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## Israel Frees Longest Held Prisoner In Good Will Gesture To Palestinians

By GIL SEDAN

JERUSALEM (JTA) — In an effort to build confidence among Palestinians for the implementation of the self-rule accord signed last month in Washington, Israel has released its longest-held Palestinian prisoner.

Twenty-three years after Salim al-Zeri entered the gates of an Israeli jail, he was set free Tuesday to the cheers of hundreds of Palestinians who had turned out to greet him.

Zeri, 50, had been a commander in Palestine Liberation Organization Chairman Yasser Arafat's Al Fatah movement. He was jailed in 1970 after he attempted to infiltrate Israel with a terrorist unit from the sea.

The release came as Israel and the PLO were scheduled to resume their negotiations in the Sinai border town of Taba over the implementation of the self-rule accord.

There are an estimated 11,000 Palestinian detainees and prisoners in Israeli jails.

The PLO has demanded that all the prisoners be released as part of the accord, but Israeli officials insist that prisoners convicted of murdering Israelis will not be released.

Yet Israelis preparing a massive release of other prisoners — including administrative detainees, women and minors as well as the elderly and sick — to demonstrate some immediate positive results from the self-rule accord.



Martin J. Fettman, payload specialist (left) and David A. Wolf, mission specialist, are aboard the Space Shuttle Columbia on the Spacelab Life Sciences Mission. This marks the first time two Jewish crew members have flown aboard a NASA shuttle flight.

## UJA's Lion of Judah Conference Participants Roar Into Washington In Numbers Too Big To Ignore



L to R: Toni Young, Ellen Koniver, Shelly Mand, Gloria Fine, Arlene Simon, and Clara Hollander at Lion of Judah Conference.

By DAN WEINTRAUB

Editor Of The Jewish Voice

Delaware participants joined the largest gathering in the history of the United Jewish Appeal (UJA) women's division for the Lion of Judah conference in Washington, D.C. this October. Approximately 1,100 women from 42 states, 100 communities, Canada, Mexico and Israel raised more than \$12 million dollars for UJA and heard from a variety of experts on some of the issues of greatest concern to the Jewish people.

Ms. Toni Young, The President of the Jewish Federation of Delaware (JFD) said, "I was exhilarated by the wide range of impressive speakers and the excitement of being with so many people who believe in what I believe in."

Ms. Ellen Koniver of Delaware explained that she was "taken by the fact that this was the first conference for Lion of Judah, and they had to turn people away." Koniver was also "excited by the commitment of 1,100 women" in attendance.

The historic conference featured such Jewish firsts as a Mid-East peace panel discussion which included Nabil Shaath, PLO Chief Yasser Arafat's political advisor, and, as noted in our last issue, an address by Jordan's Crown Prince Hasein. Marian Wright Edelman, President of the Children's Defense Fund, gave the keynote address. Efrat Rabinovich,

wife of Israeli ambassador to the United States gave opening greetings to the assembled participants.

One meeting concerned the use of building Jewish identity to further the cause of Jewish continuity. Dr. Deborah Lipstadt, author of *Denying the Holocaust: The Growing Assault on Truth and Memory*, spoke out to advocate a method a building Jewish identity which emphasizes how Jews live, Israel as a place of vibrant growing Jewish life, that Jews are different and to make Jewish living important to Jews. Richard Joel, International Director of Hillel, said that since the majority of Jewish college students have not had any Jewish education since their Bar Mitzvah, they have no idea what they are turning away from when they assimilate. According to Joel, Jews think what they are is "not Christian" but instead we should create a positive vision marked by a Jewish sense of belonging, a sense of pride and a connection with Jewishness.

Delaware's Gloria Fine described a discussion she attended regarding Black Jewish Relations led by Diana Aviv, Assistant executive Vice-Chairman, National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council (NJCRAC) and Rabbi David Saperstein, The Co-Director & Counsel of the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism. "Everyone agreed that the goal of Black-Jewish relations should be to erase racism and bigotry," explained Fine. "To that end we need to remember that there needs to be a dialogue between our

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## Christopher Said To Downplay China Transfer Talk

Secretary of State Warren Christopher, in a recent meeting with top officials of The American Israel Public Affairs Committee, clarified the U.S. position regarding reports that Israel transferred U.S. technology.

AIPAC President Steve Grossman said that Christopher "was unequivocally clear that there were absolutely no allegations of Israel transferring U.S. technology to a third party, China."

Recent press reports that the CIA was accusing Israel of selling technology to China had raised a flurry of concern in the pro-Israel community here.

But the CIA report did not specify that Israel had sold any U.S. technology to China, which

is forbidden under U.S.-Israeli agreements.

According to Grossman, Christopher made it clear in his meeting with AIPAC that the United States did not believe Israel had transferred any U.S. technology to China.

The Israeli Embassy here released a statement last week stating that it had not violated any of its agreements with the United States regarding China.

And State Department spokesman Mike McCurry said last week that the United States and Israel have "had considerable dialogue" on the subject of technology sales. But he could not comment specifically on the CIA report.



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In 1957, Times Square in busy New York city, was renamed B'nai B'rith Square for a week in honor of the 114th anniversary of B'nai B'rith. B'nai B'rith — the world's largest Jewish organization with 500,000 members and affiliates in 51 countries — will celebrate its 150th anniversary in October 1993 with events worldwide. Photo credit: Whitestone Photo.

## Peace Now Gets A New Leader

NEW YORK, — Americans for Peace Now expects to increase its profile and influence in the established American Jewish community, following the naming of an American Jewish Committee official as its chief executive officer.

Gary Rubin will move from the centrist AJCommittee, where he is director of national affairs, to the dovish Peace Now on Nov. 1.

The hiring of Rubin to head Americans for Peace Now is being seen as a coup for that organization.

"It puts it solidly on the rack of being not only part of the Jewish community but a leading and active player in the established Jewish community," said an official of another organization, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

APN, which is associated with the Israeli Peace Now movement, has long advocated policies such as mutual recognition of Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization which placed it outside the mainstream of American Jewish organizational life, particularly under Israel's Likud government.

With the signing of the accord between Israel and the PLO, APN is one of a handful of Jewish organizations able to support the Israeli government's policies enthusiastically without appearing to flip-flop from long-held positions.

APN first moved toward the organizational mainstream following the Labor Party's victory in Israel's 1992 elections, when it sought admission to the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organiza-

tions.

Six months ago, in a hotly debated vote, the Conference of Presidents accepted APN's application. Critics had argued that the inclusion of the dovish group in the umbrella organization could prevent the conference from uniting in consensus behind the government of Israel.

The critics had put the spotlight on APN's chief executive officer, Gail Pressberg, whose activism for Middle East peace over the years had many times put her closer to the Palestinian stance than to that of the Jewish community.

Pressberg will now become APN's Washington representative, a post she held before assuming the duties of chief executive officer last year. Supporters of APN hope Rubin's long service within the organized Jewish community will enable the group to help rally a consensus in the Conference of Presidents firmly and loudly behind the peace policies of the Israeli government.

"We're acting now essentially in support of the governmental position," said Rubin.

"I still anticipate there will be many policy issues to be made down the road, having to do with the land, security issues, where people go physically," he said. "I suspect those will be subject to policy debate in the future."

"Shalom Achshav (as Peace Now is called in Israel) will have its own position, and APN will be supporting those positions in the United States," said Rubin.

## Israel and Syria Toughen Rhetoric Dimming Chances of Early Progress

By DAVID LANDAU  
JERUSALEM (JTA) — Israel and Syria are engaged in an escalating war of words.

Syrian President Hafez Assad, caught off guard by Israel's secret negotiations with the Palestine Liberation Organization in Norway, initially gave only conditional approval to the product of those talks: the interim self-rule agreement signed last month in Washington.

But in recent years, Assad has grown openly critical of the agreement and has maintained publicly that the PLO broke ranks with the Arab bloc in forging a separate peace with Israel.

In turn, Israeli leaders, far from attempting to mollify Damascus, have dug in their heels and are demanding that Syria clearly define the nature of the peace it wants to establish with Israel.

The heat on this ongoing verbal battle was turned up this week when Syrian Foreign Minister Farouk al-Sharaa declared that his country would boycott the Washington peace talks if they remained "sterile."

In response, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin declared that he would not be "threatened" by Syrian demands.

Rabin told reporters during a visit to Nazareth on Sunday that Israel is committed to the negotiations with Syria and would accommodate itself to any change in timetable that Damascus requested.

But he added that reaching peace with the Palestinians "does not mean that we must automatically reach an agreement with other parties, if the conditions are not yet ripe."

Rather than offer any concessions to Damascus, Rabin stated bluntly,

"Syria need peace just as much as Israel does."

Israeli policy-makers seem to be interested in delaying the hour of truth with Syria until after Israeli public opinion gets adjusted to the agreement with the PLO. They fear that Israelis may find it too difficult to swallow both agreements — which will involve territorial concessions — in one blow.

According to predictions by Israeli sources, U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher is likely to shuttle between Jerusalem and Damascus next month in a bid to put new momentum into the Israeli-Syrian track of the peace process.

Dennis Ross, Christopher's special coordinator for the peace talks, was making his own trip this week to various Middle East capitals, with a scheduled stop in Jerusalem on Wednesday followed by a visit to Damascus.

Department spokesman Mike McCurry told reporters Monday that Ross had told him the purpose of his trip is to look "at the question of how best to start the peace process from the perspective of the Washington talks."

But for the moment, the Clinton administration has decided to defer the next round of the Washington talks until after Thanksgiving.

The Israelis and Palestinians are meanwhile pushing ahead with their negotiations to implement the self-rule accord.

Damascus is worried that the Rabin government wants to keep the Syrian negotiations "on the back burner" while proceeding to implement its pact with the PLO.

Some commentators feel that Israel's leaders, still flushed with the success of its peace coup with the PLO, are needlessly provoking Syrian animosity.

To the Americans, and also to the Egyptians, the Israeli leaders profess themselves to be as intent and serious today on making peace with Syria as they were before the breakthrough in Oslo.

But Rabin says the Syrians have to this day not specified their readiness to establish a "full peace" with Israel — a peace marked by open borders as well as by full diplomatic, commercial and cultural relations.

Only when he is satisfied that this is what Assad intends will the Israeli prime minister be prepared to negotiate the extent and terms of an Israeli withdrawal on the Golan Heights.

The Egyptian government, which sees itself fulfilling a key middleman role, is seeking to assure both Israel and Syria of the other's commitment and sincerity.

Significantly though, even the Egyptians recognize that the frenetic pace of Israeli-Palestinian negotiations will inevitably take a toll on the Israeli-Syrian track.

In an interview on Israel Television this week, Egyptians top presidential aide Osama el-Baz urged Israel to move ahead in its negotiations with Syria.

But he nonetheless acknowledged that a realistic target date for a declaration of principles between the two countries would be "early spring."

That time frame would probably disappoint the American secretary of state and his Middle East peace team, who are looking for quicker progress.

(Contributing to this report was JTA correspondent Deborah Kalb in Washington.)

## Greek Jews Hope That Papandreou Has Improved

By JEAN COHEN  
ATHENS, Oct. 13 (JTA) — Andreas Papandreou's surprise return to power as prime minister of Greece has brought back memories within the country's small Jewish population of anti-Israel, pro-Palestinian sentiments that permeated the Socialist leader's earlier regime.

Jews and Israelis are hoping that this time around the Papandreou administration will be more favorable toward Israel and Jews, building on the greatly improved relations forged by the just-ousted regime of Constantine Mitsotakis.

During his previous term as prime minister, which lasted from 1981 to 1988, Greek Jews believed that his policies were not only anti-Israel but anti-Semitic as well.

He is remembered for freeing several Palestinian terrorists from prison and calling them "freedom-fighters."

Jews remember a remark Papandreou made on national television while having Palestine Liberation Organization Chairman Yasser Arafat standing at his side.

Papandreou had told Arafat that the Israelis "are doing to you what the Nazis did to them."

And of all the foreign policy promises he made at the time, many Greek Jews recall that the only one

Papandreou did keep was not recognizing Israel.

Most political and diplomatic observers here believe that relations between Greece and Israel will continue to be warm, a relationship that was purposely fostered by Mitsotakis as soon as he came to power.

Almost immediately upon taking the reigns of the government, Mitsotakis created diplomatic relations with Israel, overturning 40 years of very low-level ties between the neighboring countries.

After that, one of the first joint

endeavors the two nations embarked upon was a tourism agreement.

On July 23, Papandreou met with Israel's deputy foreign minister, Yossi Beilin.

According to a source at the meeting, Papandreou told Beilin, "Before you say anything, let me tell you this: In the '80s, my interests were with the Arabs, so I supported them. In the '90s my interests are with Israel. That is why I will support you."

The Jewish community here is hoping the new prime minister will live up to his word.

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### Corrections

- In an article in our last issue about Congressman Mike Castle's remarks at the JCC Sukkah the phrase "Yom Hashoah" was used where "Yad Vashem" was intended.
- In an article regarding the Klezmatics in our last issue, a quote from Ellen Herscovitz, M.S.Ed., misidentified the source as Ellen Hereowitz.

### About The Cover

Beth Weintraub created the leaf prints on this issue's cover.



Because contributions received by The Council of Jewish Federations/Midwest Flood Relief Fund were more than were needed by the Jewish community, CJF has contributed \$250,000 to the American Red Cross for relief in the general community.

## BRIEFS

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## Mayor Blames Rap Woes On Jewish Media Moguls

By TOM TUGEND

LOS ANGELES (JTA) — The twisted tale of a black mayor, a rap star and two Jewish organizations unfolded in the Los Angeles area last week.

The tale — marked by slurs, charges, apologies and renewed charges — involved the attempt by a black political leader to blame rap music on Jewish control of the media.

Most of the action was set in Compton, an incorporated city in the Los Angeles metropolitan area that is inhabited predominantly by African Americans.

At a meeting of the Compton City Council, Eric Wright, better known as Eazy-E, appealed a decision by the Compton police chief.

The chief had denied Eazy-E, formerly of the rap group NWA, which is credited with popularizing so-called "gangsta rap," a permit to produce a video titled "Real Compton City G's."

The video would defame the city's name, the police chief said.

During the heated City Council debate, the floor was taken by Compton Mayor Omar Bradley to berate "Gangsta" rappers, for betraying fellow blacks through negative stereotypes, Bradley said.

"I won't name the specific racial group that's using you, brother, but they are destroying us and having a lunch and a bar mitzvah at the same time. And we know from history that the minute they get finished making enough money off you, you'll be sitting besides Mike Tyson in prison."

The remarks did not sit well with the Jewish community.

The next morning, Bradley appeared with Eazy-E to announce a new pro-Compton video project and to elaborate on his previous remarks.

"While I apologize for the use of the word bar mitzvah," Bradley said, "it is still true that the majority of these black exploitation films and music videos are controlled by non-African Americans, and are, in fact, controlled by people of the Jewish faith."

