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How Americans Feel About Israel

Editor's Note:

The following is an excerpt of a study, gathered by the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC) assembling for the first time in one place, Gallup, Roper, Harris, and other polls, giving conclusive evidence of the American public's strong feelings for Israel.

Support for Israel over the Arab nations is one foreign policy issue on which there has been a wide consensus in the United States for over thirty years. In poll after poll over this extended period of time, and particularly over the past ten years, the results have been remarkably consistent:

- By an average of five-to-one, Americans have expressed greater sympathy for Israel than the Arab nations.

- Majority support for Israel comes from every region of the country, from women as well as men, from

Catholics as well as Protestants, and from all social groups.

- Black Americans have repeatedly expressed a preference for Israel by margins of two and three-to-one.

- Young people are even more supportive of Israel than their elders, averaging over five-to-one support.

- Support for Israel increases with level of education, income, and professional attainment — college education increases support for Israel by about 25 percent.

Nor is there any evidence in the most recent polls of any so-called "erosion" of support for Israel. The 1984 results (five-to-one) are identical to the average for the past seventeen years. There is in fact more support for Israel now than at the time of the Camp David breakthrough. During the 1982 Lebanon crisis, some Americans were critical of

particular Israeli actions, much as they sometimes oppose specific actions taken by their own government. But at no time during the war did support for Israel dip below a majority of those with a preference and shortly after the fighting ended the level of support rebounded to a typical four-to-one majority.

Beyond general sympathy for Israel, Americans also adopt pro-Israel positions on a wide array of specific issues:

- Strong majorities consistently oppose the sale of advanced weapons to Arab nations still at war with Israel.

- By a wide margin, Americans believe that Israel is a more reliable ally than any other country in the Middle East.

- By more than three-to-one, Americans support the current level of aid to Israel or

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Advance Gifts Dinner Sparks Men's Division '85 Campaign



Left to right - Mike Berger, Guest Speaker Zelig Chinitz, Paul Fine (Dinner Co-Chairman), Martin Berger.

The 1985 Men's Division campaign was recently launched on Dec. 6th at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Chaiken. Mr. Chaiken is a past JFD campaign chairman and vice-president.

Guest speaker, Zelig Chinitz, director general of the United Israel Appeal in Israel, underscored in his penetrating remarks, the critical economic situation now facing the citizens of Israel. "At times," he said, "the problem appears overwhelming when you face a staggering 800 percent inflation. The government cutbacks will drastically effect the whole human service area which means service reductions in service to our children, elderly, handicapped, etc. Therefore, we turn to each of you for your special support to help to make sure we can continue to feed and train Youth Aliyah youngsters, absorb immigrant families, provide social welfare benefits, assist Project Renewal residents, help youngsters finance their

education. Your dollars will ease the cutbacks - we simply cannot do it alone. The entire social fabric of Israeli society is at stake. I know you will not let us down."

Sparked by Mr. Chinitz' challenging remarks, the JFD leadership pledged \$200,000, plus an additional \$10,000 to assist the Ethiopian Jews.

In commenting on the 1985 campaign, Harold May, general chairman and Larry Isakoff, vice-chairman, stated, "Our Jewish community has a tremendous task and challenge before them as we enter into the active phase of our campaign. *This is not a business as usual year.* The human service needs of our people in Israel, and here in our own community of Delaware will require a maximum response from each and every one of us. Our community has a tradition of being a caring community and we know, therefore, your generous commitments will be forthcoming."



Left to right - Bennett Epstein, Harold May (General Campaign Chairman), Martin Sloan, Henry Topel, Steve Spiller.

Voter Survey Finds Jews More Liberal: Young Jews More Conservative

NEW YORK (JTA) - While American Jews remain more liberal than most Americans, the findings of a survey released by the American Jewish Committee suggests that younger Jews are growing increasingly conservative.

"There is no question that Jews are far more liberal than the average American," according to Milton Himmelfarb, research director for the American Jewish Committee. "However, there is evidence of a growing conservative political trend, at the college freshmen level, for instance, based on figures compiled by the American Council on Education. These figures show college freshmen are less liberal than their older brothers and sisters and parents."

At a news conference last week at the headquarters of the AJC committee, preliminary findings of Jewish voting patterns in the Nov. 6 presidential election showed that American Jews voted by a margin of two to one in favor of Democratic

candidate Walter Mondale.

These findings corroborated the conclusions of a major pre-election survey of 959 Jews nationwide on their political attitudes, done by sociologist Steven Cohen of Queens College. Cohen's survey showed 57 percent of Jews identifying themselves as Democrats, 12 percent as Republicans and 31 percent as Independents.

On a broad range of issues, from gun control to opposition to tuition tax credits for parochial schools, Cohen's survey found Jews consistently siding with the liberal positions on these issues in an approximate ratio of two to one.

According to Himmelfarb, one reason for the seemingly small size of the Jewish vote for President Reagan in 1984 is the fact that the President's better showing among Jews in 1980 was due to an anti-Carter vote, rather than a pro-Reagan choice.

In 1980, Jimmy Carter received about 44 percent of the Jewish vote to 39 percent for Reagan. In 1976, Carter received 68 percent of the

Jewish vote to 32 percent for Republican Gerald Ford.

But the change in voting patterns, however small, is viewed as a shift toward what Himmelfarb described as a more "pluralistic Jewish electorate."

Jews voted for the party of their choice in 1976, since both Ford and Carter had no basic appeal for the Jewish electorate, Himmelfarb said. In 1976, Jewish voters went by a margin of three to one for the Democratic Party.

Continuing, Himmelfarb said: "This year, when the Democratic nominee did carry special attraction for Jewish voters, they went only two to one for the Democratic candidate. This would suggest a definite trend away from the Jews' established liberal-Democratic voting patterns of the past, toward a more pluralistic Jewish electorate willing to vote for Republican presidential candidates."

Hyman Bookbinder, Washington representative of the AJC committee, noted that

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They Were There



Left to right - George Melman, Pat Sloan, Leo Zefitel (JFD President), Alfred Green.



Left to right - Frank Chaiken, Mr. Chinitz, Herbert Adelman, Larry Isakoff (Campaign Vice Chairman).

Voter Survey —

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while the national trend of the Jewish voters had been to support the Democratic ticket, in the recent election, "Texas Jewish voters cast ballots for President Reagan over Mondale by a three to one margin."

Bookbinder added, "While Jews were the only ethnic group that showed less support for Reagan in his second bid for the Presidency than in 1980, I would argue that a base support of 30 percent for the Republican candidate in 1984 is a figure that neither party can ignore. Jews are not a monolithic group, and this election clearly proves that."

Bookbinder contended that if the election were held last summer when the Rev. Jesse Jackson's campaign was still a factor, "the vote may very well have been fifty-fifty." But, he added, Reagan's speech during the Republican Party convention in Dallas at which time he termed those who oppose school prayer in public schools as being "intolerant of religion" and the prominence of the religious

right at the convention, may have contributed to Jews voting in majority for the Democrats.

In the survey by Cohen, who directed similar surveys of American Jewry's attitudes on various issues since 1981, it was determined:

- * Jews opposed quotas in hiring minorities by 64 to 22 percent with 14 not sure, but supported affirmative action in other forms by 70 to 20 percent, with 10 not sure.

- * Jews supported the goals of social welfare by 75 to 20 percent with 8 percent not sure, but split on their effectiveness and on maintaining financial support by 64 to 23 percent with 13 respondents not sure.

- * Jews overwhelmingly supported gun control and capital punishment.

- * Jews tended to support "gay rights," but appeared "troubled" by the rise of homosexuality.

- * Jews support the separation of church and state, opposed tuition tax credits for families which send their children to private schools, and opposed silent meditation

Jewish Voice Survey Completed - Suggestions To Be Incorporated

In the spring of 1984 the Jewish Voice mailed out 2100 questionnaires to its subscribers to obtain information concerning their opinion of the articles, format and general content of the Jewish Voice for the purpose of improving Delaware's Jewish community's bi-monthly newspaper. The tabulation and analysis of the study was done by Dr. Vivien Klaff, demographer at the University of Delaware and active in the Newark Jewish community who volunteered his time. The preliminary analysis of the results indicated the following:

One-third (678) of those surveyed returned the questionnaire. There were over 75 different recommendations made for improving the paper including: more world Jewish events, Jewish recipes, more coverage of controversial issues, book reviews, in-depth reporting of events affecting Israel, more

history of the people of Delaware and more news of Newark and lower Delaware events and people.

The study indicated that articles dealing with changing personal situations of people in the community (deaths, births, marriages), news about activities of the people in the community, and national and international news are the most popular.

Of those responding, 55% were female and 45% male. Seventy-three percent were employed outside the home

and 27% were retired. When asked about their frequency of reading the paper, 82% stated that they read the paper often, 16% stated sometimes and only one percent stated they never read the paper.

Yetta Chaiken, chairperson stated, "The Jewish Voice's editorial committee will be analyzing the study in depth and will make the changes necessary to make the Jewish Voice the best possible newspaper."

UAHC Launches Program To Stem 'Epidemic' Of Teenage Suicide

MIAMI BEACH — A nationwide program to stem the "epidemic" of suicide among teenagers who have "fallen through the Jewish safety net of family and synagogue" was announced this week by the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (UAHC).

The program was adopted by the UAHC's policy-making board of trustees at its semi-annual meeting.

The board authorized the establishment within the UAHC — composed of 770 Reform synagogues with a membership of 1.25 million — of a new institute, to be called "Yad Tikvah" (Hebrew for "hand of hope"), which will serve as a training, research and education center for Reform Jewish activities to deal with teenage suicide.

The Jewish leaders acted after hearing a report from Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler, president of the UAHC, that suicide among adolescents had reached "epidemic proportions."

Each day, he said, 18 young Americans kill themselves — a 300 percent increase over the past 20 years. Suicide was now the second leading cause of death among young people after accidents, many of which are suspected suicides, he said.

Noting that there was "substantial evidence" that the suicide rate for young people was higher among college students than among those who do not attend college, Rabbi Schindler declared:

"Because the percentage of Jewish youth attending college exceeds that of the general population, we must draw the grim conclusion that the suicide rate among Jewish youth is also disproportionately high." He added:

"These troubling statistics are confirmed by alarming reports we are receiving from rabbis, educators, counselors and youth leaders across the country."

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Israel —

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believe it should be increased.

- * Consistent majorities prefer Israeli control of Jerusalem to the alternatives of Arab control or internationalization.

