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"From Strength To Strength:" Jewish Federation Of Delaware Welcomes New President Leslie Newman

By JORDAN SOPINSKY
Editor of The Jewish Voice

Beginning June 1, Leslie Newman will begin her tenure as President of JFD for the upcoming year. Formerly a third grade school teacher, Mrs. Newman is currently the Director of Planning and Development for the Family and Children's Services, of Delaware, Inc.

Leslie's involvement with the Jewish community of Delaware began in 1983, when she joined the board of Jewish Family Service (JFS). In 1988, while serving as the President of JFS, Leslie paid particular attention to the influx of Russian immigrants. She joined the Executive Committee of the JFD in 1989.

Soon to be completing three years as President, Toni Young said, "I leave the Presidency knowing the community is in very capable hands, Leslie's talents, insights, and vision will strengthen our community."

Of prime importance to Leslie will be the results of the recent Delaware Jewish Population Study. "We will integrate the information from the population study into a viable plan to go forward," Leslie said. "The study will provide us with more accurate numbers, ages, locations, and needs. We can then determine priorities."

She also looks forward to continuing and strengthening positive relationships among various agencies within the Jewish community. "I believe we need to view JFD leadership as a team effort," said Leslie, "with shared responsibility in the support of the varied aspects of community life."

Originally from Long Island, Leslie is a



Ms. Toni Young, President of JFD, passing the gavel to Ms. Leslie Newman, President-Elect JFD.
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graduate of the State University of New York (SUNY) in Buffalo, where she received a degree in Education. She also holds a Masters degree in Reading. She has taught in New York, Connecticut, and Philadelphia.

"Leslie brings a wealth of knowledge and

experience with her, both as a professional and as volunteer" said Judy Wortman, Executive V.P. of JFD. She added, "In Jewish tradition we often hear the words 'may you go from strength to strength.' As the gavel exchanges hands from Toni Young to Leslie

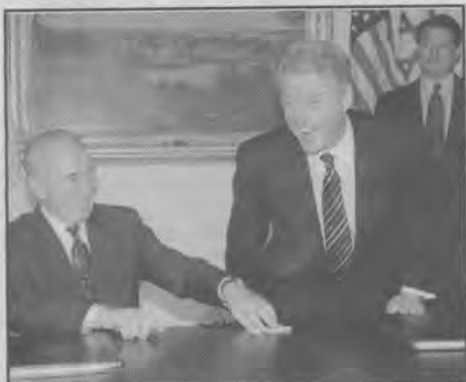
Newman, the Jewish community undoubtedly will go from strength to strength."

Leslie Newman's acceptance speech was given at the May 9 annual meeting, which will be covered in the next issue of The Jewish Voice.

AIPAC 96: Israel-U.S. Relations Stronger Than Ever

By PRISCILLA SIEGEL
Special to The Jewish Voice

While a crowd of protesters stood outside the Washington Hilton waving the Lebanese flag and chanting "Israel out of Lebanon," President Clinton, inside the hotel, was addressing 2500 delegates at AIPAC's annual



Israel Prime Minister Shimon Peres and President Clinton sign a counter-terrorism accord at the White House prior to speaking at the AIPAC conference. Vice-President Al Gore is in the background.

convention on April 28.

The United States president, whose address followed Shimon Peres', made poignant reference to the slain Yitzhakh Rabin. Just last year, at the same conference, Rabin and Clinton shared the platform at AIPAC's 1995 convention. "What a difference a year can make," noted Clinton, recalling Rabin's determination to move ahead in the peace process in strategic partnership with the United States.

Clinton then paid tribute to Peres who "is carrying forward the important work of peace with security." Recounting the progress toward peace during the last year in the Middle East, and noting the constant efforts of the enemies of peace to sabotage the process, Clinton urged patience and persistence. "I want to hammer this home...this progress for peace is the reason the enemies of peace are lashing out...we must not be diverted from our ultimate goal, else we will hand them the victory that they have sought all along."

In a speech remarkable for its warm sentiments for and support of Israel, Clinton proclaimed, "our commitment to Israel's security is unshakeable." He pointed to an agreement signed earlier in the day by Prime Minis-

ter Peres and Secretary Perry to expand the theater missile defense program which would permit detection and destruction of deployed missiles.

Clinton's list of strategic cooperative initiatives included the sale of supercomputers, space projects which will involve the training of Israeli astronauts, and measures to defeat terrorism. More than \$100 million has been committed to the recently enacted anti-terrorism program to be applied toward high technology equipment and training.

As opposed to worldwide condemnation of Israel for the retaliatory shelling against Hezbollah which resulted in the deaths of almost 100 Lebanese civilians, President Clinton asserted that the responsibility belonged ultimately with the Hezbollah. "Make no mistake about it," declared Clinton, "...it was the deliberate tactics of Hezbollah in their position and firing, and the tragic misfiring in Israel's legitimate exercise of its right to self-defense."

In closing, Clinton again invoked the memory of Prime Minister Rabin. During a trip to Jerusalem last month, he visited Rabin's grave and placed on it a small stone brought from the South Lawn of the White House where the first accord with the Palestinians

was signed. "We must build a peace as hard and real as any stone," said Clinton, "and in so doing, we will...give meaning and breath and life to the dreams of so many who have gone before."

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NATIONAL • INTERNATIONAL

Head of Israeli Army Intelligence Warns Of Possible Terrorism Before Election

By NAOMI SEGAL

JERUSALEM, April 30 (JTA) — Echoing warnings from other Israeli officials, the head of army intelligence this week addressed the possibility that Islamic militants would launch attacks in the coming days against Jewish targets in Israel and abroad.

Appearing before the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee, Maj. Gen. Moshe Ya'alon said an infrastructure of terrorist organizations remains active in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. He said the militant fundamentalist groups Hamas, Islamic Jihad and Hezbollah would possibly launch terror attacks in the near future.

Ya'alon had praise for the crack-

down on terrorists conducted by the Palestinian Authority, which he said had recently confiscated more than 2,000 pounds of explosives, hundreds of hand grenades and large quantities of materials used to make bombs.

Earlier this week, Police Commissioner Assaf Hefetz warned that terrorist groups may launch attacks in order to change the course of Israel's May 29 national elections.

Addressing a meeting of police commanders to review preparations in the run-up to the elections, Hefetz said that even though Israeli security forces have cracked down on terrorist groups, some of these groups might still be able to carry out attacks. Hefetz said special security measures

were being taken to prevent such attacks.

Last week, police found the body of a terrorist in eastern Jerusalem, saying that he was killed when a bomb he was preparing exploded prematurely. Police think that the terrorist was on his way to carry out a suicide bombing against Israelis in downtown Jerusalem. The man planned to detonate the explosive, which was estimated to have weighed more than 20 pounds, at a bus stop or on a bus, police said.

Support for the government of Prime Minister Shimon Peres slipped after the series of suicide bombings in late February and early March. Political observers contend that another terrorist attack could cause Is-



Protestors outside of the AIPAC conference in Washington D.C. Photo credit Jerome Siegel

raeli voters to support Peres' more hardline opponent, Likud leader Benjamin Netanyahu. Islamic militants believe that a Netanyahu victory

could seriously impede the Middle East peace process, which they staunchly oppose.

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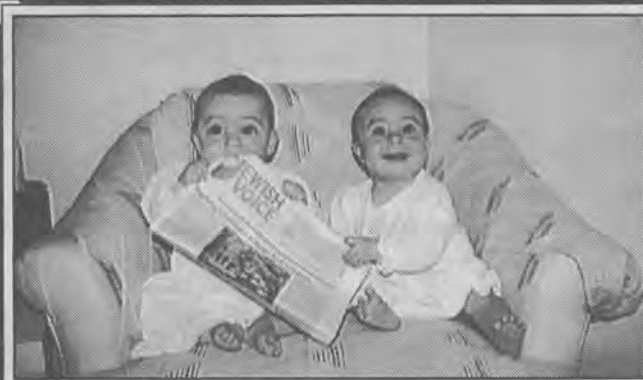
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Torah Orbits Earth

NEW YORK (JTA) — Men have been there, women have been there. Even monkeys have been there. Now, the Torah has joined the growing list of earthly objects that have traveled in space.

"Wherever Jews have wandered, they have taken the Torah with them," said Jeffrey Hoffman, a Jewish astronaut who carried the holy scrolls during the space shuttle Columbia's trip from Feb. 22 to March 9. "Astronauts are human beings and when we travel, we take with us our culture and heritage," he said. "It is important to me to take my Jewish heritage with me as well."

On other space shuttle missions Hoffman has carried a Chanukah dreidel; a silver pendant with the Jewish prayer for a safe journey inscribed upon it; a mezuzah; and Torah pointers and a breastplate. "Hoffman is a very observant Jew and has taken several Judaic objects on his four previous space missions," said Rabbi Shaul Osadchey of Congregation Or Hadash in Houston. "However, reading in Hebrew from the opening chapter of Genesis, while orbiting above Jerusalem, was of particular significance to Jews here and around the world."



To recognize the 2,000 year history of Caesarea, the Bank of Israel is issuing two silver commemorative coins and a gold one. The model for both sides of today's issue is the same coin that was used there two millennia ago. Caesara was built by King Herod the Great between 22 and 9 B.C.E.

Pension Officers: London Jew Left Nazi Territory Too Early

LONDON (JTA) — A London Jewish woman has considered appealing to German pension authorities after being told that she had left Nazi-invaded territory too early to qualify for the funds. Vera Goldberg and her family were living in Antwerp, Belgium, in May 1940, when it became clear that the Nazis were about to invade. They left immediately.

In 1993, German law was amended so that women who were born after 1921 and had a child before 1950, even if they had lived abroad, would be entitled to claim a German pension if they were victims of Nazi persecution.

Vera Goldberg was philosophical about the rejection. "They say I left too early," she said. "If I had stayed, I wouldn't be here now."

EI Al To Offer American 'Miles'

NEW YORK (JTA) — EI Al passengers traveling between American cities and Tel Aviv will soon be able to earn frequent flier miles on American Airlines. The arrangement is part of a code-sharing agreement recently signed by the two airlines.

Beginning Nov. 1, members of EI Al's frequent traveler program, Matmid, will earn air miles for designated code-sharing American flights between Tel Aviv and Chicago, Los Angeles, Miami and Newark.



Delawareans in D.C. for AIPAC's annual conference. Left to right: Terry, George, and Ernest Danneman, Daniel Tolpin. Photo Credit Jerome Siegel.

Conservative Jewry Reaffirms Stance On Intermarriage

By DEBRA NUSSBAUM COHEN

NEW YORK (JTA) — Leaders of the Conservative movement's five major organizations have jointly issued a policy statement detailing what they believe is the proper approach to the high rate of intermarriage.

The six-page statement, which is strongly worded in places, can be read as an affirmation of the movement's long-held standards.

The statement's closing paragraphs say: "In the midst of our confusion and pain we should not ask of Judaism to adopt strategies which do violence to its integrity."

"At the very heart of this movement stands our belief that we must find the proper application of traditional Jewish norms and values to the modern context."

Publication of the 1990 National Jewish Population Study confirmed what many in the Jewish community had long known in their hearts: There are as many Jews marrying non-Jews as there are those marrying Jews.

The leaders of the movement's five principal organizations meet regularly in a forum called the Leadership Council of Conservative Judaism. The participating groups are: the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism, the Rabbinical Assembly, the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs and the Women's League for Conservative Judaism.

The first step in the group's new, concerted effort was to issue the six-page statement on intermarriage, basically an explanation and reaffirmation of its approach.

