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Site Of Attack Turns Into Memorial As Israelis Come To Mourn And Pray

By URIEL MASAD

BEIT LID JUNCTION, Israel, (JTA) — Days after two bombs exploded here, killing at least 19 and wounding 62, this normally busy bus station became a memorial site.

Cordoned off by police and cleared of most traces of the tragedy, some bloodstains remain on the cement floor.

Close to the main road stands what is left of the roadside kiosk where the devastating explosions took place. Legend has it that no Israeli soldier finished his or her tour of duty without tasting a sandwich made by the Tzioni family, which ran the place.

There are large blackened holes in the walls, and the entire structure seems unsafe. Workers are putting up a metal and barbed wire fence around it.

Hundreds of yearzeit (memorial) candles burn at the bus stops, whose walls are covered in newspaper cuttings with photos of the dead. A hand-printed note was added, calling for divine retribution.

Flowers lay beside the candles; some wreaths, some handpicked in a hurry. A few already are wilting under the warm winter sun. Prayerbooks lay atop a folding table.

Above each bus stop hangs a sign with information on the buses and their destinations, and underneath each one is a sign in Hebrew and in English: "Beware Suspicious Objects."

Those on official duty here — security personnel and municipal workers — move around busily and purposefully. Others meander around in a daze. It is quiet.

A mourner recites the Kaddish, the prayer for the dead, and others gather around to say, "amen." Someone else begins to sob at the sight of the young faces framed in black on the walls.

Erez Bilovsky, a farmer, came to pay his respects, and "to witness the stupidity of our people."

He is short and stocky, and does not mince his words. "This makes me feel so bad. It was clear that this would happen, and it will again. Ever since we signed that stinking agreement, this is the price we pay," he says, referring to the peace agreement between Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization.

"And we'll continue to pay until we bring this government down! This government has its head up its ass," he spits in anger.

"Two more years to the elections, and we shall shed a lot of blood until then. But after that our time will come. And when we come to power, there won't be a single Arab left here. We shall move them all across the river, and have our country for ourselves. I tell you, by then even those who vote Likud will be considered leftists.

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BEIT LID, Israel - Aerial view of Israeli rescue workers and medical personnel as they surround a dead body at the site of the Jan. 22 bombings which left at least 19 dead and over 60 wounded. According to police, there were two explosions in the suicide bombing. The Islamic Jihad movement claimed responsibility for the bombings. Credit: RNS PHOTO/Reuters

Delaware's Greenhouse In Israel

By CELIA GANS

Special to The Jewish Voice

New Castle County Council President Dennis Greenhouse and his wife Liz departed for Israel on November 28, 1994 and returned on December 13.

From December 2 - 10, Greenhouse was one of 19 invited participants in B'nai B'rith World Center's Leadership Seminar "The Future of Israeli-Diaspora Relations and New Developments in Israel."

On the first night of Hanukkah, November 27, 1994, reports Dennis Greenhouse, young men lighting candles on Jerusalem's Temple Mount were arrested by the Jordanian police. A Jerusalem Post correspondent protested: was the Temple Mount not Jewish land? Could Jews not celebrate Jewish rites on Jewish land?

The Greenhouses answered this question in a personal, hand-on way. On November 30th, following a tour of Hadassah Hospital, they assisted in attaching a mezuzah, purchased with funds from a dinner given to honor Greenhouse by the Newark Chapter of Hadassah, to the door of the hospital's new Mother and Child Pavilion. "It was an honor," says Greenhouse, "to be part of this commitment to Israel's future."

On December 2nd, the seminar participants convened. From the Ukraine, a Kiev university professor in his seventies; from Denmark, twenty-year olds with stories of standing guard in bullet-proof vests, protecting Shabbat worshipers against "terrorists." (Not Danes who, during World War II, had rescued Jews in row boats, but "outsiders," "others"); from Swit-

zerland, a Geneva banker, the daughter of Egyptian Jews; plus delegates from Lithuania, Russia (St. Petersburg), Slovakia, Australia, Norway and the United States.

What followed, says Greenhouse, was remarkable, who has nothing but praise for Alan Schneider, B'nai B'rith World Center Director, and his staff. "Four years ago I toured Israel with the US Conference of Mayors," comments Greenhouse, "this seminar was even more enlightening, more informative, more provocative, and more challenging." And more demanding: days began at 7:00 AM and ended at 10:00



Greenhouse presents memento from New Castle County Council to Israeli President Ezer Weizman in Jerusalem. December 5, 1994.

On Saturday, December 3rd, the Greenhouses were luncheon guests, in a Jewish Quarter apartment, of a world-traveled, widowed torah-cover maker. What has changed, they asked, since 1990? Now, they were told, you will be stoned if you walk through the Moslem Quarter on Shabbat wearing a kippah. Later, when Dennis asked an Arab child why he was out in the street wearing a ski mask the child responded "because my father told me to."

On Sunday, December 4th, a Christian Arab professor at the University of Bethlehem, presented his views that Jerusalem was a Moslem/Christian city, and should be the capital of a Palestinian state. When asked by Greenhouse "if the Moslems, not the Jews, had conquered Jerusalem in 1967, would you expect the Moslems to surrender the city," the professor admitted that, "no he would not."

On Monday evening, December 5th, following an all-day tour of the Negev, including a visit to the Kiryat Gat Day Care Center where Russian, Ethiopian, Yemeni and Israeli children work and learn together, Greenhouse presented a memento from New Castle County to Israeli President Ezer Weizman. "Four years ago," says Greenhouse, "I met with Shamir, Herzog and Teddy Kollek. We are still asked why we don't all make aliyah."

Later on Monday, the group was addressed by Natan (Anatoly) Sharansky, whose imprisonment by the Soviets in 1981 sparked five years of world-wide protests and who arrived

in Israel in 1986. Currently president of the Soviet Jewry Zionist Forum and a visiting professor at Brandeis University, Sharansky expressed his belief that the Law of Return should not be amended. Not all Jews are Nobel Prize winners and great scientists, he reminded his audience, "some are also crooks." But Israel belongs to all Jews and, despite Baruch Goldstein and the Hebron massacre, no Jew can be denied Israeli citizenship.

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Prime Minister Rabin's Remarks On The Beit Lid Bombing

Following the remarks made by Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin (Monday), January 23, 1995, on Israel Television, regarding yesterday's terrorist bombing at Beit Lid (Sharon Junction):

Citizens of Israel,
Soldiers and Commanders of the IDF,

Members of the Security Services, Yesterday and today, we suffered a terrible blow. The eyes of many are filled with tears, and the heart aches as one sees the faces of the parents, the brothers, the sisters and the friends. There are no words which can console and heal the pain of loss. I know that the lives of 19 families in Israel will no longer be as they were before yesterday. The vacuum that was created in their family is a ter-

rible one, one which is impossible to fill. In this difficult hour, there is no right or left, secular or religious, we are all the people of Israel. And in the name of this people of Israel, which has known difficult days, and great moments, we share the pain and the tears. We send condolences to the families who lost their loved ones. We also send wishes for a speedy recovery to the injured fighting for their lives — may they return home safely.

Fellow citizens, I am proud to be an Israeli, and a son of the Jewish people which, in 2,000 years of exile, preserved its faith, its religion, and above all its hope of returning to Zion. And indeed, it fulfilled the dream of generations and succeeded in reestablishing the Jewish State in the only place in which such a state can exist — in the Land of Israel. It succeeded in establishing united Jerusalem as the eternal capital of the State of Israel and of the Jewish people. On the way to achieving this goal we went through wars, disruptions, difficulties — but we experienced painful victories as well, and made achievements which aroused the wonder of the world, and rightly so. The road was not easy. We fought and we built. Our success is the envy of many around the world.

Those who were severely injured yesterday were wounded by a new form of terrorism used by our Palestinian Islamic extremist enemies. We have experienced this type of terrorism in Israel only in the past two years. Previously, we experienced it with Hizbullah in Lebanon. This is a type of terrorism used by lunatic people who are prepared to strap explosives to their bodies, or place

them in their cars, in order to kill Israelis, and in order to eliminate the chance for peace in the most complex conflict which has existed between us and the Arab world — the conflict between us and the Palestinians. We must contend with these hate-filled lunatics, and I am convinced that just as we foiled some of their attacks, we will fight them with all of our might, and I am certain that, over time, we will find the solution for them as well. They have chosen to attack us inside sovereign Israel. They have chosen to attack us in places where they still have freedom of movement. This obligates all of us to be alert, to be careful, to warn of anything suspicious. There is no choice. The reality today is that everyone is the army and the entire country is on the front line, until we overcome them.

To our enemies we say: as in the past, we will continue to fight you, both now and in the future. We will continue building our homes and our families here. We will continue our search for peace, and at the same time we will pursue you and hit you hard. No border will stand in our way. And we will eliminate you. We will overcome you. No enemy will defeat us.

I know that many are asking, have you brought us peace, or terror? The road to peace is not easy. About 17 years ago, peace was made for the first time between an Arab country and Israel, due to efforts by then Prime Minister Menachem Begin, who had the courage to make a painful decision and pay a painful price for peace. Today, we are continuing on the path of peace. We want to solve the painful problem between

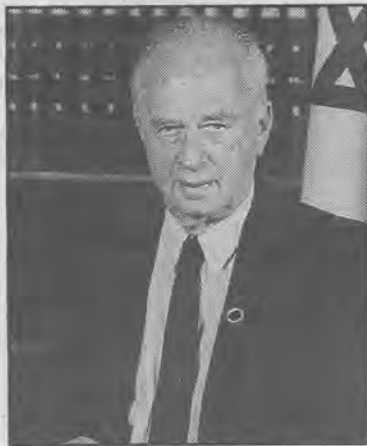
us and the Palestinians, the 100 year-old conflict. We achieved peace with Jordan, a full and contractual peace, and we will continue our efforts to reach peace. There is no other alternative. We will achieve peace, for this is the long-term solution to terrorism as well, even if it is difficult now. I am convinced that the path of Government has taken, is the path which will lead to the end of control over another people. The Palestinians in the territories are an entity different from us — religiously, politically, nationally.

This path must lead to a separation, though not according to the pre-1967 borders. Jerusalem will remain united forever. The security border of the State of Israel will be situated on the Jordan River. We want to reach a separation between us and them. We do not want a majority of the Jewish resident of the State of Israel, 98% of whom live within the borders of sovereign Israel, including united Jerusalem, to be subject to terrorism. In the short and long terms, to the borders which existed prior to the Six Day War. We must break this cycle of hatred. We must break it so that we, as mothers, fathers — and I as a grandfather — will not have to undergo the pain of eulogizing our good, fine children. I am convinced that, despite all of the pain and difficulty, the people of Israel have known how to overcome even greater difficulties than those which we have experienced until today. The residents of the State of Israel have known how to withstand wars and terrorism, and have always known how to dream about peace and to contend with enemies, while,

at the same time, building a wonderful country — one with 4.4 million Jews, and with a total of 5.3 million citizens.

We will continue the struggle to achieve peace, to build the country and to fight the enemies of Israel and the enemies of peace. We will not yield to moments of weakness. The Jewish people's special ability, throughout all of its history — the ability of the State of Israel to overcome the wars in which thousands of its sons fell — is the ability which is within us, which makes us special, and we will achieve our goal.

Fellow citizens of Israel, what I would like to say to you this evening is this: We are a strong country, we have a tremendous army, we have a great ability to achieve all of our goals if we will define them as peace, security, building and development. There are difficult moments and we have to overcome them. We must find the denominator common to us all, and thus achieve the dream of generations of Jews in the 2,000 years of exile. We will fulfill the Jewish belief in the return to Zion, in building a strong country in which we will live in peace and security.



Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin in a file photo, appeared on television Monday night and presented these remarks.



JERUSALEM — An Israeli paratrooper mourns Jan. 23 over the grave of his 19-year-old friend, Maya Kopstein. Kopstein, a female Israeli soldier, was one of 19 Israelis killed Jan. 22 by a suicide bombing near Tel Aviv. CREDIT: RNS PHOTO/Reuters.

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"Transfer — there is no other solution," Bilovsky says.

At the other end of the junction, a group of some 40 yeshiva students sit on folding chairs and listen to their rabbi. Some are attentive, others bored and sleepy.

