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WASHINGTON, - On September 28, after signing an interim agreement, (referred to as Oslo II) Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin reaches out to shake hands with Yasser Arafat, Chairman of the Palestinian Authority. US President Bill Clinton, stands behind the table of late President Abraham Lincoln, looking on approvingly. In the background are King Hussein of Jordan and President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt. The agreement between Israelis and the Palestinian Authority extends Palestinian autonomy beyond Gaza and Jericho to the West Bank. Israelis maintain overall security throughout the West Bank as well as day to day security for the settlers. The agreement also calls for a redeployment of the IDF so that Palestinian policemen can provide security in Palestinian populated areas. RNS PHOTO/Reuters.

Federations Fight To Spare Their Nursing Homes, Social Service Agencies and Hospitals From Federal Budget Slashing

By MATTHEW DORF

WASHINGTON, (JTA) — Reeling from a study showing heavier than expected dependence on government funding, Jewish federations across the country are gearing up for a fight to save their nursing homes, social service agencies and hospitals.

Planned congressional budget cuts to social welfare programs would eviscerate Jewish services nationwide and threaten the entire federation system, according to the Council of Jewish Federations.

Jewish communal agencies receive more than \$3.67 billion from federal, state and local governments, representing about 41 percent of their total budgets, according to a CJF survey of 45 federations released last week.

"The federated system is about to confront a crisis that will test our leadership as never before," said Richard Wexler, chairman of the CJF's Community Planning and Financial Resource Development Steering Committee.

"No longer can the Jewish community adopt a 'wait and see' attitude," he said as he presented the report to the CJF executive committee meeting last week in Detroit. "It's too late for that," he said. "We must recognize the emergency and deal with it now."

Diana Aviv, the director of the CJF's Washington action office, which prepared the report, said she was "shocked, agog and startled when numbers came in."

"I had bought in to the myth that we provide for our own," she said, but, in fact, the

Jewish community is deeply dependent on government funds.

Although officials admit that the numbers are shocking, they are quick to point out that more than two-thirds of the \$3.67 billion goes to Jewish-supported hospitals in the form of Medicaid and Medicare payments.

But the planned federal budget cuts would hit most Jewish charities extraordinarily hard. Federations and their agencies in the 45 communities on which the survey is based receive \$1.08 billion a year for services outside of hospitals.

About half of those funds support Jewish nursing homes, with the remainder going to agencies that serve Jewish individuals and families in need.

Without this money, officials say, many federations would have to scale back or, in some cases, eliminate services including food, clothing, child care and vocational services for the needy.

Charities across the country are grappling with similar concerns as lawmakers in Washington move to cut back on an array of social welfare programs.

The Republican majority in Congress has vowed to balance the budget in seven years without cutting Social Security or the defense budget.

In order to reach that goal, many federal programs will face cuts of 25 percent to 75 percent, if they receive any funding at all, according to the study.

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Looking At Delaware Jews Through A Telephone

Community Urged To Answer The Call

By DAN WEINTRAUB

Editor of The Jewish Voice

The first demographic study of the Jewish population of Delaware in countless years will be underway shortly to identify demographic trends and service needs of Delaware's Jewish community. Jack Ukeles, Ph.D., in association with Dr. Ira Sheskin, a University of Miami geography professor, has been working on this survey which has been approved by and is being funded by the Jewish Federation of Delaware (JFD) and the Jewish Community of Delaware Endowment Fund. lay and professional leadership of the Delaware Jewish community helped to design the questionnaire. Ukeles Associates, inc., based in New York, is a consulting firm which has worked with numerous Jewish communities around the country on strategic planning and related issues. Dr. Sheskin has conducted more than a dozen population studies for communities around the country including Miami, Morissa Sher of the Jewish Federation of Delaware (JFD) is providing staff support for the effort. Following the survey, focus group research will provide the leaders of Delaware's community with the data necessary to develop a strategic plan to take the community into the next century.

Over the next several weeks, interviewers will call hundreds of Delaware homes to conduct interviews. The anonymous survey is intended to provide answers to such questions as: how many Jews there are in Delaware; where are Jews moving within the state; to what Jewish organizations do Jews belong; what Jewish practices do Delaware Jews observe; what are the ages of Delaware Jews; how do Delaware Jews stand financially; and the like.

According to Morissa Sher "the greatest outreach to the community for this study will be through telephone surveys. These will be conducted beginning Oct. 25th, lasting approximately 2-3 weeks. Of the people who are called, a small number of them will be asked to participate in a focus group."

According to Judy Wortman, Executive Director of the Jewish Federation of Delaware, "There has never been a comprehensive study of Delaware's Jewish community utilizing a combination of random sample of telephone interviews, interviews from affiliated community members, and focus group research." Wortman added that "The study will provide a demographic profile of the Jews of Delaware as well as concrete information about human needs."

Judy Wortman told *The Jewish Voice* that in undertaking the population study, the Delaware Jewish community's representatives on the Board of the Jewish Federation of Delaware, expect to "learn the size of the Jewish population, geographic information and mobility patterns, Jewish affiliation and observance patterns, ages, socio-economic data, attitudes about Israel, etc." She explained that "This will provide information to Federation,

its constituent agencies, and the synagogues to enable us to better serve the community. For example, as a result of Federation's research on priorities, a community wide youth worker and part-time outreach worker to intermarried families were funded by campaign dollars last year. Once we understand more about the size and concerns of these two populations, our youth and our intermarrieds, it may become evident that additional staff and resources are needed."

"The study will also identify the most vulnerable of the population - the elderly, the homebound, the isolated, the poor," says Wortman. "With government funding for human services at risk, it is critical that we understand the impact of potential social service cuts on our own population."

According to Morissa Sher "it is important for the Federation and other Jewish agencies to know: how large of a Jewish community we are serving; where Jews are located so we can be sure that services are available when needed; and whether the Jewish community is provided with sufficient services."

Organizers of the demographic study emphasize the importance of responding to the community's call for information. "Why should you answer the phone?" asked Judy Wortman. "Our rabbis have told us for thousands of years that we are responsible for one another. It is both our obligation and our honor to make a difference in this world."

The study is designed to protect the privacy of participants so there is no reason not to respond to the call. All information given will be absolutely confidential. The researchers will have telephone numbers only. The identities of the respondents will be unknown.

Sher added that people should answer the phones because "In order to help us to help the community. As the year 2000 approaches, we want to plan for the community's needs and interests. The community's participation is necessary in order to do this."

For further information about the population study call the Jewish Federation of Delaware at (302) 427-2100.

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All smiles in the new administrative offices at refurbished Albert Einstein Academy.

LATE BITS

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

JERUSALEM—The transfer of authority in the West Bank begins, with the release of hundreds of Palestinian prisoners and the turnover of civil administration posts.

JERUSALEM—An Israeli soldier is seriously wounded in a clash with guerillas in the South Lebanon security zone.

BONN—In a further sign of increasing anti-Semitism in Germany, three Jewish sites are targeted by vandals.

ROME—A memorial ceremony is held in Split, Croatia for seven Jewish victims of war-torn Bosnia.

MOSCOW—A surprise awaited hundreds of Moscow Jews attending High Holiday services: live greetings from a member of Russian President Boris Yeltsin's administration.

MOSCOW—Russia's most rabidly anti-Semitic newspaper is back in print after a 10-month hiatus.

BRUSSELS—The European Union decides to hold an international ministerial conference on economic assistance for the Palestinians.

WASHINGTON—Despite new concerns over domestic terrorism with the derailment of an Amtrak train, anti-terrorism legislation in Congress is barely chugging along.

NEW YORK—Three decades after the Vatican declares Nostra Actate, teaching Jews and Judaism to Catholics has changed dramatically.

WASHINGTON—The House moves for-

ward on legislation limiting the number of legal immigrants into the country.

BUENOS AIRES—Argentina's investigation into the 1994 bombing of the Jewish community headquarters springs to life, with observers wondering whether international pressure is working.

MONTREAL—As Quebec braces for a major referendum that will determine whether it stays part of Canada, the Jewish community is working hard to ensure a "no" to separation.

WASHINGTON—On the eve of the Million Man March on Washington, some of the most outspoken anti-Semites in the African American community are gathering for a pre-march conference with the blessing of Louis Farrakhan.

NEW YORK—As the pope met with Jewish leaders here, veterans of the Catholic-Jewish relationship assessed the progress—and remaining challenges.

JERUSALEM—A leading Israeli rabbi issues a religious ruling allowing Israelis on the move to build sukkahs in the back of their trucks.

WASHINGTON—While Secretary of State Warren Christopher was unable to secure a pledge to renew peace talks from Syrian Foreign Minister Farouka al-Sharaa, he plans to meet again with Syrian officials following an economic summit in Amman later this month.

BOSTON—Survivors of the Nazi occupation of Lithuania react to the announcement by Lithuania that it will not seek the extradition of an alleged Nazi war criminal who has been living in a suburb of Boston.

NEW YORK—The 50th anniversary of the United Nations, being celebrated later this month, comes with mixed emotions among Jews, who pinned high hopes on the body and were sorely disappointed by its failure to fulfill them.

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BRIEFS

Sukkot Celebrated With Parade

JERUSALEM, Oct. 11 (JTA) — Some 85,000 people from Israel and abroad took part in a Jerusalem parade here Wednesday, as over 250,000 people lined the capital's streets to watch.

The event, which takes place every year during the Sukkot holiday, was this year hailed as a highlight of Jerusalem 3000, a year-long celebration of the founding of Jerusalem.

However, the parade drew none of the political controversy that surrounded the official opening of the Jerusalem 3000 events earlier this year, and a number of European countries contributed floats.

In Deference To Yom Kippur
High Court Suspends Arguments

WASHINGTON, (JTA) — A last-minute scheduling change made it a little easier for two Supreme Court justices to atone for their sins this year.

For the first time in recent memory, the Supreme Court had been scheduled to hear oral arguments on Yom Kippur, which would have created a dilemma for the two Jewish justices.

The high court instead conducted administrative business and admitted new members to the bar of the Supreme Court that day. No reason was given for the scheduling change.

Neither Justice Ruth Bader Ginsberg nor Justice Stephen Breyer was present in court on the Day of Atonement. Information about how they spent the Jewish holiday was not available.

The court typically follows a preset schedule, convening during the first week of October, which coincided this year with Yom Kippur.

Court guidelines permit justices to miss a day's arguments, provided that they bring themselves up to speed by reviewing transcripts.



Protesting settlers cross Jordan river to protest Interim agreement.

ADL Denounces NOI Event

WASHINGTON, (JTA) — In the most stinging denunciation to date of Louis Farrakhan's role as the prime mover behind the upcoming Million Man March on Washington, the Anti-Defamation League has assailed the Nation of Islam leader for aggressive and repeated promotion of anti-Semitism and racism.

In a full-page newspaper ad, the ADL said it "cannot be ignored" that "this march will be the largest event led by an anti-Semite in recent American history." The ad appeared in The New York Times and in the Washington Post this month.

Rising Death Toll From Traffic
Accidents Prompts New Prayer Book
From The Conservative Movement

(WZPS) According to figures recently released by the Central Bureau of Statistics, the death toll on Israeli roads is almost equal to the number of dead from all of Israel's wars—18,000.

Other sobering statistics: someone is injured in a traffic accident every 14.5 minutes, a pedestrian is hit by a car every two hours, a child is hurt in an accident every two hours, and a person dies in a traffic accident every 16 hours.

The Conservative movement in Israel has recently compiled a new and unusual prayer book. One of the prayers relates to the grim reality on Israeli roads: "Our God and God of our ancestors ... Help me to drive with care, to keep a proper distance ... to yield the right of way; with awareness, to stop in time ... Give me the courage to control my impulses of jealousy, competition, anger and greed. Let there be no accident because of me, and let me not encounter disaster."

Second article in a series'

American Jewish Live in 50 Years:
Who Will Be Giving To What?