The statement was expected to be introduced to the media at a news conference during the annual convention of the 1,400-member Rabbinical Assembly.

The assembly's convention is being held this week at the Concord Hotel at Kiamesha Lake, N.Y. Some 575 rabbis were expected to attend.

"This statement is important be-

cause in the absence of a clear public position easily accessible to the laity as to where we stand on these front-burner issues, people get their answers from popular culture, from [television shows like] Seinfeld," said Rabbi Alan Silverstein, whose term as president of the Rabbinical Assembly ended at the convention.

"It's very important that our message be a very public message today, easy to comprehend and comprehensive in its scope so that it will enable people to plug into an activist program."

Elements of the planned activist program include expanding use of a toll-free number established last year by the Rabbinical Assembly to respond to questions and provide information about introduction to Judaism and other courses offered by Conservative synagogues.

The number, 800-ASK-N-LEARN, has received several hundred phone calls over the past year, Silverstein said. But limited people-power means that calls are picked up by an answering machine rather than a live voice, and limited funding has meant that its existence has not been widely promoted.

Now the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism, the movement's congregational arm, is joining in to improve both the people-power and the promotion-power with a High Holiday campaign, said Silverstein.

Two books written by Silverstein and published last September, titled "It All Begins With a Date," and "Preserving Jewishness in Your Family After Intermarriage has Occurred," will be promoted and more thoroughly distributed through synagogue gift stores.

A few dozen synagogues currently offer a pre-Bat and Bar Mitzvah seminar for parents and their children to promoting in-marriage, and that will be expanded throughout the network of Conservative congregations, Silverstein said.

"Parents are increasingly uncomfortable explaining why it's important

and special to be Jewish. They know it in their kishkes but we have to help them be able to say it," he said.

"That becomes the framework for teen-age years," he added.

The movement is also working with the national network of Jewish family service agencies to develop support groups for the parents of teen-agers, and parent-teen dialogues.

Also emphasized will be reaching young singles after they graduate from college and before they marry.

"If we don't provide more than a support setting, opportunities for them to meet young Jews, we will suffer, and we have suffered as a result of that," said Ades.

The policy statement ends with a "reaffirmation of standards" including:

- * Matrilineal descent, meaning a child's religion is the same as the mother's.

- * Prohibition against Conservative clergy officiating at intermarriages and against them officiating or being present at purely civil ceremonies.

- * Only Jews may belong to Conservative synagogues and only Jews may be granted ritual honors such as being called to read from the Torah.

- * Intermarriages should not be publicly acknowledged in any official synagogue forum. Congratulations on the birth of a child may be extended to an interfaith family if the child is Jewish according to Jewish law (i.e., the mother is Jewish) or if not, if both parents have committed themselves to converting the child.

- * Sincere Jews by choice should be warmly welcomed by the community.

- * Sensitivity should be shown to intermarried Jews and their families, and they should be offered opportunities for Jewish growth and enrichment.

Beyond Resettlement

By ROBERTA D. BURMAN

Director, Emigre Services for Jewish Family Service

It must be acknowledged that Russian refugees have the same needs as any other member of the Wilmington community, only more so. It is not enough to simply bring them here, house and feed them temporarily and then turn our backs and walk away. They desperately need Jewish Family Life Education plus Jewish Social, Cultural and Educational Programs. The majority of Russian emigre newcomers feels a very strong identification as Jews — and a strong desire to feel a part of the Jewish community, when they arrive here. We must remember not to judge their identity in terms of synagogue affiliation. We must be more honest about our own level of observance, when we judge how others observe their Jewishness. We American Jews don't primarily express our identity religiously. Why should we expect more from Russian

Jews than from ourselves, especially since they have not had the opportunity to learn about their own place within Jewish history?

Russian Jews arrive here with feelings of being stigmatized and made to feel inferior. This has caused tremendous personal turmoil from having internalized so much of the anti-Semitism they lived with every day of their lives. We must reverse this fatalistic attitude, encouraged by the Soviet society, so that the victims can develop into proud, participating members of our community. With no prior knowledge of our style of American Jewish communal institutions and volunteerism, the concept and practice of participation is totally alien. Making this education available takes a commitment from all of us. Once they understand how our system works and become financially established, they will really be ready to support their community!

And what about the intermarrieds? As the Soviet system worked to de-

stroy religion, mixed marriages increased. Are we to exclude Russian refugees from programs for intermarrieds and only concentrate on Wilmingtonians? They need their own educational opportunities, in forums where translation won't interfere with non-Russians.

Do we only reach out to new arrivals coming from other parts of America to help them feel a part of this Jewish community? Moving from Oshkosh to Wilmington is difficult enough but moving from an entirely different culture to another is enough to squash anyone's stamina. The latest research indicates that culture shock varies in length depending on one's resilience. After a couple of months of euphoria over finally moving here, the first attack of culture shock occurs. This is followed by a more severe attack approximately one year after arrival. The cycle of attacks will repeat at regular intervals depending on improvement in the areas of financial security and ability to communicate in English.

Research has also proven that immigrants experience the same adjustment disorders as people going

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Terrorism And Nuclear Weapons? Not in This Small World.

"It is the first time in history that an evil and malicious movement, created by a religious lining, may acquire these terrible weapons. Imagine what would happen if Hitler would have a nuclear bomb."

-Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres

Imagine that? Most people would prefer not, shuddering at the mere thought of the suggestion Prime Minister Shimon Peres made on the April 29 broadcast of ABC News Nightline with Ted Koppel. Prime Minister Peres cited his belief that fundamentalist Iran may have the capacity for nuclear weaponry in four years and that their efforts in that regard are in direct competition with those who are in the race for peace.

The possibility of a nuclear threat would not be new to Israel. In 1981, Iraq's Saddam Hussein purchased a nuclear reactor from France and named it Tammuz 17. The seventeenth day of Tammuz on the Jewish calendar happens to be the day, in the year 586 B.C., that the Babylonians broke through the walls surrounding Jerusalem, thereby leading to the destruction of the First Temple.

Not long after June 7, 1981, the date the Israel Air Force bombed the atomic reactor near Baghdad, Iraq used chemical weapons in action against Iran. A question to consider

is if Iraq would have used nuclear weapons had Israel not put a halt to their rapidly approaching nuclear capability.

Iran's theocracy is a religious oligarchy. It has had and continues to have, even after the ten year war with Iraq, aggressive and expansionist intentions toward its neighbors. Iran's continued military buildup and attempts in biological, chemical, and nuclear capabilities are seen by many as unnecessary for its defense needs. Radical Iranian clerics view Israel as illegitimate, vowing to destroy it.

Iran is known to support Islamic terrorist groups such as Hamas, Hezbollah, and Islamic Jihad. Through violence and lies, these groups aim to annihilate Israel. The most recent example of this was the mini-war between Israel and Hezbollah terrorists in southern Lebanon. In addition, their violence is not restricted to Israel, as illustrated by the World Trade Center bombing. In his book, "The New Middle East," Peres flatly states, "The danger of nuclear weapons in the hands of religious fanatics cannot be exaggerated. It poses a menace not only to their immediate neighbors and to the region but to the entire world. The deadly combination of religious fundamentalism, missiles, and unconventional weaponry threatens peace and brings home once again the fact that it's a small world, after all."



Palestinian President Yasser Arafat and President Clinton meet in the Oval Office. Clinton praised Palestinian moves to halt calls for Israeli destruction. RNS Photo Reuters

VOICE BOX

JFD Reactions To PNC Vote

"The decision to revoke the offending clauses of the charter is very significant. I believe it's a real turning point. It shows the power of Arafat and the seriousness of the Palestinians about peace."

- Toni Young, President of JFD

"While for some it's hard to believe that the Palestinians are sincere in the vote to retract portions of the charter, it is important to understand that other monumental changes in attitude have occurred in the Middle East in recent years. Who would have believed that Begin and Sadat or King Hussein and Rabin would have made peace? We must have faith in the future because peace is the only alternative."

- Judy Wortman, Executive Director of JFD

"This is an extremely forward step in the peace process... having both short and long-term effects. In the short term it demonstrates the PLO's commitment now to Israel's right to exist. In the long term, it establishes a framework within which the next generation of PLO leaders will operate."

- John Elzufon, Chairperson of The Jewish Community Relations Committee

"The vote taken by the PNC was a constructive step toward the Palestinian people embracing nonbelligerent coexistence with neighbors in an Israeli state. The Palestinian Authority and individual Palestinians should take every opportunity to affirm that their goals do not include harm to Israel or Israelis."

- Dan Weintraub, Director of The Jewish Community Relations Committee of JFD

The Jewish Federation of Delaware and The Jewish Voice thank Marvin Cytron for his hard work and devotion in the role of Acting Editor. Marvin's commitment and love for all he touches have allowed these past few months to be full of continued excellence for the Jewish community of Delaware and for The Jewish Voice. We wish Marvin continued success in the future, as we know he will remain a vital and active member in our community.

VOICE MAIL



4/11/96

Dear Editor,

At the urging of friends who are not too critical, I am sending a verse I wrote on the 70th anniversary of my mother's death, February 16, 1996. She passed away on my nineteenth birthday. (You can guess my age now.)

MY MOTHER'S HANDS

I remember my Mother's hands, never still, always moving, soothing, wiping up spills,

Mother's hands without polished red fingernails, never protected from what weather assails,

Always cooling fevered brows, dispensing hot chicken soup, and wiping away tears, blotting out fears,

Mother's hands, peeling, slicing, dicing, stirring, kneading,

Making meals, quickly consumed with little praise -and this- three times a day.

Mother's hands in water, hot or cold, rubbing, scrubbing, washing, rinsing, hanging clothes to catch the sun in weather freezing, steaming -it was all one- work that had to be done.

All this took its toll, gnarled joints and fingers twisted -lay in her lap, torn and worn by aches and pains.

How beautiful my Mother's hands -monuments to a lifetime of love and demands.

Frances R. Goldstein
Wilmington, DE

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OPINION

The Rabbi Writes:

Our "Aim" Is Always Correct

By Rabbi MOSHE V. GOLDBLUM
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In a community that I once served, a decision was made to arrange for a community wide celebration of Mother's Day. One rabbi turned to me and said, "We really do not need such an observance, for if we follow the dictates of our own tradition we should celebrate Mother's Day each and every day of our lives."

It is true that the ten commandments places the father first, but later passages within the Torah text place the mother first. In the nineteenth chapter of the book of Leviticus we read "You shall each revere his mother and his father and keep my Sabbaths: I the Lord am your G-d." The great sages use these various texts to assert that in Judaism there is complete equality in the status of father and mother and both must be given top priority in terms of love, respect, and devotion.

Even in our own day, much of Jewish humor has to do with the "Jewish mother". From the professional Jewish comedian, to aspects of our own personal lives, the Jewish mother, in her great concern for and loyalty to her Jewish family, always did something that brings smiles to our faces and chuckles from the inner recesses of our hearts. However, we all have to admit that the humor is based on the

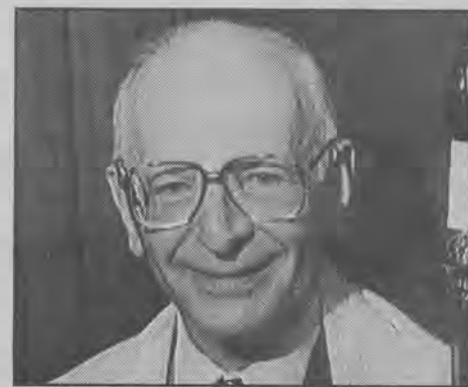
tremendously overwhelming strength by which she fulfilled her role in life. Nobody ever made fun of the Jewish mother because of her weakness and short comings, but primarily because of the vital and central role that she fulfilled in our lives. The song "the Yiddische Manne" was sung over and over again by children who wanted to be reminded of the limitless love, constant care, and the undivided attention showered upon them by their Jewish mothers.

