds Ford. The groom is employed at Citi Steele, Claymont, DE.

The couple will reside in Radnor Green, Claymont, DE.



**Kazinoff-Brookner**

Carrie Michelle Kazinoff and Jeffrey Jay Brookner were married on May 29, 1994 at Congregation Beth Shalom in Wilmington, Delaware.

Their parents are Phyllis Kazinoff of Wilmington, the late Dennis Kazinoff, and Mark and Barbara Brookner of Houston, Texas.

The bride is a graduate of Con-



cord High School, the University of Pennsylvania with a BS in Biomedical Engineering and a Master's Degree from the University of Michigan in Bio-engineering. The groom is a graduate of Bellaire High School,

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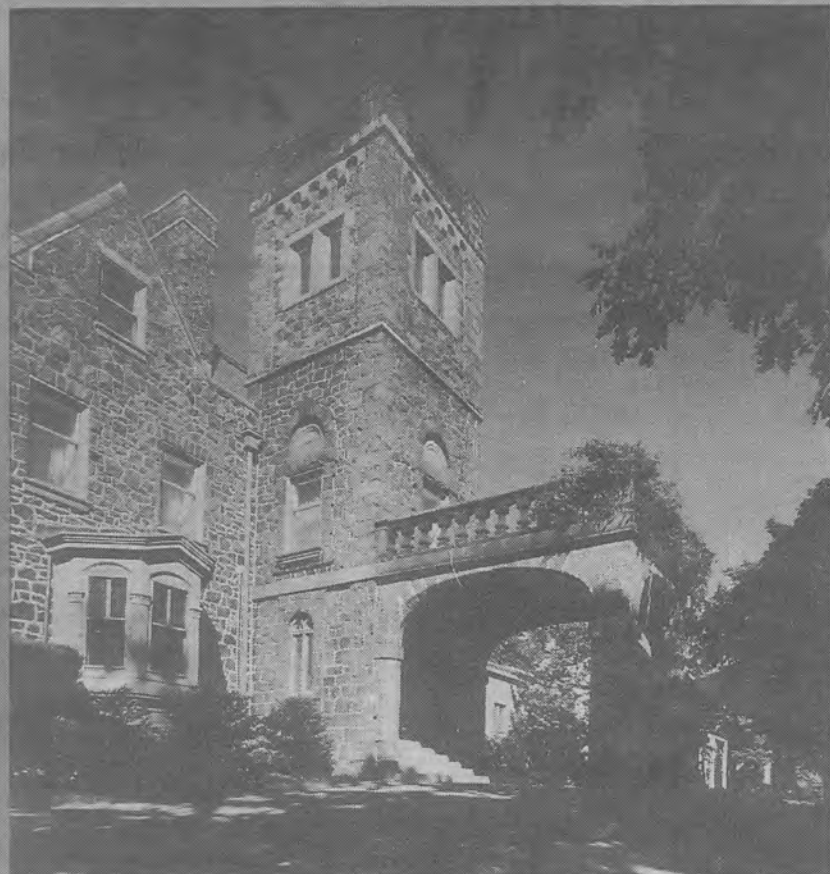
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# SYNAGOGUE LIFE

## The Rabbi Writes: Dignity For Persons With A Disability *Commentary*



Violinist Yitzhak Perlman navigating the Western Wall Tunnels. The tunnels have been made more accessible to people with disabilities by a project initiated by the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC). JDC is a beneficiary of Delaware's continuing 1994 'Live Jewish' Community Campaign. Photo: Admon HaCohen

**By Rabbi LAURENCE P. MALINGER**

*Assistant Rabbi/Director of Education  
Congregation Beth Emeth*

A few years ago, new federal legislation — the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) — was signed into law in 1990. The new law prohibits discrimination based on disabilities in the areas of employment, public services, transportation, public accommodations and telecommunications. Due to provisions in the U.S. Constitution assuring the separation of church and state, however, the act excludes religious entities (with some exceptions, such as running a day care center or nursery school) from the section on public accommodations. While most public places have become accessible to all people with disabilities, most Jewish institutions have not. An open letter by Becca Hornstein illustrates this issue:

I've known for years that my son

has special needs; what I hadn't realized is that he is also invisible...I made a survey of all the synagogues and the two Jewish day schools where my family lives. I asked my first question: "Are you a handicapped-accessible congregation?" Most of them assured me that they were. But as I progressed through my list of questions about large print or Braille prayerbooks for the visually impaired, a support group for families with a member who is disabled, special education classes within their religious school for mentally retarded, communication disordered or learning disabled children — the people to whom I spoke became defensive, and in some cases hostile. Almost all responded that they weren't aware of any disabled Jews in the area who would need such things. What conclusion could I come to, except that my son, and other Jews with disabilities, are

invisible.

Throughout Jewish history, there have been Jews with disabilities. Yet the response has not always been most receptive. No where is this more evident than in Jewish law. Practical and ethical questions regarding the disabled and their interaction within Jewish society have not received much attention from halakhic authorities. Yet, these questions have considerable ethical, finan-

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well as the general community for many years. Individuals and couples, either voluntarily or through referrals from Family Court, come to Jewish Family Service for counseling help on a regular basis.

Much can be done to help people end this violent behavior and move ahead with their lives, through professional counseling help and/or referrals to other types of needed services.

For help, call 478-9411.



Kutz Home residents listen to music at the picnic.

The Jewish Community Center, in cooperation with Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth, Temple Beth El, Chabad-Lubavitch of Delaware, Congregation Beth Emeth and Congregation Beth Shalom, will once again be offering the Adult Institute of Jewish Studies.

There are seventeen different courses being offered this year. Topics range from "Beginning Hebrew" through "Jesus and His Jewishness." Classes will be held on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 and 8:45 p.m., beginning October 5 and ending November 16, 1994.

The cost is \$10.00 per person for two courses. An Adult Institute brochure, containing detailed information on all classes and course instructors, is available for anyone interested in participating. Registration can be made at the Jewish Community Center Front Desk or any of the sponsoring synagogues listed above. All classes will be held at the JCC.

The Adult Institute of Jewish Studies will be sponsoring continuing education courses for faculty members of our Sunday School and Hebrew School facilities in the Delaware area. Information regarding this sponsorship is available in the Adult Institute brochure.

For more information, please call the JCC at 478-5660.



## Coffee, Cake And Contemplations Of Conversations

The Outreach Committee of Congregation Beth Emeth will sponsor an open forum on Thursday, July 21 at 7:30 p.m. in the lounge. Come and participate or listen to experiences of people who are at various

stages in their personal conversion experience. Open to the community. Please call Mary De Vries at 610-388-6135 or Jean Blumenfeld at 478-3835 for more information or to make a reservation.

**August 4  
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## Kutz Residents Attend The Old-Timers Picnic June 8

Each year New Castle County sponsors a picnic at Banning Park for senior citizens.

This year, twenty of our Kutz residents got aboard two vans, one from MBNA and the Kutz Home's own,

and traveled to Banning Park for a great picnic. Accompanying the residents were about fifteen volunteers.

After a short search, we found our own reserved pavilion, than ate a magnificent lunch prepared by our own Kutz kitchen staff. Entertainment followed for all the residents. Many of the seniors joined the line dancing; others just watched the activities and listened to the band. Good food, happy people — a wonderful time for our Kutz residents at the Old Timers Picnic.

## Twentysomethings, Thirtysomethings And Baby Boomers To Party At The JCC Pool On August 20

By AARON GOBLER

Saturday night, August 20, beginning at 8:00 p.m., the Young Jewish Adults of Delaware (YJAD) and Young Leadership Cabinet (YLC) of the Jewish Federation of Delaware will hold a "SUMMER SPLASH" PARTY BY THE POOL outdoors on the Jewish Family Campus of the JCC.

This is the first in a series of joint

events between the two organizations. The YJAD plans social, religious, athletic and cultural events for area singles. The YLC plans social, leadership and community involvement programs for young Jewish leaders in their 20s and 30s, married or single, in the Greater Wilmington community.

Tickets for this exciting event are \$10 if reserved (with payment) by

August 10, and \$12 at the door. Ticket price includes admission, drinks, snacks and desserts. The event will be held "rain or shine." Party-goers are encouraged to dress casually and bring a bathing suit if desired.

