

Two Weeks Of Terror

February 25 - Suicide bomber attacks bus in Jerusalem and a separate attack in Ashkelon leaves 28 dead, 76 injured.

March 3 - Suicide bomber attacks a Jerusalem bus leaves 19 dead, 10 injured.

March 4 - Suicide bomber attacks downtown Tel Aviv shopping area leaving 12 dead, 126 injured.

(Editor's Note: Suicide bombings these past two weeks have resulted in the death of nearly 60 people in Israel and injuries to 212. The following is a summary of the news stories of these tragic events as reported to the Jewish Voice by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency (JTA) and other agencies).

Hamas Suicide Terrorists Hit Israel With Twin Attacks By NAOMI SEGAL

JERUSALEM, Feb. 25 (JTA) — The ability of Israel and the Palestinian Authority to prevent attacks by Islamic extremists has been thrown into question by this week's twin suicide bombings in Jerusalem and Ashkelon. The bombings - the bloodiest since Israel and the Palestinian signed the historic Declaration of Principles in September 1993 — left questions about how both sides handle security, the peace process' raison d'être for many Israelis.

Sunday's attacks came only days after Israel lifted the closure it imposed Feb. 12 on the West Bank and Gaza Strip in the wake of reports that Hamas was planning to avenge the Jan. 5 Gaza Strip killing of master bomb maker Yehiya Ayash, also known as "The Engineer." Israeli officials, who neither confirmed nor denied Hamas allegations that the Jewish state was behind Ayash's death, began easing the closure Feb. 15 to allow Palestinians older than 30 to return to their jobs in Israel. The closure was lifted entirely last Friday.

But in the aftermath of the bombings, the Israel Defense Force chief of staff, Lt. Gen.

Amnon Shahak, dismissed suggestions that Israeli security forces should have been more alert in the wake of the lifting of the closure.

In the Jerusalem attack on a No. 18 bus, a suicide bomber with a 22-pound bomb filled with nails and ball bearings killed 24 people and wounded 50 others, 10 of them seriously. Two Americans were among those killed. Matthew Eisenfeld of West Hartford, Conn., a second-year rabbinical student at the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York, died in the attack. Eisenfeld, 25, was studying for the year at the JTS campus in Jerusalem. Eisenfeld's girlfriend, Sarah Duker, 23, of Teaneck, N.J., who was spending the year in Israel, also died in the attack.

The attack came at 6:48 a.m., during Israel's rush hour, as the bus waited at a traffic light at Jaffa and Sarei Yisrael streets, some 900 feet from the central bus station. The blast destroyed the bus, leaving only a blackened, twisted frame. It damaged another local bus, No. 36, which was waiting behind it, as well as seven cars near the blast.

The second attack occurred in Ashkelon, less than an hour later, at a hitchhiking stop for soldiers. The suicide bomber in that attack killed two people and wounded 29, including six who were in serious condition. The attack was reportedly carried out by a terrorist dressed in an Israeli army uniform who mingled with soldiers waiting for rides.

Hamas claimed responsibility for the attacks in a leaflet distributed and signed by he "cell of the new students of Yehiya Ayash." The attacks came after a six-month halt by Hamas, which last attacked an Israeli target Aug. 21, when a suicide bomber detonated an explosion on the No. 26 bus in Jerusalem's northern neighborhood of Ramat Eshkol, killing four people, including American Joan Davenny, 47, of Woodbridge, Conn.

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DUKER FUNERAL: TEANECK, N.J.—Arline Duker (center), and her two surviving daughters, Tamara (left), 20, and Ariella (right), 14, follow Sara Duker's coffin as it is carried from funeral services February 27. Sara and her friend Matthew Eisenfeld were killed in the suicide bus bombing in Jerusalem February 25. RNS Photo/Reuters



JERUSALEM—General overview of the city bus explosion that killed 19 on March 3. Rescue workers scramble through the wreckage of the city bus as they search for survivors among the victims (covered in white sheets). RNS Photo/Reuters

Latest Attacks Spur Action On U.S. Anti-Terrorist Bill

NEW YORK, March 4 (JTA) — Leaders of American Jewish organizations are calling for the immediate passage of anti-terrorism legislation that has languished for more than a year in Congress.

The Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations made its call at a Monday news conference convened to denounce the latest series of bombings in Israel carried out by the Islamic fundamentalist Hamas movement.

Suicide bombers in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv this week claimed the lives of at least 30 and wounded at least 119.

"This is war," declared Leon Levy, chairman of the conference, who called the bombings "wanton killing" by "barbarian murderers."

"This is war," he repeated, saying that the terrorism threat was not limited to Israel.

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Excerpts Of Remarks Of Prime Minister Peres Following March 3 Bus Bombing In Jerusalem, 19 Dead.

Good afternoon. We awoke this morning to a terrible bow, for everyone, with no exception, for the entire country. I have no intention of detracting in any way, from the enormity of the blow or its pain. At the same time, the solution is no crying and not demonstrations; the solution is a correct analysis of these steps which can, and should be implemented, without hesitation. Hamas has decided to return the Palestinians to a world of despair, hatred and animosity. Of course, when such an incident occurs, when I stood this morning next to the bus, the initial reaction is a human one, to see the bodies of the victims; to share in the sorrow of the families, to pray for the recovery of the wounded, women, men, young people, old people. I am sorry that sorrow has to unite the nation.

The difficult and cruel problem is that Hamas has decided to turn people into explosives, indiscriminately, everywhere. Through a terrible fraud by extremist clerics and leaders, they take unsuspecting youths, tell them that they will ascend directly to Paradise and send them to kill and to die. I have resolved, along with my colleagues in the Cabinet and think with the entire constituency of all parties to raze this organization unto its foundation. Every correct idea raised and that can be implemented, will be implemented by us. We will not be deterred from taking any measure, we will not spare any effort. We have decided to give this war the highest, and most unequivocal priority. Everything we possess in manpower, ideas and means will be focused first and foremost, on conducting this war, forcefully and immediately.

On Purim Eve, Hamas Strikes At Busy Tel Aviv Shopping Mall

By GIL SEDAN

JERUSALEM, March 4 (JTA) — Israel was still mourning its dead from the attack on a Jerusalem bus when a blast in Tel Aviv a day later sent shock waves across the nation. Jerusalem had been the target of Hamas militants in an attack Sunday and two attacks last week. But Monday, it was Tel Aviv's turn.

Shortly before 4 p.m., a suicide bomber struck at Dizengoff Center, the main shopping mall in the heart of Tel Aviv. The Hamas terrorist claimed at least 12 victims and left at least 126 wounded, including children.

At an emergency session held after Monday's attack, the Israeli Cabinet decided to create a new anti-terror command to combat Islamic extremists. The command will be headed by Ami Ayalon, the newly appointed head of the Shin Bet, Israel's domestic security agency, and will include top army and intelligence officials. The decision to create the command was accompanied by a second Cabinet resolution that claimed that Israel had the right to enter Palestinian self-rule areas to round up militants.

The Hamas attack came when hundreds of people, many of them children in costume, were at the popular mall in preparation for the Purim holiday.

According to the initial investigation, the suicide bomber crossed Dizengoff Street, heading toward one

of the entrances to the Dizengoff Center. Just as he was about to enter the mall, he detonated explosives he was carrying that are estimated to weigh more than 30 pounds.

The grim accounts of what followed have become familiar in recent days. Eyewitnesses reported that body parts were scattered throughout the street among mangled cars that had been traveling on the busy thoroughfare. Screams of pain mingled with the wailing of ambulances that rushed to the scene just minutes after the explosion. "There was a smell of death in the air," said one eyewitness, who added that the worst thing she saw was the small bodies of children lying on the street.

Two hours after the attack, an anonymous caller phoned Israel Radio to say that the Tel Aviv attack came in response to Sunday's statement by Prime Minister Shimon Peres declaring an all-out war against Hamas.

The caller warned that if the government took measures against the Hamas movement, the organization would hit back hard at the Jewish population.

Another caller later identified the suicide bomber as Saleh Abdul Rahim, 24, a resident of the West Bank town of Ramallah, which was turned over to Palestinian self-rule in late December.

There was a growing feeling among Israeli officials here that only drastic action by the Palestinian Authority against Hamas measures that would impair the ability of the organization to operate could put an end to this wave of terrorism. Israeli analysts noted a change in the pattern of Hamas terrorist attacks, saying that even though in the past there were periods between attacks, this series of recent assaults seemed to be deliberately designed to put a halt to the peace process.

The Jewish Federation of Delaware Expresses Outrage At Four Hamas Bombings In One Week

Monday, March 4 (Wilmington) — "Today a bomb blast killed ten people on Dizengoff Street in the heart of Tel Aviv. On Sunday a suicide bus bombing, the third in the period of a week, killed 19 more people in Jerusalem. The militant group Hamas has once again shown a scornful disregard for the value of life," said Ms. Toni Young, President of the Jewish Federation of Delaware (JFD). "We join in support for the Israeli government's crackdown against Hamas and other terrorist organizations. It is time for the Palestinian Authority, all Arab states and all partners to the peace process to bring all means at their disposal to combat this murderous terrorism."

Ms. Young added, "We welcome Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat's steps of outlawing the so-called military wings of the Hamas and Islamic Jihad organizations. Arafat has taken some constructive steps to date against terror groups, but it is time for him to take decisive action to dismantle the infrastructure of these militant groups."

Judy Wortman, the Executive Vice-President of JFD, said "Delawareans who support peace understand that this series of suicide bombings is a terrible attack against not only Israeli lives but the peace process itself. We should strike back by demonstrating our support for the pursuers of peace. Continued tourism to Israel can help to show our resolve. The strong measures announced by the Israeli government are an appropriate answer to the terrorists' random destruction of lives. These attacks underscore the hollowness of the offer by Hamas last week of a truce."

What Does The JCRC Do?

By DAN WEINTRAUB
JCRC Director

What is the JCRC and what does it do? The Jewish Community Relations Committee, or JCRC, is the public affairs arm of the Jewish Federation of Delaware (JFD). (The Jewish Federation of Delaware is the central funding and planning agency of the Delaware Jewish community.) Here is an excerpt from a brochure

introducing the JCRC:

"Through the JCRC the Jewish community interacts with the community at large. The JCRC works with government leaders and the media as an advocate for Israel and to promote policies in keeping with Jewish values and the welfare of the Jewish people. The Committee combats anti-Semitism and other forms of bigotry and seeks civil rights for all. It also participates in programs and coalitions to enhance good relations among different religious and cultural groups."

The JCRC works to represent the Jewish Federation of Delaware, to provide information on public policy, to foster communal involvement, to safeguard the rights and interests of the Jewish community and to promote human rights.