One memory stands out in my mind and I feel that the example expresses the attitude of the mothers of the preceding generation earlier. My mother was very active in the Jewish community and served as president of almost every women's organization in the city. The kitchen of our home was her social work office and it did not bother the children when they saw stranger after stranger asking her help to gain citizenship papers, visas for relatives still in Europe or finding a job because of their inability to speak the English language. On one occasion, she was detained late in the day with some special responsibility and did not arrive home until close to the supper hour. My father suggested that the children line up at the door and introduce ourselves to her as she came in. His intentions were to be humorous,

but her reactions were very very serious. She felt that she had been accused of being an inadequate mother and no insult could hurt her more deeply. We all regretted having participated in this little joke, but we were given a lesson of how seriously the Jewish mother considered her role to be within the family.

In our generation, the Jewish family does not concentrate on the close relationships that were enjoyed by past generations. Parents have undertaken new responsibilities which emphasize the economic success of the family rather than its psychological moral and spiritual success. We became too busy, too occupied, to give our children the feelings of security and love which they so desperately need. The Jewish mothers of yesteryear were closely familiar with the Jewish purpose of the family. They were familiar with the etiology by which to create an atmosphere of Jewish joy, of Jewish sanctity and reverence. We have not lost our way, but we have chosen other directions by which to accomplish what we consider to be our goals.

The writer would be the last to deny that the entire task cannot be accomplished. Let us not forget that in generations past the mother of the family was often the breadwinner so that her husband could have time to



Rabbi Moshe V. Goldblum

study and become an outstanding scholar. But this undertaking by the mother of the family had a Jewish purpose and contributed to the establishing of a very spiritual and Jewish atmosphere within the home. She did not care what had to be done and used all of her skills and energy to accomplish her purposes.

The word for mother in Hebrew is "Aim". It is my hope and prayer that in the future our women will recognize what it means to be a Jewish mother so that we can always say "Our aim is always correct."

A Tribute To Mother



By EVELYN LOEBEL
Director of NCCJ of Delaware

Contrary to what Robert Fulghum believes, I am convinced that not all of what we need to know we learn in kindergarten. A lot of what we need to know (in order to become a real mensch in this world) we learn before kindergarten. We learn a lot from our mother or from whoever "mothers" us from birth.

Much of who I have become as an adult was determined by my up-bringing, my rearing, by the quality of the caring and the teaching by the first of my many teachers, my mother.

This seems especially true for most of us in

the arena of human relations where I have professional responsibilities. I was hired on December 13, 1985 (my mother's 63rd Birthday) to be the Executive Director for the Delaware Region, National Conference of Christians and Jews, Inc. The NCCJ is committed to building a community of tolerance, respect and understanding, to removing the barriers of prejudice in our communications with each other, to clearing the path toward realizing our vision of community harmony through a workable pluralism. We continue to learn about the phenomenon of prejudice so that we can develop and implement effective programs of education and persuasion. The information gathered through the research thus far conducted on the psychology of prejudice leads us to a basic conclusion — How I treat other people depends a great deal on how I think and feel about myself.

We have learned the essential values of practicing the Golden Rule. But, we must first know and appreciate self-worth and what it means and how it feels to be treated with respect, so that we can do (or not do) unto others. Healthy personal growth and development and healthy interpersonal growth and development depend on a healthy self-concept. How do we learn that we are lovable and capable? We are taught at an early age by our primary caretakers, those who are important to us, especially our moth-

ers. Standards and expectations are set; feedback is provided. Communication is often most powerful without using words; and, yet, the words we choose are also important.

During an interreligious conversation on parenting, Leni Markell explained to a group the Yiddish expression, "Es past nisht." In *Generation to Generation* by Abraham J. Twerski, I read "Perhaps the greatest single challenge facing parents is to raise their children with values, with the knowledge of what is right and wrong, and with the desire to do that which is right and avoid doing wrong, while at the same time promoting the development of a positive self-concept and not making the child feel that he is bad if he has done something wrong." This requires discipline, and discipline demands that a child be made aware that some things that he has done, does, or wishes to do are unacceptable and not permissible. But how does one do this without making the child feel that he is somehow bad or guilty?

I would like to share with you a childhood recollection. One of the few memories that I have of being disciplined by my father for something of which he disapproved, was of his telling me in a quiet, firm, and no-nonsense tone, "Es past nisht!" meant that I was too good for that. This is the diametric opposite of a put-down. I was told that I was a per-

son of excellence. There was no mention that what I was doing was inherently wrong or bad, but the emphasis was rather on me. I was above such behavior. This is incompatible, Father told me, out of character for someone like yourself."

And what are we taught beyond self? Can those who care for us also teach us to care about others, to listen with empathy and put ourselves in another's place? To this day, I carry with me the challenge that my mother put forth for her children — "Just think how you would feel if you were... (whoever that other might be). I learned to be aware of and concerned about others from my mother's own example of being sensitive to the feelings of others and treating them with kindness and "rachmanes."

We do know that our community of tolerance, respect and understanding will not just happen. It has its beginnings in the home of each of us. The words of the Sh'ma instruct us to teach "these things" diligently to our children. What I write of for this column exists not only in the ideal. As I have shared with you, my sisters and I were raised in such a home; and I am grateful on Mother's Day and always for all that was taught to me by my first teacher.

Thank you, Mother.

AIPAC '90

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At another conference session, Ambassador Dennis Ross and Uri Savir, head of the Israeli negotiating team with Syria, discussed the future course of the peace negotiations with Syria. According to Savir, the peace made with Egypt, the Palestinians, and Jordan with its tangible economic benefits for these states, has created a dilemma for Assad, whose country is in economic stagnation. This situation, in the views of Ambassador Ross and Savir, will leave Syria with no other choice than to enter into good faith negotiations with Israel.

Regarding Israel's relations with the Palestinians, Savir addressed the ever present question of trust. "The question of trust," shrugged Savir, "is irrelevant. What is relevant, is to create conditions that make it in Arafat's interests to keep the peace." The renunciation of the Palestinian covenant calling for the destruction of Israel, represents, in Savir's opinion, an important advance in upgrading the relations between Israelis and Palestinians.

While the conference reflected optimism about the future of the peace process and strong positive feelings about the supportive role of the United States vis a vis Israel, there is a story that came out of the meetings that no one really wants to hear.

It's about the doomsday clock that seems to be ticking away. Libya, Iran, and Iraq are building up an arsenal of weapons of mass destruction with materials supplied by Russia, China, North Korea and Pakistan. Nuclear, chemical and biological warfare capabilities could well be ready for deployment by these rogue nations within a half dozen years. The weapon production plants are so widely dispersed that preemptive strikes against them are unfeasible.

These concerns were addressed at the AIPAC meetings by US Representative Dick Army, and Senators Trent Lott and Joseph Lieberman, who called for heavier defense spend on anti-ballistic weapons systems. The seriousness of this situation was

underlined in AIPAC's lobbying agenda this year, which among other items calls for sanctions against Iran.

DELAWAREANS AT AIPAC MEETING

Delawareans attending the AIPAC conference this year included Yetta Chaiken of Wilmington, Ernie and Terry Dannemann of Dover and their grandsons, George Dannemann and Daniel Tolpin, University of Delaware students, Wendy Goldberg, and Marty Weiss and a group of twelve students representing DIPAC (Delaware Israel Public Affairs Committee).

The Dannemanns who have faithfully attended AIPAC conferences for twenty years, lobbying our legislators,

have been grooming their grandsons to take on their lobbying responsibilities. "It's now up to the next generation," says Ernie Dannemann.

Rabbi Eliezer Sneidermann of Newark was a first-time attendee at the conference. "It was fantastic," said Sneidermann enthusiastically. "I was really impressed with the message by Dershowitz and others which emphasized that even though the Jewish community may have diverse opinions, the Jewish people should speak with one voice."

DuPont Awards Three Jewish Scientists Former JFD President Is Among Them

By JORDAN SOPINSKY
Editor of the Jewish Voice

Three Jewish scientists were among the 1996 DuPont Lavoisier Medal Recipients for Technical Achievement. Dr. Bennett Epstein, a former President of the Jewish Federation of Delaware (JFD), Dr. Joseph Zimmerman, and Dr. Paul Resnick all received this year's Dupont award which honors scientists and engineers from throughout

the company's history for outstanding contributions.

Dr. Epstein, a native of New York City, did work which opened up metal replacement markets to engineering polymers, thereby creating new opportunities for DuPont. Epstein's research became a new branch of material science - extremely tough nylon. The best known of these, Zytel® ST is a molding resin traditionally made of metal. After joining Dupont in 1946, he devoted the next 41 years to engineering plastics research.

Bennett and his wife, Alice have been longtime contributors to the community. They were active in the Civil Rights movement, served on the Human Relations Commission, worked on Fair Housing legislation and participated in the Citizen's Alliance for Public Education. During Dr. Epstein's tenure as President of JFD, the Young Leadership Committee was re-established, as was the Jewish Community of Delaware Endowment Fund, and the Holocaust Memorial in Freedom Square became a reality as the result of the work of many.

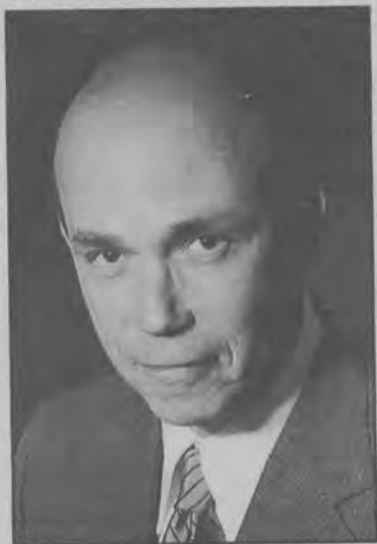
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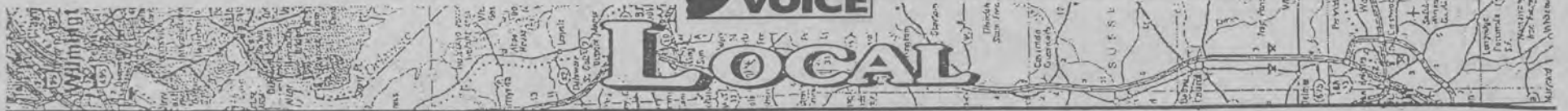
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Thank you!



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Joe was a longtime member of the Wilmington Symphony Orchestra and the Kennett Square Symphony Orchestra, where he was principal cellist. He continues to play the cello for the residents of the Kutz Home, where he is a volunteer.

Dr. Paul Resnick is a Dupont Fellow currently working in Fluoropolymers at the Fayetteville site in North Carolina.

Formerly of Delaware, Dr. Resnick holds 39 U.S. patents and is a frequent guest on the lecture circuit. He received the 1995 American Chemical Society award for his creative work in fluorine chemistry.

Each year, the DuPont Lavosier Medal is awarded to a scientist or engineer who has demonstrated a career of creative technical contributions which resulted in a measurable business impact or technical achievement of enduring significance. The medal is named in honor of the 18th century chemist, Antoine Laurent Lavosier, who served as teacher and mentor to the company's founder.

