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Jewish Settlers Are At 42,500 Independent West Bank Study Lists Much Higher Figure Than Most Estimates

By THOMAS L. FRIEDMAN

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JERUSALEM — The total number of Jewish settlers in the West Bank has reached 42,500, many more than most previous estimates, according to a new study just completed.

The population study, produced by the West Bank Data Project, an independent research group headed by a former Jerusalem Deputy Mayor, Meron Benvenisti, found that as of Jan. 1, 1985, there were 9,000 Jewish families living on the Israeli-occupied West Bank — a total of 42,500 people living in 114 Jewish settlements.

"The conventional wisdom here, and the figure most frequently quoted, was that there were 28,000 to 30,000 Jewish settlers," said Benvenisti. "Our study shows how much further along the settlement activity really is. The current economic crisis is now slowing down the number of housing starts on the West Bank, but this will not be felt in the number of settlers until 1986 and 1987. In the meantime, there is enough housing stock to allow for a continued growth of Jewish settlers at a rate of 2,000 families a year."

At the end of 1982, according to Benvenisti's previous census, there were 71 settlements with 20,600 Jewish settlers and 5,000 families, and at the end of 1983 the figure grew to 27,500 settlers and about 6,500 families.

800,000 Arabs in West Bank

"Given the present growth rates — and if nothing intervenes to stop it — I don't see any reason to modify my prediction that by the end of the decade there will be 100,000 Jewish settlers on the West Bank," Benvenisti said.

It is estimated that there are 800,000 Arabs living



JERUSALEM — A young Ethiopian refugee, newly arrived from her famine-wracked homeland in the Horn of Africa, is pictured recovering at the tropical disease unit of the Share Zedick Hospital in Jerusalem, Israel. This young refugee girl is one of thousands of Ethiopian Jews airlifted to safety in Israel. RNS Photo.

in the West Bank.

Benvenisti's West Bank Data Project is considered by many proponents and opponents of Jewish settlement on the West Bank to be one of the most authoritative sources of demographics on the region, and also the most up-to-date census provided by anyone — including the Israeli Government. His research is funded by the Ford Foundation and the Rockefeller Foundation under the auspices of

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Syrian Jewish Community In Distress

By SIMON GRIVER

(WZPS) - Syrian Jewry leads a precarious existence - confined to ghettos and lacking the most fundamental human rights, they are used as bargaining counters and denied the chance of being reunited with their families in Israel and the West. These 4,500 Jewish "hostages" live under a regime which sees Israel as its mortal enemy.

Dire Oppression

The dire oppression that they must suffer was revealed and discussed at a conference held in Paris during November which was attended by more than 500 delegates from all over the world. The assembly was organized jointly by the World Sephardi Federation, the American Jewish Congress and the World Zionist Organization.

David Avayou, executive head of the WZO's Sephardi Communities Department paints a depressing picture of the situation in Syria: "At least in the Soviet Union if a Jew does not want to identify with Israel he is left alone," observes Avayou. "This is not the case in Syria. It would not be an ex-

Drs. David Platt And Charles Levy To Be Honored



Dr. David Platt



Dr. Charles Levy

Akiva Baum will speak at a special Physicians' Division brunch March 10 honoring two prominent Wilmington physicians.

According to Physicians' Division chairmen Drs. Neil Lattin and Philip Blatt, the testimonial brunch to be held at the home of Dr. Carl and Wilma Glassman, will honor Drs. David Platt and Charles Levy for their exceptional humanitarian service to the Delaware community.

Dr. Platt has shared his professional expertise with the Jewish community for many years. Along with Dr. Leo F. Sherman, he provided volunteer services as a physician to the Bichor Cholem Home for the aged — services which involved being on call 24 hours a day. When the Bichor Cholem became the Milton and Hattie Kutz Home in 1960, Platt became chairman of the Home's medical board, and has served in that capacity ever since.

A Federation solicitor over the years, Platt has been the recipient of numerous awards and citations.

Since 1978 he has been a finalist for the Good Housekeeping National Family Doctor of the Year, three times. In 1978 Governor Pierre S. DuPont IV bestowed on Platt the Order of the First State Award. That same year he received a commendation by the Wilmington City Council.

In 1983, Platt received the Hannah G. Solomon Award from the Wilmington Section of the National

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aggeration to say that Syrian Jewry live in more distressing circumstances than any other Diaspora community."

Avayou points out that Syrian Jews must carry identity cards with the word Jew stamped on it, whereas other Syrian citizens do not have to have their religion written on their papers. Jews have no right to travel either abroad, or even outside their own city. They must live in ghettos that have special police stations within them and the police closely monitor movement within the ghetto and occasionally round up all the community into the synagogues to count them. Schools cannot teach Judaism and Jews are not allowed to become teachers. Jews are kept out of the universities and are excluded from any commerce that involves import and export, despite the fact that most Jewish families are engaged in business usually as shopkeepers and merchants.

Women Can't Marry

Amnon Shamosh, a writer and poet who came to

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Congressman Carper To Address Lawyers — Syrian Jews —

Congressman Thomas R. Carper will address a group of young attorneys Sunday, Feb. 24 at the home of Richard and Marjory Stone Levine.

Attorneys' Division chairmen, Stephen Herrmann and Kevin Gross, commented, "This meeting will provide an important opportunity to hear our distinguished congressman share his views on Israel and the Middle East."

Last year, Congressman Carper travelled to the Mid-East to obtain a first-hand perspective of the area. Shortly afterward an in-depth interview with him was published in *The Voice*.

Carper, Delaware's lone United States Congressman, is the first Democrat to hold the First State's House seat since 1964. He is a member of the Banking, Finance and Urban Affairs Committee (Subcommittee of the Monetary Policy; Financial Institutions Supervision, Regulation and Insurance; and Housing and Community Development) and a Member of the Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee (Subcommittees: Coast Guard and Navigation; and Fisheries and Wildlife Conservation and the Environment).

In 1973, Tom Carper moved to Delaware to pursue a Master's Degree in Business Administration at the University of Delaware. While working toward his 1975 degree, Carper became involved in Democratic politics, serving as the Treasurer for James R. Soles' 1974 Congressional campaign.

Carper worked as an industrial development specialist for the State



Congressman Tom Carper

Division of Economic Development from 1975 to 1976, and taught undergraduate courses in Business Administration.

Born in Beckley, West Virginia, on January 23, 1947, Carper grew up in Danville, Virginia. He attended Ohio State University on a Naval ROTC Scholarship, and graduated in 1968 with a Bachelor of Arts in Economics. He completed five years of service as a Naval flight officer and served three separate tours of duty in southeast Asia. His decorations included the Air Medal, the Navy Commendation Medal, two Navy Achievement Medals, and three Viet Nam campaign ribbons. He currently serves in the Naval Reserve and holds the rank of Commander.

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Israel many years ago from Aleppo, Syria was one of the participants in the conference in Paris. He has written a poem which highlights a further aspect of the plight of Syrian Jewry. Shamosh's poem is dedicated to 400 young women who have no potential husbands. "This is a demographic problem," explains Shamosh, "caused by the fact that over the years many young Syrian Jewish men have been able to escape. Therefore the community has an excess of young women."

Times were not always so tough for Syrian Jewry. Communities have thrived and prospered in Damascus and Aleppo for more than 3,000 years. Most Jews left Syria between 1945 and 1950 and there are an estimated 50,000 Jews of Syrian origin in Israel and many thousands more in the United States and Latin America. Some Jews continued to leave Syria until Hafez Assad seized power in 1971 and since then the gates have been firmly closed. Of today's community 3,000 reside in Damascus, 800 are in Aleppo with small clusters of Jews in Homs, Hama and elsewhere.

Glimmer of Hope

If fate has been desperately unkind to Syrian Jewry, there was at least a glimmer of hope offered by an amazingly fortunate coincidence. The conference in Paris, which had been arranged several years in advance, took place several days before President Mitterrand went on a state visit to Syria. Mitterrand, who is a proven friend of both Israel and the Jewish people, undertook to broach the subject with Assad.

"The fact that Assad went on French television during the con-

ference to explain his viewpoint about the Jews of Syria shows that he does care about his international image, commented Shamosh.