"The fate of the Jewish people is the Torah, the Land of Israel and the hereafter. And all three are obtained with great sufferings," lectures the rabbi.

Two students sneak out, and want to speak. Amit Sterl and Amit Yedidya, both 17, are students at the Kfar Haroeh Yeshivah, a National Religious Party stronghold. They have been here since 6:30 a.m., and will stay here until after sundown to recite all three prayers of the day.

"The people are apathetic," Sterl says, and Yedidya agrees with him. "The people must rise and do something. Just because we have skullcaps doesn't make us fanatics, but the people must do something. Their voice must be heard. If 300,000 came out in protest something will happen. It may not stop terrorist attacks like this, but something will happen."

Yedidya says, "This government is crazy, agreeing to give up parts of our homeland. Of course I do want peace, but only peace for peace."

Sterl disagrees. "If we don't give up territories, there will never be peace," he says.

Then they decide to agree again, recite their demand that the people

awake and do something, and return to their lesson, in which the rabbis explain how the sufferings are meant to bring us together, not apart.

Yael, a sergeant in a base nearby, declines to give her last name, as she is not allowed to discuss politics while in uniform.

"It is painful. It is sad. And it is so frightening. I didn't know any of them, but what does it matter?" she says.

"What should be done next? Peace. Only peace can bring an end to things like this. There is no other way. It's very difficult to come here and see this, and still believe in peace. But there is no other choice. There is no other way but peace," the soldier says.

Yanai Shlomo, an Egged bus inspector, is here to help passengers find their way to the new bus stops. "I am from Netanya," he says, "and this is part of my beat. And I can tell you, what I see here is scary. I keep shivering all the time."

Although it is rather warm, Shlomo keeps on his sweater and winter jacket. "Sometimes I am here on Sunday mornings. You should see what's happening then: Hundreds of soldiers come here for their transportation back to their bases. Hundreds, the entire place is full with heads of young soldiers. Every Sunday morning.

"But things have changed," Shlomo says. "We have become fearful people. Once these soldiers came here by buses or hitched rides. Now their parents bring them in their cars.

The 19 victims of terror

By NAOMI SEGAL

JERUSALEM, (JTA) — Thousands of people attended the funerals of those killed in Sunday's terror attack at the Beit Lid Junction.

At the site of the attack, Israelis continued to light memorial candles for the 19 people known to have died in the blast. Only one of those killed did not belong to the army. The victims were:

Staff Sgt. Yaron Blum, 20, of Jerusalem

Lt. David Ben-Zino, 20, of Ashdod

Sgt. Eran Guate, 20, of Ashkelon

Cpl. Gilad Galon, 18, of Herzliya

Cpl. Ilie Dagan, 18, of Kochav Yair

Cpl. Amir Hirschenson, 18, of Jerusalem

Cpl. David Hasson, 18, of Ashkelon

Lt. Yuval Tuva, 22, of Jerusalem

Sgt. Major Anan Kadur, 24, of Daliat al-Carmel

Cpl. Soli Mizrahi, 18, of Ramat Gan

Sgt. Rafael Mizrahi, 19, of Ramat Gan

Sgt. Avi Salto, 19, of Rishon le-Zion

Sgt. Daniel Tzikashvili, 19, of Jerusalem

Cpl. Eitan Peretz, 18, of Nahariya

Sgt. Maya Kopstein, 19, of Jerusalem

Lt. Adi Rosen, 20, of Moshav Bizzaron

Staff Sgt. Damian Rosovski, 20, of Kadima

Staff Sgt. Yehiel Sharvit, 21, of Haifa

Shabtai Mahpoud, 34, of Moshav Tnuvot

BRIEFS

NEWS COMMENTARY

Clinton Blocks Dollars To Terrorists

TALLEYVILLE (JV) - According to news reports by Associated Press and other organizations, President Clinton this week froze the assets of Middle East terrorist groups and banned fundraising in the United States for such groups. Twelve groups were affected by Clinton's executive order including Islamic Jihad, Hamas, Hezbollah and the Abu Nidal Organization. Two Jewish groups were on the list. Kach and Kahane Chai are composed of followers of the deceased extremist Rabbi Meir Kahane. In addition to groups certain individuals were affected by the order including Sheik Omar Abdel Rahman who is now on trial in New York on charges of conspiring to blow-up the Lincoln and Holland tunnels as well as other public facilities.

Good Fences Make Good Neighbors

TALLEYVILLE (JV) - According to reports by The New York Times and other news organizations, Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin has proposed a separating from Palestinians with the establishment of a wall dividing Israel from the Gaza Strip and most of the West Bank. After a suicide bombing on January 22 killed 19 Israelis Rabin gave a televised speech Monday night to answer continuing concerns of Israelis over such episodes of tragic violence that have grown more frequent in recent months. The Prime Minister emphasized that under the proposal the area within the Israeli side of such a wall would include all of Jerusalem, land near the Jordan River as a security border and all of the pre-1967 land. Reports from various sources have indicated that Settlers groups and Palestinians alike are likely to oppose the wall suggestion.



Safe in Israel after fleeing beleaguered Chechnya, Borlaint Nisimov (right) is greeted by relatives at Ben-Gurion Airport. She was among 32 Chechen Jews on a special freedom flight made possible by UJA campaigns in federated and independent communities across the United States. The new immigrants reached Israel after fleeing to Nalchik in the North Caucasus, where Jewish Agency emissaries arranged for housing, food and clothing, as well as their aliyah. The United Jewish Appeal (UJA) is a beneficiary of the "Live Jewish" Community Campaign which is administered by The Jewish Federation of Delaware (JFD). This year marks the 60th anniversary of Delaware's first annual community campaign.

NEXT ISSUE DEADLINE THURSDAY FEBRUARY 2

Earthquake Relief

The following organizations are accepting donations for the victims of the earthquake which struck the Kobe area of Japan on January 16.

- American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, Japan Open Mailbox 711 Third Avenue, New York, N.Y., 10017-4014. (212) 687-6200.
- American Jewish World Service, 15 West 26th St., 9th Floor, New York, N.Y., 10010. (212) 683-1161.
- Disaster Relief Fund of B'nai B'rith, 1640 Rhode Island Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036. (202) 857-6582
- Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America - checks may be made out to "Orthodox Union," 333 Seventh Ave., New York, N.Y., 10001. (212) 563-4000.

Jackson-Vanik Amendment at 20 Years And Counting

By MARK E. TALISMAN
Cleveland Jewish News

Washington, D.C. — The Jackson-Vanik Amendment is being commemorated as a benchmark in American legislative history, as well it should be. The results have been that hundreds of thousands of people emigrated to Israel while others reunited with their families here in the United States.

It is useful, first, to define what the Jackson-Vanik Amendment is, what it did and continues to do. In the late 1960s, Jews in the former Soviet Union began actively seeking freedom to emigrate to Israel. The more they sought their freedom, the greater was the resistance by Soviet authorities. By 1972, when President Richard Nixon began to open dialogue with the Soviet government in what became a movement for detente between our two nuclear superpowers, freedom of emigration for Jews, Pentecostals, Baptists and others began to be a major issue.

Legislation was developed tying freedom of emigration with trade relations. While this was not the first time such a relationship was developed, it was the boldest with the highest stakes in modern history. The French government scoffed at the naivete of the U.S. voluntarily tying international trade with emigration, which was almost universally deemed an internal matter for each nation to determine on its own.

Cong. Charles Vanik of Cleveland, a Catholic Czech-American, introduced the House version of this amendment on Feb. 7, 1973, at a press conference with Sen. Henry (Scoop) Jackson and chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, Wilbur Mills.

These three senior members of Congress were as different from each other as possible. Scoop Jackson, who as a soldier in Europe helped liberate several of the death camps, had long been committed to Jewish interests and championed the creation of the state of Israel. It was natural for him to be a principal in insisting on freedom for Soviet Jews to emigrate.

By the time the amendment had matured and gone through the Ways and Means Committee, fate intervened and Wilbur Mills had emerged dripping wet from the Tidal Basin with Fannie Fox on his arm and, thus, into legislative oblivion. Beforehand, however, Mills, the crafty chairman, had indicated he would support the amendment which Henry Kissinger and Richard Nixon thought would threaten detente with the Soviets.

Cong. Vanik and I both believed that the extraordinary level of co-sponsorship of the amendment (260 House members voted yes) was due to a variety of reasons. One-third of those who signed on were virulently and implacably anti-Communist; one-third fervently prayed for detente to succeed and thought this vehicle might nudge the process along on the human-rights side of the equation; and one-third signed on because they were asked by a newly developing group of constituents who formed the core of what became the National Conference on Soviet

Jewry or the Union of Councils on Soviet Jewry. (The leader of the group was a constituent in Vanik's congressional district.

Secretary of State Kissinger felt he was being blind-sided by the upcoming (Dec. 13, 1973) vote on the amendment and pressure was put on me and others to delay or halt the passage of Jackson-Vanik.

It did not work. Indeed, in typical fashion, member after member stood to support strongly the principles embodied in the Jackson-Vanik Amendment. They rejected the administration's view that quiet negotiations would be the more appropriate way to achieve the goal of sustained emigration at an acceptable number (thought to be around 30,000).

By Thursday of that week, the final vote showed 388 members voting for Jackson-Vanik, an unprecedented affirmation of a human-rights requirement bonded with the harsh realities of bilateral trade relations with communist regimes like the Soviet Union, Mao's China, Romania and Czechoslovakia.

With such a blast from the House, the White House began to design a turnaround through the Senate. No match again. Senator Jackson was joined by an array of senior giants like himself: Jacob Javits, Abraham Ribicoff and Clifford Case.

On Dec. 10, 1974, all debate having concluded, the Senate voted. The vote was clear: 95-0 as Kissinger and Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko fulminated about a collapse in any emigration. While these dire predictions did not materialize, emigration only limped along.

By 1986, only a handful of families came out. Only after convincing Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev of the seriousness of this legislative device and the impossibility of moving around it, did Gorbachev begin to respond positively.

Clearly, the landmark march on Washington on behalf of Soviet Jewry in December 1987 reinforced the need to move the discussion between the Soviet Union and the U.S. to a higher plane. Emigration began to climb as Gorbachev, followed later by Boris Yeltsin, sought to meet the specific requirements of the Jackson-Vanik Amendment by casting off barriers to emigration.

Among the challenges in the slowly democratizing Russia and other countries of the former Soviet Union were finding sufficient forge-proof paper, inks and covers to produce passports, and person-

nel trustworthy enough to process the hordes of potential emigres.

The U.S. also had to find ways and means to reformatize their own processing methods for those seeking to reunite with family in this country.

Israel, meanwhile, moved as fast as it could to open its processing of immigrants. Housing was in very short supply, sewer-water hookups did not exist; jobs were nonexistent and domestic unemployment rising. The biblical conundrum had to be faced squarely: how to absorb hundreds of thousands of would-be emigrants in a country already under severe economic pressure.

As with the Jackson-Vanik Amendment itself, one had to be ready to believe in miracles. Then the miracle occurred! Israel increased its population by 25% in only three or four years. Its unemployment declined, its economy became white-hot, and production soared.

On a larger scale, the peace which had eluded Soviet and American

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LATE BITS

(The following summaries relate to late breaking stories and other items of interest many of which were not available in a more substantial form at press time. These news summaries are provided by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

WASHINGTON — President Clinton goes on the attack in the war against terrorism, issuing an executive order to freeze the U.S. assets of Middle East terrorist groups and individuals.

JERUSALEM — The suicide bomb attack that killed 19 Israelis leaves the nation with an overwhelming sense of bereavement and the future of the government in question.

JERUSALEM — Leaving candles at the site of one of the worst terrorist attacks in Israeli history, mourners wonder whether peace is possible.

JERUSALEM — Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin appoints a ministerial committee to monitor future construction in the territories.

NEW YORK — The American Jewish Committee surveys Polish attitudes toward the Holocaust as the 50th anniversary of the Auschwitz liberation is marked.

BERLIN — Three Holocaust survivors living here see some progress in Germany's ability to deal with its past.



Four months after visiting the Kibumba refugee camp in Zaire, Tipper Gore, wife of Vice-President Al Gore, met with Dr. Rick Hodes (left), head of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC) medical team in Zaire, and Ambassador Milton A. Wolf, president of JDC, to receive an update. Gore met Hodes previously at the camp where he helps administer care to 170,000 refugees. The JDC is a beneficiary of the 1995 "Live Jewish" community campaign. Photo: JDC.