"The European notion of a uniform, all-controlling kehillah (community) cannot strike root in American soil because it is not in consonance with the free and voluntary character of American religious, social, educational and philanthropic enterprises. The only power that the kehillah can exercise is moral and spiritual in its nature."

Rabbi Judah Magnes, 1918

By YOSEF I. ABRAMOWITZ

"The organized Jewish community is in the process of self-destructing," says Dr. Sidney Schwarz, president of the Washington Institute for Jewish Leadership and Values. "Although I bemoan this, centralized fund raising will be a thing of the past in 50 years, probably sooner." Not everyone is as pessimistic as Schwarz, but it is difficult to find anyone who thinks the UJA/Federation annual campaign is going to increase with time. "To raise over \$725 million dollars is nothing to be ashamed of," says Marvin Lender, who admits that factors such as intermarriage have affected the lack of growth in the annual campaign. But Lender, the former UJA chairman and president, hopes that this "has bottomed out and that we will find new ways to reach out to the younger generation. We are the wealthiest Jewish community in the history of the world, and we still have close to 900,000 contributors." These contributors, however, are generally older. And half the time that they go to their children's weddings, they are welcoming a non-Jew into the family.

According to most predictions, the majority of American Jewish households will be interfaith families in 50 years. If their giving trends will mirror those of today's intermarrieds, then little money will be raised for Jewish institutions and causes. According to Dr. Gary Tobin, director of the Cohen Center for Modern Jewish Studies at Brandeis University, "Intermarried households are far less likely to contribute to Jewish philanthropies than are in-married households." According to the 1990 CJF National Jewish Population Survey, only 27% of mixed households contribute to Jewish causes, and only 13% percent donate to UJA/Federation as opposed Jewish couples of whom 74% give to Jewish charities and 59% to UJA/Federation.

"The future of fund raising depends partly on the Jewish community's ability to build the broadest base possible, including intermarried couples," says Tobin. Failure to do so, he warns, means declining revenues for the 250 national Jewish organizations and this can seriously compromise human services and erode the community as we know it today.

Emptier communal coffers will come at a time when two issues will dominate and compete for limited dollars: care for the elderly and Jewish education. With 19 percent of the American Jewish community above the age of 65 in 1995, that number is expected to rise significantly with

projected longer life-spans. Furthermore, according to U.O. Schmelz and Sergio DellaPergola, in a study for the American Jewish Committee, "When the large cohorts born during the baby boom reach the 65-plus age range in the second decade of the next century, the proportion of elderly will receive a powerful boost." On the opposite side of the age spectrum, Jewish educational efforts for young people—day care, day schools, camps, youth movements, retreat centers, Israel programs, specialized programs—might finally be coordinated and well-funded says Rabbi Art Vernon, educational director of the Jewish Educational Service of North America. "Otherwise there will be few Jews left in America."

Whether or not American Jewry is strong in 50 years, Israel will probably be independent of U.S. government and Diaspora financial assistance altogether. Few Jewish defense agencies will survive as anti-Semitism continues to recede. Even so, writes Leonard Fein in a recent symposium for the centenary of the Boston federation, "We do not and will never have a neatly composed structure of organizations each with its clearly delineated and distinctive responsibilities." The impending financial crunch has already spurred a handful of strategic studies by major Jewish organizations, including UJA, the Council of Jewish Federations (CJF) and Hadassah, on how to restructure.

With likely U.S. government cutbacks in social services to Jewish agencies in the hundreds of millions of dollars and sustained pressure for balanced federal budgets into the next century, who is going to foot the bill for Jewish life in 50 years? The next generation of American Jewry is going to inherit \$2.3 trillion from their parents, but their giving patterns are dramatically different and starkly non-Jewish. That's the bad news. The good news is that mechanisms are being put into place now for long-term giving to Jewish causes. "Within 20 years, my guess is that 20 to 30 Jewish privately held foundations will throw off more money than our entire UJA/federation system," predicts Rabbi Brian Lurie, executive vice president of national UJA. He goes on to list three billionaires who have established foundations with Jewish interests as a hopeful sign.

Cheryl Sandler, CJF director of the National Foundations Initiative, predicts that there is \$3-5 billion in Jewish foundations and that figure is growing quickly. She cautions, however, that only a plurality of the moneys in most Jewish foundations goes to Jewish causes and once the original donor passes away, it is possible that the children will refocus or reinterpret the mission of the foundation. "The next generation might say that a Jewish foundation needs to be concerned with general social justice, while we would prefer that the money comes back into the community."

According to Donald Kent, CJF director of planned giving and

foundation relations, there is \$3 billion in the basket of federation endowments, with the fastest growing component coming from older Jews who are "looking for a tool to deal with their generation's philanthropic values into the far future. The main selling point of this specialized endowment (a 'federation support foundation')—which has grown from having assets of \$40 million in 1985 to over \$800 million today—is that it gives the parent generation a way to have their Jewish concerns addressed after they pass away" because they do not trust the Jewish sensibilities of their children and grandchildren. Federation endowments provided a whopping \$355 million in allocations in 1994, and endowment campaigns represent a larger and larger portion of the annual campaign, like in Detroit where it brings in a third of what is raised annually.

In addition to annual federation campaigns, family foundations and endowments, there will likely be a fourth, new revenue stream that will strengthen ties with Israel and help underwrite educational and elderly programs back at the local level. Charles Glick, as a Wexner Fellow at Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government in 1994, prepared a 60-page report with an original and powerful idea that could transform the relationship between Israel and American Jewry and alter the structure of American Jewish fund raising.

The Glick Plan, being quietly passed around to federation executives, is to have donors invest via the federation system into Israeli industry and the profits will be used to underwrite local community needs back at home. This has several advantages over the current system: it creates jobs in Israel, helping Israelis and making Israel a more attractive option for the hundreds of thousands of Jews in Russia who hold permissions but have not yet emigrated; it gives a deeper and more direct connection for donors to specific projects where they can also give of their business expertise; it creates a community-stake in the economic and political well-being of the Jewish state; and it provides an additional source of on-going revenue that can be used for local needs.

While annual campaigns are not keeping pace with inflation and federations are forced to diversify their income streams, synagogue membership has remained steady at 40 percent over the past 40 years, despite the increase in interfaith marriage. "Synagogues have been around for 2,000 years and they will continue to play a central role into the future," says Jerome Epstein, head of the congregational arm of the Conservative movement, which boasts 800 affiliated synagogues. "There will still be a quest for religious life and religious meaning and synagogues will have a function but the synagogue itself will change and adapt. The days of the synagogues offering only one type of service for everyone will be gone. There will be more market segmentation to meet the needs of younger people, empty nesters, elderly, etc. But the synagogue will be the place that brings in people at a grassroots level into Jew-

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Cautious Optimism On The Interim Agreement

The interim agreement between Israel and the Palestinian Authority, which was signed at the White House two weeks ago, was an historical step forward toward an uncertain future about which a cautious optimism seems appropriate.

Although this set of handshakes did not lead to universal joy, it would still have been unthinkable three years ago. This interim agreement is later than expected by months but many believed that the difficult negotiations between these long time adversaries would have collapsed well before this point. The Israelis and the Palestinians themselves are largely responsible for the success of these negotiations. The White House, however, has played an ongoing supportive role up through and including the last minute negotiations on then outstanding issues between the parties.

Certainly we all long for a day when Israelis will no longer have to fear unprovoked violence; this historic agreement does not guarantee such a day. Reasonable people would agree, however, that the agreement provides the means for reduced tensions between Palestinians and Israelis living in a complicated world. In the long run such reduced tensions could also mean a lessening of extremist violence. If the complexity of the agreement rivals a tangled divorce settlement it may be in part because the so-called Oslo II agreement works to separate the two populations as much as possible. Despite skeptics' gloomy predictions this separation is achieved without moving Israeli settlers. The course of separation suggests there is not time to wait until both sides would be ready to live together.

Although the interim agreement seeks to reduce daily contacts between Israeli citizens and the Palestinian people, the negotiations surely benefited from the growing familiarity and personal exchanges between Israeli and Palestinian negotiators. This can be read as a hopeful sign.

The Israeli foreign ministry invited several former military officials to brief American Jews on the consequences of Oslo II. Retired Colonel Yonathan Lerner, a member of the Israel based Council for Peace and Security, was in the United States last week as part of this effort. Lerner told *The Jewish Voice* that the

Oslo II agreement is consistent with the intention for Israelis to live in a democracy in the Middle East with a strong Jewish character. As the Palestinians gain greater authority over their own affairs the Israelis are left with a somewhat smaller country with a higher percentage of Jews. He characterized the Israeli military administration of an unwilling Palestinian populace in the West Bank as antithetical to Jewish values. He expressed hope that Oslo II will promote a greater normalcy amongst West Bank Palestinians and a more inward direction of their energies. As Palestinians experience more democratic and economic opportunity the extremist Islamic fundamentalism has flourished in places such as Iran, Algeria, and Egypt where the economic circumstances were severe. In the wealthy gulf states a more moderate tact has held sway.

Examining the Oslo II agreement itself some would say the Palestinians were given far less than what may have been expected. If Palestinian people believe the agreement is lopsided against them it could endanger its ultimate success. Israel will maintain the ultimate security throughout the West Bank. In some areas of the West Bank, the Palestinians will be responsible for certain security functions, particularly with respect to Palestinian populations. The IDF (Israeli Defense Force) continues to provide security for Israeli settlers throughout the West Bank. The IDF will be redeployed throughout the rest of the West Bank in part to have a less visible presence among Palestinians. Despite this planned less visible presence, the IDF can reentrench if security needs so dictate. Such an IDF return, to whatever extent, can mitigate against the average Palestinian's feeling that the Oslo II agreement represents real change for them or real control for their people. It is important for Palestinians to have confidence that this agreement represents change and control but it is more important that Israelis have confidence this agreement represents security.

Colonel Lerner believes that the security for Israelis will not be as strong after the IDF redeployment contemplated by Oslo II. He told *The Jewish Voice* that the drop off in security will not be substantial. Palestinians from extremist groups may have opportunities to

launch attacks against Israelis and return to hide within areas administered by the Palestinian Authority. However, the experience in Gaza and Jericho under the Palestinian Authority has shown that the PA sharply limited attacks launched from areas under its control. The PA will have such responsibility to control terrorism throughout the West Bank in areas added to its administration. The success in controlling violence will increase the majority among the Israeli public in support of the Israeli government's quest for peace.

Today a majority of American and Israeli Jews support the peace process but many of those who oppose the process have grown angry and destructive. A new fragility among the national Jewish community is demonstrated in the unfortunate decision of two New Jersey congregations to withdraw their support of Israel Bonds.

While questions remain about the sincerity of Arafat, the IDF can play a significant roll in

a worst case scenario. The Jewish tradition holds that words have consequences but strategic diplomacy points to a different answer here. Although Arafat's speeches in Arabic (calling for Jihad) cast the scent of duplicity, the reduction in terror launched from Gaza and Jericho may be more telling. His worst statements may be an ugly attempt to maintain popular support before the Palestinian elections but they are out of place and must stop. Likewise the portions of the Palestinian Covenant calling for the destruction of Israel should have already been removed but the conduct of the Palestinian Authority, to date and in the future, is more significant.

There is still reasonable hope that more extensive Palestinian control over their daily affairs, improved financial conditions and reduced contact between the two populations will lead to a reduction in violence and less support for extremism. That's reason for cautious optimism.

VOICE MAIL

Malinger's Column Commended

To the Editor:

Rabbi Malinger has written (*Jewish Voice*, Sep. 1) an excellent piece on Jewish education. It deserves to be read and reread. How sad it is to read of the Jewish mother who cannot help her children with their Hebrew homework because she doesn't know any

Hebrew, AND DOESN'T WANT TO KNOW ANY. Is there any community-wide, representative body to consider, refine, and move forward on ideas concerning Jewish continuity? Sincerely,
Dov Seidel

Kerbel Sends Letter

To the Editor:

As you know I was closely associated with the "Voice" for a number of years and want to congratulate you on the excellent Rosh Hashanah edition. In my opinion, it was an exceptional issue full of reflections, insights and warmth.