For Avayou, Shamosh and all the delegates in Paris, the most moving moments were the eye witness accounts by a young man and a young woman about the difficulties of life for a Jew in Syria. With cloaks over their heads to conceal their identities and thus protect their families in Syria, they spoke of the fear that prevails. The young girl recounted the brutal murder of a pregnant Jewess and her two children because she had refused to give sexual favors to an army officer. Rape and sexual intimidation, although not government policy, are occasionally committed by the military authorities.

Thus the urgent need to bring the Jews out of Syria immediately is clear. Following the conference in Paris a World Committee for Syrian Jewry was established with both Jews and non-Jews on its panel. Moreover the message will be broadcast worldwide at similar conferences to be held in the coming year in New York, Buenos Aires, Madrid and Jerusalem. If nothing else, Syrian Jewry can take hope from this new offensive for their freedom.

Jewish Settlers —

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the Washington-based American Enterprise Institute.

Benvenisti's latest data reveal several demographic trends among Jewish settlers on the West Bank.

First, 52.5 percent of all the Jewish settlers live in eight large settlements, which are in effect urban centers within commuting distance of Tel Aviv or Jerusalem. A total of 25 percent of all the Jews on the West Bank live in one settlement alone, the town of Maale Adumim, just east of Jerusalem.

The remaining 47.5 percent of the settlers live spread out in more than 100 smaller settlements. Benvenisti found that 42 percent of the settlements were made up of 20 families or less, 38 percent had only 20 to 50 families, 8 percent had between 50 and 100 families, 4.5 percent had between 100 and 250 families and 7.5 percent had more than 250 families.

'Purely a Political Statement'

"You can see from these figures that there is some constraint on the growth of smaller settlements," Benvenisti said. "But once it becomes an urban township, the growth potential is very good."

Second, Benvenisti found that almost all of the increase in West Bank Jewish population in the last two years has been in existing settlements. Also, the housing units now under construction are primarily in the larger existing settlements, particularly the townships.

"This fact emphasizes the point," said Benvenisti, "that the addition of new settlements, like the six new ones recently approved by the Government, has no geo-demographic meaning. It is purely a political statement. A freeze on the building of new settlements at this time would be meaningless in demographic terms because most of the new housing and most of the new people are going into existing settlements."

Drs. To Be Honored —

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Council of Jewish Women, as well as Alumnus of the Year Award. In May of 1983 the Delaware Academy of Family Physicians established the annual David Platt, M.D. Lecture Series.

Included among the professional boards he has served on are the Delaware Academy of Family Physicians and the American Academy of Family Physicians.

Dr. Charles Levy, who will be honored along with Dr. Platt next month, has a long history of volunteer activity within the Delaware community.

Levy is currently on the staff at St. Francis Hospital and honorary attending physician at the Wilmington Medical Center.

He has served as president of both the Delaware Heart Association and the Delaware Diabetes Association, and has served on the board of the American Heart Association.

Many of Dr. Levy's volunteer activities reflect his interest in geriatrics.

For several years he served as president of the Milton and Hattie Kutz Home. He has also represented the Kutz Home on the Jewish Community Center board of directors.

Levy has served on several Jewish Federation committees dealing with senior citizens, and currently participates in the Federation's Task Force on Aging.



Akiva Baum

Among his many professional associations, is Fellowship in the American College of Cardiology.

Guest speaker, Akiva Baum, is a Sabra who, despite his young age, has already established a remarkable professional and academic career.

Baum is currently associated with a prominent Wall Street law firm specializing in international corporate practice. From 1970 he practiced law in Tel Aviv, and in 1972 he was nominated as one of the Israeli participants at the European Institute of Business Administration in France. A

year later, following a world-wide competition, he became the only Israeli ever to win the Ford Foundation Fellowship for an American Doctorate in Business Administration.

Baum has studied in Israel, Europe and the U.S.A. He is the holder of various advanced degrees, including three masters degrees, two in law from the Hebrew University and New York University and one in European management from INSEAD, the famous French business school. He is also a candidate for a Ph. D. in business administration from New York University.

Akiva Baum served in the Israeli Defense Forces as a military correspondent and radio commentator. After the Six Day War, Baum was active as a civilian for some two years on the West Bank.

Two law treatises which he edited serve as textbooks at the Hebrew University Law School. He has also written extensively on civic and military affairs.

Upon his arrival in the U.S.A., Baum has become a widely demanded speaker on the Israeli cause. Since 1976 he spoke over 300 times and participated in over two dozen conventions from coast to coast, on behalf of the United Jewish Appeal, Israel Bonds and ADL. He thus possesses first hand insight not only of his own home country but also of the American Jewish community.

THE RABBI WRITES

Rabbi Emeritus Jacob Kraft
Congregation Beth Shalom



Israel And The Preciousness Of Life

Not long ago the world was fascinated by the life and death of David, the Bubble Boy. From birth he was afflicted with a fatal malady, S.C.I.D., Severe Combined Immune Deficiency. To spare him from contact with people lest he contract a deadly disease, he was placed in a plastic bubble.

As Rev. Raymond Lawrence, a sensitive, ethical being who taught and trained clergymen as to the emotional and psychological needs of patients, wrote in the *Journal of the American Medical Association*: "David's life is a drastic and historic first. He was the first human being to live 12 years in a sterile chamber; his was the first true laboratory life. David was no ordinary 12-year-old. He knew well the burden of a life lived entirely in a bubble. The creation of David in a bubble seems clear evidence that the medical world and perhaps western society has drifted into a kind of technocratic imperialism."

Lawrence berates the medical profession when he complains that medicine is, to a degree, dehumanized and dehumanizing. Yet he recognized that David was deeply loved and respected by many who worked with him. The medical team showed a sensitivity and were ethically concerned. David's parents wanted to take the risk of bringing this child into the world, though they had been forewarned of the risks and dangers. Further, they and the doctors hoped that medical science would discover a drug and a method not only to prolong the life of one afflicted with SCID but even to combat or cure successfully this serious malady.

There is a striking and dramatic illustration of the ethical principle that underscores the preciousness of human life, a principle that is apparent in the life of David and, also as I shall show, in the relationship of Israel and the Falasha Jews. In a passage in the Mishnah Sanhedrin concerning the warning and the guidance that are given to witnesses in criminal and capital cases, the rabbinic sages expatiate and conclude:

"He who destroys one life it is as if he destroyed a whole world; and he who saves one life it is as if he saved a whole world."

Israel has demonstrated in a dramatic way that it lives by this principle. There is an incident that is indelibly etched in my mind, that occurred in June 1945 when I was stationed as a chaplain in Italy during the second World War. Together with other chaplains I was given the opportunity of visiting the Holy Land, then called Palestine. I visited a Kibbutz and in the dining hall there was a huge sign: "He who saves one life it is as if he saved the whole world." At that time, the Jews of Palestine were seeking, despite all obstacles, to bring the survivors of the Holocaust into that country.

It is to the everlasting glory of Israel, what Israeli Jews are doing now in behalf of Ethiopian Jewry. Ethiopian Jews dislike and reject the name Falasha for "it is an Amharic word for wanderers, strangers, outcasts." In a recent article, Thomas Friedman, the *N.Y. Times* correspondent, wrote from Jerusalem: "The arrival of the black Jews has been greeted with a wave of volunteerism: families offering hospitality, dentists offering free dental care, and even a few building contractors undertaking to fix up rundown apartments."

"One community that has been eager to absorb the Ethiopians has been the Jewish settlers in the West Bank. We have 60 Ethiopian families here, said Elyakim Haetzna, a leader

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ON THE OTHER HAND N. Even-Or



Rozhinkes Mit Kuni Lemls

If there is a Jewish version of Trivial Pursuit (Why do people pursue trivia? That's a game? For grownups?), then I have a question for it: What playwright invented two central characters whose names have become part of the Yiddish language? Answer: Abraham Goldfaden. The central characters? *Shmendrik*, from the play of the same name, and *Kuni Leml* from *Der Fanatik oder di Tsvey Kuni Lemels*.

Abraham Goldfaden, considered the father of the Yiddish theater, was born in the Ukraine in 1840. Originally a writer of Hebrew poetry, he early turned to Yiddish as his writing medium, and in 1876 was touring Rumania and Russia with a collection of songs and impersonations held together by some dialogue in a loosely woven plot. In 1877 he brought out the comedy, *Shmendrik*, whose hero

became the prototype of all those good-natured and gullible individuals to come who would be so labelled. Leo Rosten defines a *shmendrik*, incidentally, as a kind of *shlemiel*, but weak and thin; someone who, when his wife starts beating him, crawls under the bed and yells out, "I'll show you who's boss!"