EDITORIAL

No Balance Budgeted For Immigrants In Amendment

As talk in Washington turns to passing a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution, questions arise as to the wisdom of such a proposal. While the federal government needs to be fiscally responsible, a gimmick like the balanced budget amendment is not necessary to meet that goal. Given the country's anti-immigrant mood, what would the effect of such an amendment be on the rights and benefits now extended to legal immigrants? Cuts required to balance the budget would imperil many essential social services for US born people and legal immigrants alike.

If the balanced budget amendment to the Constitution were adopted, social service programs and foreign assistance could be devastated. Grants to states and cities could be reduced leading to an increase in state taxes, escalating poverty and infrastructure decline. Many community services that Jewish Federations and other non profit agencies are able to provide around the country are possible, in large measure, because of Federal assistance which would be threatened by the imposition of a balanced budget amendment.

In California and elsewhere, efforts are underway to restrict the influx of illegal immigrants. The national immigration policies may not be perfect but do have merits. Those immigrants who legally come to our shores have greatly enriched our culture and our economy. The anti-immigrant fervor that is related to illegal immigrants should not disadvantage refugees and legal immigrants with a legitimate right to be in the United States. Our interest in the well being of often vulnerable legal immigrants is consistent with Jewish values and

the welfare of members of our local community.

There is talk of welfare reform coming from all sides. Changes are due, however, refugees and legal immigrants, would be adversely impacted by most welfare reform proposals currently on the table. Jewish refugees from regions of the former Soviet Union are but one example of groups which may have difficulty resettling in the U.S. without assistance. While Jewish Federations now help in those efforts, Federal assistance is essential particularly for the elderly among the refugees.

As a nation of immigrants, the United States has a responsibility to balance fiscal responsibility with fairness to our legal immigrants. Several proposals to reform welfare would deny such basic services as AFDC, supplementary Security Income (SSI) and even most Medicaid to legal immigrants. As a result poor immigrants who are granted asylum in the US because they face danger of persecution in their country of origin would be denied all subsistence aid except emergency medical services. The combined effect of the balanced budget amendment and welfare reform suggest that essential services now provided to people who happen to have been born in another country would be eliminated.

Proponents of the balanced budget amendment have not spelled out what agencies and programs would be eliminated in the quest for a balanced budget. The focus here on the impact on legal immigrants is not to suggest that they are the only individuals who would be hurt by the passage of the balanced budget

amendment. But legal immigrants, along with others in our society who would be hurt by a diminished safety net, may not be able to best articulate their own needs to the Congress. The balanced budget amendment could result in an unbalanced and unkind blow to the least fortunate in America.

The call goes out for a leaner government not a meaner government. There is plenty of waste that can be trimmed from the Federal Government without devoting taxpayer resources to debating a gimmick amendment. Let us reform lobbyist's influence rather than legal immigrants' rights. Any balanced appraisal of legal immigrants to America would take into account the fact that immigrants pay more in taxes than they receive in benefits; legal immigrants Social Security contributions help keep the Social Security system solvent; most immigrants work earning decent incomes, and many U.S. cities have benefited from immigrant businesses. (Source: National Immigration Forum).

Remember the stranger because you were strangers once in Egypt. And remember that the proposed balance budget amendment to the Constitution may not add up.



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"Super" Says Sunday Chair

I would like to thank everyone who helped make the 1995 Super Sunday Phone-a-Thon a grand success. We raised more money at Super Sunday than ever before. The Delaware Jewish community is to be commended for its generosity (though there is still more work to be done). Thank you, thank you, thank you. It is a mitzvah.

I would specially like to thank the Super Sunday organizing committee: Deb Sadoff, Henry Waxman, Jerry Weinstein, Robin Lange, Gary Trencher, Rick Geisenberger and Kim Benjamin. Everyone worked very hard to put together a wonderful day. We must certainly thank the staff of the Jewish Federation, especially Lelaine Nemser, whose long days and nights have helped make our com-

munity a better, if not better funded, place. Of course there are the more than 60 Super Sunday Volunteers, who freely gave their time and had some fun in the process. Many thanks for a thankless job well done.

And finally, and certainly not the least, I would like to thank all of our Super Sunday Super Sponsors. Their generosity underwrites the cost of fundraising, thereby insuring that the money raised during Super Sunday goes towards the many programs in Delaware and the World. Please patronize these businesses to recognize their contribution to our community.

Again, thank you all.

Jon Foreman

1995 Super Sunday Chair

Enjoyed Study Session

The Federation sponsored study session on January 7 with guest speaker Yossi Abromowitz was a wonderful example of an event that involved participants from all of the northern Delaware synagogues, and I would like to see similar community-wide study sessions be held on a regular basis throughout the year.

Following the mincha service was an informal "third meal" during which a d'var was

presented and our guest speaker facilitated a discussion on a theme.

Perhaps the Federation, our Rabbi's and lay leaders could collaboratively organize pre-havdalah study sessions in a similar format on an ongoing basis. It is an ideal way for people across movements to get together toward a common goal, and would provide an opportunity for exchange of view and exploration of Jewish topics.

Ann Greenstein

Todah Rabah

The Editorial Committee of *The Jewish Voice* extends a special thanks to those members of the community who made Super Sunday a great success for the 1995 "Live Jewish" Community Campaign. This thanks also goes to all those who volunteered their time on Sunday, January 15 to call their friends and neighbors to ask them to contribute. This thanks also goes to everyone who answered

the call and gave one of the pledges which made this the most successful Super Sunday in Delaware's history. This year as we commemorate the sixtieth anniversary of our first annual community campaign, we can all take pride in the fact that such a strong commitment still exists among so many Delawareans.

Thanks again to you and you and you and most especially you.



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OPINION

A Religious and Moral Challenge



By CONNIE KRESHTOOL

Special To The Jewish Voice

In the Jewish tradition the commandment "Bal Taschit" enjoins "Do not Destroy" things from which humanity may benefit (Deut. 20). In fact the Jewish obligation to preserve the environment goes back to Creation itself. The Biblical mandate that the "The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof" has guided

both the church and the synagogue to undertake environmental programs of education, conservation, advocacy and action

Recently I participated in a special briefing on Environmental Justice sponsored by the National Religious Partnership on the Environment. With generous grants from several major foundations the Partnership has brought together the US Catholic Conference, the National Council of Churches of Christ, the Evangelical Environmental Network and the Coalition on the Environment and Jewish Life to develop programs that bring a moral imperative to ecological responsibility. The Jewish coalition includes representatives of the major branches of Judaism and the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council, comprising major national Jewish organizations and the local community relations councils.

The call for environmental justice arises from the knowledge that there is an inequitable distribution across racial and economic lines of the health hazards associated with environmental degradation in our country. Studies show that minority and low-income communities are continually chosen in greatly disproportionate numbers as sites for chemical factories, land-

fills and other hazardous waste facilities. The data show the incidence of cancer and birth defects to be many times greater in urban minority populations than in the general population. Thus many of these communities are faced with the agonizing choice between continuing poverty and the promise of economic benefits with their potential for serious health risks.

We heard from men and women who told of their struggles to clean up their workplaces and their neighborhoods: the African-American grandmother in South Chicago who organized her neighbors to prevent the expansion of a nearby landfill by a multi-national corporation, the Mexican-American garment worker who organized fellow workers in an effort to obtain redress from their employer for their serious health problems arising from adverse working conditions and the Native American who has led the fight in her Montana Indian Reservation against the expansion of a nearby gold mine which is contaminating the wells and destroying spiritual sites.

A migrant worker advocate, a Harvard professor of public health, a leading expert on environmental justice, and representatives of the faith groups offered their perspectives.

Representatives from government and industry laid out their positions.

In the present political climate many agreed that it is difficult to determine just what progress can be made to achieve environmental justice in the short term. In 1993 President Clinton issued an Executive Order on

Environmental Justice but legislation to make it effective needs to be passed. Rising conservatism with its emphasis on private property rights, cost-benefit analysis, risk assessments and unfunded mandates does not auger well for the future of this effort.

Briefing participants acknowledged that the religious community has the assets to be an effective voice for environmental justice: our values and principles mandate our involvement, our structures and institutions give us a presence in local communities and our numbers can give us an effective voice. In our Jewish community we noted our long standing concern for social welfare, our educated and active Jewish community and our structure for developing positions on public policy (NJCRAC) already in place.

What did I learn from this Briefing? That concern for the environment is more than recycling...It is about life and death and dignity and justice not only for the poor but eventually for all who inhabit this earth.

(Connie Kreshtool is a member of the Editorial Committee of The Jewish Voice)

Moral Inequivalency

By DOUGLAS M. BLOOMFIELD

Washington Columnist

When a Palestinian terrorist set off the first bomb by remote control at the Beit Lid junction near Natanya Sunday morning and then waited until people rushed up to help his first victims before detonating the explosives wrapped around his body to complete the carnage, he was not making a political statement of opposition to the Arab-Israeli peace process or protesting settlements policy or responding to Jewish expansion of Jerusalem. He was killing Jews.

It would seem that was rather apparent. An act of cold blooded murder. But not to the Washington Post. Although it concedes that "the terrorists lose all standing to make political claims," it goes on to do the job for them in an editorial revealingly titled, "Terrorism and the Settlements."

The Post, which has long given the impression it viewed Jewish settlements as one of the roots of all evil, at least in the Middle East, constructs what one Jewish leader called "a skewed moral equivalency" between where Jews seek to live and how they are murdered.

"Just as Palestinian terrorism drains Israeli support for peace, so Israeli land-taking drains Palestinian support," declares the Post. Whatever excuse the Islamic Jihad terrorists may have given, as if it made any difference, it is grossly immoral for the Post to buy into it.

Can anyone at the Post honestly believe if there were no Jews living in the West Bank, Islamic Jihad or any of the other Arab terror groups would close up shop and join the Jaycees?

To borrow a phrase from its own editorial, the Post is guilty of "a bloody outrage." Peter Krauser, president of the Jewish Community Council of Greater Washington, took the Post to task for its "skewed moral equivalency" and for making "no mention of the failure of the Palestinian authorities to stop terrorism."

The Post's attitude is nothing new. It used to be a common one at the State Department and it is similar to that of groups like the National Council of Churches and Churches for Middle East Peace. Those mainline Protestant organizations, unlike the Catholics, Evangelicals and Mormons, have been "quick to condemn and slow to sympathize," according to Jewish officials involved in interreligious affairs.

"With the peace process we had expected the mainstream Protestant groups would show greater understanding of the complexities of the Arab-Israeli conflict, but frankly there has not been much change. They still tend to view the Palestinians as the victims and Israel as the responsible party," one community relations leader said.

"It's a classic double standard. They refuse to hold the Palestinians responsible for their actions in the same way they hold Israelis re-

sponsible for theirs," said another.

The reaction of Yasir Arafat showed a new understanding of Israel's security concerns, but still fell far short. He called Prime Minister Rabin with condolences but sent aides to publicly condemn the bombing. Foreign Minister Shimon Peres later phoned Arafat to coax him to speak out in public and take visible action to halt the terrorism.

The bombing was apparently a Gaza operation. Islamic Jihad was created in Gaza in the Seventies to replace the Zionist state with an Islamic republic. The suicide bomber (it now appears there was only one although Islamic Jihad originally announced two had carried out the killings) came from Gaza, headquarters of Arafat and his Palestinian Authority.

If Arafat ever wants to be more than governor of Gaza, he must deal forcefully with the terrorism problem. He and his sizeable police force have considerable firsthand knowledge of how terrorists work. Now is the time to use it for something constructive.

The announcement taking credit for the bombing came from Islamic Jihad's radio station in Syria. The group has an office in Damascus and enjoys freedom of movement in Syria and Lebanese areas under Syrian control. Syria may not be able to completely shut down the Gaza-based Islamic Jihad, but it can throw it out and take a firm public stand against terrorism.

The State Department termed the Syrian government's connection unacceptable and filed a formal protest, but it will have to do a lot more if it expects to be taken seriously in

Damascus. President Clinton made a mistake in going to Damascus last October to meet with President Hafez Assad without securing a firm advance commitment for progress in peace negotiations with Israel. Assad embarrassed Clinton - and damaged his own relations with the United States - by refusing to repeat in public what he supposedly told the President in private about denouncing terrorism. A major Syrian objective in the peace process is cozying up to Washington. Thus the Administration is not powerless, and there is no reason it should act that way.