May you long continue in your success. L'Shana Tova.

Bob Kerbel
Executive Director
Jewish Federation of the Berkshires,
Pittsfield, Massachusetts

[Editor's note: The merit in our Rosh Hashanah is largely due to the numerous local contributors including Riva Brown, Marvin Cytron, Rabbi Sanford Dresin, Rabbi Marla Feldman, Rabbi Leonard Gewirtz, Joel Glazier, Evi Manor, Ellen Meyer, Karen Moss, Judy Stiebel, Judy Wortman and Toni Young.]



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When The Population Survey Calls, Please Answer The Phone

OPINION

Siblings - The Relationship, The Rivalry, The Bond

"*Henay ma tov umanayim, shevet achim gam yahad*" - Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brothers and sisters to dwell together in unity. Is it realistic to expect siblings to live in harmony without fighting? The answer is - NO!

When we deal with siblings, we are looking for ways to increase good feelings between children. No one else shares our history like a brother or sister. One does not usually out-grow hostility towards a sibling. What we need to do, however, is to understand and work with sibling rivalry, because it is normal, and it cannot be avoided.

Experts agree that the root of sibling jealousy is each child's deep desire for the exclusive love of his or her parents. Why? Because from the parents flow all the things the child needs to survive: food, shelter, warmth, love, a sense of identity, a sense of worth and specialness. Siblings threaten everything that is essential to his or her well-being. The mere existence of a sibling or siblings could signify LESS: less time alone with the parent; less attention for hurts and disappointments; less approval for accomplishments. And the most frightening of all is the thought: "If Mom and Dad are showing all that love and concern and enthusiasm for my brother or sister, maybe they're worth more than I am. And if they are worth more, that must mean that I'm worth less. And if I'm worth less, then I'm in serious trouble!" No wonder children mobilize all their energy to have more, or the most. Or better still, ALL. Security lies in having all of Mommy, all of Daddy, all of the toys, all of the food, all



of the space.

There are many feelings a child can have for his or her sibling. Of course, they will feel love. But in addition, they will have some feelings which are not so positive, such as anger and frustration. We need to acknowledge our child's feelings towards each other. Sometimes, our instinct is to deny feelings. If we try to encourage our child to suppress hostile feelings, two things may happen. First, the feelings will go beneath the surface, and they may be expressed indirectly through headaches, nail biting, etc. Second, they may be expressed directly, through pinching, hitting,

and other physical acts. Negative feelings need to be expressed, and we need to teach children safe ways to express the negative feelings.

There is a distinction between accepting feelings and accepting behavior. When the children are fighting and they come to you, it is important to avoid managing, judging, or directing their relationship. Their feelings need to be acknowledged, and you need to avoid offering instant solutions. In this effort, we do the following: listen carefully to what the child is saying; reflect the feelings back to the child without judgment, and direct the children back to each other. No one can express the child's feelings better than the child! An example of this might be, "I see how angry you are with your brother. Tell him with words, not with actions."

Fighting is a complex issue. Children fight for a variety of reasons, including hunger, fatigue, boredom, attention, power. Some of the typical responses to fighting include: "who started it" (this could teach children to lie); "share" (they don't want to); "asking the older one to give the toy up" (this is unfair to the older child, and it teaches the younger child to scream); "it's making me sick" (they're not interested); "taking the toys away" (this makes the child angry at the parent, and doesn't teach them how to work problems out).

There are different levels of fighting, from the low-level, "did not, did so"), to the dangerous level, where children do something so extreme that it warrants adult intervention.

Low-level, normal bickering is important in a sibling relationship. It provides experience in conflict resolution. Children need space to argue without intervention, for the

health of the relationship. They need the freedom to iron out the problems and differences. This builds relationships for the future.

The next level of fighting might benefit from adult intervention. When children are capable of working the problem out on their own, try these steps: acknowledge their feelings or anger; factually state each child's point of view; describe the problem with respect; express confidence in the children's ability to find their own solution; and then LEAVE THE ROOM!

The dangerous level of fighting requires adult intervention. Children want their rage to be stopped, and they want their anger to be recognized. When faced with this, it is important to separate the children until the rage subsides. Then, a discussion can happen.

Children want to have their feelings acknowledged. We need to avoid continually using just logic and explanations. Rather, we need to help them develop the language for their feelings. Children need to know that someone hears them, and understands what they are feeling. As parents, we can either intensify the competition between children, or reduce it. We can drive hostile feelings beneath the surface, or help children find ways to vent these feelings safely. We can accelerate the fighting, or make cooperation possible. Armed with new skills and understandings, we can help lead the siblings toward peace.

Examining the sibling relationship and learning new ways to work with children can be difficult. To learn more about this topic or to schedule a program or workshop on this or any other parenting topic for your organization, play group, or group of friends, contact Myrna Ryder at Jewish Family Service, 478-9411.

The Discovery Of America: The Jewish Connection

By ED GOLIN

Special to The Jewish Voice

Who really discovered America?

The concept of discovery is nebulous. When a dog scratches at a flea, does it matter whether the dog discovered the flea or the flea the dog? At that very moment, the only thing the dog desires to do is to relieve the searing itch, while the flea is determined to get a wholesome meal. Who discovers what isn't as important as the consequences of the discovery.

We've heard tales about the earliest discoverers of the New World such as possibly the Mongolian hunters who crossed the Bering Strait between Siberia and Alaska on a dry land bridge 23,000 years ago.

All sorts of people have made claim to the discovery of America: Arabs, Africans, Chinese, Hindus, Irish, Japanese, Norsemen, Portuguese, Spanish, Romans, Russians and Welshmen. But the Semites—the Jews and the Punic peoples (Phoenicians and Carthaginians)—seem to have the most dramatic evidence of early discovery and settlement.

For example, members of the Pima Indian tribe of Oklahoma spoke a Semitic tongue that could have been derived from Iberian Punic colonists who settled in America over 2,000 years before Columbus set foot on our shores.

The distinguished linguist and Harvard professor Barry Fell has pointed out the relationship between the Pima and Semitic words using such examples as: Creation of the moon (Pima *mar*, Semitic *amar*), the celestial atmosphere (Pima *howa*, Semitic *hawa*), crops bore fruit (Pima *hasi yana*, Semitic *hasida yana*) and many others.

Aside from the evidence of Semitic language in the Pima tribe, there are also threads of evidence that the Phoenicians (who bordered the land of Judah) had a presence in North America from the 800 to 600 BCE. Dr. Fell and other experts placed them in such far-flung places as present day Iowa and Pennsylvania's Susquehanna Valley.

And still another thread for our tapestry

emerges. In 1968, a specialist in American Indian Archeology, Dr. Joseph B. Mahan, proposed that some Indian tribes in southeastern USA have their roots in ancient Mediterranean cultures. He points out that the Yuchi (pronounced You-chee) tribe members of the Georgia area were racially and linguistically distinct from all other American Indians.

For many generations, the Yuchis had been promulgating the legend that their ancestors came from a land "far to the east across the ocean." Then came the show-stopper. Mahan had learned about a flat piece of inscribed sandstone found by Smithsonian archeologists under one of nine skeletons in a burial mound in southern Tennessee. The writing style was that of Canaan—the promised land of the Israelites. The inscription read "for the land of Judah."

The translation was by Dr. Cyrus Gordon, chairman of Mediterranean Studies at Brandeis University. Because the circumstances of the stone's discovery rule out fraud or forgery, Dr. Gordon concluded that the inscription attests to a migration of Jews probably to escape the persecutions of the Romans after the disastrous defeats in 70 and 133 AD.

Just how did Semites get from the Mediterranean to Oklahoma two thousand years ago; and were some of those Semites from the land of Judah? If we gather the varicolored threads of history related to this question, perhaps we can weave a tapestry that tells a very interesting story.

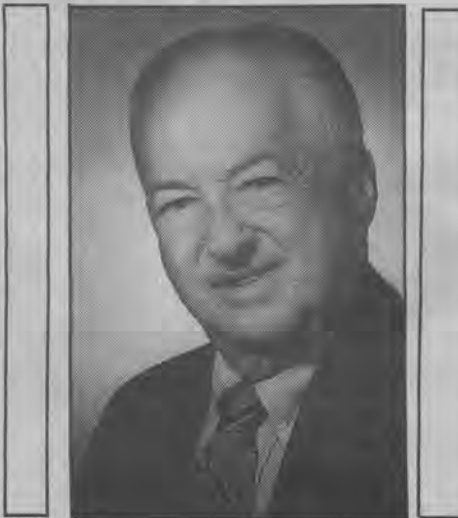
Solomon, king of the Israelites, reigned in the ninth century BCE. He had expensive tastes and, at the same time, was aware of a vast world of trade opportunities leading to immeasurable wealth... if only he had a strong merchant marine fleet. By coincidence, his neighbors the Phoenicians, were the greatest mariners of antiquity. They not only were the best navigators and most skilled shipbuilders, but their crews were fearless, dedicated and motivated.

Hiram, King of the Phoenicians, was an old friend of Solomon's father David, so Solomon had no qualms about proposing that they es-

tablish a joint fleet. It was a good tradeoff. Hiram would supply the shipbuilders, ship timber and experienced crews. Solomon would provide use of his critical port of Eilat on the Red Sea, and reveal the location of Egypt's fabulously wealthy Punt Ophir.

The Phoenician trade expeditions had problems with marauders on their land journeys to the East, and the port at Eilat gave them access to the Red Sea, the Indian Ocean and the wide, wide world of highly profitable trade without having to face hostile bands of thieves. As for Punt Ophir—that was a king's paradise of riches. It was the Pharaoh's source of gold and its location was a secret to the world. How, then, did that wise old Solomon know its whereabouts? One of his many wives was a pharaoh's daughter, and little more need be said.

Hiram's merchant fleet—complete with veteran seamen and officers—was supplemented by Solomon's servants and sailors, and by the eighty century BCE had developed into the world's best and widest-ranging merchant marine fleet. It becomes feasible, then, that archaeological and linguistic research places these Semitic wanderers in North American before 600 BCE.



But of all the threads concerning the Jewish connection, the one that looms the most dramatically is that Christopher Columbus, America's discoverer, was Jewish.

There are many nationalities claiming a Columbus kinship but with very little or no evidence. The Jewish connection was equally in doubt until Simon Wiesenthal, the internationally respected director of the Documentation Center in Vienna, published his book in 1973 entitled *Sails of Hope*. After five years of intensive research and masterful sleuthing in Italy, Spain and Portugal, Wiesenthal concluded that Columbus was of Jewish heritage, and that the prime objective of his 1492 voyage was actually an all-out effort to find a Jewish homeland for the victims of the Spanish inquisition.

In his book, Wiesenthal explains that Columbus purposely claimed to be of humble background to obscure his Jewish origin and the real purpose of his voyage. He even reinforced the cover-up by publicly stating that he would exclude persecuted Jews from the lands he discovered.

The facts are, writes Wiesenthal, that Columbus came from a comfortable Jewish family background; and that he was a *converso*—a Jew who had been converted to Christianity. Wiesenthal offers a wealth of information supporting the relationship between Columbus and the Jewish question. For example...

- Columbus' original family name was Colon—a surname common among Jews of that area and period.

- Contrary to the story that he came from a humble family, he had an extensive personal library and a broad educational background in such areas as languages, the Bible and Hebrew lore, geography and history.

- Columbus was an expert cartographer (map maker)—a profession practiced in that period almost exclusively by Jews.

When you add Wiesenthal's contention that the prime objective of Columbus' voyage was to find a haven for Spain's persecuted Jews,

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(Face to Face with JFD People)



Gemini Concert A Musical Double Feature

Gemini celebrates with their audiences the fun, warmth, and humor of family life. Kids and adults love to sing with them. From start to finish, a family concert with twin brothers abounds with rousing sing-a-longs, hand motion tunes, folk tales, and music from around the world. The highlights of their shows are Gemini's original, sparkling songs about the everyday experiences of childhood and growing up.