- * By more than three-to-one, Americans oppose a tilt toward the Arabs and away from Israel to lower the price of oil or insure its supply.

- * Strong majorities are opposed to the PLO.

On the question of the disposition of territories administered by Israel since 1967, a resounding majority of Americans oppose returning to the Arabs all land captured in 1967:

- * 22 percent prefer that Israel hold on to all the land;

- * 54 percent propose that Israel retain territory impor-

tant to its security but return the rest; and

- * only 9 percent believe that Israel should return all the land.

Overall, the support of the American people for Israel and for a pro-Israel policy is wide and deep. The reason for this support, and for its impressive stability over time, is the American people's recognition that Israel is the one true democracy in the Middle East; their belief that Israel is the one ally we can count on in the region; their support for the idea of a Jewish homeland; and their sympathy for Israel's struggle against aggression by radical Soviet-backed Arab states. For all these reasons, support for Israel is one of the most consistent features of the American consensus on foreign policy, and is a value that the American people are unlikely to surrender.

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ISRAEL ISSUES

Ze'ev Golin



When Will Israel Have An Economy?

The Tel Aviv black market in foreign currency is located on Lillienblum and Allenby Streets, in the shadow of Israel's largest financial institutions. With multi-storied buildings to emphasize their status, Bank Leumi, Bank HaPoalim, Bank Discount and Bank Mizrachi all rank among the world's top 500 banks. Yet they have never been able to discourage the illegal trade in foreign currency that has existed since the birth of the State of Israel.

Likewise with Israel's economic problems, of which the black market is a cause and a symptom. At times, the crisis has been more severe than at others, but the malaise has never entirely disappeared. "Putting the economic house in order" has been delayed for some very plausible reasons: defense, development, and immigrant absorption.

Israel's commitment to these goals has always gone beyond its economic resources. Thus she has always been forced to live from loan-to-loan. Not at any one time could an expert economist proclaim that the country had a stable, self-sufficient economy.

Most Israelis believe that their country's economy and currency are permanently unstable, and act accordingly. They don't hold any more shekels than are necessary for their daily needs. The general idea is to live on credit, invest in material goods, and think in terms of dollars.

Such attitudes lead to a voracious demand for foreign currency. The local currency, in turn, constantly devalues, and inflation inevitably follows. By 1977, Israel's annual rate was 35%. The Begin policy of loosening foreign currency restrictions and stimulating a greater demand for consumer goods pushed it to over 100% by 1981. By 1983, the run on dollars led to a serious depletion in the country's reserves. The government was forced into another drastic devaluation of the shekel; inflation rose to 400%.

Inflation, Israeli-style, is an escalator which pegs wages to the cost-of-living. The Histadrut, Israel's labor federation, has been afraid to give up this security blanket. Negotiating wages in terms of productivity and other

realities of the market place is still unthinkable.

-Inflation is, raises, fringe benefits, and tax shelters given to workers and managers with seniority or influence. Ability is secondary.

-Inflation is a "middle" and "upper middle" class that lives way beyond their means. Their willingness to spend pushes prices up for the lower income groups, which have increasing trouble making ends meet.

-Inflation is the constant renegotiation of foreign loans to Israel. Credit is extended, interest raised, and the cost passed on to the public.

Government policy vis-a-vis inflation has been, historically, piecemeal and ineffective. The exceptions were the austerity measures of the late 1940's, early 1950's, and the deliberate recession of 1966-67. These firmly implanted in the public's mind the notion that economic sobriety meant deprivation and unemployment.

Faced with this attitude, both the Labor Alignment and the Likud have until recently been reluctant to take firm action on economic matters. Labour has been fearful of the Histadrut, which is its political right arm. The Likud, after years of deriding Labour's policies as favoring "upper-class socialists," wanted to maintain its image as the "workingman's party." Consequently, they tolerated inflation as a means of creating jobs for the less affluent Sephardim.

Only with the recent formation of a national unity coalition, has the government taken serious action. A long overdue wage-price freeze has been instituted. Unfortunately, each interest group, from the Histadrut to the local greengrocer, has its own interpretation of how the measure should be enforced.

This needn't be. The national unity coalition holds 96 out of 120 Knesset seats. Surely this should help Prime Minister Peres withstand the flak resulting from firm and drastic economic action. The freeze gives the government the opportunity to link the nation's finances to a stable currency and to reorder the nation's economic priorities. Only then, can Israel hope for an economy based on productivity and "the greatest good for the greatest number."

ON THE OTHER HAND

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Bubeh Mysehs And The Ma'aseh Book

Bubeh-myseh, literally grandmother's tale, is a Yiddish term for an old wives' tale, something clearly nonsensical. While we usually think of the expression as derived from *bubeh*, an affectionate term for grandmother, and the Hebrew word *ma'aseh*, tale or story, Yiddish *maven*, Leo Rosten suggests that *bubeh-myseh* may be derived from a Yiddish version of a 15th century Italian romance, the Story of Bovo, which came, in turn, from an English tale about the fictional Sir Bevis of Southampton. But his may be just a *bubeh-myseh*.

Anyway, Jews, along with most other peoples, have long been lovers of legends and romantic tales, many such appearing in the Bible and *Talmud* and *Midrash*. The most famous collection is the *Ma'aseh Book*, or *Myseh Bukh*, published in Basle in 1602. It was compiled by Jacob bar Abraham of Mezhirech from tales handed down from generation to generation, many of them unwritten until that time. Originally written in Judeo-German, the Old Yiddish of that time, it was translated into English in 1933 for the Jewish Publication Society by Moses Gaster, a distinguished scholar of folklore and Chief Rabbi of the Sephardic Community of England.

The *Ma'aseh Book* is a many-faceted collection containing a large number of tales from the *Talmud* and *Midrash*, supplemented by tales and legends of medieval Germany and stories about such figures as Rashi and Maimonides. The character of these stories is markedly different from that of collections such as the story of Roland and the legends of King Arthur and Sir Lancelot: the heroes are not men of war but men of learning. "As spiritual leaders of mankind," writes Gaster in his introduction, "they were the objects of veneration; and thus great scholars, rabbis, the spiritual leaders, the great sages, from the time of the destruction of the Temple onward, were added to the list of the biblical heroes, of whose personal life the people wanted to know a little more. Incidents in their daily life were as many illuminating flashes lighting up the personality, which was otherwise lost in the dimness of the school room, or in the folios of the books which they studied

or wrote."

Most of the *Ma'aseh* stories have a moral lesson, often summarized at the end. They were a practical example of how life should be lived, and, because they were told in a homely and simple manner, they had great appeal for the less educated people. People liked the stories for their own sake, as stories, as well as for their moral teaching.

But, let the *Ma'aseh Book* speak for itself with two examples from Gaster's translation:

The Emperor said to Rabban Gamliel, "Your God is a thief, for it is written in the Torah: "And the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept; and he took a rib of his body and made a woman thereof." Then the daughter of the Emperor said to Rabban Gamliel, "I will answer, my father in your stead." And she said to her father, "Father dear, give me a count or a prince who will assist me and avenge me on my enemies." Then the Emperor said, "Who has wronged you?" She replied, "Last night robbers entered my chamber, stole my silver ornaments and put gold in their place." When the Emperor heard it, he laughed and said, "I wish, my dear daughter, that such thieves would come to me every day." The she replied, "Father dear, the same thing happened to Adam, the first man, for God took a rib from him and gave him instead a wife."

Suicide—

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In response to Rabbi Schindler's report, the UAHF trustees established a Task Force on Teenage Suicide to train rabbis and teachers in Reform congregations "to recognize the warning signals of this sickness," to develop educational materials for a suicide prevention program and to devise "some means for crisis intervention on a national, regional and perhaps even congregational level."

"I have come to realize how vulnerable our children really are, how distorting the influence of drugs and alcohol, how fearful of the randomness and violence of our world, and the dread of a nuclear holocaust, how inadequate they feel to meet life's exacting demands, how they fear that in the end they will

Another *Ma'aseh*:

The Emperor said to Rabbi Joshua, "I should like to see your God." Rabbi Joshua replied to the Emperor, "You cannot see Him." The Emperor said, "In sooth you must show Him to me." Then Rabbi Joshua took the Emperor with him into the field. It was in the month of Tammuz when the sun was very hot, and he said to the Emperor, "Now look up to the sky and there you will see God." And he pointed to the sun. The Emperor replied, "I cannot look into the sun." Then Rabbi Joshua said to the Emperor, "Behold! This sun is only one of God's servants and yet you cannot look at it; how much less can you look at the Lord, blessed be He, Himself!" When the Emperor heard his reply, he was very much pleased.

The *Ma'aseh Book* was an immediate success when published and became particularly popular with women. The language of that first edition, a dialect spoken by Jews along the Rhine and in Switzerland, became known as *Weiber Taitsch*, the German of the women. Because of the popular style in which it was written, it doubtless was a major factor in shaping the opinions and attitudes of our forbears. With all our pride in the great accomplishments of our modern technology and the wonders of the computer age, are we better off with the TV soaps as the source of standards today?

suffer a bitter humiliation."

Rabbi Schindler concluded his address by urging the Reform Jewish leaders "to do everything in our power to strengthen the strands of the Jewish safety net by deepening our Jewish faith, repairing the walls of the Jewish home, encircling our Jewish community in a loving embrace once again." He declared:

"In seeking a regeneration of our Jewishness as an 'alternative identity' for the salvation of our youth, we are not preaching exclusivism, isolationism or withdrawal. We heed, instead, a far older and wiser mandate: to be a light unto the nations. We act in the spirit of the nishnaic dictum that by shedding light, first into the remotest corner of our children's hearts, we will thereby help to illuminate the world."

Editorial

Ethiopian Famine Relief- Everyone's Concern

Much has recently been written about the catastrophic famine in Ethiopia. Thousands of Ethiopians have been dying every week. Hundreds of thousands have walked literally hundreds of miles seeking food and medical help. Many have fled the country to neighboring countries because of the famine and the civil war taking place in this backward, isolated area of the world.

The famine is not new. It has been going on for nearly a decade — a decade of severe drought: of a Marxist government whose funds have been used for extensive military build-up and a lavish 10th anniversary celebration — costing tens of millions of dollars — while millions literally starve. More than 300,000 people have already died.

It took a documentary movie during this Thanksgiving on the plight of Ethiopians to shake the consciousness of the world to realize the massiveness of the situation. U.S. Congressmen returning from Ethiopia stated, "It's a catastrophe of monumental, biblical proportions. It seems like the forces of nature have conspired to wreak havoc on the lives of the people."