Singles and marrieds in their twenties, thirties and forties from the tri-state area are welcome and encouraged to call Artie Allen at the JCC: (302) 478-5660 or Rhonda Foreman: (302) 479-5247 for more information. Checks should be payable to the Jewish Federation of Delaware, 101 Garden of Eden Rd., Wilm., DE 19803.

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## Russian Ballet Theatre Of Delaware To Perform July 20

The Russian Ballet Theatre of Delaware will perform at the Playhouse Theatre in Wilmington on Wednesday, July 20 at 8 p.m. Featured in the program of dances from classical ballets will be guests Leslie Browne of the American Ballet theatre, Daniel Baudendistel of the Joffrey Ballet, and Ilze Liepa of the Bolshoi Ballet.

Many members of the troupe were schooled at the Leningrad-Kirov and Bolshoi ballet academies. Many of the troupe's present members were stranded in the United States when a promoter lost funding and could not return the dancers to the Soviet Union. The dancers regrouped, found support and eventually became the Russian Ballet Theater of Delaware. Their executive Director is Marsha Zutz Borin and their Artistic Director is Anya Ward.

The dance company is the first fully professional resident ballet company to call Delaware home. Some

of the dancers are Jewish.

Tickets which range in price between \$20-\$40 are on sale at the Playhouse Theatre. Special student, senior and group rates are available. For reservations, call The Playhouse Theatre Box Office at (302) 656-4401.

## Houston Federation Brings Shabbat Project To Unaffiliated

By LARRY YUDELSON  
NEW YORK (JTA) — The Jewish Federation of Greater Houston is bringing a revolutionary guest to town this fall: the Sabbath Queen.

The federation is spearheading a community-wide effort in conjunction with the city's 20 synagogues to invite the "marginally affiliated" to celebrate Shabbat.

"Our goal is to mobilize the entire community to participate in some kind of Shabbat observance, minimally once a month," said Lee

Wunsch, assistant executive director of the Jewish Federation of Greater Houston.

## Summer Reading

By DAN WEINTRAUB

Editor of The Jewish Voice

*Deborah, Golda and Me: being female and Jewish in America*  
By Letty Cottin Pogrebin  
Crown Publishers, Inc.

*Race Matters*  
By Cornel West  
Vintage Books - a Division of Random House, Inc., New York

Are you looking for provocative reading this summer? *Deborah, Golda and Me* by Letty Cottin Pogrebin was written in 1991 but is certainly as relevant as any recent release. *Race Matters* by Cornel West is a quick read, and a thorough analysis of experiences across the racial divide. Both books articulate personal visions of hyphenated Americans' plight.

Anyone concerned with the current and historical challenges of such outsiders as women, African-Americans or Jews should read these texts.

Touching on the personal, religious and political, Pogrebin fashions a recollection of her quest to improve the world with the best of feminist thinking and the best of Jewish traditions. Interestingly some of her prescriptions in 1991 for the Middle East read like today's headlines.

She is best describing moments which made her feel like an outsider among Jews or among feminists. She shares her feelings of being excluded from a Minyan at her mother's shiva. She writes of the sense of betrayal and distress when international feminists organized against Israel.

Her chapter on Black-Jewish relations provides an understanding of the roots of today's friction. Earlier this year Ms. Pogrebin was a speaker in a Philadelphia discussion on Black-Jewish relations. Rabbi Stephen Booth of the University of Delaware Hillel brought Jewish university students and African-American university students to the event. The other principal leader of the dialogue was Cornel West.

Cornel West has been Professor of Religion and Director of Afro-American Studies at Princeton and was recently appointed Professor of Afro-American Studies and the Philosophy of Religion at Harvard University. His profound analysis of racial matters in America underpins intelligent prescriptions for change which are not limited by the traditional ideological approaches.

In his chapter on Black-Jewish relations the reader finds a fair-minded thinker whose leadership the African-American community might do well to follow rather than the voices of bigotry.

Although some of his views differ from many in the Jewish community he acknowledges the long history of Jewish suffering and he denounces prejudice.