San and Las combine uncannily matched voices with wonderful musicianship on nearly a dozen instruments. Gemini bring to their concerts a natural ease around children. The twin brothers have an up-beat flair for involving everyone, from tots to grandparents, in the music making. The result is a show full of laughter and grins, boisterous fun, and the magic of hushed singing. These American twins are also fluent in Hungarian/Russian.

Gemini have released five recordings and one live concert video of their own songs and traditional folk music. "Pulling Together", their 1988 recording, received a Parents' Choice Magazine Award. Their next release, "Growing Up Together!" received the same award and, in addition, was cited by the American



Gemini gives new meaning to the phrase "twin bill." See them on October 29.

Library Association as a 1990 Notable Children's Recording. "Fancy That!" their first video, has been voted one of the Top 10 children's videos by the American Library Association and Random House in their

book, "1992 Best of the Best".

San and Las grew up hearing a rich variety of music at home. Their father, a fine singer and a Cantor in the synagogue, taught them everything from religious music and Ital-

ian opera, to Hungarian and Yiddish folk songs. Their mother, though not a musician, nevertheless had a powerful impact on their choice of careers. "The music comes from our father," the brothers say, "but whatever it takes to get up in front of an audience and put a song across, that comes from other mother's spirit."

Gemini will be performing at the Jewish Community Center on Sunday, October 29 at 3:30 p.m. Tickets for the show, as well as Gemini's cassette and video tapes, are available at the Front Desk. Those who purchase their tickets before October 23, may enter a drawing to win one of four Gemini cassette tapes. For more information, call Mona Allen at (302) 478-5660.

JFS And JCC Plan Continuing Family Life Education Series

The Jewish Community Center, in cooperation with Jewish Family Service, have planned a series of family life education program for the Wilmington community. Myrna Ryder, Director of the Jewish Family Life Education Department at Jewish Family Service stated, "We've developed a series of educational opportunities that offers something for everyone."

Some of the health-related programs, such as the Prostate Cancer

Breakfast Seminar and the Breast Cancer Awareness Luncheon, are being sponsored by local businesses. A National Depression Screening Day held at the Center and other sites throughout the State, was offered by The Mental Health Association in Delaware.

For those interested in learning more about themselves, learning about others, or learning more about the world around you, a variety of programs are being offered this Fall. Some of these programs include Memory - The Long and Short of It, Are You Scared of Your TV? and Parents of Interfaith Couples: Looking Forward.

Are You Scared of Your TV? will be held on Monday, November 13 at 7:30 p.m. The discussion will concern television and its impact on adults and their children. The program will explore how television can be used to your advantage.

There has been a lot of focus on interfaith couples, but what happens to their parents? On Monday, December 11 at 7:30 p.m., the program will center on the issues facing parents of intermarried children.

All of these programs will be held at the Jewish Community Center. Most family life education programs are free of charge. Advance registration is required at the JCC Front Desk. For more information, contact Artie Allen at (302) 478-5660.

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Should I Contribute Cash... Or Securities

By **JORDON ROSEN, CPA**

Special To The Jewish Voice

Most of us pay our annual Federation campaign pledge by check. Even those that establish a fund or trust to support a community project or institution fund the trust with cash. Before making your next contribution, consider whether the contribution of securities would make better financial planning sense than writing a check.

Paying by check: This can be the easiest way to make charitable contributions, both large and small since it is something that is generally readily available as opposed to stocks and bonds which are thought of as longer-term investments. From a tax point of view, the amount of the check is equal to the amount of deduction allowed, subject to the limitation that you can only deduct cash contributions up to 50% of adjusted gross income each year. Any excess can be carried over for up to five years.

But what if cash is not readily available? Even if it is, does it make the best income and estate planning sense? If there are appreciated stocks and/or bonds available, consider donating the security directly to the charitable organization. Here's the benefit.

Anna Stein wants to make a pledge to the Jewish Community Endowment Fund. Also assume she has stock worth \$10,000 that she purchased several years ago for \$4,000. If Anna sells the stock first she will need to pay federal capital gains tax of up to 28% (plus state income tax on the gain). This will leave about \$6,500 in after-tax funds to donate to the charity. If Mrs. Stein donates the stock worth \$10,000 directly to the community fund, (1) she avoids paying tax on the appreciation, (2) gets a full \$10,000 deduction for her contribution, and (3) the endowment fund gets use of the full \$10,000 of value. The annual tax deduction for contributions of appreciated securities is limited to 30% of adjusted gross income (as opposed to 50%), with a similar 5 year carry-over period for excess amounts. Therefore, careful timing of large blocks of securities should be thought of in order to avoid losing any deductions. Large pledges could be spread out over several years to maximize the deduction.

For individuals with an alternative minimum tax problem, the tax laws have been revised so that the contribution of appreciated property no longer creates a preference for AMT

purposes; although prior carryover contributions that did create a preference still carry the AMT taint. In addition, the contribution of appreciated securities has the advantage of getting all future appreciation of the security out of your estate.

But what if you have securities that have gone down in value? Consider selling the security and contributing the net proceeds in order to claim a deduction for the loss (up to \$3,000 of net capital losses are deductible each year).

Finally, contributing assets rather than cash may not be the best route for everyone. For example, those that are dependent on the dividends from stocks that might yield more than the cash sitting in a money market will need to weigh the cost-benefit of such a strategy.

If you would like to know more about the types of funds that can be established or supported within the Wilmington Jewish community, contact Judy Wortman at Jewish Federation of Delaware to obtain additional information or to arrange an appointment. JFD has easy-to-establish funds and advisors that can assist you and your tax advisor as to the best way to fulfill your philanthropic goals with the best tax and personal financial results.

Jordon Rosen, CPA is a tax partner at the Wilmington accounting firm of Barbacane, Thornton & Company. He is also a Trustee of the Jewish Community of Delaware Endowment Fund and a vice-president of the JCC.

Elderhostel Set For Two Fall Sessions

The Jewish Community Center will be hosting two more weeks of Elderhostel in the Fall. Elderhostel is an educational opportunity for people 55 years and older who want to continue expanding their intellectual horizons and develop new interests and enthusiasms.

The first session, October 23-29, will feature three classes: Jesus and His Jewishness, The Shtetl in America: Eastern European Immigration to America (1890-1930), and Jewish Responses to Modern Anti-Semitism.

The second session, November 6-12, features Judaism, Sex and Sexuality, The Shtetl in America: Eastern European Immigration to America

(1890-1930), and Jewish Responses to Modern Anti-Semitism.

The cost for local residents is \$175.00 and includes a Kosher lunch daily. If you are interested in Elderhostel, please contact Nathan Barnett, Elderhostel Coordinator, at (302) 478-5660.

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"Freud Leaving Home" To Be Screened At JCC

The Jewish Community Center will feature a film, "Freud Leaving Home", on Sunday, October 22 at 2:00 p.m., as part of their Cultural Arts Film Series.

Freud is the 25 year old daughter of Ruben & Roshia Cohen. She is constantly on the verge of leaving home, but something always comes up to prevent her. To celebrate Mama Roshia's 60th birthday, Freud's siblings fly in, her orthodox

Jewish sister from Israel and her homosexual brother from Florida. When the mother takes ill and needs to be hospitalized everything changes, especially for Freud.

"Freud Leaving Home" is a lively comedy, filmed in Stockholm by Director Suzanne Bier. The cost is \$2.00 per person. Tickets are now available at the Front Desk. For more information, call Mona Allen at (302) 478-5660.



A scene from *Freud Leaving Home* which was directed by Susanne Bier. It is showing at the JCC on October 22.

CJF's 1995 General Assembly Marks 100 Years of Federation Life By Casting Its Sights On The Future

NEW YORK, NY — A century of Federation commitment to *tzedakah*, continuity and community marks this year's historic Council of Jewish Federations' General Assembly in Boston, where the first Jewish Federation was founded in 1895.

In addition to celebrating its first one hundred years of service at a gala on Wednesday evening, November 15, Federation leadership will explore at the 1995 GA the changing faces of Jewish life and strive to define the system's agenda for the next century.

At four intensive Institutes scheduled during the GA (November 15-17), the issues of Jewish continuity and identity, financial resource development, Israel/Diaspora relations and the social policy and human ser-

vices agenda will be examined. No other activities will take place during the Institutes to allow for concentrated discussion on how the federation system can respond to these pressing concerns.

"Participants to the 1995 GA will have the chance both to reflect on the past and help frame the future by focusing in-depth on these four complex issues," said Maynard Wishner, President of CJF. "Unparalleled service has been provided to Jews in the last century, from rescue to community service, to the creation and support of Israel. It is now up to today's Jewish lay and professional leaders to secure the future for the next generation."

Among the participants from the state of Delaware are: Toni Young,

Barbara Schoenberg, Joan Wachstein, Ellen Koniver, Eileen Conner, Sharon M. Kleinman, Judy Wortman and Lelaine Nemser.

Added Martin Kraar, Executive Vice President of CJF, "Federation life as we know it is at a crossroads. At the GA, representatives of Federations from throughout North America will debate the issues at the Institutes and develop models which will provide our agenda for the next five years."

All individuals attending the GA are being asked to register for one of the four Institutes through their local Federation.

The GA opens Wednesday at noon, followed that evening with a Gala celebrating the meeting's theme: *A Century of Change: Heritage. Action. Innovation.* At the international plenary on Thursday evening, the keynote address will be given by Israel's Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin. The Friday plenary at noon will feature Likud leader Benjamin Netanyahu in keeping with CJF policy of providing an opportunity for both the Israeli government and opposition leadership to address

the GA.

During non-Institute sessions, a series of forums and workshops will be held on such topics as: *Jewish Life in the Former Soviet Union, The Role of Non-Profits in Today's Political Environment, New Developments in the Furthering of Jew-*

ish Life on Campus, The Israeli Experience, Jewish Security in a Changing World, A Report on the Experience of Jewish Women at the Beijing Conference, New Data on Inter-marriage and Immigration and Refugee Resettlement.

The four Institutes will focus on the following:

- * *The Jewish Future: Personal Journey, Communal Transformations.*

- * *Helping Secure Your Community's Year 2000 Vision.*

- * *Israel/Diaspora Relationship: Forging a New Partnership.*

- * *Exploring the Social Policy and Human Service Agenda: Responding to Revolutionary Change (From Learning and Analysis to Mobilization and Action).*

Special GA sessions will be held for college students. This will include student briefings with top Jewish leaders and an inside look at those crucial issues facing the Jewish community and how students can plan an active role in shaping these issues.

Additionally, a series of events will be sponsored by the Combined Jew-

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State Senator Donna Reed Completes Mission To Israel

By SENATOR DONNA REED
Special To The Jewish Voice

This summer, I was privileged to be chosen as one of 11 delegates to represent the United States on a foreign exchange program to Israel. Our trip was paid for by The American Council of Young Political Leaders. While there, we were the guests of the Israeli government.

Before leaving, I contacted several Delaware agencies which had counterparts or common interest with the groups I would be meeting in Israel. For example, I took token gifts and information from both our state and county chambers of commerce, our local YMCA, Governor Carper, Senator Biden, the Delaware Economic Development Office, the Department of Agriculture, the Delaware Solid Waste Authority, and two businesses.