We, the Jewish community of America and Israel have been involved from the beginning — though until recently pressures on the Ethiopian government by world concern in the last month — have been utterly frustrated. Since the Marxist regime came into power, Israeli agronomists and the Joint Distribution Committee (JDC): the American Jewish World's Relief Organization have both been expelled from Ethiopia, Israel has offered medical supplies for years, but has been refused permission to deliver them. Much of the food previously sent to the country has either rotted on the docks or in warehouses because of lack of trucks (being used for the army) or have been diverted to Addis Ababa, the capital, or to the army.

In the last few weeks, because of the world pressure, Ethiopia has permitted Israel to deliver medical supplies and personnel. Israel has launched a national drive to help the victims. J.D.C. is planning to feed as many as 400,000 people from funds provided by the United Jewish Appeal and the Jewish community of America.

In addition to all of this, 12,000 Ethiopian Jews have left their homes and are being ill-housed and ill-fed in unsanitary refugee camps.

We realize that we are part of the family of mankind and stand ready to extend our help outside the Jewish community for this needed humanitarian effort.

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Brooklyn-Born Scholar In China

Beijing, (Xinhau) — An ancient undecorated tombstone unearthed in Fujian, China, probably marked a Jewish grave, according to Sidney Shapiro, an American-born scholar of Chinese citizenship who has lived in China for thirty-seven years.

It was among several ancient Yuan Dynasty (1271-1368 A.D.) tombstones unearthed in the 1950's near Quanzhou, Fujian province. "Judaism is opposed to 'graven images' and has no special decorations or markings on its tombstones," Shapiro said. The other stones are all engraved with various religious phrases and symbols, such as those of the Nestorians, Catholics and Muslims.

"The stone is an indication of a Jewish presence during the Yuan Dynasty. They are also mentioned in official Yuan documents," Shapiro added in an interview with Xinhua at his home in Beijing.

Sidney Shapiro, 69, a former Brooklyn, New York lawyer of Jewish descent, came to China in 1947 and married a Chinese drama critic in 1948. He became a Chinese citizen in 1963, and has been with the Foreign Languages Publishing House for more than thirty years, translating many Chinese modern and classic novels into English.

He is no doubt, the only grandfather in China to refer to his grandchildren as *ainekles*.

Shapiro began studying China's ancient Jews and collecting essays of Chinese scholars on the subject in 1982.

In Yangzhou city, Jiangsu province, he was told of a few Muslims who wear blue hats at their religious services, similar to the Kaifeng Jews in ancient times who also wore blue, in contrast to the Muslim white. He discovered that the family genealogy of a Yangzhou doctor surnamed Ha states that Ha's ancestors were "Muslims" who migrated from the middle east at the inception of Sui Dynasty (581-618 a.d.)

"I think they were Jews. The Islamic religion did not come into being until 609, about thirty years after the beginning of Sui," Shapiro said.

He developed an interest in the history of China's Jews not only because of his Jewish extraction, but also due to the urging of his foreign friends. "Living in China for nearly 40 years, I was embarrassed to know so little about them," he said.

"My paternal grandfather fled to the United States from tsarist Russia in the late 19th century to escape the pogroms against the Jews," he said.

Shapiro began his translations of the works of Chinese scholars with a treatise by the late Chinese historian

Chen Yuan (1880-1971), a pioneer in research on Jews in China. Chen Yuan had been the director of the History Institute of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences.

Interest in Chinese Jews in western countries began in the 17th century. Sinologists have since written about 200 essays. But their studies were mainly based on reports by missionaries such as Mateo Ricci, and were generally confined to the Jewish community in Kaifeng, Henan province, Central China.

Studies by Chinese scholars, Shapiro said, reveal Jewish traces in China prior to the Tang Dynasty (618-907 A.D.), not just in Kaifeng, but in other parts of China as well. These include the provinces of Guangdong, Fujian, Jiangsu, Zhejiang, Shaanxi and Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region.

Most Chinese scholars believe Jews began to arrive in China in large groups during the Tang Dynasty and the Song (960-1279 A.D.), coming mainly by sea with Arab and Persian merchants. At first they lived in the area around the coastal cities of Guangzhou and Quanzhou. The local populace called all travellers from the Middle East, including the Jews, "people with colored eyes."

It was difficult, Shapiro said, for the Chinese to distinguish the Jews from the Arabs and Persians, because Jews lived among them for centuries before coming to China, and had adopted their speech, dress and customs, and even took Arabic and Persian names.

A 1489 tablet discovered in Kaifeng states that a group of Jews arrived in that city during the Song Dynasty. A 1512 inscription of the same Jewish community sets the date in Han (206 B.C. to 220 A.D.).

At present, said Shapiro, Chinese archaeologists are seeking more traces of old Jewish communities.

Shapiro thanked the Chinese Social Sciences Academy, and Chinese scholars such as the noted archaeologist Xia Nai and historian Wong Dujian, for their support and cooperation.

Since last June when he became a member of China's top advisory body — the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference, Shapiro has actively participated in discussions of state affairs, and in investigations of various parts of the country. He has suggested ways of improving China's news reporting utilizing the Chinese phonetic alphabet as a written language to hasten the elimination of illiteracy. These suggestions have received the careful consideration of the Chinese government.



A child of a U.S. Jewish serviceman stationed overseas shows off her Chanukah gifts shipped by JWB. Gifts were made possible by contributions to JWB's Women's Organizations' Services. Photo by David D. Madorsky.

Rabbi Looks At Jewish Perspective On Issues

The following is a reprint of an article by Joyce Mullins that appeared in the *State News*.

The majority of America's worshippers are adherents of some form of Christianity and many of those people have declared a vested interest in such issues as abortion, the nuclear arms race, prayer in the public schools, and others related specifically to the role of government in religion and vice-versa.

Jews in America have an equal stake in what these roles mean in American life. And there are some very specific Jewish theological perspectives on these issues, according to Rabbi Jacob Rosner of Congregation Beth Shalom in Dover.

"On the issue of abortion, for example, we differ from some Christians, and very specifically from the Roman Catholic point of view," he said, "because we do not believe in the doctrine of original sin. We do not believe God would deny salvation to the soul of an unbaptized fetus."

"Nor do we believe that abortion is murder. We believe in the essential sanctity of life, but in our tradition, a fetus' life in potential is subservient to the life of its mother, and Jewish law permits and even, requires abortion under certain circumstances."

Citing Exodus 21: verses 22 and 23, and ethical tradition as determined by the Talmud, which is the written body of Jewish law binding on Jewish life today as well as in the past, he explained that the actual, realized life of the mother is always the first consideration.

"There is not, for example," he said, "the option of the mother whose life is in imminent danger saying, 'save the baby and let me die,' her life, her health, is the important issue."

And because of the far reaching implications of

Talmudic tradition, modern Jewish theologians have extended the focus of the mother's life and health to encompass her mental health as well as her physical health and any immediate threat to her life. This would also encompass the exigencies of women who are victims of rape or incest.

"This is not to say that abortion is to be taken lightly. It is not. But, neither do we believe in legislating abortion," he concluded.

With regard to issues that confront war and peace, Rosner said, "we look at the Bible and read, 'Seek peace and pursue it.'"

Noting the stand that fundamentalist Christians, particularly those who call themselves the Moral Majority, have taken, he commented that "they look at the Bible and find in it support to speed up the building and deployment of nuclear weapons."

"We look again, and hard as we may search, we fail to find a commandment to turn plowshears into swords and pruning hooks into spears."

He also noted that the very meaning of the Hebrew word "Shalom," which is the word for peace, actually means "wholeness," "completeness," and in that believes that the state of man as a whole being is one and the same with being at peace.

It is however, the issue of prayer in the public schools, that is the pivot for the much larger issue of the separation of church and state, and one, which for Rosner, carries the deepest implication of threat to the very freedoms Jews treasure in America.

"What Jewish religious leaders almost uniformly oppose is the attempt of an organized majority forcing its type of prayer on a minority. We are not intolerant of prayer; we are a religious people, and it is precisely because we believe so strongly in prayer that we oppose its

imposition in the classrooms of our national schools.

"When the President declared that God has been expelled from our classrooms, and should be allowed to return, he gives the Almighty little credit. He severely underestimates God's power and influence. God does not need a hall pass to enter the classroom or a minute of silence in which to dwell. No power on earth can prevent a schoolchild from silently invoking God's name wherever he may be."

The "hot-potato" issue of settling the school prayer problem by inserting a period of silence or a brief text to be read by a teacher is not, according to Rosner, a viable solution for Jews either.

"Our prayer is not a moment of silence," he explained, "for Jews do not pray with bowed heads and clasped hands. Our prayer is not a generic formula created by a committee to offend no one. Our prayer is a joyful affirmation of God's existence and love for us. It has content; it has emotion; it has spirit, and should not be perverted into a technique used by teachers to quiet a class as the day begins."

"When we speak, then, of three minutes of silence, or a text read by a teacher, we trivialize what should be all important. We cannot permit our children to be taught to pray in a non-Jewish way, and that is the certain consequence of any officially sanctioned school prayers," he said, explaining that Jews believe that the idea of a moment of silence is a Christian form of prayer.

"It is time we recognize the Christian agenda of those who are trying to begin with equal access and with, quote - unquote, "voluntary" school prayer," he said, "for even voluntary prayer is coercive and dangerous for it is unreasonable to assume that non-Christian children would be able to withstand the

pressure to conform, and it is cruel to put them in a position to be forced to choose."

Rosner says that Jewish religious leaders believe the freedoms protected by the Constitution are threatened by the inclusion of these religious issues in the electoral process.

"In America our forefathers found a haven from persecution in a culture where they were accepted, not merely tolerated," he said, "and for the first time, our status is that of citizens protected by a Constitution which guarantees us religious freedom and equal opportunity with our fellow citizens, a Constitution which protects religion from the whim of politics and politicians by providing for a strict separation between church and state."

"America is not now, nor was it ever intended to be a Christian state. We may have a Christian majority, but our Constitution has never read 'in Christ We Trust' and our founders had the wisdom to understand there are many

paths to God," he said citing Thomas Jefferson on the First Amendment providing a 'wall of separation between church and state.' "

"I think now there are those who threaten to demolish that wall. There are those who would destroy our protection. When the President of the United States condemns as intolerant of religion all who would keep organized prayer out of our schools, when members of the Moral Majority target members of Congress with defeat who refuse to follow them on abortion, when an equal access law threatens to turn our schools into churches for proselytizing our children, brick by brick, the protections are being removed. The wall of separation becomes a low hedge of accommodation."