At times of crisis, such as an anti-Semitic incident in our region or tragic news from Israel, the JCRC works quickly in response to events. When a crisis of concern to the Jewish community strikes overseas the JCRC gathers and distributes infor-

mation to the community and the general public. When an incident occurs close to home the JCRC helps coordinate a consensus for responsive action with the benefit of enlightened leadership within the local community and the counsel of a network of experienced professionals around the country.

Often the work of the JCRC is most effective when it is least visible. In community relations the adage applies that an ounce of prevention can be more effective than a pound of cure. Whether it is coordinating voter registration, lobbying on Church-State separation or building coalitions, the volunteers and staff of the JCRC are working to make this a better world and a better world for Jews. Often the steps we take in working together with our Delaware neighbors can prevent a crisis from ever occurring.

The Committee's work is too extensive to describe fully here. For more information on the work of the JCRC call (302) 427-2100.

LATE BITS

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

JERUSALEM — An Israeli Arab is arrested on suspicion of transporting the suicide bomber who carried out this week's attack in Tel Aviv from Gaza.

JERUSALEM — A Palestinian court sentences a Palestinian who recruited two suicide bombers to life in prison and hard labor.

JERUSALEM — As Israel launches an all-out war on Hamas, questions about the future of the government and the possibility of a renewed intifada arise.

NEW YORK — The end of the Gulf War, the massacre of Palestinians in Hebron and, now, terrorist attacks on innocent Israelis — all on Purim. What is it about this holiday?

WASHINGTON — How effective can the United States be in helping Israel counter terrorism?

MOSCOW — Ultra nationalist Vladimir Zhirinovskiy blames the "world government" for the latest attacks in Israel.

TEANECK, N.J. — Leah Rabin reaffirms her commitment to the peace process as she accepts an honorary degree at Fairleigh Dickinson University.

JERUSALEM — With Hamas renewing its campaign of terror, questions abound about the relationship between Yasser Arafat's Palestine Liberation Organization and the fundamentalist group that is violently opposed to the peace process.

NEW YORK — American Jewish leaders call on U.S. government leaders to crack down on Hamas activities in the United States.

WASHINGTON — A school prayer case being heard in a Mississippi court could have vast repercussions for the subject.

WASHINGTON — The State Department issues its annual human rights report.

WASHINGTON — President Clinton expresses solidarity with Israel at a memorial service here.

DOHA, Qatar — The new head of Qatar tells visiting American Jewish leaders that he is interested in moving forward with peace with Israel.

MOSCOW — As candidates for the Russian presidency are staking out their ground, Jews here ponder their security.

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"Hamas and other Islamic extremist groups are engaged in fund raising, recruitment and training" in the United States, he said.

Levy said he had been assured by House Speaker Newt Gingrich (R-Ga.) that "he'll move aggressively to support" the anti-terrorism bill.

In a statement issued Monday to his Republican colleagues, Gingrich underscored the importance of the bill's passage.

Action on the measure has repeatedly been scheduled and postponed in the House of Representatives. Now on the legislative calendar for the week of March 11 — a date set prior to the latest attacks in Israel — action is now nearly certain.

The bill, which also aims to combat domestic terrorism, got a boost in the wake of the Oklahoma City bombing last April.

Although the pending legislation has fewer teeth than originally envisioned, Jewish groups are pushing to get it enacted.

The measure pending in the House would, among other provisions, outlaw fund raising in the United States by designated terrorist organizations such as Hamas. It would also outlaw donations by Americans to such organizations, make terrorism a federal offense for the first time and bar leaders of designated terrorist groups from entering the United States.

The bill also would provide \$10 million in aid for anti-terrorism technology in countries especially threatened by terrorism, including Israel.

At Monday's news conference, Rep. Charles Schumer (D-N.Y.), one of the two authors of the anti-terrorism bill, added his voice to the call for the bill's passage.

"Congress must step up to the plate and pass our bill right now," he said.

The bill, he added, will help ensure "organizations dedicated to kill-

ing innocent men, women and children will no longer be able to use the United States as a safe haven."

"We can no longer look at this as a distant danger," said Malcolm Hoenlein, executive vice chairman of the conference. "We cannot afford more sacrifices. We want no more memorials."

Jewish leaders and members of Congress also issued warnings to Yasser Arafat that he must decisively root out terrorism.

"The burden of proof is on Yasser Arafat," said Schumer. The peace process is "hanging by a hair."

On Capitol Hill, Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole threatened to cut off U.S. funds to the Palestinians.

"Unless and until serious anti-terrorist actions are implemented by Chairman Arafat, it is difficult to justify continued U.S. assistance to the Palestinian Authority," Dole said in a statement.

A similar threat was issued by Rep. Benjamin Gilman (R-N.Y.), chairman of the House International Relations Committee, who asked members of Congress to sign on to a letter to Arafat. The letter warned of an end to U.S. aid unless the Palestinian Authority cracks down on terrorism.

Dole also said he anticipated that Congress would soon complete action on the anti-terrorism legislation.

Jewish support for the legislation intensified last August, after the detention in New York of Musa Abu Marzook.

Israel claims Marzook is the head of the political bureau of Hamas which allegedly directs and coordinates terrorist acts in Israel and the territories.

Israel also claims that Marzook raised hundreds of thousands of dollars in the United States and transferred it to the group's Gaza headquarters.

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BRIEFS

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Israel Sets Satellite Launch Date

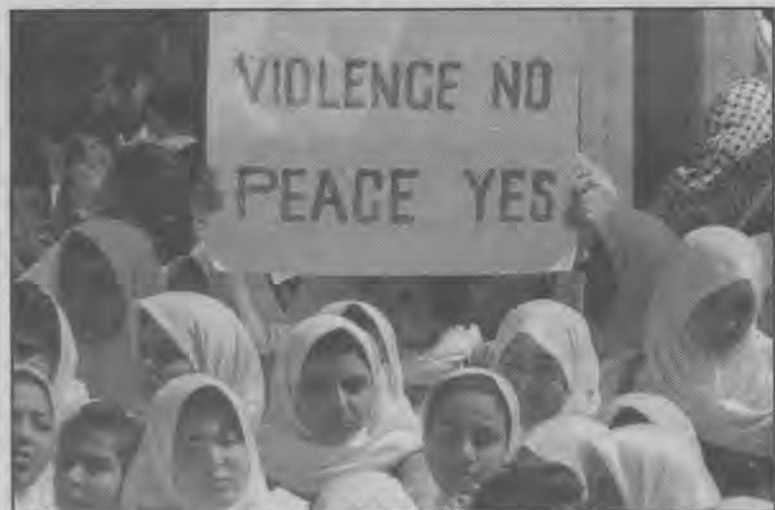
JERUSALEM, Feb. 25 (JTA) — Israel reportedly will launch its Amos-1 communications satellite in May.

The \$350 million satellite, developed by Israel Aircraft Industries, will be launched May 7 on a French rocket.

The rocket will be in orbit for 11 years and be located next to Arab communications satellites.

The launch comes after Israel sent out a satellite last year that crosses over Syria, Iran and Iraq.

Protest For Peace



PALESTINIANS PROTEST FOR PEACE: GAZA STRIP—Palestinian girls carry a poster reading "Violence No; Peace Yes" as they demonstrate against terrorism March 4. The demonstration was held by the request of Palestinian President Yasser Arafat in the wake of another Israeli bus attack in Jerusalem March 3. RNS Photo/Reuters

Religious Liberals Lobby For Gay Civil Marriage

NEW YORK, Feb. 26 (JTA) — The Reform movement is coming out as a major player — and the only audible voice in the organized Jewish community — in the state-by-state battle being waged over legalizing gay marriages.

The Reconstructionist movement has also endorsed gay civil as well as religious marriages. But as a far smaller movement, it is likely to have less of an impact on the grass-roots lobbying effort over the issue.

In an effort to pre-empt an expected decision from the Hawaii Supreme Court that would legalize gay marriages, 19 states have legislation pending that would require the state not to recognize a same-sex marriage even if such a wedding is legally conducted in another state.

Officiation at commitment ceremonies, as the religious weddings are called, will be discussed and debated at the convention of the Reform movement's Central Conference of American Rabbis, at the end of March.

The Reform movement and the Reconstructionist movements currently allow their rabbis to officiate at commitment ceremonies. The Conservative and Orthodox movements do not, though some Conservative rabbis have performed them.

Hadassah Educates Students About Breast Cancer

By DEBORAH SHAPIRO

BALTIMORE, Feb. 21 (JTA) — Filing into the dance studio of their all-girls school and receiving plastic "Check It Out" informational bags from Hadassah volunteers, the 140 members of Bryn Mawr's junior and senior classes quickly realized that this was not going to be a typical school assembly.

Bryn Mawr is one of nine local private schools that Hadassah's Baltimore chapter is visiting this year as part of the national Jewish women's organization's "Check It Out" program.

Through the program, high school girls learn about breast cancer from a panel of speakers, including a health care provider and a breast cancer survivor.

The "Check It Out" program began four years ago in Corpus Christi, Texas. Baltimore became the third Hadassah chapter in the country — after Corpus Christi and Washington, D.C. — to take part in the program, which has expanded to 47 Hadassah chapters nationwide.

In the coming weeks, Hadassah will launch the program in Baltimore public high schools.

Janette Brenner, Hadassah's vice president of community outreach and coordinator of the program, said, "The program is not a lecture. We reach the girls at their level. The important thing is to empower these women."

Holocaust Museums Sponsor Programs For Both Students and Teachers

The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum is sponsoring a writing and art contest for middle school and high school students on the contest question: Imagine that you are living in the United States in 1936. Do you think that American athletes should participate in the Olympic Games in Berlin?

Students may write a story, play, poem or research paper or create a poster, drawing, painting or political cartoon to answer the contest ques-

tion. The contest deadline is April 5, 1996.

The Museum also sponsors a summer institute for history, social studies and English teachers of grades 8 through 12. Participants in the all-expense paid Institute are expected to use their Institute experience to create programs in their schools, communities or professional organizations.

Yad Vashem sponsors a three-

week institute in July and January in Jerusalem for educators on Teaching the Shoah and Anti-Semitism. Participants must be educators in formal and informal education at all levels, community leaders or clergy. This is an in-depth course at nominal cost which includes field trips to other parts of Israel.

Contact Dan Weintraub at the Jewish Federation of Delaware, 427-2100, for more information on these opportunities.

FBI Exploring Neo-Nazi Link To Oklahoma City Bombing

By DEBORAH LEIPZIGER

LONDON, March 4 (JTA) — The FBI is investigating claims that there is an international conspiracy behind the April 1995 bombing of the federal building in Oklahoma City.

The Times of London has reported that British and German neo-Nazis are believed to have played a role in the bombing to avenge the execution of Richard Snell, an American neo-Nazi who was put to death on the day of the bombing for murdering a Jewish businessman and an African American state trooper.

Timothy McVeigh, 27, one of two defendants in the Oklahoma City case, has alleged that there was a European link to the attack.