NEW AND NOTEWORTHY: *How Am I Gonna Find A Man If I'm Dead?* by Fanny Gaynes, published by Morgan Press, is a funny and sad personal account of a Jewish woman's journey with breast cancer. Harold Kushner writes "Fanny Gaynes tells her story with such verve and humor that reader is left rooting for her and feeling better prepared to deal with his or her own problems. A touching and inspiring book."

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Entries for the Calendar of Events are due on the Copy Deadline, published in each edition of *The Jewish Voice*. Copy should be typed and double spaced. Please include day and date, time, place, brief description and contact person.

### JULY

#### Friday 15

**Y.J.A.D. Miniature Golf** 8:30 p.m. at Valley Brook Miniature Golf on Route 202 South in Chadds Ford, PA. Call Michele (302) 892-4255 for information.

**Beth Emeth '94 Summer Series**, 8 p.m. at Beth Emeth. Speaker Rabbi David Wortman. Topic "American Jewry's Domestic Agenda."

#### Sunday 17

**The second YJLC's "Classic Rock"** at Rock Lobster. Party with hundreds of young Jewish Professionals at one of the Delaware Valley's most exciting hotspots on the Delaware River. Enjoy the "Classic Rock Hits of the 70's," cash bar, and complimentary hors d'oeuvres. Cover - \$15 at door; \$10 - YJLC Members w/card. Doors open at 7 p.m. for a Dance-Party and "Light Dinner" all inclusive package of \$29.95. Call (215) 750-YJLC.

#### Wednesday 20

**"Jewish Humor" Book Review** with Bebe Sklut, 10:30 a.m. at the Senior Center of the J.C.C., Bebe Sklut will review "Jewish Humor" by Rabbi Joseph Telushkin. Bebe will discuss Telushkin's view of Jewish survival through the millennia.

#### Friday 22

**Beth Emeth '94 Summer Series**, 8 p.m. at Beth Emeth. Speaker Rabbi Ellen Bernhardt. Topic "Does Ritual Make Sense?"

#### Sunday 24

**Young Jewish Adults of Delaware (Y.J.A.D.) Annual Cook-out and Olympics**. 12:30 p.m. at the JCC Family Campus. \$12.00 includes lunch. For info call either Michele (302) 892-4255, or Dave (609) 678-8029 [h] (302) 992-0400 [w].

#### Wednesday 27

**J.C.C. Senior Center Party**. This

is a dinner and pool party at our Jewish Family Campus. Dinner will be served July 27 at 6:00 p.m. and dancing on the pool deck starts at 7:00 p.m. Both programs are free and open to the community. Advance reservations are required for dinner and transportation is available. Please call the JCC Senior Center at (302) 478-5660 for more information and reservations.

#### Friday 29

**Beth Emeth '94 Summer Series**, 8 p.m. at Beth Emeth. Speaker Dr. Henry Schenker. Topic "My God Doesn't Have an '800' Number."

### AUGUST

#### Friday 5

**Beth Emeth '94 Summer Series**, 8 p.m. at Beth Emeth. Speaker Rabbi Joseph Forman. Topic "God in Reform Judaism."

**Congregation Beth Shalom's "Shabbat Under The Stars"** will be held at 8:00 p.m. at JCC Campsite, 101 Garde of Eden Road. The entire family is invited to welcome to Shabbat... "Under The Stars." Bring lawn chairs or blankets.

#### Friday 12

**Beth Emeth '94 Summer Series**, 8 p.m. at Beth Emeth. Speaker Mrs. Mary DeVries. Topic "The Cradle Jew: Where Have You Gone?"

#### Saturday 13

**Y.J.A.D. Miniature Golf** 8:30 p.m. at Valley Brook Miniature Golf on Route 202 South in Chadds Ford, PA. Call Michele (302) 892-4255 for information.

### Ongoing

**Protection From Abuse Seminars**. The Project For Domestic Violence Reform, Inc. will sponsor monthly seminars on the use, filing and hearing of Protection From Abuse Petitions by victims of domestic violence.

It will be the fourth Wednesday of every month from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at the Delaware Technical and Community College, Wilmington Campus, Fourth and Orange St., and is open to the public without charge.