In 1880, Goldfaden produced the musical, *Der Fanatik oder di Tsvey Kuni Lemls*, now appearing in an English adaptation by the Jewish Repertory Theater in New York on East 14th Street. It may not be another "Fiddler," but it is truly an evening of delight with considerable historical interest.

The plot of *Kuni Leml*, as the English version is called, is hardly sophisticated. A well-to-do and pious Hasid has arranged a marriage for his "modern," educated and beautiful daughter to a pious and studious young man named Kuni Leml.

True is true; Kuni Leml is no Paul Newman. He does have a limp and a lump on his back, but his squint and stammer are only apparent when he looks at you and talks to you. Daughter Carolina, who spices her speech with a not-too-well pronounced French word now and then, is really in love with her handsome tutor, Max, a non-davening student of secular knowledge, referred to by her father, Reb Pinkhos, as "Max Nobody, son of Nobody." Realizing that Reb Pinkhos will never let him marry Carolina, Max suggests to her that he disguise himself as Kuni Leml and go through the marriage ceremony, after which it will be too late for Reb Pinkhos to do anything about it.

As you might guess, things get pretty slapstick from here on, with the two Kuni Lemls meeting and clever Max convincing the real Kuni that he may not be himself. All this is enlivened by the antics of Reb Kalman, the marriage broker who arranged it all, and two hard-drinking and non-working Hasidim, who take good advantage of Reb Pinkhos's whiskey and food. There are some excellent songs and some good lines, like the one that Kuni Leml gets off when Carolina tries to kiss him, thinking he is Max in disguise: leaping away in fright, he stammers, "Maybe she's one of those of whom the Talmud writes but we're not supposed to say the word!"

Everything works out finally, of course, with Reb Pinkhos reconciled to the marriage of his daughter to Max, and Kuni Leml married to the buxom and loving daughter of Kalman, the broker, the dowry being supplied by generous Reb Pinkhos.

But "Kuni Leml" is more than just an evening of good entertainment. It is an insight into the attitudes of Jews in the last decades of the 19th century, toward the tension they were experiencing between their Jewish traditions and the lure of modernity. Clearly, your sympathies are supposed

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I. LEVITT Chairman, JCRC



A Matter Of Principle

For the last 15 years, just before the winter holiday break, a local merchant in Harrington, Delaware has presented each child in the first grade with a gift copy of a book called *My Favorite Book*. The picture story is fundamentalist and Christian. The books were delivered to the schools and the teachers distributed a copy to each child. A typed-in letter from the merchant explained his purpose in making the gift. No teacher, no principal - no one ever raised a question about the propriety or constitutionality of the arrangement, until this season when the child of a Jewish mother (and a non-Jewish father) brought the book home. The mother was outraged and contacted the superintendent and Phyllis Levitt who chairs the Jewish Community Relations Committee for Lower Delaware.

JCRC immediately raised the church/state issue with the superintendent of the Lake Forest School District, who in concert with the school board forthrightly terminated the tradition. This was a bold step for this overwhelmingly Christian community, and it is no surprise that the Jewish mother asked that her name not be publicized. The school board on a split vote announced that the books would no longer be distributed, local papers covered the story, and a backlash developed. Townspeople characterized the situation as Jews pressuring the majority. The JCRC chairperson

received several anonymous calls referring to "you Jews and you communists." Local letters to the editor employed the twisted logic of the uninformed....i.e..... "Christmas carols and programs are under attack..." "If the lady can stop the book from being passed out, I'm sure the group will try to stop the letter also." (The school board decided next year to send a letter through each child advising that the book could be obtained at the store of the local merchant.)

And so, JCRC took the issue to the superintendent on behalf of a publically anonymous Jewish mother and took the flak as well as the invectives and the innuendos.

And isn't that exactly what people of principle must do, regardless of the risks? Most Jews prefer a low profile. Don't upset them! Still, when confronted with constitutional issues, who else will speak up? In Kent County, the non-Jewish community remained silent. Not one group, organization or church stood up to affirm the correctness of the Jewish position. Only a solitary letter writer recognized the constitutional position. Once again we Jews stood virtually alone to defend the basic constitutional rights of all....stood alone, surrounded by a sea of silence as the pressure of the majority made cowards of our potential allies. Committed Jews can only live by this maxim: when, if not now? Who, if not you!

Editorial

Raoul Wallenberg Is Remembered

It has been 40 years since Swedish diplomat Raoul Wallenberg mysteriously vanished in Hungary while carrying out a dangerous mission of mercy.

On Jan. 17, 1945, the Soviet secret police took Wallenberg into "protective custody." He was 32 at the time.

Last month, ceremonies were held around the world to honor this man who saved 100,000 Jews in Budapest, the last enclave of Jews left in Nazi-occupied Europe.

Special services were held from Israel to Australia. Bells in cities in the U.S., Israel and Sweden were struck 40 times, once for each year Wallenberg has been missing. In addition, renewed calls were made from Western governments on the Russians to explain Wallenberg's fate.

Why should we place such importance on something that happened 40 years ago?

Because, to this day it is still uncertain whether Wallenberg is alive or dead. There have been several reported sightings of the Swede in Soviet prisons.

But, more important, we remember him because as President Reagan said in a recent written statement, "In the depths of the horrors of World War II, Raoul Wallenberg was one shining light of inspiration, upholding the honor of the human race."

Near the end of World War II, the United States asked neutral Sweden to find a volunteer who could attempt to negotiate some protection for the last Jews left in Hungary.

Wallenberg, a 32-year-old non-Jew, volunteered. He proved amazingly adept at the task.

He confronted Adolf Eichmann directly, countless times. He established an elaborate underground network which issued thousands of false Swedish passports. And ultimately, he foiled Eichmann's plans for a "final solution" to the Jewish problem in Hungary.

Let us take a moment to remember the selfless man who singlehandedly saved over 100,000 Jews from extermination.

News Analysis

Shi'ites: Key To Peace On Israel's Northern Border

Editor's Note: As Israel continues its withdrawal from southern Lebanon, the role of the Shi'ite Moslems in the region looms increasingly important. This news analysis, based on presentations delivered at a recent international conference sponsored by Tel Aviv University's Dayan Center for Middle Eastern and African Studies, offers a fresh examination of Shi'ite influence and the prospects of peace on Israel's border.

Split between moderates and extremists, the Shi'ites of South Lebanon hold the key to the future of peace on Israel's northern border. The moderates, led by Nabih Birri and the Amal movement, stand for a secular, multi-religious, united Lebanon. The extremists, divided into several groups and inspired by Khomeini's Iran, are bent on turning Lebanon into an Islamic republic.

The rise of the Shi'ites followed the Israeli incursion into Lebanon in 1982, which was aimed at destroying the PLO's ability to harm Israel's northern settlements and population. As a by-product, "Operation Peace for Galilee" liberated the Shi'ite community, which constitutes 40 percent of the Lebanese population and 80 percent of the population in the South. Despite their numbers, the Shi'ites had enjoyed the least status and influence of any of the ethnic and religious groups making up the Lebanese population. Today, however, the Shi'ite community is a major factor in Lebanese politics — and is likely to become even more important.

Nabih Birri, leader of the Amal movement, has declared that his people want peace across the border. Israel must hope that Amal's moderates will prevail in the emerging power struggle among the Shi'ites. According to Dr. Clinton Bailey of Tel Aviv University's Department of Middle Eastern and African History, there is a good chance that they will — but much depends on the handling of Israel's withdrawal from South Lebanon. With the demise of the PLO, the Shi'ites have become a dominant force in the South, where — if only by virtue of their numbers — they (and not the mainly Christian South Lebanon army) should be made responsible for security once Israel withdraws.

Dr. Bailey addressed a conference sponsored by Tel Aviv University's Dayan Center for Middle Eastern and African Studies on "Shi'ism, Resistance and Revolution." The aim of the conference was to study recent changes in the Shi'ite world against the background of Shi'ite religious doctrine and historical development. Sessions spread over three days dealt with Iran, the Arab world and South Asia, with special emphasis on the effect of Iran's revolution.