Our delegation, consisting of 6 Republicans and 5 Democrats, contained a deputy assistant to President Clinton, a deputy assistant to the Governor of Oklahoma, State Rep-

resentatives from Iowa, Kansas, New York, Mississippi, and Illinois, a city councilman from Kentucky, an independent businesswoman, and a lobbyist from Oregon. The Israelis commented several times on the ability of members of opposing parties to travel together as friends and were somewhat surprised at the positions held by the women in the group. It was great to have a mixture of local, state and federal experience within

the group. The program the Council arranged was to allow us to visit sites throughout Israel which are involved in the ongoing negotiations toward a permanent peace. Actually seeing the religious sites of Jerusalem, the broad plateau that is the Golan Heights, and the wide area of the West Bank really affects one's understanding of the complexity of the territorial is-

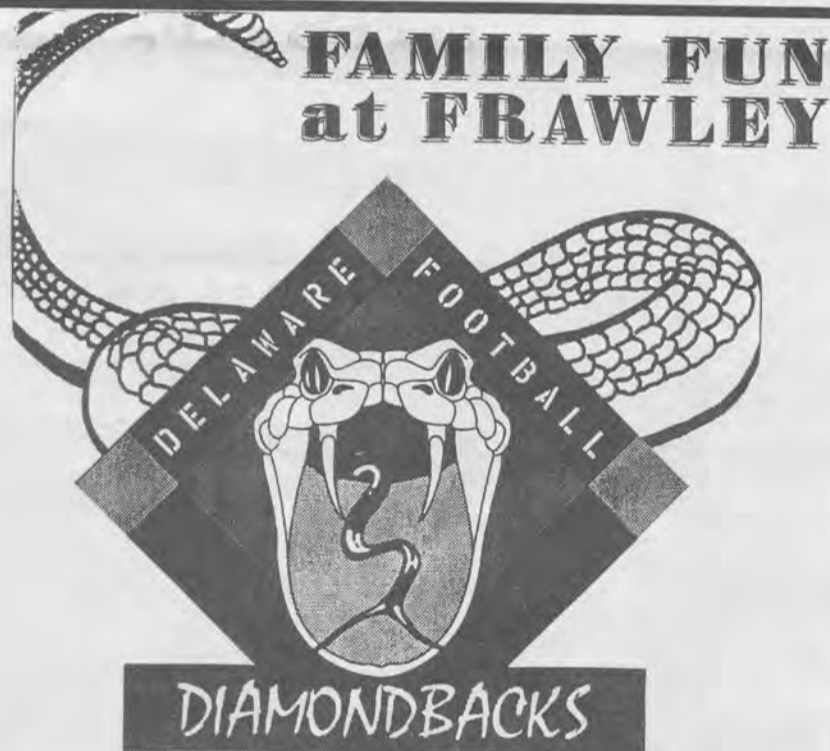
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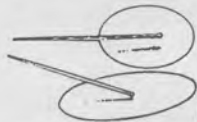


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Delaware State Senator Reed Completes Mission To Israel

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sues. Our discussions with political party representatives, cabinet ministers, professors, and businessmen were to help us understand the economic realities and needs in the Middle East.

Israel is very interested in Delaware. They were aware of our accomplishments in the fields of business and banking. Most of their lawyers that I spoke with had done research on Delaware's Chancery Court and our corporate laws. They believe that economic stability and trade between nations is a major key to the peace process.

One day, after a 20 minute drive through a desert, we crested a hill and saw huge McDonalds only 4 km from the border with Lebanon. We later learned that this is one of the top selling McDonalds in the world. Because of the "Good Fence" policy that Israel has with Lebanon, 1500 Lebanese enter Israel daily to work. Many of these workers take home Big Macs with them at night. You have only restaurant supplying a whole country.

Our flight to Israel was lengthy and the passengers were different from any domestic flight I have ever taken. The plane carried a large number of Jewish Orthodox families with several children each. Many of the meals were kosher, and they held a prayer



Here Reed is visiting a preschool class at Mevasseret Zion Absorption Center.

service for the men at the rear of the plane. We later learned that many of these families were immigrating to Israel. The State of Israel has a policy called Allyah. It assures that any person of Jewish heritage can immigrate to Israel. The government will pay for your transportation, house and train you for about 1 year in an Absorption Center, and give you money to help you get established. While in Israel, I was surprised at the number of American, Ethio-

pian, and Russian immigrants we met. Incidentally, our return flight to America held only two children.

The two most pressing internal problems for Israel are transportation and garbage. Mr. Roni Milo, Mayor of Tel-Aviv-Jaffa, told us that he believes he was elected primarily on his promise to provide mass transportation. This metropolitan area of almost 2 million people has huge parking problems. People park on sidewalks and into intersections. The average car gets 11 parking tickets a year. They have a truck with a side fork lift that actually picks up cars and carries them to compounding lots. Concerning garbage, I have never seen so much refuse on the sides of roads. We stood to observe excavation being done on Solomon's temple, and we had to look over five feet of plastic bottles, styrofoam packages, and paper cups. We went to the Mediterranean Sea one evening, and most of the delegates in our group refused to enter the water because of all of the garbage washing in from ocean dumping.

I have several misconceptions of Israel. Most of the local people we dealt with could communicate in English and gladly took American dollars or Visa. We felt completely safe there and were surprised by the great number of youths coming from synagogues around the world on 6 week learning programs. The streets are very safe at all hours of the night because (as we were told) prisons are

not pleasant. However, Israel does not believe in the death penalty and will not extradite prisoners who are guilty of crimes worthy of death in other countries.

(Donna Reed is a Delaware State Senator from Newark. She will be speaking at a JCRC meeting on Monday, November 13 at 7:30 p.m. at Temple Beth El in Newark).



Reed attends a meeting with members of the Labor Party.

Delaware State Senator Donna Reed Calls JNF Afforestation "A Miracle"

Albert Einstein Academy Celebrates Its Growth And Expansion

NEW YORK — "I can't believe how difficult the soil is here. It's a miracle how you get things to grow and that really touches me," said Senator Donna Ray Reed of Delaware, during a visit to the Jewish National Fund's Hadassah tree-planting center in Jerusalem.

"Tree planting in Israel really symbolizes the struggle of the Jewish people in its homeland," she added.

Ms. Reed was in Israel on a bipartisan mission for young U.S. political leaders to examine bilateral business opportunities and meet with their Israeli counterparts.

Donna Reed will speak in conjunction with a JCRC meeting on Monday, November 13 at 7:30 p.m. at Temple Beth El in Newark.

Albert Einstein Academy, the only Jewish Day School in Delaware has experienced tremendous growth in the past two years. Having outgrown its facility on Garden of Eden Road in the Jewish Community Center Complex, the school expanded into the offices of the Jewish Federation of Delaware. The Jewish Federation vacated its offices to enable Einstein to expand. During the summer the expansion and renovation process was completed.

The school will celebrate its expansion and renovation at a champagne reception on Sunday, October 29th at 1:30 p.m. at the school. For further information contact the chairperson of the event, Mrs. Michelle Margules at the Einstein office 302-478-5026.

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A Taste of Torah: Women of The Bible

By PRISCILLA W. SIEGEL
Special To The Jewish Voice

Often, to taste is to savour, and when the 125 women who gathered at the JCC on September 21 for a buffet dinner and an exploration of the roles of women in the Bible, they found much that was savoury among those Biblical women. Three panelists from the local community presented their interpretations of selected women from the Bible.

Yvette Rudnitzky, a psychotherapist, considered the representations and roles of Lilith and Eve. Was Lilith rebel or witch? Unwilling to accept a subservient role to man, Lilith was punished with exile and eternal isolation while her successor, Eve, who dared to taste of the tree of knowledge, was sentenced to a fate of laboring in the field and bearing many children. These scarlet women of the Biblical era are currently undergoing reexamination by women who find the seeds of feminism in the rebellious-

ness of the Liliths and the Eves.

Dr. Harriet Ainbinder, also a psychotherapist, presented the four Biblical matriarchs, Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel, and Leah, as strong willed, humanly imperfect women, who with wisdom and courage took some control of their lives and made things happen.

Rabbi Marla Feldman, director of the Federation's Community Relations Committee, raised the question of the sacrifice of Jephtha's daughter. Why was this nameless, innocent, voiceless daughter allowed to be sacrificed, unlike Isaac whose father's hand was stayed at the zero hour? Did it seem more logical to allow the sacrifice of a female child than a male child? Rabbi Feldman went on to read her own midrash of Jephtha's daughter which gave this young girl some of life's fulfillments in the two month reprieve before her sacrifice.

Following these presentations, the participants broke into small groups using the questions raised by the panelists as the basis for expanded

discussion.

The theme of the evening program was provided by a JCC exhibition of prints entitled "Women of the Bible" by the New York artist-poet Yala Korwin. Each of the twenty-one prints exhibited represents a Biblical story in which a woman played a central role. Ms. Korwin's multi-faceted representations of the women in the narrative linocuts provide added insight into the roles assumed by women in Biblical times—roles which run the gamut from sex object, to nurturer, laborer, leader, prophetess, heroine. In the artist's words, "these images strive to represent our ancestresses who were endowed with very human dimensions. There were among them envy, deceit, even cruelty, but there were also kindness, bravery, wisdom—all elements heroism is made of." The exhibit concluded October 11 at the JCC.

The event was co-sponsored by the AKSE Sisterhood, Beth Emeth Sisterhood, Beth shalom Sisterhood, B'nai B'rith women, Hadassah-Newark, Hadassah-Wilmington, Jcc Cultural Arts, Judaism/Feminism of JFS, National Council of Jewish Women, Temple Beth El Sisterhood and ORT. The entire program generated considerable interest and animation by the participants.

Henry Topel Elected To Tourism Hall Of Fame

At Governor Carper's annual Tourism Awards Luncheon held at the Rehoboth Beach Country Club, a few weeks ago well known Wilmington hotel owner, Henry Topel, was inducted into Delaware's Tourism Hall of Fame. Mr. Topel was one of the founders of the Greater Wilmington Convention & Visitors Bureau in 1978. In addition to serving on its Board of Directors since that time, he has also served two terms as the Board's Chairman. When asked about this recognition, Mr. Topel responded, "I've spent a lot of my life giving awards to people. I'm most appreciative of this high honor."

Among Mr. Topel's many other activities, he has served as Chairman of the Delaware Real Estate Commission, Chairman of Delaware's Democratic Party, and in 1980 was appointed by President Carter to the National Community Investment Board. Under his leadership at the Convention & Visitors Bureau, he implemented a directional signage program throughout New Castle County for the area's major attractions, spearheaded a billboard pro-



Henry Topel

gram proclaiming "Welcome to Delaware - Tax-Free Shopping - Spend the Night," and created the first visitors guide with an annual circulation of 150,000. He has also been a persistent advocate for a convention center for the Greater Wilmington area.

Ann Jaffe Receives Hadassah Leadership Award

Ann Jaffe of The Wilmington Chapter of Hadassah has been named a recipient of the Ninth Annual Hadassah National Leadership Award. This award honors members whose leadership accomplishments within Hadassah and other civic, educational and cultural organizations reflect Hadassah's dedication to the principles of the volunteer ethic. Award recipients are selected by their peers and represent a wide range of achievements.

"Hadassah's strength lies in leaders who can inspire others and effect positive change" said Deborah Kaplan, National President of Hadassah. "It is an honor to present the Hadassah National Leadership Award to Anne Jaffe in recognition of her extraordinary contribution to her community".

"Ann Jaffe personifies today's Hadassah woman", said Suzy

Grumbacher, Wilmington Chapter President. "We all share a sense of pride for this tribute that she truly deserves." Ann Jaffe has lived in Wilmington for 20 years and has been a member of Hadassah for nineteen years. In 1979 she became a life member and has since served in numerous leadership positions. She was Program Chairperson for four years and is presently in her third year as Vice President of Education. In 1989 she received the Sabra Group Leadership Award and has instituted many innovations in this Delaware chapter's programs.

Ann was an active volunteer in the Jewish Family Service Resettlement Program helping generations of Russian Immigrants adjust to their new life in the Delaware Valley. She volunteers at the Kutz home and for two years ran a weekly program for the residents. Ann has been a He-

brew School teacher for the past 30 years first in Union, New Jersey and then at Adas Kodesh Shel Emeth Religious School and the Gratz Hebrew High School. She also teaches Hebrew Adult Education courses at the Jewish Community Center. Ann lectures in both public and private schools in the community sharing her personal life story and lessons of the Holocaust through the Speakers Bureau of the Helena Wind-Preston Holocaust Education Committee that she chairs.

