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Nisson Finkelstein, Scholar, Businessman, Dies

By PAULA BERENGUT

Nisson A. Finkelstein, 64, a member of the Editorial Committee of *The Jewish Voice* and former president of the Jewish Federation of Delaware, died October 24. At funeral services held at Congregation Beth Shalom in Wilmington on October 25, Rabbi Herbert Yoskowitz called Dr. Finkelstein "one of the noblest men I have ever known."

Born in Milton, Massachusetts, Dr. Finkelstein was a graduate of Harvard University and earned a doctorate in physics from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

In 1950, he joined Bausch and Lomb to direct its research and development. He later worked at General Dynamics as vice president for research and engineering. In the late 1960s, he acquired a division of International Latex Corporation and transformed it into ILC Industries of Dover. That company designed and constructed space suits for the Apollo program and continues to produce high-tech suits for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. He also headed his own consulting firm in the Wilmington area until his death.

Dr. Finkelstein was a columnist for *The Jewish Voice* for over 10 years, writing under the pen name N. Even-Or — Finkelstein in Hebrew. In this thought-provoking opinion column he covered a wide range of topics

including education, religion, politics, philosophy and family.

Active in Jewish education, Dr. Finkelstein served as a board member and past president of Albert Einstein Academy. He was also a scholar of Jewish and biblical studies, teaching a weekly *mishnah* class in his home until just a few weeks ago.

Dr. Finkelstein "was a chip off the old block — a true son of Abraham," said Rabbi Kenneth Cohen, former rabbi of Congregation Beth Shalom in Wilmington. Cohen explained that Abraham is referred to as the "first *ivri*," a phrase which is sometimes interpreted to mean someone who stands on the other side. "Nisson lived up to his ancestral inheritance. He was never afraid to stand up for his beliefs," Cohen said. As examples he cited Hebrew day school education, adult education and the State of Israel, all of which Dr. Finkelstein stood up and fought for, sometimes against the majority. "He had a lot of guts," Cohen said.

Rabbi Chuni Vogel, a friend of Dr. Finkelstein's, echoed Cohen's sentiments. "Nisson was the epitome of what a Jew should be," he said. "He did what had to be done, no matter what the majority thought. He was never swayed by others' opinions. This is how Jews have survived over the centuries. Nisson was a true Jew in that sense."

In 1976, Dr. Finkelstein, with his wife, Rona, and two sons, travelled to the Soviet Union to meet with refusenik families, including Vladimir Slepak and Yuli Kosharovskiy. "We feel strongly that this should be a top priority for American Jews. It is painful to know that we are doing less than the best when the need in the U.S.S.R. is so great and so urgent," he wrote upon his return home. Dr. Finkelstein followed this visit up by attending a conference on resettlement problems for Soviet Jews in Israel and also served on the board of governors of the National Conference on Soviet Jewry.

Having moved to Delaware in 1964, Dr. Finkelstein became involved in the Jewish community of Delaware immediately, serving as a member of the Board of Directors of Congregation Beth Shalom in Dover, Chairman of the annual campaign of the Jewish Federation of Delaware, as the Federation's President from 1977 to 1979 and a board member of Congregation Beth Shalom in Wilmington. He was a member of both Congregation Beth Shalom and Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Congregation.

Active in technical and professional circles, as well as within the community, Dr. Finkelstein was a Fellow of the American Association

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Nisson A. Finkelstein

Creche Display Approved For Rodney Square

By PAULA BERENGUT

The July ruling by the U.S. Supreme Court that found a creche display on public property in Pittsburgh unconstitutional based on the First Amendment clause which bans government-sponsored religion won't force the City of Wilmington to cancel what has become an annual nativity scene display in Rodney Square this year, according to the City Solicitor's office. Nor will it stand in the way of plans for

a National Conference of Christians and Jews-sponsored celebration of any or all other religions and cultures in the city park.

The NCCJ recently announced that it would take advantage of the December holiday season to sponsor "Celebrations of the Season" in Rodney Square. "Celebrations are a natural part of our American heritage," according to a memo published on October 9 by the Delaware Region of NCCJ. They "reflect our reli-

gious, ethnic and cultural diversity — the great mixtures of groups that are the United States of America."

According to the memo, issued by Evelyn Lobel, Executive Director of the Delaware Region NCCJ, invitations have been issued to leaders of Delaware's religious groups to serve on a multi-cultural committee which will plan the "Celebrations of the Season."

Robert N. Kerbel, Executive Vice-President of the Jewish Federation of Delaware; Elaine Nemser, Jewish Community Relations Committee (JCRC) Director; and Robert Coonin, Chairman of the JCRC, represented the Jewish community at the first meeting of that committee on Thursday, October 27.

Other organizations whose representation has been invited include the Latin American community, the Baha'i community, the New Castle Presbytery, the City of Wilmington Parks and Recreation Department, the Unitarian Church, the American Civil Liberties Union, the Catholic Diocese of Wilmington, the Hindu community, the Greek Archdiocese, the Muslim Center of Wilmington, the United Methodist Wilmington District, Kwanzaa, the Keep Christ in Christmas Creche Committee, the Episcopal Diocese of Delaware, the Chinese Community Center and the Delaware Valley Chapter of American Atheists.

Lobel said only the Creche Committee has definite plans for a display at this point, but that "there has been interest expressed by other communities. Where that interest will be focused has still not been determined."

The Jewish Federation of Delaware representatives made clear to the NCCJ that, as in the past, the Federation stands with the recommendations made by the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council (NJCRAC). Specifically, the Federation has said that it believes that a creche display on public property violates the Constitutional ban against government-sponsored religion and that it would argue against the placement of a menorah on any public property, including in

Rodney Square, by any group.

"It is very unfortunate that the city has taken this position and issued the permit," commented JCRC Chairman Coonin. "It has always been our belief that the practice of a person's religious beliefs should be practiced in the home or place of worship, not in public."

The City of Wilmington's Department of Parks and Recreation will be cooperating fully with the project, according to Lobel, and the City Solicitor's office has given NCCJ the go-ahead for the display of symbols, including those of a religious nature, in Rodney Square.

Coonin said he sees the creche display as a violation of the establishment clause and "it is improper." It is unfortunate, Coonin added, that the city "has taken a position that clearly fosters religious intrusion in public life."

"For NCCJ this was to be a celebration of diversity, including religious diversity," Lobel said. "This special 'celebration of diversity' as a dimension of our American culture, can provide us with a wonderful opportunity to learn, to gain understanding and acceptance and to develop our appreciation for those customs that are different from our own," Lobel said. "Further, we can acknowledge that some of us choose not to participate in the observance of various celebrations because of personal, political or religious beliefs, and that this choice is guaranteed by our constitution and is a privilege that should be respected by others."

City Solicitor Michael P. Reynolds defended his ruling to allow the creche, saying that Wilmington's policies governing the creche displayed in the city park are distinct from those of Pittsburgh. Rodney Square, he said, has traditionally served as a public forum and the city therefore is required to issue permits for its use based on "content-neutral" criteria that do not consider the type of speech being expressed. Coonin explained that the city's decision was apparently made based on the philosophy that "as long as it doesn't fund the creche display, and the park is open to any

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Lucy Dawidowicz To Speak During Jewish Book Month



Lucy Dawidowicz

Writer, historian and Holocaust authority, Lucy S. Dawidowicz, will be the guest speaker at the First Bi-annual Doris and Irving Morris Leadership Forum to be held at the Jewish Community Center on Sunday, December 10 at 8 p.m. Dawidowicz's recent book, *From*

that Place And Time, an unusual memoir of her own life during the tragic years 1938-1947, will provide the background for her December 10 lecture, which will be entitled, "A Journey Into The Past: Vilna As It Had Been."

Dawidowicz has been a visiting Professor of Jewish Civilization at Stanford University where she held the Zborowski Chair in Holocaust Studies and is currently at work on a history of the Jews in the United States. Her book, *The War Against The Jews*, was awarded an Anisfield-Wolf prize.

Dawidowicz serves as a member of the Board of Directors of the Leo Baeck Institute in New York and is the founder and president of the Fund for the Translation of Jewish Literature.

Doris and Irving Morris Leadership Fund Committee Chairperson, Judy Levy says, "The Fund will be used to support a lecture program to be held every two years, sponsored by the Jewish Community Center in honor and appreciation of the outstanding leadership furnished to the Delaware Jewish community by Mr. and Mrs. Morris."

There will be no admission charge for this lecture. Those wishing to contribute to the Doris and Irving Morris Leadership Fund may send their contributions to the JCC, Garden of Eden Rd, Wilmington, DE. 19803.

OPINION

Editorial:

Public Creche Is Wrong

'Tis the season...Santas have begun to wave at us from storefronts everywhere, red and green decorated sales circulars are delivered daily to our mailboxes, the school chorus and band groups are already practicing for their "holiday" presentations. Soon there will be a creche in Rodney Square (see story, page 1) and an invitation has been issued for a Hanukkah menorah to stand next to it.

There is nothing the Jewish community can do about the commercialization of the season. That is an insult to the Christian religion that only the Christian community can do anything about.

As far as religion in our public schools is concerned, while schools should take cognizance of religion and its role in our society and in the social and historical development of civilization, religious neutrality is more than something mandated by the Constitution — it is sound educational policy. Introductions of religious celebration into the schools can only serve to make some children uncomfortable. Religious celebrations force children to choose between participation in the celebration or isolating themselves from their peers by not taking part.

And regarding religious symbols placed on public property, the Supreme Court rules last July that a Christmas tree and a menorah could be erected outside the Pittsburgh Court House, guaranteeing that there would be a proliferation of public religious practice this holiday season. And here in Wilmington, the National Conference of Christians and Jews has decided to jump on that bandwagon and "celebrate the season" and its "diversity as a dimension of our American culture" through symbols, music and art presentations.

In the past, First Amendment church-state separation questions have been ruled on based on the establishment clause: the state may not establish a religion. The recent shift in decisions that have been handed down is due to the fact that there is a second provision to the First Amendment: the state may not interfere with the free exercise of religion. This is why the Christmas tree and the menorah will stand side by side in Pittsburgh and why "Celebrations of the Season" is being encouraged to take place in Rodney Square.

Certainly *The Jewish Voice* does not want to see God taken out of people's lives. But we maintain that God is personal. There is a place for teaching about God and celebrating religion. And that place is *not* in the public forum. Appropriate places for that sort of teaching and celebrating include the home, the church and the synagogue. If there is truly a separation of church and state, then religious celebrations should be — must be — private.

This country's Bill of Rights does not protect the majority — the majority needs no protection. The Bill of Rights were written specifically to protect the rights of the minorities.

One of the greatest things about this country is its diversity. But this is still "one national indivisible" and imposing one group's religious beliefs or celebrations on any other group can only be divisive. It is frightening to continually be confronted with people who refuse to recognize that this nation was founded on principles that do everything possible to prevent the tyranny of the majority in both political and religious matters, but this year, as in past years, "The December Dilemma" confronts us yet again.

The Jewish community in this country has always been profoundly aware that maintaining a firm a line of separation between church and state is essential to religious freedom and the religious voluntarism which fosters the creative and distinctive survival of diverse religious groups, such as our own. There has always been an ebb and flow of attempts to breach the wall of separation between church and state in America. Vigorous efforts to protect the principle of church-state separation continue to be vital.

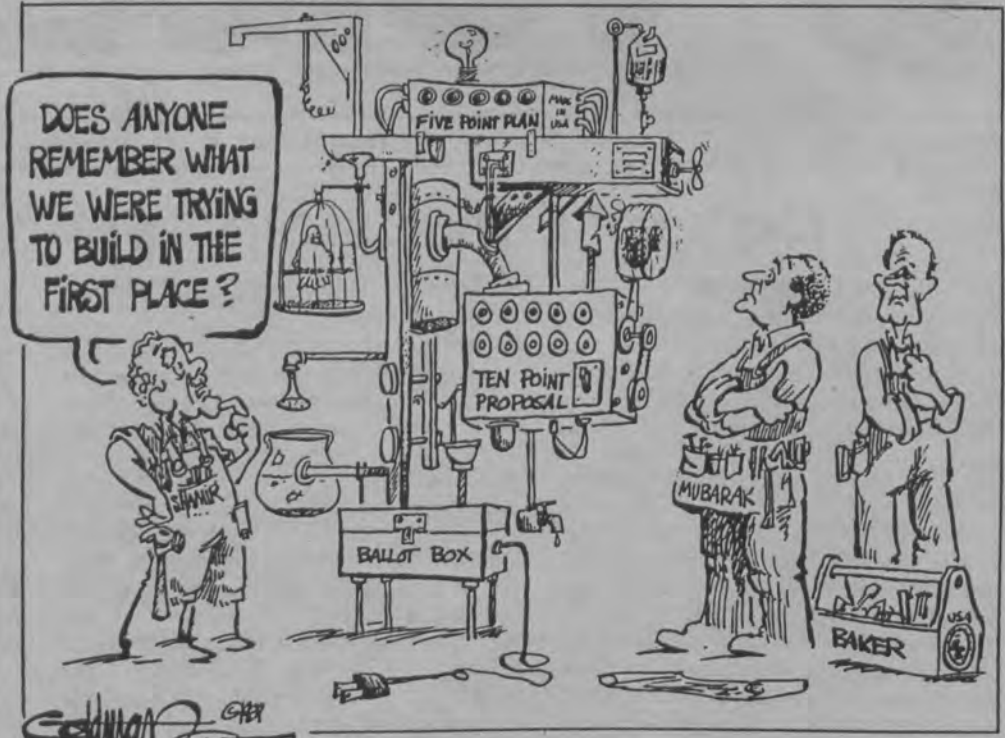
We urge the Jewish community to bear in mind that Hanukkah is not a Jewish Christmas. A Hanukkah menorah is a religious symbol which belongs in the synagogue, the JCC and the Jewish home. Hanukkah commemorates a fight for religious freedom and a fight against assimilation. Secular recognition of Hanukkah is distasteful and celebrating it as a Jewish version of Christmas defaces Judaism.

And we must urge the National Council of Christians and Jews to reconsider its position.

The Jewish Voice welcomes signed letters from its readers on subjects of interest to the Jewish Community. For verification purposes, include home address and phone number (day and evening). The more concise a letter is, the less likely it will need to be condensed. A name will be withheld upon request. Send letters typed double spaced, to *The Jewish Voice*, 101 Garden of Eden Rd., Wilmington, DE 19803.

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Good Night, N.Even-Or. The Rest Is Silence.

When the editorial board of this newspaper meets, nearly everyone tries to have the last word. Nisson Finkelstein not only had one of the highest batting averages among us, he also saw to it that at some point in any discussion, there would be a healthy injection of Torah wisdom to place things in what he felt was the proper context.

The board may reflect the multiplicity of a democracy in its makeup, but Nisson epitomized the qualities that make democracy work: a sense of justice and fairness, informed opinion, and a rigorous concern for the greatest good for the greatest number. Nisson had nothing but contempt for sham, and nothing but respect for honesty, attitudes that were the springboard for his science and his community activism. He was an intellectual who loved a good argument, but he believed that accomplishment was the ultimate goal, not posturing or catharsis.

With his usual grace, he told a recent visitor of the dilemma he had in reconciling his abiding faith with the imminence of the painful death that awaited him. But his parting request was: "Please put on the light. I'd like to read." So Nisson had the last word once again, and the word was enlightenment.

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On the other hand

N. Even Or

Israel

(Editor's note: It is with great sadness that we publish this, N. Even-Or's final column, written just prior to his death on October 24.)

Israel. It's time to write about Israel. Time to speak about Israel. Israel.

There are many who think that there has already been too much written, too much spoken. Particularly during the last almost two years of the *intifada* we have seen too many photographs, too many videos of battle-dressed Israeli soldiers with riot gear threatening, pushing, rounding up and shooting at the never-ending crowds of young Palestinian Arabs with their rocks and molotov cocktails. Israel, once considered the underdog, is now viewed by all too many as the bully, even by some cruel perversion of language and mind as the new storm trooper. While still holding the overall favor of a majority of Americans, this majority has progressively thinned, it would appear, and even many American Jews have also lessened their material and political support.

But it is still time to write about Israel, to speak about Israel. Still time particularly for us Jews, for our fate, our destiny, is inextricably entwined with that of Israel. How do we deal with this terrible situation in which we are torn, it would seem, between standing with our people and consistently supporting those liberal democratic principles in which we Americans believe?

To begin with, I believe, our problem is that there are two Israels. To say this is not to avoid the problem, but to define it in terms which can be understood and managed. Israel is a country born in fiery trauma in 1948. Its history has

been one of continual pressure from both inside and outside. Assigned responsibility for establishing a Jewish homeland under the Palestine Mandate, Britain almost immediately sliced off over 75 percent of the area and gave it to the Hashemite family of the present King Hussein as a reward for their help against the Germans in the First World War. But the Arabs wanted it all. When the United Nations, in 1947, sought to placate them by further dissecting Palestine, the Arabs totally rejected the plan, confident that they could annihilate the few poorly armed Jews. The Jewish Agency, on the other hand, accepted the proposed partition, despite the fact that they would be left with virtually indefensible boundaries. In May 1948, when the Arabs attacked, Israel declared its statehood and, by a combination of courage and modern miracle, fought the overwhelming Arab armies to a standstill.