Israeli Consul Visits UD

By DEBORAH RESPLER
Special To The Jewish Voice

University of Delaware students and faculty had the opportunity to spend the day with Eli Avidar, Consul of Israel for the region including Delaware last Thursday, April 25. Dr. Vivian Klaff, acting Director of the Frank and Yetta Chaiken Center for Jewish Studies planned for Consul Avidar to come for the day, to speak in both a History and a Sociology class, attend a reception with faculty, have dinner with both DIPAC (Delaware Israel Public Affairs Committee) and Hillel students, and also to lecture in the evening about Peace in the Middle East.

In Klaff's Sociology of American Jewry class, Avidar spoke about the relationship between the American Jewish community and the State of



Eli Avidar speaking at the University of Delaware.

Israel. He explained that it is a complicated relationship which is always

changing- after 1948's War of Independence, after the 1967 Six Day War, and once again when the 1991 Peace Process began. Since the threat to Israel's existence in the Six Day War, the American Jewish community's connection to Israel has become much stronger. Israel is important to American Jews, but it is a balanced relationship America gives support to Israel, its only democratic ally in the Middle East, in return.

At 5:30 Avidar met with twelve active pro-Israel students at a dinner co-sponsored by Hillel and DIPAC. He was anxious to hear about the interest of Israel on campus and the reactions of other student groups to current Israeli events. The students

were able to talk one-on-one with the Consul, and got a sense of who he is in an informal atmosphere. Avidar expressed interest and concern of the role University of Delaware students play in providing pro-Israel programming and education on campus. He encouraged the student organizations to contact his office for help and ideas.

Later that evening, Avidar discussed "Peace in the Middle East: The Dawn of a New Era" in Kirkbride Hall, offering his insights into recent progress toward peace with Israel and the Arab countries in the Middle East. A former captain in the Israel

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Defense Force, Avidar said he would not believe it if someone told him five years ago that, after suicide bombings in Israel, there would be a peace conference with Israel and fourteen other Arab countries standing beside each other condemning terrorism.

"This is something new in the Middle East," he said to an audience of approximately fifty students, faculty, and members of the community. "The Middle East that we know is unpredictable, unbelievable, and changing all the time."

Avidar gave a very optimistic view of the future of peace in the Middle East. "There is a very clear way for peace," he said. Peace is now

irreversible since the Peace Process has started- "there is no way back."

The solution to the problem of terrorism, according to Avidar, is not one of military power. "Terror is like a cancer; if you don't cut it, it kills you...You have to change the environment by moving forward in the peace process." Avidar stressed that connections between governments is

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Professor Julius Lester Lectures On Blacks And Jews

By RACHEL E. SAIFER

Assistant Editor of the Jewish Voice

"Understanding and respect are grounds for an alliance." This was the persistent mantra that Professor Julius Lester shared with a room of students, faculty and community members.

On Thursday evening, April 18th, the Jewish Studies Department at the University of Delaware co-sponsored a lecture by Professor Julius Lester with Hillel and The Chaiken Family Foundation as a part of their April programming. The topic of the lecture was "Blacks and Jews: Where We Are, and What We Can Do."

Julius Lester is a professor of Judaic Studies at the University of Massachusetts. He has published twenty-three books in the genres of poetry, fiction and non-fiction. Julius Lester is the author of *Lovesong: Becoming a Jew*. *Lovesong* is an autobiographical account of his conversion to Judaism as an African American. Professor Lester is also considered to be a veteran of the Civil Rights Movement.

Throughout the lecture Professor Lester used unconventional angles to demonstrate his not so unconventional points. He spoke of the idea that as Jews we have the perception of a shared history with the Black community, when in fact we don't. Histories that began in slavery, stereotyping by the majority, physical segregation, expulsion into the diaspora, all similar experiences, and yet unmistakably not directly connected. Similarity of experience is not the same as shared experience. "Jews share parallel experience to Blacks in Western Culture." Lester stressed this concept in trying to clear up the idea that difference within a society is a positive element rather than one of weakness.

In present day society, grappling with a topic having to do with race relations and Judaism, it has become unconscionable to not discuss the rhetoric of Minister Louis Farrakhan. "Anti-Semitic sentiments are just as inappropriate as Anti-Black," said Professor Lester. After making that statement, Professor Lester offered the suggestion that if a million strong



(Left to Right) Professor Vivian Klaff Acting Head of the Jewish Studies Department; Professor Julius Lester; and Rabbi Avraham Rosenblum, Director of Hillel. Lester addressed Black-Jewish relations issue.

told Minister Farrakhan it was unacceptable to spew remarks of hatred about the Jewish people he would listen. The notion of speaking strongly through one voice was also discussed in dealing with Farrakhan's desire to keep people separate.

It is important to be realistic about expectations in relations between Blacks and Jews. "The notion that Blacks and Jews should be friends is Romanticism at its worst" Julius Lester said with a sarcastic tone. This part of the evening would fall under the "and What We Can Do" half of the topic. Professor Lester concluded the lecture by asking the group to turn inward and address ourselves and grow first. Within our own group we can find the strength to eventually reach out to others. Without a strong foundation of heritage, it is difficult to share and accept others. It was with this that Professor Lester said "It can't be done in a year and perhaps not even a decade, but if we don't, eventually we will be swallowed."

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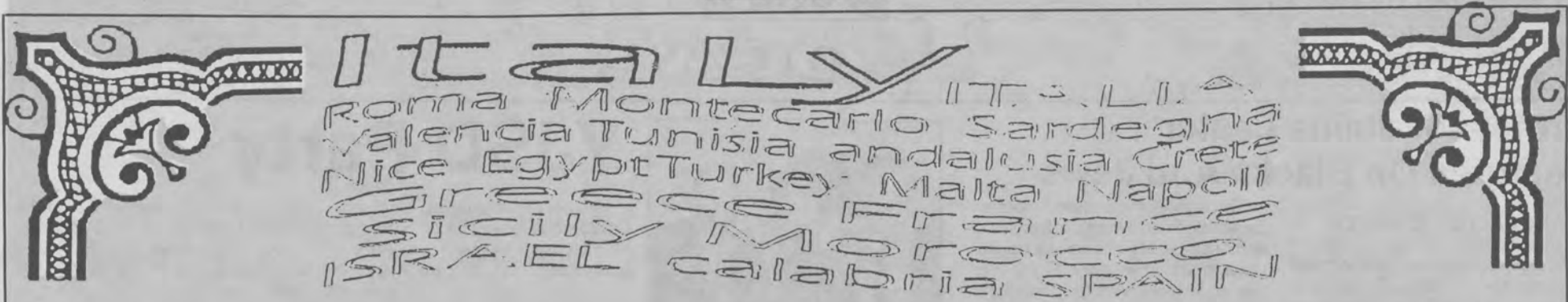
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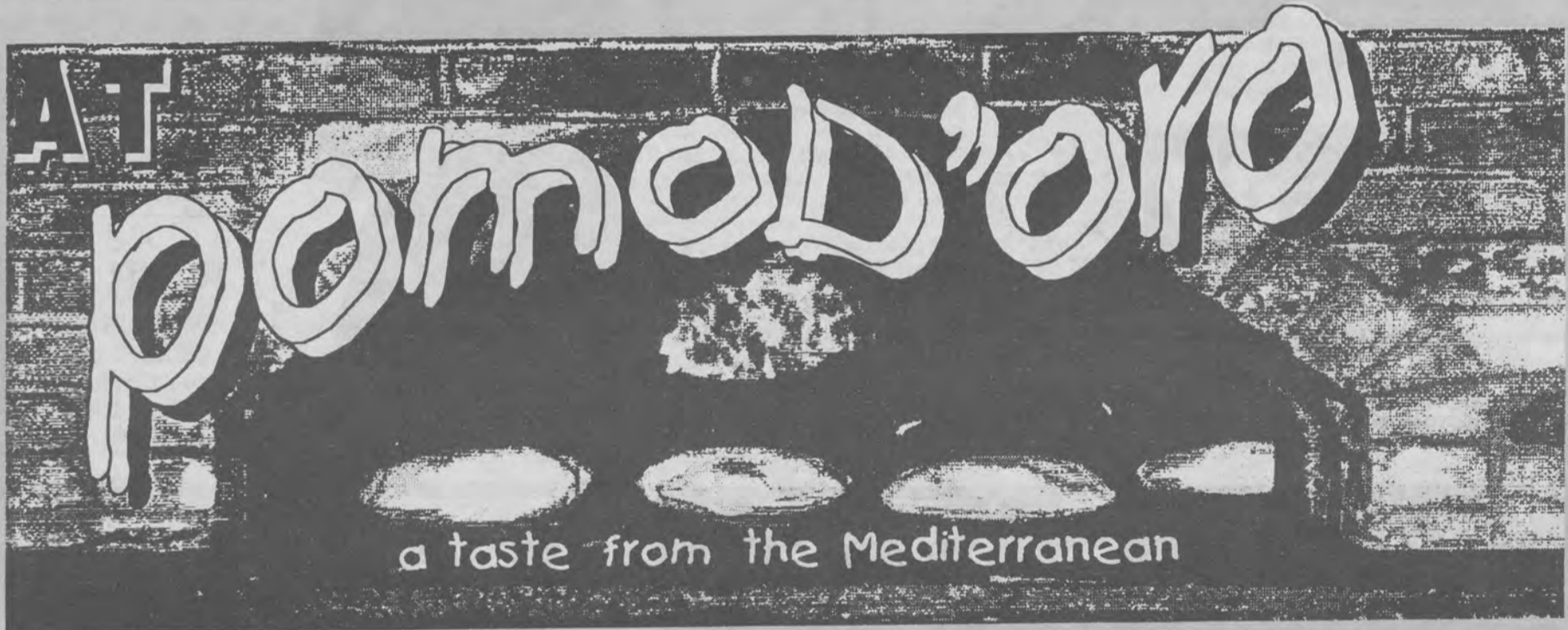
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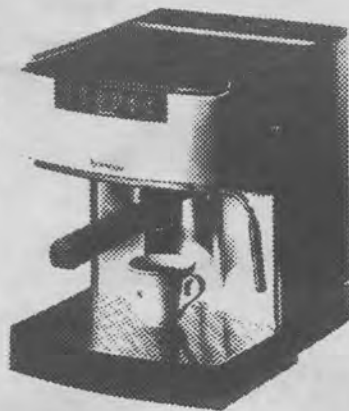
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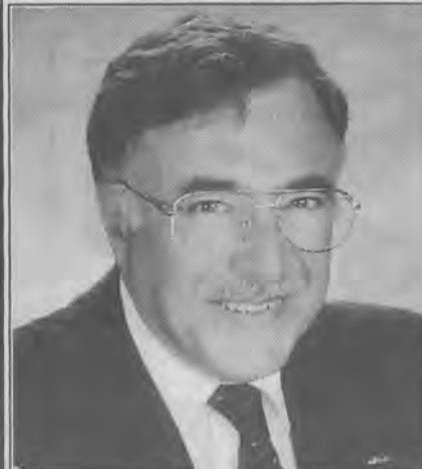


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Cantor Norman Swerling Puts It All Together

By PRISCILLA W. SIEGEL
Special To The Jewish Voice

What do you do if you have a deep attachment to traditional Judaism, love to be on stage, and have a great singing voice? That's where Norman Swerling was in the mid-fifties when he decided to put it all together and enroll in Hebrew Union College Cantorial School in New York.