Ann is married to Dr. Edward Jaffe and is the mother of Doctors Rebecca and David Jaffe and, Linda Vodovis. She has two grandchildren. With 1,500 chapters in the U.S. and Puerto Rico, Hadassah is the largest and oldest American Zionist women's organization in the world and this year celebrates 83 years of service rooted in health care, education, child rescue and rehabilitation.

Leni And Bill Markel To Speak About Slovakian Jewry For Hadassah

The October General Meeting of the Wilmington Chapter of Hadassah will be held on Monday evening October 23, 1995 at the Jewish Community Center at 7:30 P.M. Leni and Bill Markel will talk about their most recent trip to Banska Bastrica, Slovakia and their contact with the remnant of Slovakian Jewry.

Leni Markel is a wife, mother of three and grandmother of eight. Professionally, she is a licensed Clinical Social Worker in private practice. She has had a lifetime commitment

to Israel and Hadassah.

Bill Markel is a Professor Emeritus from the University of Delaware, having served as Chair of the Accounting Department for over 20 years. He has been very involved in professional, civic and Jewish activities over the years. Bill Markel was awarded a Fulbright for this trip.

Please join us for a very informative and enjoyable evening. For more information contact Joan Lubitz 762-2709 or Michelle Sands 478-6391.

JFD Hails Israel-PLO Accord

Wilmington, DE(The "signing of the interim agreement by Israel and the Palestinian Authority ... at the White House is a remarkable achievement," said Toni Young, President of the Jewish Federation of Delaware. "As the Jewish community celebrates its New Year with prayers for peace, the agreement reached by former enemies gives us hope that our dreams for the future are indeed possible. We applaud the hard work on both sides and will continue to support implementation and ongoing negotiations as Israel and the Palestinians strive to achieve full peace. We hope the United States and international community will continue to reinforce the peace process by assisting economic development and providing financial support for the emerging Palestinian Authority."

Palestinian cities in the West Bank builds on the dramatic breakthrough of the Declaration of Principles of two years ago. However, we remain concerned about terrorism and violence promoted by extremist groups opposed to the peace process. We call upon Chairman Arafat to fully comply with his commitments to reign in terrorist groups within the Palestinian community."

The Jewish Federation of Delaware is the central planning and funding agency of the Delaware Jewish community, embracing six Jewish agencies throughout the state.

ORT Brunch

Women's American ORT Brandywine Chapter-at-Large will hold their Paid Up/New Member Brunch on Sunday October 22, 1995 from Noon to 3pm at JCC, 101 Garden of Eden Road. The brunch is free to paid members. The cost \$5 for non-members will be applied to membership dues. To RSVP call Ruth Rosenberg at (302)529-1296.

Delaware Man Leads Services At Infantry Reunion In Minnesota

Arthur Samuelsohn, President of B'nai B'rith Lodge 470 and his wife Connie attended the 50th Reunion of the 104th Infantry Division in Bloomington, Minnesota August 28th through September 4th.

Jewish Services were held on September 3rd prior to Memorial Services. Samuelsohn conducted the services in the absence of a rabbi. All arrangements for the service were made by Samuelsohn and the services were well attended by Jewish veterans and their families.

After services a discussion took place on retracing the route of advance of the 104th Infantry Division in Nordhausen—Concentration Camp "Dora" on 11th April 1945.

It was reflected by a family member that his father attended the first open Jewish services in Germany since the start of the War; and the

104th chaplain, Rabbi Gunther Plaut officiated.

Plans for next year's convention and holding Jewish Services in Louisville, Kentucky are being planned for 1996.

Jacobs Scholarship

Andrew S. Jacobs, son of Jack B. and Marion Jacobs and a junior at Harvard College, has received a John Harvard Scholarship for "academic achievement of the highest distinction" in his sophomore year. Andrew was also awarded the Francis Boot Prize in Music, and First Prize in Music, and First Prize in the University-wide 1995 Blodgett Composer's Competition for his *String Quartet*, which will be performed on campus by the Mendelssohn String Quartet in April, 1996.

NCCJ Luncheon

The NCCJ's Annual Community Builders Luncheon will be held this year on Friday, October 27, 1995 from noon until 1:30 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Downtown in Wilmington, Delaware. Chairing the event is Judith A. Schuenemyer, Esquire, a Co-Chair of the Delaware Region, NCCJ, Board of Directors.

This year's luncheon will recognize NCCJ's Green Circle volunteers and their 25 years of service in Delaware's public schools. Since 1970, the Green Circle Program volunteers in Delaware, under NCCJ's sponsorship, have been working to build a community of inclusion, acceptance, mutual respect and understanding.

For reservations call 655-0039. Tickets are \$20.



Consul Of Israel Visits Delaware

By MARVIN CYTRON

Special To The Jewish Voice

Eli Avidar, Consul of Israel, and his wife Ornit were special guests of Rabbi David Wortman and Wilmington's Congregation Beth Shalom this Rosh Hashana. Mr. Avidar is the Consul of Israel to six states of this country essentially the Middle Atlantic States, West Virginia and Ohio. In addition to New Year greetings to the Beth Shalom Family and the Delaware Jewish community in general, Mr. Avidar provided his insight and observations of the recent Israeli-P.L.O. peace accord on the West Bank. He attributes the round-the-clock negotiations and resulting accord was due in part to the position the Israeli delegation took that the discussions must be ended by Rosh Hashana. Mr. Arafat was sensitive to this position and responded in a prompt and constructive manner. At the conclusion of the talks P.L.O. delegation members wished the Israeli delegation a L'shona Tova.

Mr. Avidar stated that with the peace accords and continuing peace negotiations with some of the neighbors of Israel the mood of the population is very positive. A recent poll indicated that 91% of those surveyed are happy with their life in Israel. As the country moves toward greater peace the resources of Israel can be committed to enhancing the economy and greater research in the fields of agriculture, science and medicine.

Mr. Avidar was born in Alexandria, Egypt, of a Greek family who immigrated to Egypt in the beginning of this century. The family immigrated to Israel in 1967. Mr. Avidar completed his active duty assignment in the Israel Defense Force as a captain in 1989 and then attended the Hebrew University in Jerusalem majoring in Middle East and Islamic Studies. He joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1992, serving in a number of posts, including the Asia department and



Eli Avidar, Consul of Israel

was involved in the development of diplomatic relations with Israel and Vietnam. He has served in his current capacity, headquartered in Philadelphia since 1993.

UofD Jewish Studies Lecture "Leah Behind The Veil"

"Leah Behind the Veil: The Divided Matriarchy in Hebrew Scriptures, Midrash, Dickens, Freud, and Woody Allen" is the provocative title of a lecture by Professor Lori Lefkowitz of Kenyon College scheduled for October 26 at 4:30 in Room 110 Memorial Hall on the University of Delaware campus.

In this talk about the representation of biological sisters in the Western narrative tradition, Lefkowitz discusses the meaning and implications of some time-honored plot structures that feature sisters. Considering, for example, the remarkable popularity of stories in which a hero becomes involved with his wife's sister, Lefkowitz shows how this plot works to allay anxiety about women's intimacies. She asks

how, when, and why stories from the past are adopted at later historical moments and what these adaptations can tell us about the relationship between literature and life.

Beginning with the Bible story about Jacob and his co-wives Rachel and Leah (who are sisters), through Woody Allen's repetition of the plot of the weak hero who sleeps with his wife's sister, Lefkowitz' analysis discovers that a cultural anxiety about virility is alleviated by a plot that compromises relationships among women. In this pervasive story, we see the progress of a biblical myth through biographies of great Victorians until its most current expressions in the stereotypes of popular culture.

Lori Hope Lefkowitz, an Associate Professor of English on leave from Kenyon College, is the author of *The Character of Beauty in the Victorian Novel* and articles and book chapters in the fields on nineteenth-century British fiction, literary theory, pedagogy, and Gender and Judaism. She holds a Ph.D. from Brown University, and her awards include a Woodrow Wilson fellowship in the Women's Studies Division and a Golda Meir post-doctoral fellowship at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. She is currently a fellow at the Institute of the Philadelphia Association for Psychoanalysis and an elected member of the Modern Language Association's Delegates Assembly. Lefkowitz has edited a forthcoming collection of essays *Textual Bodies* (SUNY Press), and is at work on a book about the representation of biological sisters in literature and film.

This lecture, sponsored by the Frank and Yetta Chaiken Center for Jewish Studies at the University of Delaware, is free and open to the public.

NCJW Forum Concerns Care After Birth

The National Council of Jewish Women, Wilmington Section, will hold its annual Public Affairs Luncheon and Forum on Wednesday, October 25th, 1995 at the DuPont Country Club at 11:30 in the Blackgates Room.

On Tuesday evening at 7 p.m. a reception for contributors of \$75, \$100 and \$125 will be held at the

home of Lynne and Gene Ellick. A light gourmet supper will be served.

This year their topic will be "Drive-Thru Delivery, 'The Newborn Express,'" exploring women's rights to quality care after giving birth in a hospital setting.

They hope to clarify the rationale of who determines sound medical judgement and the importance of the relationship between a woman and her physician. Since there are over four million deliveries a year, the hospital is the most used place to give birth. There is wide agreement that the results of early discharge often put a mother and child in danger of serious problems, sometimes causing near fatal medical emergencies.

Dr. Paul Durbin, Professor and coordinator of the Medical Scholars Program of the University of Delaware and the College of Urban Affairs and Public Policy will be their moderator.

Other panelists are Dr. Lamar Eric Ekbladh, Chairman of the Dept. of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the Medical Center of Delaware, Dr. Shirley Klein, Director, Pediatric Clinic, Medical Center of Delaware, Carol Doohan, R.N., B.S.N., C.P.H.Q., Director of Managed Care Program, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Delaware, and Edith Wonnell, R.N., M.S.N., Director for the Birth Center of Delaware.

The National Council of Jewish Women, Inc., is a volunteer organization, inspired by Jewish values, that works through programs of research, education, advocacy and community service to improve the quality of life for women, children and families to help ensure individual rights and freedoms for all.

ORT Student Comes To Delaware

Yosef Moalem, a 26-year-old student at ORT Syngalowski in Tel Aviv, will be the featured speaker at the Paid Up/New Member Brunch of the Brandywine Chapter of Women's American ORT, scheduled for Sunday, October 22, 1995, at the JCC, 101 Garden of Eden Road.

Yosef was born in Israel on Kibbutz Ginossar. He is currently completing his degree in electronics at ORT Syngalowski, having previously studied biology for one year at Ben Gurion University of the Negev. he also is a veteran of the Israel Defense

Forces; most of his service was spent in Gaza.

ORT Israel is the flagship of the global ORT network, including some 140 schools and programs serving almost 90,000 students. ORT Israel's programs run the gamut from helping disadvantaged youngsters move into the mainstream of Israeli society to offering advanced high-tech curriculum at the Joseph Hartz ORT School of Engineering on The Hebrew University campus in Jerusalem. It is estimated that more than one-sixth of Israel's work force has been trained by ORT, and a large percentage of the workers at Israel's leading high-tech companies are ORT graduates.

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For further information, please contact Chapter President, Ruth Rosenberg (302) 529-1296 or Membership Vice President, Annette Aerenson (302) 764-1844.

Caregivers Support Group

A support group for people who provide care or support for their parents, grandparents, or other elderly people is now forming. The first meeting will be held on Thursday, November 16, 1995 at noon at the Jewish Family Service office. To register, please call Jewish Family Service at 478-9411.

Pun King in Wilmington

On October 27 and 28, from TV's *Comic Strip Live* and *America's Funniest People*, the man with 1,001 props, The Legendry Wid will appear at Wilmington Comedy Cabaret. "The Legendry Wid is very punny," says a source familiar with his show. For information call (302) 652-6873.

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AKSE Features Gelman In Brunch Talk About Hillel

All AKSE Congregants are welcome to attend the AKSE Men's Club's monthly Sunday breakfast on October 29, 1995. Brunch is scheduled at 9:30 a.m. and the program will be from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. The cost is \$3.00 for an all-you-can-eat deluxe Sunday brunch. For more information, contact A.K.S.E. Congregation, 302-762-2705. "Come and join the group!" says one member.