**On Wednesday nights during the summer Y.J.A.D. Weekly, Non-Competitive Volleyball**, 6:00 p.m. at the JCC Family Campus. \$1 for JCC Members, \$2 for Non-Members. For info call Mike (610) 558-3781.

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## Teachers Overseas for Seminar

Two Delaware teachers — Margaret W. Crouch, who teaches English and humanities at Goldey-Beacom College and Nancy Wyshock, a teacher of English in grades 7, 8, 11 and 12 at Wilmington Christian School in Hockessin — are among 44 Jewish and non-Jewish high school teachers from across the country spending 24 days in Poland and Israel this month [July] as participants in an intensive program of how to teach the Holocaust and Jewish resistance during the Nazi era.

The teachers, who hail from 20 states and the District of Columbia, departed July 5 for Poland, where

they will visit the death camps of Auschwitz, Majdanek and Treblinka and the memorial to the heroes of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising.

After five days in Poland, the teachers will fly on to Israel, where they will attend classes at Yad Vashem in Jerusalem — Israel's Holocaust Memorial and Documentation Center — and at the Ghetto Fighters House of Kibbutz Lohamei HaGetaot.

The teachers will return to the U.S. on July 29.

The Holocaust teachers project was launched 10 years ago. It is sponsored by the American Gathering/Federation of Jewish Holocaust Survivors, the Educators' Chapter of the Jewish Labor Committee and the American Federation of Teachers.

## Ten Questions

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once to understand and appreciate Israel's difficult position and decisions, but mainly because "seeing is believing."

Rather than to bemoan further the low number of American Jewish visitors to Israel and to try to convince these non-visitors to see Israel, here are ten simple questions addressed to those who have never been to Israel or have not been there during the last few years. Just answer them to yourself.

If all your answers or even only a majority are "No," buy yourself a ticket to Tel Aviv for THIS year as you really have no idea what you are missing and don't wait until you are too old to enjoy the greatest experience of your life.

So, here goes:

Have you ever heard reports that a person wasn't enthusiastic about his or her experience there?

Are you really concerned about your personal safety in Israel — fear of "all that's going on over there?"

Is the length of the flight from New York to Israel — the same as to Hawaii — causing you to forego a trip to Israel?

Do you really have no interest to see what miracles have been achieved by your fellow Jews in Israel in 46 years?

Any reason why you would not join a group tour to Israel?

Are there religious or political reasons keeping you from visiting Israel?

Is it impossible for you to be away from your job for one or two weeks?

Do you really consider it necessary to see the rest of the world before visiting Israel?

If you have been there, do you feel you have "seen it all" without need to witness all those unbelievable changes?

DO YOU REALLY KNOW WHY YOU DO NOT WANT TO VISIT ISRAEL?

Just listen to you answers and then decide whether NOW is the time to pay a visit to Israel.

Thanks for listening.  
Joseph L. Huscher  
Willow Grove, PA

## Beth Sholom Tisha B'Av Services

Tisha B'Av services will be held at the Congregation Beth Sholom on Saturday evening, July 16, 8:00 p.m. - Minha services (afternoon); 9:00 p.m. - Maariv services (evening).

According to a statement by the synagogue, "This fast day reminds us of the destruction of both of the Temples in Jerusalem and all of the tragedies that have befallen our people down through the generations."

## Howard Simon, CPA Now Association Chair

Howard H. Simon, CPA, managing director at the Wilmington based firm of Simon, Master & Sidlow, P.A. was elected chairman of the CPA Associates International, Inc., a leading association of accounting firms.

"I am delighted to offer my services to CPA Associations, of which our firm has been a member since 1986," said Mr. Simon. "I look forward to helping guide the mission of this prestigious association which has played such an integral role in our firm's growth."

Mr. Simon has served as president of the Delaware Society of Certified Public Accountants and as a member of the governing council of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. His non-professional activities cover a wide range of civic and religious groups.

A graduate from the University of Delaware, Mr. Simon holds a degree in accounting. In 1988, he was in-

ducted into the Delaware Alumni Association's Wall of Fame for his outstanding professional contributions.

CPA Associates International, Inc. is a worldwide association of CPA firms comprising 63 firms with 35 members in the United States and

28 in foreign countries.