McVeigh's lawyer has traveled to London to investigate whether British neo-Nazis provided components for the bomb, which killed 168 people, 19 of them children, and wounded at least 400 others.

The defense for McVeigh may seek to prove an international conspiracy behind the bombing in an effort to portray him as a small link in a complex international web rather than

the bombing's mastermind.

Three Britons have been subpoenaed to provide information on the alleged European link: Holocaust denier David Irving, who has close links to extremist groups; John Tyndall, leader of the British National Party, an extreme right-wing group with between 800 and 1,000 members in Britain; and Charles Sergeant, a member of Combat 18, an extremist skinhead group whose membership is estimated at between 30 and 100.

The three men have been asked to describe communication between their organizations and American groups.

Combat 18 is the most dangerous Britain-based group, said Tony Lerman of London's Institute for Jewish Policy Research.

"While it is doubtful that Combat 18 is responsible for developing the bomb used in the Oklahoma building, it is not impossible," he said.

"With access to the Internet, any extremist group can develop a bomb."

port.

The access is two-sided: to Web site creators and also to the people who sign on to them. On of the few hate-filled Web sites that automatically counts the number of "hits," one titled "Stormfront," has totaled about 200,000 visitors, and two others have counted about 20,000 hits, said the ADL's Hoffman.

Those numbers include every time someone goes to check out the site, as well as anyone who may accidentally come across them or may oppose them, so it does not reflect how many sympathizers the sites may have. The central danger of the haters using this new technology is that the medium makes the message seem more personal than, say a book or magazine where the same information is available, according to those monitoring the new phenomenon. "There's something about this that's very immediate. An ordinary person would not normally see a lot of Ernst Zundel's stuff, which ordinarily has very narrow, very limited distribution," said the ADL's Hoffman, referring to the German Canadian Hitler fan and Holocaust denier.

The difference is also in the access, said Abraham Foxman, national director of the ADL. "Pre-

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Hate On The Internet: Old Problem; New Challenge

By DEBRA NUSSBAUM COHEN

NEW YORK (JTA) — Log on to your computer, start cruising around the World Wide Web, that free-market network of sites dedicated to topics ranging from astronomy to zoo animals, and there's a chance you'll happen on to hate.

There are more than 200 Web sites devoted to Holocaust denial and Aryan racial supremacy, anti-Semitism and racism in some form, according to the Simon Wiesenthal Center, which has been tracking the growth of hate groups using the Internet for the past two years.

The Web is one segment of the global hookup of computers known as the Internet, where access to one Web page can link you to many more.

So once you locate a single hate site, the Aryan Nation's home page, for example, with its black and red logo of a swastika and cross topped with a crown, you can click on to numerous links — from a David Duke essay to a skinhead music page to the home site of the Pat Buchanan for president campaign.

The good news is that even this number of hate hot sites is tiny when viewed in the context of the overall number of sites on the Web.

The bad news is that haters, along with everyone else, are increasingly exploiting the benefits of the World Wide Web, and their presence challenges the Jewish community to aggressively counter them, sometimes more directly than hate groups have been addressed before.

An effort to find Web sites with

the word "Aryan" in their title or description, using the popular indexing program called Yahoo, turned up eight references. Six of them were to Web sites authored by a woman identified as Maryann. Only two of the references were really related to Aryan interests.

"Given the large number of sites and people out on the Web, it's relatively speaking a limited" group, said David Hoffman, a research analyst at the Anti-Defamation League and author of a new report titled "The Web of Hate: Extremists Exploit the Internet."

No one knows exactly how many pages have been put up on the World Wide Web, but the number of individual sites is estimated to be in the tens of thousands, said Yori Yanover, an editor of the Jewish Communication Network, a Web site developer. There are more than 1,600 sites of Jewish interest alone, he said. Perhaps the most outstanding feature of the medium is its accessibility. Today the expertise required to program a Web site can be easily learned.

The "traditional" hate groups, including the Ku Klux Klan, White Aryan Resistance (or W.A.R.), the neo-Nazi National Alliance and the anti-Semitic Christian Identity movement have all put up Web pages. So have Holocaust deniers Bradley Smith, Ernst Zundel and the Institute for Historical Review. And new types of haters — young, computer literate and previously unknown individuals and groups — have also been popping up to promote themselves and their anti-Semitic and racist propaganda, according to the ADL re-

EDITORIAL

But Have We?

"Give me your tired your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free..... I lift my lamp beside the golden door" How thrilled so many of our parents or grandparents were as they passed the Statue of Liberty in New York's harbor as they came to America. Whether they came to the "Goldenah Medina" through Ellis Island, Boston, Baltimore, Philadelphia, New Orleans, Galveston or even Delaware's "Ellis Island" Reedy Island in the Delaware Bay our immigrant parents/grandparents had the same dream: Religious freedom, safety and security. Slightly over 100 years ago the great immigration to America began and lasted for a mere 50 years. For the vast majority of these immigrants their dreams and aspirations were met, often beyond their fondest dreams. But it was not easy, their paths to freedom and security was blocked with xenophobia and open and virulent anti-Semitism.

At the turn of this century signs "NO JEWS" were common at factories, shops and rental properties. Through hard work, mutual cooperation, and social and community agencies the barriers began to fall but in each era of our modern history we were faced with anti-Semitic challenges. In the 1930's, the darkest years of the great depression, a Father Coughlin through his nationally broadcast "sermons" singled out Jews as the blame for the country's financial plight. Members of congress obstructed plans to liberalize strict immigration laws of the era even denying the entrance of Jewish children fleeing the Nazis. By the end on the second world war and into the fifties and sixties many of the barriers were coming down We were able to work in industries and businesses once closed, live in areas once

restricted, and attend universities that once adhered to strict quotas. As this century draws to a close and while there continues to be pockets of anti-Semitism, and most of it covert, there is the tendency to sit back and say "we have come a long way," but have we?

Anti-Semitism has once again appeared on the national political scene, the civil rights arena, and right here in quiet peaceful Delaware. Numerous articles and commentary have likened the statements of Mr. Pat Buchanan to those of Father Coughlin. His criticism of Israel and support of accused Nazis is deeply troubling. While *The Jewish Voice* makes no endorsements in political contests we do promote the absence from political campaigns of language or issues which could be seen as anti-Semitic. The infamous Louis Farrakhan, whose comments are widely regarded as anti-Semitic has recently completed an 18 country tour of Africa and the Middle East where he recently boasted of accepting a \$1 Billion pledge from Libyan leader Col. Quaddafi presumably to build political power.

Last month a column by Norman Lockman in this State's largest newspaper contained deeply offensive generalization about the Jewish Community. It is deeply disappointing to see the promotion of anti-Semitic stereotypes and intolerance from a Pulitzer Prize winning journalist. To improve relations between the Black and Jewish Communities both groups must agree to reject bigotry and intolerance. The actions or statements of an individual do not justify bigotry against a group.

Anger and acrimony is not the answer. We must continue to build bridges with other

groups in the community, developing dialog, understanding and working together to ensure that the civil rights of all members of our society are protected and that all have the right to pursue freedom and security in our country. Organizations such as the JCRC (Jewish Community Relations Council) and the NCCJ (National Council of Christian and Jews) and

similar civic organizations deserve our support and involvement. What steps can we take to build bridges of understanding? What concrete social action projects can we work on with our neighbors? Let us not go backward to the bitter years of anti-Semitism or as a former N.Y. Yankee ballplayer said "it's deja vu all over again" lets hope not.



ANTI-BUCHANAN PROTESTERS: SIERRA VISTA, AZ—Anti-Buchanan protesters mix with Buchanan supporters at a rally for Republican presidential candidate Pat Buchanan in Sierra Vista at Veteran's Memorial Park. RNS Photo/Reuters

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To the Editor

I see (Forward, Feb. 23, '96) that there are plans to open a Solomon Schechter school in Manhattan in which, as a requirement for enrolling their children, parents must register for Jewish continuing education classes. I look forward to the time when the importance of adult Jewish education will be more widely recognized in our own community.

"Even if he is a poor man who derives his livelihood from charity and begs from door to door, even if he is a husband and a father of children, he must establish a fixed time for Torah study..."
Rambam, Mishneh Torah

Sincerely,
Dov Seidel

OPINION

Another Bombing: A Parent's Reaction/A Diplomat's Response

By **EVIATAR MANOR**
Consul General of Israel
Mid-Atlantic States

After I heard about the suicide bombing Monday morning, I immediately phoned my parents in Tel Aviv to check if my 18-year-old son, Oren, had arrived safely. He wasn't there; naturally, I began to worry. He will be drafted into the Israeli army this summer and had to take a few preliminary tests. A few minutes later, I was relieved when he called me back.

Like everyone else, I am very distressed about the news from Israel. I am worried about my family in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv. The latest Hamas bombing campaign is an all-out assault on the personal security and safety of every Israeli citizen. Our whole way of life is endangered; it simply cannot be tolerated.

We are deadlocked in a test of our national collective wills. No one can or be able to make us succumb to the blackmail of terrorism. We must meet this situation with confidence in our ability to overcome these difficult times. Even if our hearts are broken, our spirit must remain and defiant.

Hamas has declared war on the citizens of Israel and on the peace process. Their method: turning people into explosives, and detonating themselves indiscriminately, everywhere.

Prospective Hamas suicide bombers are approached by religious and political activists. The potential bombers receive indoctrination, instructions and explosives from Hamas operatives who control a network of arms caches. We must destroy this underlying framework, this network of terror, so that the lifeline that feeds and supports the suicide bombers is wiped out.

Our goal was, is and will continue to be peace. This is not the time to the virtues of peace, the noble efforts made in the last five years or the fruits of peace. I believe we all know and appreciate them, and we that making peace is a clear Israeli interest, not a favor we are doing for our enemies.

However, in order to achieve a lasting peace in the Middle East, Israel needs to launch a war against terrorism. It's unconscionable that extremist Hamas suicide bombers continue to blow themselves up in the heart of our country, taking dozens of Israeli casualties with them. The country is united in its determination to bring to an end this senseless, brutal and repugnant wave of killings.

Prime Minister Peres and the cabinet have already established a special task force headed by the head of the General Security Services to combat terrorism. In addition, they decided

to reinforce Israeli police and army patrols in Jerusalem, to create a special force of 800 elite combat troops to escort buses, and to place additional soldiers at transportation points to check for potential bombers, and other measures. Some of the steps to be taken will be harsh and liable to criticism. But, this is a war which needs to be fought and won now.

"The difficult and cruel problem is that Hamas has decided to turn people into explosives, indiscriminately, everywhere," said Prime Minister Peres on Sunday. "We view these incidents to be war in every sense of the word. Even if it hurts, we will fight...and raze this organization unto its foundation."

In addition, Israel is demanding three things from the Palestinian Authority: to outlaw the Hamas and Islamic Jihad terrorist organizations, to disarm them and to arrest the heads of these organizations.