His statement did little to mollify the two Jewish agencies. At a subsequent news conference, Bradley took another stab at explaining himself. "I would like to apologize for any comments made that were anti-Semitic or hurt the Jewish faith or Jewish people in any way," he stated.

In follow-up interviews and talk shows, Bradley reportedly returned to the theme of black exploitation by Jews.

## U.S. Urged To Press Arabs Harder To End The Boycott Against Israel

By DEBORAH KALB

WASHINGTON (JTA) — Pressure is building on the Clinton administration to step up efforts to end the longtime Arab economic boycott against Israel, which continues even as various Arab parties are entering into economic relationships with the Jewish state.

Assistant Secretary of State Edward Djerejian was bombarded with questions about the boycott last Friday when he testified before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee concerning the administration's Middle East policy.

Sen. Paul Sarbanes (D-Md.) called the boycott "an abominable anachronism," and his colleague, Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan (D-N.Y.), referred to Kuwait's continued observance of the boycott as "obscene."

Since 1946, before the founding of Israel, the Arab League has maintained a boycott against the Jewish state and companies doing business with it.

The boycott has cost Israel billion of dollars in lost trade and also hurts U.S. companies doing business with Israel.

Since coming to office in January, the Clinton administration has taken a vigorous anti-boycott stand welcomed by the Jewish community.

But now that Israel has signed agreements and entered into economic discussions with both the Palestine Liberation Organization and Jordan, calls from both the administration and Congress to end the boycott have become even stronger.

And some in Congress are hesitant to pour money into the new hot cause of Palestinian economic development while the boycott is still in place.

"I think increasingly there's going to be a much stronger consensus developing in the Congress that this practice simply must come to an end," Sarbanes said of the boycott. "I mean, it absolutely contradicts everything else that is now taking place."

"And I can't believe that questions about the resources we should commit to development packages involving the Palestinians or other Arab countries" are not "increasingly going to have a spotlight placed upon them if we can't make some advances in this area," he said.

Djerejian, who heads the State Department's Bureau of Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs, said the administration feels the boycott is "an anachronism completely out of step with recent developments in the peace process."

The administration has been busy reassuring members of the Jewish community that it is doing all it can to encourage Arab nations to end the boycott.

Secretary of State Warren Christopher, in a recent meeting with top officials of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee, spoke strongly of the administration's anti-boycott efforts, according to AIPAC President Steve Grossman.

Grossman attended the Oct. 13 meeting, along with the group's acting executive director, Howard Kohr. The 40-minute meeting, Grossman said, was initiated by Christopher.

"He was very hard-hitting in his intention" and that of President Clinton "to secure movement on this issue," Grossman said.

At the Senate hearing, Djerejian cited progress on the so-called secondary and tertiary boycotts against companies doing business with Israel. Kuwait, he said, was one country making progress with those aspects of the boycott.

But in response to a question from Sarbanes, Djerejian acknowledged that the United States had heard that the Arab League may add more companies to its boycott list at its upcoming Oct. 24 meeting.

## European Rabbis Meet In Ukraine

By JED SUNDEN

KIEV, Ukraine (JTA) — The European Board of Rabbis held a meeting here last week that marked the first time it had convened in any of the countries of the former Soviet Union.

Rabbi Yaakov Bleich, a Brooklyn native who is now chief rabbi of Ukraine, welcomed Jewish leaders from 47 countries to the conference.

The parley was headed by Lord Immanuel Jakobovits, formerly the chief rabbi of Britain.

In his opening remarks, Bleich noted the historical significance of the event.

"After 70 years of communism in Ukraine, that such an event, the meeting of rabbis, would happen in Kiev seems unbelievable," he said.

In the aftermath of the Russian Revolution in 1917, the Communist government confiscated hundreds of synagogues and community buildings in Ukraine.

Last year, Ukrainian President Leonid Kravchuk signed a decree establishing a system of restitution for property confiscated from religious communities.

## McDonalds Opens In Israel

By HUGH ORGEL

TEL AVIV (JTA) — "Big Mac" arrived in Israel on Thursday, when the first of what is planned to be a major chain of McDonald's fast-food outlets opened its doors under the famous golden arches.

The restaurant opened with great fanfare when William Brown, the U.S. ambassador to Israel, and Ramat Gan Mayor Zvi Bar met with Amri Padan, McDonald's Israeli concessionaire, to relish the first burger served at the new restaurant, in the Canion Ayalon shopping mall in Ramat Gan.

The \$2 million restaurant, which seats 450, is the first of five Padan plans to open.

The restaurant does not have a kosher certification, as it serves

cheeseburgers and is open on the Sabbath. All the meat served, however, is kosher, as research has shown that Israelis prefer kosher meat, Padan said. Other branches will not serve cheeseburgers and will have kashrut certificates, Padan said.

McDonald's executive Jim Skinner, who is in charge of the Middle East region for the Chicago-based chain, said the Ramat Gan outlet is the first in the Middle East, but not for long. A branch is to open in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, within the month, with others to follow in the Saudi city of Jidda, as well as Bahrain and Egypt.

While the authentic, American Big Mac is new to Israel, the idea is not. A kosher spinoff, McDavid's, has been operating in Israel for years.

## Rabin Meets With Indonesian President

By CYNTHIA MANN

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Rabin met last week with President Suharto of Indonesia, the largest Islamic state. Indonesia, which heads the Organization of Non-aligned States, does not have diplomatic relations with Israel. His trip to Indonesia followed a five-day visit to China.

Indonesian officials said the meeting with Rabin did not mean they were planning to establish relations with Israel, although they did say that

the openness of the session clearly was new.

In the Indonesian capital of Jakarta, Rabin said it was important to get the message across to the non-aligned nations about "the opportunities for cooperation with Israel."

"It is necessary to get international support for the peace process and bilateral support from these countries," he said.

The prime minister also stopped in Singapore and Nairobi for meetings.

## Israel and PLO Meet And Agree on Steps

By GIL SEDAN

JERUSALEM (JTA) — A month after the Israelis and Palestine Liberation Organization signed their historic accord for Palestinian self-rule in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank town of Jericho, leaders of the formerly bitter adversaries held meetings to get to the nitty-gritty of the agreement.

Israeli and PLO leaders reached agreement on several immediate procedures to begin implementing the Palestinian self-rule accord signed by both parties Sept. 13 in Washington.

One of the most contentious issues, the border of Jericho and the area over which the Palestinians will have dominion, is on the agenda for a future meeting.

As the liaison committee was convening in Cairo, other Israeli and PLO negotiators were meeting in the Sinai border town of Taba to discuss details for implementing the accord.

At a two-day PLO meeting in Tunis, PLO chairman Yasser Arafat fully took the reins of negotiations with Israel by placing men loyal to him at

the helm of key committees and purging opponents from the PLO.

In a strong move, Arafat barred from Tunisia several PLO officials who opposed the accord signed with Israel.

A two-day meeting of the PLO Central Council ended Tuesday with a unanimous endorsement of Arafat as executor of the negotiations with Israel.

In Cairo, the liaison committee, which has the task of overseeing all general arrangements for implementing the accord, agreed to hold its meetings in Cairo every two to three weeks.

The committee further agreed to establish subcommittees to deal with specific issues as they arise.

In line with this thinking, the liaison committee called for the immediate establishment of an Israeli-Palestinian economic cooperation committee.

Among major issues discussed in Taba were the precise borders of the West Bank city of Jericho, which will fall under Palestinian self-rule.

At the airport back home, Rabin said the accord with the PLO had opened up countless diplomatic and economic opportunities that would be realized over time.

He said he was not disappointed by the fact that several countries he visited have indicated that official recognition of Israel would not come immediately.

"There is no doubt in my mind that the mutual recognition between Israel and the PLO, the signing of the agreement in Washington of the declaration of principles, created new openings vis-a-vis the non-aligned countries, the Islamic world and Arab countries," he said.

The Palestinians are demanding that their domain extend over the entire Jericho region, while Israel is insisting on limiting the area to Jericho's city borders.

The group was also to discuss how Palestinians will be able to travel between Gaza and Jericho.

The Palestinians want to create a corridor between the two autonomous entities. Israel insists on granting special permits for travel on Israeli roads between the two regions.

A third topic to be discussed will be control of the border points between Jericho and Jordan, and between the Gaza town of Rafah and Egypt.

Fourth, the Taba group will discuss who will control water resources in Gaza and Jericho.

Fifth, the negotiating teams will agree on the terms and conditions of Israel Defense Force movements in the two areas after the Israeli withdrawal from Gaza and Jericho.

According to the terms of the self-rule accord, the withdrawal must be completed no later than April 13, 1994.

## EDITORIALS

## Julia B. Blumberg

Quite a number of years ago a book was written describing the shtetl experiences of many of our grandparents, even parents, in Eastern Europe. The title of this book is *Life Is With People*. In four short words this title summarizes so much of Jewish life throughout our history, not only in the small communities of the lands from which we can trace our roots.

But the title also speaks to us of Julia B. Blumberg for whom we have gathered today. Julia's life was one of involvement, but not just in the numerous organizations in which she played an active role; rather the broader involvement with the people of those organizations. In all the years I knew Julia I always sensed that she had a vision and that she was determined to be an active player in seeing that vision come to pass.

The vision was one of life, of making a



difference, of fashioning goals and objectives that would give meaning and vitality to the activities of those groups and, above all, that would give a sense of purpose to those who joined in the causes of those groups. While Julia was quick to acknowledge her role in the success of a variety of programs, this was a justifiable pride. Julia worked hard; she encouraged others; she gave of her time and energy, and she knew just what she was doing to draw you and me into the efforts she felt were worthwhile.

So I guess this made her the consummate educator, for who could not learn from Julia!? I truly believe that of all her roles across the years she was most proud of her background as educator. Before marrying her beloved Leo, Julia was on the faculty of Bethlehem (PA) Senior High School. But that in itself does not tell the entire story. The lives of all her students — young and old — become important to Julia. Her encouragement to the youngsters of our congregation was often subtle, one-on-one in so many locales. Julia tended to boast about many things, but the one thing I never heard her boast about was the way she would zero-in on the talents of children around her and prompt them not to hide these abilities in a barrel but to put them to good use for the sake of others.

Someone asked me what her pet project was, and I seriously could not say. Many years ago she organized the first chapter of B'nai B'rith Women in Bethlehem and served as the president. Seven years later she was elected president of B'nai B'rith Women of District No. 3 incorporating four states, and also served on its national executive board. Julia was National Chairwoman of its Career and Counseling Service, and perhaps it was from this B'nai B'rith link that she became so deeply

involved with the Hillel organization for Jewish students at our University of Delaware. Julia regaled me with many stories about her close ties to the young people on campus, and every milestone of Hillel was one which she looked upon with the deepest of pride. She once told me that she considered these college students her children, and experiencing their progress and achievements was uplifting and very rewarding for her.

If "life is with people," then Julia knew just how to organize them. As president of the Greater Wilmington Federation of Women's Organizations she was able to lead fifty-six groups under this umbrella very effectively, promoting mental health, quality environment, water conservation and other causes which were near and dear to her.

And how Julia labored for our Sisterhood and our congregation! A former president of Sisterhood, she moved up the ranks and became Treasurer of District 8, National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods, establishing their first budget, and then being asked to serve on

the national board of NFTS for four years.

Just three years ago Julia received a citation from the Milton and Hattie Kutz Home which read, "in appreciation for many years of dedicated and devoted effort on behalf of the Kutz Home and its Auxiliary." Julia let me know that this citation was on a handsome onyx on walnut plaque. Indeed, the Kutz Home was also a pet project of this community leader.

But, you know, with all of the organizations who were touched by Julia's presence across the years the list itself really does not tell us much about Julia. After her Leo died she could not be motivated to go to the opera. Yet, as it was told to me, she continued to be a patron purchasing two tickets. She insisted they be given to a blind couple stating, "just because they lived in a world of darkness doesn't mean they can't enjoy the world of music."

She would not reveal her age. That to her was only a number and an irrelevant one at that. She once said to me that all the curious

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## LETTERS



CAMPAIGN WEEK '94 • JANUARY 7-16

## The Campaign Chair Says Insure Our Future

By BARBARA H. SCHOENBERG

Can you imagine being the Chairman of the Annual Campaign of the Jewish Federation of Delaware? A few months ago, when I was asked to serve in this capacity, my first thought was, why me? Then, after much soul searching, I agreed to accept this most awesome responsibility, primarily because my Jewish identity is extremely important to me and I was hopeful that I could make some small contribution to raising the conscience level of all of us so that our children will continue to have the benefits of the wonderful Jewish resources we now enjoy in our community.

Many of us ask, what is the Jewish Federation of Delaware? It is most unfortunate that, over the years, "the Federation" has been perceived by many in a very negative way. In truth, the Federation plays a critical role in the continuity of our community. It is our local Jewish Congress. EACH of us is a piece of our community at large and at different times we each have the need for an organized body to enrich or console our lives. The Federation is a critical nucleus of personnel and volunteers dedicated to the singular goal of seeing the community survive and thrive to the next generation. It serves as a coordinating body for all of our Jewish Agencies, represents each of us in the community at large as Jews, and responds to questions on Jewish issues both locally and in the world. The Jewish Federation speaks out on anti-semitism on our behalf, and most recently, had the privilege of responding for the community to the peace initiative in the Middle East. It maintains a calendar of all Jewish activities so that conflict is avoided.

The Jewish Federation of Delaware is responsible for raising sufficient funds to support our local agencies, including the Jewish Community Center, Jewish Family Service, Albert Einstein Academy, Gratz Delaware Hebrew High School, Kutz Home, The Jewish Voice, Jewish Community Relations Committee (and many other worthy local causes), in addition to providing critically needed funds to Israel and world Jewry to insure the survival of the Jewish people. This effort is accomplished through the Annual Community Campaign. It is with regret that I must inform you that we simply do not raise enough money currently to guarantee all of the services necessary to meet the

needs of our Jewish youth, teens, adults and elderly. We must make a quantum leap in our giving NOW so that the services provided by our Agencies can continue.

As Jews, we are on the brink of the most extraordinary event in history. For the first time there is hope that Israel will be able to survive and thrive in peace. As Jews in America, we MUST rise to the challenge of providing sufficient funds for world Jewry to guarantee that survival. In order to accomplish this, we need the support and commitment of each and every one of you. We developed our Campaign theme, LIVE JEWISH — "Remember Our Past... Insure Our Future", with the hopes that each of us will rise to meet the critical financial needs of the times in which we live. Surely, we all want our children to be able to live as Jews for generations to come. When you consider your contribution to the 1994 Campaign, I appeal to you to be as generous as possible to assure our Jewish survival.