Simon, Master & Sidlow, P.A. is a Wilmington based accounting and consulting firm that specializes in accounting/auditing, tax planning and management advisory services. The regional firm serves growing Delaware, Pennsylvania and New Jersey businesses.

## Authenticity

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In a fundamental sense, they are neither "here" nor "now." But the crucial task for American Jews is precisely the creation of a vibrant Jewish life here and now.

To meet the challenges of the future a new scale of values must begin to dominate. Not "Tradition vs. Change" — we have "changed" so much we can hardly recognize ourselves, and we would hardly be more

American — but rather "Authenticity vs. Artificiality."

An authentic Jew is one for whom Judaism is not one hobby of many, enjoying at best pride of place (perhaps) among aerobic dancing and video games.

An authentic Jew is one for whom Judaism is more than an accident of birth, for use only when it comes time to sign an ad in the *Times* "imploping" Israel to do something or other.

An authentic Jew is one for whom (Continued on page 15)

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## Haiti Rally

Rally for Democracy and Self-Determination for Haiti on Saturday, July 16, at 11:00 a.m. in Philadelphia at The Liberty Bell Pavilion on Market St., between 5th and 6th St.

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## OBITUARIES

**ANNA GELB**

Anna Gelb, 97, of Kingston, Pa., died July 1 in the Milton and Hattie Kutz Home, Bellefonte, Del., where she was a patient for several weeks.

Mrs. Gelb and her husband, Harry Gelb, operated a children's store in Wilkes-Barre, Pa., for several years. They retired in the 1970s.

She was a homemaker and avid gardener.

Mrs. Gelb was born in Austria-Hungary and came to the United States at age 13.

She was a member of Ohav Zedek Congregation, Talmud Torah Sisterhood and Queen Esther Lodge.

Her husband of 78 years died in 1992. She is survived by a son, Dr. Albert of Wilmington; six grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Instead of flowers, the family suggests contributions to Ohav Zedek Synagogue, Wilkes-Barre.

**NATHAN HOBERMAN**

Nathan Hoberman, 90, of The Kutz Home, 704 River Road, Bellefonte, died June 19 in Riverside Hospital.

Mr. Hoberman had been a casino dealer for various casinos around the country and retired in 1964.

He is survived by a sister, Minnie Brownstein of Philadelphia.

Instead of flowers, the family suggests contributions to The Kutz Home, Bellefonte.

**ILSE ROTHSCHILD**

Mrs. Ilse Rothschild, 80, wife of the late Dr. Alfred F. Rothschild,

passed away on July 5, 1994 as a result of injuries sustained in an automobile accident on July 4. Mrs. Rothschild, a long time civil activist who served as president of the National Council of Jewish Women-Worcester Region, worked on a volunteer basis for more than four decades on resettlement of foreign refugees. In addition, she served as a volunteer for the Jewish Family Service and at the Worcester Art Museum. Mrs. Rothschild is a recipient of the National Council of Jewish Women's Hannah G. Solomon Award for Distinguished Human Service.

She is survived by her sons, Edgar of Framingham, Massachusetts; Steven of Wilmington, Delaware and their respective wives, Sandie and Carol; four grandchildren, Jennifer and Michael Rothschild of Framingham and Jeffrey and Peter Rothschild of Wilmington; and her brother Chris Blunt of Venice, Florida.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that contributions be made to The Ilse Rothschild Scholarship Fund at Clark University, 950 Main Street, Worcester, Massachusetts 01610 or any other charitable organization.

**GERTRUDE FRANCES SAMUELS**

Gertrude Frances Samuels, 85, of 7404 Society Drive, Claymont, died July 5 at home.

Mrs. Samuels, a homemaker, was a member of Congregation Beth Shalom, B'nai B'rith and Hadassah.

Her husband, Louis Samuels died in 1979. She is survived by a son, Dr. Bruce of Durham, N.H.; a son, Dr. Bruce of Durham, N.H.; a daughter, Alene Berkowitz of Forest Hills Park; and five grandchildren.

Instead of flowers, the family suggests contributions to Congregation Beth Shalom, Wilmington.