From 1948 until 1967 Egypt held Gaza, and Jordan, the so-called West Bank. Neither did anything to make life livable for their Palestinian Arab brothers, keeping them bottled up in miserable refugee camps supported by the U.N., despite their huge oil wealth, while during the same period Israel absorbed millions of Jewish refugees from the Holocaust and from the Arab countries in which they were cruelly persecuted. For 19 years when Jordan and Egypt controlled these areas there was no talk of a Palestinian state, no talk of the inalienable rights of the Palestinian people. When the Arab nations, led by Egypt, tried once again to destroy Israel and lost, Israel was left in control of the Gaza Strip and West Bank, at which point the "Palestinian problem" suddenly appeared full blown.

Despite repeated offers to exchange land for peace, there was to be, in Arab words, "no peace, no recognition, no negotiation." Only after another major war effort in 1973 did Anwar Sadat of Egypt step forth to negotiate and for this was given back the whole of the Sinai in spite of the tremendous cost to Israel in security and in potential oil reserves to meet the country's power needs. Who, in light of this action, can still doubt Israel's yearning for peace and willingness to pay a steep price, take deep risks, to achieve peace?

Despite Sadat's success, no one was willing to follow him, choosing instead the path of war, of terrorism, of using the Palestinian Arabs as a goad to pressure Israel and keep her off balance. More recently, as we have seen, the Palestinians themselves have given up on a solution from their Arab brothers, and have launched the *intifada*, a highly successful propaganda move albeit one doomed to failure in military terms. Israel's responsibilities under international law, as the administering force in Gaza and the West Bank, have been to maintain control and order and she has done so.

With all the highly propagandized coverage notwithstanding, how well has Israel handled the situation? Compared with the way things are usually done in the Middle East she has been a master of restraint. More people are killed in one day of fighting between Christians and Moslems in Beirut than have been killed in two years of the *intifada*. Syria has wiped out more than 10,000 of its own people in the city of Hama. Hussein destroyed and drove out more than that in the 1970 Black September attack on Palestinians in Jordan, despite the

fact that two-thirds of his country is Palestinian.

Nevertheless, the world continues to expect more of Israel. American Jews expect more of Israel. Not just by comparison with the brutal standards of the Middle East and African nations, but even with Western countries like Britain in its handling of the Irish problem, with Eastern European nations, and most certainly with the draconian actions of China against its own people seeking to demonstrate peaceably for democracy.

All this makes no sense whatever. Israel's obligation is to survive as a nation, to protect the security of its people, and not to take undue risks with that security to satisfy the alleged high-toned morality of others. We have no right under any logic to demand this nor to expect it from our comfortable positions in Wilmington, Washington and New York!

Particularly with respect to American Jews, our frustration and confusion is related to the existence of a second Israel. This is the Israel, the *Eretz Yisroel*, promised by God to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. This is the Israel of the covenant at Sinai. This is the Israel of the prophets. This is the Israel that will come into being with the coming of the Messiah. It is the Israel for which we have prayed and dreamed for millenia. And it is a very real Israel, but one for which we must wait until it becomes possible in a better world.

It is the coming of the Messiah, then, that will bring these two Israels into one!

And so it is time, it is always time, to write about Israel, to speak of Israel, for we must never give up the prayer, the dream, that we will bring peace and glory to all mankind.

'...A Leader Way Ahead Of Most...'

The following is excerpted from the speech delivered by Terry Dannemann, a long-time friend of Nisson Finkelstein's, at the April 1989 Israel Bonds Dinner honoring both Nisson and Rona Finkelstein. The dinner was attended by community members and friends, many of whom knew it would be one of their last opportunities to pay tribute to their friend — a man they learned from, loved, admired and respected.

Following a list of the Finkelsteins' education, jobs and civic accomplishments, Dannemann commented on the accomplishments and events that were most important in Nisson's life:

Some are joint efforts, such as first of all, their family, now consisting of two wonderful sons, two lovely daughters-in-law, and four beautiful granddaughters.

Let me quote from a column Nisson wrote last year in *The Jewish Voice*: "You dear Arielle, and your dear sister and your dear cousins are my portion in eternity..."

In one short sentence has anyone else written a better definition of that blissful relationship between grandparents and grandchildren? Have any grandchildren received a greater gift than the letters Nisson wrote to each one of them on their birth?

But whereas family undoubtedly is a joint effort of both Finkelsteins...some are uniquely Nisson.

When the Finkelsteins work for a cause, they do so wholeheartedly and enthusiastically. It is not surprising therefore, that, working for the Russian refuseniks, they decided to travel to Russia and meet them personally.

In 1976 the Finkelstein family, including their two sons, went to Russia carrying Hebrew books and religious articles for the refuseniks.

Nisson writes about their experiences thusly: "We had climbed six flights of stairs for the

third time, carrying heavy shoulder bags, and I winced at the thought of waking up yet another Muscovite to greet me bleary-eyed in his undershirt and reply with a 'nyet' and a slam of the door to my request for the man we sought. But this time the sleepy face matched the picture I had memorized, and its owner broke into a welcoming smile...It was almost midnight in Moscow."

The column continues: "We had gone to the Soviet Union to meet with a dozen refusenik families in four cities, to tape their stories, and to tell their stories in the United States."

With their usual gift of writing, the Finkelsteins told the stories, urged for action, worried about the people they left behind in the Soviet Union and rejoiced whenever one of "their" refuseniks managed to leave Russia.

About four years ago Rona decided that we should study Mishnah. After a couple of years our teacher had to quit and Rona persuaded Nisson to become our teacher.

As most of you know, Nisson is an inspired and inspiring Talmudic scholar. Therefore this was the beginning of a most exciting and stimulating time for all of us. So much so, that we carefully scheduled our trips, our vacations, and even our ailments so they would not, God forbid, interfere with our class time.

However, when we absolutely had to miss this highlight of the week, Rona offered to tape the class so none would miss the excitement of the discussions.

What Nisson thinks of Rona is no secret, and I quote from Nisson's column of November, 1987: "God has blessed me in many ways all the days of my life, but in none so great as my dear wife and marriage."

This takes us to one accomplishment in Nisson's career — and I am happy to report that it is ongoing — which I think overshadows all others; it is his column in *The Jewish Voice*, "On the Other Hand" by N. Even-Or (Finkel-

stein translated into Hebrew).

On less than one-half tabloid-size page in every issue, the reader receives education, religion, philosophy, and a window into the formidable mind and character of one Nisson Finkelstein.

Occasionally the reader gets a succinct insight into the relationships between Israel and its Arab neighbors, debunking considerable nonsense printed in much of our public press or seen and heard on television and radio.

The column is unique in its mixture of the abstract and concrete, the travels and travails of its writer. But permeated within and reflected from every page is his devotion to and concern with the land and people and history and the problems of Israel.

This takes me back to 1969, when the Finkelsteins' bond with Israel began. Ernie and I had decided to visit Israel during Christmas vacation. We suggested that the Finkelsteins join us and to our great delight, they did; it was their first trip to Israel.

We were picked up by a guide with a bus and were on the road to Jerusalem when the lights of the city came into view. Everyone in the bus became quiet, drinking in the beauty and, at least the adults, the emotion of the moment.

This was Nisson's first wet eyes on the trip, but definitely not the last. Nisson's and Rona's first trip to Israel was a moving experience and it is difficult to tell who gained more from the introduction: The Finkelsteins or Israel.

Returning to Nisson's column in *The Voice*, as you meet the writer personally, in and between the lines you recognize:

- A philosopher with common sense
- A realist with a soul
- A Republican with a heart
- A sentimental executive
- A student with love for his teachers
- A teacher with love for his students
- A conservative when it counts and

—A liberal when it matters.

No wonder that he is sometimes in the minority of one, that his is the lonesome voice in a sea of expediency, a leader way ahead of most of the others.

But the rest of us follow — some sooner, some more slowly. If there is a more respected man in Delaware, I have not heard of him.

In the column you meet a man who is single-mindedly in love:

- In love with his family
- In love with his religion
- In love with all humanity
- In love with justice

—and, above all, in love with the State of Israel, which Nisson describes in one of his columns as: "...that blessed sliver of land, the focus of our yearnings, our hopes, our prayers for two millenia."

Last month, this man of such great faith, who inspired so many through his learnings and his teachings, grappled publicly with his pain in his column in *The Jewish Voice*.

Today, under the personal experience of pain and the challenge it poses to one's faith, there are still no easy answers. Where is the God I love when I cry for Him?

There are only two ways I know of reaching toward God: through study and through love.

...By study we achieve not only great delight in our wondrous system of belief but an insight into the God of Israel Who gave it to us. How can one reject the God of Torah as this insight slowly but steadily grows?

The other path to God is through love. We are commanded in the *Shema* prayer to love God with all our heart, with all our soul, or being, and with all our might. For me, one achieves such love of God through first loving one's family, one's friends, one's people as a whole...

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Dvar Torah

Parashat Noach, November 4

A Myth: Jews Don't Drink

By MITCHELL CHEFITZ

Special to The Jewish Voice

"The sons of Noah who came out of the ark were Shem, Ham and Yafet — Ham being the father of Canaan. These three were the sons of Noah, and from these the whole world branched out. Noah, the tiller of the soil, was the first to plant a vineyard. He drank the wine and became drunk." (Genesis 9: 18-21)

We do not come very far into the process of creation before we encounter the first drunk, our ancestor Noah, of blessed memory, and his dysfunctional family, from one branch of which — the line of Shem — the Jewish people are descended. But the gene which carries the tendency to alcoholism no doubt passed through the lines of Ham and Yafet and on to the Irish and the Italians and missed the Jews completely. Or so goes the myth. Reality is something very different.

But the myth persists, even in this time and place. Jews don't become alcoholics. If you go to a Bar Mitzvah, compare the lines at the bar and the Viennese table. We line up for cheese cake, not for whiskey. So I wonder, these Jews I see regularly in the addiction to alcohol, where do they do their drinking? It may not be at Bar Mitzvahs, but they surely do it.

They know the myth. Jews don't become alcoholics, and yet here they are struggling with recovery. If they believe the myth, they have no place in the Jewish community. When they go to Alcoholics Anonymous meetings, they find themselves most often in a church. I wonder if there is anyone lonelier than a Jewish alcoholic.

The myth is collapsing bit by bit. There's an AA meeting in a synagogue not more than 25 miles from where I am writing. Between here and there are probably half a dozen meetings in churches. But we are represented. It's OK for Jews to avail themselves of AA. It meets in a synagogue, even if it is miles away, and that stamps the program kosher. It's OK for a Jew to go to it. And the program in the synagogue is the same non-denominational program that meets in churches.

What does a Jew find in an AA meeting? The program is delineated in 12 steps. Those who embark on this 12 step program first admit they are powerless over alcohol and that their lives have become unmanageable. They come to believe that a Power greater than themselves could restore them to sanity. And they make a decision to turn their will and their lives over to the care of God as they understood Him. These are the first three steps. The program is introspective and spiritual.

Introspection Jews do rather well. (Didn't we invent psychoanalysis?) Spirituality is something else again. Almost to a person the Jewish alcoholics I counsel have no conception of spirituality. They celebrated their Bar/Bat Mitzvah, often were Confirmed, but have no understanding or experience of relationship with God. They are the most eager, attentive students I have ever encountered. They want to know everything about prayer, purpose, creation, spirituality. Their motivation is the best; their very lives depend upon it.

There is no cure for alcoholism, only continuing recovery. The alcoholic is powerless to effect his or her own recovery. Spiritual assistance is necessary, a partnership with God. Surely spiritual discipline exists within our tradition. It is unfortunate that so many of us are ignorant of it.

That spiritual discipline is necessary in recovery from alcoholism is hinted in our Torah portion today. I began with the report of our first drunk. I will end with the words that immediately precede it. Before God gave us alcohol, we were given the tools to protect ourselves from it.

"When the rainbow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and all living creatures, all flesh that is on earth. That, God said to Noah, 'shall be the sign of the covenant that I have established between Me and all flesh that is on earth.'" (Genesis 9: 16, 17)

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Baker Amends Five Point Plan To Suit Israel

By DAVID LANDAU

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Secretary of State James Baker provided Israel on Wednesday with an amended version of his five-point plan for an Israeli-Palestinian dialogue. It was unofficially welcomed here as "positive" and representing "some progress."

Baker, en route to Australia, telephoned the revised language to Foreign Minister Moshe Arens. The written text is expected to follow. Israel Radio said the amended version of the five points was sent simultaneously to Egypt.

In Washington, State Department deputy spokesman Richard Boucher confirmed that Baker spoke by phone Wednesday to Arens and to Egyptian

proposed Israeli-Palestinian dialogue only if the composition of the Palestinian delegation is to its satisfaction, Israel Radio reported.

A reference in the original text to the Palestinians' right to speak at the dialogue on issues relating to negotiations has been amended to read "negotiating process." The change was apparently made because Israel insists that the "process" is spelled out in its May 14 peace initiative. The Israeli plan calls for Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza Strip to elect representatives with whom Israel would negotiate an interim autonomy arrangement and, later, the "permanent status" of the territories.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir will have to decide whether to accept the

BAKER'S ORIGINAL FIVE POINTS

While the State Department has refused to disclose the five points except support for elections in the territories, Israeli media and others have reported them. The Baker points followed rejection by Israel of Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak's ten points. The Jerusalem Post claimed the text of Baker's points on Oct. 20 as follows:

1. The U.S. understands that Egypt and Israel have been working hard and there is now an agreement that an Israeli delegation will conduct a dialogue with a Palestinian delegation in Cairo.
2. The U.S. understands that Egypt cannot substitute for the Palestinians in that dialogue and that Egypt will consult with the Palestinians on all aspects of that dialogue. Egypt will also consult with Israel and the U.S.
3. The U.S. understands that Israel will attend the dialogue after a satisfactory list of Palestinians has been worked out. Israel will also consult with Egypt and the U.S. on this matter.
4. The U.S. understands that the Government of Israel will come to the dialogue on the basis of the Israeli Government May 14 initiative. The U.S. further understands that elections and negotiations will be in accordance with the Israeli initiative. The U.S. understands, therefore, that the Palestinians will be free to raise issues that relate to their opinion on how to make elections and negotiations succeed.
5. In order to facilitate the process, the U.S. proposes that the foreign ministers of Israel, Egypt and the U.S. meet in Washington within two weeks.

Foreign Minister Esmat Abdel Meguid. Boucher made no mention of the five points or of any amendments to them.

"These conversations are part of an ongoing effort to agree on a framework, so that we can get to a dialogue between Israelis and Palestinians," he said.

But according to Israel Radio, changes were made in Baker's proposals that seem to meet Israel's two key demands: no talks with the Palestine Liberation Organization and negotiations dealing solely with the mechanics of proposed Palestinian elections in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Israel Radio said the new text eliminates references to consultations on the composition of a Palestinian delegation, which were to involve Israel, Egypt and the United States. It now states that the United States understands Israel will attend the

new version under the pressure of his upcoming trip to the United States. While there is still no official invitation, it is understood that he will meet with President Bush at the White House on Nov. 15. But there have been broad hints from Washington that Israel's continued rejection of the American points could result in the president withholding an invitation.

A spokesperson for the prime minister said Shamir would go ahead with his visit to the United States, regardless of whether he is invited to the White House. The spokesman said if there were no meeting with Bush, Shamir would simply avoid going to Washington.

He is going to the United States to attend the 58th General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations, which is to convene in Cincinnati from Nov. 14 to 19.

Thornburgh May Urge Bush To Waive Trade Sanctions

WASHINGTON (JTA) — Attorney General Dick Thornburgh told Soviet officials in Moscow last week that he would urge President Bush to waive trade sanctions against the Soviet Union if it adopts emigration reforms in three areas.

Thornburgh met with Rudolf Kuznetsov, head of the Soviet OVR emigration agency, and received a copy of the latest draft legislation to ease Soviet emigration restrictions, Murray Dickman, an aide to the attorney general, said Tuesday.

Dickman said Thornburgh told Kuznetsov that he would recommend

a waiver of sanctions contained in the 1975 Jackson-Vanik Amendment, which denies most-favored-nation trade status to the Soviet Union and some other communist countries, if the Soviets enact legislation that would end emigration refusals to those privy to "state secrets"; prevent relatives of potential emigres from blocking their emigration; and ease the requirement for a "letter of invitation" from relatives abroad.

Dickman said the Justice Department had not yet translated the draft legislation on emigration, which is expected to be considered by the Soviet parliament next spring.

Accompanying Thornburgh on the first trip by a U.S. attorney general to the Soviet Union were three U.S. Jewish officials: Carmi Schwartz, executive vice president of the Council of Jewish Federations; Mark Talisman, its Washington representative; and Karl Zukerman, executive vice president of the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society.