Cantor Swerling, who is retiring from a decade of serving the congregation at Beth Shalom, likes to think of himself as a Jewish synthesist. "I bring together," says Swerling, "the disparate elements in Jewish civilization through my performing arts."

Born in 1931 in Revere, Massachusetts, Cantor Swerling had a primarily secular upbringing. Like many immigrant Jews, his family was anxious to become fully American, which meant casting off the old roots. Though he attended Hebrew school, Swerling was mainly consumed with a desire to be on stage. He started his theatrical career early—at the age of five he appeared on a children's radio program every Saturday afternoon, when he sang and otherwise performed. "I loved it," recalled Swerling.

Throughout his school and college

years, Swerling maintained an active involvement with drama, and in 1947, won a national best acting award from Indiana University. A subsequent scholarship from Boston College gave him an opportunity to study speech and theatre.

But a two-year stint in the army in the early fifties provided another dimension to Swerling's life when he was assigned as assistant chaplain. This assignment became a "religious coming of age," for Swerling and he developed a profound appreciation of Judaism.

However, out of the army, Swerling was Broadway bound. Living at the 92nd Street Y, he remained active in Jewish affairs while pursuing a theatrical career. Though he won roles off Broadway and on TV, it soon became apparent that a livelihood in the theatre was a sometime thing. Having just married, making a living was an important issue.

Encouraged by friends, Swerling enrolled in cantorial school as a way of combining his Jewish interests and musical talents. When he graduated from Hebrew Union College in 1960, Swerling was ready to get "as far away from New York as possible." So he took a position as cantor/educator/youth director in Okla-

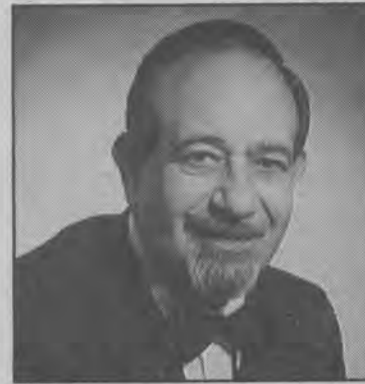
homa City where he remained for four years.

A feature story about the oldest Jewish community in the Western Hemisphere, Congregation Mikve Israel Emanuel in Curacao, and its need for a chazan, piqued Swerling's interest. He applied, was accepted, and from 1964 to 1967, Swerling served that community.

"It was," reminisced Swerling, "the most interesting time of my career, because I was dealing with a very different Jewish community than I had been accustomed to—a community that wanted to survive creatively and progressively as Jews. It was there that I used my theatrical and cantorial training in helping to build a modern Jewish community with a choir, an English speaking theatre group and an adult education program."

In order to provide their two children with an American education, the Swerlings returned to the United States. But the Curacao experience stimulated the Cantor to produce a CD and book about the Sephardic musical tradition of the island, as well as a novel about the Sephardic Jews of Holland and the West Indies.

From 1968-85, Swerling held faculty positions with adult and children's Jewish educational institu-



Cantor Norman Swerling

tions, and served as camp director at the Eisner Camp Institute in Great Barrington, Massachusetts. The camp experience was an exciting challenge for Swerling, but he was anxious to get back to the synagogue and adult teaching.

Swerling, who has been Beth Shalom's cantor since 1986, speaks warmly of his years there. "Beth Shalom has given me the opportunity to combine both traditional and modern liturgical musical styles, and has been very accepting of every kind of program that I have brought to them...the Wilmington community has given me the opportunity to broaden my cantorial ministry, rather than putting me into a narrow category of synagogue singer."

The theatre has never left Cantor Swerling's heart and soul, however. He created several one-man Jewish music-theatre happenings, "The World of the Shtetle," "Uptown Downtown," and "To a New and

Goodly Land." Does Cantor Swerling enjoy a comparison with the stand-up storytelling of Jackie Mason? No way—"Jackie Mason's stories are full of self-hatred—mine are full of love," says Swerling.

In recent years, Cantor Swerling has been teaching with great success for the Jewish Community Center's Elder Hostel. His classes get rave reviews, as do the services he conducts for Elder Hostel.

Norman Swerling will be honored by Beth Shalom during the weekend of May 10 and 11 with a variety of programs, including the Cantor's own musical and theatrical presentations. Information regarding the festivities can be obtained by calling Beth Shalom at 654-4462.

Lynne Sullivan, a Beth Shalom congregant and choir member, will miss Cantor Swerling. "I've enjoyed working with him and hope that he stays active...my son enjoyed studying with him for his Bar Mitzvah. We appreciate his patience."

Marvin Cytron, who has been a member of the Beth Shalom choir for five years also enjoyed working with Cantor Swerling. "He was highly professional," says Cytron, "and provided a diversity of music to the congregation. His dedication to the profession has always made the services at Beth Shalom very meaningful. During the year that we were without a rabbi, the cantor was doing double duty...he went more than the extra mile. All of us are very appreciative."

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Jerusalem 3000 - "A Jerusalem Street Fair"



Like walking down Ben Yehudah or sitting at a cafe on Dizengoff. On Sunday, April 28th the JCC was transformed into a Jerusalem street fair. Photos clockwise: 1: Vendors sell Israeli jewelry, shirts, and books; 2: The Albert Einstein Academy choir performs Hebrew songs

about Israel under the direction of Alex Botwinik; 3: Children of all ages enjoy an Israeli Bazoorka bubble gum rain; 4: The day would not have been complete without a tribute to the late Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, with a proudly displayed table of remembrance.

Photos by Dan Halperin

Sara Berman Honored At Candlelight Dinner



Sara Berman

Sara Berman, who retired this past January after eighteen years of service as the JCC Senior Center Outreach Worker, was honored at the Candlelight Dinner held on Wednesday, April 17th. Over 150 people, including Sara's daughter and son-in-law, Linda and Jeff Mand, and her granddaughter, Adrienne Mand,

were present for the dinner and festivities. Between courses, several JCC staff serenaded Sara with humorous songs they wrote for the occasion, set to familiar music, reflecting Sara's attributes and her many and varied contributions to the JCC Senior Center.

David Sorkin, Executive Director, regaled the audience with anecdotes about Sara and praised her for her accomplishments and youthful spirit. And Ella Zukoff, Director of Membership and Adult Programs, referred to Sara as "A Woman for All Seasons .. A lady who, in addition to her eighteen-year career at the JCC Senior Center, had had a career as a dental hygienist, had played the organ at Congregation Beth Shalom for several years, has been the piano accompanist for Cafe Tamar at

Adas Kodesch and is an aficionada of the arts." In addition to a gift presented to Sara by JCC Staff, Leon Chambers, Senior Center Site Council Chairman, presented Sara with a gift from members of the Senior Center.

Entertainment was provided by the Academy of Lifelong Learning Chorus, led by Sarah Goldstein.



Rose Plummer, Jessica Weisbord, and Elliot Margules created a mosaic for an archeology project.

JCC Holds First Annual Health Fair

On May 16th, the Jewish Community Center will be opening its doors to the community's seniors to take part in its First Annual Senior Health Fair. A number of vendors, which includes physicians, chiropractors, therapists and health organizations, will be in attendance. This will give seniors an open forum to receive information and to ask questions re-

garding their health, fitness and nutrition.

The health fair will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at the Jewish Community Center in North Wilmington. A luncheon will follow for a charge of \$1.50 per person. A speaker has been slated to talk to seniors during this luncheon. There health fair is free of charge and open to all seniors in the Tri-State area. For more information or to register, please call Marc Cohen or Scott Katz at (302) 478-5660.

Camp JCC Filling Up Quickly

Time is running out to sign your child up for Camp JCC '96. Many of our camps are already full with waiting lists. We currently have over 400 children registered for camp which is well beyond last year at this time. Camps which are closed include K'Ton Ton 2 year old/2 half days, 3 year old/3 half days, 3 year old/5 half days, Horseback Riding I, II, III and Wet and Wild I.

While we are extremely excited about our registration, we don't want anyone to miss out on a great summer. So, if you're waiting to sign-up, wait no more or your child may not be able to help us "Build Camp Ruach ... One Camper at a Time". For more information on Camp JCC programs, please call Artie Allen or Staci Berger at (302) 478-5660.

JCC Family Campus Opens For Its Ninth Year

The Jewish Family Campus will once again open its gates for another fun-filled summer at the JCC. The first day of the operating season will be Sunday, May 26th from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

The Family Campus will also be open on Memorial Day, Monday, May 27th, from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. The snack bar will be stocked and open for purchase of food and refreshments. There will be games and entertainment for the entire family.

For more information on the Family Campus or JCC members, please call (302) 478-5660.

YJSD Party

The next Young Jewish Singles of Delaware party will be on Saturday, May 18, beginning at 8 p.m. People in their 20's and 30's are invited to enjoy drinks and food for \$10 at the home of Phil Gross, 116 Parkside Drive, Wilmington, DE. For more information, call Phil at (302) 652-6688.

Young Newcomers Barbecue

The Jewish Federation of Delaware Young Newcomers invites you to a "Get Ready for the Summer" Barbecue Bash on Sunday, June 2 from 4-8 pm. The cost is five dollars per person and kids eat for free. Dietary rules will be observed. Please RSVP to Heidi Kinsella (302) 324-8296 by Friday, May 24.

Maccabi Mini-Camp Offered This Summer

The Jewish Community Center is offering a Maccabi Mini-Camp this year in honor of the North American Youth Maccabi Games which will take place in August. Maccabi will include specializes sports activities for pre and post camp weeks.

This camp will focus on improving skills level and weekly tournament play. Round out your child's camp experience by signing up for this special mini-camp program. Please call Chris Mighton, Maccabi Mini-Camp Coordinator, at (302) 478-5660 for additional information.

Swerling

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ciative of his extra efforts."

Congregation president, Paul Imber, adds that "we at Beth Shalom cherish the ten years of service that Cantor Swerling has given us and wish he and Naomi only the best as they go forward into their next stage."

As far as Cantor Swerling is concerned, the next stage, retirement, represents an opportunity to expand his lecturing, concertizing, theatrical performances, and travel.

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Beth Shalom Scholar In Residence Weekend

By MARVIN CYTRON
Dr. Ron Wolfson, author of *The Art Of Jewish Living*, a series of books on the celebration of Holidays in the home served as Wilmington's Congregation Beth Shalom's "Scholar In Residence" last weekend. Dr. Wolfson, a graduate of Washington University, St. Louis, and is currently Vice President at The University of Judaism in California has developed a series of books prefixed *The Art Of Jewish Living* and includes the "The Shabbat Seder" and "The Passover Seder."

The weekend with Dr. Wolfson, or Ron as he prefers to be known, was devoted to a greater understanding of the connection between Judaism and family. Beginning with the lighting of Shabbat candles at a Friday evening family dinner at the synagogue, Ron led the participants through prayer and song throughout

a festive dinner. Friday evening services Dr. Wolfson continued the theme of family in the continuity of Judaism by drawing upon personal memories of his family in Omaha preparing for Shabbat: "My bube spreading newspapers, always the Omaha News Herald **never** The Forward, on the kitchen floor on Fridays after preparing the kitchen for Shabbat dinner. Dr. Wolfson stressed the importance of a family meal, at least once a week, even in these times of busy schedules for two career parents. The big traditional meals of years past is not the important issue, what is important is being together as a family, lighting candles and having challah even with only peanut butter and jelly, the true feeling of Shabbat will prevail.