"The Christianization of America is what Jewish religious leaders perceive at the heart of the issue of separation between Church and state and we perceive this as a very real threat to our religious freedom," he concluded.



LOUIS A. GRATZ AT THE BATTLE OF CHICKAMAUGA

In 1863, Louis A. Gratz, a 23-year-old German-Jewish peddler, was named commander of the Sixth Kentucky Cavalry, a Union regiment. At the disastrous battle of Chickamauga, he saved himself and many of his men by cutting his way through the surrounding Confederates. His chaplain and his orderly were shot down at his side. Photo courtesy Hebrew Union College/American Jewish Archives.)

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
DECEMBER 30 1984	31	JANUARY 1 1985	2	3	4	5
JCC Senior Adult Party 2 p.m. Beth Emeth Brotherhood Program & Breakfast	New Year's Eve Beth Emeth Couples Club	New Year's Day JCC Closed		JFD Ex. Bd. Mtg. 8 p.m. ORT Bd. Mtg. 7:30 p.m. Montefiore Mtg. 8 p.m. at AKSE	Hadassah/Newark Ch. Sabbath	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Beth Emeth Brotherhood Program & Breakfast AKSE Men's Club Program & Breakfast	Hadassah/Newark Ch. Bd. Mtg. 7:30 p.m. AKSE Sishd Reg. Mtg. noon JCC Bd. Mtg. 7:30 p.m.	Beth Emeth Cong. Bd. Mtg. 8 p.m. Beth Shalom Sishd Gen. Mtg. noon. Beth Emeth Sishd Gen. Mtg. noon. Beth Emeth Short Bd. Mtg. 11 a.m. BBW/Hadassah Bowling 9:15 a.m.	BBW Bd. Mtg. 8 p.m.	Kutz Home Aux. Bd. Mtg. 10 a.m.		Beth Shalom Sishd Bowling Party 8 p.m.
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Beth Emeth Brotherhood Program & Breakfast		JFS Bd. Mtg. 8 p.m. Beth Shalom Congr. Bd. Mtg. 7:30 p.m.				

New Synagogues In Jesse Cohen - Thanks To Project Renewal

At three o'clock every Saturday morning in Jesse Cohen, Yosef Dahan awakens to join his congregation in saying supplications. They sit in the synagogue and sing the refrain after the leader recites each verse. The special tune of each *piyut* (poem) echoes throughout the Synagogue.

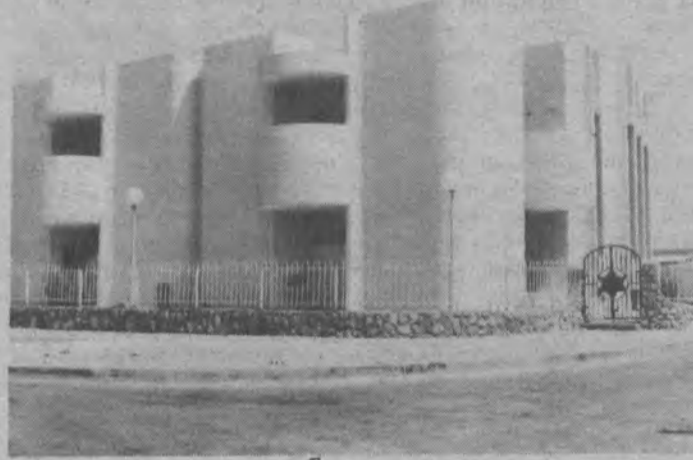
The singing of supplications early on Shabbat morning is a tradition upheld in the observant Morroccan community in Jesse Cohen. Each year the singing is held at a different synagogue. After the sun rises, everyone goes to their own synagogue for the morning service.

This year Yosef Dahan has a new synagogue to attend. After eight years in a tin hut and another one and a half years in a bomb shelter, the *Netzach Yisrael*, Rabbi David Ben Baruch Congregation has a new home. A beautiful, elegant but modest synagogue has been built funded through Project Renewal by Dayton, Columbus and Wilmington. The *Netzach Yisrael* Synagogue is attached to the Yemnite Synagogue, *Yad Labanim* also funded through Project Renewal by the communities.

The synagogues were used for the first time on Rosh Hashana. "Not everything was finished. We got electricity only two days before the holiday and only on a temporary basis," explains Yosef Dahan, the gabei of the Morroccan Synagogue and its volunteer electrician and general handyman.

There are still some problems with the pumps and electricity but slowly each item is being put in working order.

"The last year and a half in the shelter was hard. It was stiflingly hot in the summer. We are in many ways beginning anew. Next week, we hope to start three daily services. Now we get a fairly large crowd on Shabbat — even eight to ten people from Kiryat Ben-Gurion (The new



New synagogues - left side - Morroccan right side - Yemenite (w/entrance)



Entrance to Morroccan synagogue.

middle income apartment towers being built right outside of Jesse Cohen.) We welcome anyone and everyone who comes," Yosef says.

Yosef has been a member of *Netzach Yisrael* and its gabbai for only the past three years, although he has lived in Jesse Cohen for almost 20 years. Previously he attended an older, more established Morroccan congregation. He developed strong ties to the *Netzach Yisrael* congregation during the eleven months of saying kaddish for his mother. Yosef is the father of five daughters and two sons and has two grandchildren to date. He is a printer by profession but has been unable to work the last five years due to

health problems.

His spirit has not been daunted, however, and he has been working full-time to iron out all the problems of the synagogue building and to reorganize the activities of the congregation. His volunteer spirit and hard work have been recognized by many of the Project Renewal staff and they have encouraged Yosef to run in next month's elections for the Jesse Cohen neighborhood committee. (The committee, together with the professionals, makes Project Renewal budgetary decisions.)

"There's a lot to do here and maybe I can help," Yosef says. He is another Jesse Cohen resident who cares.

Super Sunday, Jan. 27 - Answer The Call!

Super Sunday the annual day-long telethon of the Jewish Federation of Delaware will take place on Sunday, Jan. 27, 1985 with more than 150 volunteers working in two-hour shifts making calls for contributions to the 1985 Federation campaign from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

"We expect to make some 4000 telephone calls," says Judy Levy, Super Sunday co-chairperson, "to reach every Jewish man and woman in our community." "We hope to exceed last year's total of \$120,000, a remarkable sum for one day's hard work."

Saul Bernstein, Mrs. Levy's co-chairperson adds. "Each of us is responsible for helping our fellow Jews in need, whether they live in Delaware, in Israel, in the Soviet Union, Ethiopia or anywhere else in the world. Our tradition teaches us this." Mr. Bernstein just returned from a mission to Israel where he observed first hand the social service needs — whether it be in poverty neighborhoods (Project Renewal) absorption of large numbers on Ethiopian Jews, the elderly, day care centers or teens in development towns.

Both Mrs. Levy and Mr. Bernstein stated, "Five minutes of your time in response to the call made to you by a volunteer on Jan. 27 can have a significant impact on Jewish life. Please answer the call!"

The Jewish Federation comes to the Delaware Jewish community just once a year to request this vital contribution which provides the funds for thirty-four local, national and overseas agencies and programs. The largest beneficiary is the United Jewish Appeal which provides urgently needed humanitarian services to Jews in Israel and in lands of oppression.

Jews in distressed communities abroad — in Iran, Russia, Ethiopia and Eastern Europe, are greatly dependent on aid from the Joint Distribution Committee



Judy Levy



Saul Bernstein

which is funded by the UJA from campaigns throughout American Jewish communities like Delaware.

Local needs include increased assistance for a growing elderly and frail elderly population; continued upgrading of quality Jewish education to ensure a vital Jewish community in the future and to combat assimilation; child day-care services for working mothers, counseling for troubled children and

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The 'Untold' Sakharov Story

Soviet physicist Andrei Sakharov next month begins his sixth year of forced exile in Gorky. Much has already been written about the Sakharov case, from his work on the hydrogen bomb, to his human-rights activities and his Nobel Peace Prize, to his exile without trial and his reportedly poor health. Still his plight remains mystifying in many ways, especially in regard to the role that other Soviet scientists have played in his problems.

The prestigious Soviet Academy of Sciences has purposely not removed Sakharov from its rolls, trying to maintain what's left of its limited autonomy from the government. But according to several Soviet emigre scientists now living in the West,

certain leading members of the academy have attempted to turn opinion against Sakharov and may even have conspired to prevent his emigration to the West.

One scientist named is Nikolai Basov, who is a Nobel laureate in physics, a governing member of the Academy of Sciences and a member of the presidium of the Supreme Soviet. As director of Moscow's P.N. Lebedev Physics Institute, Mr. Basov had asked scientists there to sign a letter against Sakharov, who himself had worked at the institute until his exile. Those scientists who refused to sign the letter, the emigres say, were punished.

Even more harmful to Sakharov have been the activities of two vice-presidents

of the academy, namely physicist Yevgeny Velikhov and biochemist Yuri Ovchinnikov (who has also been identified by emigres as the scientist behind the Soviet effort to use genetic engineering to create new biological weapons). The two men are the chief science advisers to the Politburo.

The emigres point out that Mr. Sakharov hasn't worked on any secret project in at least 20 years and that the substance of his work is now standard knowledge in graduate schools of physics throughout the world. Sakharov's emigration, therefore, would pose no security risk to the U.S.S.R. On the contrary, the emigres say, it would be in the interests of the Soviet authorities to let Mr. Sakharov go — just as they did Alexander Solzhenitsyn — in order to lessen the domestic and international tensions caused by his mistreatment. So why haven't Sakharov and his wife, Yelena Bonner, been released?

Soviet emigres charge that Messrs. Basov, Velikhov and Ovchinnikov have conspired to misinform the political leadership about the consequences of letting Sakharov emigrate. These three scientists, who much value their ability to regularly travel abroad to rub shoulders with their Western colleagues, apparently have personal reasons to fear that Mr. Sakharov's release could damage their reputations.

Given the Soviet Union's closed society and Sakharov's particular confinement, it's difficult to sort out the various machinations going on behind the Iron Curtain. What seems certain, however, is that Messrs. Basov, Velikhov and Ovchinnikov have contributed to Sakharov's plight. To the extent that western scientists continue to conduct business as usual with these three men, they too are contributing to Sakharov's agonies.