Thornburgh invited the Jewish delegation to Moscow to examine how the United States is implementing its recent decision to shift its processing of Soviet refugees from Rome to the Soviet capital.

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Hillel At U. Of D. Enjoying Successful Year

The University of Delaware Hillel has gotten off to its strongest start in recent history, according to Hillel director Brant Rosen. "We've known that student involvement has been growing steadily over the past few years," he said, "but nothing prepared us for the upsurge we're seeing this year." Rosen attributed Hillel's success to a number of factors, foremost being increased Jewish student enrollment at the University. "It's obvious to us, even in comparison to last year, that U. of D. is encountering more and more Jewish students who are seeking a genuinely Jewish outlet on campus," explained Rosen.

According to Student Board President Peter Topkis, Hillel's membership currently stands at over 200 and continues to rise with Shabbat dinners and Bagel brunches drawing from 50 to 60. Notably, incoming freshmen have contributed inordi-



Brant Rosen

nately to Hillel's student membership this year. "Almost half of our current membership is made up of freshmen. Apart from injecting Hillel with fresh blood, it is a very good sign for



Peter Topkis

the future of Hillel's leadership," said Topkis, a senior.

Topkis and Rosen pointed out that Hillel is expanding in other ways as well. "We felt it was very important

that Hillel expand programatically as well as quantitatively," Rosen said. "The success of our educational workshops and programs such as our interfaith Tu B'Shvat Seder indicated to us that Hillel could and should be offering more to the Jewish student population here."

As a result, Hillel is offering a greatly expanded schedule of programs and services such as a speaker series, Hebrew classes, and leadership seminars in addition to its regular Shabbat services and Bagel Brunches. "It's important that Hillel provide a social outlet for Jewish students, but we hope, as Hillel grows, that we can become a real center for Jewish students in every sense of the word," said Topkis.

Topkis and Rosen stressed that Hillel's resources are being stretched to their limit and that a more substantial facility will ultimately be neces-

sary to serve the ever growing Jewish student population. (Hillel is currently housed in a rented space above a store in Newark.)

"We've pretty much taken our facility as far as we can. Two years ago we built a kitchen, and this year we got a separate office and a computer system. Our efficiency level has improved substantially, and I'm sure that has gone a long way in increasing Hillel's success in membership. Still, it's been obvious for a number of years now that Hillel will eventually have to obtain its own house if we are going to be able to keep pace and serve the Jewish students here the way they should be served," Rosen said.

Hillel at the University of Delaware is a beneficiary agency of the Jewish Federation of Delaware. For more information about Hillel programs, call the Hillel Office at 453-0479.

Jewish Voice Planning Forum For Community Organizations

Members of Delaware's Jewish community organizations are invited to attend a lecture/discussion entitled "Publicizing Your Organization in *The Jewish Voice*," on Thursday evening, December 7, at 7:30, in the Board Room of the Jewish Community Center. Those responsible for preparing press releases and publicity information for community organizations are encouraged to attend.

The lecture will be given by Rita Katz Farrell, a member of the Editorial Committee of *The Jewish Voice* and a teacher of general communication and technical writing. A prize-winning freelance journalist and edi-

tor, Farrell currently serves as a communications consultant and adjunct professor in the University of Delaware's College of Business and Economics. She has been published in more than 22 major newspapers, including the *Wall Street Journal*, *Newsday* and the *Philadelphia Inquirer*. She also reports on corporate litigation as a correspondent for the *Associated Press*, *Reuters*, *MacGraw-Hill News* and *Variety*.

Topics to be covered will include an explanation of how to properly write a press release, what is considered newsworthy as well as what is not and why it is not, and when a feature article — rather than a news

story — might be more appropriate. The lecture is offered as a service to the Jewish community's organizations in an effort to both aid their individual publicity efforts and to encourage their participation in the submission of community information to *The Voice*.

Following the lecture, Farrell and Paula Berengut, Editor of *The Jewish Voice*, will answer questions regarding specific editorial policies of *The Jewish Voice*.

Refreshments will be served and reservations may be made by calling *The Jewish Voice* at 478-6200. There is no limit on the number of participants from an organization.

CJF Schedules 58th Assembly

NEW YORK — Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, journalist A.M. Rosenthal and former diplomat Dr. Alan Lee Keyes will be among the featured speakers at the 58th General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations, scheduled for November 15 to 19 in Cincinnati.

This year's assembly, the major annual gathering of North American Jewish community leaders, will have as its theme, "Livnot U'Lehibanot: To Build and To Be Built."

Shamir will address the theme, focusing on building an enduring partnership between Israel and North America, during the assembly's overseas plenary session Thursday evening, Nov. 16.

Rosenthal, a columnist and former executive editor of *The New York Times*, will discuss "A Journalist's View of the Jewish World Today" during an Oneg Shabbat, Friday evening, Nov. 17.

Keyes, a former U.S. ambassador to the United Nations Economic and Social Council, will talk about "Israel and the Palestinians: Options for Peace and Security" during an Oneg Shabbat, Saturday afternoon, Nov. 18.

The General Assembly will also feature hundreds of smaller sessions, including forums, symposiums, workshops, seminars and receptions. William and Judy Topkis, Martin and Shelly Mand, Robert and Nancy Kaufman, Joan Spiegelman, Seth Bloom, Lelaime Nemser and Robert Kerbel will represent Delaware at the conference.



A. M. Rosenthal



Dr. Alan Keyes

Racist Lyrics Condemned

The Simon Wiesenthal Center launched a series of advertisements across the United States last month to condemn the growing manifestations of racist lyrics and comments in the music industry.

Entitled "The New Sound in Music: Bigotry," the ad refers to the recent spate of anti-semitic remarks by a member of a popular black music group, Public Enemy. It also condemns the anti-black and anti-immigrant lyrics of a song by the rock group, Guns and Roses, which has sold some 9 million copies.

The ad first appeared in the *Daily Variety* and *Hollywood Reporter*

newspapers. Later this month, it will also run in newspapers on college campuses from coast to coast which have recently experienced ugly racial incidents.

The open letter to the music industry asks, "Have we, as a nation, grown apathetic about the racial, religious and sexual bias that is beginning to permeate our society? What happened to the good old days when the music industry was THE voice of positive social changes? When Dylan sang 'The Times, They Are A Changing', he meant for the better and the music industry was behind that."

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Cabinet Firmly Denies Media Reports On Israeli Collusion With Pretoria

By DAVID LANDAU

JERUSALEM (JTA) — The government is seriously concerned by allegations in the American news media that Israel is collaborating with South Africa in the development of ballistic missiles and nuclear weapons. The Cabinet on Sunday issued a firm denial of the reports.

Defense Minister Yitzhak Rabin was quoted officially as saying that Israel has not transferred military technology to South Africa, especially technology originating in the United States.

"There is no truth whatsoever" to reports about "alleged links between Israel and South

Africa in the nuclear field," Cabinet Secretary Elyakim Rubinstein told reporters after the ministers concluded their weekly meeting.

He said it was also stressed to the ministers that no military hardware comprising or including American components has been exported to any country, including South Africa, without a U.S. license.

Allegations that Israel is helping South Africa develop ballistic missiles, in exchange for enriched uranium for its nuclear weapons program, surfaced Oct. 25, on the "NBC Nightly News." Later in the week, the network reported that Israel had provided Pretoria with

American technology it obtained during joint efforts to produce the now-abandoned Lavi jet fighter.

The Defense Ministry had denied both reports. But Israel is worried about the impact on U.S.-Israeli relations, which are currently in a delicate state because of differences over advancing the peace process. Rabin met with Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir and Foreign Minister Moshe Arens before Sunday's Cabinet session to access the damage.

There is apprehension here that the issue will be raised at congressional hearings and erode Israel's standing with American lawmakers.

Shamir said he believed the damaging reports were purposefully leaked by persons seeking to poison Israel's relations with the United States. The view is shared by Israeli officials and friends of Israel in the United States. Some have speculated that the leak was engineered by the Pentagon to ensure there is no significant congressional opposition to a proposed U.S. sale of 300 advanced tanks to Saudi Arabia.

According to his theory, opponents of the sale would find it difficult to make a convincing argument about the threat to Israel's security in the wake of reports about the Jewish state's alleged nuclear capability.

Behind The Headlines

Progress Reported In Resolving Convent Dispute

By ALLISON KAPLAN

NEW YORK (JTA) — The controversy over the Carmelite convent at Auschwitz has dropped from the headlines over the past several weeks, but those in contact with the Catholic Church and the Polish government say they are confident that progress toward its relocation is continuing.

Seymour Reich, who serves as chairman of IJCIC, the International Jewish Committee for Interreligious Consultations, said he anticipates that the issue may be resolved by the end of the year.

Though Reich and others know that completing construction of a new convent and interreligious center away from the site of the former death camp is a goal that looms far in the future, they believe the Carmelite nuns will be moved from the current building to temporary quarters shortly.

Kalman Sultanik, vice president of the World Jewish Congress, recently reported after a trip to Poland that a number of the nuns had already moved.

The present time is being described as a period of breathing space for both Jews and Catholics, following the heated exchanges of August and September, when the conflict reached its boiling point.

Jewish groups at that time were furious over the stated refusal of Polish Catholic officials to honor their agreement to move the convent, comments by Polish Cardinal Jozef Glemp perceived to be anti-Semitic, and the Vatican's silence on the entire issue.

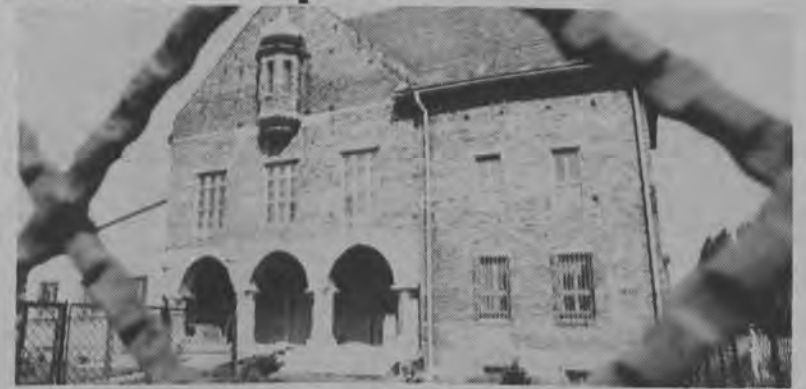
The situation was defused with a statement from the Vatican on Sept. 19 supporting the agreement to move the convent and build an interreligious center, and a subsequent turnaround on the part of the Polish Catholics.

Another reason for the quiet regarding the convent is Jewish uncertainty over the changes taking place in the Polish government, as the grip of the Communist party loosens. Rabbi A. James Rudin of the American Jewish Committee, who returned

from Poland last week, observed that the country is now at an important crossroads. A current overriding concern for Jews, he said, is whether the emerging nationalism in Poland and other parts of Eastern Europe will bring with it the resurrection of the region's traditional anti-Semitism.

Parallel to the uncertainty about nationalism are doubts about the renewed influence of the Catholic Church in Eastern Europe. With the resurgence of the church's power, Rudin said, he is concerned about whether the theology of the newly strengthened Catholic Church will be "pre-Vatican II or post-Vatican II."

Prior to the Second Vatican Council, which took place from 1962 to 1965, it was commonly taught in the Catholic Church that the Jews were responsible for the death of Jesus and that Judaism was essentially a heretical religion. The document that emerged from the council formally stated a more tolerant view of Judaism by the church.



As Jews begin to heal the rifts with Catholics, there also seems to be movement toward reconciliation within the Jewish community, as organizations work to resolve conflicts that are intensified by the convent controversy.

Leaders of the American Jewish Committee, the American Jewish Congress and the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith met with Reich on Oct. 25 to explore the possibility of the three organizations becoming part of IJCIC.

In early September, in the midst of the heat of the convent controversy, AJCommittee pulled out of IJCIC and joined forces with ADL, which left IJCIC four years ago, and AJCongress to form an alternative organization. The new umbrella group, the Jewish Council for International Interreligious Relations, has essentially the same mandate as IJCIC: to deal with the Vatican and other international religious bodies on behalf of Judaism, in the interest of promoting stronger interreligious relations.

The split in IJCIC and the formation of an alternative group stemmed, in part, from disagreements between hard-line and more conciliatory elements within the Jewish community

over the best approach to dealing with the convent issue. But it also involved the desire of some Jewish groups to have a more open exchange with the Vatican on matters of religious doctrine, a direction strongly opposed by Orthodox elements in IJCIC.

The meeting last week left Reich optimistic about the prospects of ironing out these differences and convincing the three groups that formed the Jewish Council to join IJCIC. "I think we will be able to resolve any nuances that might be necessary in order to unite the Jewish community under one umbrella again," Reich said.

But members of the groups Reich is trying to woo said his optimism may be premature. "I think some real issues regarding dealing with Christians have to be resolved," said Judith Banki, associate director of interreligious affairs for the American Jewish Committee.

Banki said that while uniting the groups under a common banner and one voice is a "desirable goal," there has to be "some reflection of the reality of the pluralism of the Jewish community."

South Korea-Israel May Establish Relations

By JOSEPH POLAKOFF

Special to The Jewish Voice

WASHINGTON — South Korea's President Roh Tae-Woo appears receptive to diplomatic ties on the level of resident ambassadors between his country and Israel although he will not provide a time-frame for that elevation in the relationship.

"The Foreign Minister is looking into it," Roh said when asked about the absence of resident ambassadors in the two countries. Asked when the change might take place, the President replied "hopefully soon."

Roh made the statements to this reporter at the National Press Club where he was a guest speaker (Oct. 18) following his meeting with President Bush at the White House. With him during the conversation was South Korea's ambassador in Washington, Roh Chang Hee.

Questions to the President were prefaced by a comment that as the leader of democracy in South Korea why doesn't his country have an ambassador living in democratic Israel. The President, affable and attentive and whose election is attributed to his stalwart support for political democracy, smiled but did not respond.

While South Korea's Foreign Minister Choi Ho Joong is examining Israeli-South Korean relations, it is understood the decision on the ambassadorial question is the President's.

When Moshe Dayan was Israel's foreign minister, he closed the em-

bassy in Seoul for budgetary reasons in 1978. Since then, Israel's ambassador in Japan serves as envoy to South Korea which he visits periodically. South Korea has been represented in Seoul for almost 40 years by its ambassador in Rome. Since 1870, no Korean ambassador has presented credentials to the Government of Israel.

Israel has tried to have South Korea reopen the Israeli embassy in Seoul since 1980. Its request have always been denied on grounds that reopening would impair South Korea's large volume of trade with the Arab world and enhance support for North Korea in the largely pro-Arab Third World.

South Korean officials promised to consider the Israeli request in a positive manner after the Olympic Games which were successfully staged in Seoul in 1986. Since then South Korea has concluded assessments of its relations with East European countries and established diplomatic relations with Hungary while the Soviet Union was allowed to establish a trade office in Seoul. It also has begun relations with Iran and Iraq. At the same time, Israel has been informed the time is not yet ripe for resident ambassadors.

Israeli-Korean trade has been very modest. In 1988, commerce both ways totaled about \$90 million. Recently, some improvements have been noted by an increase in private visits to Israel by Korean delegations.

On a visit to South Korea in 1986, this reporter learned some

200 Jews live there. They are mainly American engaged in commerce. Most of them are in Seoul with a scattering in Pusan. There is no organized community. The rabbinical chaplains with the U.S. forces in South Korea have arranged for them to attend services at the Army's chapel in Seoul. In at least one inter-faith marriage the children have been raised as Jews. Americans settled there after the Korean War in which some of them participated with the U.S. Army.

Israel Admits Lobbying Against Armenian Memorial

By HUGH ORGEL

TEL AVIV (JTA) — Foreign Ministry sources have admitted that "certain top officials" were "overzealous" in lobbying against a Senate resolution commemorating the Turkish genocide of Armenians during World War I.

Ministry sources told *The Jerusalem Post* on October 23 that they had been "astounded" to learn that the Israeli Embassy in Washington had been engaged in active lobbying against the resolution, in consultation with several American Jewish organizations.

The sources said that the embassy had been instructed only to "make inquiries" about the proposed Sen-

ate resolution, in response to a request by Turkey. The unnamed diplomats embroiled Jerusalem in an embarrassing affair, the sources said.

In Washington, however, the spokeswoman for the Israeli Embassy appeared to contradict these sources, saying that representatives of Israel "did not turn to any Jewish organizations with a request for action, and there was no direct Israeli activity in this matter."

The lobbying activity, if it indeed took place, is viewed here as having been an attempt to appease Turkey, the only Moslem nation besides Egypt with diplomatic ties to Israel, at the expense of appearing callous to the Armenian victims of the massacre.

In an attempt to soothe hurt feelings, a Foreign Ministry spokesman said that "Israel, as the state of the Jewish people, who suffered more persecution and oppression than any other people, is very sensitive to the suffering of the Armenian people."

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir told reporters Monday that Israel would not seek to block the Senate resolution. "The Israeli government does not deal with this. It is not our business," he said.