On October 29, 1995, the featured speaker is Dr. Robert Gleman, President, Board of Directors, Hillel, at the University of Delaware.

Over the last two years, Hillel at the University of Delaware has blossomed with the construction of the Abe and Pearl Kirstol House and its first full-time professional staff member. This growth has resulted in challenging new issues which Hillel is now addressing. The challenging issues include a Kosher dining room facility, expanding the scope of participation by both undergraduate and graduate students, and the refocusing of the program to reach out to the entire Delaware Jewish community. Currently Hillel is interviewing for a new director at the University of Delaware as well.



"No No's," a monoprint from Miriam Stern's exhibition, "...And She Took a Veil and Covered Herself" at Yeshiva University Museum from October 22, 1995 through January 15, 1996.

Parent/Child Shabbat At Beth Shalom

Wilmington's Congregation Beth Shalom recently announced the inauguration of weekly parent/child services every Saturday morning from 10:00 to 11:00 A.M. The program is designed for children between the ages of one through seven years of age and will encompass the

joy of Shabbat with stories, songs, and conclude with refreshments. Parents, grandparents and their children or grandchildren do not need to be members of Beth Shalom to participate. Individuals with special skills or interested in leading portions of the services will

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Beth El Features Edward Simon

The next breakfast meeting of Temple Beth El Men's Club will be on Sunday, October 15 at 9:30 AM. The speaker will be Edward Simon, Delaware Dept. of Labor, discussing the future of the Delaware Labor Market. The breakfast buffet is open to the community. Enjoy bagels and lox and the camaraderie of old and new friends. Call 366-8330 for more information.

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. The Linda Creed Breast Cancer Foundation helps to provide free mammography screenings, free educational programs, support for women with breast cancer and advocacy efforts to increase funding for breast cancer research. To contact or support the Linda Creed Breast Cancer Foundation call 215-955-4354 or write to the Linda Creed Breast Cancer Foundation at 111 S., 11th St., Philadelphia, PA 19107.

be most welcome. Beth Shalom is located at 18th and Baynard Boulevard, for more information please contact the synagogue office (302) 654-4462.

AKSE Simchat Torah Women's Service

Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Congregation will hold its thirteenth annual Simchat Torah Women's Service on Tuesday morning, October 17. The women's Torah reading will begin in the Berlin Chapel at approximately 10a.m., immediately following the sixth hakafah of the traditional service in the main

sanctuary. All women and girls are invited to attend and participate. Everyone who so chooses will receive an aliyah.

Babysitting will be available at the synagogue for a nominal fee by advance reservation. For babysitting arrangements, contact Sylvia Wagman at 475-8351 by October 5.

Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Congregation is located on Washington Street Extension and Torah Drive in Wilmington. For further information, contact Karen Moss at 478-4991.

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color and black-and-white, are performances by sixteen of the greatest conductors of this century.

This is an amazing project, considering that most of the careers took place before the age of television. The earliest example is film from 1913.

It's the brainchild of London-based Stephen Wright, an executive in an artists management firm. His lifelong interest in conductors led him to collect recordings and movie clips. He provided this raw material to Teldec Classics International and the BBC, who co-produced the program. The director is Sue Knussen, a young American Jewish woman.



Leon Huff and Kenneth Gamble creators of "The Sound of Philadelphia". They are on the Sounds of Philadelphia October 13 on TV-12.

Some of the material was re-edited and shown by PBS recently, but what's on the Teldec video is different and includes more complete musical pieces. This tape is a *must* for any music library!

The performances are put in historic context. Four of the conductors were tainted by Nazi association, while four others (Fritz Busch, Bruno Walter, Fritz Reiner and Otto Klemperer) had to flee Germany to save their lives.

The most famous conductors are shown in action, from the builder of the Philadelphia Orchestra, Leopold Stokowski, up to Leonard Bernstein. In a reminder of my longevity, I realize that I saw nine of the sixteen in person, and that I visited the homes of several of them. The program thus stirred personal emotions for me. If you never saw any of the conductors, it's even more important that you get a copy of *The Art of Conducting*.

Premiering tonight and continuing on WHYY TV-12 is an imaginative music documentary called *The Sounds of Philadelphia*. Locally produced by Glenn Holston, the 90-minute program includes a dozen musical groups in local settings. When watching the segment on producers Gamble and Huff, I am reminded of the untimely death of songwriter Linda Creed, who worked with them. Linda helped write such songs as "The Greatest Love of All" and "the Rubber Band Man", among other well known songs. This is

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CALENDAR

OCTOBER

Tuesday 17

Young Jewish Adults of Delaware (YJAD) - Simchat Torah Services. Join us for Simchat Torah services. Please call Merrily at (302) 477-1302 for place, time, etc.

Saturday 21

Young Jewish Adults of Delaware (YJAD) - Haunted Hayride. All are welcome for our second annual Hayride. RSVP by October 18 to Phil at (302) 652-6688.

Sunday 22

The Newark Chapter of Hadassah, has planned its Third Annual Craft Show, Sunday, October 22, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Aetna Fire Hall at Routes 4 and 273. Sandwiches and refreshments will be provided by the Aetna Fire Hall Ladies Auxiliary. Tables are available for \$25. For more information, please call Sydel Glassner at 738-9608 or Leslie Darden at 368-0974.

Entries for the Calendar of Events are due on the Thursday deadline, published in The Jewish Voice. Copy should be typed and double spaced. Entries are preferred on 3 1/2" floppy disk or via E-mail. Please include day, date, time, place, brief description, and contact person.

NACHES

Berman-Greene

Dr. Shelly and Joanne Greene of Abington, PA and Marvin and Arlene Berman of Wilmington announce the marriage of their children, Aimé Lynne Green and Craig Louis Berman on July 23rd in Ivyland, PA. Craig received his bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Delaware. He teaches science in Drexel Hill, PA. Aimé is a veterinary student at the University of PA School of Veterinary Medicine. They reside in Wallingford, PA.

Keil Birth

Dr. Mark Keil and Dr. Judy Fridovich-Keil (and their son David) announce the birth of their daughter, Sara, on September 22, 1995 in Atlanta.

Sara's grandparents are Judge and Mrs. Charles K. Keil of Wilmington and Dr. and Mrs. Irwin Fridovich of Durham, North Carolina. Her great-grandfather is Isadore N. Silverman.

Miller Birth

Jill and Bart Miller (nee Goldberg), of Denver, CO, welcomed their second son, Scott Philip, on September 6, 1995. Weighing in at 6 lb. 2 oz. he joins his brother Jeffrey Emmet.

The happy grandparents are Phyllis and Robert Kirson and Wilmington and Sylvia and Irving Miller of Flagler Beach, FL.

Sachs Birth

Dr. and Mrs. David Sachs (nee Alyse Brody) of Boca Raton, Florida, proudly announce the birth of their daughter, Brianna Shayna, born April 26, 1995.

Happy Grandparents are Fran and Bruce Berwick of Coral Springs, Florida, and great-grandmother, Fay Rubin of Tamarac, Florida, formerly of Wilmington.

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Book Review:

Down To Earth Judaism

By RABBI DAVID A. WORTMAN
Special To The Jewish Voice

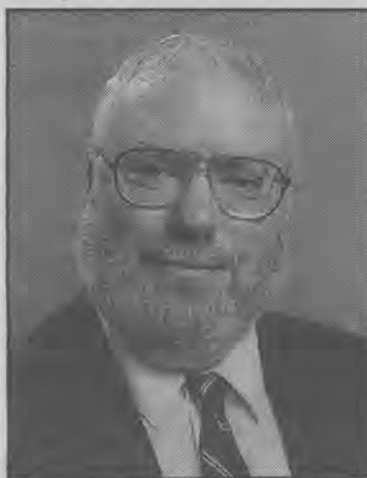
Dr. Arthur Waskow's latest book, *Down to Earth Judaism: Food, Money, Sex and the Rest of Life* (William Morrow and Company, 1995), adds to Waskow's literary corpus another provocative, insightful volume. The author of many books ranging from politically challenging *haggadot* to a sensitive reflection on *Becoming Brothers* (co-written with his brother), Waskow continues to push the Jewish envelope and to demonstrate how malleable the borders of Judaism can be. This malleability can be troublesome for those in the Jewish community who see Judaism as clearly defined with immovable and immutable truths. However, a look at the interpretive Jewish process would indicate that in every generation commentaries are written in an attempt to explain the tradition in a manner palatable to a contemporary world. Certainly the authors of the *Mishna*, the *Dead Sea Scrolls*, the *Gemarah* and the *Midrash* family established this reality in ancient times. Rabbi Larry Kushner once suggested that *Midrash* is to be found in the space between the words of the text. For Arthur Waskow those spaces are filled with vast possibilities and some puzzlement. The consequences is that he ends up writing his own *Midrash* in the form of this new book. It is a welcome addition to the library of Jewish interpretation.

In teaching medieval Jewish commentaries, I have always emphasized that the easiest way to understand the comment is to first discern what is the question being answered. Without knowing this there is no way to make sense of the comment or to evaluate the adequacy of the reply. It also creates a basis on which one might compare the responses of different interpreters to the same issue. Therefore, irrespective of whether one agrees with Waskow's answers, he has done a masterful job of choosing the questions concerning living a Jewish life. He reframes them in a modern, personal context. If there were no proposed responses at all, the book would still be invaluable as a source for finding what questions to ask. In pondering those queries the reader's Jewish sensibilities are challenged, the intellect and the soul

are engaged and the juices start flowing.

Waskow has divided his book into four sections and A Note to Readers. His note borders on a confession. In it he describes his own patterns of behavior which have propelled him down this four year path of discovery which resulted in this book. He also offers a critique of the biblical and Talmudic sources, noting the significant lack of women's voices in the texts. Also useful in this section is the common how-to-use-this-book. This brief addendum to the preface is particularly helpful in *Down to Earth Judaism* because it provides methods for people of varied backgrounds to still derive something from the book. Each of the subsequent sections - food, money, sex and rest - are divided into subsections which chronologically chronicle the answers offered by some who have probed the questions, from the biblical period to the post modern era. Waskow also allows his vision to expand beyond the present by postulating possible Jewish scenarios for the beginning of the twenty first century. Whether or not these thoughts are accurate only time will tell. The mere possibility, however, gives the reader much food for thought.

The four major divisions of the book are, as the title of the book implies, food, money, sex and rest. The Yom Kippur *mincha* Torah reading sets out some basic guiding principles in sexual behavior. In innumerable other places in early sources, sexual conduct is dealt with in an expansive fashion. Purity in sexual relations and proper treatment of one's partner are fundamentals of biblical and Talmudic sources. Thus, the most thought provoking and potentially controversial is the section on sex. In the chapters devoted to sex, Waskow explores the Song of Songs, post biblical material and later commentators in order to discuss a Jewish attitude toward sex and to analyze some of the rituals relating to sex. The difficult part of this section for many will be his validation of venues for sexual activity beyond marriage - in particular, gay and lesbian sex. To be sure, classical Jewish texts have a strong, almost exclusively pro-marriage orientation. Waskow raises all the right questions. These questions are generated by the



Rabbi David A. Wortman

Fifty years

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ish life."

The other institution likely to survive, perhaps even flourish in the 21st century is the revamped, re-Judaized Jewish community center. "As Jews become more spread out, we will need a place to congregate and associate. JCCs will be the Jewish neighborhoods of the future," says Leonard Rubin, assistant executive director of the Jewish Community Centers Association. "We have also finally understood that we need to make the centers places where you not only give your body a workout, but also your soul." The other breakthrough in Jewish organizational life will be a one-stop membership, modeled on an experiment in Chicago for young adults. For a single subsidized fee, people become members of the local synagogues, Jewish community center and other Jewish institutions. "We should make it as easy as possible for people to walk through our doors," says Rachel Tessler, program director of Anshe Emet Synagogue in Chicago. "Once they are members, they will eventually see how important it is to make Jewish life happen. They will eventually be generous."