**SELMA GAMIEL ZIESER**

Selma Gamiel Zieser, 95, of 2216 Marsh Road, Brandywine Hundred, died July 8 in Franciscan Health Center at Wilmington.

Mrs. Zieser was a supervisor at Famous Knit Wear, New Brunswick, N.J., and, earlier, in New York.

In 1939, she immigrated with her husband and two sons to Brooklyn, N.Y. from near Frankfurt, Germany. In the early 1970s, she moved from Brooklyn to Devon, Wilmington, and in 1980 to Marsh Road, adjacent to her son, Fred S. Gamiel.

Her first husband, Joseph Gamiel, died in 1959. Her second husband, Morris Zieser, died in 1970. In addition to her son, she is survived by five grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Instead of flowers, the family suggests contributions to charity.

**Dignity**

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cial, humane, and legal implications. Jewish law recognizes that some Jews have physical and emotional limitations that prevent them from observing all biblical and rabbinic precepts. Jewish law exempts the disabled from any guilt they might feel because of their inability to perform certain commandments, thus affirming that the basic worth and spirituality of the disabled are not diminished in any way. Halakhah urges them to achieve their fullest potential as Jews, while exhorting society to assist them in making religious observance possible. Even though Jewish law intends to protect people with disabilities, it has often denied many to participate in Jewish life.

In Judaism, caring about others — people, animals, and all aspects of creation — is a mitzvah (obligation). Caring takes many forms and is based on two basic principles: tikkun olam (striving to improve an imperfect world) and v'avatva l'reiachah

**Beth Shalom School Registration**

Plans are now underway for the 1994-1995 school year at Congregation Beth Shalom. Registrations are being taken in the school office for the Kindergarten and Primary Departments which is a one-day-a-week program for 5, 6 and 7 year olds (1st and 2nd graders).

Children who are 8 years old and/

or going into the 3rd grade in the fall of 1994, should register for the Aleph Class of the Elementary Department which meets three days a week.

In response to interest in the Pre-School Lunch and Learn for 3 and 4 year olds, registration has already begun for a continuation of the program in the fall. For further information about all our programs, call Arlene Davis, Educational Director, at 654-4462.

**Rudnick Family Reunion**

On Saturday, August 6, 1994 at 12 Noon to 5:00 p.m., the Rudnick Family Reunion and Lunch will be held at the Holiday Inn - Downtown on 700 King Street in Wilmington, DE.

Their phone number is 302-655-0400 or 1-800-777-9456. The fee

for lunch is \$30.00 per person.

The families attending are: Rudnick, Porter, Jacobs, Landsman, Hoffstein, Zutz, Goodman, Greenberg, Fields-Neumann, Goldberg, Sklar, and Levine.

For more information contact Carol Porter Kessler of 9993 Sandy Road, Philadelphia, Pa. 19115 at 215-698-0313.

k'mochah (loving others as one loves oneself). Being Jewish has, throughout the ages, often meant being "different." Our "chosenness" has implied "choosing to be special," a religious way of life that places rachmanut (caring), and the desire to empower every individual, at the very center of our religious heritage.

Aside from making our synagogues more accessible with physical modifications and providing tools to assist those members who are either visually or hearing impaired, we must first sensitize ourselves. The words we use when referring to people with disabilities should denote dignity, merit, and ability. In our use of language we choose whether to emphasize people's similarities or their differences. To say a "disabled person" reduces that person to his/her disability, whereas "a person with a disability" emphasizes his/her individuality and humanity first and foremost.

As a rabbi who is hearing impaired, I have often wondered why Jewish tradition was not more acceptable of me early on. Many other hearing and visually impaired Jewish people have complained. One of the major factors contributing to the high incidence of intermarriage among deaf and blind Jews is that they were never included in many Jewish activities because Jewish organizations did not make these events accessible to them. I am fortunate that my parents were very supportive and demanded the religious schools that I attended to provide the special education I needed. With intermarriage and assimilation, the Jewish world is getting smaller. Must we make it smaller by eliminating those among us who have disabilities? We must continue to sensitive ourselves and make our beit tefillah (house of worship), beit midrash (house of study), and beit kneset (house of assembly) accessible to all who wish to enter.