The measure in question would designate April 24, 1990, as a national day of remembrance of the "Armenian Genocide of 1915-1923." It was adopted by the Senate Judiciary Committee last month and now moves to the full Senate.

Helms Bill Could Help Jewish Prisoners

By HOWARD ROSENBERG
WASHINGTON (JTA) — Jews in prison may find it easier to have their religious needs met if the House of Representatives agrees to a measure already adopted by the Senate.

The legislation, sponsored by Sen. Jesse Helms (R-N.C.), would create a "Religious Issues Oversight Board" in the Justice Department's Bureau of Prisons that would rule on grievances from prisoners who felt their "legitimate religious needs" were not being met. Currently, prisoners who are not satisfied with how prison officials handle their requests must take their cases to court.

Helms' proposal, an amendment to the 1990 authorization bill for the Justice Department and other federal agencies, has the general approval of Jewish groups.

Mark Pelavin, Washington representative of the American Jewish Congress, said the idea of creating such a board is "worthwhile." He said many of the religious complaints filed by prisoners "are not moving through the courts very quickly."

Pelavin added that the liberal-leaning AJCongress is "slightly surprised" that Helms, an arch-conservative, sponsored the measure, "but we are going to try work with him." AJCongress has often fought Helms' initiatives in matters impinging on the separation of church and state.

This initiative, too, raises a church-state concern for some Jewish groups: the composition of the oversight board. The amendment states that the board will have five members "each of whom may represent a different major religion of the United States." Such wording could exclude certain religions and violate the First Amendment clause that prohibits government recognition of some religions and not others.

A Helms aide stressed the word "may." He added that it seemed reasonable to include a Jew, Mormon, Moslem, Protestant and Roman Catholic on the board, since a prisoner with a religious complaint is likely to be a member of one of those major faiths.

Agudath Israel of America consid-

ers it "offensive in principle" for religious decisions at prisons to be made by non-Jews, such as non-Jewish chaplains, said David Zwiebel, its director of governmental affairs. The one full-time Jewish chaplain in the U.S. prison system, Rabbi Jacob Hoenig of New York's Staten Island, was not available for comment.

According to Helms' legislation, the oversight board would "have the power to order the religious need of the inmate met." The board members would meet at least once a month, and reach their decisions by majority vote. They would serve six-year terms without compensation except for travel, with Congress appropriating \$100,000 for the Bureau of Prisons to administer their activities.

In reaching its decisions, the board should "take into account the overall security and safety of the inmates, and the financial cost to the taxpayers" of the religious requests, the legislation states.

The Bureau of Prisons sets aside money each year to meet religious

requests of prisoners, which would be tapped if the oversight board deemed it necessary.

The legislation does not state what religious requests would be considered excessive. The one specific limit on the board's powers is that it could not release an inmate from prison either temporarily or permanently.

Two religious requests by Jewish prisoners that are now routinely approved are access to kosher food and permission to wear yarmulkes, said the Rev. Robert Schulze, assistant chaplain administrator at the Bureau of Prisons. Similarly, headgear worn by other religious groups is also generally allowed, he added. Schulze said prisoners are generally allowed to wear religious jewelry, although there are some limits on size and value.

But more problematic are requests by Jewish prisoners to be excused from work on Jewish holidays. Zwiebel said there was a problem last year at a federal prison where officials expressed concern that too many Jewish holidays were occurring on weekdays. Some Jewish prisoners

were told that not working on those holidays would be "counted against you in some sense," he added.

Schulze said he was unaware of any such concern. He said that the prison's warden, and not its chaplain, determines whether to grant such requests. He said Jewish prisoners are not automatically excused from work on holidays, including Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

Dennis Rapps, executive director of the National Jewish Commission on Law and Public Affairs, which represents observant Jews on legal issues, said Jewish prisoners also have difficulty gaining permission to gather a minyan to conduct services, which could present a security risk.

In general, Zwiebel said, the Bureau of Prisons has "been receptive to our concerns when they have been properly educated about those concerns." He added that non-Jewish clergy are sometimes ignorant about the needs of Jewish prisoners and are often confused by varying requests by Jews with different levels of religious observance.

Abortion Rights Issues Galvanizing Jewish Women's Groups

By ALLISON KAPLAN

NEW YORK (JTA) — Jewish women, ranging from blue-jeaned college students to well-heeled Hadassah members, are among the thousands planning to gather in Washington and in state capitals around the country for the "Mobilize for Women's Lives" rally on Nov. 12.

Women's groups comprise nearly half of the 14 Jewish advocacy, social welfare and religious organizations that have signed on in support of the rally, reflecting the overwhelming number of American Jews who support a woman's right to choose whether to terminate a pregnancy.

The organizations endorsing the Nov. 12 coalition range from Jewish women's groups that have been behind the pro-choice cause for decades, such as the National Council of Jewish Women, to relative newcomers to the issue, such as Hadassah. Hadassah, by far the largest and best-known American women's Zionist organization, issued its first pro-choice statement in 1981. It highlights its stance at its annual convention in August, when Hadassah President Carmela Kalmanson issued a ringing endorsement of reproduction choice.

An "action alter" issued at the convention encouraged Hadassah chapters to join abortion-rights advocacy coalitions and educate their communities about the Jewish religious traditions regarding pregnancy and abortion.

Hadassah's stance, and its participation in the upcoming pro-choice rally, along with that of NA'AMAT USA, B'nai B'rith Women, Women's American ORT, and the women's arms of the Reform and Conservative movements of Judaism, represent the result of a gradual evolution among the ranks of American Jewish women's groups.

These organizations, which traditionally have tended to focus on support of charitable works in Israel, are now vocal on a number of women's domestic issues and, most vigorously, the abortion question.

Longtime Jewish feminist Susan Weidman Schneider, editor of the Jewish feminist magazine *Lilith* and author of "Jewish and Female," sees a distinct contract between the activ-

ism of mainstream Jewish women's groups today and their earlier approaches toward issues like reproductive choice. Many of feminism's early leaders were Jewish, and over the years, Jewish women, like the vast majority of Jews, have consistently supported reproductive freedom.

A 1985 study by B'nai B'rith Women found that 91 percent of Jewish women believed that every woman who wants an abortion should be able to obtain one, as opposed to only 56 percent of non-Jewish women.

Yet, Schneider recalls that in the 1960s and 1970s, there was reluctance among the ranks of Jewish women's organizations to mobilize their membership on the abortion issue. "I remember in 1975 attending a meeting preparing for the (U.N.) Decade of Women with representatives of Jewish women's organizations," Schneider said, "and there was nervousness about getting on the planks of the women's agenda, including reproductive rights. They felt they were Jews first and women second."

But as the pro-choice movement has galvanized nationally in order to counter the increasingly vocal and powerful anti-abortionists, the issue has grabbed the nation's attention, and more mainstream Jewish women's groups have decided it is time to speak out. Today, "the issue of reproductive rights is not seen as scary and as fringelike," Schneider said.

Jewish women's groups have also reacted to the monopoly on religion claimed by the pro-life movement in the early 1980s, and began to see the need to stand up for choice in the context of their Jewish beliefs. Many of the Jewish organizations joined with liberal Christian groups as part of the Religious Coalition for Abortion Rights. As a result of these forces, "Jewish women's organizations are beginning to take both of their labels seriously," Schneider said with satisfaction.

Officials of the organizations said that a great deal of the spur for their activism was pressure from the grassroots membership. Aileen Cooper, director of programming and public affairs for B'nai B'rith Women, said

its involvement in the abortion question did not come from the initiative of its leaders; rather, it stemmed from concern expressed from its membership nationwide. "And like all organizations we have to be responsive to our membership," Cooper said.

"The grassroots was coming to (the national leadership) talking and urging," agreed Shirley Blumberg of Gaithersburg, Md., who serves as Hadassah's lay representative in Washington. Blumberg's background is typical of the traditionally active "Hadassah lady." Involved in the group for 40 years, she has visited Israel frequently and has been active on Zionist issues.

But she is equally concerned about reproductive rights. She represents Hadassah at national pro-choice strategy meetings. At last April's massive pro-choice rally in Washington, he husband and grown daughter joined her in carrying the Hadassah banner. She speaks proudly of her daughter's generation, which is active in the pro-choice battle through Hadassah. "Our young women, juggling professions and families, are making time for this," Blumberg said.

Attracting the membership and retaining the support of Blumberg's daughter's generation is a practical need that high visibility in the pro-choice movement helps to fill for Jewish women's groups. Like all Jewish organizations, the women's groups are greatly concerned about their membership rolls, especially as they face a shrinking pool of women who have time available for the volunteer activities to which they have been traditionally oriented.

In addition, the women's groups must contend with the fact that previously all-male organizations, like B'nai B'rith International, are not only opening their doors to women, but actively recruiting them as members in order to boost their own numbers.

Hadassah President Kalmanson can point to concrete examples of the abortion issue's power to attract interest among Jewish women.

In Atlanta last August, after Kalmanson was interviewed about her pro-choice stance by the local CBS affiliate, a young woman who worked at the television station approached

her and said, "I'm Jewish and I want to be involved in this." Kalmanson reported that the woman has since joined Hadassah's Atlanta chapter.

Kalmanson said she does not fear losing her older, more traditional constituency, over the issue. While "there is an opportunity and a danger" in taking stands on any controversial topic, she said, the potential benefits outweigh the risks in speaking out on abortion.

Likewise, Bernice Balter, executive director of the Women's League for Conservative Judaism, says the abortion issue has inspired women to become more active in synagogue sisterhoods. "Those sisterhoods active on social issues have to be more attractive to their members than those that don't," she said.

But Balter is careful to describe her organization's stand as "not pro-abortion, but pro-choice." The Women's League is especially sensitive to Jewish law's prohibition of abortion in certain cases. The preamble to the group's official stance on the issue gives value to a fetus as "a potential life."

But the Women's League and the Conservative movement are pro-choice, Balter said, because they believe the federal and state governments "shouldn't be the arbiters of Jewish law or Catholic law."

Hadassah has also had to reconcile its position with traditional Jewish law, or halachah. Kalmanson admits that some Orthodox Hadassah members have objected to the group's stance. But she says they have discussed the issue and been able to reach an understanding.

The conflict between Orthodox and non-Orthodox positions on abortion, both among Hadassah's membership and in the larger Jewish community, stems from varying interpretations of halachah, which permits abortions under certain circumstances.

The Reform and Conservative movements, which have both endorsed the Nov. 12 rally, believe that abortion should be unrestricted, in order to allow women to make the choice based on their religious beliefs.

The Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, however, did not endorse the rally and has said

that it "cannot endorse a public policy that does not reflect the complex response of halachah to the abortion issue."

It cited this objection in its refusal to join in the 1989-1990 Joint Program Plan of the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council, which calls for the Jewish community to "oppose any attempts to restrict" reproductive choice. The NJCRAC program plan reflects the views of 13 national and 117 community Jewish agencies.

The pro-choice stand cuts across other traditional divides in the Jewish community, bringing together groups that often oppose each other on religious and Israel-related issues.

The wide range of Jewish groups endorsing the Nov. 12 rally include the American Jewish Committee, American Jewish Congress, Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, B'nai B'rith Women, Hadassah, Jewish Labor Committee, National Council for Jewish Women, National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods, New Jewish Agenda, Union of American Hebrew Congregations, United Synagogues of America, Women's American ORT and the Women's League for Conservative Judaism.

The American Jewish Congress, which eliminated its separate Women's Division in 1982, but whose Commission on Women's Equality is a central part of the organization, is sponsoring a briefing in Washington.

Harriet Kurlander, director of the AJCongress commission, described the way in which Jewish groups were coming together on the abortion issue as "historic." She said that it is clear that while the right to choose is important to many Jewish women, it is far from exclusively a women's concern.

"The right of the decision whether to have family affects us all," she said.



Jewish Family Service of Delaware

Jewish Family Service is a constituent agency of the Jewish Federation of Delaware and a member agency of the United Way of Delaware.



What's So Hard About Being A Single Mother?

lies. Family breakup generally means reduced economic circumstances, and sometimes sudden poverty. There are legal details to be handled and most parents worry about the children who may have adjustment problems of their own.

Karen G, age 35, recently divorced, with two children, worries a lot: about living alone, juggling work and household responsibilities; adjusting to a reduced income; finding child care; dealing with her ex-husband; coping with her children; and meeting other men. Her ex-husband is not dependable in making support payments, and her salary is barely enough to make ends meet. At times, her ex-husband is not reliable about visiting the children, and makes promises to them that he doesn't keep. When he takes the children for a weekend, he has his girlfriend there (which Karen doesn't like one bit). And, when the children see their father, he buys them expensive toys, and takes them to Sesame Place and Hershey Park — places Karen doesn't have the time or money to take them. She sometimes worries that the children will love him more, or want to live with him. Often she feels guilty, frustrated and insecure.

Most single mothers are left to cope with a tangle of personal, financial, and social problems that stretch their patience as well as their pocketbooks. As Karen has discovered, one of the biggest problems is living on a drastically reduced income. In a divorce, the wife and children are often much worse off financially than the ex-husband.

Another major problem Karen is

struggling with, is one of adjustment to living alone. As a single parent she is totally responsible when something breaks down in the house; paying the bills; fixing the car (it will have to last a long time). She is the only one there to deal with emergencies, as well as the usual tasks and chores of running the household — while holding down a full-time job.

Some other problems that trouble her, (and other single parents) are that of loneliness, social isolation, and finding time for herself. She is worried about making new single friends; dating; how her children will respond to a new man (if she ever finds one); and how he will react to them.

Despite these problems, and other harsh realities, Karen, and most single parents, will recover from the trauma of divorce. And, if there's no ongoing hostility between the parents, most children adjust well.

Those parents who handle divorce well are those who can get rid of their angry feelings toward their ex-spouse. And, they take care of themselves as much as possible.

Single parents need to reach out for support from family, friends, and other single parents. Meeting others in the same situation can help them feel less alone. Building a network of single friends can help with car pools babysitting, and coping with sick children in an emergency.

For Karen G, the problems of single-parenting are so overwhelming that she sought professional counseling to deal with the emotional and practical difficulties she faces. Although she is just beginning

to accept and understand her feelings, sort out the issues, and cope with her situation, she now has a better attitude about meeting the new challenges and obstacles ahead of her. It is very likely that Karen will recover from the trauma of her divorce, and will lead a rewarding and satisfying life with her children.

To answer the question "Where

do you go for help?" — professional counseling is available at Jewish Family Service, where over the years many single parents have been helped to better their lives, develop increased self-esteem, and discover the rewards and joys of single parenthood.

If you need help, or would like to improve your situation, take the first step by calling 478-9411.

Dear Rachel,

I am a great believer in "what goes around comes around." When I was in grade school, I was a real no goodnik. I made more than one teacher's life miserable, and nothing my parents or principal said or did made me behave any better in class. I won't expound upon my exploits or the punishments for fear of giving my son any ideas. I have recently become aware of the fact that he, my son, has been saying rude things about one of his teachers, and has begun to act up in class. I guess I am getting back what I dished out to others, but I really don't want my son to follow in my footsteps on this one. Do you know anything that my parents and teachers didn't that can help me prevent a few years of misery all around?

Dennis the Melamed's Menace

Dear Menace,

The Sh'ma tells us "Veshinanta levanecha": teach your children. Children learn the lessons we deliberately teach, plus many more just by living with us. If you want your son to rewrite the school history, you had better do some editing of your own first. Monitor your own conversations. Has there been just a little bit of relish in your voice when you told some of those "When I was a little boy" stories? Does teaching come across as a profession for "those who can't" or as the main claim to fame of some of our greatest rabbis and heroes? Do you treat your son as a responsible party in this drama ("What have you contributed to your class today?"), or as a mischievous child? Make your expectations clear and concrete. And don't forget to check on outside factors that may be responsible for some of your son's changed behavior.

Rachel

Send letters to "Rachel, c/o Jewish Family Service, 101 Garden of Eden Rd., Wilmington, DE 19803." Names and details will be altered in published letters to protect your privacy.

Arab-Americans Launch Poster Campaign In Washington

By HOWARD ROSENBERG
WASHINGTON (JTA) — Citing a sharp decline in media coverage of the Palestinian uprising, the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee has revived its poster campaign in the Washington-area sub-

way system.

The Jewish Community Council of Greater Washington, the local Jewish umbrella group, is not fighting the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority's decision to display two types of ADC posters in half of the system's 700 subway cars.

In a mailing last month, the JCC noted local court decisions uphold-

ing the general right of groups to place political advertisements in the system. Stephen Gell, the JCC's president, said for his group to oppose such a right "would be seriously detrimental to community relations." He said his group would oppose only those posters that were "misleading" or "inaccurate." The transit authority requires groups seeking to display

posters to enclose supporting evidence.

Both posters ask viewers to "support Palestinian independence" and to call their congressional representative.

To display the posters for a month, the ADC paid \$10,000 to the transit authority.