Israel's primary objective in negotiations with its Arab partners is security for the Jewish state. If the Israeli public feels the peace process is making life more dangerous, as it seemed this week, it will withdraw its support for the peace process. If Assad and Arafat want to achieve their political and territorial goals, they must deal seriously, publicly and promptly with Israel's security concerns.

Until then, it may be time for Israel to pause and reassess where it is going. That appears to be the message from President Ezer Weizman. When someone of his stature calls for suspending talks with the Palestinians and telling Arafat "to make a bigger effort" to combat terrorism, it is time for everyone, and especially the doves, to listen. Weizman is not just another rejectionist looking for an excuse to scrap the peace process. He is a longtime advocate of dialogue with the PLO and a strong believer in the peace process.

Dialogue and peace are not what Islamic Jihad is looking for. Its spiritual leader, Sheikh

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Suicide Bombers In Israel

-A Personal Message From The Consul General

Dear Friends,

The terrorist bomb that extinguished the lives of 19 young Israelis was a terrible blow. We are all asking ourselves today: How much more blood will be spilled? And to our great regret, we do not know the answer. We know that reason holds no sway with people who are prepared to blow themselves into little pieces in order to inflict casualties. No one can logic with such lunatics.

What are the alternatives before us? We could suspend or stop altogether the peace process. However, let us not delude ourselves, it will not lead to a reduction of terrorism. The terrorists have as their aim the total annihila-

tion of Israel and the derailing of the peace process is but a step in that direction. Therefore, I do not believe that the question facing us is whether to stop, suspend or continue with the peace process. Rather, I believe the question relates to Israeli interests. And they lie, undeniably, in the direction of the pursuit of peace.

We must fight against the scourge of terrorism and defeat it. We have to make the Palestinians understand that the people of Israel will not tolerate an endless series of bombings. We will pursue these extremists wherever they are hiding; at the same time, the Palestinians must confront and defeat the enemies of peace within their own ranks — and demonstrate

support for the peace process.

Now, Israel must act on two levels: Strategically, it must continue to strive for a fundamental change in the economic and social conditions in the territories. This is the only long term answer to Hamas and its cohorts. Tactically, we must pursue the terrorists and deny them the infrastructure and time at their disposal to perpetrate acts of terrorism. They need to be fully engaged in trying to evade and avoid our security forces, rather than having time to plot more attacks.

Let us have no illusions: there is no knock-out solution against terrorism. The attacks grab the newspaper headlines, but quietly through hard work we have already achieved much in

the peace process — and we have to be steadfast in our efforts. We have signed a peace treaty with Jordan and are involved in serious negotiations with Syria and Lebanon; we now have diplomatic relations with 160 of 180 countries in the world, including Morocco and Tunisia — and other Arab countries will soon be forthcoming, thus essentially ending our international isolation; and, of course, we are developing economic links with Jordan and other Arab countries to lay the groundwork for peaceful coexistence and economic prosperity.

No, these should be remembered as the waning days of Islamic terrorism. With your support, we will stand united — and we shall succeed in achieving our goals.

Eviator Manor

The Israel Consul General in Philadelphia

A Delaware Man's Quest For His Great-Grandfather In Africa

By LINCOLN ORNSTON
Special To The Jewish Voice

An excerpt from "In Search Of Dr. Livingstein," Lincoln Ornston's description of his search for information regarding his great-grandfather's life in Africa.

That afternoon I braved the Zimbabwean bureaucracy in the hope of finding Louis' death certificate. Presenting myself at the Registry Office, it was nearly three hours before I reached the front of the line:

"I'm looking for the death certificate of a Zimbabwean man who died in Harare sometime between 1910 and 1920."

"When?"
"1910 to 1920....I know. It was a long time ago. Do you have those records here?"

"1910?" (Laughter among the five clerks was audible.)

"Yes, 1910."

"You'll have to go to the National Archive. Next!"

Ignoring the clerk's advice, I now did what I should have done in the first place: I looked up "synagogue" in the phone book. Not there. "Congregation?" No. "Jewish?" No. "Temple." No. "Hebrew?" Yes, there was a Hebrew Nursery School listed in Harare. The woman at the nursery school provided me with the number of the main synagogue in Harare, an Orthodox shul established in 1895.

My call to the shul was answered by a Mrs. MacGiles, which just goes to show you that you never know. I

told my story to Mrs. MacGiles, stressing the fact that Louis may have been a cantor in Salisbury. Mrs. Mac and I were soon on a first-name basis (Mac was, in fact, Laura), and she invited me out to the synagogue for a chance to peruse their records. After a cup of tea, Laura showed me to the records' room in the basement. Unfortunately, the records had never been properly filed, and were strewn haphazardly about the room in cardboard boxes, on tables, in cabinets, and on the floor. Laura left me to it, and after a few hours of rummaging, my sole success had come in the discovery of what I was sure must be previously unrecorded members of the spider and insect families. Retreating to Laura's office, I coolly enunciated a line of which I was sure Louis would have been proud:

"Laura, I can confidently tell you that my great-grandfather is not hiding in your basement."

The next morning I presented myself at the Zimbabwean National Archive. As I was neither a Zimbabwean citizen, nor on official government or academic business, I had to explain my presence to the Deputy Director. Although she found my story a bit odd ("Did this Louis Ornstein fellow leave you any money? Did he commit a crime? Why are you looking for him?"), the Deputy Director nevertheless provided me with an official pass for the day. I was ushered to the reference section, and the reference librarian directed me to the card catalogue

while she went in search of death estate materials on Louis. I found the "O" drawer in the biographical section, and started leafing through the index cards. After a few moments I stood staring at a familiar name: Rev. Louis Ornstein, Rhodesian Herald, November 2, 1934, p.12, col. 2.

I filled out a document request form, and with mounting excitement handed it to the librarian. She, in turn, handed me a thick folder of material - Louis' death estate documents! A moment later, she handed me a book of old editions of the Rhodesian Herald. Turning to the November 2 issue, midway down column 2 of page 12 I found it: my great-grandfather's obituary. My first response was a pretty lame "Wow" - no exclamation point, as I was too stunned to exhale properly. My second response, as I began to get rather excited, was "WOWWOWWOW-WOWWOW!!!!!!!!!!!!!!"

Louis had died in 1934, in Gwelo (present-day Gweru), Southern Rhodesia. He'd been there since 1922, and had served as the rabbi of the Gwelo District Congregation. The obituary described him as having a "very retiring disposition," a man "well-liked by his associates;" the entire congregation had attended his funeral. Mention was also made of his wife and family "presently residing in the United States."

I rented a car, and armed with the death estate documents and a map of Zimbabwe set off for Gweru. The clerk at my hotel directed me to the local cemetery, and once there I found the caretaker, a fellow by the name of Watson. Watson led me to the cemetery's Jewish section - three rows of stones, maybe 20 stones per row. I walked anxiously up and down the rows until I came to the stone I was looking for:

Rev. Louis Orenstein, [sic]
Minister to the
Gwelo and District
Hebrew Congregation.
Died 30th Oct 1934.

(Lincoln Ornston is a native Delawarean who spent this past year working as a development consult-

ant in western Kenya. This excerpt of The Voice with a description of one of Mr. Ornston's adventures in Kenya)



This is the gravestone of Lincoln's great-grandfather. It is located in the Jewish section of a cemetery in Gweru, Southern Zimbabwean.

Horowitz To Teach A Literature Course

The Spring 1995 semester of Gratz College in Melrose Park, PA, will begin on January 30.

This term Dr. Sara Horowitz, Visiting Associate Professor of Literature and chair of the program in Judaic Studies at the University of Delaware, will teach "Literature of the Holocaust" on Monday evenings at 7 p.m. Her course will explore the responses to the Holocaust in imaginative literature - fiction, poetry, and

film. For more information about educational opportunities at Gratz college, contact the Office of Admissions at (215) 635-7302.

Celebrating its Centennial in 1995-96, Gratz College is the oldest non-denominationally affiliated college of Jewish Studies in North America, and is a constituent of the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia.

Arts Cuts Would Impact Delaware

TALLEYVILLE (JV) - In *The News Journal* on Monday, a commentary by Henry Hischbiel and Peggy Amsterdam listed many Delaware cultural and arts activities which would be threatened if the Congress slashes spending on the National Endowment for The Arts (NEA) and the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) as has been discussed since the November elections. Among the activities which were possible in part because of funding from the NEA and NEH to the Delaware Division of the Arts and the Delaware Humanities Forum was a

Holocaust Education Seminar by the Jewish Federation of Delaware (JFD). Henry Hischbiel is Executive Director of the Delaware Humanities Forum, and Peggy Amsterdam is Director of the Delaware Division of the Arts.

Do You Study Talmud?

The Aleph Society is making a list of the Talmud classes (whether two people are studying or a whole class) in the U.S. If you know of any in Delaware, could you let me know? Thanks. Dov Seidel 368-9207.

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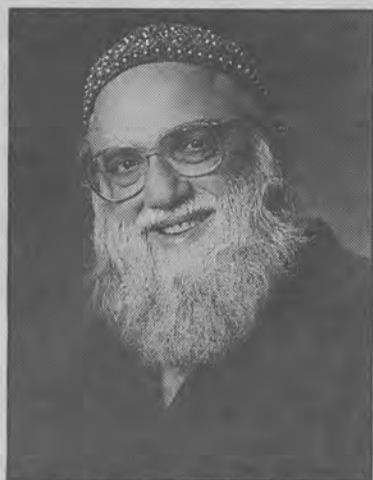
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Arthur Waskow At Temple Beth El February 3rd

Arthur Waskow, author and speaker, will be the featured guest speaker at Friday evening services at Temple Beth El on February 3rd at 8:00 PM. His topic is "Tikun Olam - New Midrashim for Repairing the World." His wife, Phyllis Berman, will be sharing the pulpit with him.

Arthur Waskow is founder and director of the Shalom Center, a Fellow of ALEPH: Alliance for Jewish Renewal, founder and he is the author of *Down-to-Earth Judaism* (Morrow, forthcoming, 1995), along with

many other words of Jewish renewal.



Arthur Waskow

U of D's Brod In Panel Talk

Can we talk? What are the psychological, social, and religious concerns in today's relationships? These issues will be explored in a panel discussion entitled "CONTEMPORARY ASSOCIATIONS: The Jewish Perspective" on Sunday, February 26, at the National Museum of American Jewish History, 55 N. 5th Street, Philadelphia.

Sponsored by the Contemporary Associates, the Museum's membership group of young adults, the program begins with brunch at 10:30 a.m. followed by the panel discussion at 11:30 a.m.

The panel will be moderated by Dan Gottlieb, host of "Voices in the Family," a nationally syndicated mental health call-in show. Panelists will include Barbara Breitman, Harry Brod, and Sunny Shulkin.

Ms. Breitman is an instructor at the University of Pennsylvania's School of Social Work and at the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College. Mr. Brod is Assistant Philosophy Professor at the University of Delaware and spokesperson for the National

Hillel Rabbi Gives The Benediction At MLK, Jr. Service

By DANIEL WARREN HALPRIN

Special to The Jewish Voice

"Martin Luther King is a sign that God has not forsaken the United States of America" - Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel

On Monday morning, January 16th, the fifth anniversary of Du Pont's A Day of Celebration service honoring Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. was held at the University of Delaware's Bob Carpenter Center. This year's celebration was titled, "Our Destinies Are Tied Together; None Of Us Can Make It Alone", a quote by Dr. King which was the theme of this year's program. It fea-

tured a gospel choir, the Du Pont "Diversity Choir" (whose diversity, unfortunately, seemed most pronounced in the varying vocal skills of its members), Pulitzer Prize winning columnist William Raspberry, of the Washington Post, and Rabbi Stephen Booth, Director of

the Hillel Student Center at the University of Delaware.

The program was ironic, as Rabbi Booth noted afterwards, since it was held at a facility run by the University of Delaware (which is closed for the Martin Luther King, Jr. National Holiday) but was sponsored by Du Pont (which is not closed that day).