After Sunday's suicide bombing in Jerusalem, Chairman Yasir Arafat declared the Hamas and Islamic Jihad organizations as well as his own paramilitary Fatah Hawks to be illegal. It's a step in the right direction, but it's not enough. He needs to back up his words with actions. He needs to use his police force against the terrorist organizations and to es-



tablish himself as the sole ruler in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. If he keeps his part of the Oslo accords, we will honor our end of the agreement, too.

Israel must stop the present wave of terrorism and restore a sense of security to the public. Only by wiping out the Hamas terrorist infrastructure will the Middle East peace process become a reality.

The Rabbi Writes: It Takes A Community To Raise A Shabbat

By Rabbi **SANFORD DRESIN**

Maimonides teaches that Judaism rests upon thirteen fundamental principles, the twelfth of these principles refers to the Messianic Era. Maimonides teaches that we are to accept as truth that the Messiah will come and even if he may tarry we are to continue to wait his coming every day and set no time limits for his coming nor attempt to conjecture or calculate, even based upon scripture, when the Messiah will come. In the Talmud Sanhedrin the sages said: "May the Spirit depart from those who would calculate the end — time." Belief in the Messianic ideal is therefore not fringe Judaism nor for that matter is working toward bringing about the Messiah's coming. The Messiah belongs to no one sect within Judaism despite what appears to have been the recent coopting of the persona of the Messiah if not the concept itself.

Belief in and commitment to bringing about the Messianic era has been and should be the dream of every Jew. Continued Jewish existence without this dream is inconceivable. Belief in this dream has kept Jews faithful to Torah and Mitzvot, but it has also spawned utopian socialists, communists and a whole host of secular dreamers whose theories when frustrated, ultimately vanished. The latter could

not keep the dream alive, but those committed to Torah did. Where specifically in Torah did they and we, for that matter, draw the strength to constantly renew and energize this dream? The answer provided by our sages is Tu'amu U'ra-u, taste and see, provide humanity with a foretaste of that perfect era and they will never abandon it. The taste that we have been gifted with is the Shabbat. On Shabbat we are uplifted, we are endowed with an extra spiritual dimension and we are free to dream.

Dreaming however, can be fraught with peril for while dreams can brighten reality, and reshape reality, they can be an escape from reality or they can further frustrate and intensify the pain and cruelty of reality. The Shabbat is Judaism's authentic way of reshaping and perfecting the world. The Shabbat allows us to be part of the world and yet apart from it, to be able to retreat from it and recognize an alternate reality or at least alternatives to what is often seen as an inescapable harsh reality devoid of choices and meaning. On Shabbat we transcend time and space entering a more perfect world, a holier world.

Shabbat is our foretaste of the Messianic era. But we cannot escape this world to summon up the energy to transform the balance of the week into Shabbat on our own, in isolation from other Jews. It takes a community in order raise up a Shabbat. Torah and Shabbat were not given to individuals nor was the Covenant at Sinai made with individuals. Our relationship to G-d is as a member of Knesset Yisrael — The Congregation of Israel. Maimonides taught in his Hilchot Teshuvah — Laws of Repentance, that an Apikores (A term that implies an Apostate, Heretic or Non-believer) is one who observes all the commandments but separates him/herself from the Jewish people. Without a connection to K'lal Yisrael there can be no connection to the Shabbat, G-d or the dream of salvation.

All week long a Jew may have been a pariah or an adulated power broker, but on Shabbat every Jew is granted the opportunity to live out his/her true role, that of being a bearer of Tikkun Haolam, of salvation to

the world. In the words of Achad Ha'am, "The Sabbath has kept the Jews, more than the Jews have kept the Sabbath." The Sabbath is our precious gift, to be used in order that we might transcend that which causes despair, to energize to give vision and to provide hope that we may come to believe with perfect faith in the coming of the Messiah, and though the Messiah may tarry, we await his coming every day and when the Messiah does arrive with

the help of G-d's Shabbat we will know what we must do and go where we must go. In the interim as we await the Messiah's coming, talk to your rabbi regarding specific steps to take in planning and celebrating with family and friends your Shabbat and theirs, in order that we may be agents in hastening that glorious day, for all it takes is all Israel to observe but one Shabbat. Tu'amu U'reu - Taste and see!







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UD Celebrates Consciousness With Dr. Cornel West

Matt Denn Updates Legislative Issues Monitored by JCRC

By RACHEL E. SAIFER

Assistant Editor of The Jewish Voice

To a crowded room of over four hundred people Dr. Cornel West began the evening by saying "We're here to have a public conversation." Common struggles, and courage to combat the evils of American society were the focus of the evening. His speaking style is one of hypnotizing brilliance. Without a note in front of him, Dr. West's strong words left his audience hanging on each dramatic, resonating syllable.

Dr. Cornel West, a leading commentator and educator on race relations, spoke February 29th at the University of Delaware as a part of the "African Consciousness Celebration." Dr. Cornel West is a professor of African-American studies and philosophy of religion at Harvard University. He has written ten books including "Race Matters," which was reviewed in *The Jewish Voice*, and "Jews and Blacks: Let the Healing Begin," which he co-authored with Michael Lerner, editor of *Tikkun* magazine.

The audience was an example of diversity, with a fair representation of ethnic, religious and racial student communities. Dr. West felt that this was the setting to "go behind the scars of history rather than live in the denial and avoidance of it." "We encouraged many of the Hillel students to attend, though we would have liked to have seen more of our representatives. I felt the showing was a positive one to support the African American student groups on campus" Said Rabbi Avraham Rosenblum, the University of Delaware Hillel Director.

Dr. West's words and message were inspiring. "It is so important that we be willing to dialogue" said Joan Spiegelman a member of the Jewish Community Relations Committee. Dr. West reiterated these same sentiments throughout his talk. "I'm a democrat and I believe in dialogue" Dr. West said at one point. Dr. West went on to speak about creating vast possibilities for public con-



Dr. Cornel West

versation. Dr. West made it evident that democracy could not survive without critical exchange. "Communication is the life blood of democracy" announced Dr. West.

Dr. West made literary, musical and academic references that link us all as scapegoats. Scapegoats are the most vulnerable groups in society. When situations turn out of control, it is the scapegoat who must hide from what sets us apart in the first place. This is where public conversations and exercises in democracy become significant. In a setting of public conversation uniqueness is welcomed, not frowned upon or shunned.

Though race was at the heart of the focus of Dr. West's speech, it was far from encompassing. Dr. West called the tension between the African American and Jewish communities, "bitter realism." This is a concept that Dr. West felt was media driven and sensationalized because of its high visibility. Dr. West touched on issues of Black Nationalism and Minister Louis Farrakhan. Statements made by Farrakhan in reference to the Jewish people, were denounced by Dr. West saying they were "textbook ugly anti-Semitic." This is not the answer. Social, and societal change will come from leaders with great tolerance not unjustified short sightedness. According to Dr. West, change can only be accomplished by talking, not only to our

By PRISCILLA W. SIEGEL
At the Adas Kodesch Men's Club breakfast on February 18, Matt Denn, Vice Chair of the Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC), described possible legislation with implications for the Jewish Community which might come up in Delaware during the remaining legislative session.

School prayer, that ever lurking issue, might well reappear on the legislative agenda. Reviewing last year's history of Senator Venables school prayer bill, Denn noted that the final bill passed by the legislature allows student initiated prayers at school events.

As part of a coalition with other religious groups, the Jewish Commu-

nity lobbied against the Venables bill which would have introduced religious ceremonies in schools. The coalition was partially successful in blocking the bill as originally written, but even the compromise bill represents a breach of the principle of separation of church and state.

According to Denn, last year's struggle over the school prayer issue taught the JCRC a great deal about how to do business with the legislature, the apparent lesson being that the JCRC needs to act like a special interest group. "We need," observed Denn, "to be able to react at the grassroots level."

Denn, a Wilmington attorney who is running for state senate from the 12th district, pointed out that there is no one in Dover willing to go to bat on Constitutional issues such as the separation between church and state.

The JCRC has also been monitoring the school voucher initiative. School vouchers issued to private schools (which include parochial) to be applied toward tuition of public school students means that tax dollars, in a number of cases, would be funding religious schools.

A current Delaware bill sponsored by Representative Cloutier, would direct vouchers of \$2500 toward economically disadvantaged students (food stamp eligible). This might be seen as a first step toward a more far-reaching school voucher program. Denn questioned the constitutionality of such legislation, pointing out that the United States Supreme Court unanimously ruled that direct payments of tax dollars to parochial schools is in violation of the



Matt Denn

Constitution, and Delaware's Constitution is similarly concerned about such use of public funds.

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own groups, but to our partners in the struggle as well. Dr. West, continually listed leaders of faith, such as; Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel, Harriet Tubman, Martin Buber, and Dr. Martin Luther King. "I am a prisoner of hope, evil and misery will not have the last word" Dr. West admitted in a closing statement. Dr. West made it clear that these were not words of optimism he was communicating what we need to do to have successful dialogue. Marty Weiss, Hillel's Community Relations Vice President, felt that students need to take action and begin communicating as well. "With all of the hate that goes on today in America, events like this bring us all together as one community" said Weiss.

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The Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America will be celebrating its one hundredth anniversary as the nation's oldest, active national veterans' organization on March 15, 1996.

In the 1890's, a generation after the end of the Civil War, a war in which there were at least six Jewish Medal of Honor recipients, doubts were cast on Jewish patriotism in general, and on Jewish service in the military, in particular. This was patently untrue, and proven to be so by the service of between 8-10% of the Jewish population.

Members of the Jewish faith have served proudly in every branch of the United States armed forces, receiving high honors and commendations. History records that they fought bravely and died heroically in every war which this country has participated.

During the century of service to this nation, the Jewish War Veterans have dedicated themselves to promoting the welfare and special needs of all veterans, promoted Americanism and patriotism, combated anti-Semitism and racism wherever it has occurred, advocated the doctrine of freedom, universal rights and eternal freedom for all Americans.

The JWV teaches love of country, promotes awareness in community, honors the memories of those that have made the ultimate sacrifice in the defense of this nation, and tend to the graves of their fallen comrades. All this is done to help create a better place in which to live.

As part of this Centennial celebration, the JWV of Delaware will sponsor a Shabbat at the following synagogues: Beth Emeth on March 8, Beth Shalom (Wilmington) and Beth Shalom (Dover) on March 15, Adas Kodesch and Beth El on March 22.

All veterans who are not members



Governor Thomas R. Carper signing a proclamation declaring March 15, 1996 as Jewish War Veterans of the United States Centennial Day. On the right is Samuel Wenzler, the Adjutant of the Jewish War Veterans, and Chairperson of the Centennial Committee. On the left is Garry G. Greenstein, a member of the Delaware Commission of Veterans Affairs. Garry is also the Vice-Commander of the Jewish War Veterans, Department of Delaware.

of the local JWV, are urged to join. For more information you can contact Harry Lubin (475-6521) or Sam Wenzler (478-3508).