New York Timesman's Comments

In the session on the Shi'ites of Lebanon, Dr. Yosef Olmert of the Dayan Center traced the history of the community from the latter Ottoman period and outlined the evolution of Shi'ite interest in the preservation of a sovereign Lebanon. Dr. Augustus Richard Norton of the U.S. Military Academy discussed the role

of the contemporary Shi'ite leader Musa Al-Sadr and his success in gaining recognition for the community and in organizing Amal as an independent militia.

Another participant in the symposium, *New York Times* Jerusalem correspondent Thomas Friedman, who previously represented the *Times* in Beirut, saw the Shi'ites as "the real inheritors of Lebanon." A new Lebanon is emerging, said Friedman, and it will be a Shi'ite country. Although the Iranian revolution has not influenced the majority of Lebanon's Shi'ites, he said, the danger of an extremist takeover persists.

Dr. Bailey surveyed the rise of Shi'ite influence in Lebanon after the ouster of the PLO. The Falangist-led Christians, preoccupied with their bid to take over Lebanon, consistently ignored the Shi'ites, he pointed out, and instead chose the conservative Sunnis as their Moslem partners. Amin Gemayal left Birri out of his cabinet, ignored his proposals for constitutional reform, kept Shi'ites out of the civil service, and broke commitments to Birri time and again.

In September 1983, when Israel withdrew from the Shouf Mountains, Birri feared the Christians were about to partition Lebanon. The South, with its large Shi'ite population, was being left out of government development plans, and the Israeli withdrawal to the Awali line looked like a long-term proposition. These developments sparked Birri's alliance with Druse leader Walid Jumblatt, who had a similar interest in keeping the Christians from dominating the Shouf.

Both then turned to Damascus. With Syria's help, the Shouf fell to the Druse, and the Shi'ites gained entry into Lebanese politics. With Birri named Minister for South Lebanon Affairs.

Syria is now bent on preventing Shi'ite friendship with Israel. Despite this, Birri claims his people want peace across the border. If Israel withdraws, he says, security will be guaranteed by a combination of the Lebanese army, UN forces, and his own Amal fighters. One thing is certain: The Shi'ites will not permit the return of the P.L.O.

Some 25 scholars from Israel, the U.S., Germany, Austria, and England participated in the conference. Among the participants with Minister of Defense Yitzhak Rabin, who discussed Israel's options in Lebanon; Abba Eban, chairman of the Knesset's Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee, who addressed a luncheon meeting on the same subject; and President Chaim Herzog, who took part in the session on Lebanon.

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Jesse Jackson, Humanitarian?

Reprinted, in part, from *The Southern Israelite*.

When Sudan and Ethiopia announced disassociation from the emigration of Ethiopian Jews to Israel, Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek asked the Rev. Jesse Jackson, who has influence with Middle East leaders, to renew the movement of the Ethiopians. Jackson, however, set conditions for assistance that were tantamount to rejection of Kollek's request, friends of Israel said. Kollek also was criticized for having asked Jackson's help in view of Jackson's record critical of Israel. When Jackson's conditions became known, critics noted

he did not set conditions when he went to Damascus to obtain the release of U.S. Navy flyer Robert Goodman from detention in Syria.

The New Republic (whose editor Martin Peretz was described as a close friend of Kollek) reported the following in its issue of Feb. 11: "There are 2,000 black Jews stranded in the Sudan and another 6,000 still in Ethiopia, their imminent journey to Israel interrupted because neither the regime in Khartoum or the one in Addis Ababa can be seen cooperating publicly with Zionists, even if the cooperation is purely humanitarian.

"Teddy Kollek, the mayor of Jerusalem, thought Jesse Jackson might be somehow able to help extricate these folk from their imprisonment. If Jackson, who has put himself in the business of public rescue, were to succeed, it certainly would reduce the hostility felt toward him by Jews and others who don't like anti-Semitism.

"So Kollek cabled Jackson and asked for help. That much was in the papers. What was not in the papers was Jackson's response, which was shameless. In a phone call to Kollek, Jackson explained that he had some questions and some condi-

tions. Would the Ethiopian Jews serve in the Israeli army and become a 'military asset?' And might not some of the new citizens of Israel settle on the West Bank? Alas, the answer to both of these questions would have to be 'yes.' None of this makes Jesse Jackson very happy; he might be more eager to redeem Jews if they would

forswear defending their homeland. And, oh yes, Jackson had one more stipulation: before he would consider doing anything, the prime minister of Israel would have to make a public plea for his intervention. How can someone who traffics so callously in the oppression of one group speak compellingly for the freedom of another?"

Jews In Peril

Twenty people were present at the home of Stuart and Lelaine Nemser for this month's Leadership Havurah Program, which is chaired by Arnold and Gail Budin. Speaking on "Jewish Conditions Around the World - Jews in Peril" was Karl Zukerman, executive vice president of the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society. HIAS is the agency responsible for the transportation and resettlement of Jews from lands of oppression to lands of freedom.

"More than at any other time in our history, most Jews around the world are doing well," he began. "But there are countries, such as Iraq and Syria, where Jews are in trouble and are being held prisoner. It is when Jews can emigrate, either legally or illegally, that HIAS can provide its services." He mentioned five areas around the world today where this is happening.

After 23 centuries of Jewish life in IRAN, today there are only 25,000 Jews left. Before the Shah was overthrown, there were 80,000, the others having escaped. They are not persecuted as a religious group, but are if they are involved with Israel, Zionism, or have relations with the West. Islam is taught even in Jewish schools; Jews are not allowed at the University and emigration is illegal. The 400

Jews who left in 1984 had to sneak out of the country. It is hopeful that at least 500 will be able to do so in 1985. Jews emerged successful from the last threat to their survival in Persia and the holiday of Purim is celebrated in r e m e m b r a n c e a n d thankfulness. But today there is no confidence in security for Jews. When Khomeini dies, it is feared that Jews will be caught in the ensuing violent battle for political power. It is the intention of HIAS to rescue these Jews before that occurs.

Though the airlifts of ETHIOPIAN Jewry have had to be halted, it is estimated that to date more than 10,000 starving Ethiopian Jews have already been rescued and brought to Israel. 5,000 Jews are thought to be left in Ethiopia, 2,000-3,000 that Israel hopes to airlift out are in a border country. Sadly, 2,000 Jews died in Ethiopia last year. Today in Israel about 15,000-20,000 Ethiopian Jews are in the process of being absorbed.

Emigration of Jews from the SOVIET UNION is greatly affected by U.S.-Soviet Relations. From a flow of about 4,000 a month in 1979, the Soviets have tightened the faucet and allowed a mere trickle of only 75 a month for the past few years. However,

since the Soviets view these refuseniks as items for barter, as negotiations begin again with the U.S., the situation could improve. The mistakes that were made due to our inexperience in resettling the refugees who came in the past can be avoided in the future. The previous Russian immigrants themselves are able to provide valuable assistance in resettling those who are still to come.

In Latin America, the 25,000 Jews of Chile are living in relative security under a military dictatorship. But there could be trouble for them if this regime is overthrown. Historically, under a leftist regime, the property of the middle class, as most of these Jews are, is confiscated and anyone having had decent relations with the previous government is subject to persecution. In Peru, the 4200 Jews live under a leftist regime with the right and middle both split. In the midst of unstable governments with the military trying to prevent a takeover, there is the danger for Jews, who are often caught in the struggle and used as scapegoats.

Over the past three years, approximately 125 Jews have exited from Cuba, leaving about 500 today. Left behind are divided families, and Jews who are old and do not want to leave.

In conclusion, Zukerman answered a question on the funding of HIAS. Money is allocated by Jewish Federations such as Delaware's from the campaign funds that are raised. Besides this source, HIAS is under contract to the United States State Department. As an agency HIAS is in the business of resettling immigrants and does its job well. When the State Department is in need of expertise, such as when the Viet Nameese refugees arrived here, this is where they turn.