Pope Calls For Palestinian Homeland

By RUTH E. GRUBER
ROME (JTA) — Pope John Paul II made a forceful appeal for a Palestinian homeland on October 22 in an address to 30,000 people assembled in St. Peter's Square.

Although it was not the first time the pontiff has supported Palestinian aspirations, the speech was one of his strongest expressions of sympathy for their plight and solidarity with their cause.

"From the Holy Land came invocations for help and solidarity from the inhabitants of Gaza and the West Bank," the pope declared.

"They are the cries of an entire people, which today is particularly tested and which feels weaker, after decades of conflict with another people linked to that same earth by its own history and its own faith. It is not possible to be indifferent to these invocations and the daily grief of these people," the pope said.

"To them I want to express my

profound solidarity, assuring them that the pope continues to make his own their legitimate request to live in peace in their homeland, respecting the right of every other people to enjoy the necessary security and tranquility."

The pope called on all parties to strive to put an end to the suffering of the Palestinians as soon as possible, and to "actively seek peace and harmony for that land which is holy to millions of believers—Christians, Jews and Moslems."

Israel May Bring Water From Turkey

TEL AVIV, (JTA) — Israel is considering importing sweet water from Turkey in huge plastic bags, in view of a possible fresh water shortage due to below normal precipitation in recent years. The unusual idea has been discussed by officials of the Ministry of Agriculture and the Israel Water Commission.

An Israeli plastics factory would fabricate immense semi-flexible bags, nearly 800 feet long and shaped like the hull of a ship.

They would be towed to Turkish ports, filled with potable water and towed back to Israel in a regular ferry service. Since sweet water is lighter than salt water, the heavily laden bags would float at sea.

The estimated cost of the project is in the millions of dollars, but it would be less expensive than the construction of giant desalination units.

The idea is no more bizarre than one entertained by Saudi Arabia some years ago to tow polar icebergs to Saudi ports and pump off the water as they melted.



By HELENE RUDNICK,
L.C.S.W.

Jewish Family Service

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Jewish Family Service Receives Grant For Frail Elderly

Jewish Family Service has received a Grant-In-Aid from the State of Delaware to initiate a program designed to maintain frail elderly people

in their own homes for as long as possible.

With the oldest segment of the aged population increasing faster than any other group, there is already a problem of not enough beds in nursing homes and other institutional placements to meet the increasing demand of the "elderly old" or "oldest old" who require this type of care. Add to this the high cost of maintaining patients in institutional settings, and the psychological desirability of a person being in their own home, and it is clear that every effort must be made to bring services to the elderly in their own homes for as long as possible. The State grant has helped the agency to initiate a project with fifteen frail elderly clients.

A detailed intake process and assessment is used to identify 15 frail elderly clients, who live alone and have a minimal support system. A specific service plan is developed for each client, and tailored to meet each one's particular needs.

Each client is assigned to a service team comprised of three staff members: Caseworker, Social Worker, and Case Aide. All three staff members will see each client when appropriate in order to carry out the service plan.

The goal of this project is to monitor and provide a case management service that assures that all clients are receiving the support they need in the community to remain functional in their own homes. Jewish Family Service staff will provide some services directly, utilize any available volunteers, including family and friends, and provide linkage to any other needed services.

Along with the project, the agency continues to provide its wide range of services to the aged, as well as individuals and families in general. Anyone in need of help, or knowing someone who is, may contact Jewish Family Service by calling 478-9411.

Jews May Visit Yemen

NEW YORK (JTA) — For the first time in nearly four decades, American Jews of Yemenite descent were able to visit the country of their ancestry, the Yemen Arab Republic.

Traveling last month under the auspices of the host government, they distributed religious articles including prayer books and bibles, prayer shawls and phylacteries to the tiny Jewish community — estimated at no more than 1,500 — in the YAR. During their two-week visit, they met with hundreds of Yemenite Jews in Raydah, in the central part of the country, and Saada in the north.

"We are grateful to the government of the Yemen Arab Republic," said Dr. Hayim Tawil, an associate professor of Hebrew languages and literature at Yeshiva University, who headed the group.

Tawil said the group looks forward to continued cooperation with the YAR government on behalf of the Jewish community there.

Yemenite Jewry is believed to be the most ancient Jewish community in the world. It is said to be able to trace the establishment of the Jewish community in Yemen back to the time of the Queen of Sheba.

Although isolated from mainstream Jewry for centuries, Yemenite Jews succeeded in preserving Jewish knowledge and culture, members of the group reported.

Kathy Bloom And Alan Paikin to Co-Chair Super Sunday

Kathy F. Bloom and Alan H. Paikin will co-chair the tenth annual Jewish Federation of Delaware Super Sunday, to be held January 21, 1990, at the offices of Patterson-Schwartz Realtors, according to Henry Topel, 1990 JFD General Campaign Chairman. Super Sunday, which is the official opening of the Federation Campaign, is the day-long phone-a-thon when more than 120 volunteers will be working in two-hour shifts to make calls to every Jewish adult in the state for contributions to the Jewish Federation 1990 Campaign. "The Federation campaign is designed to benefit the global Jewish family by supporting social, educational, humanitarian, and cultural services provided by various organizations and agencies in Delaware, Israel, and throughout the Jewish world," according to Topel.

A native Delawarean, Bloom currently serves on the Board of Directors of Jewish Family Service and chairs the JFS Jewish Family Life Education Committee. Additionally, she is an Advisor for the Newark Chapter of the B'nai B'rith Youth Organization. A veteran Super Sunday volunteer, Alan Paikin has served on the Soviet Jewry Task Force of the Jewish Community Relations Committee and is a Captain in the Federation's 1990 Advanced Gifts Division of the Campaign. Both Bloom and Paikin will be representing the JFD Young Leadership Cabinet as Co-Chairs of Super Sunday 1990.

This year's Super Sunday promises to be "uplifting" for our volunteers as well as each contributor" commented Paikin, referring to the adoption of the 1990 theme; "An Uplifting Experience." Bloom noted that the theme will be used throughout the planning and execution of Super Sunday and "will enhance the sense of a fun as well as productive community-wide event." Last year's



1990 Super Sunday Co-Chairs are Alan H. Paikin and Kathy F. Bloom.

Super Sunday enabled more than 1700 Delaware Jews to make their pledges to the Federation campaign. More than \$140,000 was raised, which represents approximately 11 percent of the overall total for the 1989 Jewish Federation campaign.

Recruitment efforts for Super Sunday leaders and volunteers are currently underway. For more information about Super Sunday 1990 and/or the Jewish Federation Campaign, contact Seth Bloom, JFD Director of Community Development, 478-6200.

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Announcements/Events

Troop #18 Revives Jewish Boy Scouting



Wilmington's Jewish Community Center is resuming sponsorship of revived Boy Scout Troop #18 for its second season, meeting weekly at the JCC Tuesday evenings, since October 17, at 7 p.m. Also, once each month, Sunday afternoon programs will emphasize the traditional scouting aspect of outdoor activities. Generations of youth have come to love and respect the Scouting movement, developed in America by such national Jewish figures as Mortimer Schiff and Dr. Cyrus Adler.

JCC sponsorship now provides the Jewish Community's direct sup-

port for scouting programs that have been using the JCC for some time, including a recent Camporee of Scouts from neighboring states, and a long-standing monthly roundtable

where Brandywine District Scouts regularly share programming discussions. As a United Way activity, Troop #18 also brings non-Jewish members into contact with the JCC's many programs, while encouraging membership for Jewish youth not otherwise involved in Center life.

What's so unique about Troop #18 is its Jewish programming content. Overnight camping, for which meals are provided by an adult Troop Committee, are strictly kosher, while trips and activities are scheduled to avoid Sabbath conflicts. This has proven to provide an advantage over other Scouting Troops by avoiding scheduling conflicts for facilities'. Troop #18's first week-long overnight in June opened the season at Maryland's Rodney Scout Camp, resulting in obtaining first choice of campsites. Eight of the 11 boys in their first year participated, with several earning merit badges, while Troop Committee parents alternated attendance from one to three con-

secutive nights during the week to share in their sons' adventure.

Special focus this year will be eligibility for the *New Tamid* award, epitomizing *A Scout Is Reverent* in the Jewish tradition, which has special significance for Scouts approaching their *bar mitzvah* birthdays.

Other experiences this past season included trips to French Creek Park and the Hopewell Furnace National Historic Site in Pennsylvania, for 5-mile and 7-mile day hikes. Scouts have been learning first aid and traditional Scouting skills along with Jewish values.

Membership is open to youth between the ages of 10 and 18, who are in 6 grade or above. They can attend meetings to determine their interest, or contact Scoutmaster David Hirschman (work: 798-0292; home: 368-5688) or Troop Committee Chairman Bill Weissman (work: 428-0255; home: 764-9051). JCC membership is not a requirement to be a Boy Scout.

Naches

Horowitz/Davis

Mr. and Mrs. Harold A. Davis announce the marriage of their daughter, Bonnie Susan, to Howard Brian Horowitz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Horowitz of Bridgewater, New Jersey. The ceremony, officiated by Rabbi Peter H. Grumbacher, took place June 3 at Temple Beth Emeth, followed by a reception at the Brandywine Country Club.

Bonnie is a graduate of the University of Virginia and the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania. Howard is a graduate of the College of William and Mary.

The couple resides in Reston, Virginia.

Shattuck

Jack E. Shattuck of Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Congregation received two special appointments in October, related to his work with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs in Elsmere.

Having served for several years as *de facto* spokesman to news media for the VA Medical Center, he recently was designated Public Affairs Officer, with additional responsibilities to VA Central Office in Washington, D.C. He holds extensive writing and speaking experience in several past assignments, before and since arriving in Wilmington.

Additionally, he was elected by his colleagues to the Board of Directors of the Delaware Society of Directors of Volunteer Services, to serve a two-year as Secretary/Treasurer with the state organization of hospitals volunteer managers. As Chief of Voluntary Service at the Wilmington VA Center, he has doubled the use of volunteers at that facility in the past decade, lifting Wilmington's program into the top 50 among 172 VA hospitals in the United States.

ORT Meeting

A general ORT meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 14, at 7:30 p.m. Included will be a Discovery Toy fundraiser. For more information call Debby (475-9505).

Einstein Academy Plans Open House

On Monday, November 13, Albert Einstein Academy will hold a "Get to know Us" open house for parents of children entering kindergarten in September 1990. It will take place at the school from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

"The purpose of our program," stated AEA principal, Eleanor Weinglass, "is to acquaint parents with our school, our kindergarten teachers and our curriculum. We want parents to become aware of all that AEA has to offer. In addition, it will give us an opportunity to answer questions and address any concerns that parents might have."

Albert Einstein Academy is the only Jewish Day School in the state of Delaware. In addition to serving students from the Wilmington and

Newark areas, AEA attracts students from Chester and Delaware counties in Pennsylvania and Cecil County, MD.

AEA offers a full-day kindergarten curriculum which includes Judaic and Hebrew studies, as well as a half-day secular program. The children of AEA come from a wide variety of backgrounds representing different degrees of religious observance and involvement.

Albert Einstein Academy is located in the Harry and Yetta Cohen Wing of the JCC on Garden of Eden Rd. in Wilmington. To reserve a place at the open house, or for more information about AEA, call (302) 478-5026.

Luchins To Speak At AKSE

Dr. David Luchins, Associate Professor of Political Science at Touro College, will speak on "Jews and Social Justice" in a special lecture at Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Synagogue on Thursday, November 16.

Luchins received rabbinic ordination from Yeshiva University in 1971 and a doctorate in political science from the City University of New York in 1977. He has held numerous important political and religious posts. As Special Assistant to Daniel Pat-

rick Moynihan since 1981, Luchins has advised the Senator on the Middle East and served as liaison with the Jewish community. He has served as National Vice President of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations and Chair of its Communal Relations Commission.

Luchins teaches courses in American government, international relations, and Israeli politics. He lectures regularly on a variety of political issues affecting the Jewish community.

This lecture is the first in a planned series of guest speakers at AKSE. It begins at 8 p.m. and will be followed by a question and answer period and refreshments. All members of the community are invited to attend.

Share Your Good News in the Naches column

REMINDER

The introductory lecture of the Congregation Beth Shalom series entitled "The Holocaust: Roots, Development and Major Issues," will be given on Sunday, November 5, at 7 p.m. Dr. Willard Fletcher, recently retired professor of History at the University of Delaware and former member of the United States Holocaust Memorial Council will discuss the historical background leading to the rise of Nazism with emphasis on the relationship between Jews and Christians in Poland and Germany. For more information on this year-long course on the Holocaust, call the synagogue at 654-4462.

Jewish Film Festival 'Israel Film Week'

"Summer Of Aviya," the heartwarming, emotional story of a mother/daughter relationship suffering from the trauma of the Holocaust, opens "Israel Film Week", Saturday, November 11, at 8 p.m. In-person guest at the screening at the Gershman YM&YMHA Branch of Jewish Community Centers, Broad and Pine Streets, is Gila Almagor, producer and star of this 1989 Israel Oscar winning film.

"Israel Film Week" continues on Sunday, November 12, at 3 p.m., with "Siege" and Gila Almagor who won "Best Actress" for her role in this film. Wednesday, November 15, at 8 p.m., "Fictitious Marriage," a sexy comedy about a philandering husband, will be screened.

On Sat. Nov. 18, at 8 p.m., "Atalia," the story of a romance

between a 40-year-old woman and her 19-year-old lover, will be screened and Akiva Tevet, the Director, is guest speaker.

Multi-award winner "Because Of That War" concludes "Israel Film Week" on Sun. Nov. 19, at 3 p.m.

Call 215-545-4400 (ext. 243) for tickets. Adm. is \$12.50 for opening night, \$7.50 for evening shows and \$5.50 for matinees.

The next Jewish Film Festival Event will be the Philadelphia premiere of Marcel Ophuls' masterpiece "Hotel Terminus: The Life And Times Of Klaus Barbie." There will be only one screening on Sunday, December 10, beginning 3 p.m.

YJAD November Calendar

The Young Jewish Adults of Delaware (for Singles 21-35) has planned several activities for November. Call the JCC at 478-5660 to be included on the mailing list for their monthly newsletters.

The group's monthly Havurah discussion will be "Dealing with Stress," on Tuesday, November 7, at Julie Scher's house at 7:15 p.m. Call Julie at 731-7951 for directions.

On Sunday, November 12, there will be a "Brunch & Bowl" party. The group will meet at 11:30 a.m. to Alyson's Restaurant on Kirkwood Highway for their \$5.95 all-you-can-eat buffet brunch, then go bowling at Pike Creek Lanes at 1:30 p.m. Call Mike at 368-1982 by November 10 for reservations to either event.

The Group will hold a "Win Lose Draw" game night at the JCC at 7

p.m. on Wednesday, November 15. Munchies will be provided, and cover is one dollar. Call Sandy at 737-6667 by November 14 for reservations.

The monthly cocktail party will be on Tuesday, November 30, at 6 p.m. at Cavanaugh's (formerly Oscar's), 703 Market St Mall. Cover is \$6. For information, call Ron at 762-7411.

There will also be a day trip to the Franklin Mills outlet mall, on Sunday, December 3. The drive is less than one hour, and the group will be carpooling from the Naaman's Rd./I-95 Hilton Hotel (lobby) at 11 a.m. Call Pam-Sue at 737-0958 by December 1 to make reservations.

The Singles co-ed volleyball league will be meeting every Monday night at 8 p.m. indoors at the JCC. For more information or to sign up, call Michael Schwartz at 475-7765.

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Announcements/Events

Beth Emeth Planning New Year's Eve Gala

Congregation Beth Emeth is planning to usher in the 1990's with a gala on December 31 which will include "Shir Chadash," the well-known band which plays contempo-

rary and Israeli dance music, an open bar and champagne toast. The celebration will begin with a cocktail hour (8:30 p.m.) and hors d'oeuvres, followed by a full catered dinner.

A unique aspect of the Beth Emeth Gala is the Art, Jewelry and Judaica Boutique. The boutique will feature art by a variety of artists displayed by the Engel Gallery of Jerusalem and New York. The art and affordable jewelry will be available all evening for the guests' perusal and purchase.

lowed by a Viennese table of sweets and coffee.

This party is open to everyone in the community. There is limited seating, so send your *paid* reservations of \$50 per person (by Dec. 22) to: Ari Bodnar, 2609 Deepwood Drive, Wilmington, Delaware 19810, 479-2655.

For more information, call Audrey Katz, 478-7785.

1807 & Friends In Concert

1807 & FRIENDS, described as "the ensemble consistently providing the finest chamber music-making in the city," continues their Monday Evening Series at the Gershman YM & YWHA Branch of Jewish Community Centers, Broad and Pine Streets, in Philadelphia, on November 13, at 8 p.m. On the program is: Prokofieff "Overture on Hebrew Themes Op. 34" for clarinet, strings

and piano; Copland "Sextet" for clarinet, strings and piano; Schubert, "String Quartet in A Minor, D.804".

Admission is \$10; Sr. Citizen price is \$8; Student tickets are \$3. For tickets, information and season schedule call (215) 468-5312 or 545-4400 (ext. 241).