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**Words & Music:**

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American Music Festival Theatre approached Wein, and he used the broadest and most-inclusive of definitions. "We provided lots of adver-

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tising for them, and it helps spread the Festival atmosphere," says Wein. But the Jazz Festival took none of the financial risk and it shared in none of the financial take.

"Klezmer is our jazz," said one of the Jewish musicians from *Schlemiel*. But you could argue the other side and point out that the excellent score for that show was all written-out and not improvised. It was more skin to a Broadway show

or a light opera. No matter. Diversity is interesting

and I'd like to see even more genres of music included next year.

**Jewish Funerals**

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proscribes the washing of hands as a symbol for the people having done all they could for the departed in life and in death.

There are three Jewish cemeteries in the Wilmington Area: The Jewish Community Cemetery, Beth Emeth Memorial Park, and Machzikey Hadas Cemetery. The Mount Sharon section of Sharon Hills Memorial Park serves Dover.

The Jewish Community Cemetery is located in the 400 block of Foulk Road about a half of a mile from Concord Pike. It is composed of three sections: Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth, Beth Shalom, and Montefiore.

Beth Emeth Memorial Park is on Faulkland Road near Dupont Road

in southwest Wilmington. It has a close informal association with Congregation Beth Emeth.

Machzikey Hadas Cemetery is on Wildel Avenue in Minquadale. It requires that Orthodox rituals be performed.

The Mt. Sharon Section of Sharon Hills Memorial Park is west of Dover on Sharon Hills Road. It will only permit flat bronze markers.

Alan Schoenberg and his father, Harold before him, have served the community in Chevre Kadisha since 1950. He has been a licensed funeral practitioner since 1966. If you have any questions related to funerals please submit them to Alan Schoenberg, Schoenberg Memorial Chapel, 519 Philadelphia Pike, Wilmington, Delaware 19809 or call 762-0334.

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**Authenticity**

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participation in the life of the community is an act of nobility, for whom the term "Hadassah ladies" is one of honor, rather than (incredibly) contempt.

An authentic Jew is one who will not brook the denigration of Jews and Judaism, even in the service of otherwise praiseworthy causes.

An authentic Jew is one for whom Judaism's message demands active participation in the greater human community while at the same time forbidding facile subscription to any political agenda evolved outside the Jewish community.

Perhaps most of all, an authentic Jew is one for whom the continuation of Jewish life, i.e., the future for Jewish children, is a priority so high that one centers one's own life around it.

An artificial Jew is none of the above.

What would the application of such a scale of values mean for the Jewish community? First, it would mean that most of our "heroes" would lose their haloes. Ethnicity, wealth, and public prominence would be devalued, thereby allowing the intrinsic values of Judaism to receive the attention they deserve.

Second, it would mean a revolution in our intra-denominational rivalries. Suddenly we could discover, and learn to respect, the contributions being made by all authentic Jews, each in their own way.

Third, it would challenge the current, Jewishly obscene, situation wherein people who are completely ignorant of traditional Jewish culture routinely assert the right to speak for the Jewish community.

Simply put, an emphasis on authenticity would make it more important to know a *mischer*. It would mean recognition of the fact that the *gabbai* who has candy in his pocket for little kids is more important to us than the intermarried Nobel prize winner whose children aren't Jews. And it would mean a reassertion of the uniqueness and power of the Jewish tradition, as a proponent of unexcelled moral, spiritual, and social excellence.

Our "heroes" benefited from the inheritance of that power — and then, by rejecting the centrality of Judaism in their lives, abused it. And we have followed their example. That abuse must end.

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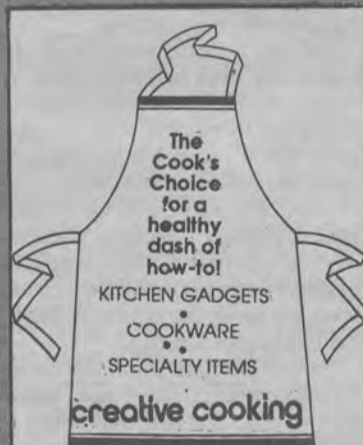
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