TEL AVIV EXPERIMENT

Rosa, one of the last lappet-faced vultures of the Negev Desert, with her long-time keeper Ya'acov Segal of Tel Aviv Univ. The University's zoo is planning a breeding experiment through which it hopes to perpetuate this rapidly-vanishing species.

Perceptions Of Jewish Men And Women

Forty to fifty percent of Jewish marriages are now inter-marriages, and in two-thirds of those marriages, a Jewish man will marry a non-Jewish woman. These frightening statistics were cited by noted psychologist Dr. Matti Gershenfeld, speaking to the B'nai B'rith Women National Executive Board meeting in Washington, D.C. as part of BBW's new program "The Image of the Jewish Woman: Myth and Reality."

"One in five Jewish couples today will not have any children," she continued. "This, along with the fact that the Jewish birth rate has long been the lowest in the world, that over 50 percent of American women are now in the work force, that divorce is on the rise, and that there is an erosion of traditional Jewish values in this country all add up to a dwindling American-Jewish population."

Gershenfeld told the BBW Board that she's been working with Jewish groups across the country, looking into the way Jewish men and women

perceive each other and trying to change some of those stereotypical perceptions.

When she speaks to Jewish groups, she asks them to describe Jewish men and Jewish women. Gershenfeld has found the answers to be "intriguing and disturbing."

"Jewish men are perceived to be dependable, good providers, achievers, and family men," she said. "Jewish women, however, are undesirably perceived as 'JAPS' ---materialistic, pampered, over-indulged, and social climbers who dominate their children."

Gershenfeld said the BBW program dealing with the current images of Jewish women, can help alter some of these stereotypes and point out to Jewish members of all communities the dangers of this type of stereotyping.

"As a therapist, I have learned that the way to bring about changes is not by guilt-producing lectures, but rather by exploring ideas together and permitting the decisions for change to rise out of people's own motivation to do things differently," Gershenfeld said.

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Treasures Coming Out Of Nazi Closet

Editor's Note: The following article was excerpted from the N.Y. Times.

By DOUGLAS C. MCGILL

When the Austrian government announced last week that it would auction off 3,900 works of art that had been confiscated by the Nazis in World War II, the spokesman was asked why it had taken 30 years to decide what to do with the works. Saying it was a "very good question," he replied that the delay was caused by red tape in sorting out the claims to the art, and in reaching a consensus on what to do with unclaimed works.

"Our bureaucratic system may not have been dealing in a very fair and equitable way," said Bruno Aigner, a spokesman for the Minister of Science and Research, who has jurisdiction over state museums. "I have a feeling that some things were going wrong in returning the art."

Some people with long experience in the restitution of Jewish property contend that a common thread runs through this case and several others, including the current trial involving a Sotheby's auction last June of Hebrew books smuggled from Nazi Germany. Art works that have been stored in attics, basements and monasteries for the past two generations, they say, may finally be surfacing because people believe

that the passage of time has resolved difficult questions of ownership.

"I suspect it's happening because of the statute of limitations," said Benjamin Ferencz, a former Nuremberg prosecutor who was the director of the Jewish Restitution Successor Organization, which redistributed heirless Jewish property recovered after the war. "People who were inclined to conceal the possessions were under the impression that if they held them long enough, they would get a clear title of ownership." Mr. Ferencz said he believed the Austrian government had been wrong to keep the art works, most of which had been stored in a monastery near Vienna since the war. "They are asserting the right of the Austrian Government to be the lawful successor to heirless Jewish property," he said. "In my opinion that is neither legal nor ethical."

Simon Wiesenthal, the pursuer of Nazi war criminals who has been pressing the Austrian Government since the 1960's to find an equitable way to distribute the art works, said last week that he believed Austria had procrastinated for similar reasons. "Some officials were waiting for the time when the last survivor was dead," Mr. Wiesenthal said. "Because later, nobody would claim the property, and it would become property of the state."

For its part, the Austrian government last week was quick to ask that it not be blamed for any faults of its predecessors. "The Austrian government does not want to get rich from these objects," Mr. Aigner said. He said the proceeds would go to Jewish-Austrian groups or to a charity, such as Amnasty International.

In the Sotheby's case, the

man who said that he owned and therefore had the right to sell 59 rare Hebrew books and manuscripts contended that the chairman of a Berlin rabbinical seminary gave the books for him to own, if he could successfully smuggle them from Germany. The seminary was closed by the Nazis in 1942.

The man who smuggled the books, Alexander Guttman, an 82-year-old retired professor from Cincinnati, said that he used the books in his library for 40 years before offering them to Sotheby's. He said he never questioned his ownership of the books, and decided to sell them to help pay medical bills, to contribute to Jewish charities, and to leave a legacy to his child and grandchildren.

New York Attorney General Robert Abrams argued that the books were not Mr. Guttman's to sell. The state has taken him and Sotheby's to court, charging Sotheby's with "persistent fraud and illegality" for an auction that brought \$1.45 million.

Another case involving art works whose owner changed during World War II was resolved in 1982 when a Federal court ruled that a New York lawyer must return to East Germany two portraits by Albrecht Durer taken from a German castle during World War II. Edward I. Elicofon bought the paintings from a serviceman in 1946 for \$450. In 1966, he publicized ownership, and a trial to determine the ownership of the paintings began in 1969.

Mr. Elicofon based his claim of ownership on his innocent purchase of the works, and on his claim that the statute of limitations, both in the United States and Germany, had expired. The court ruling established the principle of American law — that a thief cannot pass title of ownership, even to an innocent buyer, and with statute of limitations.

"The auction should have been years ago," Mr. Wiesenthal said. "It should not have waited until the last victims of the Nazis are alive. By the time the auction is held and the distributions are made, 10 percent of the surviving victims will have passed away."

Good Eating

FISH IN SPECIAL SAUCE

By Norma Barach

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The Jerusalem Hilton offered a course in kosher nouvelle cuisine. A recipe from the course is this delicious one for fish. In the course, sea bass was used, but halibut steak will do just as well.

2 lbs. fish steaks
¼ lb. butter
¼ lb. chopped, fresh mushrooms
1 large onion, chopped
2 cloves garlic, chopped
5 large skinned tomatoes, chopped
2 green peppers, chopped
2 red peppers, chopped
1 cup (8 ozs.) white wine
2 bay leaves
2 tbs. tomato puree

1 tbs. chopped, fresh parsley
salt, pepper
1 tsp. lemon juice
¼ cup white wine
¼ cup water
margarine

In a skillet, melt the margarine and fry the onion, garlic and peppers until onions are golden. Add tomatoes, mushrooms, tomato puree and spices and simmer 5 minutes. Add cup of wine and simmer 10 minutes. Cook the fish in a separate pot with ¼ cup white wine, ¼ cup water and lemon juice. Cook fish until just fork tender. Thicken vegetable sauce with a little more butter. Remove from fire. Add chopped parsley. Remove fish from pot and put on a serving platter and pour sauce over it. Serves 5.



Letty Cottin Pogrebin, a prominent Jewish feminist, was awarded the National Celebration of Women Award by Pioneer Women/Na'amat for leadership in fostering understanding between the women's movement and the Jewish community. (l. to r.) Gloria Elbling, National Membership Vice-Pres; Ms. Pogrebin, Phyllis Sutker, National President.

Nobel Winner Praises Jewish People But Is Sharply Critical Of Israel

NEW YORK, (JTA) — Nobel Prize winner Bishop Desmond Tutu of South Africa praised the Jewish people as "a light unto the nations," while at the same time issuing a sharply worded critique of Israel in a speech.

"Whenever the Jews have wanted to be like other nations, they have, I think, lost direction and been untrue to their calling," Tutu, the 1984 Nobel Peace Prize winner, declared in a speech to 300 students and guests at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America.

The 53-year-old Anglican Bishop was also critical of the Arab nations in the Middle East for "being totally unrealistic in not recognizing" the Jewish State that he said should "be given every bit of security and she should have her territorial integrity guaranteed."

"The Arabs should recognize Israel, but a lot must change also," Tutu

declared. "I am myself sad for Israel, with the kind of history and traditions her people have experienced, should make refugees of others. It is totally inconsistent with who she is as a people."

Tutu, whose speech was the result of an invitation extended by a member of the JTS, accused Israel of having "connived" in the massacres of Palestinian women and children of the Sabra and Shatila refugee camps in Beirut in 1982.

But, he added, "I was thrilled to bits" when some 500,000 Israelis demonstrated in Tel Aviv. This was in reference to a rally under the auspices of the Peace Now movement demanding that the government of then Premier Menachem Begin conduct an investigation into the massacres. The government hesitated but soon acceded to domestic pressure and formed the Kahan Commission.

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Education and learning our own traditions and culture must be repeated many times in one's life. A course in Jewish Enrichment for everyone to relearn, rethink, and explore again and again our beautiful heritage will be offered by the Senior Center, Thursday mornings from 10:30 until noon, starting on Jan. 3. Faith Brown, well-known for her expertise in the field of Jewish education will be the instructor. There will be no quizzes, term papers, or reports to do, the only qualification for this Jewish Enrichment class is a desire to continue listening and learning.

The successful operation of the Senior Center is due in large part to the dedicated service of the Retired Senior Volunteers who are associated with the national RSVP program. On Friday, Jan. 11 there will be a special luncheon to honor Ann Abramov, Anna Arlicks, Ethel Denenberg, Lena Gross, Alma Handleman, Sally Lazar, Ann Metzker, Sue Rosen, Eve Schwartz, Mabel Schlanger, and Ida Seidenstat. Awards for hours of service will be given by Barbara Curozzi, Area Director of RSVP.

Sunday Dinner will be on Jan. 20. This is a good opportunity for individuals who are contemplating retirement to enjoy dinner and find out about the Senior Center Program.

Rabbi Ira Schiffer from Temple Beth El in Newark will conclude the "Meet With Our Rabbis" series, sponsored by the Senior Site Council on Monday, Jan. 21 at 1 p.m.

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Lenny's Funny Farm Monday, Jan. 14, 7:30 p.m.

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Art Opening Sunday, Jan. 6, 2 p.m.

Watercolors by Jack Lewis, Sculptures by Dorothy Lewis. Jack Lewis was recipient of the Governor's award for Visual Arts in 1981. Show will continue in JCC Art Gallery through Jan. 30.