The high points of the morning were the more vivid bars of musical testimony by the choirs, the

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Mengele Twin To Speak In Delaware

Sara Vigorito, the youngest survivor of the infamous experiments of Dr. Josef Mengele ("Dr. Death") at Auschwitz, will be the featured speaker at the upcoming Melaveh Malka Saturday night, February 11. The post shabbat dinner will be preceded by a Havdalah service and begins at 8:30 p.m. Her first trip to Delaware will also coincide with the liberation from Auschwitz which took place exactly fifty years ago.

Sara was born on Yom Kippur 1941 in Berlin, Germany. She and

her identical twin sister, Chana, began their lives in hiding and were eventually discovered. They then became victims of extensive experimentation performed by Dr. Mengele who had a sadistic fascination for identical twins. He tortured hundreds of twins with drugs and brutal surgery and just before liberation, Chana died in her sister's arms.

In her talk, Sara will share her legacy of trauma and her deep struggle with faith. Mrs. Vigorito was named "Speaker of the Year" in 1989 by the Speech Communica-

tions Association of Pennsylvania. She has produced a documentary film about her experiences entitled "Susan" which was awarded an Emmy. She has appeared on BBC, CBC broadcasts, as well as on ABC and NBC television guest shows. As a lecturer, she is always in great demand and has toured the U.S. extensively. Sara resides with her family in Cleveland and is currently pursuing her doctorate in Psychology.

The event is sponsored by Chabad of Delaware and will be held at the Jewish Community Center (JCC). The cost of the program is \$14 and reservations must be made by calling Chabad at 478-4400. Reservations deadline is February 7.

Jewish Educational Conference Held At JCC

By IRV KAUFMAN
Special to The Jewish Voice

On December 7, 1994, a meeting took place at the Jewish Community Center concerning Jewish education in the context of Centers. Robert B. Coonin, JCC President and David Sorkin, JCC Executive Director, were joined by Solomon Greenfield, Associate Director of the Jewish Community Centers Association (JCCA), Philip Margulis, JCCA Board Member and many other local community leaders. Local participants included Mark Caplan, Richard D. Levin, Judy Levy, Rabi Sanford Dresin, spiritual leader of AKSE, Ruth Seigel, Arnold Harris, Arlene Davis, Sadie Toumarkine, Henry Schenker, and Jean Blumenfeld. Among the local leaders participating were Irv Kaufman and Dov Seidel, both of the Editorial Committee of *The Jewish Voice*. Elaine Friedberg, principal of Gratz Hebrew High School also participated.

While gathered to assess and review statements developed by JCCA's Commission on Maximizing the Jewish Educational Effectiveness of Jew-

ish Community Centers, the discussion soon turned to the Jewish educational program at the Center and how it fits with other Jewish educational efforts throughout the country. The commission, an ongoing effort of the Association, created these statements as guidelines for centers throughout the country to review as part of setting new goals and directions for the Jewish Community Center Movement.

During the past ten years, the purposes of the commission have had an impact on the Centers' educational programs throughout the country, including extensive Jewish educational training for staff, a major increase in the number of Israel-oriented programs and trips to Israel and 50 centers with full-time Jewish educational staff members. Mindful of this, those present focused on Delaware's JCC and what it, and they, could do to tackle the issues of Jewish education within a community that is tightly structured in terms of Jewish educational roles and responsibilities.

While diverse in their communal

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Sara Vigorito, center, photographed during the time of the Mengele experiments. She will speak at the JCC on February 11.

NCJW Sponsors Two Events

Wilmington Section, NCJW, will host an Evening of Desserts for New and Prospective Members at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 9th (February 27 snow date). All are welcome. Please RSVP to Jean Blumenfeld at 478-3835 or Susan Burstein at 477-0191.

There will be an investment seminar, entitled "Women and Their Money," led by Ilene Slatko on Wednesday, February 15th (February 22 snow date). A light lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. and the seminar will follow. Please RSVP to Barbara Katz at 652-5823.

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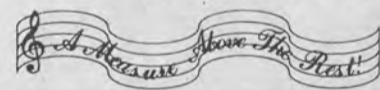
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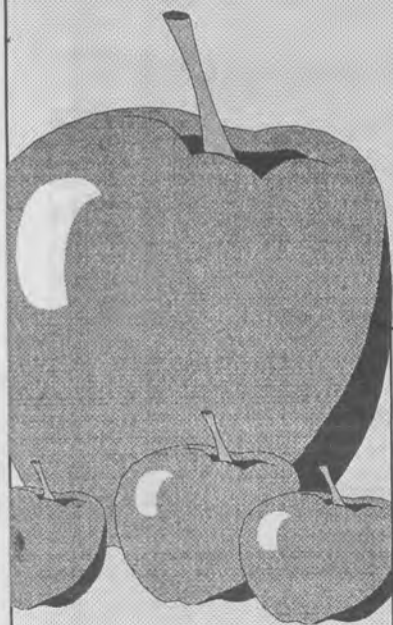
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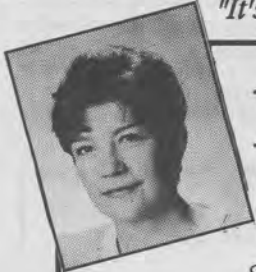
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Dover Congregation Beth Sholom Hosts Film Talks

Congregation Beth Sholom, at Queen and Clara Streets in Dover, in conjunction with the Delaware Humanities Forum, will be hosting a Winter Film/Discussion Series for five Sundays at 2 p.m. beginning February 12. This is a free series that is open to the general public. The Delaware Humanities Forum received a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities to encourage public discussions statewide. The Dover series is one of three that will be taking place this winter.

The film series is titled "The American Weave: Conversations in American Pluralism." On February 12 the film *Inherit The Wind*, will provide the context for a discussion concern-

ing evolution vs. creation: The Scopes Trial. Jeffrey Mask of Wesley College will be the scholar leading the first discussion. Then on February 19 the film *Avalon* will be presented for discussion of "Assimilation: A Jewish Family Through Generations: led by Jay Halio of the University of Delaware. On February 26, James Scott King of Delaware State University will present *Do The Right Thing* and a discussion titled "Spike Lee's Presentation of Urban, Ethnic Conflicts. Elizabeth Espadas of Wesley College will lead a discussion of "The Comic Struggle of a Chicano Against Cultural Extinction along with the March 5 showing of *The Milagro Beanfield War*.

On March 12 *The Wedding Banquet* will be shown and a scholar to be announced will lead a discussion of "Generation and Gender: Conflicts in a Chinese Family."

Each event is open to the community. Admission is free and refreshments will be served. For more information call Congregation Beth Sholom at (302) 734-5578.

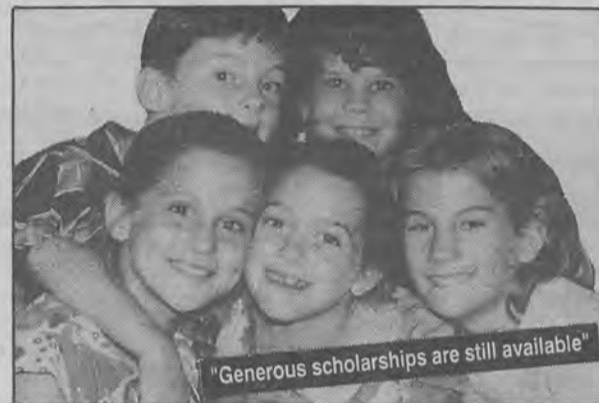
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The Jewish Historical Society of Delaware recently completed a brochure on Delaware Jewish genealogy resources. The brochure will assist family genealogists and historians in locating materials here in Delaware. It will also be very helpful to those people who are beginning to work on their family genealogy. The brochure is available at no charge. To receive a copy, please call JHSD Archivist/Staff-Person, Julian Preisler, at 655-7161 or 655-0365.

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SYNAGOGUE LIFE

The Dilemmas Of Our Day

By Rabbi MOSHE V. GOLDBLUM

Spiritual Leader of Congregation Beth Shalom of Dover
Jewish life in the modern world has created both sources of security as well as conditions of uncertainty all in one generation, even all in one country. In Israel, it is always said, when the economic aspects of life are doing well, the political life of the nation begins to falter. Today, the economy of Israel is beginning to thrive, but the political problems are indeed overwhelming. The peace process could bring threatening military confrontations, and we question how sincere the Arab countries are who have already made peace with Israel?

In eastern Europe and in many western countries, Jews have been granted equality and freedom, and yet anti-Semitism is growing and neo-Nazism is a dangerous threat. The freedom that has been showered upon citizens of former communist countries is now being used to express hatred for Jews who are no longer there in very large numbers.

In South and Central America, Jews are still considered outsiders even though Jews were living in that part of the world since the sixteenth

century. Jewish community property can be destroyed by Arab terrorists, but the government of Argentina makes a very lame effort to apprehend the criminals. In the United States, the Jew faces a very open society which, I suppose, should make him feel very thankful. But the forces of assimilation are virtually destroying the largest Jewish community in the world both in number as well as in quality of Jewish life.

The greatest test of Jewish history is facing our generation. The growing secularism within the Jewish community, whether in Israel or America or in any other part of the world, is confronting us with the question, "Do we as individual Jews have the spiritual strength to persevere in our Judaism or must we be subjected to negative social forces that will cause us to revert back to Jewish traditions? Do we have that inner desire to be part of the Jewish community or are we already stepping out of that group without being aware of the direction we are taking?" There is a definition of a Jew which might assist us at this point in our social development. A Jew is a person who has Jewish grandchildren. I hope that all of us will be included in that definition.

Delaware's Vicki Temko Lauded For Teaching Skills

By GEORGIA ANDERSON
Special to The Jewish Voice

At the Reconstructionist Convention in Dana Point, California Vicki Temko was recognized as a Master Teacher by the Federation of Reconstructionist Congregations and Havurot (FRCH). A member of Temple Beth El, Mrs. Temko was nominated by Principal Ann Herman. "I feel Vicki exemplifies the qualities of a Master Teacher and feels strongly about the tenets of Reconstructionism," Mrs. Herman said.

Mrs. Temko was one of three people in North America to be selected as a Master Teacher. In addition to a certificate and a \$250 scholarship, Mrs. Temko received every book ever published by the Reconstructionist Press.

Mrs. Temko used the stipend toward expenses to attend the FRCH conference. Sue Herst, President of Temple Beth El, joined her in California. Mrs. Temko attended workshops on various topics including: "Raising Ethical Children" and "I Feel Therefore I Am." Services were offered on Friday night and Saturday morning. Other Saturday events were an Israel program, Havdalah service, an address by the incoming FRCH President, the award ceremony and entertainment. "I was overwhelmed by all of the talented and brilliant people telling us how important we (teachers) are," Mrs. Temko said.

"Reconstructionism emphasizes family education," Mrs. Temko said. The major portion of the last day, "Education Day," was spent watching families participate in various Hanukkah activities. Songs, games and other interactive events were

actually taught to parent and child. At the conclusion of each lesson, audience members noted strengths of the lesson and possible changes.

Mrs. Temko returned from her weekend to her home in Newark where she lives with her husband, Robert and her three children. She has a Masters Degree in Early Childhood Education from Towson State University. During the week, she works for the Parent Early Education Center. On Sunday Mrs. Temko teaches Kindergarten at Temple Beth El's Religious School, and on her wall hangs the certificate from FRCH that says "Whoever teaches Torah to a child, it is as if she created that child."

What's Cooking? Hamentaschen

The Sisterhood of Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth announces its annual hamentaschen bake sale.

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Dinner starts at 7:30 p.m.; dessert and dancing at 8:15 p.m.

The cost of dinner and dance is \$15 per person. Dessert and dance only - \$7.50 per person.

Tables may be reserved for groups of 6 or more.

Please call Leona Weissman at 477-1254 (evening) or 428-0255 (day) for reservations by February 19th.

Greenhouse

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On Tuesday evening, December 6th, Greenhouse moderated a session on "The Israeli Democracy and Extra-parliamentary Activity." His panelists included 30-year IDF retired General Aharon Levran an expert on Middle Eastern strategic and security affairs; Ruth Matar, a leader of Israeli's 'green berets,' the Women For Israel's Tomorrow; Shmuel Toledano, Chairman of the Council for Peace in Stages; and Haim Baram of the Peace Bloc.