Mark Zeller, Barbara McCulloh in a scene from KUNI-LEML, the new musical comedy with book by Nahma Sandrow, music by Raphael Crystal and lyrics by Richard Enquist at the AUDREY WOOD THEATRE at the JACK LAWRENCE THEATRE (359 West 48th Street). KUNI-LEML is based on a play written in 1880 by Abraham Goldfaden and the story is timeless and universal; a beautiful, rebellious daughter who has tasted the joys and freedom of education, and has fallen in love with her handsome but penniless tutor, refuses to accept a pre-arranged husband, whom her father has found through a local match-maker; instead opting to marry for love. Performance schedule is Wednesday through Saturday evenings at 8:00 p.m. with matinees Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays at 2:00 p.m. and Sundays at 5:30 p.m. Ticket prices are \$22.50, 25.00 and 27.50. Box office number is (212) 307-5452. (Photo credit: Adam Newman)

Other Hand —

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ed to be with Carolina and Max, breaking loose from the musty ties of a religious life that "isn't relevant." The dress, the manners, the life style of the pious are objects of ridicule, brought to focus in the person of Kuni Leml, this poor simpleton whom "nobody" could find attractive. But to us, viewing the play today, he is a more sympathetic character than he must have been in 1880. To us today, faced with growing rates of intermarriage and disaffiliation, the growing probabilities of grandchildren who will not be Jewish, there is something less than totally attractive in the rejection of all tradition by Carolina and Max, and something, indeed, wistfully attractive about the pure and simple Kuni Leml.

The times of Abraham Goldfaden were so different from ours. The future then

"clearly" lay in complete assimilation, rejection of the cobwebs of the past. Who could have seen then where it would all lead? I'm sure that it never entered Goldfaden's mind that Max could be other than Jewish. Modern, yes. *Goyish*, no. There's something fascinating, if unsettling, in seeing 1880 with 1980 eyes; in visiting the booming, bustling Odessa of a century ago.

The Kuni Leml now playing in New York includes many of Goldfaden's original tunes in the score. Some of the numbers are real rousers. For those of us from a deprived background that left us illiterate in Yiddish, here's an opportunity to taste a morsel, albeit adapted, of original Yiddish theater. It's well worth the carfare. After all, how many plays are there today that don't have even one dirty four letter word?

UJA Summer Singles Mission

The sixth annual National Singles Mission is now accepting applications for its summer mission, July 21-31. In addition to the traditional mission, two pre-missions to Europe as well as a special itinerary for "repeaters" are available this year.

The cost is under \$2000 and includes round-trip airfare from New York and land costs (nine nights at hotels, seven lunches, seven dinners, eight days sightseeing, taxes, guides, buses, portage and all special UJA programs).

Overnight stops will be made in Tel Aviv, Jerusalem and Eilat.

The pre-mission options involve four nights, five day stays in either Paris or Prague. The Prague excursion is particularly recommended for those who have already been on a previous mission.

Application must be received no later than June 10. For application forms and additional information, contact Bob Kerbel at the Jewish Federation, 478-6200.

Israel's Economy

Phase II Involves Sharp Reductions

Israelis traveling abroad will have to pay twice as much in travel taxes, plus a 15 percent levy on their airline tickets, as their government launches Phase 2 of its austerity program, it was reported this week.

The new measures, which went into effect Monday, Feb. 18, also include sharp reductions in government subsidies for basic foodstuffs and public transportation, according to Uri Oren, Israeli press consul and economic spokesman in New York.

The doubling of the travel tax from \$100 to \$200 per person is aimed at saving foreign currency reserves as Israelis travel abroad less, Oren explained. In addition, he said, the required deposit on im-

ported goods has been raised from 40 percent to 60 percent, and the deposit will now be returned after one year — as before — but with no compensation for any decline in the value of the shekel, Israel's currency.

By reducing public spending and discouraging private consumption, Oren said, the government hopes both to attack inflation and reduce Israel's trade deficit.

The new economic plan was adopted voluntarily by representatives of labor, industry and the government. It followed an earlier package deal agreed to by the same groups, covering November and December 1984 and January 1985, that froze wages and prices and brought

inflation down to 3.7 percent in December, the lowest monthly rate in recent years.

For January, the inflation rate was expected to be around 5 percent. In the first 11 months of 1984, the cost of living in Israel soared 450 percent.

"Most important," Oren said, "is the positive change in the atmosphere of the market place. Panic buying has come to a halt, there is new public confidence in the government's ability to deal with inflation, and consumer expectations are improving."

Oren pointed to Israel's success in reducing its trade deficit last year by a record 29 percent — \$1.02 billion — while exports of goods rose 13 percent to another record of \$5.54 billion. At the same time, total imports declined 4 percent and imports of goods for private consumption fell sharply, by 34 percent. Oren termed these statistics "a positive result of Israel's austerity measures."

Reducing Government, Consumer Spending
The newest package deal, which will be in effect for eight months — through September, 1985 — seeks to reduce consumer spending

further by ending the wage-price freeze and reducing government subsidies drastically, the Israeli spokesman said.

The cutbacks in subsidies are designed to save the government some \$500 million and thus replenish Israel's foreign currency reserves, which have dropped to a dangerously low point, Oren said.

Among the items whose government subsidies have been reduced under the new package agreement are cooking oil, bread, flour, milk and eggs, all of which have been reduced by 25 percent, and water, whose subsidy was slashed 50 percent.

Subsidies covering gasoline

and other petroleum products have been eliminated altogether, Oren reported. As a result, the cost of public transportation and electric power for industry will rise 55 percent while electricity for homes and apartments will cost 25 percent more.

Additional reductions in subsidies will be made later this month and next month, Oren said, following which the subsidy program will be stabilized. During the eight-month period covered by the latest package agreement, he said, prices of other (non-subsidized) products will be permitted to rise by 3 to 5 percent per month in a further effort to discourage private consumption.

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Russian Emigre Makes Newark His Home

By PRISCILLA W. SIEGEL

Who could imagine that a billboard advertising kosher food would replace the Statue of Liberty as a symbol of freedom? Yet that was precisely the experience of Alexander Dolgopolsky, a Russian Jewish emigre, as he flew into Kennedy International Airport late October 1978. "This," he thought looking at the billboard, "is what it means to be in America."

His next stirring impression was his first morning in New York. Awakening at 6 a.m. in his hotel in Brooklyn Heights, Dolgopolsky walked in the neighborhood of the

Soviet emigration policies for Jews had relaxed considerably in the late 1970s. Subsequent restrictive policies have reduced the numbers to a negligible trickle.

hotel and suddenly found himself looking across the lower end of the East River at the gateway landmarks of the United States.

"In one view I saw the

Statue of Liberty, the Brooklyn Bridge and Manhattan's Skyscrapers - it was fantastic!"

Alexander Dolgopolsky (Sasha) has lived in Newark since 1983 with his wife, Elizabeth, and his now 10-year-old daughter Luba. An assistant professor in the Department of Civil Engineering, he teaches and does research in the area of theoretical mechanics.

Professor Dolgopolsky was born in Leningrad in 1945 of parents who were also born and educated in that city. His father is a marine engineer, his mother a pianist. The post-revolution generations of Russian Jews were brought up to consider themselves primarily Russian, and Jewish incidentally, and for the first time in the history of Russian Jewry, educational and professional opportunities became generally available to the Jewish population. The period between the revolution and 1953 may be considered a golden age for Russian Jews, mostly free from the anti-Semitic persecutions that had historically plagued them.

In 1962, Dolgopolsky entered the Leningrad Polytechnic Institute from which he received the equivalent of a Master's



Alexander Dolgopolsky

degree. He completed doctoral studies at the Civil Engineering Institute of Leningrad in 1973, at a time when Russian Jews were again experiencing political repression and discrimination. However, achieving the formal doctoral award was practically impossible because of bureaucratic difficulties. (He now holds a Ph.D. from Case Western Reserve.) With increasing pressures on the Jewish citizenry, it soon became apparent to Professor Dolgopolsky that his professional and personal life would become hostage to the political whims of the government. He took a teaching position at the university in Tyumen, Siberia where he remained for a year and a half,

while he and his family agonized over a decision to apply for exit visas. Soviet emigration policies for Jews had relaxed considerably in the late 70s, and the Dolgopolsky's applied for and received permission to leave Russia in 1978. Thirty-thousand Jews emigrated that year, with the number peaking at 56,000 in 1979. Subsequent restrictive policies have reduced the numbers to a negligible trickle.