The next concert is January 22, 1990.

Beth Emeth Auction

Congregation Beth Emeth, 300 W. Lea Blvd., Wilmington, will host a Talent Show and Silent Auction on Saturday, November 18, starting at 7 p.m. The evening will include origi-

nal entertainment (serious and comedic), food and a silent auction. The public is invited. Reservations may be made by calling Beth Katz at 475-5228. tickets are \$5 per person.

Beth El Planning Monte Carlo Night

Temple Beth El in Newark is sponsoring a Monte Carlo Night on November 11, at 7:30 p.m. The \$5 admission charge includes a beef and beer buffet. There will also be a door

prize of a Zenith 19" Color TV with Remote Control. Temple Beth El is located at 301 Possum Park Road in Newark. For tickets and information, call (302) 366-8330.

NCJW November Meeting

What if Myra Phillips had called the police and had Zachary arrested for assault instead of taking matters into her own hands? Who would have helped her through the process of the trial? Find out at Ethel Parsons' home, 903 E. Matson Run Parkway (762-6407), on Wednesday, November 15th at 10 a.m.

Terri Evans, a social worker with VWAP (Victim/Witness Assistance Program) of the Department of Justice, will speak about their program to help victims of domestic violence.

Reservations may be made by calling Ethel Parsons (762-6407) or Jean Blumenfeld (478-3835).

'My Search For Henry Roth' Subject Of Address At Congregation Beth Emeth

The Living Judaism Committee of Congregation Beth Emeth has announced that Diane Levenberg, a professor in the English Department at Kutztown State College, will address the congregation at Friday evening services on November 17. Her topic will be "My Search For Henry Roth," and will begin Jewish

Book Month at the temple.

The speaking engagement is under the sponsorship of the Rosenthal Library Fund and is open to the entire Jewish community. For more information, contact Arnold M. Kneitel, Chairman of the Living Judaism Committee.

Dover Hadassah Chapter Celebrating 10th Anniversary

A Dinner Theater will be held on Saturday, December 9, at Congregation Beth Shalom, Queen and Clara Streets, Dover, in celebration of the 10th anniversary of the founding of the Lower Delaware Chapter of Hadassah.

There will be a reception at 6:30 p.m. honoring charter members and dinner will be served at 7:30 with a theater presentation following.

A one-act play entitled "I Am Herbert" starring Marlynn Hedgecock and Donald Dean has been

arranged by Blanka Falek.

Dinner will be catered by Wallace of Philadelphia with desserts and other special treats provided by Hadassah members.

Reservations may be made through Helen Flamm, 1958 Mitten St. Dover, DE 19901, 697-6467. Costs are \$25 per person, \$50 per couple. Patrons are \$50 per person, \$100 per couple. Proceeds will be donated to Youth Aliyah to finance its many projects in Israel.

Beth Shalom Sisterhood Paid-Up Brunch

The Sisterhood of Congregation Beth Shalom, 18th and Baynard Boulevard, will host its Paid-Up Membership Brunch on Sunday, November 12, at 12:30 p.m. at the synagogue. The cost is \$2.50 for Sisterhood members and \$6 for

guests. Following the luncheon, at 2 p.m., there will be a Chamber Concert performance by the Newark Symphony Orchestra.

To make reservations, contact Debbie Grossman at 656-9348.

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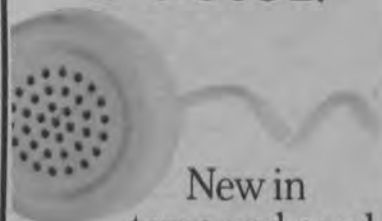
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Jewish Buildings In San Francisco Suffer Little Quake Damage

By ALLISON KAPLAN

NEW YORK (JTA)—Synagogues and other Jewish institutions in the San Francisco Bay Area sustained relatively minor damage as a result of the major earthquake that rocked the area October 14.

Structural engineers examined synagogues and Jewish communal institutions in the San Francisco, Oakland and San Jose areas to determine if congregants and staff members could enter safely. Even those buildings located in badly struck areas escaped relatively unscathed, although they sustained some cracking from the quake, which measured

6.9 on the Richter scale.

"Several synagogues indicated a little bit of plaster falling from the ceilings, bookcases strewn books," said Doug Kahn, director of the Jewish Community Relations Council of San Francisco, the Peninsula, Marin and Sonoma Counties. Reached by telephone, Kahn said that in addition to the synagogues, Jewish federation buildings in both San Francisco and Oakland had only superficial damage.

Kahn, along with most San Franciscans reached by telephone, focused on the toll of deaths and injuries from the earthquake, the vast

majority of which occurred when a highway collapsed in the Oakland area.

"All in the Jewish community here, first and foremost, mourn the tragic loss of life," Kahn said. He added that it was still too early to learn the identities of the victims of the disaster.

Kahn said that as "shaken and devastated" as the community is, there is still a sense of hope and relief that the damage to homes and institutions had not been more extensive.

Temple Sinai, which is located near where the highway collapsed, had a stained glass window broken during the quake, and had some plaster fall. Temple Shearith Israel, half a mile from the Marina District of San Francisco, which suffered building collapses and a devastating fire, was not seriously damaged.

It was the second major earthquake the synagogue has survived. Built in 1904, the synagogue not only made it through San Francisco's 1906 earthquake, but served temporarily as the city's town hall and courthouse while the city recovered from its devastation.

Another historic synagogue that escaped damage, Temple Emanu-El, houses the congregation to which the respective owners of the Oakland Athletics and the San Francisco

Giants both belong. The earthquake put a sudden halt to the third World Series game between the two Bay Area teams.

The old building housing the Israeli Consulate in downtown San Francisco also sustained some outside damage. But there were no injuries among the consulate's staff, said Consul Anna Azari.

When the quake hit, some reporters at the *Northern California Jewish Bulletin* in San Francisco were knocked off their chairs and, as instructed, took shelter under desks or door frames. The weekly paper was forced to suspend publication for that week.

A slight variation on the duck-and-cover procedure was reported by Rabbi Noach Vogel of the Chabad congregation in San Jose. "Every time there was an aftershock," he said, "we ran to the door post and kissed the mezuzah."

In Jerusalem, Israeli President Chaim Herzog and Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir sent cables to President Bush, expressing Israel's sympathy to those in the San Francisco area. "Please accept on my behalf and on behalf of the people of Israel our heartfelt condolences on the tragic events in the earthquake in California," Herzog's cable read. "Our sympathy goes out to the bereaved

families."

The mayor of Haifa, Arye Gurel, offered Mayor Art Agnos of San Francisco the aid of the Israeli disaster relief teams that helped earthquake victims in Soviet Armenia and Mexico. Haifa and San Francisco maintain a sister-city relationship.

In New York, Don Feldstein, associate executive vice president of the Council of Jewish Federations, said that help would be dispatched to the San Francisco Jewish community if such a need is determined. Feldstein said that even if there are no serious, specifically Jewish needs, CJF may choose to act as a channel for donations for general disaster relief in the area. He said that he had been deluged with calls from federations across the country offering their help to San Franciscans.

In some ways, there was more frantic concern about the impact of the earthquake outside California and overseas than among Bay Area residents themselves, said reporter Winston Pickett of the *Northern California Jewish Bulletin*.

"Television viewers keep seeing shots of the worst hit area over and over again," he said, "but actually, when you're in San Francisco, you see miles and miles without any damage at all. The quake damage was very scattered and capricious up and down Northern California."

Woody Allen Backs Jackie Mason

By ELENA NEUMAN

NEW YORK (JTA)—What do you get when you mix two Jewish comedians with two mayoral candidates in the ethnically diverse Big Apple? — an open can of worms and a lot of publicity.

Last month, instead of reading headlines about David Dinkins' and Rudy Giuliani's variant approaches to the problems of New York crime, homelessness and drugs, New Yorkers had their eyes and ears tuned into the continuing saga of two politically partial Jewish comedians: Jackie Mason and Woody Allen.

At a fund-raising function at the home of prominent Democratic supporters Arthur and Matilda Krim, Allen, a Dinkins supporter, defended Jackie Mason, who earlier last month was forced to resign from the Giuliani campaign because of various jokes and statements made about Dinkins and Jews.

"I think that he's in no way racially prejudiced," Allen said, much to the surprise of candidate Dinkins, who was standing next to him. "These are the same jokes that he's always made. The press was pious and foolish and, you know, he got a raw deal."

Mason was quoted as calling Dinkins a "fancy shvartze with a mustache" who "has accomplished absolutely nothing in his life," and who "looks like a black model without a job."

The comic was also quoted as attacking Jews who voted for Dinkins in the Democratic primary: "There is a sick Jewish problem of voting for a black man no matter how unfit he is for the job. All you have to do is be black and don't curse the Jews directly and the Jew will vote for the black in a second."

Jewish organizations were quick to denounce Mason's comments. UJA-Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of Greater New York called the statements "ill-informed" and "insulting," and the Jewish Community Relations Council of New York issued the statement saying, "Rather than being humorous, Mr. Mason has resorted to racial characteriza-

tions which are an affront to New Yorkers, regardless of their race or religion."

But Allen, in a clarifying statement issued after the fund-raising event, made the distinction between racial and racist slurs. "I don't believe Jackie Mason ever intended to make racist remarks. He's a man who's entertained millions with outrageous, sometimes shocking and racial—but not racist humor. He's been hilariously critical of all faiths and colors and, most often, biting, his own."

Mason issued a terse but appreciative response for Allen's unsolicited defense. "I am touched and grateful," he said, according to his manager, Jyll Rosenfeld. She said that Mason has been receiving approximately 35 letters a day in support of him and his statements, including one from Joseph Papp.

"We were all taken by surprise," Rosenfeld told the *Jewish Telegraphic Agency*. "It was very brave of Woody. He had a lot of guts."

Allen received his share of criticism for his statements, most notably from Mayor Edward Koch. "It was not a gracious act on his part to say that at a time when he's there praising David Dinkins," the mayor said.

Dinkins, who refused at first to comment on Allen's statement, later capitulated by saying that Allen "is a person who is slower than some to accuse...He does not believe that Jackie Mason intended his remarks as racial slurs. Other people disagree."

Where Dinkins, Allen, Giuliani and Mason all seem to be in consensus, however, is their eagerness to dispense with the entire imbroglio. "I've made all the comments I intend on that subject," said Dinkins. "Frankly, I would much prefer to talk about crime and drugs and housing and homelessness."

Giuliani agreed. "I'm not commenting on comedians any longer," he said. "It's best we concentrate our remaining time on problems facing the city of New York."

But Allen, in his characteristic way, put it this way: "Everybody should lighten up a little," he said.

UAHC Program Helps With Rabbi Shortage

NEW YORK (JTA)—A national shortage of Reform rabbis has inspired a two-week program for lay-volunteers by the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

It is believed to be the first of its kind by any denomination.

Fifteen men and women between the ages of 29 and 62, including lawyers, executives, teachers and social workers who are active in Reform synagogues, were trained to

perform rabbinical duties under simulated conditions.

Some of the students came from isolated communities without rabbis; others from communities where the rabbi is overtaxed in his responsibilities and in need of assistance.

Rabbi Daniel Syme, vice president of UAHC, said the program was so successful it would become an annual event and that next summer's class would be doubled in size.

Israel Receives \$70 Million Less In U.S. Economic Aid

By HOWARD ROSENBERG

WASHINGTON (JTA)—Israel received \$1.13 billion in economic aid from the United States on Tuesday, \$70 million less than it has received in the past few years. The reduced figure is largely due to across-the-board budget cuts mandated by President Bush on Oct. 16, when Congress failed to bring total spending for the 1990 fiscal year in line with the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings deficit-reduction law.

Douglas Bloomfield, a Washington lobbyist and former legislative director of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee, said it is "very likely, but not guaranteed," that \$63.6 million of the \$70 million will be restored.

The \$63.6 million cut was mandated under the deficit-reduction law, which required that non-defense programs be cut by 5.3 percent.

But pro-Israel lobbyists said Israel will almost certainly not be able to restore \$6.5 million that Congress shaved off in across-the-board cuts of its own. Of that money, \$5 million was used to expand the government's drug interdiction campaign and \$1.5 million was used to continue the Peace Corps program.

To reverse Bush's across-the-board "sequestration" of federal programs, Congress would have to cut the deficit to about \$100 billion in its 1990 deficit reconciliation bill. Passage of that bill is being delayed for various reasons, including wrangling over a cut in the capital gains tax.

If Congress comes up with the cuts, the few billion dollars in across-the-board cuts that already have been made could be restored, bringing the deficit close to \$110 billion, and in line with Gramm-Rudman-Hollings target.

Reacting to the cuts, an Israeli Embassy official said Wednesday, "It's reality."

"We understand that the U.S. government is under severe constraints," he said, adding that Israel is

"very grateful" for the funds not cut.

The Israeli official said that the economic aid is used to repay Israel's debts from U.S. loans received during various Israeli-Arab wars and in foreign aid prior to 1984, when Israel's foreign aid was converted from loans to grants. That debts is now owed mainly to private U.S. banks, under a 1987 debt-refinancing law that converted high-interest government loans into lower-interest private loans.

The Israeli official said his government owes the United States "a lot of money," estimated at \$10 billion, with its annual debt repayments to private U.S. banks being "a little higher" than \$1.2 billion.

Israel, unlike other countries, is required by Congress to receive its economic aid within the first month of the new fiscal year, said Bloomfield. That is because lawmakers realized in the early 1980s that Israel was borrowing at high interest rates from private banks in Israel to repay its U.S. foreign aid and war debts, Bloomfield said. Having an "early disposal" of Israel's economic aid is a way for Congress to avoid "sending your friends deeper into debt," he added.

Bloomfield said the Bush administration avoided sending Israel

"threats and warnings" by sending it the money at this time, even though Congress has yet to approve the 1990 foreign aid appropriations bill, which includes the \$3 billion in aid to Israel.

By providing the money now, the United States sent Israel a "positive signal," rather than "trying to use foreign aid as leverage over Israel for something else," he added.

As is the case with its economic aid, Israel's \$1.8 billion in U.S. military aid is also being cut, by \$104 million, mainly to meet deficit-reduction targets. Israel uses the money to purchase U.S. weapons systems from the Pentagon.

One pro-Israel lobbyist here speculated that Israel would likely make up most of the gap by using Israeli taxpayer money to fund U.S. weapons systems. Israel "cannot afford to really stretch (weapons procurement) out" because of "pure economics," the lobbyist said. The costs of procuring weapons increases per unit, depending how fast and how many are being built.

The lobbyist added that Israel might free up \$100 million by reducing its military operation and maintenance budget and by spending less money on troops.

An Israeli Embassy official would not speculate on how Israel would try to offset cuts in U.S. military aid.

Sharansky May Visit Moscow

By DAVID LANDAU

JERUSALEM (JTA)—Natan Sharansky, who spent nine years in the Soviet Gulag for alleged spying, may soon revisit the land of his birth. The Soviet Jewry activist and former "prisoner of Zion" said he has been invited to attend the founding in Moscow, in December, of the Soviet Jewish Confederation, an umbrella body of all Jewish cultural organizations in the Soviet Union.

On October 30, he told *Ma'ariv*

he was considering accepting the invitation if it could help the Jewish revival, though he has no nostalgia for his native land.

He assumed Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev could make political capital from his visit. But that had to be balanced against the benefit which would accrue to the Soviet Jewry movement, Sharansky explained.

He said he doubted the Soviet authorities would refuse him an entry visa, even though he had been convicted of spying for the United States.

Allan Rosenthal Appointed Local Chairman For UJA Young Leadership Conference

Dr. Allan B. Rosenthal will serve as the local recruitment chairman for the upcoming UJA Young Leadership Conference, according to Susan Paikin and Norman Pernick, Jewish Federation of Delaware Young Leadership Cabinet Co-chairmen. The UJA Young Leadership Conference,

set for March 11 through 13, 1990, in Washington, D.C., is a bi-annual national conference. In 1988 the conference attracted more than 3000 young adults from Jewish communities throughout the country.

Conference highlights will include in-depth political updates by leading

legislators, personal meetings with local elected officials, analysis of the Arab-Israeli conflict by high-ranking Israeli diplomats, lectures and gala entertainment. "I am extremely excited about attending this conference with a delegation from the Delaware Jewish community," commented

Rosenthal. "Everything I've heard so far about the agenda has reinforced the feeling that this is an experience we shouldn't miss."

There will be an interesting meeting regarding the conference, Tuesday, November 7, note that this is a change of date, at 7:30 p.m., at the home of Dale and Allan Rosenthal, 26 Randlewood Drive, Dartmouth Woods. At this meeting specifics regarding the Conference will be presented and registration forms will be distributed. As a reflection of the importance of this Conference, the Jewish Federation of Delaware will offer a limited number of subsidies for participants. Since this year's conference is limited to 2500 attendees, it will sell out and UJA has recommended early registration.

Interested participants are encouraged to attend the November 7 meeting. To register for the meeting



Allan B. Rosenthal

or for further information about the conference, contact Seth Bloom, JFD Director of Community Development, at 478-6200.