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For anyone who wants to invest in Israel's future while diversifying an existing stock portfolio (and is aware of the potential volatility of investing in Israel), the Growth Fund of Israel is something to explore.

To obtain a copy of the prospectus for the Fund, which will provide information about charges, expenses and risks involved in single-country international investing including economic, political and currency risks, please call Ginger Weiss, Registered Representative, New England Securities, Rockwell Associates, 410 West Ninth Street, Wilmington, DE 19801 (302) 655-7151. Investors should read the prospectus carefully before investing.

REGRETS

EDITORS NOTE: The February 23rd issue of *The Jewish Voice* misspelled the names of ; Cantor Daniel Leeman and Toby Fluek. We apologize for the oversight.

Chaim Potok To Speak At Albert Einstein Academy

Albert Einstein Academy invites the community to a special scholarship evening on Sunday, April 28th at the Delaware History Museum in Wilmington, DE. World-renowned author, Chaim Potok will speak and proceeds from the event will go to

Albert Einstein Academy's scholarship fund.

For tickets and further information, please contact the school at 478-5026, or event chair Sylvia Wagman at 475-8531.



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Women's Seder

The 4th Annual Women's Seder sponsored by the Jewish Family Service's Judaism and Feminism group, will be held on Sunday, April 7, at 5:30 p.m. Though the location is still being worked out, prompt reservations are a must, for the seating will be limited. \$10.00 includes a light supper, and for an additional \$5.00 you can buy a copy of the

hagaddah, written and illustrated by Wilmington women. The seder is open to women who are at least 12 years and one day old. Checks payable to the Jewish Family Service should be mailed to: JFS, 101 Garden of Eden Road, Wilmington, DE 19803. For further information, contact Myrna Ryder at JFS, 478-9411.

JCC Offers Take-Out Passover Dinners

The Jewish Community Center with Traditions Kosher Catering (a division of CaterKart Cuisines) will offer Kosher for Passover take-out dinners. This year's menu will include Matzoh Ball Soup, Breast of Chicken in Wine Sauce, Matzoh Farfel Stuffing, Potato Zucchini Kugel, and Honey Parsley Carrots. Meals will be packaged in oven-proof aluminum containers for your convenience.

The cost is \$19.95 per person with a minimum order of 10. Payment is full is required when you place your order. There is a 4.5% charge for Visa and Mastercard pay-

ments. Orders can be placed by calling Susan Warner at (302) 475-7775 weekdays between 9 am and 5 pm. The deadline for placing orders is Friday, March 23, 1996.

Dinners will be available for pick-up on Wednesday, April 3 between 12 and 2 p.m. at the rear door (kitchen entrance) of the JCC. Local deliveries will be available at an additional charge. All meals will be supervised by the Va'ad Hakashruth of Wilmington. For more information, contact Susan Warner at (302) 475-7775.

JCC Annual Passover Restaurant

Make your life easier ... Join the community for a delicious Kosher for Passover meal prepared by the staff of the Jewish Community Center, under the supervision of the Va'ad Hakashruth of Wilmington.

The menu will include gefilte fish, chicken, honey glazed carrots, apple sauce, sweet kugel, assorted passover desserts, as well as, hot and cold bev-

erages.

The cost is \$8.25 for seniors, \$14.75 for adults and \$6.75 for children. Advance registration and payment is required at the JCC Front Desk by Monday, March 18, 1996. Please Note: No walk-in registrations will be accepted for the restaurant. For more information, call Susan Gentry at (302) 478-5660.

Mezuzah Fair

With prices ranging from \$3.50 up to \$150.00, one could only try to imagine the variety of mezuzahs that were available at the recent Mezuzah Fair held at the JCC. Made of ceramic, silver, brass, plastic, wood, glass, copper and even needle-

point, the detailed craftsmanship was a sight to behold.

Yet purchases of the cases was not the only sale of the day. One woman came to purchase a *Klaf*, the inner parchment of the mezuzah. She eagerly demonstrated to the many on-lookers her mezuzah, hand made by her college age daughter. There were those who brought in their *Klaf* from their mezuzots to be inspected to insure its Kashruth. One couple had a difficult time finding mezuzot that

would hold the five inch parchment that they already owned.

Children enjoyed a hands-on demonstration on Hebrew calligraphy led by Shmuel Yosef. Shmuel demonstrated how he checks the *Klaf*, letter by letter, and how careful the sofer (scribe) must be when writing. If any of the characters touch, remotely look like a different letter, the *Klaf* is considered "pusul" or non-kosher.

The afternoon was a learning experience for many as information on how to affix a mezuzah was quickly imparted. The consensus of the day however, was how mezuzot have become a work of art for many.



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JCC Camping Goal: The Best Summer Ever

The Wilmington Jewish Community Center is proud to present our 48th Year of Great Jewish Camping. "Ruach" (spirit) is the essence of camp. Camp JCC is offering numerous programs to help develop the "ruach" in today's camper.

Artie Allen, Assistant Executive Director of the JCC, will be serving as this year's Camp Director. Allen has several years of experience leading Jewish Community Day Camps. His background and experience provide the essential professional skills, along with his commitment to the agency as its Assistant Executive Director, will bring strength and leadership to camp this summer.

Allen has clear goals in mind to make camp a superior experience. "The key to this summer is staffing. It is my intention to utilize experienced professionals as specialists", he said. Staci Berger, JCC Children's Center Assistant Director, will serve as the Assistant Camp Director this summer. Allen and Berger will be joined by Joe Consiglio, Etai Belinky, Chris Mighton, Elyse Greer, Laura

Greenlee and Sonja Hildebrand. By enriching the staff with seasoned professionals, quality is assured, as well as, specialized programs and age-appropriate activities for all campers. A child's camping experience is certain to be enhanced by highly creative programs implemented by a caring and committed staff.

All young staff are encouraged to apply for Camp JCC positions. By utilizing experienced and professional staff members, training of young counselors will be at its peak of leadership and creative strength this summer.

"The combination of our beautiful Family Campus facilities, superior staff, creative programming, superb committee support and enthusiastic campers, Camp JCC is certain to be the best possible camping experience a child can enjoy. That is our goal for the summer and I see it clearly in sight", Allen added.

Limited space is available in some camp units. For registration information, call the Jewish Community Center at (302) 478-5660.

Beth Emeth and JCC Combined Programming Efforts

Members of Congregation Beth Emeth's E.T.C. group and participants of the JCC's Club Night program enjoyed a special evening together on February 10th. The programs were combined to encourage socialization between the two groups. Rabbi Mallinger and Alan Jaffey (Beth Emeth Representatives) and Elyse Greer (JCC School-Age Program Coordinator) planned and supervised a well-attended and fun evening for children in grades 3 through 6.

The program began at 7 p.m. with a short Havdallah Service, followed

by an organized game of newcomb in gym. Swimming and pool games, led by Rabbi Mallinger, were offered later in the evening. Children were able to choose which activities to participate in according to their interest. Some children played ping-pong, while others enjoyed billiards, board games or gym activities. The JCC offers Club Nights for grades 3 through 6, on a monthly basis throughout the entire school

Children's Center Administrators Visit Maitland JCC

Susan Gentry, Children's Center Director, and Staci Berger, Assistant Director of the Children's Center, visited the Maitland JCC in Orlando, Florida on February 15th and 16th.

The Maitland JCC has a nationally accredited pre-school program with a current enrollment of 450 children. Gentry and Berger spent two days and one evening observing their pre-school and parenting programs, as well as, meeting with their key administrators.



Shoshana Blum does her exercises for the Albert Einstein Academy second annual Gym Show on February 22.

year. The program meets on Saturday evenings from 7 to 9 p.m. at the JCC. Upcoming Club Night dates are March 9, April 13 and May 11. For more information, contact Elyse Greer at (302) 478-5660.

Film Course At The JCC

The National Museum of American Jewish History will once again provide the Jewish Community Center with a dynamic film course this Spring.

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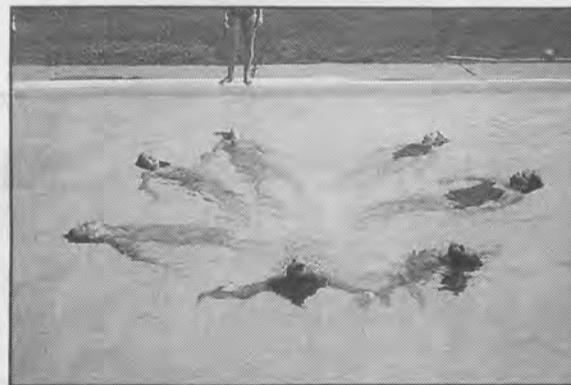
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The Violinist Yitzhak Perlman

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Whoever in the United States watches educational television (like channels 13, 31, and 25 in the New York area) can see and hear frequently the Israeli violinist Yitzhak

Perlman, who has become in recent years one of the most famous and beloved artists in the United States and in the whole world. Perlman, who celebrated his 50th birthday several months ago, is not only a special musician, he is also a beloved person of great personal charm, who makes a close connection with every audience, whether in concert halls or with those watching televi-

sion in their homes.

Yitzhak Perlman was born in August 1945 in Tel Aviv to parents who made aliyah from Poland. When he was three, he heard the sounds of a violin on the radio, and fell in love with the instrument. His parents bought him a toy violin, but Yitzhak wanted a real violin. One year later, he received his first violin, and began to learn to play.

His violin studies were interrupted for a certain period when he fell ill with polio, and was left paralyzed in both legs. After a period of rehabilitation, he returned to his violin lessons, and at the age of 10, played his first recital.

When Yitzhak was 13, the American television celebrity, Ed Sullivan, arrived in Israel to choose Israeli artists to appear in his program. He chose a company of ballet dancers, a company of folk dancers, two pianists, and Yitzhak Perlman.

Yitzhak Perlman arrived in the U.S. as a guest of Ed Sullivan and remained in New York in order to study with two famous violin teachers - Ivan Galamian and Dorothy Delay.

At the age of 18, Perlman arranged his premiere appearance in Carnegie Hall in New York and a year later won first place in the Leventritt competition (the most prestigious competition for violinists). In the same year, he played the Stravinsky Concerto for Violin in a concert in which Stravinsky himself was the conductor.

But Perlman's successes and his wonderful playing did not immediately open the doors to the concert halls - people feared inviting him to appearances because of his disability and the difficulties of the handicapped in traveling from place to place. Only gradually did Perlman succeed in proving the fact that his legs were paralyzed did not constitute an obstacle.

Today it is common for music-lovers to see Perlman, with the help of crutches, slowly go up on stage, sit on his chair, and receive his Stradivarius from the first violinist, or from someone who carried the violin to Perlman's seat. This sight no longer disturbs anyone, and when Perlman begins to play, they don't remember his disability, and his limitations, and are captured by his playing.