We have planned an exciting Campaign Week which will begin on January 7, 1994 with Federation Shabbat and conclude on January 16, 1994 with Super Sunday. Mark your calendars now so that you can participate in as many activities as possible. We are pleased to announce the detailed schedule of events in this issue of the Voice. The schedule provides the opportunity to participate in stimulating and fun events for everyone, from infants to seniors. Take the time to join in the community events. The return on your investment will be immeasurable. The Campaign Cabinet has spent innumerable hours to organize activities that will be appealing and memorable. Allow yourself to have the meaning of tzedakah rekindled, and, if, by chance, something in the past has turned you off, put it to rest, and give YOUR community a new chance to meet your Jewish needs. We have an outstanding new Executive Director and revitalized staff at the Federation committed to assuring that your needs are met. LIVE JEWISH — "Remember Our Past... Insure Our Future" with your personal financial commitment to the 1994 Annual Community Campaign. Together WE WILL ensure the continuation and progress of our Jewish Agencies, and, most importantly, a Jewish State of Israel, in years to come.

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OPINIONS

**Playground Volunteer Celebrates Community**

Dear Editor,

The recent all-volunteer effort at the Jewish Community Center to construct a children's playground for the Einstein School, unparalleled in our area, was a great success in many ways. I worked alongside Richard Stat on the project, as a representative of the Center's Building and Grounds committee.

While the playground project was, in its origins, replacing and improving the old equipment — something else very important also took place at the J.C.C.

Years ago, 25 years back, the old style community organizers in cities used to say that in community building, community empowerment, or community strengthening — citizen participation was key.

Today, Latin American Christian Missionaries, under the auspices of Liberation Theology apply the same principle to organizing the poor for community projects in the Christian base communities. In that part of the world it is called "Theology Of The People" or "Popular Consciousness" — a secularized form of traditional church doctrine.

For us, the participation on the playground project was something to behold. For four days, volunteers from the community (250 strong, 70 or 80 a day) worked weekends, took vacation days from their jobs, and labored well into the evening to complete the playground. A combination of local businesses, family and friends, all working together is an indication not only of the strength in numbers but of the unity of this community.

The strength and weakness of any community organization is derived from the people who participate, especially due to our Ameri-

can society being based on volunteerism in a large sense. We had a record turnout number of volunteers on the job with not only skilled labor, manual labor, but childcare and food preparation. We saw participation by local firms donating entire days with construction equipment, minority-owned businesses pitching in, and even some union contractors helping to get the job done.

All those who contributed to the playground project experienced the benefit of giving oneself, and this is the best type of donation that we can see in our society.

Mostly, in communities the problem has been lack of interest or lack of opportunities to get involved. This project, for the benefit of the children in preschool and at the Center, was a prime opportunity for all of us to participate. It was a challenging, and complex community project. The organizing and completion of the project showed significant strengths for this community.

In this project we were able to work together with our friends, make new ones, and best of all the children have a safe and stimulating area to play in.

I personally, am thankful for the support and encouragement given by Mark Caplan, J.C.C. president, and for the leadership that was given by David Sorkin, director of the center — and also Eileen Wallach, and Jane Hormadaly. The opportunity given us by the Leviton family and the Levin family, with the direction provided by playground committee co-chairs Amy Leviton and Ellen Hexter (along with Robin Rosenfeld, Susan Parcels, and Wendy Weingartner) has left us a tangible legacy as well as a place for the children to play.

I am happy to have had the opportunity to participate in the playground project. As long as we see children playing and learning on this new playground we will continue to be re-

mindful of the commitment and dedication to our children and to this community.

**Mark Delmerico**  
Wilmington, DE

**Blumberg**

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people should roll up their sleeves and work and they, too, would then not have the time to care about such silly matters. Up until a few weeks ago there was no slowdown to her mind. The stories so many of us have heard, the incidents that she stored as precious gems, her bonds to people great and small were memories that gave her so much warmth. And Julia had to relate them for she knew therein lay a lot of history, a link to the past and a foundation for the future.

Julia was a clubwoman *par excellence*. Indeed as many have said, an era has passed with her death. When Julia raised her hand at Sisterhood meetings and came forward with her report there was a dignity and a formality to her words, a seriousness in her concern, and above all a great deal of thought in her communication. One got the feeling that she had personally written *Roberts Rules of Order*, that the flow of a meeting determined the value of its function.

But there was one more thing about Julia. Her favorite expression was "don't just add years to your life, add life to your years." Sisterhood heard that phrase for Julia was its life membership chairperson. The Kutz Auxiliary heard that phrase for Julia was its life membership chairperson. She was a life member of those organizations as well as Hadassah, National Council of Jewish Women, and honorary life member of the Faculty Wives' Club of

what is today's Widener University, yesterday's Pennsylvania Military College of which Dr. Blumberg played so important a role. Those life memberships were incredibly important to Julia. She enrolled her goal of 500 life members for the Kutz Auxiliary and scores in our Sisterhood.

Yes, Julia added life to her years. Nothing was going to get her down. Even after she fell in the spring she was determined to get stronger yet it was not to be.

As much as she labored for the Kutz Home she could not bear the thought of not living independently and, quite honestly, she gave up the fight. There wasn't one person who didn't chide her about her sudden change in attitude, but she adamantly told me that she was ready to die. Well Julia *lived* until she could live no more, and there are folks beyond number who remember her fondly, who mourn her death, who were bound up with her as family, and who were touched by her presence among us.

Her epitaph and that of her husband will be "held in esteem and affection by all." This is on their monument in Hazelton, Pennsylvania where she will be laid to rest this afternoon, and this is in our hearts today.

*Zecher Tzadik l'vracha*, May the memory of this righteous woman who labored on behalf of humanity serve as a blessing for each of us. (This eulogy was delivered by Rabbi Peter Grumbacher at the funeral of Julia B. Blumberg)

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## LOCAL

## Delaware Chemist Honored At White House

By DAN WEINTRAUB  
Editor Of The Jewish Voice

Delaware's George Levitt, a retired former DuPont scientist was recently awarded a National Medal of Technology for discovering sulfonylureas, a new class of herbicides that are said to be more environmentally friendly. The medal was presented by President Clinton in a Rose Garden ceremony earlier this fall.

Levitt described the ceremony as "mind-boggling and a highlight in my life."

Herbicides based on Levitt's discoveries "inhibit a single enzyme that occurs only in plants, resulting in a product that is extremely safe to man and wildlife" according to DuPont spokesperson Suzanne Shaw. "This very specific mode of action offers farmers excellent weed control using, at least 90 percent less volume per acre than conventional herbicides. The sulfonylureas also are en-

vironmentally friendly since they degrade naturally in the soil in a short period of time," explained Shaw.

"I have left a legacy for the community," said Levitt. "That legacy is 'a better way to raise the crops needed to feed the world, that is very gratifying."

"These products, I feel, are safe to mankind, that is especially important to me because we buy food in the supermarket too. And in fact we in the crop protection chemical industry are particularly concerned that the food supply is safe. In fact it's the safest in the world," asserted Levitt.

Levitt, 68, retired from DuPont in 1986 after a 30 year career. Levitt has been awarded 102 U.S. patents. He has been honored by the Swiss Society of Chemical Industries, National Agricultural Marketing Association, Duesquesne University, American Chemical Society and Michigan State University. Levitt earned B.S. and M.S. degrees in chemistry from

Duesquesne University and a Ph.D in organic chemistry from Michigan State University.

Levitt noted that of eight recipients of the Medal of Science at the White House on the day Levitt was honored, two winners who were women also happened to be Jewish. Three Medal of Science winners were previous Nobel Prize recipients. To date other than Delaware's Levitt, there have only been approximately 75 winners of the Medal of Technology since the award's establishment.

Levitt brought his granddaughter Allyson Klein, now 8, to the White House ceremony. Allyson "hugged the President and told him she wanted him to bring peace to the world," said Levitt. Levitt's granddaughter, who now lives in Virginia, is a former member of the Jewish Community Center (JCC) in Delaware.

The "quite impressive" gathering at the White House, included Vice-



Dr. George Levitt (right), retired DuPont chemist, was awarded the 1993 National Medal of Technology by President Bill Clinton in a White House Rose Garden ceremony. Levitt is standing next to Dr. Marinus Los, American Cyanamid Co., who also was honored for his herbicide discovery.

President Gore, 3 or 4 cabinet members, some Senators and Congressional members according to Levitt. "I was very excited and impressed in a positive way with the entire occasion," said Levitt.

"I found the President to have a

pretty quick mind," Levitt remarked. "The temperature was pretty cool that day. Clinton said if he could get someone to raise the temperature 6 degrees he would have given them a National Medal of Technology on the spot."

## Kutz's New Director Has Big Plans For Home

By DAN WEINTRAUB  
Editor Of The Jewish Voice

Steve Willens is the new Executive Director of the Milton and Hattie Kutz Home. He comes to Delaware after serving as Chief Operating Officer of the Hebrew Home of Greater Washington, in Rockville, Maryland, and previously as Assistant Executive Director at the Jewish Home for Aged of Worcester County, in Massachusetts.

Willens responsibilities include oversight of the Kutz Home's daily operation, reporting to Board Meetings, budget preparation, compliance with state regulations and development of new programs. Willens first efforts have been to establish a favorable working environment amongst

Kutz Home employees in order to "obtain the right employees with good feelings to do a good job" in hopes of providing a good quality of care. "I want to open communication among employees," says Willens "and develop a shared goal of continuous improvement and resident satisfaction."

Presently the Kutz home has added physical rehabilitation services as a result of its recent Medicare certification. In the near future the Kutz Home will add a satellite dining room for traditional residents as well as a separate unit for residents with severe behavioral disorders.

Residents with severe behavioral disorders, or "care-giver challenges" will have their own therapeutic space within their own wing at the Kutz Home. Such a unit would include soft music, more intense staffing and more one-on-one supervision and interaction. During the daytime and during meals it is easier for staff to address the needs of care-giver challenges if they are in a different space than traditional nursing home residents.

The "Kutz facility recently became Medicare certified," explained Willens "this now allows us to take in admis-

sions from hospitals requiring skilled nursing services or physical rehabilitation." The Kutz Home has a physical therapist on the premises five days a week working in a previously unused lounge.

For traditional nursing home residents, Willens says Kutz is setting up an activity center in the L-shaped lounge that is going to become "our satellite dining room."

Residents currently can enjoy the Kutz Home courtyard which, because the building is rectangular, "is wonderful and secure," says Willens. The courtyard is landscaped with flowers, bushes and ornaments. Since it is secure it is available to all residents.

Over the next few years Willens hopes to oversee the addition of a cost-effective assisted living service. Willens also looks forward to the additions of a dementia care unit, expansion of beds and single rooms. Willens indicated the later innovations were dependent upon renovation. Willens also hopes to establish a hospice care program at Kutz.

Assisted living units are for "folks who are one-step above nursing home care." Willens says our community has a gap between, for example,

independent living in the B'nai B'rith House and the residents of the Kutz Home. Assisted living would provide otherwise independent older adults with medication management, three meals daily, nurses aid availability and housekeeping.

The new Executive Director seems particularly enthusiastic about beginning a dementia care unit over the next few years depending upon renovation. "Rather than having a locked room as an Alzheimer unit, we want to establish a dementia care unit and service all dementia patients." Willens plans are to convert a dining room into a multi-purpose activities center. Patients requiring dementia care would have certain activities including a false kitchen, clothes to rummage through, drawers, and the like, so these "people are continuing their daily activities rather than sitting in front of a television." Such healthy activities would allow separate and therefore more effective supervision of such residents.

Summarizing the variety of present and planned programs Willens explained "we are trying to create a building of programs rather than one large mish mosh." He said "The idea is to service needs in smaller groups and programs to bring the Kutz Home into the 1990s."



## General Colin Powell Speaks To Delaware/Maryland JNF

By DAN WEINTRAUB  
Editor Of The Jewish Voice

In what he described as "his first public appearance since retiring" General Colin Powell, former Chairman of The Joint Chiefs of Staff, extolled Israel, positioned himself as a friend of Jewish concerns and indicated some of the broad outlines of his vision of America. On Sunday, October 17, at the elegant Hyatt Regency Hotel, in Baltimore's Inner Harbor, the Delaware and Maryland region JNF's Blue and White Gala, the four-star general showed his prowess trading a uniform and a military command for a tuxedo and a political speech. Drawn to hear the General and raise money for a reservoir in Israel, the region's donors contributed over \$200,000 to the Jewish National Fund.

Powell emphasized his support for continuing close ties with Israel. On the domestic front, Powell saluted another honoree's vision of "blacks and whites, Jews and gentiles, coming together" and suggested that more of American society could benefit from the military's example in discipline, respect, tolerance and perhaps drug testing. Powell, whose prospects as a candidate for public office are frequently touted, intro-

duced such potential campaign themes as a strong military, a social conservatism modeled upon military life and racial harmony.

Powell was a witness to the September 13 signing of agreements between leaders of Israel and PLO on the South Lawn of the White House. "I was there on that beautiful early fall day in the first row," recalled Powell, as he watched his "old friends Prime Minister Rabin and Foreign Minister Peres move onto a new exciting path to peace with a new friend." Powell explained that despite the fact he previously was no admirer of PLO Chairman Yassir Arafat "there he was making a new commitment to peace." Powell called the events on that recent historic day a "moment of great hope and high anxiety."

Powell said he "felt flush" after Prime Minister Rabin and Chairman Arafat shook hands. Later Powell himself "shook hands warmly" with Rabin whom he had "known for many years through many meetings." Foreign Minister Shimon Peres quipped to Powell that day "Good to see you if I knew any Yiddish I'd say a bit." "Try a bissel," said Powell who learned Yiddish from a Jewish employer in New York years ago.

The General related Arafat's ex-

planation for wearing a military uniform to a diplomatic occasion, "Why not, Chairman Powell wears a uniform," the PLO leader said.

Powell expressed his hope for a just and lasting peace. He declared that the region needs a peace for the Jews of Israel and all their neighbors. Powell said he "prays for peace and success for our efforts in the region. Shalom aleichem."

Voicing his continued strong support for Israel, Powell declared "Peace must be built on a foundation of strength. Therefore Israel must have a continued qualitative military advantage in the region." Powell called for the strategic relationship between the US and Israel since 1947 to continue and be strengthened. "It must never change," Powell said. "Israel must be in the vital interests of the United States."

Powell elaborated that "The United States must be seen as a reliable

partner for forces of moderate change.

Powell recalled a visit to the Kremlin with then Secretary of State George Shultz to meet with Mikhail Gorbachev, the leader of the Soviet Union. Powell recalled raising issues with Gorbachev such as "arms control, human rights, the rights of refuseniks, the needs of Jews to freely emigrate and the needs of Jews to freely worship. Powell went on to discuss remarkable changes in the world in the aftermath of the cold war. The General spoke about leaders of Eastern European nations who told him "now more than ever we need American involvement" overseas. He saluted the ongoing reduction in the number of weapons in our nuclear arsenal. Powell cautioned against the potential economic detriment of reducing our military force too quickly. He pointed to regional conflicts such as the Persian Gulf war as the future purview of American military forces.

Powell was awarded the Shalom Award from the JNF Delaware and Maryland region. Tree of Life awards were given to Michele Lax and Arthur L. Silber. Allen Quille was a Hatikvah Award Honoree. Quille, who is affiliated with the Bank of Baltimore, Maryland's Governor's civic fund, the Zionist Organization of America and the NAACP, spoke of challenges faced by both the Black and Jewish communities.