Myra Phillips' Verdict: Self-Defense

Myra Phillips, portrayed by actress Jonnie Holzman, came to life in a realistic drama on October 11. A mock trial concerning an emotionally and physically abused woman who killed her husband was staged in Superior Court with Judge Vincent Poppiti presiding. Sidney Balick served as the defense attorney and Steven Wood was the prosecuting attorney.

During the course of the trial and subsequent deliberations, the audi-

ence was made aware of some painfully real facts. In this country, one instance of spousal abuse occurs every 15 seconds and 1500 instances of women killing their spouses in self-defense occurs every year.

Poppiti continued the trial through the jury charge and deliberations and he included the audience midway through the deliberations. Following the verdict of self defense, Poppiti carried it one step further and presented the scenario of a verdict of

manslaughter and had the attorneys give a short argument on how they would present their case at sentencing.

The Wilmington Section of NCJW is committed this year to presenting programs and educational forums on domestic violence. For those who were unable to attend the trial, NCJW will show the videotape at their meeting on January 24, at 7:30, at the JCC.

Farrakhan Strengthens Political Power In Washington

By JOSEPH POLAKOFF

WASHINGTON — Nation of Islam Minister Louis Farrakhan's latest foray in Washington has brought him enhanced political support in the nation's capital and enthusiastic backing from an increasing number of black professionals and university professors along with students.

While Jewish communal spokesmen denounced his statements and those applauding him, a *Washington Post* columnist, Dorothy Gilliam who is black pointed out a rationale for the crowds attending Farrakhan's talks.

"This does not mean that all the people who listen to him endorse the harsh attacks he makes in some of his speeches on whites, Jews and even some black politicians such as David N. Dinkins of New York," Gilliam wrote. "It means they seem to find Farrakhan's message of self-help, economic independence, strong families, sobriety and the value of education more relevant to the realities of their plight than many other black leaders."

She concluded "reality and moral-



Louis Farrakhan

ity require us to be above making Farrakhan a non-person, as many persons seem to prefer. Farrakhan exists, locally and nationally, as this increasing local black support attests."

Observers said that selection of Farrakhan's remarks recalled similar

views in the 1930s when Italy's Mussolini was praised by Americans for having trains run on time, Hitler for his winter relief programs in Germany and anti-Communism as being more significant than their attacks on western democracies and Jews.

Some 10,000 at the D.C. Armory on October 23 heard him assert that white America, fearful of growing political strength of blacks, has fostered killings among blacks and that problems of drugs and crime in the black community result from white oppression and neglect.

About Dinkins, the Democratic nominee for mayor of New York who had criticized Farrakhan for his anti-Semitism, Farrakhan said he would probably be better for blacks than Mayor Edward Koch "but even if you get a black mayor, what have you got?" Some observers immediately thought he might be using "reverse psychology" to improve Dinkins' standing with New York's Jewish voters.

The following day before 250 journalists and professionals at the

J.W. Marriott Hotel in downtown Washington, Farrakhan questioned why President Bush named General Colin Powell, a black, to head the Joint Chiefs of Staff, saying "oftimes when a Black man is elevated to a high position, it is generally because of a desire to use him against the legitimate aspirations of his own people or to use him as window-dressing to make the masses of black people believe that an unjust system is working in their behalf."

The same day, the District of Columbia's council passed by a voice vote without debate a resolution praising Farrakhan's followers for assisting in the fight on drugs. The resolution was sponsored by Councilman Harry Thomas who showed it to a beaming Farrakhan at the Armory.

Councilmembers Jim Nathanson, who is Jewish, and Betty Ann Kane abstained from the vote. Nathanson said he could not support the resolution because it explicitly named Farrakhan. "I am personally offended because he attacks my people and others in a way that is divisive," Nathanson said.

Council chairman David Clarke, a candidate for mayor and one of three whites on the 13-member council,

said he did not vote because "I'm not ready to discuss that until I look at him and understand him (Farrakhan) a little more," *The Washington Post* reported.

Two black members, Nadine Winter and Charles Drew Jarvis, said they did not vote either, *The Washington Times* reported.

The Jewish Community Council of Greater Washington said it is "dismayed and deeply disappointed" by the council's approval of the resolution. "Farrakhan and his supporters once more publicly excoriated whites in general and Jews in particular," it said, referring to his two meetings in Washington.

The American Jewish Committee's Washington office, which was disturbed by mention of Farrakhan in the resolution, sent a letter of disapproval to council members.

"Passing a resolution in favor of Farrakhan who has a long record of racism and anti-Semitism makes as much sense as the Louisiana State legislature lauding David Duke for some community service he may have performed," David Friedman, director of the Anti-Defamation League's Washington-Maryland regional office, said. "You can't selectively praise some one steeped in bigotry."

Holocaust Museum Established At Gratz

The formal opening of the Holocaust Awareness Museum of the Delaware Valley at Gratz College took place on Sunday, October 29. Gratz College held opening ceremonies earlier in the day to celebrate its recent move to the Mandall Education Campus located at Old York Road and Melrose Avenue in Melrose Park.

The program included the dedica-

tion of memorial plaques and presentation of an award to local State Representative Max Pievsky for his work on behalf of the museum. Speakers included Dr. Paul Winkler, head of the New Jersey Governor's Task Force on Holocaust Education and Isadore Hollander, president of the Holocaust Survivors Association.

Chuck Feldman, President of the Board of Directors of the museum,

introduced the board of directors, staff, and the Speakers Bureau, which is made up of Holocaust survivors and concentration camp liberators. Mrs. Sheila Riz related a brief history of the museum. She is the widow of the founder, Yaakov Riz. Dr. Philip Rosen, museum director, spoke about the expanded services and programs the museum offers to the Delaware Valley and New Jersey, especially for teachers and educational institutions.

Are Jewish Museums Boring?

Museum-goer Wendy Leibowitz charges that most Jewish museums fail to convey the vitality of Judaism and instead display lifeless artifacts behind glass. Tom L. Freudenheim, assistant secretary of museums for the Smithsonian Institution, responds that new Jewish museums are using innovative techniques to engage visitors' interest, and established Jewish museums have shown spectacular exhibits that Leibowitz missed. The argument appears in the October 1989 issue of *Moment Magazine*.

Leibowitz "obviously speaks for a lot of frustrated visitors, and we need to listen," says Freudenheim. On

some recent museum visits, Leibowitz says, "I had to consciously reassure myself that Judaism was not dead." Only Beth Hatefutsoth, the museum of the Diaspora in Tel Aviv, earns her praise for success in celebrating Jewish life.

Leibowitz speaks of "static" rooms full of coins and photographs. More lively activities such as films and folk dances could be used to draw people toward a deeper consideration of Jewish cultures, she suggests.

There is an "emotional need, not only a cerebral need, that brings people such as Leibowitz to Jewish

museums in the first place," Freudenheim observes, and this compels Jews to demand more of Jewish museums than they do of other museums. "I've seen some exceptionally engaging material in Jewish museums," he says, "and lots of boring things elsewhere."

"It is clear that Leibowitz has seen some range of the available Jewish museums," says Freudenheim. "Yet she seems to have visited the larger museums at their least interesting moments, and to have noticed only the worst elements in the smaller ones."

The trend is not toward sharing

the joys and strengths of Jewish life, not exploring the depth of Jewish faith or achievements, Leibowitz notes sadly. "Instead, New York City will erect a \$150 million museum to commemorate the Holocaust," and Washington, D.C., will follow suit with a national Holocaust museum.

"Leibowitz reminds us that there are committed and potentially interested Jews anxiously waiting to be brought into the museum orbit," Freudenheim says. But to transform our museum will take far greater levels of support from the American Jewish community.

Harvard Law School To Teach Talmud

By JOSEPH POLAKOFF

Special to The Jewish Voice

WASHINGTON — Harvard Law School has announced Israeli Supreme Court Justice Menachem Elon,

University of California Law School Professor David Daube and University of Liverpool Professor Bernard Jackson will teach and lecture there on the Talmud and Jewish philosophy over the next two years.

Daube, who teaches at Berkeley, will inaugurate the school's general program with two lectures in October. Justice Elon will be the first Caroline and Joseph Gruss visiting professor in Talmudic legal studies in the Spring when he will be in residence at Harvard. Jackson will be the second Gruss visiting professor, teaching in the fall semester in 1991 on early Jewish law and legal philosophy.

The Gruss professorship has been established under a grant from Joseph Gruss of New York in honor of his wife, Caroline. It provides funds for a visiting professor approximately once every two years at the law school.

Obituaries

Carl Ian Zenker
Carl Ian Zenker, 58, of 339 High Ridge Road, Chadds Ford, Pa., died October 25 in Tel Aviv, Israel, after he was struck by a bus. He had been on vacation.
Mr. Zenker was a partner in the firm of Zenker & Styer, certified public accountants, 1814 Foulk Road, Wilmington.

He was a member of Congregation Beth Shalom, Montefiore Mutual Benefit Society, Jewish Community Center, the Delaware and New Jersey societies of CPAs, American Institute of CPAs, American Jewish Congress and the National Association of Public Accountants. He was a graduate of Temple University, and an Army veteran.

He is survived by his wife, Elaine; two sons, Gary of Exton, Pa., and Steven of Stamford, Conn.; a daughter, Penny Zenker of Chadds Ford; his mother, Fannie Zenker of Wilmington; a brother, Arnold of West Chester; and two sisters, Marilyn Herring and Joanne Epstein, both of Wilmington.

Arrangements were made by the Schoenberg Memorial Chapel.

Instead of flowers, the family suggests contributions to Kutz Home, Wilmington.

Edith Lederman

Edith Lederman, 95, of 2401 Pennsylvania Ave., The Devon, Wilmington, died October 29 of pneumonia at The Kutz Home, 704 River Road.

Mrs. Lederman was a homemaker. She was born in Kupel, Russia.

She was a member of Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Congregation and Hadassah.

Her husband, Meyer B., died in 1979. She is survived by a daughter, Florence Mayer, with whom she had lived; a sister, Ida Dochen of Austin, Texas; two grandsons and a great-granddaughter.

The family suggests contributions to The Kutz Home, Wilmington.

Lewis Schendowich

Lewis Schendowich, head coach of Mount Pleasant High School's 1989 championship golf team and former teacher and administrator in the Wilmington public schools, died October 29 of heart failure in St. Francis Hospital.

Mr. Schendowich, 67, of 28 Wheatfield drive, Meriden, Millcreek, was head coach for the past six seasons of Mount Pleasant's golf team, which won the 1989 Blue Hen Conference title.

Mr. Schendowich worked in the Wilmington public school system, now Red Clay school district, for 33 years, retiring in 1981. He was a mathematics teacher at Warner Junior High School and later was supervisor of transportation. More recently, he was substitute teacher at several schools, including Mount Pleasant and Brandywine high schools.

A football and basketball official for 30 years, he worked his last basketball game in 1974 and his last football game in 1975. He was former president of New Castle County

Football Officials Association.

Mr. Schendowich was on the board of Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Congregation and was a member of Granite Lodge 33, AF&AM.

He is survived by his wife, Jean W. Schendowich of Boca Raton, Fla.; a sister, Rose Radbord of Pittsburgh, and four grandchildren.

Arrangements were made by the Schoenberg Memorial Chapel.

The family suggests contributions to Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Congregation, Wilmington.

Robert T. Silver

Robert T. Silver, 74, a former comptroller at Allied Kid Co. who earned degrees in art history after his retirement, died Sunday of heart failure in Wilmington Hospital.

Mr. Silver, of 4405 Washington Blvd., worked at Allied Kid for 31 years, retiring in 1977. That same year he began a new career in art history and enrolled at the University of Delaware, where he earned a bachelor's and master's degree.

He won the 1984 essay competition sponsored by Sister Cities of Wilmington Inc. His prize was a visit to Kalmar, Sweden, Wilmington's sister city.

He was a former member of the board of directors of the Jewish Federation of Delaware and the National Office Management Association. He was former president of the School of Advanced Jewish Studies, former board member and treasurer of Milton and Hattie Kutz Home for the Aged, and member, former president and treasurer of Congregation Beth Emeth and its Brotherhood.

Mr. Silver was a member and fiscal officer of the Delaware State Arts Council, responsible for examining records, administrative procedures and business methods of the Delaware Art Museum, Grand Opera House, Rehoboth Art League and other organizations that receive money from the National Endowment for the Arts through the council.

He was the author of a book entitled "Outdoor Sculpture in Wilmington."

He was an instructor for the past nine years at the University of Delaware's Academy of Lifelong Learning. He was a graduate of Wilmington High School and an Army veteran of World War II.

He is survived by his wife, Anna R.; a daughter, Susan Silver of Washington, D.C.; two brothers, Rabbi Samuel M. of Delray Beach, Fla., and Joseph E. of Wilmington; and a sister, Esther R. Zinman of Brandywine Hills.

Arrangements were made by the Schoenberg Memorial Chapel.

Instead of flowers, the family suggests contributions to Congregation Beth Emeth, Wilmington.

George Ashman

George Ashman, 82, of B'nai B'rith House, 8212 Society Drive, Claymont, died October 31 of complications from a stroke in St. Francis Hospital.

Mr. Ashman was manager of the shoe department at the now defunct Wilmington Dry Goods store in Wilmington, where he worked for 35 years. He retired in 1975.

He was a member of Adas Kodesch

Shel Emeth Congregation, Harry Fineman Post of the Jewish War Veterans, Deborah Heart & Lung Foundation and B'nai B'rith Lodge 470.

He is survived by his wife, Frances; two sons, Gerald D. of Chalfonte and Bernard H. of Durham, N.C.; two sisters, Betty Abelon of Lynn, Mass., and three grandchildren.

Arrangements were made by the Schoenberg Memorial Chapel.

Instead of flowers, the family suggests contributions to charity.

Samuel F. Keil

Samuel F. Keil, an attorney and partner in the law firm Keil & Keil for more than 50 years, died November 1 of pneumonia in Wilmington Hospital.

Mr. Keil, 87, of 1401 Pennsylvania Ave., Wilmington, retired from his law practice in 1988.

He was one of the oldest living members of the Delaware Bar.

He was former president of the Delaware Dickinson School of Law Club, a past exalted ruler and trustee of Wilmington Lodge 307, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He was a member and board member of Temple Beth Emeth and a charter member of Avoda, a Jewish service organization. He also had served as an attorney on a New Castle County organization, Trustees of the Poor.

He is survived by his wife, Gertrude Miller Keil; a son, Jeffrey of Richmond, Va., three sisters, Carla K. Jacoby of Florida, Bertha Kessler of Philadelphia and Sylvia Shtofman of Wilmington, and two grandchildren.

Knesset Defeats 'No Confidence' Votes

By DAVID LANDAU
JERUSALEM (JTA)—New cracks appeared in Prime Minister Yitzhak

Shamir's Likud-led coalition government last month, when its Labor Party component largely boycotted

Knesset votes on six no-confidence motions relating to the peace process on October 2.

In any case, the motions, introduced by leftist opposition factions critical of Shamir's policies, were easily rejected, by a margin of 34-13, with six abstentions. Only eight Labor members supported the government, most of them associated with their party's hawkish wing. The rest of the faction "voted with their feet" by staying away from the chamber while the electronic balloting was under way.

The Laborites wanted to express displeasure with what they consider to be Shamir's uncompromising position on proposed Israeli-Palestinian peace talks in Cairo. But they were unwilling to wreck the coalition at this time by siding with the opposition.

The absentees got a tongue-lashing from Shoshana Arbeli-Almoslino, a Labor hardliner, who said avoiding the vote was "unparliamentary." Nevertheless, she said she would be willing to reconsider Labor's participation in the government if, after Shamir's scheduled November visit to the United States, there is no progress toward peace.

Sara Doron, chairwoman of Likud's faction and a leader in the bloc's Liberal Party wing, sounded a conciliatory note. She said that while she condemns the Laborites who stayed away, she is ready to put the episode behind her and hope for better cooperation in the future.

Those who abstained from voting included members of the ultra-Orthodox party Agudat Yisrael. Its Council of Sages has given the government a two-week ultimatum to make good

on religious legislation promised when the party agreed to join the government last year.

Agudah threatens to quit unless the government provides more money for Orthodox schools, tougher enforcement of Sabbath observance and legal action against what the pious consider "immodest" advertisements.

The October 24 Knesset session was more stormy than usual because of a racist remark allegedly made by Rehavam Ze'evi, leader of the extreme right-wing opposition party Moledet. Ze'evi made the remark during a floor argument he was having with Mohammed Miari, an Arab member of the radical left-wing Progressive List for Peace, over how many Arabs and Jews have died in the 22-month-old Palestinian uprising, or *intifada*.

When Miari said there was no difference between the life of an Arab or a Jew, Ze'evi was reportedly heard in the press gallery to remark: "For every Jew, a thousand Arabs."

The Knesset's five Arab members, supported by others, immediately

demanding that the Knesset discipline Ze'evi, whose faction advocates the mass transfer of Arabs out of Israel and the administered territories, as part of a negotiated peace settlement.