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Book Review

New Book Cites Inaction In Holocaust

By GAD NAHSON

On August 19, 1982, Arthur J. Goldberg dismantled the American Jewish Commission on the Holocaust, which was established in September 1981. Its goal was to expose the behavior of American Jews during the Holocaust era and to see whether there was, in fact, a conspiracy of silence. This commission, which included representatives of all Jewish organizations, actually, disintegrated. Its director, Seymour M. Finger, professor of Political Science at the Graduate Center of the City University of New York (CUNY) told me then that the reason for it was the hyper-sensitivity of the Jewish establishment. "I don't understand the fear of exposing the truth," he said. "People make mistakes. We are not God himself." It was clear that this establishment is not able to assess its past behavior.

The rise and fall of this commission reinforces the notion that the subject of the Holocaust should not be politicized and that it must remain in the realm of the

academic, pure scientific and objective world.

David S. Wyman's book, "The Abandonment of the Jews: America and the Holocaust, 1941-45" (Pantheon Books, New York), belongs, more than any other contribution, to the historiography of the Holocaust. In the last decade this historiography tends to stress the issue of the free world's pattern of behavior toward the Jews in the years 1933 to 1945, essentially, the rescue of Jews.

Wyman, a noted scholar and the author of "Paper Walls: America and the Refugee Crisis 1938-1941" (1968), is a son of a Protestant minister who defines himself as an admirer of Israel. He has written an excellent detailed account of America's behavior during the years of destruction.

Wyman exhausted almost all available sources. He documented the American silence and the abandonment of the Jews who were gassed by the Nazis. His most original conclusion is the notion that this country could in reality have rescued millions of Jews. It simply refused and declined to do so: "It was not the lack of workable plans that stood in the way of saving many thousands more European Jews, nor was it insufficient shipping, the threat of subversive agents or the possibility that rescue projects might hamper the war effort. The real obstacle was the absence of a strong desire to rescue Jews. "But, in 1944, Wyman tells us, 25,000 Greeks were rescued, and, ironically, were taken to Naseirat, a British camp near Gaza, Palestine.

In his preface, Wyman

argues: "The Nazis were the murderers but we were the too passive accomplices." Essentially, this book is a discussion of these "accomplices" who were too passive, too indifferent to the plight of the Jews and too slow to help them.

Wyman introduces all of them to us: (A) President Roosevelt (B) The State Department (C) The Army and its O.S.S. For example, Wyman points out "In April 1944, the O.S.S. obtained the first detailed account to reach the West of the mass murder of Jews at Auschwitz The O.S.S. did nothing with it." (P. 314). (D) Jewish consultants and intimate friends of Roosevelt, such as Judge Sam Rosenman. Some even tried to disarm efforts to rescue Jews or pressures to do so. (E) The American Congress. Jewish congressmen were silent. Others, such as Sol Bloom, prevented any effort to mobilize the Congress for rescue operations. Wyman points out only one rare exception to this rule: Emanuel Celler, the Congressman from Brooklyn. Other "accomplices" were (F) The entire American media. (G) The churches. Wyman views the Holocaust, also, as a Christian tragedy. He illuminates us: "The by-standers most capable of helping were Christians." And he goes on with his "J'accuse": "At the heart of Christianity is the commitment to help the helpless, yet, for the most part American Christian churches looked away while the European Jews perished." (P. 320).

As to the behavior of the American Jewish community, Wyman concludes: "Along with the lack of unity, American Jewish effort for rescue were handicapped by a crisis in leadership." (P.329). It should be stressed that Wyman rushes to accredit and to describe anyone who made some effort to rescue Jews. He even, partly, saves the reputation of Rabbi Stephen Wise who is, recently, being blamed for America's abandonment of the Jews.

But, sad to say, Wyman writes, the Jewish leaders of that era did not break out "...of business as usual ... vacations were, seldom, sacrificed." (P. 329).

The American Jewish community had to transform itself, in this era, into a national massive-effective rescue machine in order to challenge the American silence. It failed to do so.

The Zionists, Wyman tells us, contributed, relatively, to rescue efforts more than their non-Zionist Jewish counterparts but even they failed to develop the necessary degree of awareness. Wyman follows the main thesis of the Israeli

writer S. B. Beit-Zvi (See: Post Ugandan Zionism in the crucible of the Holocaust. 1977, Tel Aviv) when he explains: "Most Zionists resources... continue to be concentrated on the post war goal of a Jewish state in Palestine. In 1943, the pattern persisted, as rescue remained a secondary priority." Sad to say, the Zionist movement did not change its course: "Their insight into the past and their dedication to the future hampered their vision of the present."

Wyman does not fail to illuminate the activities of the Irgun's mission to the United States, better known as the "Bergson Group." The "commander" of this small group was Hillel Kook, who used the alias Peter Bergson, undoubtedly a magician of public relations. Bergson and his devoted soldiers were the first ones to break the ice. They tried to challenge the mainstream: "The Bergsonite Emergency Committee tried to fill the gap in

the rescue campaign. Its work was vital in, finally, bringing the War Refugee Board into existence." But, "The Bergson group was anathema to most established American Jewish leadership."

As a result, for example, even Jewish newspapers did not report to their readers on the group's "We Shall Never Die - Remember Us!" a play which was staged in Madison Square Garden in 1943. More than 40,000 people came to demonstrate their solidarity with the dying Jews. Roosevelt, of course, declined to send a short message.

It is hard to predict whether history repeats itself - but Wyman, in the preface to his book, confesses: "My commitment to Zionism and to Israel has been confirmed and increased by the years of study of the Holocaust. I look upon Israel as the most important line of defense against anti-Semitism in the world."

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By Arnold Lieberman,
Executive Director



As 1984 comes to a close, we complete another year of service to Jewish individuals and families. Under its various names, our agency has been serving the Jewish community of Delaware since at least 1900.

The nature of the people, needs, problems, and services has remained similar in some ways and changed drastically in others.

The need for financial or material aid, which for many years was the primary, if not sole service provided, has become a very small part of our total service. During the past year, only 8% of our requests for service were primarily financial and only 5% were given direct aid. Although this is certainly a crucial service to those who need it, it has become a minor service from a statistical perspective.

Since 1960, when the agency became Jewish Family Service, we have been dealing with the whole range of physical, emotional, and relationship problems that may disrupt the lives of individuals or total families.

For many years now, JFS has been prepared to deal with any behavior or situation that may exist in the general population. The old myth that Jews simply do not behave in certain negative ways, has long since been laid to rest by anyone connected with an agency such as ours.

Although males still represent a clear minority of our clients, we are seeing more men willing to seek and accept help. This may relate to another relatively new phenomenon of women leaving their husbands and sometimes their children. In

the past, it was almost always the man who left his family.

With people living longer and the resultant increase in our elderly population, the requests for service to these people and their families, represents the largest increase in requests we have ever experienced. Families often need help in planning for and handling elderly parents, who are incapacitated in various ways. The elderly frequently need help with several aspects of their lives that in the past they could handle very adequately themselves.

Some of our services have a long tradition. Visiting Jewish patients in state institutions has been an agency-sponsored activity for many years. The distribution of "Passover Packages" provided by groups in the Jewish community has also been an agency activity for many years.

We have been providing the "Brandywine Social Club" for handicapped young adults for the past eleven years.

Through the years, some needs have surfaced, existed for a period of time, and then ended for various reasons. The prime example was the resettlement of Russian and Iranian Jews and Indo-Chinese people. The agency was geared up to meet these needs while they existed.

So the form of some needs and services may change, but the purpose and responsiveness of JFS has always been consistent. We are here and will be as flexible and creative as is required to meet the current needs of our Jewish community. If you have a need and wish to test this claim, please call us at 478-9411.

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In your own visits to the sick, let good sense be your guide. You might call ahead to see if your friend is up to a visit. If the patient is tired, uncomfortable or in pain, keep your visit brief. Several days later, an extended visit can help relieve tedium and loneliness. Whatever you do, don't neglect this important mitzvah because you're not sure of the proper way to behave.

Rachel

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Young Political Leader Learns About Israel

By ELAINE HARRIS
FREEDMAN

Seven months after participating in a memorable fact-finding mission to Israel, Karen Stewart remains impressed and admiring about the calibre of the Israeli people she met. "They were all so knowledgeable," she says. She also learned what Jewish people all over the world know about Jewish people: "If you ask two Israelis their opinion on a subject, you get two opinions; three people, three opinions. They don't necessarily agree with each other."

Karen Stewart, a slim brunette interested in politics and business, was one of nine young political leaders who participated in a program (June 12-23) sponsored by the North American Jewish Students' Network and the World Zionist Organization. The politically active young Americans, none of whom had ever been to Israel, had a unique opportunity to meet top government officials and observe firsthand the nature of the country, its achievements, its politics, its problems and its people.

Ms. Stewart, a native of Wilmington, owns the Red

Pin Cushion in Talleyville Mall and has been State Chair of Delaware Young Democrats since 1979. She was one of five Democrats selected nationwide; there were also four Republicans. To achieve maximum representation and exposure selection included eight Christians and one Jew, five women and four men, one Black and one Chinese. Most were either Chairs or Co-chairs of their Party's state or regional committees. In addition to Wilmington, they came from places as disparate as Wyoming, the District of Columbia, New York, Virginia and Arkansas.

Ms. Stewart's political involvement extends beyond Delaware to national and world affairs. She was secretary of the Regional group from 1979-1981. She also has served on the National Judicial Council of Young Democrats since 1983. Her main concern, however, continues to be local politics.

"Israel is different from what I thought it would be," says Ms. Stewart. "You sense the religious feeling there. All major religions are tied in with Jerusalem: in that way it seems Jerusalem belongs

to the world." She feels "All Israelis want peace but the Arabs do not, insisting 'this was our country.'" Because of this attitude she thinks "we are not going to see peace in the Mideast."

Perhaps the most stirring and memorable event of the trip for Karen was being a guest at the home of Yigael Yadin, archeologist and former Knesset member. He was an exceptional person, a gracious host, an eloquent spokesman but "he was depressed that night," worried about the election occurring later in the month. The group was saddened to learn that Mr. Yadin died the day after he was their host.

Much time was devoted to observing the Knesset at work and speaking individually with prominent members. Karen was intrigued with the system of Lists which lists the prescribed number of allocated elected members, determining the composition of the ruling body which now has 49 political parties. "You don't vote for the individual, you vote for the Party. It's a very different system," she explains.

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JFD Executive Visits Gratz



Mr. Morris Lapidos speaks to Gratz students about JFD.

By AIMEE PELTZ
LISA LESSIN
RACHELLE KAHN

On Sunday, Nov. 4, Mr. Morris Lapidos came to Gratz Hebrew High School to Mr. Jack Vinokur's Jewish Issues class. He spoke about building a Jewish community. Mr. Lapidos, executive vice-president of the Jewish Federation of Delaware for the past four years, has held executive positions in many other places.