## Media and The Mid East

The Sisterhood of Adas Kodesh Shel Emeth invites the entire community to its next General Meeting on Monday, November 1st at 7:30 PM.

The featured speaker will be Alan Loudell, Program Manager of WILM News Radio. Mr. Loudell will address the audience on the topic: "Media Coverage in the Middle East."

LOCAL

Limited Business Ties Between Delaware and Israel

By DAN WEINTRAUB  
Editor of The Jewish Voice

According to the new book *Partners For Change, How U.S.-Israeli Cooperation Can Benefit America*, by Mitchell G. Bard of the American-Israeli Cooperative Enterprise, today 15 states have cooperative agreements with Israel. Bard suggests programs can be established in states such as Delaware "that focus on the unique needs of individual states and seek to build economic bridges between individual states and Israel." The author advocates creation of foundations to fund research and development between state universities and business and those in Israel. Further he suggests state-based chambers of commerce dedicated to increasing business opportunities with Israel be created.

In a telephone interview, Giora Meyuhas, the recently named Israel Economic Minister to North America, indicated many states are finding that "Israel is a good place to do business." Meyuhas spoke of agreements with Massachusetts, New York, Connecticut, and California as examples of states with economic agreements with Israel. Meyuhas says Israel would be "delighted to open such relations with Delaware."

According to Meyuhas, several Delaware companies are already trading with Israel or Israeli companies. He mentioned Melco, AJCS Industries, Careriet and JE Rhoads & Son, as Delaware companies doing business with Israel.

The Economic Minister credited the peace process with increased interest in doing business with Israel. "A Swiss banking organization selected countries in which in five years it will be most attractive to do business. Israel came in third after China and Korea."

State governments can approach business people to promote initia-

tions of trade, research, development and joint venture with Israel, according to Meyuhas.

David Mathe, of the International Trade Section of the Delaware Development Office, indicates that exports from Delaware to Israel ranked 11th over all in 1992 at \$21,768,059. Since his office focuses on exports from Delaware he welcomes leads that would mean more sales for Delaware companies. Mathe explained that since presently there are ships going to the Middle East, primarily carrying automobiles, other products to be sold there would be sent on the same trip. The DDO has not gone on a trade mission to the Middle East because the variety of opportunities seem slighter, for a small state such as Delaware, than, for example, the recent Chilean Trade Show which is the largest in South America.

Mathe noted that Rafi Rosenthalis sells a food product out of Delaware to the former Soviet Union. "I believe Rosenthalis receives some financial support from Israel," Mathe noted.

A spokesman in the Governor's office explained that as a small state with limited resources Delaware has limited staff to devote to building international economic ties. For example a part-time worker to foster economic contacts with Europe, is shared by the First state with Vermont.

Delaware's economic emphasis, according to this spokesman, is for foreign corporations to incorporate in Delaware. Governor Carper has focused some attention on opportunities in Mexico, where Delaware is fighting competition from Texas and California for Incorporation's. While Carper's office does not foresee formal agreements with Israel or aggressive pursuit of trade between Delaware and Israel, they will work to facilitate any clearly established op-

portunities.

Doug Rainey, Editor of the Delaware Business Review, predicted that "now there may be more initiatives with change in the (Middle East) region." Rainey also said "I suppose we will be hearing more from Israel in the future."

A recent press release announces the start of PROJECT INDEPENDENCE, "a program developed to stimulate Israel's economy by exporting products directly to synagogue congregation members." The rationale is stated that "doing so would result in an increased demand for product thereby creating more jobs for Russian immigrants and others. For more information on PROJECT INDEPENDENCE, synagogues are encouraged to call 1-800-200-6736.

Future issues of The Jewish Voice will examine present and potential economic interaction between Israel and Delaware.

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## Hadassah Official Due In Delaware

By **SHIRLEY FISCHER-DROWOS**

*VP Programming - Wilmington Chapter*  
Barbara Paillet, a member of the National Service Committee of Hadassah will address the paid-up membership of the Wilmington chapter. The meeting is scheduled for November 8 at 7:30 pm at the Jewish Community Center. The topic, of universal interest to all Jews, will deal with the "Current Crisis in Judaism". The awareness we have gained in recent surveys about the future of Judaism makes this a "must attend event" to learn more about, and be attuned to, positive pathways forward.



Barbara, a third-generation life member of Hadassah, has served as the President of the New Orleans, LA chapter, President of the Southern Region, and vice chairman of the Hadarom Camp committee. Her responsibilities on the National level include serving on the Service Committee, the Services Division Task Force, and the Major Gifts Task Force.

National Council of Jewish Women at the National level and Women's American ORT.

She has been recognized locally with several young leadership awards. In 1981, she was named as an Outstanding Young American Woman.

Also active at the community level, she has worked with the American Lung Association Board and the No to AIDS Task Force.

Barbara was trained as an educator and is currently working in real estate. She has held administrative positions and is presently serving (for the seventh year) as the executive director of the Bruce J. Heim Foundation. Her commitment to Judaism is evident by her participation in Bnai Brith, ADL, the communal Hebrew school, the synagogue, Israel bonds and others. She is also active in the

Barbara is married to Mr. Kenneth Charles Paillet and is the mother of two daughters and resides in Metairie, Louisiana.

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## NCJW President Issues Invitation



Jean M. Blumenfeld

By **MARY S. DeVRIES**

Jean L. Blumenfeld, President of the Wilmington Section, National Council of Jewish Women, cordially invites all to attend the organization's "Centennial Celebration", a dinner-dance and silent auction, in honor of past presidents.

The event will be held at the Rodney Square Club, on Saturday, November 6, 1993, from 7 pm to midnight. Co-Chairs Susan Burstein, Barbara Spiller, and Jean Blumenfeld expect many to appear in Victorian costume, to highlight the 1893 birth date of NCJW.

For a century, the work of this group has been dedicated to community service, education, and public affairs, with the emphasis on serving the needs of women, children, and families. One of its earliest efforts was to provide aid to immigrant Jewish girls on the Lower East Side of New York City.

In addition to programs and service for children in Delaware's Family Court, the issues of Domestic Violence, Eldercare, and the Working Parent, have been addressed in the last decade. In Israel, NCJW provides hope for Israel's "At-Risk" children and youth through programs of the Research Institute for Innovation in Education.

Categories for the Gala are Diamond — \$1000, Emerald — \$500, Ruby — \$250, or Sapphire — \$150 per couple. Reservations may be made by calling, (302) 478-3835.

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# Letters from Israel

## Gaza/Jericho Agreement

By BRUCE ALLAN SELTZER

Special To The Jewish Voice

**JERUSALEM** — A lot of strange things have happened in the last few weeks. Land prices in Jericho have tripled. Businessmen in Jordan are learning Hebrew. Airlines are talking about having commuter flights between Tel Aviv and Amman, Beirut, and Syria. The PLO flag, still outlawed in Israel, has been flying over numerous buildings in East Jerusalem and on the Old City walls. Rabin and Peres openly met the King of Morocco to begin steps leading up to formal diplomatic relations. Jordan and Israel have signed agendas to begin moving towards peace. There, I finally used that special word that has been in the news so much lately. Peace may be just around the corner.

Last week, Israel and the PLO recognized each other as part of the Jericho/Gaza first proposal. In return for immediate autonomy in those two regions and a five-year plan towards further autonomy, the PLO renounced terrorism. The Israeli Defense Forces are going to withdraw from Gaza and Jericho leaving a Palestinian Police force to maintain internal order. Yassir Arafat will be the leader of a "popularly elected"

autonomy government that will be based in Jericho.

Let me begin by stating emphatically that I am in favor of peace. I am glad that Rabin allowed Peres to deal with the Palestinians. After years of frustration, a major step toward peace has occurred. The long years of military occupation (which deeply trouble me) may soon end. Still, I have many reservations towards the current plan which I will outline here.

A Palestinian police force of more than thirty thousand members will maintain internal security in the autonomous region. I would be deluding myself to think that its members will not be the PLO terrorists who have been fighting against Israel for the last three decades. It will be the same people responsible who ruthlessly ruled Beirut until 1982 and who have committed countless crimes against Israelis. We must remember the Munich athletes, the Maalot school children, and all of the other innocent civilians who they killed. I do not imagine that these terrorists have undergone Tshuvah—the process of return which Jews undergo each year during the Days of Awe.

The presence of these terrorists in Jericho as an internationally recog-

nized police force really worries me. As I write this article, Jericho is only sixteen miles away (only fourteen miles from Hebrew University's Mount Scopus Campus). That is a little bit too close for my comfort. To put it in terms that Delawareans can easily understand — they will be about as far from the JCC as the Philadelphia Airport!

The main reason the Rabin government made the deal with the PLO was to neutralize the growing popularity of Islamic fundamentalist groups such as Hamas. These groups are against the peace process and have perpetrated many of the recent terrorist attacks. I suspect the government hopes that the PLO will begin attacking Hamas as soon as the IDF leaves and their police force is in place. Granted, I would not be upset to see terrorists that are nearby eliminated. Still giving power to one terrorist group to neutralize another is not the best way to move towards peace. It is unfortunate that is the only way available to us.

The political experience of the PLO also worries me. All they have done is manage a terrorist war for decades. The only time they actually governed was in Beirut and that was such a mess. They do not have the skills necessary to govern the population — especially not democratically — and rebuild Gaza's economy. They have made some bad choices in the last few years, including supporting Saddam Hussain against the rest of the world.

A story will illustrate this point: A good friend of mine commutes daily from Jerusalem to Ephrat, a town in the territories between Bethlehem and Hebron. This is an area heavily

populated by Palestinians. On the day of the Washington signing, he had to pass through crowds cheering in Bethlehem. The PLO flag was everywhere as was Arafat's portrait. In an effort to take any form of power possible, a few Palestinians were directing traffic. Actually, they were making the crowded intersections into traffic nightmares. Not having been allowed to direct traffic in generations, they were clueless as to how to do it. If the Palestinians can not direct traffic, how much more difficult will it be to implement a democratic government and control hardliner groups such as Hamas.

Arafat has announced that all the territories will be included in the final settlement. They will use Gaza and Jericho as a foothold to accomplish their goals — including Jerusalem under Arab rule. This sounds like the Two Stage Plan which the PLO have been wanting to use for years — bargain for a piece of land and use that to accomplish the other goals. I doubt this is what Rabin and Peres had in mind at the bargaining tables in Norway. Many international policy experts — including Henry Kissinger

— say that a Palestinian state West of the Jordan is an inevitable reality. An autonomy government with legislative and police powers can easily become a "sovereign" government.

Many questions are left opened and the details of the agreement still need to be worked out. Water rights, the implementation of further autonomy, and Jerusalem will take a long time to be settled. Just briefly, it must be mentioned that there will be more than 6,000 Israeli settlers inside of the autonomous region. Also, the population of Israel remains sharply divided over their opinions about the agreement. Over three hundred thousand demonstrated in front of Rabin's office last week and another massive demonstration will happen this week. Likud is calling for a national referendum and a new election. As it stands — with Shas out of the coalition — Rabin's government may not have a Jewish majority in the Knesset.

The agreement has many clear benefits to Israel. World opinion of Israel is high. The economic benefits

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## OCTOBER

**Saturday \_\_\_\_\_ 23**

**YJAD will host its Main Event!** Join us at 7:00 p.m. at Air Transport Command on Route 13 in New Castle for a fun evening of dinner and dancing. Call Michael Bank at (302) 478-4216 for information.

**Sunday \_\_\_\_\_ 24**

**Gallery talk by Judith Schwab** and reception, 2:00 - 4:30 p.m.

**Tuesday \_\_\_\_\_ 26**

**"Judaism and Feminism"** group, sponsored by Jewish Family Service, will meet in the Jewish Federation conference room. For more information call Myrna Ryder at JFS, 478-9411.

**Thursday \_\_\_\_\_ 28**

**Learn how to do Israeli dancing** at the JCC, 7:00 p.m. Learn the hora and other dances. Call Carol Einhorn at (215) 583-2241 for more details.

**Sunday \_\_\_\_\_ 31**

**AKSE Men's Club** brunch, 9:00 a.m. Speaker Karen Venezky, Councilwoman, New Castle County Council, Topic: Perspective on New Castle County.

## NOVEMBER

**Wednesday \_\_\_\_\_ 3**

**Academy of Lifelong Learning Program** - The life and music of Kurt Weill, with Seymour Sands at 10:30 a.m. at the JCC Senior Center. This program is free and open to the community. Call Ray Freshman at 478-5660.

**Saturday \_\_\_\_\_ 6**

**YJAD invites you to see the play "Relatively Speaking"** in Delaware, 7:30 p.m. Call Carol Einhorn at (215) 583-2241.

**Thursday \_\_\_\_\_ 11**

**Howard Shack, author of A Spy in Canaan: My Life as a Jewish American Businessman Spying for Israel in Arab Lands.** 7:30 p.m.

**Saturday \_\_\_\_\_ 13**

**Israeli Film Cup Final.** 7:30-8:00 p.m.

**Club 56 Dinner Social** - All fifth and sixth graders are invited to the JCC for a dinner social, games and music from 6 to 8 p.m. \$5.50 for members and \$8 for non-members. Call Elyse Greer at 478-5660.

**Sunday \_\_\_\_\_ 14**

**A theatre production. Guarding the Garden.** 2:00 p.m.

**Reception for Patrons and Sponsors.** 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

**Book and Gift Sales.** Through December 5, 1993.

**Teen Travel Reunion Mystery Trip** - Teen Travel Campers from Camp JCC are invited to the JCC from 2 to 4 p.m. A bus ride to a mystery destination is scheduled. \$6

per person. Call Elyse Greer at 478-5660.

**Monday \_\_\_\_\_ 15**

**The YJAD sponsors a Fitness Center night** at the JCC. Call Beth Lubaroff at (215) 482-9943.

**Tuesday \_\_\_\_\_ 16**

**Jewish Great Books Discussion Group**, third Tuesday of every month at the J.C.C., 7:30-9:00 p.m. *Song of Songs and Commentary.*

**An exhibit of work by Rebecca Shore and Menachem Boas.** Through December 31, 1993.

**Wednesday \_\_\_\_\_ 17**

**Senior Center Candlelight Dinner** - Members of the community are invited to join the seniors and the Jewish War Veterans of Delaware for dinner at 6:00 p.m. A holiday donation and advance reservations are required. A Remembrance Service will be held at 7 p.m. at the Jewish War Veterans Memorial Wall at the Jewish Community Center. Call Ray Freshman at 478-5660.

**Thursday \_\_\_\_\_ 18**

**Trudi Alexi, author of The Mezuzah in the Madonna's Foot.** 7:30 p.m.

**Sunday \_\_\_\_\_ 21**

**Club 34 Thanksgiving Workshop** - All third and fourth graders are invited to attend this workshop from 2 to 4 p.m. We will prepare traditional foods and create a Native American art project. The cost is \$5 for members and \$7.50 for non-members. For more information, call Elyse Greer at 478-5660.