Perlman became a champion for the rights of the disabled. He insisted that building and institute architects consider the special needs of the handicapped when they design their buildings. He also encourages the handicapped not to be discouraged, not to give in, and to realize their aspirations and their potential.

Perlman himself lives a very active life - every year he plays in 100 concerts, with orchestras, in recitals, and in chamber groups. He is married to Toby, who was a young violinist when she saw him play for the first time, when he was a young man. She knew immediately that this is the man she wanted to be with all her life. Several years passed, and they in fact married. Five children were born to them. A lovely daughter is a professional pianist.

Perlman is one of the most amazing artists in the area of classical music, but is also developing other kinds of music, and recently two unusual compact discs of his came out. One is a jazz compact disc, "Side by Side", in which Perlman plays with

the famous Canadian jazz musician, Oscar Peterson. The second compact disc is called "In the Fiddler's House", and in it, Perlman plays Jewish klezmer music together with four ensembles of klezmer musicians.

About the Jewish music, which was developed in Eastern Europe, Perlman says: "If there is a kind of music that I can say is mine, it is this music. After five seconds of playing, I felt that I'm home. This music is contagious, and I am "infected".

In the television program of the Jewish music of Eastern Europe, we saw Perlman and his father visiting the Jewish quarter of Cracow. Perlman asks "Why do we speak again and again about the Shoah?" and answers his own question "Many Jews lived here, and it is forbidden to forget them. The Jewish quarter in Cracow remains complete, as it was, but without Jews; there are beautiful synagogues in Cracow, but they are empty." Perlman plays the music in the sound track of "Schindler's List", and says that this is one of the most significant things that he has ever done.

Yitzhak Perlman loves unusual appearances, appearances in which he not only plays. Children can remember him from his appearances in the children's program "Sesame Street", cooking enthusiasts saw him teach how to cook Jewish food in the cooking program "The Frugal Gourmet", opera lovers heard him sing in the excerpt on television from a Puccini opera, and he was also narrator in "Peter and the Wolf".

Three days after the murder of Yitzhak Rabin, a mourning-gathering took place in Carnegie Hall, which was arranged by the Israeli Consulate, and Jewish organizations.

Of course, Perlman participated.

In 1987 Perlman traveled with the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra to appearances in Warsaw and Budapest. He played in a hall which

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By: MORRIE WARSHAWSKI

Boston filmmaker John Michalczuk pounded his home turf in search of the shamrock in the Star of David and the brogue in the Yiddish accent and came up with a delightfully insightful new one-hour documentary, OF STARS AND SHAMROCKS: BOSTON'S JEWS AND IRISH (available from The National Center for Jewish Film). Within the confines of this local story lies the much broader themes of immigrant life and its interactions between ethnic communities throughout the turbulent history of races in the U.S.

Michalczuk trains his camera back to archival photos and engravings depicting the Irish immigration caused by their mid-1800's. These images are juxtaposed with the Jewish immigration later in the century caused by violence in Eastern Europe and pogroms in Russia. In a note of historic irony, Russia's Alexander III instituted his restrictive May Laws against the Jews based on the English laws drawn up against the Irish.

Both communities entered a city dominated by Protestant Boston Brahmins. The myth of a land of opportunity and acceptance was shattered by the reality of bigotry, exploitation, exclusion and discrimination. Meanwhile the two oppressed communities began to harbor their own stereotypes of one another. Jews considered the Irish to be violent, drunk and uneducated. The Irish thought Jews were aggressive and ungenerous.

The story of Boston's Irish and Jewish communities is one of stereotypes slowly broken over a period of 100 years. Michalczuk does a credible job of tracing this change through an examination of major themes: education, religion, local politics, the Depression, World War II and the Holocaust.

The story gains a great deal of credence from first-hand accounts by people like writer/critic Nat Hentoff. He recalls Sunday drives with his father who had to stop the car in anger during broadcasts by the virulently anti-Semitic radio priest Father Charles Coughlin. Film footage shows Coughlin telling a cheering crowd to "Drive the money changers from the temple."

A picture emerges of Boston as a tribal city lead by two titular chiefs - a mayor and a Cardinal. Not until the Irish Catholic "rascal" mayor James Michael Curley arrived - elected with the help of Jews - did Jewish representation increase in the political arena. Not until the installation of Cardinal Cushing in the 1950s, did Boston have a decidedly pro-Jewish religious leader. Cushing's brother-in-law was Jewish and this no doubt greatly shaded the Cardinal's efforts to have the Second Vatican Council eliminate the term "decide" in reference to Jews.

World War II and its second wave of Jewish immigrants had a profound

effect on Boston. Three strongly Jewish communities began to thrive. Roxbury, Dorchester and Mattapan saw a flowering of new delis, bakeries, small businesses and synagogues. It became harder for wide-eyed anti-Semitic fanatics like Father Leonard Feeney to survive and be heard. There was a sea-change in Jewish political leanings exemplified by the strong support of John F. Kennedy, whose own father hated Jews. At the same time, religion, which once drew the mostly Orthodox Jewish Community together, had lost its pull on the second and third generation as sacred learning shifted to secular education. Author Theodore H. White called it "... tradition stripped to its core." Irish Catholics and Jews found themselves together with Protestants in the Boston Latin School preparing for a college life at Harvard. The strictly homogeneous neighborhoods were losing their children.

The film is strongest in its explication of history up to the 1960s. After that we get a quick barrage of images from bussing conflicts, the rifts caused by urban renewal, Jewish flight to the suburbs, and the elimination of Boston's last Jewish neighborhood - Mattapan - through political "red lining."

Even so, by film's end the viewer has gained a deeper insight into the ties that have bound two underdog communities together over a century of struggle, communities that one commentator says "Share profoundly ironic and droll ways of coping with existence." OF STARS AND SHAMROCKS provides in microcosm a picture of a local history of Jewish diaspora played out in the macrocosm of dozens of other cities throughout the US.

The JEWISH VOICE

Words & Music

A Potpourri of Drama and Entertainment

By STEVE COHEN

Classic theater is on display in the Delaware Valley this week. Plays by Moliere and Chekhov have been updated and are on stage at the People's Light and Theatre Company and the Academy of Vocal Arts.

Moliere's Tartuffe, in a rhymed translation by Richard Wilbur and in a 1920's setting, is receiving a brilliant performance at People's Light. It runs until the end of March.

Greg Wood portrays a properly smarmy Tartuffe, the embodiment of sanctimonious deceit. Stephen Novelli is perfect as the rich and gullible Orgon. Novelli has been a part of this theater company since its inception, sweeping the floors, painting sets, acting and directing.

Two years ago he was named co-Artistic Director. Fortunately, he's still acting and here he shows no evidence of being anyone's boss. On stage, he's sympathetic and an agile member of the ensemble.

The concept of director Louis Rackoff is to interact with the audience. This is accomplished with frequent asides and - at one point - by having a cast member appear in the middle of the audience. It creates an interesting contrast with the formality of the text.

Though written in an earlier century, the theme of a man who uses religious piety to swindle the citizenry is timely.

At the AVA on Spruce Street in Philadelphia is A Chekhov Trilogy, three Chekhov plays set to music by Richard Wargo, a young composer from Scranton. The most impressive part of his talent is his versatility. The first part of his trilogy is based on an adaptation by Neil Simon called The Good Doctor (Chekhov was a physician.) It's sung to the accompaniment of a small string ensemble.

Wargo's middle piece is an old-fashioned romantic opera, and his

closer is a noisy non-stop farce. All three are performed with professional elan by the AVA student cast and the Concerto Soloists.

The American Music Theatre Festival is in the middle of its spring season at the Hotel Atop the Bellevue. Amanda McBroom and Joel Silberman just concluded an engagement, and they're being followed by Kevin Mahogeny and the legendary Margaret Whiting.

McBroom composed the words and music to Bette Midler's hit, "The Rose." She also wrote dozens of other songs that have a refreshing originality, based on her upbringing on the Texas-Mexico border. Each of her songs paint a verbal picture, sometimes comic, sometimes touching. Her talent is available on several CD's - the latest being "Live From Rainbow & Stars."

McBroom's musical director and pianist is Joel Silberman, the esteemed collaborator with many fine singers. He sings two solos as part of this act, and he's starting to appear as a solo act as well. His debut solo album of romantic songs has just hit the stores.

There's a link between Silberman and the AVA production that I described earlier. Though he's been singing and playing American popular song for years, Silberman also received classical training with the AVA's music director, Chris Macatsoris, twenty years ago at Indiana University. In addition, Silberman and Macatsoris have both been on the faculty at the Eugene O'Neil Theater Center in Connecticut. Silberman is that group's founding musical director. Small world, isn't it (to quote one of the songs that Silberman sings.)

While Macatsoris has been conducting at the AVA, his friend Silberman has been performing five blocks away. Since they've been on

stage at the same time, they've been unable to see each other at work this time.

The Delaware Theatre Company gave the world premiere last weekend of the powerful Wake Up, Lou Riser by Kia Corthron. It plays through March 16 at the company's home on Water Street.

Miss Corthron won the theater company's national search for a new play dealing with interracial tensions. She has produced a tense drama about five black youngsters who put on white sheets to infiltrate a local KKK rally. Their prank leads to tragedy, marked by keen individual characterizations.

Artistic Director Cleveland Morris is particularly proud to be producing an American play about race, as contrasted to South African plays on the subject.

Steve Martin's play, Picasso at the Lapin Agile, is a clever "what if?" time-travelling experience. We are transported to a small cafe in Paris early in this century and get to eavesdrop on Pablo Picasso, Albert Einstein and their drinking buddies as they contemplate the future.

It's a clever intellectual exercise that captivated me, although some audience members seemed disappointed at the lack of Martin's familiar wackiness. Martin wrote this but does not appear in it.

His humor is gentle and wry. When Einstein, already fairly well-known, introduces himself to a patron at the bar, the man replies: "You're not!" Einstein shrugs and says: "Well, I guess I'm not myself today."

The impish Einstein steals this show, and should have gotten billing in the title. Picasso at the Lapin Agile is at the intimate Promenade Theatre, Broadway and 76th Street in Manhattan.

Rick Hodes Visits



Rick Hodes (left) with Claudia and David Tuttleman

Dr. Rick Hodes (right) shares a moment with David (left) and Claudia (center) Tuttleman during an educational "parlor" meeting at their home on Sunday, March 3. The event was sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Delaware.

Since 1990, Dr. Richard Hodes has served as Medical Director of the American Joint Distribution Committee (JDC) in Ethiopia. Among his many accomplishments is his participation in "Operation Solomon," the massive airlift that brought more than 14,000 Ethiopian Jews to Tel Aviv in May 1991.