With tickets provided by HIAS, \$395 in cash and their few personal possessions, the Dolgopolsky's arrived in Austria where, for the first time, they were exposed to the affluence and freedom of the west. Out of professional considerations, they had decided that America would be their final destination. In New York, HIAS (NAYANA) helped the family with the initial settling in, and after a few months, Professor Dolgopolsky received a six-month appointment at Northeastern University in Boston. He then held a three-year research position at Washington University in St. Louis, after which the family moved to Newark, Delaware. They are very happy in Delaware and especially enjoy the ready access to the

cultural life of New York, Washington and Philadelphia.

In soft-spoken, flawless English, Professor Dolgopolsky talked of the difficulties of adjusting to a new culture and society, though he admits that being young and having a good knowledge of

In Russian villages, peasants often have more access to vodka than to food.

English helped in making the adjustments. He was prepared, he said, for a country with a high standard of living, but the first-hand experience with the American life style and its abundance of goods is a constant source of amazement. While he agreed that poverty is a problem in this country, Dolgopolsky described surprising levels of poverty and deprivation in the USSR. In the villages, particularly, he asserts, peasants often have more access to vodka than to food.

We spoke of many other aspects of life in Russia. When asked about his relationship to Jewish life in the Soviet Union, Dolgopolsky ex-

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Rabbi Leonard Gewirtz

The seminar is being sponsored by the Max Stern Division of Communal Services (MSDCS), the communal outreach arm of the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary (RIETS), an affiliate of Yeshiva University in New York City. Rabbi Herschel Schacter, director of the Department of Rabbinic Services at MSDCS, is coordinator of the event.

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The Rabbi Writes —

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of the Kiryat Arba settlement outside Hebron. Other places don't want them. We will take all they can send. At a time of unremitting bad news in Israel, the Ethiopian influx has been a welcome morale booster, a reminder to Israelis of why they created a Jewish state."

Mr. Shimon Peres, Israel's Prime Minister, who thus far has been greatly impressive in his few months in office, welcomed the Ethiopians who had come to Israel and praised them: "Neither mountain nor sword nor decree nor foreign land could prevail over their Jewish devotion, their human nobility and their Zionist hope." He restated his commitment that "neither economic difficulty nor internal distress nor geographic distance nor political obstacle shall halt or postpone the rescue and immigration, enwrapped in ancient splendor and enveloped in secret heroism." He added: "We are one people. There are no black Jews and no white Jews. History and Faith bind us together."

This represents the true spirit of Israel and of the truly religious and ethically minded Israelis who are devoted to the finest in Judaism. In sum-

marizing the words of Irving Louis Horowitz, Professor of Sociology and Political Science at Rutgers University, we can understand the meaning of the rescue of Ethiopian Jewry.

"The airlift signifies Israel's commitment to Israel as a house for all beleaguered Jews, of whatever ethnic or racial origin.

"It demonstrates a deepening consciousness of the physical-geographical location of Israel, and lessened attachment to inherited and questionable European values including elitism and racial exclusivism.

"It reveals the odious character of the military communist regime in Ethiopia with the death of thousands of innocents and its indifference to life.

"The airlift is the ultimate answer to the UN resolution that charged Israel is a racist

society. Israel's multi-ethnic and multi-racial character became apparent to all but the most blinded and the most mean-spirited."

Israel has demonstrated and Peres has articulated that this people is devoted to the highest ideals of a great and humane religious civilization. "He who destroys one life it is as if he destroyed the whole world and he who saves one life it is as if he saved a whole world."

William Safire concludes in his article in the *N.Y. Times* "Interrupted Exodus"; "For the first time in history, thousands of black people are being brought into a country not in chains but in dignity, not as slaves but as citizens. Israel's quiet acceptance of responsibility should say a great deal to Africa, to American blacks and Jews, and to all who believe that the 'Falashas' of the world should be strangers no more."

Russian Emigre —

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plained that though he was always aware that he was Jewish, he had no exposure in Russia to his Jewish cultural heritage. Young Jews do not go to the synagogue, as this would be regarded as dissidence, thus putting their careers in jeopardy. Only older, retired Jews can take the risk of synagogue attendance.

Concerning the role of women in Russian society,

Dolgopolsky believes that men and women have equal professional and employment opportunities, but women still assume the major home responsibilities. After a day's work they have the job of spending hours on shopping lines, after which they go home to the traditional housework and childcare.

As for politics, Dolgopolsky's experiences in the Russian schools and system have convinced him that the USSR is committed to perpetuating its form of government, its controlled society, and to expanding its sphere of influence. Russian citizens will do as they're told, he says, because centuries of tyranny and repression have created a tradition of passivity and acceptance.

Professor Dolgopolsky feels lucky to have left Russia, though, understandably, there are times when he is nostalgic about his native country. His mother, Nina Pollyak, and mother-in-law have also left Russia and now live in Wilmington.

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Showcase On Israel Programs

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Israeli *schlichim* from all over the East Coast will be available in the Center's lobby from 3-9 p.m. to share information with you and answer all your questions about Israel.

Mark this date on your calendar and plan to spend some time at the Showcase on Israel Programs.

Art Opening John Bradford

On March 3 through March 29, there will be on view at the JCC an exhibition of large narrative oil paintings with biblical subjects by the Wilmington-born, New York City based, 35-year-old painter, John Bradford. An opening of Bradford's works will be held on Sunday, March 3, 2-4 p.m. The artist will be present. Refreshments will be served. The opening is free and open to the public.

Degas And Mary Cassatt Exhibit

Thursday March 21

The Philadelphia Museum of Art will host a group of three related exhibitions of work by Edgar Degas and Mary Cassatt. It will include sculpture and paintings and sketches. The day includes a guided one hour tour, time to browse on your own and have lunch (not included in price). The fee includes your entrance to the Museum. For reservations call 478-5660.

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Winners of the 14th Annual JCC Contest for Young Musicians will perform in a Winners Recital at the Center on Sunday, March 3 at 7:30 p.m.

The Janet Cohen Memorial Award for piano will be presented at the awards ceremonies following the recital. These awards were established by Mr. & Mrs. Herman Cohen in memory of their daughter Janet, an accomplished pianist, who died suddenly in 1966. These awards are given to winners in the piano and music categories of the contest who show the greatest promise as performers. Last year's recipient for piano was Jonathan Wallenberger.

Tickets for the recital and awards ceremonies, at \$3 for general admission and \$2 for senior citizens and students, will be available at the door or may be reserved by calling the Center office at 478-5660. The Center's Contest for Young Musicians is co-sponsored by the Jewish Community Center and the Delaware State Arts Council.



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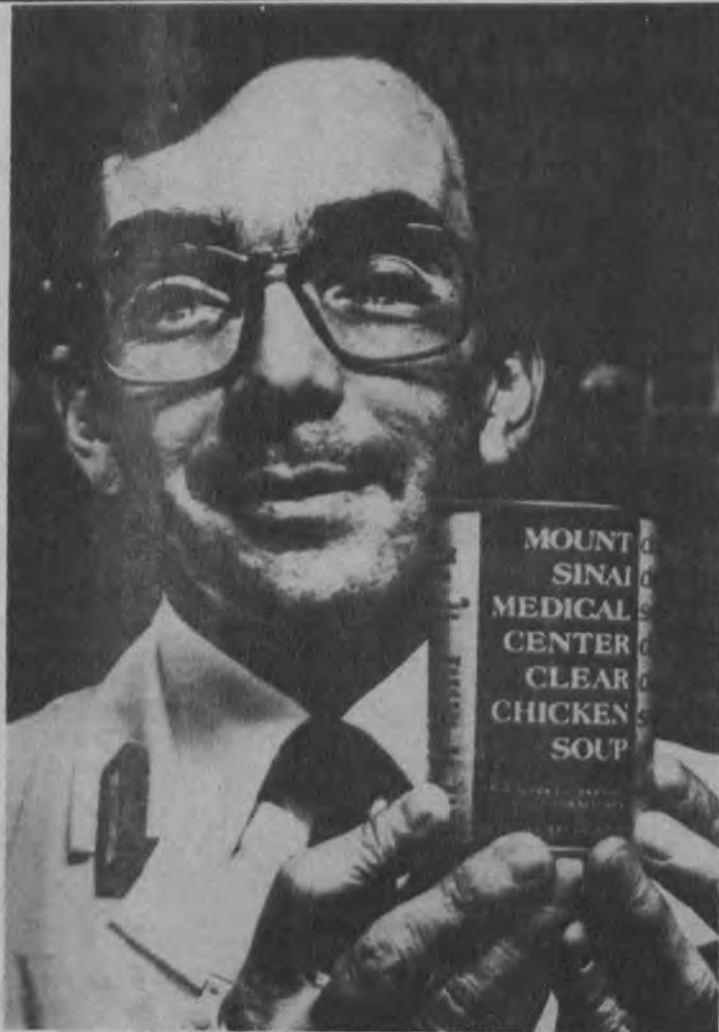
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The Purim-Shpil

By DR. DAVID GEFFEN
 (WZPS) — *The Purim-shpil, or Purim play, that originated in Eastern Europe, was originally a term to define a monologue in Yiddish on the Purim story, during which the performer sometimes appeared in costume.*

From the second half of the 16th century the Purim-shpil gradually expanded to include presentations by several performers. It was often presented in private homes during the festive meal, but no until the 18th century did it become a complex drama with a large cast attended by the public.