**YJAD will be watching the Eagles vs. the Giants game on television.** Call Beth Lubaroff at (215) 482-9943.

**Sunday \_\_\_\_\_ 28**

**AKSE Men's Club Brunch.** Speaker Rabbi David Kaplan, Beth El Congregation. Dave Schonbach, Ecology Committee, Beth El Congregation. Topic: Ecology in Judaism.

**Tuesday \_\_\_\_\_ 30**

**Howard Teicher and Gayle Radley Teicher, authors of Twin Pillars to Desert Storm: America's Flawed Vision in the Middle East from Nixon to Bush.**

**YJAD will Drop-in at a nearby Wilmington restaurant.** Call Michael Bank at (302) 478-4216.

## DECEMBER

**Sunday \_\_\_\_\_ 5**

**Craft Market (Juried Show)**  
**A.K.S.E. Men's Club Dinner and Concert** featuring Cindy Goldstein and Linda Vodovis, vocalists, and Bob Weiner and the Razzmatazz Barbershop Comedy Quarter.

**Tuesday \_\_\_\_\_ 21**

**Jewish Great Books Discussion Group**, third Tuesday of every month at the J.C.C., 7:30-9:00 p.m. *The Man Who Thought He Was Messiah, C. Leviant.*

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**Tuesday \_\_\_\_\_ 18**

**Jewish Great Books Discussion Group**, third Tuesday of every month at the J.C.C., 7:30-9:00 p.m. *If I Am Not For Myself, R. Wisse.*

## Ongoing

**October 1993 through November 15, 1993** - An exhibit of work by Judith Schwab at Wilmington J.C.C.

**On Wednesdays in November the YJAD will play coed volleyball** from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. inside the JCC Gymnasium. Cost is \$2 (\$1 for JCC members). Call Mike Schenk at (215) 558-3781.

**Lower East Side Tenement Museum**, 97 Orchard Street, New York City, walking tours include Peddler's Pack: A Jewish Heritage Tour. Chartered in 1988, the Tenement Museum seeks to promote tolerance and historical perspective through the presentation and interpretation of immigrant experiences on Manhattan's Lower East Side, a gateway to America. For dates and times call 212-431-0233.

**National Museum of American Jewish History**, 55 N. 5th Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 215-923-3811 exhibit: "The American Jewish Experience." About Jewish settlement in this country from 1654 to present.

**Young Jewish Adults of Delaware** coed Volleyball on Wednesdays in the Wilmington Jewish Community Center gym beginning at 6 p.m. Games are non-competitive. Admission is \$1 for JCC members, \$2 for non-members. Call Mike Schenk for more information: (215) 558-3781.

## Letters From Israel

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to Israel's high-tech economy alone may be well worth the risks. To quote an Israeli friend of mine, "If peace comes, Israel will become the Hong Kong of the Middle East." The expensive military occupation will lessen and may end, saving the government money and helping to solve the ethical and moral problems caused by long-term occupation.

Peace is coming — if the Palestinians can get their act together and the Israelis can form a consensus. Already I hear friends talking about day trips to Amman and other benefits to a lasting peace in the region. For now, I will maintain a skeptical air, continuing to pray for peace while I watch how the agreement is implemented.

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Deadline: Friday, October 29, 1993. Hurry, Hurry, don't put off till it's too late to make your reservation.

SYNOGOGUE LIFE

The Longest Distance In The World

By RABBI EMERITUS HERBERT E. DROOZ

Congregation Beth Emeth

Our Torah does not toy with trifles! It deals with the hard rock issues and moral choices of life with a diamond sharpness.

Chapter 25 of Genesis, relates a kreplach soup bowl of tales about two of our patriarchs and one matriarch of Israel: Father Isaac, Mother Rebecca, Jacob, and Jacob's wicked twin brother, Esau.

Admittedly, we learn little from the Torah about Isaac, whose very name means "laughter". He truly is lightly dealt with, chiefly being a bridge between Abraham and Jacob. Beautiful Rebecca (that is the meaning of her name), Isaac's wife, is in control of the household. She, at last, gives birth to twins, Esau and Jacob. Jacob, the stay-at-home, is the total favorite of his mother. Tough Esau, the hunter, the out-of-doors man, is Isaac's favorite, Esau's very name means "the hair one", having come into the world covered so thickly with red hair, it was as if he were wearing a garment, the Torah tells us.

Everything about Esau suggests the physical, the hard-hearted, the tough. Twice in the Torah Esau is called by the nickname, Edom, "Red", because of his abundant red hair, no doubt, and because of his selling his birth right, in a moment of hunger, to Jacob for "The Red Red Pottage."

In Chapter 36 of Genesis we learn of Esau's departure from Canaan and from his brother Jacob to settle in mountain country, the Land of Seir, which became known as Edom, after Esau's nickname.

Historically, there was almost perpetual war in later years between Edom and Israel. When Rome's conquering legions occupied much of Asia, and her spies were everywhere, the name "Edom" was used by our ancestors to stay out of trouble when referring to Rome, and all Rome stood for. One could write a book on the use of "Edom" as a secret name for Rome in the sermons and legal literature of the Rabbis of 2000 years ago.

Already you can catch some of those diamond cut, hard rock lessons of the Torah on parents playing favorites between children, and the griefs of sibling rivalry.

Now, we turn to our ancestral father, Jacob. Jacob means "a heel", the lowest part of the human anatomy. In his youth he is obviously "a mommy's boy", a trickster who knows his twin brother's weakness

and buys his brother's birth right for a mere mess of red pottage. When Rebecca plots to steal her husband's blessing for her beloved Jacob, a second cheating of Esau, Jacob goes along with his mother's devious plan.

Jacob, indeed, is a "heel". He is not a "menche". How did he become, with Abraham and Isaac, one of the great patriarchal Fathers of Israel?

By long, hard-earned spiritual growth!

Jacob must flee from Esau for his life, and to his mother's far-off family to find a wife. On the first night of his flight Jacob has his dream of the angels ascending and descending a ladder that reaches to heaven. God appears to him and promises him His protection, and that the Land will be his and his descendants. And that most wonderful of promises: "And in thee and in thy seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed."

The trials, tribulations and victories of Jacob read like a Greek saga unto the day of his death in Egypt, with all his children, and where his son, Joseph, is Prime Minister next to Pharaoh.

In his greatest hour of trial when he is returning to Canaan to his father, Isaac, in Hebron, Jacob learns that his brother, Esau, is marching toward him with an army of 400 men. In terror, he stations his possessions and his family on one side of the ford of the Jabbok, and he hides himself on the far side at night so that he might have a chance to escape Esau's bloody wrath. All night Jacob wrestles with a mysterious man and will not let the man go as the dawn appears, unless the mysterious man blesses him. The blessing is that his name, Jacob - "The Heel", is changed to "Israel" - Prince of God, Champion of God. Instead of deserting his family to the wrath of Esau, Jacob, now Israel, goes to the front of the procession, and Esau greets him as a brother should.

Early in the saga of Jacob, when he, disguised in the clothing of Esau, with his hands gloved in hairy kid skins, Jacob steals his brother's blessing from their blind father, Isaac. The bewildered Isaac exclaims: "the voice is the voice of Jacob, but the hands are the hands of Esau."

Day by day, Sabbath by Sabbath, holy day by holy day, we proclaim the ideals, the sacred commandments, and the noble visions of Jacob - become - Israel, with that deepest

prayer as a people that "through all the families of the world shall be blessed". To be a Jew, a seed of Israel, the life-long task is to turn the hands of Esau into the hands of Jacob, to live the Jewish life to be blessing unto all the families of the earth.

Dear friends, against all the persecutions, cruelties, and murderous examples of the outer world by the hands of Esau, as it were, we still strive to make the deeds of our hands live up to the words of our mouths. This singular feat of Israel's history for the past 2,000 years is to let us never forget for a moment the challenge and difficulties of making the deeds of the hands of Jacob speak as clearly as the voice of Jacob.

At Temple Beth Emeth we worship daily in the Milton Kutz Chapel, named in loving tribute to a splendid man who was one of the first enthusiasts, workers, and contributors to the constructions of the Beth Emeth sanctuary. And for ten years Milton was President of the Jewish Federation of Delaware, across the darkest years of our history as well as of the rebirth of the State of Israel.

Downcast from utter exhaustion in the midst of a critical campaign, Milton turned to me and taught me the "voice of Jacob and the hands of Esau" moral in quite different words, words I have never forgotten. "Rabbi", he inquired, "what is the longest distance in the world?" And before I could complete my answer from my vast knowledge of geography, Milton said, "No, Rabbi, the longest distance in the world is from the ears to the heart."

Each generation, from the days of Abraham, Jacob, Moses, the Prophets, and the Rabbis, to this very hour, has the task anew: to shorten that distance from the hearing Jewish ear to the commanding Jewish heart! Amen.



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Elie Wiesel

**Beth Shalom Shabbat Retreat**

By HELEN SCHUTZMAN

Warm, congenial, relaxing, inspirational, were just a few of the adjectives used to describe the first Beth Shalom Shabbat Retreat this summer by those who attended.

A capacity group of 58 people including 19 children and teenagers came together on Friday afternoon, Erev Shabbat, either as casual acquaintances or as strangers and parted on Sunday, after lunch, as an extended family, according to 1 of the 50.

"It was thrilling to be a part of this memorable experience where all joined in celebrating the joys of Shabbat and fellowship with family and friends, both old and new, in a beautiful setting," said one participant "Innovation was the rule."

The weekend began with lively singing and horas led by Aliza Cotton. Candles were lit on the tables in

the dining room and blessed by all. The group moved out of doors to welcome the Shabbat with a Mariv Service, facing west to the setting sun. Candles welcomed everyone to dinner. Kiddush over the wine and Motzi over the challah were chanted together.

The retreats activities included singing, learning new melodies, discussion groups, exchanges, a Saturday night cabaret with the Cottons, Aliza and Hiam, an experimental jazz Shacharit service, swimming and tennis, too.

The Shabbat Retreat for 1994 is already being planned.

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Beth Shalom Shabbat Retreat

**Shelters Focus Interfaith  
Action On Homelessness**

By GARRY GREENSTEIN

The festival of Shelters is now in its second year in Wilmington. The impetus for the event came from Westminster Presbyterian Church, who began the week long event last year. The church provides the staff assistance and a majority of the funding. The Festival of Shelters takes place at approximately the same time as the Festival of Sukkot, and is intended to focus the public's attention on the problem of homelessness, and inspire people to contribute toward solutions to the problem. This year Reverend Kevin Wanser of Westminster Presbyterian, and Richard and Judy Goldbaum of Congregation Beth Emeth, served as co-chairpersons of the Festival of Shelters.

In addition to the Goldbaums, Sybil Zetzel, Susan Greenstein, and Susan Labowitz provided a Jewish presence on the planning committee of the Festival of Shelters. The other committee members were congregants from West Presbyterian Church, St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Ezion Mt. Carmel United Methodist Church, and representatives of the homeless and the shelter agencies.

The Festival of Shelters began with a dinner October 4th (the third intermediate day of Sukkot) at Ezion Mt. Carmel. Richard Goldbaum brought his sukkah from his backyard to the dining room at Ezion Mt. Carmel. The dinner was attended by 150 persons, about one third of which were homeless. Governor Thomas E. Carper gave the opening remarks. Tuesday night "Voices from the Street", a repertory theater group from Washington, D.C., composed of 12 formerly homeless men and women, performed at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church. Wednesday night Fred Karnas, Executive Director of the National Coalition for the Homeless spoke at the Carvel State Build-

ing. Thursday's program featured literary and musical presentations.

The event concluded on Friday, October 8th, two nights after Simchat Torah, with the Friday night service at Beth Emeth. The service was attended by three Protestant clergy, and a Catholic nun, all of whom are active in providing food and shelter to the homeless population in Wilmington. It was also attended by a number of Christian lay persons from the various churches who organized the Festival of Shelters. A wonderful and inspiring sermon was given by Rabbi Ellen Lippman, New York Regional Director of "Mazon, a Jewish Response to Hunger." Mazon provides grants to various programs providing food and sustenance to hungry and suffering people worldwide. In Delaware Mazon is involved in the funding for The Ministry of Caring in Wilmington and Delmarva Rural Ministries in Dover. The presence of Rabbi Lippman was made possible by the Keil Hermann Memorial Fund as part of the fund's annual scholar in residence weekend at Beth Emeth. During Rabbi Lippman's sermon, we learned that since 1986 Mazon has granted more than \$6 million to organizations that confront hunger in our own country, in Israel, and in impoverished countries. Most of the money is raised by contributing to Mazon 3% of the cost of life-cycle celebrations such as weddings, birthdays, anniversaries and bar/bat mitzvahs. During Passover one is asked to give to Mazon the amount of money that would have been spent to invite one extra person to the Seder table.

Following the service at Beth Emeth, there was a vigil at Fort Christina Park. This park, located at 3rd and Church Streets in Wilmington, on the banks of the Christiana River, has a floating population of about a dozen homeless men.

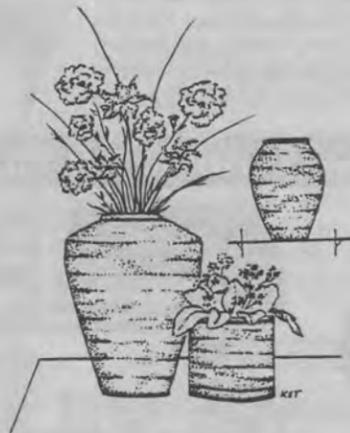
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By BETH THOMAS

Three generations of artists from one family are represented in "Artistic Connections: One Century of a Family's Involvement in Art," an exhibition at Arsht Hall on the University of Delaware's Wilmington campus, 2700 Pennsylvania Ave.

The exhibition includes paintings by Delawareans Ruth E. Berger, Dr. Norman L. Cannon, Maura E. Golin and the late Clara Finkelstein, an early member of the Wilmington Studio Group. Sculpture by Carol Berger Hershman, now a resident of Seattle, also is featured in the show.

A time span of nearly 100 years is represented by this multigenerational art exhibition. Finkelstein, who immigrated to the United States from Russia with her parents in 1893, studied at the Philadelphia Academy of Fine Arts and with M.A. Renzetti and N.C. Wyeth.

A summer resident of Arden, a creative center for artists and writers in the early decades of this century, Finkelstein painted memories from childhood and from the stories of her parents' experiences in Russia. She demonstrated her interest in the arts

to her nieces and nephews and imparted in them a passion and talent that has, in turn, been inherited by succeeding generations.

Paintings by Berger, Cannon and Golin, members of the second generation who are nieces and a nephew of Finkelstein, also are included in the exhibit. All three artists are Wilmington natives, and their work has been exhibited frequently throughout the area.

Berger's paintings have been shown exclusively in the Philadelphia area. She is a graduate of the University of Delaware and also studied at the Corcoran School of Art and the Tyler School of Fine Art in Philadelphia. She also works in printmaking and fiber art.