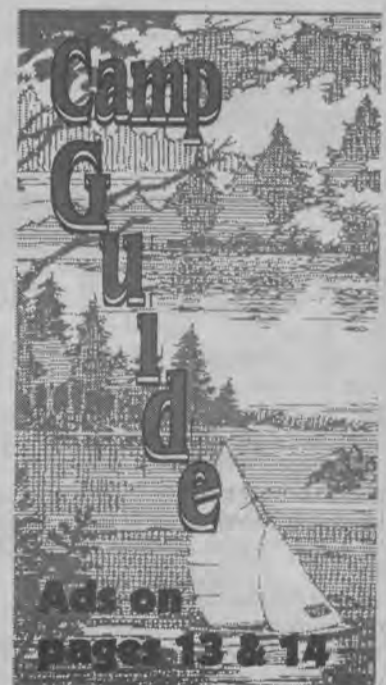
Not three years later, responding to the crisis in Rwanda, Dr. Hodes headed the JDC medical team at the Kibumba Refugee Camp in Zaire. The hospital he and his team established helped to save thousands of lives.

A year ago, Dr. Hodes returned to Ethiopia to continue his efforts with JDC. The focus of his responsibility is to assure the well-being of Ethiopians remaining there.

A native of Long Island, New York, Dr. Hodes graduated from Middlebury College and Johns Hopkins Univer-

sity School of Medicine.

Please call the Jewish Federation of Delaware office at 427-2100 if you are interested in attending or hosting a future parlor meeting.



SYNAGOGUE LIFE

Congregation Beth Shalom To Sponsor Community Service Day

Wilmington's Congregation Beth Shalom will hold its third annual Mitzvah Day on Sunday March 17, 1996. This event is designed to provide a helping hand to less fortunate congregational members, neighbors and to devote time to much needed synagogue projects or programs. In past years over 100 congregation members, seniors, adults, teens and youth, participated in a variety of projects. State, City and County Officials have historically proclaimed this day as part of the official community calendar.

This year's projects include visits to the Kutz Home to bring brightness and cheer, visits to homebound members. Baking cook-

ies, muffins, etc. for visitors staying at the Ronald McDonald House, working at Newark's Food Bank and entertaining residents at the Parkview Nursing Home. Synagogue projects will include upgrading the Synagogue library and restoring the silver collection of Torah Crowns and Fillials and polishing the brasswork of the Sanctuary.

The Beth Shalom Religious School will also collect items such as disposable diapers, infant and toddler clothing, non-perishable food and skin care products for D.A.P.I.

Members of the community are invited to join the Beth Shalom family and call the Synagogue office (654-4462) for more details.

Beth Shalom Sisterhood Personal Development Seminar

On Thursday, March 21, starting at 7:30PM, Beth Shalom Sisterhood will hold a seminar at Congregation Beth Shalom in Wilmington. The seminar, "Personal Development Through Sisterhood," will include activities to build your ability to motivate others, communicate more effectively, listen, lead and delegate successfully, use time wisely, manage stress, unlock your creativity and know yourself.

Sharon Benveneste, a professionally trained seminar leader, is pro-

vided through Women's League for Conservative Judaism. Sharon is an excellent leader, dynamic and highly accomplished. She is the immediate past-president of the Philadelphia Branch and a member of the national board of Women's League.

There is no charge for participating in this seminar. However, please call Danna Levy, 478-7853 or Elaine Morganstein, 478-8667 to make a reservation so that we know how much seating, supplies and refreshments are needed.

Talent Show And Silent Auction

Congregation Beth Emeth is hosting a talent show and silent auction on Saturday, April 27. The auction starts at 7 p.m. with hors d'oeuvres being served. The talent show starts at 8 p.m. Gourmet desserts will be served later in the evening. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$5 for children 13 and under. Make checks payable to Congregation Beth Emeth and send to Beryl Gamiel, 621 W. 38th Street, Wilmington, DE 19802. RSVP by April 20. Lots fun to be had and bargains to buy.

Wilmington Chapter To Host BBG Reunion

Have you ever wondered what happened to...? Well, now is the time to find out. In November, a long-awaited BBG reunion will be held in Wilmington. We are compiling our list and don't want to miss including any of our friends. Please call Sheila Krinsky, 323-1811, or Joan Ellis, 328-5511, if you've ever been a member of Wilmington BBG, if you have names or information about former Wilmington BBG members, or if you would like to serve on the Planning Committee.

Internet

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ously you had to peddle hate, and today the hat stuff is just out there to be plucked by innocent people," he said. "Let's say you're a kid doing a paper on Jews, and you find pro-Jews and anti-Jews. In the past, if you went to the library, I doubt whether you'd come across those who hate Jews. "Today by sheer curiosity you can find yourself exposed, almost seduced by its availability," he said in an interview. "It has the potential of reaching unlimited people, of seducing people into hate who never dreamed of reaching out to it. And that we have to take a lot more seriously."

On bulletin board discussions, the court of popular opinion seems to work best. When an anti-Semite or Christian missionary wanders into one of the Jewish-oriented discussion groups on America Online, for example, he or she is almost immediately, vehemently repudiated by other participants, castigated so soundly that they would have to enjoy punishment to return. On moderated private "lists," built around a particular special interest, they are quickly booted off.

The burgeoning of anti-Semitic hate on Web sites raises difficult philosophical questions about what approach the Jewish community should take to counter this phenomenon. The mainstream organized Jewish community's traditional response; to hate in other media has been to monitor and expose it without responding directly to the haters in the same venue. That, however, may not be enough to address hate in cyberspace, according to those involved with the issue.

The ADL an Wiesenthal Center have established their own Web sites — the addresses are www.adl.org and ww.wiesenthal.com where they

Temple Beth El's Country Western Dance Barbecue and Beer

Bring your friends and family to Temple Beth El's Country Dance, Barbecue and Beer to be held on March 23, 1996, 7 - 11 PM. The evening promises to be a foot stomping, fun filled event with good old fashioned country fixins (kosher, of course), prepared by the renowned Beth El Sisterhood. Enjoy barbecue chicken sandwiches, coleslaw, beans, cornbread and much more, while listening to a lively mix of danceable music. Country line dancing instructions will be provided for those who dare to kick up their heels. Country western dress is encouraged, but not mandatory. Call Temple Beth El now to reserve your tickets for a special evening. Call 366-8330 Tickets: \$15 per person

Candle Lighting

MARCH

8TH — 5:42 PM

15TH — 5:50 PM

22TH — 5:57 PM

29TH — 6:04 PM

Hadassah Brunch: Celebrating Women Through The Passover Seder

A Passover workshop will be presented as the last in a series of three Hadassah brunches on Sunday, March 24 at 11:00 a.m. The program will include a presentation on different ways in which women are celebrated through the Pesach seder, the singing of old and new seder melodies, and recipe ideas for the

holiday.

The meeting will take place at the home of Ethel Parsons. Reservations are necessary and should be made by March 20 by calling Serena Winer at 764-8117 or Michele Sands at 478-6391. The cost is \$6.00 for members and guests.

NACHES

Professional Award To Charles Levy, MD, FACP

In honor of his dedication to medicine and long-standing membership in the American College of Physicians, the 1996 Delaware Laureate Award was presented to Charles Levy, MD, FACP. He is a long-standing and loyal supporter of the College, has rendered distinguished service to his chapter, and has upheld the high ideals and professional standards for which the American College of Physicians is known.

Dr. Levy received his medical degree from Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia in 1928. He did his internship at Mount Sinai Hospital in Philadelphia and his residency training at Wilmington General Hospital (WGH) in Delaware. Since 1930 he has been a physician at WGH. During this time he has served as president of the staff, chair of the medical board, and attending physician. He also devoted 22 years to St. Francis Hospital in Wilmington as an associate physician.

Dr. Levy was one of the first internists in private practice in Delaware. His career has spanned 65 years, and he is still involved in the care of patients.

Dr. Levy has been active in the community and involved in many charitable and social activities. He is especially active in the Jewish community, and he has served as a board

member of the Jewish Federation of Delaware.

Glazier Golden Anniversary

Amelia and Morris Glazier (Malchie and Maish) are celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Malchie (Tannen) and Maish were married March 10, 1946 at the former YMHA on French Street. Rabbi Philip E. First officiated.

Malchie has been a past Board Member of The Kutz Home Auxiliary and ORT Brandywine Chapter. Maish has been a Vice Commander of the Jewish War Veterans of Delaware. Both are also members of Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Congregation and The Jewish Community Center, as well as Deborah.

Their 3 children, Richard, Joel and Brad all live in the Wilmington area as do their 2 grandchildren, Michael and David. A family dinner will be held and the anniversary couple will be sent on a cruise to Bermuda.

Your naches announcements will be published without charge as space allows. Photos are welcome along with a stamped, self-addressed envelope. Send announcements and photos to: The Jewish Voice, P.O. Box 2193, Wilmington, DE 19899-2193.

OBITUARIES

MARGARETE THAL BIRKENRUTH

Margarete Thal Birkenruth, 92, died Saturday, Feb. 24 in the Kutz Home, Bellefonte, her residence for two years.

Mrs. Birkenruth, known as Gretel, was born in Germany. She and her first husband, Ferdi Thal, who died in 1968, and their two children immigrated to the United States and settled in New York City in 1937. Her second husband, Herman Birkenruth, died in 1982. She moved to Wilmington in 1989.

She is survived by: daughters, Liz Kahn of Wilmington and Carla Klein of Hopewell Junction, N.Y.; stepchildren, Ilse Klebe and Edith Felsenthal, both of Edison, N.J., and Harry Birkenruth of Storrs, Conn.; nine grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Contributions can be sent to the Kutz Home, Wilmington 19809.

MORRIS BRONSTEIN

Morris Bronstein, age 85, died on February 10. He was the husband of Lena Bronstein; father of Eve Gordon of Rockville, MD; brother of Samuel of Philadelphia; and stepbrother of Harold Chepin of Atlantic City, Martin Chepin and Sylvia Solomon of Philadelphia. He is also survived by two grandsons, Robert and David Gordon.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions to either Machzikey Hadas Cong., 8000 Society Drive, or Deborah, c/o Mary Weinstein, 8602 Society Dr., Claymont, DE 19703.

SYLVIA D. COHEN

Sylvia D. Cohen, 69, of Wilmington, died Saturday, Feb. 24th of complications from Alzheimer's disease in St. Francis Hospital.

Mrs. Cohen was a research librarian at the DuPont Co. Experimental Station for 23 years, retiring in 1985.

She is survived by: husband, Bernard I.; son, Mark S. of Wexford, Pa.; daughters, Carla Dinsmore of Elsmere, Marsha Atkinson of Brandywine Hundred and Barbara Cohen of Wilmington; twin brother, Dr. Albert Dworkin of Greenville; sister, Rose Lord of West Palm Beach, Fla.; six grandchildren.

Contributions can be sent to the Kutz Home or Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorder Association, Wilmington.