When he visited our class, he spoke about all of the organizations that fulfill the needs of the Jewish population in Delaware. Some of these organizations are: Jewish Community Center (JCC), where Gratz is located; the six synagogues in Delaware which provide a meeting place for prayer and a religious education for children; the Kutz Home for

the elderly; the B'nai B'rith high-rise, for the self-sufficient elderly; and the Jewish Federation of Delaware, which puts out this newspaper, raises money for Israel, and supports most of the organizations mentioned above.

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Obituaries

Dr. David H. Goodman

Dr. David H. Goodman, 76, of Elkins Park House, 7900 Old York Road, formerly of Wilmington, Del., died Dec. 12 of a heart attack outside his home.

Dr. Goodman was an internist. At the time of his death, he was on the staff of the Northern Division of the Albert Einstein Medical Center in Philadelphia and Rolling Hill Hospital, Elkins Park.

He was a graduate of Wilmington High School and the University of Delaware. He received his medical training at Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia. From 1935 to 1939, he was chief resident in internal medicine at Mount Sinai Hospital in Philadelphia. In 1939, he did graduate work at Johns Hopkins University Medical School in Baltimore, the Mayo Clinic, Minn., and McGill University in Montreal, Canada.

He ran his own practice in Philadelphia from 1940 until 1942. After that, he became an Army doctor for the Veterans Administration in Pittsburgh until 1946. Since the end of the war, he had run his own practice on Castor Avenue in Philadelphia.

He is survived by his wife, the former Janet Creamer; two sons, Dr. Paul Goodman of Maine and Peter Goodman of Philadelphia; five sisters, Sadie Keil, Rose Koffler and Eva Greenstein, all of Wilmington, Sara Harwitz of Gaithersburg, Md., and Elizabeth Rosenberg of Chicago; and two grandchildren.

Memorial services were held Dec. 14 at Levine's Funeral Home, 7112 N. Broad St., Philadelphia. Burial was private.

Benjamin Goldberg

Benjamin Goldberg, 84, of York House South, 5325 Old York Rd., Phila., Pa., died suddenly on Dec. 16.

Mr. Goldberg formerly was a merchant in Pennsgrove, N.J.

He was the husband of the late K.B. Goldberg. He is survived by three children, Stephen and Allen, both of Wilmington, a daughter, Barbara Hull of Logan, Vt., and four grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Dec. 19 at the Chandler Funeral Home, 2506 Concord Pike. Interment was at Mt. Jacob Cemetery, Glenolden, Pa.

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Dateline

Jan Peerce Dead At 80

NEW YORK, Dec. 17 (JTA) — Funeral services were held here today for Jan Peerce, who worked his way from the Lower East Side of New York to become the principal tenor of the New York Metropolitan Opera. He died at the Jewish Home and Hospital for the Aged here Saturday night after a long illness. He was 80 years old and had suffered a stroke two years ago.

Born Jacob Pincus Perelmuth in the Lower East side in 1904, Peerce made his singing debut in 1932 at Radio City Music Hall where he remained for eight years. He made his debut at the Metropolitan in 1941 as Alfredo in "La Traviata," and during his 27 years there distinguished himself in French and Italian repertoire. He made his Broadway debut in 1971 in "Fiddler on the Roof." After retiring, he

continued to perform and sang as a cantor during the High Holy Days.

Peerce, while in Austria in 1973, visited a transit station in Vienna for Soviet Jewish emigrants on their way to Israel. He performed for them the regular Sabbath ser-

vice and afterwards sang the Yiddish tune "Raisins and Almonds" for the Soviet Jews. He sang in synagogues during his youth and later in synagogues in Moscow and elsewhere in the Soviet Union while on a tour of that country.

Yeshiva U. Buys Former Manhattan Yeshiva

NEW YORK (JTA) — Yeshiva University, with the help of a \$1 million gift, has purchased a 63-year-old building in upper Manhattan which once housed the Yeshiva Rabbi Moses Soloveitchik, for renovation into a multi-faceted university center, university officials reported.

The gift was made by the families of Jerome, Saul and Alvin Schottenstein of Columbus, Ohio. The building,

which houses one of the oldest synagogues in Upper Manhattan, will be named the Schottenstein Center. The complete cost of the building and renovation has been estimated at \$2.5 million.

In addition to the synagogue, the renovated structure will house the Philip and Sarah Belz School of Jewish Music at the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Rabbinical Seminary.

Young Leader—

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A favorite of all the young political leaders was David Levy, the Deputy Prime Minister, who was born in France. "The Israeli people love Mr. Levy."

There were fact-finding agricultural, high tech, and business-oriented tours. Also, trips to Yad Vashem, Tel Aviv University, Masada, Ein Gedi, various kibbutzim, Galil, the Afro-Asian In-

stitute, and the Jewish Settlement Council at Judea and Samaria.

A June 24 press release listed consensus on U.S.-Israeli ties in many areas including Israel's right to exist, mutual security, trade, agriculture, technology, and most critical of all, establishing peace with Israel's neighbors. The release reiterated that the "issues confronting the State of Israel are indeed complex and highly controversial."

A minority report by the College Republican Commit-

tee was prepared and circulated but Ms. Stewart states, "the Democratic delegates did not agree."

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June 1984 was "a crucial time to be in Israel because the election set for that month was a very important one for the country." Despite the varying points of view among Israelis and the divergence of opinion among the delegates themselves there were some points of agreement: "Israelis like Begin. They don't like Shamir. They do like Jimmy Carter because no one else had ever done for Israel what he did."

Ms. Stewart's own philosophy as a young politician and as a leader is best revealed by the answer she gives concerning her decision to become sole owner of the Red Pin Cushion, an attractive fabric shop and a going business in Talleyville Mall. "Why? It was for sale. It was time to own my own business." Like the State of Israel, she knew when the time was right. The World Zionist Organization, also matter-of-fact and realistic, knew the time was right for someone like Karen Stewart to participate in their 1984 fact-finding mission.

Prize Winner—

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Tutu also said he was "saddened" at the "remarkable sensitivity of Jewish people who are quick to shout anti-Semitism at the drop of a hat. I can understand why this is so with your horrible experience, but sometimes the things at which you take umbrage are strange."

He described in his address to the JTS an earlier speech he had made to a group in Connecticut, preaching what he described as the "historical separation between the Jews and Gentiles as represented by the wall of separation in the Jerusalem Temple as a kind of model which reflects the racial separation" in South Africa.

"I was immediately accused of being anti-Semitic," Tutu told the JTS gathering. "I am sad because I think that it is a sensitivity in this instance that comes from an arrogance — the arrogance of power because Jews are a powerful lobby in this land and all kinds of people woo their support."

Tutu, an outspoken critic of South Africa's apartheid government, also said he was distressed by Israel's "collaboration" with South Africa, which is "carrying out policies that are so reminiscent of Hitler's Aryan madness."

The Bishop, who has served since 1978 as secretary general of the South African Council of Churches, touched briefly on the strains in relations between the Black and Jewish communities in the United States. Without going into detail, he suggested that both communities should seek to "align your agendas more closely."

In concluding, Tutu declared: "Thank God for you and know that we and He together can work to transfigure the evils of this world to become His Kingdom of Shalom, of justice, of goodness, of compassion, of caring, of being together, of joy, reconciliation."

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PAULA MATTES, daughter of TED and CLARA MATTES, recently got married.

RAYMOND KURSH, son of IRV and LOUIS KURSH, recently wed JANE WEISS.

JOY SOLOMON, daughter of SANDY and MARVIN SOLOMON, recently married RONALD KLEIN.

HENRIETTA HEISLER, daughter of DORIS and ALBERT HEISLER, recently got engaged.

DEBRA MARILYN KORDANSKY, daughter of RUTH and LEONARD KORDANSKY, recently got engaged.

MEG EHRICH, daughter of DR. FRED and CECEIL EHRICH is engaged to BENNETT GOODMAN, and daughter, BETH is engaged to BILL KOURAKOS.

JULIE ZEFTEL, daughter of DR. LEO and SYBIL ZEFTEL, recently got engaged.

MICHAEL DAVIS, son of ARLENE and ALEXANDER FERBER.

MARTI LYNN GOLDMAN, daughter of DORIS and BERNARD GOLDMAN, is engaged to WALTER WILLIAM COPPOL. A fall wedding is planned.

FAYE and GERSON BLATNICK recently celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary.

BARBARA and BRUCE STARGATT recently celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary.

MARCELLA and LEONARD KANOFSKY recently celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary.

ALEX and ANNE DRUCKER recently celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary.

LYNDA and STEVE MOHL recently celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary.

SHEILA and ARTHUR INDEN recently celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary.

ESTHER and MANUEL ZINMAN recently celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary.

MURIEL and MARVIN GILMAN are celebrating their 40th wedding anniversary.

WISHING LOTS OF NACHAS TO ALL THE NEW PARENTS AND GRAND PARENTS

LORRAINE and JEFFREY WEINER have a daughter born on Nov. 14.

KAREN and RALPH DURSTEIN, have a new son born on Nov. 29.

EDITH and DAVID ROSS have a new grandson and granddaughter ALEXANDER MICHAEL born to MR. AND MRS. KEVIN FURINI, and MIRIAM ANNE born to DR. and MRS. TERENCE ROSS.

JUDY and LESTER JACOBS are new grandparents with the birth of their grandson.

MR. and MRS. LEWIS SCHENDOWICH have a new grandson.

GARY and LINDA KOGON, of Dover, have a new daughter SHERRIE BETH born on Nov. 11. The proud grandparents are DR. IRVING AND RITA KOGON of Wilm.

JEAN and PAUL DROWOS have a new grandchild.

MARIAN and WILLIAM PRESSMAN have a new grandchild.

FLO and AL GREEN have a new grandson named ALEXANDER FERBER.

DR. EDWIN and EVELYN GOLDBERG have a new grandson born to MR. and MRS. STANLEY BINDER.

JEAN and DONALD BALICK have a son born on Dec. 13.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU AND MANY, MANY MORE MORTIMER WACHSTEIN recently celebrated his 50th.

SISSIE BERGER celebrated her 60th birthday.

ALBERT JACOBS celebrated his 65th birthday.

ROBERT CHAIKEN celebrated his 90th birthday.

ERNA KORY celebrated her 90th birthday.