But Knesset Speaker Dov Shilansky of Likud refused to act, saying he had not heard Ze'evi's alleged remark. He called for a recess to calm tempers. Later, however, Shilansky ordered the Knesset House Committee to investigate discrepancies in accounts of what Ze'evi had said.

On October 25, two left-wing opposition parties, the Center-Shinui Movement and Citizens Rights Movement, demanded parliamentary action against Ze'evi. Shinui urged all parties to boycott him. Yossi Sarid of the CRM filed a formal complaint with the Knesset panel on rules and discipline.

Most of those who heard Ze'evi believe he favored killing 1,000 Arabs for every Jew killed. Ze'evi said later he meant punishing, not killing. "But if you want a correction of my statement, write 10,000 instead of 1,000," he told a reporter.

Effort To Replace Trees

NEW YORK (JTA) — American Jews have joined a worldwide effort to replace the 2 million trees and rehabilitate the 40,000 acres of forest land in Israel destroyed by arson during the last two years of the *intifada*, or Palestinian uprising. The most recent blaze devastated 2,000 acres of park land and wildlife preserves on Mount Carmel near Haifa on Sept. 19.

As in the other instances, Palestin-

ian extremists are being held responsible, as the arson — at a cost some \$50 million — is clearly part of the *intifada* spilling over from the administered territories into Israel proper.

Americans are able to participate by calling a 24-hour toll-free hotline set up by the Jewish National Fund, the agency responsible for afforestation and land reclamation in Israel. The number is (800) 542-TREE.

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Parents Welcome To Participate At JCC

"The JCC is a place where children can feel happy, relaxed, stimulated and secure. This truly is the goal of our department and it is realized through the efforts of a qualified and caring staff, and strong parent involvement," said Early Childhood Director Marilyn Forbes.

The JCC has many programs that serve the young child. Morning pre-school and afternoon enrichment programs are offered for children

that are one and walking through five years old. There are no more than 15 children per class with a teacher and a teacher's aide.

Programming is skill-based, creative and stimulating. Various skills are combined through innovative lesson planning — an art project about a Jewish holiday will include counting. The program stresses positive self-image and awareness of body-image. Jewish values are incor-

porated into all programming. Children are always encouraged to talk about feelings, family and love through stories and conversations. Hebrew is learned through music. A morning gym program, taught by the vibrant Lynn Lew, is an extremely popular feature of the pre-school.

Forbes explained that parent involvement can occur on various levels and is essential to a positive school experience for the young child.

"Children learn best when the parents are committed to quality. They sense this by observing parents talking with teachers and with the child about school activities," she said.

Forbes encourages parents to communicate with teachers about their children's progress. She also invites parent who have a skill, profession or avocation to come in and share it with the class. Whether parents speak about being a pharmacist, teach songs, send in ideas, help with art projects or drive on field trips, their input is an invaluable resource. It is not just what the class learns from the participating parents, but also the immeasurable benefit that the children of those parents receive by observing first hand their commitment and interest in the children's school experience.

The pre-school is supported by

two lay committees of parents, the Early Childhood Committee and the PTA.

The Parent Teacher Association is the program support art of the department. It sponsors workshops and the open house, hosts special events, plans holiday activities and raises needed funds. The Early Childhood Committee is concerned with issues that have an effect on the pre-school: curriculum, food, the use of seat belts and many other pertinent topics. The committee can effect change by recommending policy to the Executive Board of the JCC.

"There are ample opportunities for parents to be involved in the pre-school experience," Forbes said. "We urge parent input because the rewards are countless."

For more information, contact Forbes at 478-5660.

Cell-Piano Duo To Perform

The Academy of Lifelong Learning will host a community program on Tuesday, November 21, at 1:15 p.m. featuring Joseph Zimmerman on cello and Northrop Brawn on piano. They will be presenting a concert of musical favorites including light classic and show tunes.

Zimmerman has been a cellist for approximately 60 years and enjoys performing classical music. He is a

former member of the Delaware Symphony and principal cellist of the Kennett Symphony, Delaware Chamber Orchestra and the DuPont Chamber Orchestra.

Brawn has had a lifetime avocation for music composition and piano performance. He has performed in various musical productions around the Delaware Valley.

Both men are currently instruc-

tors at the Academy of Lifelong Learning. This performance is free of charge and open to the entire community.

Movie Madness

A "Movie Madness" program on Friday, November 24, at 12:30 p.m. and will provide an afternoon of movies, "munchies" and mixers, is designed for teenagers in 7th and 8th grades. Teens may call the JCC and report their favorite movies and staff will pick from their suggestions.

The cost is \$5, for members and \$8, for non-members. The deadline for registration is Tuesday, November 21.

Teen Trip To Israel

The Teen Services Department of the Jewish Community Center will sponsor a trip to Israel from teens in grades 8 through 12 grades. The trip scheduled for December 19 through December 29. The cost of the trip includes airfare, hotels, all meals and admissions. Some of the places the teens will visit are Masda, Tel Aviv, Jerusalem, Haifa and various other points of interest.

Contact Shelley Gitomer, Teen Program Coordinator, for information on the Teen Trip to Israel. The deadline for registration is November 19.

Seniors To Celebrate Thanksgiving

The JCC Senior Center will host its annual Thanksgiving luncheon on Tuesday, November 21, at noon. Members of the Senior Center will be joined by participants from the Stroke Club. Because Thanksgiving is a time to give thanks for all we have, the R.S.V.P. volunteers will be honored.

Representatives from the Retired Senior Volunteer Program will also join the seniors for this special luncheon.

Reservations may be made by calling Ray Freschman, Senior Center Coordinator, at 478-5660. A special holiday donation is requested.

Teen Social Scheduled

A social program for 7th and 8th graders at the JCC on Tuesday, November 7, from 6 to 7 p.m. will provide teens with an opportunity to meet new friends and kibbitz with old

friends. The fee for members is \$5, and \$8, for non-members. Fees include dinner. Call the JCC Front Desk to register by Monday, November 6.

Free Racquetball For Teens

The Recreational Services Division of the JCC offers a special free racquetball service for teenagers in 9th through 12th grades. Courts are available, Monday through Friday,

from 3:30 to 5 p.m. This service is also open to non-member guests for a fee of \$3 per hour. Reservations may be made by calling the Control Desk at 478-5660.

Soviets Now Sorry About Wallenberg

By JOSEPH POLAKOFF

Special to The Jewish Voice

WASHINGTON—Soviet authorities have given Raoul Wallenberg's family some of his personal belongings and apologized for having arrested him as a spy nearly 45 years ago in Budapest but their continued claim he died of a heart attack in Lubyanka Prison on July 17, 1947, is not believed.

The return of his Swedish diplomatic passport, several notebooks and some currency "do not prove that Raoul is dead," his half-sister Nina Lagergren said in Moscow October 16 after meeting with Soviet authorities. "They only prove that the Soviet authorities have been lying to us all these years when they said they had no more information on Raoul." She added "it only strengthens our belief that Raoul is alive today."

A similar view was expressed in Washington by Rep. Tom Lantos (D. Calif.) and his wife, Annette Tilleman Lantos, founder and chairperson of

the International Free Wallenberg Committee. The Lantos were among the tens of thousands of Jews saved by Wallenberg from going to the Nazi death camps in the later years of World War II.

"The Soviet Government is now praising Wallenberg's heroic efforts in Budapest in 1944," Lantos said. "That marks a major departure from what they were saying only a short time before. The fact that they have met with Wallenberg's family represents some progress."

"But the Soviets have not told the whole truth," his wife added emphatically. Noting Wallenberg's half-brother and half-sister were "told once more" that he died in Lublanka, in Moscow in 1947, Ms. Lantos explained "that simply is not true. There have been many, many credible and verifiable sightings of Wallenberg in the Soviet gulag in the 1950s, 1960s, 1970s and beyond. Soviet authorities have refused to follow-up on these sightings. The story is not

closed, the mystery is not solved. Soviet authorities have simply repeated a bureaucratic lie that has already been discredited."

Congressman Lantos, who is chairman of the Congressional Human Rights Caucus, agreed. "The Soviet Government must do a much more thorough check of the facts," he said. "Repeating a lie that has already been discredited does not answer the question 'Where is Wallenberg?' Glasnost calls for the Soviets to do considerably more to resolve the mystery of Wallenberg."

The Soviet Foreign Ministry's chief spokesman, Gennadi I. Gerasimov, said, Wallenberg's arrest was "a tragic mistake which has never been corrected." The passport and other items, he said, were found during a recent search of the K.G.B.'s archives but that, he said, did not change the "irrefutable fact that Raoul Wallenberg died in 1947." When Wallenberg was arrested he was 35 years old and healthy, friends said.



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for the Advancement of Science, the Optical Society of America, the Acoustical Society of America and the American Ordinance Association, among others.

He was active in numerous charities and civic associations, and was named president of the United Way of Central Delaware in 1966. From 1971 to 1972, he headed the Urban Coalition of Wilmington. He also served on the State Education Steering committee, the Delaware Bay Oil Transport Committee, the State Planning Council, the Governor's Council on Science and Technology and on the Governor's

Task Force on Coastal Zone.

"Delawareans throughout the state mourn the loss of Nisson Finkelstein," noted Senator Bill Roth, a longtime friend. "His contributions to our state will be remembered and missed. As a businessman, as a columnist for *The Jewish Voice*, as a scholar of Jewish and biblical subjects and as a leader in community and charitable organizations, Nisson gave of himself unselfishly," Roth said. "Over the years, I came to know Nisson and appreciate him as a man of intelligence, depth and sincerity," Roth said.

In April 1989 Dr. Finkelstein and his wife were honored at the State of Israel Bonds

Tribute Dinner held at Congregation Beth Shalom in Wilmington. At that dinner, Bernard Siegel announced the establishment of the Nisson and Rona Finkelstein Philanthropic Fund which is dedicated to Jewish education and administered by the Jewish Community Foundation.

The Israel Bonds Dinner, reflected Cohen, "was an opportunity for his friends to deliver a eulogy while Nisson could still hear it...and for Nisson to speak to his friends."

In thanking the family members and guests for attending the dinner in his honor, Dr. Finkelstein suggested that life is a patchwork quilt, often difficult to understand. If we are looking for a guiding motive to explain all our experiences, he offered, we might consider the words of Simon the Righteous in the Mishnah

section entitled Ethics of the Fathers. Simon the Righteous, he explained, said the world rests on three things: Torah, which Dr. Finkelstein interpreted as all Jewish learning; service to God, interpreted as service to man, not materialism; and deeds of kindness. "What does life mean if it is not permeated with deeds of kindness?" he asked the audience.

"The loss to this community is great," Vogel said. "Nisson's work is unfinished but there is no one in this community who can pick up where he left off."

Dr. Finkelstein is survived by his wife, two sons, Jesse A., of Wilmington, Loren A., of Houston, Texas; and four grandchildren. Instead of flowers, the family suggests contributions to the Delaware Hospice, Inc., in Wilmington.

Creche

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religious group, it is acceptable."

Reynolds commented that to deny the Keep Christ in Christmas Creche Committee a permit

would "prohibit religious expression and would constitute a content-based exclusion from a public forum in violation of the Free Speech and Association provisions of the First Amendment."

According to a report in the October 17 *News Journal*, Wilmington attorney Max S. Bell, Jr., of the local American Civil Liberties Union, said that court opinion on religious displays are "so-fact-specific" that he would

have to review each aspect of the Rodney Square creche before fully assessing Reynold's ruling. But he said the city "was moving in the right direction" and that the local ACLU has no plans to pursue the matter.

Leon Uris Visits Soviet Union

By J.J. GOLDBERG

The New York Jewish Week

NEW YORK (JTA) — The celebrated novelist Leon Uris wound up a three-city lecture tour of the Soviet Union that he describes as having "quite a bit of unpleasantness surrounding it."

"I think when we get out of the Soviet Union, we have to take a long, second look at what has happened," Uris said grimly in a telephone conversation from Moscow on October 20. "I think that a lot of the news that the American Jewish community is dying to hear is just not true."

Uris, whose 1957 novel "Exodus" is widely credited with helping to spark the post-1967 revival of Jewish consciousness in the Soviet Union, went to the USSR under the sponsorship of B'nai B'rith International. He was accompanied by Dr. Michael Neiditch of the B'nai B'rith International staff.

Uris, who first visited Moscow in 1962, repeatedly refused to give details of the "unpleasantness" he

encountered, apparently fearing surveillance. But he acknowledged that reported increases in anti-Semitism were "absolutely" a factor in his gloomy assessment. He also said that during the course of his lecture tour, which covered Riga, Leningrad and Moscow, "our halls grew smaller and further out of the center, for reasons that were not clear and probably never will be. I think the audiences were kept small."

At the same time, Uris said the trip was deeply gratifying for him personally, because of the influence of his popular novel. For many years, type-written copies of illegal translations of "Exodus" were passed from hand to hand throughout Russia.

"It's the most tremendous experience a writer can undergo, to realize that his work has been that far-reaching," said Uris, adding that he was "exhilarated" to learn that his book "has changed a lot of people's lives."

"The accolades have been tremendous," he said. "They call it a 'bible

of truth — not in a religious sense, but it's a textbook that bridged their isolation over the last 70 years."

In much of the Soviet Union, said Uris, "Jewish life has been pretty well eradicated. We found a lot of intermarriage."

"We have seen a whole range of attitudes," added Neiditch, "ranging from apprehension and fear to extraordinary optimism in Riga," the capital of the Latvian republic. "I think that what is happening in Riga is something the Jewish world has got to pay attention to. They seem to be establishing Jewish culture in the Riga community," said Uris. "We found they were breathing a little easier."

The novelist described the Riga Jewish community as going through a "revolutionizing" process, with an active Jewish cultural center, senior choirs and a Jewish day school — the first in the Soviet Union — with 400 students in its first year.

"The most heartwarming moment

in the trip was when we walked into the day school and the kids got up and sang to me in Yiddish and Hebrew. They were very happy, very open and very Jewish," he said.

Uris said that after leaving Moscow, he would be visiting Poland and Hungary, under the sponsorship of the United Jewish Appeal. Among the activities planned for him were a visit to Mila 18, the Warsaw street address immortalized in his novel of the Warsaw Ghetto, and participation in a ceremony in Budapest to mark the first legal publication of "Exodus" in an East-bloc country.

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86 Court Martials, 40,000 Arrests Since Beginning Of Intifada In 1987

TEL AVIV (JTA) — Eighty-six soldiers and officers have been court-martialed for offenses such as causing death, violating open-fire orders, assault and damaging property since the start of the *intifada* nearly two years ago. Another 500 to 600 soldiers have been summoned to disciplinary hearings for less serious offenses, IDF Judge Advocate General Amnon Strashnow told reporters covering the administered territories last week.

But IDF soldiers are now permitted, with the approval of the Justice Ministry, to shoot at masked Palestinian youths in the territories because they are "hard-core activists of

the uprising, responsible for assaulting and killing fellow Arabs," Strashnow said.

The IDF chief prosecutor explained that soldiers may fire live ammunition at the legs of masked youths if they ignore calls to halt and warning shots fired into the air. Strashnow stressed, nonetheless, that "this is not a license to kill."

During the course of the Palestinian uprising, which began Dec. 9, 1987, more than 40,000 Palestinians have been arrested, Strashnow reported. That number includes 8,400 held without trial in administrative detention, he said. Of that number 1,889 are still being held.

All told, there are currently 9,600 prisoners held in IDF jails, in addition to 4,000 Palestinian convicts held in Prison Service jails.

Strashnow described the masked youths as "the hard core facing the security forces in their war against the uprising. They oil the wheels of the uprising, confiscating identity cards, preventing workers from coming to Israel, physically assaulting people and murdering them." There young men are "terrorizing the population," he continued, underscoring that "some 125 Arabs have been murdered by Arabs during the uprising."

U.S. Cool To Gadhafi's Latest Bid

WASHINGTON (JTA) — Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi's assertion that he no longer is sponsoring terrorist groups won little sympathy from the State Department last week. "We want to see irrevocable actions, not pronouncements or short-term adjustments that can be reversed," department spokeswoman Margaret Tutwiler said on Oct. 26.

She was responding to remarks Gadhafi made in an interview with the Cairo weekly magazine *Al Mus-*

sawar. The Libyan strongman said he had previously supported some terrorist groups because he believed they could help the Arab cause. "But we found out that they were practicing terrorism for the sake of terrorism and for other objectives that had nothing to do with our national cause," he told the magazine.

However, Tutwiler pointed out that "as it stands today, the notorious Abu Nidal organization is still headquartered in Tripoli, and Libya still had

close ties with Abu Nidal. Furthermore Libya is still supplying funds, weapons, safe havens and training facilities to such groups as the Japanese Red Army, the Provisional IRA, the PFLP-GC and other terrorist groups."

The IRA is the Irish Republican Army, and the PFLP-GC is the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command, a radical, pro-Syrian terrorist group headed by Ahmed Jabril.

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