Discussion focused, remembers Greenhouse, on the Number #1 issue in Israel today: land for peace or no land for peace? Beyond an over-riding concern for Israeli's security, admits Greenhouse, "there is little ground for compromise" between the two groups.

On December 8th, the group toured the Golan Heights and Jericho. "Four years ago," says Greenhouse, "signs were in Hebrew, English and Arabic. Now, the Hebrew is gone. It's become another country."

Standing on the heights, observing from the IDF Central Command, the question of security became immediate and concrete. "From Israeli's current borders, it is now 65 km to Damascus, Syria," says Greenhouse. "At that distance, the capital is vulnerable. If we give back the heights, Damascus is no longer vulnerable. Will Syria hesitate, or will she attack? Who will control Israel's water source? What of the PLO's charter which still advocates the destruction of Israel?" Endless questions, admits Greenhouse, with no "right" or "wrong" answers.

During a Shabbat home visit in Tel

Young Will Speak On Peace Process

The February 19 Temple Beth El Men's Club Breakfast meeting will feature Toni Young presenting "Reflections on the Peace Process." Mrs. Young has had the opportunity to hear presentations on the peace process by such principal players as the Israeli officials Prime Minister Rabin, Foreign Minister Peres and Ambassador Rabinovich; the initiator of the Oslo talks, Mr. Yair Hirshfeld; and a leading Palestinian, Dr. Mustafa Barghouti. Most recently she visited Israel and Jordan in November. We are very pleased that she will share these experiences with

us. Toni Young has been very active in the Delaware community through the Jewish Federation, the Jewish Historical Society of Delaware, the Grand Opera House and the Delaware Humanities Forum.

Please join us on the 19th for an ideal opportunity to get closer to the issues and the personalities of the Israeli-Palestinian peace process. A bagel and lox breakfast buffet begins at 9:30 AM. The main presentation begins at 10:30 AM and the program concludes at 11:30 AM. Don't miss it.

The breakfast buffet is \$5.00 per person, and the whole community is welcome to join. For additional information, call the Temple Beth El office at 366-8330.

Poverty And Welfare Reform Discussed At ASKE

Professor Saul Hoffman, Department of Economics, University of Delaware, is the featured speaker at the A.K.S.E. Men's Club Breakfast at Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Congregation on Sunday, February 19, 1995. Breakfast is at 9:30 a.m. The program follows from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Professor Hoffman's topic is "Poverty and Welfare Reform." Professor Hoffman is a world-renown expert on this subject. He is the author of the 1995 World Book Annual Supplement on Welfare Re-

form. He has done extensive research in this area. Professor Hoffman resides with his wife, Susan Parker, a Wilmington attorney, and their two children ages 7 and 10 in Bellevue Manor, north of Wilmington, Delaware.

The Men's Club welcomes all to attend this stimulating program. The cost is \$2.00 for members and \$5.00 for non-members. For more information, contact A.K.S.E. Congregation, 762-2705.

Aviv, the Greenhouses encountered still more questions, these from the hosts college age daughter. Why, she asked rhetorically, must we who were born here, grew up here, and served in the Army here not be guaranteed jobs and housing? Why are these government guarantees for new immigrants only?

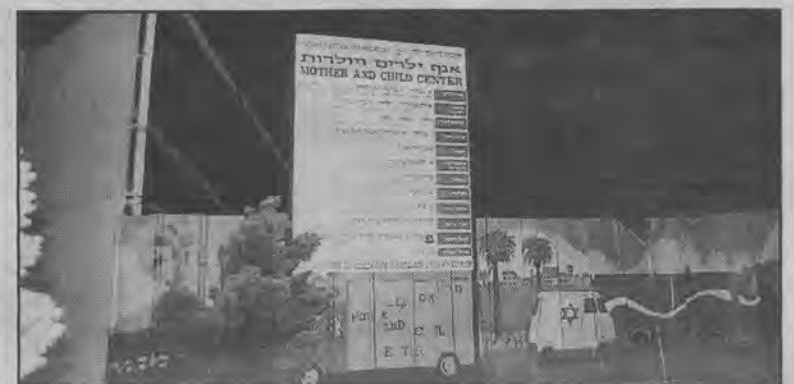
(From a New York Times January 12, 1995 front page story: "... younger Israelis are standing John F. Kennedy's famous dictum on its head. They are interested in the good life' according to Haim Ramon who broke away from the Labor Party to form his own party and now controls the Histadrut.)

On December 10th, following remarks by Israeli author A.B.

Yehoshua on the need for all Jews, those in Israel and those in the Diaspora, to participate in the peace process, the seminar came to an end.

That evening, as the Nobel Peace Prize was awarded in Stockholm, Greenhouse and his wife Liz witnessed bomb squad members crane-lifting a suspicious shopping bag from a trash can on Jerusalem's Ben Yehudah Street, as police in riot gear confronted Israeli crowds demonstrating against Arafat's award

So the Greenhouses return to Delaware, bringing first-hand reports, observations, questions and Israeli humor: Who are the two enemies of the peace process? HAMAS, and the Likud Party? Perhaps in another four years. . . .



Mother & Child Center - Hadassah Hospital, Jerusalem. Newark Hadassah Chapter provided mezuzah for door with funds from dinner honoring Greenhouse.





PANIM EL PANIM

(Face to Face with JFD People)



Judiac Pre-School In Newark

Beginning September 1995, the Children's Center of the Jewish Community Center will be offering a one day two year old program, a three day three year old program and a five day four year old program at Temple Beth El, Possum Park Road in Newark, Delaware.

The Children's Center presently offers a one day two year old program and a three day three year old program.

Registration for the new programs begins January 30, 1995. For further information, contact Susan Gentry, JCC Children's Center Director at (302) 478-5660 or Ann Herman, Director of Education at Temple Beth El at (302) 366-8330. The JCC is a beneficiary of the 1995 "Live Jewish" Community Campaign which is administered by the Jewish Federation of Delaware (JFD).

Interfaith Couples

Groups are now forming for interfaith couples who are interested in discussing religious differences, holidays, family, and other issues which arise. If you are interested in joining with others to explore common problems, contact Myrna Ryder at Jewish Family Service, 478-9411. The Jewish Family Service is a beneficiary of the 1995 "Live Jewish" Community Campaign which is administered by the Jewish Federation of Delaware (JFD).

NJCRAC Propositions

Subjects of draft propositions for 1995-96 joint program plan for action by the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council (NJCRAC) plenum, February 1995

The Propositions for which subjects are listed here will be voted on in February by Delaware representatives at the NJCRAC Plenum. For copies of the propositions or more information call Rabbi Marla Feldman, Director of The JCRC of The Jewish Federation of Delaware (JFD) at (302) 478-6200.

- Proposition 1: Poverty and Welfare Reform
- Proposition 2: Immigration Reform
- Proposition 3: Public School Education
- Proposition 4: Crime and Violence
- Proposition 5: Ethnic Relations and the Political Process
- Proposition 6: Religious Values, Religious Liberty and the Separation of Church and State
- Proposition 7: Constitutional Protections in a Pluralistic Society
- Proposition 8: Anti-Semitism in the United States

- Proposition 9: Interreligious Relations
- Proposition 10: Energy and the Environment
- Proposition 11: Peace Process
- Proposition 12: U.S.-Israel Relations
- Proposition 13: American Jewish - Israel Relations
- Proposition 14: Foreign Policy In The Post Cold War Era
- Proposition 15: Community Relations Concerns on the Campus

YLC Parties

By DANIEL WARREN HALPRIN
Special To The Jewish Voice

On Thursday, January 12, 1995, Congregation Beth Shalom was the place for a campaign event hosted by the Youth Leadership Cabinet (YLC) of the Jewish Federation of Delaware (JFD). The YLC featured international wines, beers, desserts and music. The evening was a chance for the YLC to raise money for the 1995 "Live Jewish" Community Campaign and to thank those who came, while satiating their palates. Dozens of people attended the event.

Wine and beer was provided by Kreston Liquors; international desserts were provided by a kosher caterer; and music was performed by Jerry Thompson who displayed artistic achievement and lyrical sincerity. Jerry "Crabmeat" Thompson has been playing coffee houses since the 1970s. There were also door prizes such as tickets to movies, gift certificates to Manhattan Bagel, Al's Sporting Goods, Gross Lighting, Town and Country Car Salon, D and M Electronics, and Instant Replay. The international flavor was reflected in decorations such as an American flag.

Jim Silver, spokesperson and purchaser for Kreston Liquors explained that wine in small amounts was described as good for digestion as far back as in the time of Pompeii, by a man named Plini, who wrote on the subject in "revolting" detail, as the spokesman for Kreston Liquors put it. Thomas

Jefferson once said "No nation is drunken where wine is plentiful." While America started out as a "wine country" President Andrew Jackson turned it into a "whiskey country". (When we were re-transformed into a lite beer country was never mentioned).

Jim Silver also discussed beers, including Yeungling, which is in fact, America's oldest continual brewery. Yeungling Brewery is located nearby in Pennsylvania. He also discussed Peroni, an Italian...yes, beer. He did not mention Maccabee beer, from Israel, but that is forgivable since it is not widely available here in the U.S. /he did mention that Israel makes a fine white wine which was available for sampling at the event.

He was followed by Randy Ploener who discussed the background of the desserts. He shared

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Riva Brown Offers Workshop

The Delaware Art Museum sponsors a special workshop entitled "The History of the Illuminated Manuscript: Decorative Border Techniques," on Saturday, February 4, from 1 - 4 p.m. in the Orientation Room. The cost of attending this workshop will be \$40 for Members and \$50 for Non-members.

Students will decorate a printed quote with a variety of border techniques such as Celtic interlaces and medieval vines. The workshop will be hosted by Riva Brown who has her own calligraphy studio in Wilmington and exhibits her work widely. Brown may be known to readers of The Jewish Voice for her Ketubah work or for illustrations of hers which have appeared in The Jewish Voice.

Registration can be made by phone at 302/731-9590 or by fax at 302/71-0220 or by check. For further information please contact Gary Pagano at 302/731-9590.

Spirituality In The Office?

By CHARLENE FEIN
Washington Jewish Week

Being God's Partner: How to Find the Hidden Link Between Spirituality and Your Work, by Jeffrey K. Salkin, Jewish Lights Publishing, pp. 181, \$19.95.

"Labor is an intellectual and ethical sanctuary which elevates the soul, improves the spirit, and makes workers into people of kindness, compassion, love, affection for all creations, open-hearted to all that are created in the image of God." — Rav Ben Zion Uziel.

Menschlichkeit (Yiddish for humane behavior — decency or integrity) is what we lack when striving to be "a self" instead of a "community of selves." We must combine the roles of father, mother, sister, brother, friend, neighbor and business person with the identity of a person of faith, according to Jeffrey Salkin in his easy to read book Being God's Partner: How to Find Spirituality in Your Work.

God — or Echad (the number one) — provides Judaism with "the One-

ness within us and around us, and before which all other numbers pale," states the introduction in [ctr]Being God's Partner[ctx] by television mogul Norman Lear. Lear compares the 1990s, a "troubled time," to the civil rights movement of the 1960s, with its loss in faith and search for spirituality.

The '90s mentality divorces work life and real life from "innermost beliefs and convictions." This separation, according to both Lear and author Salkin, is the evil that dooms the worker (and the workplace, as well).

Working an average of 52 hours per week, the American professional is depleted of the time, energy and spirit needed to lead a fulfilling life. Why does this pattern of labor continue? Because we rope off religion from our work, lead fragmented lives, and as a result are left feeling empty, unsatisfied and incomplete.

"Understand that we are whole people, incapable of shelving our spirits during our work hours," notes Salkin, a spiritual leader in New York. Question the price for advancement, the meaning of life when it's a speedy blur, the result of family life when a home becomes a motel to sleep in between business trips.

Salkin quotes from Jewish history using examples of productive work environments that "smuggle" religion and its virtues into the workplace. Modern and humane, business giants Ben and Jerry's — "making a better world through making better ice cream" — claims that the "9-to-5 world is as much the arena for mitzvot as is our discretionary time."

Work should achieve personal immortality for everyone. Mozart and the classic Mustang designer both achieved immortality because their work survives them. The author demonstrates that you, too, should strive for such immortality.