With music and song from "Fiddler on the Roof," Dr. Wolfson along with Cantor Swerling opened the

Saturday morning discussion session. "From Anatevka to Wilmington: What's Happening to the Jewish Family?" was the theme of Dr. Wolfson's talk. With memories, humor and insight into today's Jewish Life, Dr. Wolfson involved the congregation, children, teenagers and adults, into discussion of the challenges facing a Jewish family today. From the work pressures of parents, to the busy and conflicting schedules of students, Ron explored the many ways a family can meet today's needs and yet maintain Jewish life and tradition that Tevye brought from Anatevka to America and cities like Wilmington.

Saturday evening concluded with an "anything you wanted to talk about" session and Havdalah with Ron at the home of Marilyn and Stuart Cooper. The weekend con-



Karolin Lipman and Dr. Ron Wolfson.

cluded on Sunday morning with family workshops including computer labs, video presentations, creating a

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mezzuzah, Shabbat, mitzvahs and closing with a Purim "Schpiel."

The weekend is supported by the Kraft Foundation which is dedicated to the memory of the late Rabbi

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Beth Shalom Confirmation

The Officers and Board of Directors of Wilmington's Congregation Beth Shalom invite the community to their Shavuot Services and Confirmation. Services will begin at 9:30 a.m. on Friday, May 24, 1996 (6th of Sivan, 5756) at the Synagogue, 1801 Baynard Blvd. Parents of the

confirmands extend an invitation to the guests to a collation immediately following the services. This year's confirmands are: Jessica Imber, daughter of Cindy and Paul Imber; Jonathan Kaufman, son of Joyce and Charles Kaufman; Blake Laurence, son of Maxis and Michael Laurence;

Brett Laurence, son of Maxis and Michael Laurence; Jamie Sklar, daughter of Lynne and Terry Sklar; Daniel Sullivan, son of Lynne and James Sullivan; Amanda Udell, daughter of Cynthia and Theodore Udell; Courtney Weiner, daughter of Marilyn and Samuel Weiner.

Chabad Celebrates Pesach Sheini

On Friday, May 3, Chabad at The University of Delaware, celebrated Pesach Sheini with a Bat Mitzvah. "The whole idea of Pesach Sheini is a second chance," said Rabbi Sneiderman "that is why we thought that offering Bnei mitzvah training would be a great idea. There are a lot of students who, for whatever reason, missed their B' mitzvah. Training for this life-cycle event gives students an opportunity to re-enter the Jewish community."

"Everyone was very excited. It was like a real Bat mitzvah," said senior

Jeff Lobman. Students decorated with balloons and streamers and there was even a "mazel tov" cake from Baltimore.

"I really enjoyed studying with the Rabbi. I will never forget this day. I learned a lot and I feel very special," said Freshman Jaimi Frankel. "I am glad that I had a chance to have a Bat Mitzvah."

Pesach Sheini is a biblical holiday which is essentially a make-up day for Passover. Jews that did not, or could not, make it to Jerusalem to celebrate passover had a second chance a month later. For more information call Rabbi Sneiderman at 455-1800 to arrange classes.



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From Golem to Giovanni

By STEVE COHEN

Vilna's Got a Golem, a new play by Ernest Joselovitz, is powerful theater. Its world premiere staging is at the Annenberg Center in Philadelphia until May 19.

This is a drama, written with wit and leavened with comedy, on the subject of oppression and vengeance. It's set in Russian-occupied Vilna in 1899, where Jews are being persecuted. A Yiddish theater company presents a melodrama set in the Sixteenth Century where the Jews are, as usual, being victimized and where they proceed to build a golem — an artificial strongman that will avenge them. A Jewish Frankenstein monster, you might say.

The actors face a problem when their performance is attended by the Russian censor. Should they change the plot and avoid the subject of revenge? Even absent the censor, should they be celebrating murders of Israel and Lebanon, on one hand, and Bernard Goetz and subway stalkers on the other.

The play-within-a-play device is

twisted in some original ways, and the emotional tension is electrifying. The Festival Theatre For New Plays deserves plaudits for producing this, and the author and actors deserve a New York run.

Vilna's Got a Golem is presented in modern dress and with normal American accents, to make it accessible. So is Shakespeare's *Henry V* in its new production at the Arden Theater. Director Aaron Posner is building a good reputation for doing this successfully with Shakespeare.

Despite its battle scenes, *Henry V* has less real conflict than many of the bard's histories, and much less than his tragedies. But Posner's production is fluid, imaginative and exciting. It runs until June 2.

Kander & Ebb's *Cabaret* is back, in a new production at the Walnut Street Theatre. It uses revisions made by the authors and by previous director Hal Prince that accentuate the anti-Semitism of 1930 Berlin. Thus it bears a similarity with *Vilna's Got a Golem*.

This is a play with a message, but

it's primarily an entertainment and it works on both levels. As directed here by Bruce Lumpkin it clearly presages the fate of European Jewry and spotlights the denial, compliance and passivity of the people of that time.

Charles Abbott, who has been performing the part of the emcee for years, does an expert job. But I get the feeling that he's working hard at being decadent and pro-Nazi. The emcee is a metaphor for 1930's Germany, and the evil should just flow naturally from within him. We should see his inner character being revealed, not a performance. The production is one of the best the Walnut has done in recent years. Betsi Morrison is adorable as Sally Bowles, portraying the airhead side of her character, and does an unusual, effectively dirge-like interpretation of the title song.

Irving Berlin's *Call Me Madam* has just been revived at the Paper Mill Playhouse in Millburn, NJ, about halfway between the Delaware Valley and New York City.

Why would it be worth your while

to make the trip? Firstly, because *Call Me Madam* was one of the biggest shows in the career of Irving Berlin. He was born as Israel Baline in Russia and moved to America, where he became the most popular of all songwriters. In his early years he wrote ethnic Jewish lyrics, but later became known as the composer of patriotic anthems and shows like *Madam* that present the American political system in a favorable light.

Secondly, Paper Mill does such a great job of staging and costuming. Their *Wizard of Oz* a couple of years ago was lightyears ahead of the 1995 Walnut Street Theatre's production. Paper Mill's sets and costumes are consistently of Broadway quality. The succession of gowns worn by leading lady Leslie Uggams is spectacular.

This is an old-fashioned show where you'll leave the theater humming the tunes, especially "You're Just in Love." Director Charles Repole revived *Madam* in concert form at New York's City Center last year, and now he's given it a lavish staged mounting. Ethel Merman created the role, Tyne Daley sang it at City Center and Leslie Uggams performs it here. Of the three, Uggams supplies the most glamor and you can feel the sexual attraction between the American ambassador and the foreign minister of the tiny fictional country of Lichtenburg.

Call Me Madam runs until May

26. Because of disputes between record companies, there never was an original-cast recording with Merman. (She recorded songs from it, but not with her colleagues from the show.) DRG Records recently issued its recording of the 1995 revival with Tyne Daley. It has the authentic sound you associate with Broadway musicals from the 1940's and 50's, and Daley captures the brassy confidence of the character.

That masterpiece of music theater, *Don Giovanni*, is currently being performed by the Academy of Vocal Arts at a series of locations in the Delaware Valley. With a large and well-matched cast, the AVA proves that it has the best singers in the area. Randall Jakobsh was exceptional as the libertine Don, in looks, acting and voice, and Christina Nava-Lamberti impressed as the most fiery Elvira in memory. The Concerto Soloists were outstanding as the pit orchestra, and conductor Christofer Macatsoris put it all together with his usual interpretive skill. This is a memorable production that can match the standards of any large opera house.

Everyone knows that Mozart wrote the music for *Don Giovanni*, but it should be noted that the words are by Lorenzo Da Ponte, a European-Jewish immigrant who wound up later selling meats and dry goods from his wagon on the streets of Philadelphia before going bankrupt.

Jewish Genealogy Continued...

By JULIAN H. PREISLER

JHSD Archivist

Jewish Genealogy is catching on and developing "roots"! Growing numbers of people are researching their family history, attending lectures & conferences specifically geared toward Jewish genealogy, and joining the increasing number of Jewish genealogical and Jewish historical societies throughout the U.S. and the world! As Marvin Balick stated in his recent article in the *Jewish Voice*, "It is our charge to leave an accounting of the generations who were fortunate to migrate to America". As we come to the close of the 20th century, this statement could not be more powerful. The 20th century holds both great joy and great sadness for the Jewish people. The chronicle of the times as reflected in a family's history is a moving testament to our history as a people. Each family's journey back through the years is a trip through the generations. Each one is unique and important to document and remember.

Genealogy provides us with a tangible connection to the past and creates a link from generation to generation. It establishes a bond with this past and with a rich and varied tradition.

To begin a family tree all you need is an interest in the past and a desire to share your findings with generations yet to come. A little bit of patience and some perseverance won't hurt either! People research their family tree for a variety of reasons. Some do it so that future generations will know the family history. Many people research their family tree because of a love of history and tradition. Others simply enjoy doing all types of research. What all genealogists & family historians have in common is a genuine interest in history and respect for the voices of the past. The following information will assist anyone interested in researching their family history. As Arthur Kurzweil suggests in his book *From Generation To Generation*, Jewish genealogy begins at home. To begin

your journey you must start with yourself. Write down your name, birth date and place, and your parent's names, birth dates and places. Work your way back as far as you can. Include other information such as occupation, siblings names, dates and ports of immigration etc. To put it simply, write down all the data you know about your family! This step, when completed, will provide you with a starting point for your research.

Next, decide what your goals are for the project. Do you want to concentrate on one family line at a time, or do you want to work on a few simultaneously? Do you want to compile data regarding both direct as well as indirect ancestors? Each person has his or her own unique work pattern and no one way is right or wrong.

Beginning family historians are often surprised by the sources available for conducting family research. Vital records such as birth, death and marriage records contain valuable

genealogical information. Other sources of information include naturalization records, cemetery and funeral home records, census records, immigration records, and wills. Most records available to the public are accessible through the appropriate national, state or local government office. Vital records from Delaware, for example, are available from the Delaware State Archives at the Hall of Records in Dover for records older than 72 years. Contact the Office of Vital Statistics in Dover for records less than 72 years old. Records such as census schedules, naturalization records, cemetery indexes, and some vital records can be found at most state and local historical societies.

The Historical Society of Delaware, located in Wilmington, has excellent genealogical records available to the public. Records on microfilm include birth, death, and marriage records as well as census, naturalization records and wills. The Library of the Historical Society contains numerous genealogical books,

indexes, resource books and other helpful materials.

The Archives of the Jewish Historical Society of Delaware (JHSD) also contains significant items of use to genealogists and family historians. These items include obituary files, cemetery records, individual family collections, biographical files, and printed genealogies. The JHSD archives has the most complete set of *Jewish Voice* newspapers to be found in the state. The *Jewish Voice* contains birth, marriage and death notices. Synagogue records housed at the archives and at each respective synagogue may also contain useful genealogical data.

The Mormon Church, through its Family History Centers, makes available one of the most extensive collections of genealogical data in the world. Many Jewish genealogists have achieved great success by using vital records microfilmed by the Mormons.

The process of constructing a family history is best learned by doing. You may want to purchase one or more of the many genealogical books available for sale at local bookstores, such as *Finding Our Fathers* by Dan Rottenberg, & *From Generation to Generation*, by Arthur Kurzweil. Membership in a local Jewish genealogical or historical society can provide helpful information. Assistance is always available by consulting with a professional genealogist in your area for complete research work, for short consultations, or for problem solving. There is no time like the present to start discovering your roots. You never know what wonderful surprises await you!

(Julian H. Preisler is a Professional Genealogist and is the Archivist for the Jewish Historical Society of Delaware. For information regarding his services and fees, you may contact him at 655-0365.)