In the 20th century the Purim-shpil reached its height, both in Eastern Europe and the U.S., and became a genuine art form, but the Hebrew Purim-shpil in Palestine never reached the dimensions that it had achieved in its original home.

(WZPS) — The Jewish flair for acting developed hundreds of years ago. Truth to tell ever since the 16th century, the date of the first known *Purim-shpil*, or Purim play, members of the Jewish community have been performing on an amateur or a professional level. While the *Purim-shpil* has a dynamic of its own, it has been one of the key factors in sparking the Jewish interest in dramatic presentations in general.

Theatrical Productions

The story of Purim lends itself to plays because of the interaction of the characters and because of the structure of the narrative. Nevertheless, the real impetus for a Purim play appears to arise from the ancient carnival atmosphere related to this Jewish holiday as well as to Christian festivals at the same period of the year. The Purim dramatizations were originally home presentations by members of the family or by friends. Yet, as the custom grew, the varieties of *Purim-shpil* increased as well.

The early *Purim-shpil*, ac-

ording to most scholars, was a monologue in which the speaker/performer might appear in costume. These speeches were filled with rhymed parodies of the Book of Esther and they also contained other humorous material to which the audience responded with hilarious laughter.

In spite of the continuation of these forms of monologues into this century, hundreds of other examples are known. The *Purim-shpil* took on a wider dimension as it became a play in the fullest meaning of the term. A cast of characters rehearsed and presented a full scale theatrical production attended by large audiences. In the Venetian ghetto the Purim plays became so popular that there were edicts forbidding the Christian population to attend.

In Eastern Europe the *Purim-shpil* tended to focus on a competition between various groups to see who could produce the best play. Various communities were noted for their *shpil*s, players, who were invited to other locales to perform. These plays were not just oral productions; frequently, they were committed to writing and manuscripts of them exist.

Diversifying Themes

By the beginning of the 18th century the themes of the *Purim-shpil* were diversifying. In Frankfurt au Main in Germany "David and Goliath" and "the Selling of Joseph" were produced in 1700. While both of these comedies were well attended, the second had special success. "The Selling of Joseph" was presented every night from the outset of the month of Adar until Purim — 14 performances in all. It was then presented 14 more times after the holiday itself. The attendance was so great, a chronicler reported, that soldiers had to guard the doors to prevent overcrowding.

Ephraim Cohen-Reiss, the principal of the Lemel school

in Jerusalem at the start of the 20th century, left a description of the presentation of this same comedy over 200 years later in the Holy City. He stressed that the play was offered in various households such as those of the Yellins and the Valeros and then there was a public showing attended by a large crowd anxious to see it.

While the play brought smiles to the faces of the audience, it also brought tears as Joseph was taken into exile, pausing to pray at his mother Rachel's grave. Interestingly, the audience, those who had returned to Zion, mourned the fate of their ancestor who had left the Holy Land for only his bones had returned. They hoped that the living remnant of the Jewish people throughout the world would return to the land. Through the *Purim-shpil* these residents of *Eretz Yisrael*, secular and religious, were aroused to call for a larger *aliyah*.

A Genuine Art Form

The *Purim-shpil* reached its height in the 20th century both in the Eastern European countries and in the Yiddish speaking areas in New York, Chicago, Boston and Philadelphia. On both sides of the ocean the *Purim-shpil* became a genuine art form. In Europe it had a more religious character while in America it took on a socialist spirit — but it was still the *Purim-shpil* which all could savor and enjoy. The Yiddish of these performances in Europe and American was a delight to hear and hundreds of people attended.

In Palestine the *Purim-shpil* became a Hebrew vehicle, but it never reached the dimensions that it has achieved in its original home. Examples of such plays are to be found in the libraries throughout Israel today, and some have been revived in recent years.

The *Purim-shpil* is one of the key expressions of the Jewish dramatic art and provided a training ground for many individuals who aspired to an acting career. The *shpil* is one of the facets of the Purim celebration which has imparted the joyousness forever linked to it. This year as we participate in the festivities let us put on our masks and take on the character of a *Purim-shpiler*. It will give us a lift and all those who watch us perform.

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New Arrivals

Harriet and Woody Auerbach, formerly of Dover, are the new grandparents of Lauren Jessica Wothers, born Dec. 18. The parents are Susan and Donald Wothers.

Engagements, Weddings

Elisabeth Ehrich, daughter of Ceceil and Fred Ehrich of Edenridge, will marry William Kourakos of Maine on March 2 in New York City. The groom is building his own chuppah, which will be draped with the tallis of the bride's deceased grandfather. The couple will reside in New York City.

Carol Lipstein, daughter of Nan and Leonard Lipstein of North Hills, is engaged to marry Donald Gaines of Chicago. The wedding date is set for January 1986.

Alan J. Schiff, son of Gertrude Schiff and the late M. Robert Schiff of Dover, Del. will be married to Jessica Seabolt on March 16 in Baltimore, Md.

Helene Wormser, daughter of Mrs. Fred Wormser and the late Mr. Wormser is engaged to Richard Weinberg, of Chadds Ford, son of Mr. and Mrs. Irwin Weinberg of Brockton, Mass.

Congratulations

Arnold Kneitel is taking advantage of the ERO offered by DuPont and will be retiring from DuPont April 30. He plans to continue his volunteer work with the Jewish Community Center, Jewish Voice, Temple Beth Emeth and the United Way as well as branch out into new endeavors. Some of these include: learning to play the violin, doing data processing modifications for United Way, participating in "Lenny's Funny Farm" and enjoying a new condo which he and Syd will take title of shortly.

William and Alan Kraut of West Chester, Pa., sons of Baer Kraut helped celebrate their dad's 75th birthday by giving a family brunch at Bellvue-in-the-Park. A good time was had by all.

Ludwig and Bella Thernal, of Heathergreen Commons, near Philadelphia Pike and Shipley Road, marked their 55th wedding anniversary on Feb. 16.

Natives of German, where they were married, they have been residents of Wilmington for 45 years. They operated a package store for about 10 years at Elm and Jackson streets.

Before that, Ludwig

Thermal was a long-time employee of The Dry Goods in Wilmington, most of that time as a department manager. Bella Thernal worked for many years in the garment industry and was active in the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union.

Their son and daughter-in-law, Harry F. and Betty Ann Thernal, live in Ardentown. They have two granddaughters, Lisa F.T. Mullinax of Wilmington and Terry S. Thernal of Silver Spring, Md.

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What People Are Saying

Our Roving Reporter Bea Shames

If you had one wish for the Jewish community of Delaware, what would it be?



Sybil Harris

Actually I think we have a very good community in Delaware. I think they do marvelously well. The things that are really needed have been accomplished. We are very lucky in this area. People come from other states to make use of our Kutz Home and JCC facilities.



H. Martin Moss

I wish the leaders of the Jewish community would attempt to increase their contact with other religious groups and other minorities in order to improve relationships between the various groups.



Sylvia Oken

I wish that more young adults and young families would get active in the community and provide leadership in this area.



Michael B. Joseph

I wish that the next 50 years will show as much growth, social justice and caring as a community as the last 50 years.

Chuckles

This is the third Chuckles Column. All of the jokes have been old. Some you loved, some you hated.

Surely you must know ethnic (Jewish) stories that are funnier than the one's we've printed.

There is a great reward if you do. If people love your joke you have the pleasure of knowing you have finally been published. If they hate it no one will ever know it was you.