Golin's work is owned by several embassies throughout the world. She studied art history at the University of Pennsylvania, graduated from the Philadelphia College of Art and did graduate work at the University of North Carolina. In her painting, she works through relationships of color forms to express the poetry of seemingly commonplace items.

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**The Klezmatics Performance - You Should Have Been There!**

By DAN WEINTRAUB  
Editor Of The Jewish Voice

On Saturday, October 16 the Klezmatics entertained an enthusiastic Delaware audience with their own updated brand of dynamic Yiddish folk music. Older members of the audience clapped along with familiar tunes. Younger members of the audience danced in their seats to the immediately appealing yet unfamiliar bohemian sound.

The Klezmatics play music which makes you proud to be Jewish.

The Grand Opera House was an ideal setting for the rollicking barnyard of old world sounds erupting from the stage. This jolly Jewish jazz featured a frenzied bow-splitting fiddle, a sly brassy trumpet, bluesy clarinet, urban accordion and rocking rhythm section. The Klezmatics' on stage antics and funky clothing evoked all at once a carnival, an old world village, a band of gypsies, vaudeville and New York's Lower East Side. The Klezmatics' music has a universal appeal that closes any generation gap with a roots rock world beat.

One Yiddish-speaking grey-haired gentleman in the second row beamed through the entire show.

The Klezmatics' musical talent, charisma and ability to entertain do not come at the expense of the young musicians' very credible credentials. Alicia Svigals, according to the play-

bill, "is a classically trained violinist with a degree in ethnomusicology from Brown University." Lorin Sklamberg, who plays the accordion and sings for the Klezmatics, is also the vocalist in Don Byron's performances featuring the music of Mickey Katz. (Byron was profiled in the September 10 issue of *The Jewish Voice*). In addition to the Klezmer Conservatory Band, Frank London, the Klezmatics' trumpeter and keyboardist, has toured and recorded with such popular artists as LL Cool J, They Might Be Giants, Jack Bruce and David Byrne. Matt Darriau, who plays clarinet and saxophone, has received several composition grants from the National endowment for the Arts.

Career highlights for the Klezmatics include award-winning performances at the Fifth annual Festival of Klezmer Music in Safed, Israel and critically-acclaimed appearances at Peter Gabriel's WOMAD festivals.

But most importantly they are a whole lot of fun.

The two-hour show was divided by a fifteen minute intermission. During the break smitten concert goers poured into the lobby to purchase Klezmatics' recordings and T-shirts.

The Jewish community in Delaware was mostly talking about Billy Joel last week, but after Saturday's klezmer concert almost everyone in the area except Christie Brinkley is singing along with the Klezmatics' authentic river of dreams.

The latest recording from the Klezmatics is called "Rhythm & Jews."

**Hadassah names Recipient of Ribalow Prize for Literary Excellence**

By WENDY HIRSCHHORN  
NEW YORK — Merrill Joan Gerber, the author of *The Kingdom of Brooklyn* (Longstreet Press), is the recipient of the 1993 Harold U. Ribalow Prize it was announced by Hadassah Magazine Executive Editor Alan Tigay. The judges for the 1993 award were Elie Wiesel and past Ribalow Prize recipients Anne Roiphe and Louis Begley. The three

other nominees this year were *Plain Jane* by Eve Horowitz, *Cafe Berlin* by Harold Nebenzal and *His Master's Voice* by Robert Kotlowitz.

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Jack Benny

## Author Who Hid From Nazis In World War II To Speak At Temple Beth El

Nelly S. Tull, author of the recently published autobiography "Behind the Secret Window: A Memoir of a Hidden Childhood during World War Two," will be the featured speaker at a joint program sponsored by the Newark Hadassah Chapter and the Sisterhood of Temple Beth El on November 16 at 7:30 p.m. This program, funded by the Delaware Humanities Forum, will be held at Temple Beth El in Newark and is free and open to the general public.

Nelly Toll was only six years old when the Germans occupied her native city of Lwow in eastern Poland. It was then that she began to keep a diary of her life past and present. After a series of dislocations, former tenants hid Nelly and her mother in a two-room apartment, where they spent 13 months

hiding in a brick up "secret window" when visitors unexpectedly arrived. During this period of confinement, Nelly read, wrote in her journals and painted. About two dozen of her watercolors are reproduced in "Behind the Secret Window." "In a world in which a rare fit of laughter might have deadly consequences...she wasn't really allowed to remain a child—and yet she was able to keep vividly alive within her the images of a world filled with tenderness and pleasure." (NYTimes Book Review, September 19, 1993)

Unlike Anne Frank and her family, Nelly and her mother survived, and in 1951 Nelly Toll came to America where she studied art and art therapy. She currently lives in Cherry Hill, New Jersey, working with young people as a counselor.

## Words & Music: Strauss and Weill

By STEVE COHEN

Ironically at last week's Philadelphia Orchestra concerts, Wolfgang Sawallisch conducted pieces by Richard Strauss and Kurt Weill, back to back.

Strauss and Weill both lived during the same period, but in Germany. Weill, Jewish and the son of a cantor, fled in 1933. Strauss remained in Germany and continued to compose and conduct there throughout the war. They died within a year of each other, Strauss in 1949 and Weill in 1950.

When Hitler came to power in 1933, Strauss was famous as the composer of orchestral pieces like *Til Eulenspiegel* and operas like *Rosenkavalier*. He was 69 years old, world-famous and prosperous.

Weill was only 33 years old and notorious as the man who had moved from the world of serious classical music into a new world of jazz-influenced musical shows such as *Three-Penny Opera* and *Mahagonny*. The misery and pessimism of his shows was dramatically different from what anyone else was presenting in the music halls. Weill's shows disturbed people; none more so than Hitler.

Weill and his lyricists, Berthold Brecht and Stefan Zweig, saw power as evil. In their tone and content Weill's shows were anti-Nazi. Regardless of their content, of course, Weill's shows would have been banned by Hitler just because Weill was Jewish.

After he came to the United States Weill wrote Broadway musicals that

did not have his previous harshness and pessimism: *Knickerbocker Holiday*, *One Touch of Venus* and *Lady in the Dark*. His collaborators included Ogden Nash, Maxwell Anderson, Moss Hart and Alan Jay Lerner.

In *Knickerbocker Holiday*, Weill and Anderson drew parallels with the tyrannical Peter Stuyvesant trying to suppress the liberties of the people. The song "How Can You Tell an American?" gives its own answer: an American is someone who loves freedom and hates any restrictions on his beliefs.

After Weill's death his "Mack the Knife," from his German period, became a hit.

Weill's favorite conductor was Maurice Abravanel, a Sephardic Jew from Greece who led the premieres of most of Weill's shows. Abravanel died just last week at the age of 93.

Strauss's early music had been somewhat controversial. He composed a couple of the most depraved, shocking operas of all time, *Salome* and *Elektra*.

But after the age of 50, Strauss's compositions became nostalgic and sentimental, glorifying the life-styles of rich, noble Germans. Hitler was fond of the music of Richard Strauss. he considered Strauss to be a worthy successor to Wagner.

But you can't pigeonhole Weill as anti-Nazi and Strauss as pro-Nazi. One of Strauss's librettists was the Jewish author, Stefan Zweig. Strauss used his influence to keep Zweig as

## Spielberg Film Due In December

Universal Pictures Press Department Steven Spielberg's gripping drama *Schindler's List*, the inspiring story of a German factory-owner and his wife who saved the lives of more than 1,000 Jews during the Nazi occupation of Poland, will open in major cities around the country on December 15.

The announcement was made by Tom Pollock, MCA Picture Group chairman, and Casey Silver, president of Universal Pictures Production.

Based on a remarkable true story, *Schindler's List* focuses on the life of Oskar Schindler, who, with the strong support of his wife, defied the Nazi bureaucracy and, at great personal risk, heroically protected his workers.

Before his death in 1974, Oskar Schindler was designated one of the "Righteous Among the Nations" by Yad Vashem in Israel. Last month Mrs. Schindler, now 85, was honored with the same title. Engraved on the medals that the Schindlers received from Yad Vashem are these words from the Talmud: "Whoever saves one life saves the world."

*Schindler's List* will open on December 15 in New York, Los Angeles, Toronto, Washington, D.C., San Francisco/San Jose, Chicago, Miami, Boston, Philadelphia, Seattle, Dallas and West Palm-Beach.

"This film is a remarkable achievement from one of our most highly regarded directors," said Pollock. "Everyone at Universal is proud to be associated with *Schindler's List*."

The film, directed by Steven Spielberg, was produced by Spielberg, Gerald R. Molen and Branko Lustig. Shot in black and white on location in Poland, *Schindler's List* features an international cast including Liam Neeson, Academy Award winner Ben Kingsley, Ralph Fiennes, Caroline Goodall, Jonathan Sagalle and Embeth Davidtz. The screenplay is by Steven Zaillian, based on the prizewinning novel by Thomas Keneally.

*Schindler's List* is Steven Spielberg's 14th film as a director, the latest in a career that includes many of the most popular motion pictures ever released. His last film, *Jurassic Park*, recently became the most successful movie of all time, setting box-office records surpassing his own *E.T. The Extra Terrestrial*. His other films include *Jaws*, *Close Encounters of the Third Kind*, *Hook*, *Empire of the Sun*, *The Color Purple* and the Indian Jones trilogy — *Raiders of the Lost Ark*, *Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom* and *Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade*.



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go round and round. I once had an interesting conversation with Elisabeth Schwarzkopf, the beautiful and talented German singer. I asked her why she performed for the Nazis during the war. She said that she was just trying to cheer up the troops who were lonely and, in some cases, wounded. I asked if she had considered performing for the lonely and sick prisoners at Auschwitz, since that was only a few miles away. She replied that she didn't know of its existence.

Maryan Filar, the Polish-Jewish pianist, was with us that evening. He had been in the concentration camp while Schwarzkopf was singing for Nazi troops nearby. He rolled up his sleeve and showed Schwarzkopf his tattoo.

In any event, Strauss was cleared of war-crime charges by the Americans. He lived a solitary but comfortable life after the war, dying in 1949.

As for Weill, he lived in New York after the war, becoming more and more popular with the public. While doing so, he did not become more conservative. In 1949 Weill wrote *Lost in the Stars*, championing the cause of the oppressed black people in South Africa. In 1950 he collapsed on a Manhattan street corner and died of a stroke.

Weill's music is being explored pretty thoroughly this year. Singers such as Ute Lemper, Helen Schneider and even Paul Stuckey are performing his songs on TV and on stage. Karen Akers is singing Weill's "Here I'll Stay" at the Cabaret Atop the Bellevue. Sawallisch last week and Charles Dutoit next month are conducting Weill's classical music.

In Philadelphia last weekend, Sawallisch conducted Strauss's *Don Juan* with clarity and warmth. Then he gave an intense rendition of Weill's 1921 *Symphony No. 1*. Talking with Sawallisch after the concert, he said that Weill's symphony is first-rate classical music. "It's an important composition from an interesting period of transition," Sawallisch said. It contains none of the syncopated beer-hall music that became Weill's trademark later.

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The Philadelphia Theatre Company opened its season last week with an excellent production of Donald Margulies' *Sight Unseen* at the Plays and Players Theatre.

Margulies started his career with *Gifted Children*, which was produced by the Jewish Repertory Theatre in New York in 1983. His *The*



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*Loman Family Picnic* was voted "Best Play of 1989-90" when it premiered. A revival of it is running this month at the Manhattan Theatre Club. *Sight Unseen* won the Obie award as best Off-Broadway play in 1992.

This drama tells the story of a successful American Jewish artist trying to reconcile fame with artistic integrity. There are excellent dialogues where the characters debate the meaning of paintings, the tastes of the public and the ethics of building a career. Sometimes the other characters seem to be on stage only for the purpose of cuing the artist into extended soliloquies. This would seem like a lame device except for the fact that the painter's speeches are so fascinating.

The artist, Jonathan Waxman, is so interesting to listen to that we think of him as the hero of the play. But as the evening progresses we see

more and more of Jonathan's faults. He is a flawed character and is the more interesting because he is.

Jonathan has an affair with a non-Jewish woman and then he marries another. He refuses to sit shiva for his father. He becomes defensive when an interviewer describes him as a Jewish artist. So it is clear that he is grappling with his religious identity at the same time that he is struggling with the issue of ethics vs. fame.

The three leading characters were very well-cast with David Chandler, Corinna May and Paul O'Brien. The acting was better, and much more believable, than in the more-famous play at a larger theater that I reviewed in the last issue.

*Sight Unseen* is an interesting work, effectively produced by the PTC. Margulies is a talented emerging playwright, worth following.

Words & Music

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his partner for *The Silent Woman*, produced in 1935, even though there were laws against Jews in the theater.

After that, Zweig went to the United States. And Strauss settled into a quiet, accepting role as World War II began. He continued to compose and conduct throughout the war.

Maybe his failure to protest was due to his aging. He was in his late 70's. Maybe it was due to expediency, maybe to cowardice. But there

is no evidence that Strauss was anti-Semitic.

Defenders of Strauss's actions say that he was only doing what Aaron Copland and Irving Berlin and other American musicians were doing during the war: staying in their own country and making music for the pleasure of their countrymen. If Germany had won the war, would Copland and Berlin have been accused as war criminals, as Strauss was?

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**First Lady To Address Two Jewish Groups**

SAN FRANCISCO — First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton will address a joint session today (Friday, Oct. 22) of the national conventions of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods - Women of Reform Judaism, which are meeting in the Hilton Hotel here.

Four thousand delegates, representing the UAHC's 850 Reform synagogues and 600 Sisterhoods in the United States and Canada, are taking part in the two conventions, which opened yesterday (Thursday, Oct. 21) and will continue through Sunday (Oct. 25). The UAHC is the central body of Reform Judaism. Its congregations have a total membership of 1.3 million.

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**Italian President Joins In Marking Italian Jews' Deportation**

By RUTH E. GRUBER

ROME (JTA) — The presence of Italy's president lent particular significance this week to a ceremony commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Nazi deportation of Italian Jews.

Italian President Oscar Luigi Scalfaro made the occasion Sunday even more meaningful by using it to launch an impassioned and unexpected warning against rising racism and nationalism in Europe — and against divisive, regionalist politics in Italy.

Recalling the Nazi era and the hatreds directed against Jews and others, he said, "I am among those who think that all this can return, but I hope to die before becoming totally pessimistic."

He called for a return to the human values of truth, love, altruism and unity in order to overcome current negative tendencies, such as the move toward dividing people by their ethnic identity.

There was also a visit to the Monument and Museum to Racial and Political Deportees in downtown Carpi, where Scalfaro laid a wreath.

"The city of Carpi has felt, since the first years after the war, the duty to carry out a moral debt toward the thousands of victims of the (Nazi) extermination: the debt of transmitting memory as a warning so that such barbarism does not repeat itself," Mayor Claudio Bergianti in another speech that day.

**Shas Leader Deri Indicted on Bribery, Fraud Charges**

By CYNTHIA MANN

JERUSALEM, (JTA) — The leader of the Shas party has been formally indicted on charges of receiving bribes, fraud, falsification of corporate documents and violating the public trust.