SYNAGOGUE LIFE

AKSE Sisterhood Donor Dinner

The Sisterhood of Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth will hold its annual donor dinner on Monday, May 20, 1996 at 6:30 p.m. in the synagogue social hall.

The menu will feature blackened red snapper, assorted quiches, and an ice cream and frozen yogurt sundae bar.

A tribute to one of Sisterhood's members will be followed by a short program featuring soloist, Cindy Goldstein.

Mike Sigman, News Director of Channel Two First State News will present a talk on "Israel in the Media."

Everyone in the community is cordially invited to attend. A minimum contribution of \$36 in earned credit or cash is required plus a plate charge of \$18 for Sisterhood members and \$22 for non-members.

Call Linda, 764-4131 or Marilyn 761-9895, by May 10th to place your reservation.

AKSE Bikkurim Service

The Rabbi, Cantor, Students, Parents, and Education Committee of Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth invite the community to join in recognition of the Bikkurim class of 1996 at the Shavuot-Bikkurim service to be held at the synagogue on Friday, May 24th at 8 p.m. The students of Bikkurim class graduated from AKSE Talmud Torah in 1993 and are all

continuing their Jewish studies at Delaware Gratz Hebrew High School. The following students will participate in the Bikkurim service: Samara Barth, Paula Doroshow, Holly Echt, Allison Goldberg, Alison Gross, Judith Leitch, Jonathan Makar, Jacob Milunsky, Jason Resch, Rachael Samuels, Joshua Schoenberg, Michael Stiebel, and Matthew Tanzer. Everyone is invited to an Oneg Reception in the social hall following services.



LATE BITS

NEWS & COMMENTARY

NEW YORK — American Jewish groups vow not to be intimidated by anonymous threats to kill Jewish executives and doctors in the United States.

JERUSALEM — Shimon Peres' decision to postpone the redeployment of Israeli forces in Hebron may be motivated by political issues as well as security concerns.

JERUSALEM — Polls aside, no one can predict who will emerge victorious in Israel's upcoming elections.

WASHINGTON — Orthodox Jewish groups step up efforts to defeat a congressional proposal that would affect state kashrut laws.

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica — As questions abound over why Costa Rica chose to vote in favor of a U.N. resolution condemning Israel's military operation in Lebanon, the tiny Central American nation is planning to purchase several million dollars worth of Israeli armaments.

WASHINGTON — Orthodox Jewish groups step up efforts to defeat a congressional proposal that would affect state kashrut laws.

WASHINGTON — Recently declassified documents reveal that Raoul Wallenberg, who saved thousands of Jews during the war, was a spy for the United States.

NEW YORK — The National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Committee arrives at a new plan for future operations, averting a crisis in the Jewish organizational world.

NEW YORK — Jewish officials grapple over how to deal with Russia's move to withdraw the Jewish Agency's operating license.

JOHANNESBURG — An anti-Israel demonstration by Muslim fundamentalists here turns violent.

LOS ANGELES — The men most responsible for bringing the story of Oskar Schindler to world attention take issue with Emilie Schindler's outspoken attack on her late husband.

JERUSALEM — Israeli soldiers and Palestinians clash during protests near the West Bank town of Kalkilya.

Beyond Resettlement

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through the grieving process. It takes a few years to adjust to these similar losses and major life changes. It takes time to learn new concepts like mortgages, insurance choices, school applications, taxes, etc.

None of the Russian arrivals have been able to quickly complete vocational counseling, learn job development skills, and/or find a job earning enough to pay basic bills. Even those with good mastery of English have needed seven to eight months minimum to succeed in finding work. The extensive local layoffs have made it difficult for Americans to find jobs. Without prior U.S. experience and good English Language skills, refugee employment takes even longer. With no means of supporting one's family, its structure is in jeopardy. Without family stability, our goal for refugees to become active participants in the community will fail.

Anti-immigrant feeling is on the rise in the United States. It is up to us to constantly remind the American people of the contributions that these LEGAL immigrants make to

Mama Loshen: Yiddish Language And Culture Alive And Well After 1,000 Years

By STACEY DRESNER
Connecticut Jewish Ledger

"Yidish Loshen, Mame Loshn, Nisht earshunt, Un Nisht Earloshn." These words, lyrics to a song sung by people in displaced persons camps after World War II, expressed their love for the Yiddish language, which was all but destroyed when the majority of its speakers were murdered during the Holocaust:

"Our Yiddish tongue,
Our mother tongue,
Not silenced
and not extinguished."

And Yiddish has not been silenced. Although some say Yiddish is a dying language, there is, in fact, a resurgence in interest in both the Yiddish language and culture, evidenced by growing numbers of Yiddish discussion groups, Yiddish camps and festivals, even graduate programs in Yiddish at leading universities.

"There seems to be a resurgence at the university level and among younger people," said Andrea Raab Sherman, spokesman for the YIVO Institute for Jewish Research in New York. "There is a healthy commu-

nity of Yiddish speakers and students, and growing wide-spread use of Yiddish as a daily language."

The Yiddish language can be traced back to the 10th century, when French Jews moved to the Rhine River and began using the local German dialect. The result was a fusion of Hebrew, German, Slavic, even a dash of the Romance languages, like French and Italian. By the 15th century, Yiddish had become the mother tongue of Jews in Eastern Europe.

"Yiddish has an amazing history," said Trinity College Professor Sam Kassow. "It was the natural language of Ashkenazi Jewry for about 800 years, and by 1900 Yiddish had 11 million speakers. No Jewish language ever had so many people speaking it at the same time, not Hebrew, not Aramaic.

"Those speakers fashioned not only a religious life but a folk life, with folk music and folklore," Kassow continued. "Their everyday life was carried out in the Yiddish language. And as a result you had a Jewish culture that was not just religious, but a synthesis of religion and of the world."



Rabbi David Wortman speaks about current events in Israel at the Jerusalem 3000 celebration.

our culture, our community and our economy. The U.S. refugee program must be preserved! Resettlement still remains a moral, emotional and historical imperative. It still involves a *pidyon shvuyim* - rescuing the captive and *pikuekh nefesh* - saving souls, both fundamental mitzvot for the Jewish people. This group is being targeted at all government levels for budget cuts and restrictions on resettling here. We must continue to work together to maintain high levels of public funding at all government levels as well as collective funding within the Jewish community. Remember, this group is particularly vulnerable and unable to advocate for themselves. We must remind our decision makers that the U.S. moral position in the world is at risk. If we are perceived as anti-immigrant, how can we ever hope to deal with the ethnic tensions that have plagued Jews in the past as well as today?

We are seeing a definite trend towards disenfranchising low income people. Without our advocacy and continued support beyond the first

year, we are placing Russian Jews at risk of sinking to lower and lower levels of emotional and financial poverty. They will not become connected, active members of our community. Is this tzedakah? To bring them here and then just sit back, offer little help, and watch them drown?? Let us work together to support them socially, emotionally, and financially. The goal is inclusion not exclusion.

ORT Announces New Officers

Brandywine Chapter Women's American ORT (Organization for Rehabilitation and Training) proudly announces its 1996-1997 Slate of Officers. The Slate is as follows: President: Amy Leviton; Vice Presidents: Ellen Doran, Rachel Harod, Dorothy Bobman; Recording Secre-

tary: Karen Melnick; Corresponding Secretary: Sharon Kaplan; Treasurer: Barbara Leeman.

ORT will be having an Annual Installation Dinner on June 3, 1996 at the Waterworks Cafe. All are invited. Please contact Judi Rosenberg at 478-8336 for more information.

During the late 19th century, Yiddish became more respected as writers like Sholom Aleichem and Mendele published in Yiddish, and as the Jewish left began its political awakening. But Yiddishists, those who believed that Yiddish should be the main language of Jews, clashed with Zionists, who believed that Hebrew, the language of the Torah, should be the cornerstone of Jewish life.

"The peak of secular Yiddish culture was in 1900 to 1940, but there were already signs that it was on the decline by the 1930s, even in Poland, where children were going to Polish language schools and the Polish language was making inroads," Kassow said.

The Holocaust dealt Yiddish a severe blow, and as Jews came to America, the use of Yiddish by the younger generations waned as they began to assimilate into American society.

While Yiddish today is spoken by Orthodox families in places like Williamsburg and Boro Park, N.Y., and among Jewish academics, it is not spoken on a large scale by most of the Jewish population. But experts say that doesn't mean the language is dead or dying.

"News of its death is greatly exaggerated," said Dr. Mordkhe Schaechter, executive director of the New York-based Yiddish League, which works to develop people's understanding of the Yiddish language.

Dr. Schaechter, a senior lecturer emeritus in Yiddish Studies at Columbia University, said rather than a dying language, Yiddish should be called an "endangered" language.

"That means it could possibly go down hill and become a dying language. Any social linguist will say Yiddish is an endangered language, because dying means no young people are speaking it."

NAACP Leader Says Blacks, Jews Must Unite To Combat Bigotry

By DANIEL KURTZMAN

WASHINGTON (JTA) — Kweisi Mfume hopes that when the complete history of the 20th century is written, people will read about how America became a more tolerant nation because blacks and Jews resolved problems of the recent past and worked together to carve a new future.

In a message to the Jewish community, the new leader of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People said blacks and Jews must unite to end racism and bigotry.

"The NAACP cannot and should not go down this road alone," Mfume told about 300 leaders of the Anti-Defamation League last week in Washington. "The road toward racial reconciliation and nation-building is something that involves all of us. 'We ask that as we reach out to you, you reach back toward us.' Blacks and Jews, he said, must find new ways to deal with old

problems, while replicating approaches that have worked before. "But it also means being honest enough to recognize that where there are real and meaningful misunderstandings, that somehow or another we've got to agree to disagree, but to find in that disagreement an understanding of the other side," Mfume said.

Historically, Jews have been supportive of the NAACP — Jews joined with blacks to found the association — but have been alarmed by recent events.

Last year's Million Man March put a strain on black-Jewish relations when a host of mainstream black leaders agreed to share the stage with Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan, who has charged that Jews financed the slave trade and that Jews are "bloodsuckers" for not reinvesting in the black community, among other things. Many in the NAACP leadership had expressed support for the march, though the

group did not officially endorse it.

When Mfume, a former Democratic congressman from Maryland, took over the helm of the NAACP in February, Jewish groups hailed him as an important new partner capable of playing a healing role in black-Jewish relations.

It was Mfume, however, who first welcomed Farrakhan into the circle of Washington politics by forming a "compact" in 1993 between the Congressional Black Caucus and the Nation of Islam. The caucus later distanced itself from the agreement.

Mfume's message resonated last week with ADL leaders, who gave him a standing ovation. "This country needs a strong, dynamic, vibrant NAACP, and we are delighted and we are proud that you reached out to us in your first few months of leadership," said Abraham Foxman, national director of the ADL. "We accept your challenge and your invitation for an open, dignified relationship."

Tab For Mini-War Across Border Totals More Than \$130 Million

By NAOMI SEGAL

JERUSALEM (JTA) — The more than two weeks of fighting on the Israeli-Lebanese border cost the Jewish state more than \$130 million. Finance Minister Avraham Shochat estimated this week that the damage caused by Hezbollah rocket attacks on northern Israel totaled about \$33 million, including the destruction of property and losses to businesses and

wage-earners. Shochat put the cost of Israel's military operation in southern Lebanon at \$100 million.