Salkin believes that spirituality is active as well as passive. "We search for and intentionally create moments and possibilities in which our eyes open to a reality that is beyond us, yet very much a part of us." Spirituality becomes a mind set, a way of being and an experience. Incorporating Judaism while reinterpreting our experiences is a way to join "our reality and God's reality" so that one feels God in every moment.

Strive to think of God as part of your resume, job description and professional code. This attitude can transform everyday work. Salkin documents work examples ranging from the garment business to doctors to those who comfort the bereaved. "The act of healing (in the context of a business), is an act worship" which implies anything that changes something for the better is good enough for God.

Judaism teaches that we should use the world and change it while imitating God, according to Salkin. Through creation, as in art, religion provides a "shadow of God's supernatural creativity."

Ethical struggles in work can be solved. By imitating God in careers, people can interpret Judaism and live with purpose and satisfaction. Judaism and business ethics combine to express principles of being self-critical and belonging to a moral community. This consciousness, in turn, affects not only what we do but how

we do it.

Tikkun olam (repairing the world) can happen with every holy act — and one can make every act holy. "The world of spirituality is not only in the soul or in the cosmos. It is in one's very hands."

Workaholism and careerism, so eloquently displayed in American and Japan, can be interpreted as slavery and idol worship, says Salkin. "Workaholism is the only addiction that is socially acceptable because we think it is socially productive (and that it's) required by us." The bondage of work we create can be turned around, assures the author.

Career and prestige serve as "false alters" that result in walls built around our lives, blinding us from inner truth.

To find "liberation from the bondage of the contemporary workplace," follow Salkin's eight step recovery program:

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The parents are afraid to let them come here by themselves. They don't even trust our buses. What has become of us?

"And then they bring them here, and look what happens. Our flowers are gone. We must be strong, this is all there's to it. We must be strong," Shlomo concludes.

A car slowly pulls out of the parking lot, displaying two stickers on its back window: "The People Are With the Peace," and "Peace Is A Different Height," referring to the Golan Heights.

The young people inside are Mali Pinhas, from Ra'anana, and her boy-

Amendment

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leaders for decades and, therefore, depressed emigration from Russia, was suddenly a possibility.

When President Bill Clinton decided that the People's Republic of China no longer needed to be subject to the requirements of the Jackson-Vanik Amendment, how could he resist doing the same for Russia's Yeltsin, who was really on the ropes. If we are really the friends of Russia we profess, how could we not remove Jackson-Vanik requirements from Russia's trade relationship with our country? It has been removed.

Yet the Jackson-Vanik Amendment has not been repealed from the statute books. This amendment continues to apply to Romania, Bulgaria and other economies in transition where the issue of human rights remains in question. It is also very possible to resurrect the amendment should any country restrict emigration again.

As the Jackson-Vanik Amendment is examined and dissected ad nauseum during this, its 20th year, we all should raise a glass to toast the memory of the late, great Henry (Scoop) Jackson of Washington state and to Cong. Charles Vanik, healthy and vigorous in his 84th year. Think how many babies now growing up in Israel or the U.S. owe their freedom to these legislators, to the tens of thousands of brave refuseniks and prisoners of conscience, and to the thousands upon thousands of volunteers who tirelessly insisted on a complete victory. (Mark E. Talisman was former ad-

1) Get a life (outside of work), 2) Discover Sabbath (it's more than candles, wine and services), 3) Pray daily, 4) Don't define yourself by job or career ("to God, nothing is wasted"), 5) Accept failure on the path to success, 6) Stop trying to be perfect, 7) Accept limits and boundaries, and 8) Make room for God in your successor.

In the words of Moses (Deut. 8): "when you have eaten your fill and have build fine houses to live in and your herds and flocks have multiplied and your silver and gold have increased and everything you own has prospered, beware lest your heart grow haughty and you forget the Eternal your God ..."

The price of prosperity may try to entail poverty of the soul, but "to work in the world can be our way of stating that we have a hand in the orderly maintenance of the cosmos."

friend, Yaron Toledano, from Migdal Ha'emek. "No, we were not afraid to come here with our peace stickers. Why should we be?" Toledano asks.

This is horrible, what happened here," he says.

"But this is the price of peace. And peace is the only solution. Total separation between us and them. We must draw a line between us and them, and increase our peace efforts. We must also increase our awareness, be always on guard, always on the lookout for bombs and for terrorists.

The future, our future lies in peace. The future of our children depends on it," says Toledano.

ministrative assistant to Cong. Charles A. Vanik and manager of the Jackson-Vanik legislation in the House of Representatives.)

YLC

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little-known facts about after meal treats — such as the fact that Baklava, which many think of as a Greek dish, is actually an Arab delight brought to the Greeks by their Turkish invaders over a century ago.

There were also speeches by Pam-Sue Schwartz, Chair of YLC, and Sharon Mittleman, President of YLC, and one, in particular, by Barbara Schoenberg, on fundraising for the Jewish Federation of Delaware.

"This is your community," Barbara said. She called Delaware's Jewish community vibrant. She reminded those present that this community supports a division of the Philadelphia Gratz School, the Jewish Community Center (JCC), Jewish Family Service (JFS), Albert Einstein Academy, and the Milton and Hattie Kutz Home. She described how the community stuck together in times of crisis: after the Gulf War, the JFD raised \$1.3 million. Further, "We've gone from \$1.3 million in 1993 to just shy of \$1.5 million in 1994."

But, she said, \$2 million is needed in 1995. Near the end of her speech, she described her mandate of moral impetus, inviting us to share it, "Being Jewish is a privilege. It is also a responsibility."

For more information about the 1995 "Live Jewish" community Campaign or about YLC call 478-6200.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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.

JANUARY 1995

Sunday _____ 29

A.K.S.E. Men's Club Breakfast and Speaker, Social Hall, A.K.S.E. Brunch at 9:30 a.m. Open to all congregants. State Representative Dave Ennis. Topic: Community Revitalization.

Tuesday _____ 31

Y.J.A.D. (Young Jewish Adults of Delaware) Chavurah Discussion. Myrna Ryder of Jewish Family Services will be discussing "Why we eat?" Call Merrilee Wolf for directions and precise time at (302) 477-1302.

FEBRUARY

Friday _____ 3

Arthur Waskow, author and speaker, will be the featured guest speaker at Friday evening services at Temple Beth El. His topic is "Tikun Olam - New Midrashim for Repairing the World." His wife, Phyllis Berman, will be sharing the pulpit with him.

Thursday _____ 9

Y.J.A.D. (Young Jewish Adults of Delaware) Billiard Night. Join us at Tyler's on Route 202 North in Chadds Ford for a night of billiards, air hockey and other games. Event starts at 7:30 p.m. Call David at (302) 992-0400 [w] or (609) 678-8029 [h] for details.

NCJW hosts an Evening of Desserts for New and Prospective Members at 7:30 p.m. RSVP to Jean Blumenfeld at 478-3835 or Susan Burstein at 477-0191.

Sunday _____ 12

Beth Emeth Brotherhood Breakfast Programs, 9 a.m. at Beth Emeth. Speaker: Robert Walker, Manager of Wilmington Suburban

This month marks the 50th anniversary of the liberation of the Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camps.

Water Company. Topic: "Meeting Water Quality Regulations in the 90's". The cost for breakfast is \$3.00 per person. Contact: Phil Fishgold, 798-5185.

Wednesday _____ 15

An NCJW investment seminar, entitled "Women and their money," will be led by Ilene Slatko. Lunch starts at 11:30 a.m. and the seminar follows. RSVP to Barbara Katz at 652-5823.

Saturday _____ 18

Y.J.A.D. (Young Jewish Adults of Delaware) House Party at the Gross Mansion. Come help us initiate Phil's new house. Hors d'oeuvres and light refreshments will be served. The party will begin at 8:30 p.m. Call Phil Gross at (302) 652-6688 [h] for reservations.

Sunday _____ 19

Temple Beth El Men's Club Breakfast Meeting will feature Toni Young, President of the Jewish Federation of Delaware, presenting "Reflections on the Peace Process." Breakfast begins at 9:30 AM. The presentation is at 10:30 AM concluding at 11:30 AM. Cost is \$5.00. All are welcome. Call Temple Beth El at 366-8330.

Saturday _____ 25

AKSE Sisterhood Annual Square Dance & Dinner.

Sunday _____ 26

Y.J.A.D. (Young Jewish Adults of Delaware) Sunday Brunch. We will meet at Stanley's on Foulk Road at 11:30 a.m. to sample their extensive brunch menu. Please call Michele at (302) 892-4255 [w] for further info.

MARCH

Sunday _____ 12

AKSE Purim Carnival.

Ongoing

"Coming To Delaware: The Amish, Jewish and Italian Farm Communities" will be on display through June 30, 1995. The exhibit will feature the stories of three ethnic groups which settled on farms in Delaware during the first quarter of the 20th century. The goal of the exhibit will be to foster an understanding of multicultural differences and similarities in farming and farm life in Delaware. The history of why the Amish, Italians and Jews migrated to Kent County, Delaware, how they approached farming, their

success as farmers, and their lifestyles will be explored in the exhibit.

Protection From Abuse Seminars. The Project For Domestic Violence Reform, Inc. will sponsor monthly seminars on the use, filing and hearing of Protection From Abuse Petitions by victims of domestic violence. The seminars will be conducted by an attorney trained and experienced in family law. It will be the fourth Wednesday of every month from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at the Delaware Technical and Community College, Wilmington Campus, Fourth and Orange St., and is open to the public without charge.

The new Protection From Abuse Act makes it possible for victims of domestic violence to get protection from their abusers without bringing a criminal action. Victims can request no contact orders; removal of deadly weapons; and custody of children and support for a limited time. The seminars will provide information and answer questions about how to obtain and use these petitions.

Handbook Available On Internship Opportunities In Israel. Have you ever considered working in Israel as an intern or volunteer? A book, entitled *Volunteer and Internship Possibilities In Israel*, can make that dream a reality. Published by the Joint Authority for Jewish-Zionist Education, this handbook is perfect for students, young professionals and potential *olim* interested in exploring employment opportunities in Israel.

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Moral

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Abdullah Shami, was boasting this week from Damascus and promising repeat performances. "It's an open war between us and Israel which won't be settled with one operation here and another operation there. The solution lies in the uprooting of the cause of the problem...the State of Israel."

Amnon Rubenstein, Israel's education minister, seemed to have that threat in mind when he spoke at a Yad Vashem ceremony marking the 50th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz. "To our enemies, to those who kill us, we say: One thousand attacks and acts of sabotage will not do us in. We, the Jewish people, will win."

Sounds like both men understand the heart of the conflict. And it's not settlements. Maybe they just don't read the Washington Post.

(Douglas M. Bloomfield is a former AIPAC official who writes about international affairs of interest to readers of Jewish newspapers. His columns are sent to *The Jewish Voice* via E-Mail).



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FINK-DRINANE

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The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Drinane Sr. She graduated from Conestoga Valley High School and the University of Delaware and is the manager of The Placers Inc.

The bridegroom is the son of Doctor and Mrs. Fred S. Fink of Forest Hills Park and the grandson of the late Doctor Samuel M. Fink and Mrs. Pearl S. Fink of the Park Plaza. He graduated from Wilmington Friends School, the University of Delaware and the University of Maryland School of Dentistry.

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OBITUARIES

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MARTIN S. APPLEBAUM

On January 7, Martin S. Applebaum, age 78, of 3120 Naamans Road, Wilmington, DE died. He was the husband of Frances Applebaum; father of Allan Applebaum and Amy Glazier, both of Wilmington; brother of Arthur and Leonard, both of Philadelphia. He is also survived by 5 grandchildren and one great-grandson.

The family suggests contributions to the charity of your choice.

ETHYL CONCORS

Ethyl Concors, 84, of 7807 Governor Printz Blvd., Claymont, died January 10 of a heart attack in Wilmington Hospital.

Mrs. Concors was a bookkeeper at Concors Supply Co. for 33 years, retiring in 1972.

She was a member of Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Congregation, Wilmington, and past president of its Sisterhood; and past president and a founder of the Wilmington chapter of ORT; and a member of Hadassah, Chapel of the Four Chaplains, B'nai B'rith and National Council of Jewish Women.