The indictment against Aryeh Deri, a Knesset member and former interior minister, was handed down Wednesday in Jerusalem's District Court — a day after the Knesset voted overwhelmingly to lift the Orthodox Shas party leader's parliamentary immunity so that he could face trial.

Deri had sought the removal of his immunity because he said it was the only way he could prove his innocence.

He contends that he has already been convicted in the court of public opinion. He also has said that he is the victim of persecution for his religious beliefs and his Sephardic background.

Deri, 34, had been Interior Minister for more than six years. The indictment lists 203 prosecution witnesses, including former ministers and current Knesset members. It reportedly contains some 60,000 pages of evidence against Deri.

The date of the trial and the number of judges who will hear the case remain to be determined.

Deri and his attorney are expected to ask for a long delay so they can study the prosecution's evidence.

Deri resigned as Interior Minister on Sept. 12 following a ruling from the High Court of Justice requiring him to step down because of the charges of financial misconduct that had been brought against him.

After Deri made the announcement last month that he would leave his post, officials of his fervently Orthodox Sephardic party said they would withdraw from the Labor-led coalition, which they joined when the government was formed last year.

Along with Deri's fate in court, the question remains whether the Shas party will rejoin the governing coalition.

Though it was not a formal decision, Shas in effect seceded from the coalition after the High Court of Justice ruled in September that Deri had to step down from his ministerial position.

Labor Party officials are hoping that Shas will return to the coalition, which also includes the liberal Meretz bloc.

But Shas spokesmen have demanded that Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin restate the government's position regarding the peace process in unambiguous language: that Jerusalem will remain undivided as Israel's capital and that there will be no Palestinian state.

Political sources say Shas will begin formal negotiations with Labor when Rabin returns over the weekend from his five-day trip to China.

**Yeshiva Gedolin Back Pollard**

By LARRY YUDELSON

NEW YORK (JTA) — The leaders of the fervently Orthodox yeshiva world have joined the campaign to free Jonathan Pollard.

The addition of 21 of the most respected roshei yeshiva, or yeshiva deans, to those working for Pollard's release caps what has become an unusually broad religious coalition.

The leadership of the rabbinical organizations and seminary of the Reform, Conservative, Reconstructionist and centrist Orthodox movements are already on record as calling for a commutation of the life sentence that the former Navy intelligence analyst received in 1987 for passing secrets to Israel.

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# Reform, Conservative Challenge Orthodox Grip on Israeli Marriage

By CYNTHIA MANN

JERUSALEM, (JTA) — The Reform and Conservative movements are joining forces to challenge the monopoly of Israel's Orthodox rabbinate to perform marriages.

The movements' leaders announced this week that they will perform marriages that are outside the auspices of the Chief Rabbinate.

While they already do so in individual cases, the announcement represents what the movements say is the first, "stopgap" measure in a stepped-up campaign to change Israel's matrimony laws.

They also acknowledge that the struggle against one of the state's legal underpinnings will be difficult.

"We certainly know there's going to be a long fight," said Pinhas Vardin, president of the Conservative movement in Israel. "But if we managed to sit down with Yasser Arafat, then anything is possible."

The Orthodox monopoly perpetuates a denial of basic human rights and of religious freedom, charged Rabbi Uri Regev, head of the Israel Movement for Progressive Judaism.

Israel's Interior Ministry does not recognize Jewish marriages performed in Israel unless they are conducted under the auspices of the Chief Rabbinate or of the fervently Orthodox.

Civil marriages, as well as non-Orthodox Jewish ones, are recognized only if they are performed abroad.

To marry, countless non-Orthodox couples, the majority of Israel's population, must adhere to certain Orthodox traditions and rituals. These include determining a wedding date

based on the bride's menstrual cycle, classes on religious purity laws, a visit to the ritual bath and a traditional delineation of gender roles in the ceremony and marriage contract, the ketubah.

Some couples are drawn to Reform and Conservative movements alternatives, they said, because they are forbidden by the Orthodox to marry, such as a Kohen, a member of the priestly class, and a divorcee.

An Orthodox marriage is also off-limits to an increasing number of immigrants from the former Soviet Union, many of whom are not considered Jewish by the Orthodox.

But most are drawn by the desire for a more modern and meaningful ceremony, they said.

"There are a growing number of young people with no (technical) difficulty in getting married at the rabbinate," said Vardin. "But they don't feel they are part of the ceremony and they want the feeling that it belongs to them."

They are drawn to the two other movements, he said, "by the feeling that they are involved, even in writing the ketubah."

"A majority of couples don't understand the (Orthodox) ceremony," said Conservative Rabbi Michael Grefz, who likened it to "an operation in the hospital" in which the person is oblivious to what is happening.

The alternatives offer equality and creativity, he said.

They called it an integration of traditional style with egalitarian and personalized elements: The bride is able to participate actively in the ceremony and to give a ring to the

groom; the ketubah has an egalitarian and personalized text; personal and creative motifs are permitted in the ceremony.

Regev, of the Progressive (Reform) movement, has argued in recent months that the problem of the Orthodox matrimonial monopoly will balloon as tens of thousands of immigrants from the former Soviet Union are deprived of the "basic human right" to marry in the country in which they live.

Regev has called on Jews from Diaspora communities that are guided by "ideals of pluralism and free choice" to help the immigrants overcome this "hurdle to integration into Israeli society."

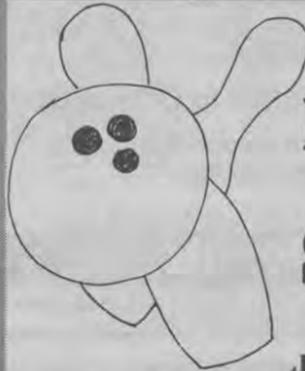
Meanwhile, in their campaign for alternative wedding ceremonies, the two movements diverge on the question of the need for a civil marriage.

The Reform movement requires a couple to marry abroad in a civil ceremony as well as to participate in the Jewish ritual, so the couple will be registered in Israel as legally married.

"We feel the family unit needs to be protected" by the law, said Regev.

The Conservative movement recommends it but does not require a civil ceremony.

The status of children is determined in Israel by the Jewish status of the mother, and is not affected by the performance of a civil marriage.



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## Debate Erupts Over Status of Jews Leaving Former USSR

By LARRY YUDELSON

NEW YORK, (JTA) — Should a third of the American refugee quota be devoted to Jews from the former Soviet Union?

That question has been raised anew, and effectively answered "no," by the president of the American Zionist Movement, Seymour Reich.

His view has revived a long-running battle that pits the Zionist principle of Jewish immigration to Israel against the feeling of American Jews that they have no right to deny to Russians the haven their own grandparents found on American shores.

The issue was raised last month by Sen. Alan Simpson (R-Wyo.) in a Senate hearing on immigration and refugee affairs.

At the hearing, Secretary of State Warren Christopher noted the need to "bring the Soviet refugee admissions program into conformity with emerging realities in the former Soviet Union," according to a summary of the hearing prepared by the National Conference on Soviet Jewry.

Reich, in a statement last week, called for a re-evaluation of the refugee quota, declaring that "Russian Jews are taking places that might otherwise go to Bosnian victims of 'ethnic cleansing' and other deserving refugees in flight from persecution."

Reich's argument was hotly criticized as irresponsible and wrong by the Jewish organizations that resettle the roughly 40,000 Jewish immigrants who arrive in America annually.

"According to U.S. refugee policy, a reduction in the number of Jews to the U.S. in no way guarantees an increase in the number of admissions of any other refugee population," said a statement issued by the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society, the Council of Jewish Federations and the National Conference on Soviet Jewry.

Further, activity on behalf of Jews from the former Soviet Union has helped other refugees, according to Gary Rubin, outgoing director of national affairs for the American Jewish Committee.

"Jewish support has been a vital part of a coalition that has succeeded in bringing Asian and African and other refugees to the United States," Rubin said. "Were the Jewish slice to drop out, there would be a weakening of the overall coalition."

Additionally, according to Martin Wenick, president of HIAS, the Jewish community last year showed "some flexibility" and agreed to give up some slots to be used by Bosnian refugees.

But those refugees never arrived. Reich's statement, and the rejoinder to it, dealt at length with the changing situation in the former Soviet Union.

Reich, referring to Boris Yeltsin's victory over the rejectionist Parliament, argued that "the Jews of Russia can no longer claim to be victims of government persecution who automatically deserve the status of refu-

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## 200 Attend JCC and JFS Forum On Mammography and Breast Cancer Detection

By **DAN WEINTRAUB**  
Editor Of The Jewish Voice

Spokesperson for National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, Susan Ford Bales, daughter of former President Gerald Ford and Mrs. Betty Ford, moderated a public forum on the subject of mammography and early detection at the J.C.C. in Delaware on Monday, October 11.

About 200 people were in attendance for the informative event, according to Myrna Ryder of The Jewish Family Service. "It was a community wide event" says Ryder, "which drew in people from all over Delaware and Pennsylvania." The forum involved a discussion of medical technology for diagnosis and treatment of breast cancer by local health care professionals, and a demonstration of effective breast self-examination techniques by a member of the medical staff at Zeneca, Inc.

Ryder said "Not only women but men are concerned about breast cancer. This forum brings a lot of information to light." Ryder continued "Perhaps as a result of having this forum the information provided might save a life. We are lucky to have Zeneca providing this information."



Jean Blumenfeld and Myrna Ryder at forum.

Photo by Judy Steibel

Breast cancer is the most common form of cancer in American women. The importance of early detection techniques such as mammography and self-examination were stressed in the forum. Early detection and treatment dramatically increases survival rates. This forum, part of the Jewish community Center's ongoing Healthwatch Program, coincides with

National Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Myrna Ryder suggested that those who could not attend this important function contact their OB-GYN to find out more about changing standards for mammography and about proper breast self-exams because mammography alone often doesn't detect cancer.

## Chanukah Chooplah Crafts Market

Chanukah Chooplah Crafts Market, Sunday, December 5, 1993, 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Chanukah Chooplah is an annual event in Wilmington at the JCC which features food, entertainment, a crafts market and gift bazaar.

For the first time, at Chooplah 1993 the crafts market will be a juried show.

The gift bazaar includes Jewish organizations from the Wilmington area (Synagogue gift shops for example).

Jewish Community Center, 101 Garden of Eden Road, Wilmington, Delaware 19803. Telephone: (302) 478-5660.



Mrs. Judy Smith

## Albert Einstein's Tashlich Observance

By **RABBI ELLEN BERNHARDT**

Principal of Albert Einstein Academy

It is a custom that on Rosh Hashanah, a ceremony called Tashlich takes place. People walk to a running body of water and toss pieces of bread into the running water to symbolize our casting away of our sins. At Albert Einstein Academy we had our own unique Tashlich ceremony. The entire school walked to Brandywine Creek and had a ceremony. Before casting away our "sins" - we weighed our good deeds (Mitzvot) against our mistakes. We didn't call them sins. Of course our good deeds far outweighed our mistakes. In this picture, Mrs. Judy Smith our Science and Math teacher holds up the scale as the school sits by and awaits the outcome of the scale.

## Comedians To Perform At Fitness Party

"Our Second Annual Fitness Center celebration is going to be even better than our first", said A.J. Lipstein, Fitness Center Coordinator of the JCC.

In addition to music, dancing, food and beer/wine bar, the celebration will feature live performances by two well-known comedians from the Comedy Cabaret. After appearing in her own one-woman show on Broadway, comedienne Debbie Kasper will be familiar to the audience also from

her television appearances on "Evening at the Improv" and the Comedy Channel. Comedy club comedian David Hardy will also make an appearance at the Fitness Party. He was featured in the "Philly" Jazz Festival.

The Fitness Center Anniversary party is scheduled for Saturday, November 4 at 8 p.m. tickets are \$17.50 per person and are available at the Fitness Center. Call A.J. Lipstein at 478-5660.

## Prejudice Workshop Offered

Pacem in Terris and the National Coalition Building Institute/Delaware Chapter will offer a prejudice reduction workshop on Saturday, October 30, from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. at Charis House, 4902 Kennett Pike, Wilmington.

The workshop has been approved by the Delaware Department of Public Instruction for 2/5 in-service credit for teachers.

To register or for more information, call the Pacem in Terris office at 302-656-2721. The deadline for registration is Wednesday, October 27th.

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# NJCRAC Conveys Support For PLO Pact To Israel

By CYNTHIA MANN  
JERUSALEM (JTA) — Leaders of National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council, one of the biggest American Jewish umbrella groups have met with Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and other Israeli leaders to be briefed on the peace process and to convey a message of strong support from their constitu-

ency back home. "We told Rabin that polls show 80 percent plus (of American Jews) support the decision to go down this road with a mixture of hope and anxiety," said Maynard Wishner, chairman of the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council.

"Being here and meeting with the people charged with trying to implement the (Israeli-Palestinian) agreement helps us understand the complexity" of the process, said Martin Raffel, associate executive vice chair of NJCRAC and director of its Israel Task Force.

He said he gave Israelis "credit for recognizing the partnership" with American Jewry and their obligation to share information. Now, he said, "we are in a position to help interpret" to NJCRAC's constituency the challenges that lie ahead.

Wishner and Raffel were part of the 17-member delegation that delivered to the Israeli leadership an organizational policy statement of strong support for recent developments in the peace process. The statement was devised after two days of intensive task force and executive committee meetings with representatives from all over the United States.

In Israel, delegates met with political leaders, strategic, military and economic analysts, diplomats, industrialists, administrators in the territories and members of the Palestine Liberation Organization.

Wishner said, "We have tried to build an awareness (among Ameri-

can Jews) that support for the process means being prepared to encounter difficult issues, and that not everything is in the hands of the Israelis," he said.

The future may be fraught with difficulties, said Wishner, who added that he believes both sides need more "confidence-building" measures.

He said he told the Palestinians with whom he met that he has been disappointed by the absence of some such measures following Arafat's pledge to renounce violence and to recognize Israel's right to exist.

## Senior Center Anniversary Celebration

The Senior Center of the Jewish Community Center will be celebrating its 18th Anniversary (Chi Year) on Thursday, November 4, 1993.

The community is invited to join the celebration at 5:30 p.m. in the Zallea Auditorium for this gala celebration.

A catered dinner will be served followed by a performance by the musical duo of Walker and Wolfe at 7:00 p.m.

"The Senior Center has been the home away from home for so many of our community members," said Ray Freshman, Senior Center Coordinator. "It has provided them with friendship, cultural programs, recreational and social events plus a nutritious kosher meal five days per week", she added.

RSVP by October 25. Call Ray Freshman at 478-5660.

## Artistic Family

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Cannon, also a graduate of the University of Delaware, earned his medical degree from the University of Pennsylvania. He has pursued his study of art for over 30 years. He has combined sketching and painting with travel, and some of his outdoor painting experiences in Wilmington, Canada and New England are reflected in this exhibit.