During the 16-day Operation Grapes of Wrath that began April 11, Israeli warplanes flew 1,600 sorties over Lebanon, hitting 410 targets in an effort to put an end to Hezbollah rocket attacks on northern Israel. The fighting ended Saturday after the United States helped negotiate a cease-fire agreement.

OBITUARIES

James M. Rosbrow, Former State Official

James M. Rosbrow, who helped develop the states employee merit system and served as Secretary of Labor, died Sunday, May 5, of prostate cancer in Christiana Hospital. He was 82.

Mr. Rosbrow, of 7605 Society Drive, Claymont, worked for the state Unemployment Compensation Commission, where he developed and expanded the state's first merit system in order to fulfill federal guidelines for federally aided state agencies.

Later, he served as secretary and member of the state Personnel Classification Commission to set job descriptions by classification.

Other positions he held included director of the state Personnel Commission, secretary of the state Department of Labor and staff director and chairman of the state Employ-

ees' Pension Study Commission.

Mr. Rosbrow was appointed secretary of labor by Gov. Russell W. Peterson in 1970. He retired in 1972 after 38 years of state service.

He was a member of Congregation Beth Emeth, Jewish Federation of Delaware and Kutz Home for the Aged. He was a two-term president of the state PTA in the 1960s, belonged to the New Castle School Board and co-authored "Delaware Citizen," a book on Delaware history.

He is survived by his wife, Miriam F.; son, Thomas W. of Mill Valley, Calif.; daughter, Susan R. Reich of Boston; and five grandchildren.

Contributions can be made to Congregation Beth Emeth, 300 W. Lea Blvd., Wilmington 19802, or Kutz Home for the Aged, 704 River Road, Wilmington 19809.

Israeli Consul

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not enough; we need connections between the people. "The best security a country can provide its citizens is by signing peace agreements with its enemies," he said.

Commenting on the day spent with Avidar, Klaff remarked, "The purpose of Avidar's visit was to present a current perspective on a

very important series of events occurring in the Middle East. It is the intention of the Center for Jewish Studies to offer a wide variety of programs in different disciplines."

(Debbie Respler is a sophomore at the University of Delaware studying Family and Community Services and Jewish Studies. She is the President of the Delaware Israel Public Affairs Committee.)

Freschman Birth Gilbert Earns Professional Designation

Robin and David Freschman and big sister Samara Leah joyfully announce the birth of their son and brother, Jared Austin on April 19th. The proud grandparents are Ray and Morris Freschman and Dr. Lawrence and Anne Jacobs and proud great-grandmother Pearl S. Fink.

Jared Austin is named in loving memory of his paternal great-uncles.

Nachlis Birth

Debbie and Jerome Nachlis of Toledo, Ohio announce the birth of their son, Joshua Henry on April 16, 1996.

Joshua is the grandson of Elaine and Ralph Friedberg of Wilmington, Delaware and Beverly and Arnold Nachlis of Wilkes Barre, Pennsylvania.

Salomon Birth

Rebecca (neé Brodsky, formerly of Wilmington) and Michael Salomon of Bletchley, England, proudly announce the birth of their first child, George Bernard, on Thursday, April 18, 1996 at 10:20 p.m., Greenwich Mean Time. He weighed 7 pounds, 15 ounces and is 22 inches long.

The grandparents are Mary and Jack Brodsky of Fairfax, VA, the late Wilma Brodsky of Wilmington, and Mary and Cedric Salomon of Steeple Claydon, England. Other relatives include two aunts, Helena Brodsky of Wilmington and Ruth Salomon of Cambridge, England, two great-grandmothers, Eleanor Slovin of Wilmington and Isabella Caruthers of Glasgow, Scotland, as well as many great aunts and uncles around the globe.

The baby's Hebrew name is Baruch, for his great uncle, the late Bernard Schaffer of Wilmington.

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

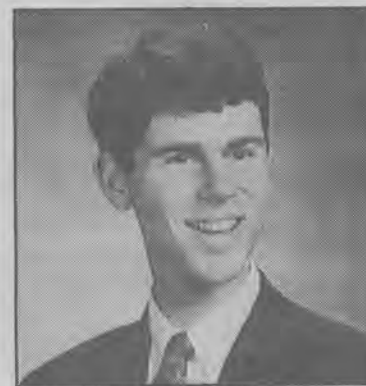
Judith B. Gilbert, Wilmington, Delaware, Sales Representative for Transamerica Life Companies in Wilmington, Delaware has been granted the LUTC Fellow professional designation.

Judith Gilbert will be honored at a national conferment on September 10 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, during NALU 1996 annual conven-

tion. A local recognition event will also be conducted in Wilmington where she will be presented with the official diploma.

Gilbert is a member of the Delaware Association Life Underwriters Association, and has been active in the profession for eight years. She is a life and qualifying member of the Million Dollar Round Table.

David Rappaport Chosen For Jewish Service Program



David Rappaport

ATLANTA, GA — AMITIM, a project aimed at redefining Israel-Diaspora relations, which pairs Americans and Israelis between the ages of 21 and 27, trains them in Israel, and sends them to a third country to provide Jewish service in the community, has chosen David Rappaport, a Brandywine High School graduate, to participate in their program for the next year. The program consists of three months training in Israel and nine months in the field.

Nearly two years in the planning,

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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.

MAY 1996

Friday _____ 17

Celebration in conjunction with Yom Yerushalayim, 7:30 p.m. Congregation Beth Shalom, Dover, Delaware.

Sunday _____ 19

The Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Philadelphia and the Young Leadership Council of the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia will cosponsor an Israel Independence Day Celebration: The theme is Jerusalem 3000. This event includes a parade; a bazaar with Israeli food, merchandise and information; local entertainment; interactive educational activities for children, par-

ticipatory Israeli dancing, and ceremonies with dignitaries. The event will take place at the Judge Lewis Quadrangle, Independence Mall in Philadelphia from 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM. There is no charge for this event which is open to the community. For more information, call Shira Kosoy Moses at (215) 922-7222.

The Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth (A.K.S.E.) Men's Club will feature Professor Vivian Klaff, Sociology & Criminal Justice Dept., at the U of DE.

The A.K.S.E. Men's Club Monthly Sunday Brunch is open to the public. Brunch is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. and the program is from 10:00-11:00 a.m. The cost is \$3.00 for brunch and the program. Reservations for non-members are suggested and can be made by contacting the A.K.S.E. office at 302-762-2705.

Monday _____ 20

Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Sisterhood Annual Donor Dinner, 6:30 p.m. in the synagogue social hall. Dinner includes: blackened red snapper, quiches, ice cream and frozen yogurt sundae bar. Program featuring singer Cindy Goldstein. Speaker: Mike Sigman of Ch. 2 News on "Israel and the Media. Contribu-

tion: \$36 minimum in earned credit or cash plus plate charge \$18 members; \$22 non-members. Reserve by May 10. Call Linda 764-4131 or Marilyn 761-9895.

Wednesday _____ 22

Candlelight Dinner and Program. 5:00 p.m. This Candlelight Dinner will feature Show Tunes with Herb Wolfson. Transportation will be available. A \$5.00 dinner donation is required, advance reservations are required. For more information, call Michelle Silberglied at (302) 478-5660.

Friday _____ 24

Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Shavuot-Bikkurim Service at 8 p.m. Oneg reception following services honoring students of Bikkurim class.

Monday _____ 27

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

information, call (302) 762-2705.

JUNE

Monday _____ 3

Brandywine Chapter Women's American ORT Installation Dinner, Waterworks Cafe. Contact Judi Rosenberg 478-8336 for more information.

JCC Art Gallery through May 26, 1996. Raphael Abecassis, internationally-known Israeli artist, will present a one-artist show at the Jewish Community Center. The show will include originals, serigraphs, lithographs, prints and posters, as well as Judaica. For more information, call Mona Allen or Ella Zukoff at (302) 478-5660.

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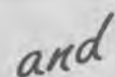
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AMITIM

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three goals have been targeted for AMITIM (literally, colleagues): to provide vital resources for underdeveloped Jewish communities around the world, to offer young Americans the opportunity to work in challenging environments with their Israeli counterparts, and ultimately, to construct a new paradigm for Israel-Diaspora relations.

David Rappaport is graduating

with honors from Brown University, Providence, RI, in May with a degree in Ancient Studies and a concentration in Ancient Palestine and Egypt. He has been accepted to Jefferson Medical School, deferring admission until the fall of 1997.

David was born in Columbia, S.C. and has lived in Virginia, Geneva, Switzerland, and Wilmington. During high school, he was a Congressional Page in Washington, D.C. He and his family are members of Congregation Beth Shalom.

AMITIM was initiated by the Atlanta Jewish Federation and subsequently joined by 11 other Southeastern federations and a counterpart Israeli committee. "By pairing Americans and Israelis at a transitional time in their lives and sending them to do such critical work together, AMITIM will not only impact the Jewish identities of those whom the groups serve, it will impact the Jewish identities of AMITIM members themselves," explains David Sarnat, executive director of the Atlanta Jewish Federation. "We will be starting to develop a common mode of Jewish expression and belief, and since the groups will consist of the future leaders of our Jewish communities in Israel and the Diaspora, we will be charting a new course for the future relationship between the two."

For more information about AMITIM, call Dan Ginis at (404) 870-1635.

Youth From Across America Travel To Israel For "March Of The Living"

NEW YORK — More than 2,000 young people from across the country traveled to Poland and Israel this month to participate in the annual "March of the Living" commemoration.

El Al, Israel's national airline, filled several 747-400 flights from New York, Miami, and Baltimore to Warsaw, and then later from Warsaw to Israel. The Baltimore departure marked the first time El Al has flown a 747-400 aircraft out of Baltimore/Washington International airport. In addition to the flights from the United

States, El Al carried a full 747 from Canada to Poland.

"March of the Living," sponsored by the American Zionist Youth Foundation, unites 6,000 Jews from 40 countries in an educational journey focusing on Jewish history, past and present. In Warsaw, the participants marched from Auschwitz to Birkenau, the World War II concentration camp, in remembrance of those who died there and in honor of the survivors. From Poland, the group flew El Al to Israel to celebrate Yom Ha'atzmaut, Israel's 48th Independence Day.

Wolfson

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Jacob Kraft, Rabbi Emeritus of Beth Shalom. The foundation, which is chaired by Sheldon Weinstein, Esq., brings to the Delaware Jewish Community lectures, and special pro-

grams by noted Rabbis, authors and educators to enhance Jewish values, traditions and knowledge. The chairperson of this year's Scholar In Residence program is Karolin Lipman.

Schott Apologizes For Hitler Comment

Marge Schott, owner of the Cincinnati Reds major league baseball team apologized this week for having praised Hitler, according to published reports. Her offensive comments were part of an interview with the ESPN television network.

Schott's apology fell short of mentioning Hitler's efforts to remove all Jews from the face of the earth. Several years ago, Schott, who owns a swastika arm-band, was suspended from baseball for making bigoted remarks.

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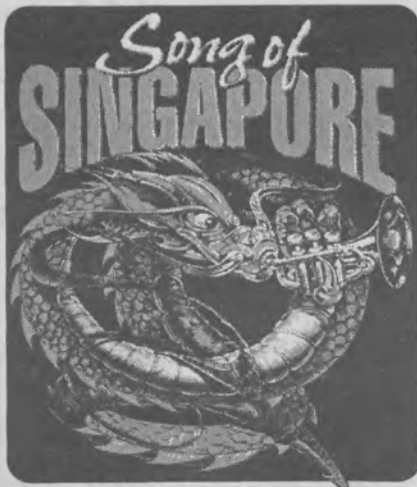
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