Her husband, Arnold K. Concors, died in 1974. She is survived by two sons, Sanford of Claymont and Gary of Northminster; a daughter, Terry Sipress of Wembley; two brothers, Isadore Director of Green Acres, Fla., and Joseph Director of Plymouth Meeting, Pa.; and seven grandchildren.

The family suggests contributions to the Del. Heart Assn., 1096 Old

Churchmans Rd., Newark, DE 19713.

RICHARD FISHER

Richard A. Fisher, a real estate developer, died January 17 of complications from a stroke in St. Francis Hospital. He was 76.

Mr. Fisher, of 2831 Grubb Road, Brandywine Hundred, was president of Fisher Development Co. for 30 years. He built Albertson Park, Brandywine Springs Manor, Brandon I and II, and many houses in Newark and on U.S. 40. Earlier, he worked for the Fisher Family Boutique at Ninth and Market streets, Wilmington.

He was a Navy veteran of World War II.

Mr. Fisher was a graduate of Tower Hill School and attended Drexel University School of Merchandising and the Poor Richard School of Advertising, Philadelphia.

An avid golfer, he was a member of Cavalier Country Club.

Surviving are his wife, Willie Robinson Fisher; and daughter, Nina Fisher of Wilmington.

The family suggests contributions to American Lung Association.

GROSS-PURSE

Gross-Purse — On January 10, Hannah "Honi" Gross Purse of Newark died at age 28. She was the wife of Scott A. Purse; daughter of Dr. Elmer and Sarita Gross of Jerusalem, Israel; sister of Drora Chrap of Charleston, SC, Michael Gross of Birmingham, AL, and Leslie Gross

of Wilmington. The family suggests contributions to Albert Einstein Academy, 101 Garden of Eden Rd., Wilm, DE 19803 or to Dave Garroway Labs, 111 N. 49th St., Phila., PA 19139-2718, attn: Allen Guenberg, M.D. Director.

HELEN DAVIS JOHNSTON

Helen Johnston, 86, of Hallendale, Florida died December 26, 1994. Mrs. Johnston, formerly of Wilmington, Delaware, retired to Florida in 1969.

Helen Johnston was co-owner of the retail business West's Youth Center with her late husband, Herbert. West's was located on Market Street in Wilmington and Rehoboth Avenue in Rehoboth Beach. When Helen retired to Florida she was very active in Hadassah and her condominium social affairs. She is survived by her daughter, Lois Stape of Boca Raton, Florida; her two sisters, Jean Grier of Boca Raton and Mildred Kaplan of Fort Lauderdale, Florida; her two grandsons, Jeffrey and Michael of Wilmington, Delaware and her two great-grandchildren, Pamela and Mark.

CRAIG PRICE

KENNETT SQUARE, PA — Craig Price, bass guitarist with the popular Delaware band The Snap died January 23 of a heart attack in the hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia. He was 29 and lived at 222 N. Mill Road.

Mr. Price and the band performed in Philadelphia and at the New Jersey shore but were well-known at Delaware beaches. The quintet made its first recording in 1989, which included such favorites as, "If I Were King" and "Blow Me Away."

He was a sales representative for Samuels International, a Canadian company with an office in Glen Mills.

He was a member of Steel Distributors Association and a fifth generation member of Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Congregation, Wilmington.

He is survived by his parents, Robert and Georgene Price of Lenape; a brother, Keith of Landenberg; a sister, Samantha Reiter of Newark, Del.; his maternal grandparents, Charles and Barbara Alpera of Wilmington; and his fiancée, Sue Coffey of Kennett Square.

The family suggests contributions to Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of

America, 521 Bustleton Pike, Feasterville, PA.

LOUIS TOPKIS WEINSTOCK

Louis T. Weinstock, 57, southwest Kansas City, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Solomon Weinstock, died Jan. 5, 1995, at Research Medical Center. Services were Jan. 6; burial in Eretz HaChaim Cemetery, Beth Shemesh, Israel. The family suggests contributions to the Hyman Brand Hebrew Academy. Mr. Weinstock was born in Wilmington, Del., and lived in Knob Noster, Mo., before he moved to Kansas City in 1959. He was manager of analytical instrumentation for Dymon Inc. for five years. He received a bachelor's degree in chemistry from the University of Missouri-Columbia and master's and doctorate degrees in chemistry from the University of Missouri-Kansas City. He was past president of Congregation Beth Israel Abraham and Voliner. He was a member of the Chabad House. Survivors include his wife, Chana Weinstock of the home; two daughters, Stephanie Weiss and Debbie Blachor of Jerusalem; a son, Moshe Simcha Weinstock of the home; three sisters, Esther Schneier and Marion Lincoln of Coconut Creek, Fla., and Charlotte Grabis, Marlton, N.J.; and five grandsons.

affiliations, everyone had a core concern about Jewish education. Until now, however, this group had not been given the opportunity for open and frank discussion. This was the first time in recent history that people committed to Jewish education in all its forms, frustrated at the lack of a community arena to discuss these issues, had the occasion to act on them collectively. "We have forgotten how to talk to one another about this critical issue. All we do is protect our borders," stated one participant.

Sol Greenfield, in closing the meeting, said, "This was a great gathering and we think the community benefited a lot. What was uncovered was a vast reservoir of interests and commitment to Jewish education and a call to do something about it. Now it's up to the community to take the next step. It was a great beginning." The leadership of the JCC agreed, promising to move the issue forward.

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Words & Music Crazy For Gershwin

By STEVE COHEN
Special to The Jewish Voice

Gershwin's *Crazy For You*, at the Playhouse this week, deserves all the awards it's received. This is a refreshingly old-fashioned fun musical, beautifully designed and staged.

It's second-biggest asset is the choreography by Delawarean Susan Stroman—elaborate and inventive.

Crazy For You's greatest asset, of course, is the music by George and Ira Gershwin. George was known for incessantly playing his own music at parties. He once asked his friend Oscar Levant: "Do you think my music will be played fifty years from now?"

The acerbic Levant replied: "It will be if you're still around."

Gershwin is long departed but his music is very much with us. We discussed his serious music for *Porgy And Bess* a few weeks ago, and now, happily, we have a chance to hear and talk about his lighter music.

Of all the popular Gershwin shows from the 1920's and 30's, I always liked *Girl Crazy* best. Its score contained "Embraceable You," "I Got Rhythm," "But Not For Me" and "Bidin' My Time." Its plot was about a Manhattan playboy who's sent by his rich father to a Colorado dude ranch to cure his gambling and womanizing problems, and there he falls in love with the local postmistress.

Girl Crazy has been revived occasionally on stage—I've performed in it—and it was recently recorded on the Elektra label. This is a superb CD, worth owning for its historical value and for the sheer pleasure of the music.

This current production of *Crazy For You* is a re-working of *Girl Crazy*. Despite my personal ties to *Girl Crazy*, I applaud the achievement of the adaptation. The plot has been manipulated a bit; it's been turned into more of a dancing show, and it

provides two hours of light entertainment that's thoroughly accessible to a 1990's audience.

The production of Larry Minetta's new play, *Italian Funerals*, that's currently at the Walnut Street Theater begs for direct comparison with Donald Margulies' *What's Wrong With This Picture?* that was produced on Broadway in December. Both are dramas about ethnic families and both center around a death.

Margulies' play flows naturally and is full of laughs. Minetta's is awkward and contrived and filled with stereotypes. It has more convoluted

melodrama than most operas. *Italian Funerals* does contain fine acting by Tom Teti.

He speaks his Italian lines with great flair. Teti told me that he had to learn those words for this play. His parents saved the Italian language for secrets from their children, just as many Jewish parents kept Yiddish as a private code.

Bruce Jay Friedman, like Margulies, has an excellent reputation for inventive writing. His latest play, *Have You Spoken To Any Jews Lately?*, had its world premiere last week and is currently running at the American Jewish Theater in New York.

Friedman's new work is a black comedy with a very serious undercurrent. The residents of a northeastern American town start noticing that their Jewish neighbors are disappearing. Some accept the fact passively; those who are willing to make an effort can't find out what's happened to their Jewish acquaintances. This is exciting, challenging theater.

To anyone who seriously follows the arts, no season is complete without at least one visit to the Metropolitan Opera and to Carnegie Hall. So far this year I've seen just one Met production, and its a highly-recommendable *Elisir D'amore* (The Elixir of Love.) This bubbly production has all the panache that makes the Met America's standard-setting opera house, and the cast—new this year—includes Jerry Hadley, known for his past performances of Bernstein music, Ruth Ann Swenson, who trained for three years in the Delaware Valley at the Academy of Vocal Arts, and Paul Plishka, originally from Old Forge, PA.

Aside from their local connections, these three are worth seeing for their fine singing and acting. Hadley seems to be a worthy new star tenor, boyishly handsome and with his own lyric style.

At Carnegie Hall, James Levine conducted a program of Richard Strauss this week, underscoring my opinion that the German composer has not been matched in this century for combining rich orchestral color with great vocal music. Levine and the Met Orchestra were in their element here, and the effect was awesome.

Coming in my next column, as Academy Award and Grammy Award nominees are being discussed: my pick of the top recordings of 1994.

leave behind ones country of birth plus their precious possessions. This understanding was expressed in a thank you letter sent by one of the students:

Dear Ms. Burman,
Thank you for inviting us to your center to learn about how you bring in people from different countries to America. I know you put in a lot of time into what you do like talking to people, making sure they get here safe and sound and making sure they bring what they need in two suitcases. I also know you appreciate their wanting to come to America.
Sincerely,
Andrea

Hillel

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speech by William Raspberry and the benediction by Rabbi Stephen Booth. Raspberry spoke on the importance of building an inclusive sense of community, and the danger that we were losing it right now. He called our lack of "spiritual community", that is, our fear of a community spirit and our lack of faith in it working, a crisis. He warned that we all need to stop focusing on enemies instead of problems or else we will perpetuate a cycle of perpetual victims trying to prove they have been wronged more than to do right, seeking to blame instead of taking responsibility. Although many people have done wrong, he said, we must make the wrongdoing, the problem, our focus, not the demonization of the wrongdoer.

Raspberry pointed out that this was especially true since many enemies have the same problems, and because, as Dr. King said, the best way to defeat an enemy is to turn him into an ally. He reminded the assemblage that Mandela actually invited his former prison guards to his swearing-in as President, and look how far this spirit has taken him. He hoped we could see the value of Mandela's message and the danger of the former Yugoslavia's from a distance, and apply this knowledge at home.

In his benediction, Rabbi Booth described himself as personally connected to the Civil Rights movement, and Dr. King as a martyr and a leader sent by God "As a sign that God has not forgotten the United States of America", quoting a hero of his who marched alongside Dr. King, Rabbi Heschel. Booth repeated Heschel's quote that "Racism is Satanism, unmitigated evil. To think of another human in terms of white, black or yellow is more than error. It is...a cancer of the soul." He called the Jewish connection to the Civil Rights Movement one of moral responsibility, a holy obligation.

He described the shared religious roots of Judaism and Christianity based not on dogmatic elitism or one-upsmanship to be the chosen few, but based on shared qualities. He said that Jewish tradition states that a single human was created to be the father of all people, so that none could say, "my father is greater than your father." Booth described the evil of racism as indivisible from prejudice as a whole, including anti-Semitism, and as the single greatest threat to humankind.

The Rabbi said that it was a "powerful confluence" that this year's MLK Jr. Day was coincided with Tu b'shevat, the full moon of the lunar moon of Shevat, on which Jews celebrate the planting of trees, our connection to roots, our desire for growth, and our relationship with the earth. It was an appro-

priate metaphor for the relationship between Jewish and African Americans, which has split off at times, but remains intertwined out of a necessity to recreate the world in God's image. The Hillel director quoted Rabbi Hillel's maxim "If I am not for myself, who will be for me?"

If I am only for myself, what am I? And if not now, when?" to suggest the need for distinct communities to work together.

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At JFS Students Learn About Refuges

A group of students from Springer Junior High School visited Jewish Family Service as part of their studies of Folklife in Delaware.

Included in the group were Greg Jenkins, Manager of the Delaware Folklife Program and two Springer JHS teachers, Julie Cook and Noreen O'Neill.

There was a lively round of questions posed to Roberta Burman, Director of Emigré Services about the refugees she assists with their resettlement in the Wilmington area from countries such as Iran, Russia and Bosnia.

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