SARA (NEE DOCTOR) MINTZ

Sara (NeeDoctor) Mintz wife of the late David died March 7, 1996. Mother of Honey Chernekoff of Claymont, DE and Marcia Sabato of Phila., PA. Sister of Maurice Docktor and Reba Taubman, also survived by 7 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren.

JOIE A. McCAY

Joie A. McCay, 65, of Wilmington, died Saturday, Feb. 10 of complications from a stroke in Albert Einstein Hospital, Philadelphia.

Mrs. McCay, a homemaker, worked for the DuPont Co., Wilmington, in the 1950s. Her husband, Harry D., died in 1987.

She is survived by: daughters, Jill P. Garzia and Susan L. Parcels, of the Jewish Community Center, both of Wilmington; sister, Norma Jenkins of Clearwater, Fla.; and a granddaughter.

Donations can be made to the Senior Center Fund at the Jewish Community Center.

Yitzhak Perlman

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served as the concert and theater hall of the Warsaw Ghetto. When he finished playing, the audience rose and sang "Hatikvah" and "Anee Ma'amin".

Perlman has a sense of humor and a talent for making contact with people. In the concert honoring "The Fund for American-Israeli Culture", in which Perlman was the master of ceremonies, he established a close, informal atmosphere, and gave people in the audience a feeling that they were sitting in his living-room, not in a concert hall.

The combination of rare ability and warm personality have made Yitzhak Perlman a special figure in the world of culture and music.



Canadian Officials Busy With Nazis and Neo-Nazis

By BILL GLADSTONE

TORONTO, (JTA) — Canadian Jewish officials have expressed their satisfaction with rulings against two neo-Nazis here. But Jewish leaders remain frustrated with the federal government's postponement of a deportation hearing for an accused Nazi war criminal.

The Supreme Court of Canada last week reinstated the 1992 conviction of James Keegstra, which had found him guilty of promoting hatred against Jews, Keegstra, a former high school teacher in Alberta who now works as a mechanic, taught his students that Jews are "treacherous," "subversive" and "money-loving" and are responsible for most of the evil in the world. He also taught students that the Holocaust was a hoax.

Proceedings against Keegstra began in 1984. Legal experts and others said the court's 9-0 ruling affirms that Canada's anti-hate legislation is constitutionally valid. "There is no question that this is a historic decision," said Mark Sandler, Ontario legal counsel for the League for Human Rights of B'nai Brith Canada. The ruling shows that "Canada is not a haven for hate mongers," Sandler added.

A lower court in Alberta still needs to determine whether Keegstra should pay the \$3,000 he was originally fined. The maximum penalty for his crime the willful promotion of hatred against an identifiable group is two years in jail.

Meanwhile, Canadian immigration

officials recently detained Oliver Bode, the 29-year-old publisher of a neo-Nazi newspaper in Germany, as he was entering Canada through Pearson International Airport in Toronto. Bode apparently was carrying a suitcase of racist videos for Holocaust denier Ernst Zundel.

At the hearing that followed, at which Bode was represented by Zundel, authorities issued a deportation order against Bode. "This was a text book example of how the system is supposed to work," said Bernie Farber, national director of community relations at the Canadian Jewish Congress. However, Jewish officials were not so pleased with the federal government when it again postponed the deportation hearing of an accused Nazi war criminal who had already been given six months to prepare for an appearance in court.

Konrad Kalejs, 82, an Australian citizen, is scheduled to appear in court in May to show why he should not be deported from Canada, which he re-entered six months ago. Kalejs was a key officer in the notorious Arajs Kommando unit of the World War II Latvian Security Police. Kalejs has already been deported from the United States.

In 1993, a U.S. appeals court upheld a 1985 deportation decision in which he was identified as a high-ranking officer in the mobile killing unit, which murdered tens of thousands of Latvian Jews, Gypsies and Communists during the war.

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MARCH

Sunday _____ 10

Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Sisterhood Speaker/Brunch: 11-1; Bert Green, Realtor will discuss real estate development in the Wilmington area; \$5 per person. Please reserve by March 4th. Call Andrea Finestrauss, 764-0318.

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APRIL 1996
Sunday _____ 7

4th Annual Women's Seder, sponsored by the Jewish Family Service's Judaism and Feminism group, 5:30. Location is to be arranged. For further information, contact Myrna Ryder, at JFS, 478-9411.

Monday _____ 15

Holocaust Memorial Commemoration, 7:00 p.m., Congregation Beth Emeth, sponsored by the Rabbinical Association of Delaware.

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Sunday _____ 28

The Jerusalem 3000 Committee of the Jewish Federation of Delaware will present the Jerusalem 3000 Extravaganza in Wilmington, DE: an all day celebration for all ages with music, entertainment, games, vendors, food and educational opportunities. The event will be held at the JCC of Wilmington. The extravaganza will last all day. There is no charge for the event. For more information, call (302) 427-2100.

Albert Einstein Academy invites the community to a special scholar-

ship evening at the Delaware History Museum in Wilmington. World-renowned author, Chaim Potok will speak and proceeds from the event will go to Albert Einstein Academy's scholarship fund. For tickets and further information, please contact the school at 478-5026, or event chair Sylvia Wagman at 475-8531.

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MAY 1996

Sunday _____ 19

The Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Philadelphia and the Young Leadership Council of the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia will cosponsor an Israel Independence Day Celebration: The theme is Jerusalem 3000. This event includes a parade; a bazaar with Israeli food, merchandise and information; local entertainment; interactive educational activities for children, participatory Israeli dancing, and ceremonies with dignitaries. The event will take place at the Judge Lewis Quadrangle, Independence Mall in Philadelphia from 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM. There is no charge for this event which is open to the community. For more information, call Shira Kosoy Moses at (215) 922-7222.

Monday _____ 27

Congregation Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth in Wilmington, Delaware, the annual celebration of Israel - Cafe Tamar will take place. Cafe Tamar features performances of Israeli dancing and music at Congregation Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth in Wilmington. The event takes place in the evening with the charge and further details to be announced. For more information, call (302) 762-2705.

Ongoing

JCC Art Gallery Exhibit - Continues through April 1996. "Memories of My Life in a Polish Village" by Toby Fluek. Gallery hours are Sunday and Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. For more information, call Ella Zukoff or Mona Allen at (302) 478-5660.

Exhibition: "THE ASSOCIATED: A 75th Anniversary Retrospective," tracing the growth and development of Baltimore's Jewish community federation and its agencies. Historic photos, artifacts, and memorabilia. From January 21 through June 2, 1996 on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Sundays from noon to 4:00 p.m. at The Jewish Historical Society of Maryland, 15 Lloyd Street, Baltimore. Admission fee is \$2 for adults; free of charge for Society members and children age 12 and under. The sponsors of this event are The Jewish Historical Society of Maryland and the Jewish Community Federation of Baltimore.

Young Jewish Adults of Delaware's (YJAD's) co-ed, non-competitive volleyball league continues every Wednesday night from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. It will move inside to the J.C.C. gym as of September 6, 1995.

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Jewish And Cultural Life In Central Asia

As part of the JCC's "Lunch, Laugh and Learn" series, Mindy Shapiro will present a slide show on Wednesday, March 20th at 12:00 noon at the Jewish Community Center. Through stunning visuals and illustrative anecdotes, the Jewish and cultural worlds of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan will be brought to breathtaking life.

Shapiro has served as a Hillel Director for over a decade. During the summer of 1995, she went to Central Asia to teach English with the American Jewish World Service. Her wanderlust brought her to these countries where she spent most of her time with their Jewish communities.

During the Communist era, few paid attention to life in the Central Asian republics of the Soviet Union. With perestroika and the end of the Cold War in 1989, significant changes have occurred throughout. These former republics became independent countries. For many years, it was difficult, if not impossible, to travel through this territory.

The fabled Silk Route oasis-of Bukhara, Samarkand and Tashkent are now accessible as are the mountainous regions of the Tien Shen and High Pamirs.

Economic, cultural and political life is undergoing major transformations. These changes are having a significant impact on the Jewish communities. Jews are now free to discover their roots and explore their identity without fear. For the first time since before the reign of Stalin, organizations exist to support and sustain viable Jewish communities. While many Central Asian Jews have moved to Israel and the United States to be with family, others are staying in Asia and maintaining an active Jewish life.

Let this show take you on a visit with the Jews of Central Asia to rarely traveled lands of exotic culture and natural beauty. The slide presentation will follow lunch. The cost is \$2.50 for members and \$3.75 for non-members. To make reservations or for additional information, contact Ella Zukoff at (302) 478-5660.

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Anti-Terrorist Bill

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The measure could be "potentially very, very important" in stopping people such as Marzook, said Michael Lieberman, Washington counsel for the ADL.

The bill is "an important expansion of the federal capability to deal with terrorism here and abroad," he added. "It plugs weaknesses and addresses vulnerabilities and provides additional tools" to the law enforcement community.

In June, the Senate passed its version of the bill, which is viewed as significantly weaker than the House measure. One analyst said the Senate's fund-raising provisions seem "almost designed to thwart the possibility of prosecution."

Despite concern that provisions in the House version on fund raising and wiretapping have been "watered down," Hoenlein said, "We want this bill passed."

Said Lieberman, "Our focus has

been to pass the House bill and get it into conference" between the House and Senate, where an acceptable compromise can be fashioned.

Meanwhile, in the wake of the attacks, many Jewish organizations issued condemnations and joined the call for Arafat to dismantle Hamas.

American Jewry's chief fund-raising entities sent a joint letter to Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres, expressing sorrow and solidarity in the face of the attacks.

On the holiday of Purim, the letter said, Jews "again hear the story of Jewish resistance to evil."

"In each generation we have had Jewish heroes that arose to help our people. We know that today in Israel there are many such Jewish heroes. We pray for their speedy success in assuring the safety of our sisters and brothers in Israel."

The letter was sent by the Council of Jewish Federations, the United Jewish Appeal, the United Israel Appeal and the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee.

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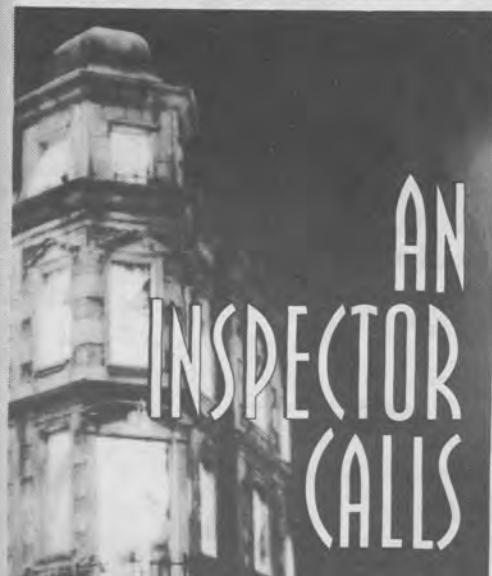
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