(Yossi Abramowitz is an occasional contributor to *The Jewish Voice*, he is a former Associate Editor of *Moment* magazine and he was a featured speaker at the 1995 Federation Shabbat held at Congregation Beth Emeth earlier this year.)

changing realities in today's societal environment. They will not go away. In fact, as time passes, more questions will be added to the list. Again, the proposed answers will not be right for everyone, but the questions cannot be ignored.

Space restrictions prevent me from discussing the other three sections of the book in detail. Suffice it to say that they, too, are well crafted and provoke the readers into contemplating very important issues for the close of the twentieth century. The book is well written, an interesting weaving together of personal reflection and textual analysis. The only stylistic shortcoming of the book is the absence of footnotes. Many readers will want to refer to the original

of the cited texts and/or quotations. Without footnotes, this is not possible.

In this final decade of the century, continually and rapidly evolving realities demand that we constantly struggle to apply the rich, vibrant tradition of four thousand years in new and creative ways. Many modern thinkers have attempted to do this from radically different perspectives. Add to the mix this important volume - a must read for a modern Jewish community.

(Rabbi David A. Wortman is the Interim Rabbi for Congregation Beth Shalom in Wilmington, DE, he is also the Executive Director of the JCRC of Greater Philadelphia.)

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The Discovery of America

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new grounds for the Jewish connection emerge ...

•As many as one-third of all crew members were Jewish—either converts or marranos (secret Jews) by admission or family name.

•Columbus' official interpreter, Luis de Torres, was a converso who spoke Hebrew. As a side note, Torres may have been the first European (and Jew) to set foot on the new world since interpreters were usually sent ahead to determine the attitudes of the natives.

•Major funding that made the first voyage possible was provided by two conversos: Luis de Santangel and Gabriel Sanchez. Interestingly, Columbus sent news of his discovery directly to these benefactors before

informing the Spanish royal couple.

•Although part of Columbus' main selling point to Ferdinand and Isabella was the prospect of converting the inhabitants of newly found lands to Christianity, there was not a single priest aboard any of his ships.

Now that all these strange factors about possible Jewish connection with the discovery of America have been examined, we go back to our original premise: it's not so much who discovered what, but what are the consequences? Aside from pride and ego, there's not much that can be done about these quirks of history. One consolation is that you could have some fun by invoking the absurd (French philosopher Camus says that the absurd is the essential concept and the first truth).

So, for example, you could ask the spokespeople for the religious rightists—who are so adamant about returning to the Christian roots of our country—how can we accomplish that when the roots are so entangled with the beliefs of all those relatively civilized folks who predated the conquistadors and the pilgrims. In fact there is the possibility that a Jewish Indian chief greeted Miles Standish as he disembarked from the Mayflower.

Or, to add incredulity, consider that if Jimmy Carter's family ever discovered his forebears were the Yuchi tribesmen of Georgia, then the United States of America will have had its first Jewish president.

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He was a member of Congregation Beth Emeth and of Montefiore Mutual Benefit Society. He was a 1941 graduate of the Wharton School of Business of the University of Pennsylvania.

A member of Harry Fineman Post of Jewish War Veterans, he served in the Army during World War II.

He was a member of B'nai B'rith Lodge 740, and its bowling league.

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Words & Music

Philadelphia Orchestra Israeli Good

By STEVE COHEN

Special to The Jewish Voice

The Philadelphia Orchestra is in the midst of a historic change in personnel. Four section leaders (out of twelve) have retired, and their replacements are young and of diverse backgrounds.

Of particular interest are two Israelis. Erez Ofer, 30, is the new concertmaster, the leader of the string sections and inspirational guide to the orchestra. He comes here from the Bavarian Radio Symphony in Munich. As an Israeli Jew working in Germany, Ofer encountered no prejudice. He told me, though, that Germans know little about Jewish customs because they rarely meet any Jews.

Marcos Kloorman, the Teldec executive based in Germany who supervised the new videotape, *The Art of Conducting*, also tells me that when he takes off for a Jewish holiday his colleagues wonder why he isn't at work.

Ofer's parents lived briefly in the United States and some of his schooling was here. They now live in Tel Aviv, while Ofer has his own apartment in Philadelphia.

He was the unanimous choice of the auditioning panel when he flew in to play for them last winter. They were impressed with the beauty of his solo playing, and, indeed, Ofer has played recitals in Europe. One of his assignments as concertmaster is to play violin solos with the orchestra, and he was featured in last week's beautiful performances of Strauss's *Ein Heldenleben*.

Ofer reports first-hand evidence of Maestro Sawallisch's sensitivity. Ofer and Sawallisch participated in a chamber concert *erev* Sukkot. The conductor went out of his way to make sure that the concert wouldn't interfere with Ofer's plans for the holiday.

The other Israeli newcomer is Nitzan Haroz, only 26 years old and the new leader of the trombone section. Born in Eilat, a town most noted for its beaches and discos, Haroz and his parents moved to Jerusalem where the schools and the musical life are better. His mother is a professional harpist. Nitzan and his mother have played joint recitals and he has commissioned new music for trombone and harp from some of Israel's top composers.

Haroz is an observant orthodox Jew, and feels funny about playing on *shabbat*, but he and his parents realize that it's necessary if you're to have a career in music. He studied the Philadelphia Orchestra schedule to make sure that he wouldn't have to play on Jewish holidays.

Ofer and Haroz are friends, but there's one area where their opinions differ. Haroz says it would be impossible for him to live and work in Germany: "I had too many family members die there."

To anyone who studies literature, a dictionary and a set of Shakespeare are essential. To anyone who listens to classical music, Teldec's new videotape, *The Art of Conducting*, is similarly important.

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The Pro-Literacy Challenge asks elementary school students to read

ten books within a specified time period. Those who succeed receive two tickets to the October 28th game against the Washington Metro Bulls. Students are urged to contact elementary schools or the Wilmington library for more details.

A punt, pass and kick competition for youths ages 8-15 is hosted by the Diamondbacks and the Orthopedic Specialists. Winners of the competition advance to a championship round to be held during the half-time of the Diamondbacks October 21 game. The Diamondbacks also will host a football camp for boys and girls ages 8-15 on October 21. On that same date the Diamondback cheerleaders will host a camp for anyone interested.

For more information on the Delaware Diamondbacks call (302) 888-2105.

Federations Fight

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But few social services agencies are as dependent on government dollars as those affiliated with the Jewish community. Whereas most not-for-profit agencies receive an average of 35 percent of their budgets from government sources, the Jewish community receives about 41 percent, according to the study.

That figure excludes money for hospitals as well as services in New York City, whose UJA-Federation of Jewish Philanthropies, ranks as the largest recipient of government funds in the Jewish community.

The New York federation receives \$2.45 billion a year, reflecting 62 percent of its budget.

As large as the numbers are, the actual dependence on government dollars "could be two times higher" than the study reflects, said Diana Aviv.

Some funds, through welfare programs such as Supplemental Security Income, go directly to recipients who spend much of it on services provided by Jewish charities, she said.

The survey only analyzed government dollars going directly to federations or their constituent agencies.

Jewish officials also caution that many states match federal contributions. If the federal budgets are cut, many states are expected to follow suit, thereby increasing the overall loss of government funds.

In addition, the study only includes government dollars to hospitals and nursing homes that receive allocations from their local federations.

Most Jewish-supported agencies serve Jews as well as non-Jews, but the overwhelming number of beneficiaries are Jewish, officials say.

Federations estimate that more than 70 percent of those who seek help are Jewish. In some communities, officials say more than 90 percent of service recipients are Jewish.

Government regulations prevent some service providers from tracking the religion or ethnicity of their clientele.

Among the agencies that would be most affected are the federation-supported Jewish vocational services, which receive \$135 million in government funds, 77 percent of their budgets, and the Jewish family service agencies, which receive about \$134 million a year, representing 61 percent of their budgets.

In New York, the Jewish Board of Family and Children's Services gets 82 percent of its \$80 million annual budget from public sources, said Paul Levine, the agency's asso-

ciate executive vice president.

The New York agency is the largest not-for-profit mental health and social service provider in the country, according to an agency spokeswoman.

Many factors contribute to the fact that the Jewish community receives more government funds on average than other not-for-profits.

According to Aviv, the higher funding levels are a result of the disproportionately larger share of older Jews among the American Jewish population.

"Most services to elderly are cash heavy," Aviv said, referring to Medicaid, Medicare and other government-funded social service programs.

Aviv also said the greater contributions are a result of the Jewish community's inherent success in winning government grants and dollars.

In addition, federal refugee resettlement programs add to the coffers of Jewish agencies.

Although the actual refugee programs feed only about \$46 million per year into the Jewish communal system, refugees can access other federal monies for services the federations and their agencies provide.

And even though they hope to stave off some federal cutbacks, federations will face a choice in the coming years, according to the report: Cut back services or raise more money.

Federation leaders are alarmed at the prospect of facing such a stark choice.

In Chicago, "there is no possible way the community can make up these losses," said Joel Carp, senior vice president of community services and government relations at the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago.

Excluding Medicaid and Medicare payments to the federation-assisted hospital, Carp estimates that his federation would suffer a \$7.3 million budget shortfall if the proposed cuts pass Congress.

"We're not talking about paying light bills. There are direct services to people," Carp said.

"The impact cannot be overstated," he added. "We will not be able to take care of Jews who will walk into the Chicago federation and say, 'We're hungry and need food.'"

"This is a clarion call to the American Jewish community that our interest in the budget is not a matter of partisan politics," Aviv said. "It's a matter of dollars and cents to the federation system."

Wexler voiced similar sentiments.

The study "is not a matter of politics; it is not hyperbole," he said.

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Breast Cancer month, and her passing is being commemorated locally by The Linda Creed Epstein Breast Cancer Foundation and others. In 1994 a photograph of Linda Creed was included in an exhibit of 62 photographs titled "The Face of Breast Cancer," which was produced by the National Breast Cancer Coalition.

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"It is a matter of community survival."

With this in mind, the CJF is urging local federations to start preparing an aggressive campaign aimed at local, state and federal officials.

As Congress continues to shift more and more resources directly to the states in the form of block grants, local activism has taken on increased importance.

CJF officials are urging federations to step up lobbying and participation at the state level.

"Federations must ensure that communal lay leaders serve on appropriate commissions, oversight boards and committees responsible for the distribution of funds to community groups," the report urges.

The CJF is also urging local federations to use the study as a tool to convince social service agencies to "make changes that they have long resisted and find new ways to deliver services more efficiently," according to the report.

While activists are planning strategies for local and state advocacy, much attention remains focused on Capitol Hill.

Much of the impact on the Jewish community depends on how Congress reforms the Medicare and Medicaid systems.

House Republicans recently unveiled plans to scale back programs and automatically cut payments to care providers if savings targets are not met.

Both Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich (R-Ga.) and Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole (R-Kan.) have promised to pass such reforms this fall. Both plan to keep Congress in session until they achieve this goal.

Meanwhile, the CJF plans to continue to work on the survey. "This is a work in progress," Aviv said.

The CJF sent surveys to all 189 federations in the United States last spring. Although 59 communities responded, the results of the survey reflect only 45 communities, including all 17 large federations, due to incomplete information provided by some.

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ish Philanthropies of Greater Boston, the nation's oldest Federation, including the opening plenary of the Women's Division Program on Tuesday, November 14 at 1:00 p.m. and a dinner that evening.

Core GA programming concludes on Friday at noon. The GA Shabbaton will begin on Friday at approximately 4:00 p.m. with candle lighting and will continue through Saturday evening through Havdalah. The Shabbat program is being structured around the Centennial theme of "Heritage, Action, and Innovation."

(The Council of Jewish Federations is the continental association of 189 Jewish Federations, the central community organizations which serve nearly 800 localities embracing a Jewish population of more than 6.1 million in the United States and Canada.)

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