Hershman, a sculptor, represents the third generation of artists in this family. A Philadelphian since early childhood, she graduated from the Tyler School of Fine Arts and did postgraduate work with Gerd Utecher. Hershman works in a variety of media, including bone, stone, epoxy resin, cast aluminum and mixed media. Her work has been exhibited throughout the United States and Europe and is included in many private and corporate collections.

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## Gratz Announces Record Enrollment

By ELAINE FRIEDBERG  
Delaware Gratz Hebrew High School began its 5754 school year with eighty students. This marks the largest enrollment ever in its twenty-eight years of existence. Twenty-eight students are new to Gratz this year.

From Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth, Gratz welcomes Ronald Balick, Samara Barth, Holly Echt, Allison Goldberg, Alison Gross, Patty Lane, Judith Leitch, Jonathan Makar, Jacob Milunsky, Yelena Nabutovsky, Jason Resch, Rachael Samuels, Sharon Sandell, Joshua Schoenberg, Michael Stiebel and Matthew Tanzer.

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Mr. Rosen serves as a member of Council of the Delaware Society of CPAs where he served as chairman of the tax committee from 1990 until 1993. He is also past president of the Estate Planning Council of Delaware.

Mr. Rosen is a vice president of the Jewish Community Center where he has served as chairman of the budget and finance committee for the past several years. He is also a former vice-president of Congregation Beth Shalom.

Yael Gurwitz, Jessica Imber, Alyson Rappaport and Lev Yampolsky while Randy Dickson and Joshua Young are from Ohev Shalom in Wallingford. Representing Beth El-Ner Tamid in Media are Adeena and Avi Teres.

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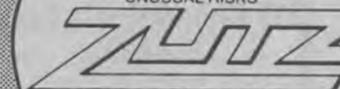


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## OBITUARIES

## Julia Baum Blumberg Educator, Community Activist

Julia Baum Blumberg, community leader and educator, died October 12, 1993 in the Kutz Home, Bellefonte. She was 94.

Mrs. Blumberg, formerly of 1401 Pennsylvania Ave., Wilmington, was involved in many local and national organizations.

Before her marriage in 1938, she

taught at Bethlehem (Pa.) Senior High School. She was chairwoman of the school's Survey Committee for its accreditation by the Middle Atlantic States Association for the Accreditation of Colleges and Secondary Schools.

Mrs. Blumberg organized and was the first president of B'nai B'rith

Women in Bethlehem and was former president of District 3. She was former national chairwoman of B'nai B'rith Career and Counseling Services.

Mrs. Blumberg was active in Temple Beth Emeth, served on its board and was a life member, former life membership chairwoman and former president of its Temple Beth Emeth Sisterhood.

She was former treasurer of District 8, National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods, and member of the National Executive Board of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods.

As president of Greater Wilmington Federation of Women's Organizations, Mrs. Blumberg promoted educational programs on mental health in Delaware, crime and justice, quality environment and water conservation and water and air pollution.

She was chairwoman of the Hillel Counselorship at the University of Delaware and later chairwoman of its Community Advisory Board. She was elected honorary life chairwoman of the board in 1982.

Mrs. Blumberg was former public relations chairwoman for the Florence Crittenton Home Board and a life member of Hadassah, National

Council of Jewish Women and the auxiliary of the Kutz Home.

She was a member of the Women's Division of the Jewish Federation of Delaware and the board of trustees of the National Jewish Hospital for Tuberculosis and Respiratory Diseases in Denver.

Mrs. Blumberg was a member of Wilmington New Century Club for more than 35 years, where she served on numerous committees. She was former president of Wilmington City Federation of Women's Clubs and Allied Organizations.

She was a member of Delaware Nature Society since its founding and member of Delaware Mental Health Association; Phi Sigma Iota, National Romance Language Honor Society and the United Nations Associations of USA.

Mrs. Blumberg was honored by the Bureau of Jewish Women's Organizations for her outstanding accomplishments on behalf of the community and in 1990 by the board of the Milton and Hattie Kutz Home for her years of service to the home and its auxiliary.

She was a summa cum laude graduate of Muhlenberg College, Allen-

town, Pa., and she did post-graduate work at New York and Columbia universities.

Her husband, Leo, died in 1971. She is survived by several nieces.

"Julie was among other causes uniquely dedicated to Hillel," said Dov Seidel.

Barbara B. Keil, told The Jewish Voice, "I have worked with Julia and been a friend for almost 40 years. Knowing her has helped in my personal growth. She is the type of person who will be missed by the entire community."

B'nai B'rith Women of Delaware is establishing The Julia B. Blumberg Memorial Scholarship Fund the money will be used to provide scholarships for Hillel students to attend leadership seminars and conferences. Checks can be sent to The Julia B. Blumberg Memorial Scholarship Fund c/o Hillel, University of Delaware, 47 West Delaware Avenue, Newark, Delaware 19711.

"Her love was the Jewish community," said Lelaine Nemser. "She had the knack of encouraging one to greater efforts within the community and to feel great about what you were doing."



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### SYLVIA SCHWARTZ

Sylvia Schwartz, 71, of Delaware State Hospital, Minquadale, died October 4 of a pulmonary embolism in Wilmington Hospital.

Mrs. Schwartz, a homemaker, moved to Delaware State Hospital about three years ago from Greentree Apartments, Brandywine Hundred, where she had lived for about three years. Earlier, she lived at 3001 Concord Pike, Talleyville, for more than 20 years.

She is survived by a son, Irwin of Newark; a daughter, Ellen Broadway of West Chester, Pa.; and two brothers, Gerald and Arthur Greenspan, and a sister, Yvette Sadoff, all of New York.

Instead of flowers, the family suggests contributions to charity.

### DR. MORRIS SNYDER

Dr. Morris Snyder, a Wilmington dentist for 49 years, died October 9 of heart failure in St. Francis Hospital, after being stricken at home. He was 75.

Dr. Snyder, of 2403 Heather Road E., Heatherbrooke had a dental practice at 1412 Delaware Ave. since 1944 and was a volunteer at the Nemours Health Clinic, Wilmington.

He graduated in 1939 from Temple University and in 1943 from Temple University Dental School. He did an internship at Eastman Dental Dis-

pensary, Rochester, N.Y., and was a clinician for Philadelphia Mouth Hygiene Association.

Dr. Snyder was a member of Machzikey Hadas Congregation, Delaware State Dental Society and American Dental Association.

He is survived by his wife, Dr. Eileen, also a dentist; three sons, Dr. Elliott of Dallas, Stuart of Hockessin and Jeff of Strasburg, Pa.; a daughter, Marla Faman of Ocean City, Md.; a brother, Joseph of Cherry Hill, N.J.; a sister, Sylvia Hewitt of Philadelphia; and a grandson.

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

### FLORENCE SPECTOR

Florence Spector, 83, of Ingleside Retirement Apartments, 1005 N. Franklin St., Wilmington, died October 5 of a heart attack in St. Francis Hospital.

Mrs. Spector, a homemaker, was a member of Machzikey Hadas Congregation, Wilmington.

Her husband, Benjamin, died in 1973. She is survived by a son, Martin of Newark; a daughter, Rachel Short of Ladson, S.C.; a brother, Morris Weintraub of Wilmington; a sister, Mary Weinstein of Claymont; six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Instead of flowers, the family suggests contributions to Deborah Heart & Lung Foundation, in care of Edith Steinberg, 1403 Shallcross Ave., Wilmington 19806.

**POLIKOFF, ELSIE** — October 1, 1993, Elsie (Nae) Serfer, wife of the late Martin J. of Philadelphia, passed away. She is the Mother of Joy P. Brooks and Harriet B. Ansul, Sister of Bernard K. Serfer. She is also survived by four grandchildren, and five great grandchildren.

The family suggests contributions in her memory may be made to charity of the donors choice.

### MOLLIE WEINBERG

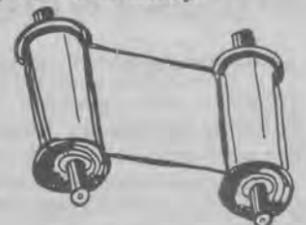
Mollie Weinberg, 93, of Co-Op City, New York, died Sunday, September 26 of a heart attack in Montefiore Hospital, New York, after a long illness.

Mrs. Weinberg, a homemaker was a member of the City of Hope and a lifelong member of Deborah, where she was active.

Her husband, Max, died in 1974. She is survived by a son, Leonard Weinberg of New York and a sister Esther Shapiro of Green Acres, Wilmington, Delaware, two granddaughters and 3 great grandchildren.

The graveside service was held at Mt. Moriah Cemetery, New Jersey.

The family suggests contributions to your favorite charity.



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# NACHES

## Wedding of Susan Joy Turnauer to Karl Daniel Allina-Silva

Jerry and Sandye Turnauer announce the marriage of their daughter Susan Joy (Esti) Turnauer to Karl Daniel Allina-Silva, now known to their friends as Esti and Dan Allina-Turnauer.

The Wedding took place on Rosh Hodesh Tammuz 5723 (June 20, 1993) on the terrace at the Hyatt Hotel on Mt. Scopus in Jerusalem.

The Chupa took place at sunset with Jerusalem in the background. Esti was carried in on an Aperiion, the Royal Wedding litter, by four litter bearers accompanied by shofar and harp players. This was an ancient custom which fell into disuse after the destruction of the Holy Temple in 70 CE, but has been restored as of December, 1992 in Jerusalem. Esti and Dan reside in Ramat Gan.



The happy couple (above). The bride (below).



## Two cases are closely watched

By STEVEN WEISS

WASHINGTON, (JTA) — Jewish groups are closely watching two cases argued before the Supreme Court this week: one involving civil rights and the other dealing with sexual harassment in the workplace.

Oral argument for the two cases was heard Wednesday in a Supreme Court building packed with members of the public and press, who were interested as much in how Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg would perform on the bench as in the cases themselves.

Ginsburg began her questioning immediately after arguments began in the sexual harassment case, *Harris vs. Forklift Systems Inc.*

That case, considered by some to be the most important First Amendment case in recent memory, asks whether one accusing her employer of sexual harassment must prove psychological injury.

Ginsburg began by asking plaintiff Teresa Harris' attorney what exactly

defines sexual harassment, suggesting that comments made to different people might offend some but not others.

The comment "You're a woman — what do you know?" means something different from "You're a man — what do you know?" said Ginsburg, using a denigrating comment made to Harris by a male co-worker as an example.

"You've never been told, 'You're a man — what do you know?'" asked Scalia, who jokingly suggested that he must have come from a different family background than the other justices.

Harris' attorney, Irwin Venick, claimed that the only test plaintiffs should have to meet is an objective test that asks whether an employer's conduct would be considered offensive by a reasonable person.

Stanley Chernau, counsel for Harris' employer, Forklift Systems Inc., argued that something more is required, depending on the facts of each case.

## Lodz Ghetto Director to Lecture

The Halina Wind Preston Holocaust Education Center announces that the Halina Wind Preston Memorial Lecture will be presented by Alan



A haunting scene from the internationally acclaimed film, *LODZ GHETTO*, these captive Jews gathered in front of a Nazi photographer seem to be looking directly at us, the viewers of the future. (Bundesarchiv).

## Debate

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ges for entry into the United States." CJF, HIAS and the National Conference retorted that "recent events in Moscow signal a new phase of political and social volatility and that this is not a time to dismiss the ongoing crisis in the region in the name of 'Yeltsin's victory.'"

So far this year, 47,201 Jews have immigrated to Israel from the former Soviet Union, while 26,462 came to the United States.

In calling for a re-evaluation of resettlement policies, Reich has reopened a debate that has arisen periodically since Jews first began to leave the Soviet Union in the 1970s: Should Jews, who have the right to automatic citizenship in Israel, be considered stateless refugees?

If Russian Jews "feel they must leave, they have a land to go to that will immediately accept them and make them citizens on the day they enter" Israel, said Reich in his statement.

But the Soviet Jewry advocacy and resettlement groups retorted that "the safety of Jews in the former Soviet Union deserves an assessment that is independent of beliefs of where they should resettle."

"CJF and HIAS support a policy of resettlement that is based on a conclusion that there is ample reason for Jews, in particular, to leave the former Soviet Union for Israel and for some to enter the U.S. as refugees," the joint statement read.

Under American law, refugees need to show a well-founded fear of persecution.

For Jews and other religious mi-

norities from the former Soviet Union, however, that standard was softened by the Lautenberg Amendment, offered by Sen. Frank Lautenberg (D-N.J.) after the Immigration and Naturalization Service rejected the asylum claims of almost half the Soviet Jews applying in the summer of 1989.

Currently, according to Wenick, there is more than a two-year backlog in admissions, with 100,000 people in the immigration pipeline.

A similar number of Jews are reportedly in the pipeline for immigration to Israel, with 10 times that many having begun the initial step of receiving a letter of invitation from Israel.

According to former CJF Executive Vice President Carmi Schwartz, "the rationale for American resettlement was going to be family reunification; the rationale for Israel would be safe haven and Jewish continuity."

Schwartz, who is now a consultant to CJF, headed the organization through 1989, when mass emigration from the then-Soviet Union was beginning. He noted that most of the refugees coming to America are family reunification cases, a factor not mentioned in the official rejoinder to Reich.

Jewish continuity "is another factor that should be looked at very seriously," Schwartz said, since "the Jewish component of their being is a critical component as to why we care about them."

"Israeli resettlement assures Jewish continuity, while American resettlement is very uncertain as to continuity," said Schwartz.

California, Senator Dianne Feinstein, (D) California, Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison, (R) Texas, Senator Nancy Kassebaum, (R) Kansas, Senator Barbara Mikulski, (D) Maryland, Senator Carol Moseley-Braun, (D) Illinois, and Senator Patty Murray, (D) Washington.

Delaware's Arlene Simon indicated she "thought it was terrific, the whole Lion of Judah Conference was well done. I was particularly impressed by the commitment that appeared to come from the younger people in attendance. A great percentage on those in attendance were young, young women. The commitment to Jewish survival that these young women made at that level, at that age, is particularly impressive." Simon added "That's the name of the game — getting and keeping them involved at that level."

Adelson, Producer/Director of the award-winning documentary, "Lodz Ghetto."

Mr. Adelson will speak on the making of the film at a special showing on Sunday, November 21, 1993, at 3 PM at Arsht Hall on the Wilmington campus of the University of Delaware. The program is cosponsored with the Jewish Studies Department of the University of Delaware.

The documentary which has been shown at the Kennedy Center, the Museum of Modern Art and many other locations around the world tells the haunting story of the life and death of the Lodz ghetto in Poland under Nazi domination. Mr. Adelson will describe the making of this film from the diaries and photographs, notebooks and journals that were found when the Russians liberated Lodz. It is the story of remarkable endurance recorded by writers who endeavored to tell of their struggle for survival amid overpowering evil.

There will be a discussion period following the showing of the documentary with Mr. Adelson; Professor Sara Horowitz, Chairperson of the Jewish Studies Department of the University of Delaware, and Martin Ryder, Lodz Ghetto Survivor.

The program is open to the public at no charge.

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