FRANK TOOR celebrated his 92nd on Oct. 26.

MAZEL TOV AND CONGRATULATIONS FOR A JOB WELL DONE

SAM PRATT has been admitted to Duquesne U. Hall of Fame.

SID GOLDSTEIN, Pres. of Pen Del Real Estate Co. was elected director of the Nat'l Assoc. of Realtors.

S. ALLEN PIKUS has been appointed to the Delaware Development Corp. by Gov. du Pont.

STACEY MALLORY GOLIN, daughter of MYRON AND BARBARA GOLIN, has been selected as one of the national outstanding leaders for the 1985 edition of Who's Who in American Universities and Colleges. Stacey is a Senior at Widener University.

LECIA INDEN was one of eleven in Delaware selected by the Coaches' Ass'n. to the Inaugural Hockey First Team Allstate.

MONA JOY OFTER, daughter of EDWARD and IRENE OFTER, sister of SHARON PLEASANTON, graduated from West Chester University with a B.A. in Special Ed.

Three Are Honored For Defending Rights Of Jews

By KATHLEEN TELTSCH

Three people have been named this year's winners of the Jabotinsky Prize for "outstanding service in defense of the rights of the Jewish people."

The three — Yehudah Z. Blum, Israel's former chief delegate at the United Nations; Anatoly B. Shcharansky, the imprisoned Soviet dissident, and Beate Klarsfeld, who helped uncover a number of Nazi war criminals — will share a \$100,000 award made by the Jabotinsky Foundation of New York.

Both the foundation and the award are named for the late Vladimir Jabotinsky, a militant Zionist, author and the political mentor of a number of Israeli leaders, including former Prime Minister Menachem Begin. The awards are made to Jews and non-Jews. This is the second year the group has given the award.

Mr. Blum, a specialist in international law and a former concentration camp prisoner, was honored for his defense of Israel during his six years as chief delegate. He continued his diplomatic assignment until 1984 "at great personal sacrifice," an allusion to his having interrupted his academic career by leaving his tenured position as a faculty member at Hebrew University in Jerusalem. He is now a lecturer in Israel and elsewhere.

Mr. Shcharansky was honored as a "prisoner of conscience" who fought for

the rights of Soviet Jews to emigrate to Israel and also to practice their religion in freedom.

A specialist in computer technology, Mr. Shcharansky lost his position in 1973 when he tried to emigrate. He was arrested four years later and tried on charges of treason, anti-Soviet agitation and propaganda. He was recently moved to a Soviet labor camp and is said to be in failing health.

Mrs. Klarsfeld was honored for her work in identifying Nazi criminals and "securing the rights of the Jewish peo-

ple for international justice for the crimes of the Holocaust."

She recently went to Paraguay, where she sought the Government's help in bringing to justice Dr. Josef Mengele, the former Auschwitz camp doctor who experimented on Jewish prisoners. Dr. Mengele is believed to be living in Paraguay.

The Beate Klarsfeld Foundation has published a number of books and documents relating to the deportation of the Jews of Belgium and Rumania.

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Organizations in the News

Cong. Beth Shalom Men's Club Hosts Forum

The Men's Club has scheduled an informative and controversial program for its breakfast meeting on Sunday, Jan. 6, 1985. A prominent speaker from Philadelphia will host a forum explaining the ideologies of the Messianic Jewish Alliance of America as well as the Anti-Missionary Coalition of Greater Philadelphia. The Messianic Jewish Alliance of America is commonly referred to as "Jews for Jesus" and has established a growing membership throughout the nation. The existence of

this organization is finding increasing support from Jewish youth in large metropolitan areas including Wilmington. An active "anti-cult" organization called the Anti-Missionary Coalition of Overbrook Park has taken a vocal and largely publicized stance against what they term as the "hoax and deception that you can worship Jesus and remain a Jew." A recent target of the Anti-Missionary Coalition has been Congregation Beth Yeshua ("House of Jesus") of Overbrook Park in Philadelphia which allegedly is comprised of "born-again

Christians" who strive to convert Jews to their way of thinking. The Anti-Missionary Coalition has, in addition to staging demonstrations and providing newspaper advertisements, rented a billboard which reads,

"There is a cult in your neighborhood. Its mission is to convert the Jewish people. Guard your children!"

Please plan to join us on Sunday, Jan. 6 for this very important program. We hope to attract a large crowd including men's club members from the other local synagogues as well as children from our Hebrew school and other local Jewish youth organizations. Morning services will begin at 9 a.m. followed by our delicious breakfast at 9:30 a.m. The breakfast donation will be \$2 per person. We expect our speaking program to start at 10 a.m. Seats will be available for those who wish to attend only the speaking portion of our program.

'Lox Box Day' At Cong. Beth Emeth

On Sunday, Jan. 13, Congregation Beth Emeth will sponsor a "Lox Box Day."

A box containing the traditional Sunday Jewish brunch, consisting of bagels, cream cheese, Nova Scotia lox, garnishes, sweet rolls, and a surprise bonus will be delivered to the home or can be picked up at Congr. Beth Emeth on Lea Boulevard. Boxes will sell for \$7 each, plus a delivery charge. Orders may be delivered Sat. Jan 12 between 4-6 p.m. Call the temple, 764-2393.

Ethiopian Relief Drive Success In Dover

Recognizing the tragic irony of watching the horror and suffering of the starving people of Ethiopia during our own bountiful Thanksgiving celebration. Congregation Beth Shalom of Dover and Rabbi Jacob Rosner responded quickly to the need. In just two days, by phoning congregants and friends, Beth Shalom received 55 checks. The fund has now swelled to nearly \$1900. And these funds are already on the way to Oxford.

Sabbath Lecture Series At AKSE

Medinat Yisrael
Lecture Series

The Adult Education Commission, under the chairmanship of Dr. Mark Weinberg, is happy to announce a Shabbat Lecture Series on Israel, its culture, its defense system, its science, its political system, its *Kupat-Cholim* socialized-medical system, and other aspects of its social life.

Members are cordially invited to attend these Sabbath Lectures. Sabbath Services will end by 8:40 p.m. and the lecture will be presented in the social-hall, followed by a discussion and exchange of ideas. Dr. Weinberg will preside.

	Speaker	Topic
Fri., Jan. 11	Mrs. Faith Brown	Music & Dance in Israel
Fri., Jan. 25	Federation Sabbath	Worship in Temple-Beth Shalom
Fri., Feb. 8	Dr. David Milstein	Israel Defense System
Fri., Feb. 22	Dr. Alexander Vega	Science in Israel
Fri., March 8	Rabbi Gewirtz	Israel's Political System
Fri., March 22	Centennial	Shabbaton
Fri., April 19	Naomi Goldstein	Kupat-Cholim & Israel's Medical System

Sisterhood Congr. Beth Emeth Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Sisterhood Congregation Beth Emeth will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 8, preceded by a meeting of the Board of Directors, at 11:15 a.m. We are honored to initiate our 1985 schedule of events by presenting as speaker, Mrs. Judith Hertz, a vice-president of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods, of which Connie Kreshool of our Sisterhood, is National President. The National Federation of Tem-

ple Sisterhoods binds together more than 100,000 Jewish women in 654 Sisterhoods in 16 countries throughout the world, including the United States and Canada. Mrs. Hertz is the chairwoman of the Department of Human Relations of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods. Luncheon will be served at noon sharp, with complimentary child-sitting provided. Please call Mrs. Rae Goldenberg for reservations: 798-1929.

AKSE Students' Sabbath Discussion

University Students' Sabbath
Friday, Dec. 28,
8 p.m.
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Shel Emeth
Congregation

You are cordially invited to Sabbath worship, and to listen to our university students. Theme: "How to Apply the Jeffersonian principle of 'A Wall of Separation Between Church and State'?"
Debra Friedberg
Moderator
Brandies University
Sue Levin — University of Pa.
Todd Goldberg — University of Pa.
Kathy Friedberg — University of Del.

William Trachtman — University of Del.

The students will discuss prayer in the public schools, abortion, anti-poverty program, etc. and other ideas.

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New Session Of Gratz At JCC

On Monday, Feb. 4, 1985, the second session of Gratz College adult courses, co-sponsored by Delaware Gratz and the Jewish Community Center is scheduled to begin. Two courses will be offered and will run for a ten-week period. The instructor will be Dr. Edward Zweiback Levenson, a professor at Villanova University and Gratz College who taught the first session in which thirty-two persons in our community participated.

The first class from 7 p.m. to 8:20 p.m. is entitled, "Major World Religions." It will deal with the important ideas, values, and world views embodied in these religions. Historical developments in the religions' evolution will be studied and insights will be gained into the deep social and psychological needs answered by respective religious beliefs and practices. Attention will be paid to

the image, status, roles, and activities of women in the history of religions.

The second class scheduled from 8:40 p.m. to 10 p.m. will be "Survey of Jewish History II." It will deal with the period of the *Tannaim* through the expulsion from Spain. Emphasis will be placed upon the important movements, personalities, and the development of ideas in that period. Attention will be paid to the impact of Islam of Jewish culture. The golden age of Spain will also be studied.

The cost of these classes will be \$25 each for JCC and Delaware Gratz members and \$40 for non-members. Please call 478-5660 to enroll. If you have any questions or seek further information, please contact Elaine Friedberg at 478-5026 or Sue Shaffer at the JCC.

NCJW Education Program

The National Council of Jewish Women Education Program is sponsoring two cooking classes given by Patricia Tabibian of Creative Cooking. The classes will be held on Jan. 30 and March 6 at 10 a.m. The first one on Jan. 30 will be Ms. Tabibian's "Favorite Things." "Cooking for Cheaters," making simple things look difficult, will be the subject of the March

class. The cost is \$15 per class and there is a limit of 25 people.

The NCJW will also host a book review of Joseph Heller's "God Knows" by Elaine Wilner on April 30 at 7:30 p.m.

Please contact Betty Dizonoff (478-4865) or Berta Kerr (652-6440) for information and reservations.

Jews By Choice - The Next Frontier

The Sabra Group of Hadassah will feature Rabbi Peter Grumbacher on the program for its regular meeting on Jan. 14, 1985 at the Jewish Community Center at noon.

"Jews by Choice: The Next Frontier" is the subject chosen by Rabbi Grumbacher, who is spiritual

leader of Temple Beth Emeth. Much interest has been shown in conversion to Judaism, so classes have been organized to present an introduction to Judaism.

Refreshments will be served at noon and a short business meeting will precede the program.

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