A new rabbi had to officiate at the funeral of the town's most disliked man. He conducted the ritual part of the service and admitted he didn't know the man personally but wasn't there someone in attendance who could say something nice

about the deceased. For a long uncomfortable period there was no response... Finally, a voice from the rear was heard — "His brother was worse."

Most Jewish jokes are not satisfied with one punch line.

So if you read the first part over, to Finally — a little lady stood up and announced that the Hadassah luncheon would be held next Tuesday at 12:15.

Young doctor Kaplan worked in an HMO and Mrs. Cohen came to see him every day. He would reassure her with a pill or a pat and off she'd go.

Suddenly she stopped coming.

A week passed and suddenly she showed up and Dr. Kaplan asked her how she was.

"To tell you the truth, Dr.,

the last week or so I really didn't feel so good."

An elderly man asked a passerby if he speaks Yiddish. The first man shakes his head no. The second says no. The third man nods and says "I speak Yiddish."

The old man, "Please, vat time is it?"

There's a kosher Chinese Restaurant on the lower east side of Manhattan and Mr. Levin was pleased to have the Chinese waiter speak to him in Yiddish.

While paying his check he complimented Mr. Bernstein, the owner, on his help being able to speak "such a good Yiddish."

"Not so loud," says the boss, "He thinks we're teaching him English."

Israel Pilgrimage Scholarships Available

The Rabbinical Association of Delaware is pleased to announce that the Kutz Foundation has renewed its grant for the R.A.D.'s Israel Pilgrimage Scholarship Program. This scholarship program is designed to assist students in participating in educational programs that take place in Israel. Rabbi Kenneth S. Cohen, chairman of a committee representing the JCC, RAD, Federation, Newark, and the local Jewish educational institutions, invites high school and college students of the Delaware Jewish community to submit application for scholarship aid, and suggests that the following be forwarded to him for consideration by the Committee: a letter stating intent, a description of the educational program, two letters of recommendation, and

an indication of willingness to participate in educational or service activities that will be sponsored or approved by the Committee. To find our further detail, or to submit an

application, please contact Rabbi Cohen, c/o Congregation Beth Shalom, 18th St. and Baynard Blvd., Wilmington, DE 19802 or call 654-4462 by March 25.

Albert Einstein Board Members Survive 'Kiss' Weekend

On Feb. 8-9, Rabbi Mac Portal of Keshet Israel Synagogue held his "KISS" (Keshet Israel Super Shabbat) weekend for children in grades two through seven. The program was an opportunity designed for Jewish children to meet other Jewish children from nearby communities.

Rabbi Portal, who is also on the staff of the Albert Einstein Academy, "drafted" three board members - Robert Rosen, Sandi Dunner and Steve Dunner - to assist in his marathon efforts. They were also joined by Tammy Abrams, a Keshet Israel Sunday School teacher.

The masterful talent of getting children involved, which Rabbi Portal exhibits at AEA, extended into the weekend during his planned activities. The children were given the opportunity to discuss and apply Jewish

ethical values to a variety of topics which included: If you were a heart surgeon and had only one heart to transplant, who would you give it to—a mother of six children, a scientist, a surgeon or a seven year-old child?; If your parents left you an ethical will stating how they would like you to act, what would it say?; If one person spots a \$50 bill but another person pounces on it first, who does

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There Is Life After Depression

By Hedvah Campeas Cohen
ACSW, LCSW, JFS Counselor



Dear Rachel

"A teenager comes home from school with an unhappy look on his face, slumped shoulders and a tight voice. When his mother asks, he mumbles, 'I'm depressed. I got a 'D' on my English paper.'"

"A 25-year-old woman has been moping around her apartment for two weeks since she broke up with her boyfriend. She cries when she hears 'their song' on the radio; she can't concentrate on her job and isn't interested in socializing with her friends, saying, 'Sorry, I'm just too depressed to go to the movies.'"

"A 40-year-old successful businesswoman, mother of two, has found herself too tired to get out of bed in the morning. She feels guilty about neglecting her family and her job, but she has trouble making even the simplest decision. She has lost 20 lbs. off her already skinny frame, and cries for hours without knowing why. 'I just feel so hopeless,' she says.

Each of these people says "I feel depressed." However, what they are describing isn't the same, which is confusing. In this article I would like to clarify for you what each of these moods is; which require professional help; and what, in general outline, therapy would be like for those who do seek professional help for depression.

The teenager in our first example is experiencing one of the mood swings that are a part of everyone's makeup. A passing feeling of sadness is an appropriate response, for instance, when we do poorly on an exam, or in the aftermath of a long-awaited bar mitzvah. On the other hand, when we do well, we feel

good. This, too is normal. A few hours of concentrated studying, followed by some basketball and our teenager will be fine.

More serious is a persistent sad or blue feeling with an identifiable cause. Perhaps a relationship has broken off, as in the example of the 25-year-old woman discussed above; or a parent has died; or you have relocated to a new area. These situational depressions are not mental illnesses, but they may persist over a period of weeks or months. Many people come to counseling on a short-term basis because of situational depressions. In these cases, it is advisable not to judge a friend's situation by your own experience. Your best bet is to encourage evaluation by a professional. If the therapist recommends counseling sessions, the focus would be on solving the problems that caused the depression and coping with what can't be changed.

Finally, there are clinical depressions, mental illnesses as devastating as heart attacks. People suffering from clinical depressions are unable to "pull themselves together" or follow other well-intentioned advice. They require professional intervention on an immediate basis. The businesswoman in our example above, is one example of clinical depression.

When depressed clients come to us at Jewish Family Service it is clear that something has changed in their lives. The mother who can't care for her beloved child; the retired teacher who no longer wants to learn or socialize; each of these people is experiencing a marked change from previous

behavior. Others' depressions begin with an identifiable cause, but persist beyond a reasonable time; for instance, a widow who is unable to function years after her husband's death. Change from one's usual self is a key feature in diagnosing clinical depression.

Most depressions are marked by feelings of sadness, hopelessness and fatigue. Weight loss or gain are common, as are crying, insomnia or sleepiness. Occasionally, substance abuse is present, when people try to treat their depressions with drugs or alcohol. Sometimes living is so painful that suicide seems like the only viable option.

Researchers supported by the National Institute of Mental Health have studied why these unpleasant feelings persist in depressed people. The depressed person has a very negative view of her/himself, the world, and the future. These negative thoughts are illogical to others, but to the depressed person they make sense. "I'm no good. My boss keeps me because he feels sorry for me. Nothing I try will ever work." Thought distortions like these often perpetuate a depression by reinforcing negative and hopeless views. During therapy, a client learns to identify and correct distortions, so that he/she can evaluate her/himself and others more realistically. The techniques and strategies the client learns during counseling sessions are also useful in dealing with future setbacks that might spark depression.

Early in therapy, the client is referred to her/his physician to screen for medical conditions that may con-

Dear Rachel,

Can you comment on this, please?

My brother recently volunteered to do a *mitzvah*: he brought my 76-year-old mother up to visit me for the weekend. She is not well, and there is no other way she can get to visit. It is too far for us to come and go in one day, and my large family can't fit in her small apartment, so her visiting us is really best.

Unfortunately, my brother also imported his entire lifestyle with him (he is a 37-year-old Yuppie bachelor). He brought his girlfriend (that I can live with), his dog, his booze, and his cigarettes (both kinds). After two days, my house is littered with butts and ashes, it stinks;

there are empty glasses on every clear surface. He seemed to be spoiling for a fight and he turned the weekend into a nightmare. I am afraid that if I tell him what I think, he will take it as an ultimatum and not come back. We are the only family left. What do you advise?

Sister Shmata

Dear Sister,

"If you have begun a *mitzvah*, our sages tell you to finish it." Try to help your brother separate the unfinished *mitzvah* (bringing your mother for a pleasant family weekend) from his unfinished, adolescent rebellion. If that doesn't work, you have the right to ask for common courtesy from every guest in

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Obituaries

Rose Hurschman

Rose Hurschman, 85, of 1500 Bay Road, Miami Beach, Fla., formerly of Wilmington, Del., died Feb. 3 in Mount Sinai Medical Center in Florida.

Mrs. Hurschman was a homemaker. She had moved to Miami Beach about 25 years ago.

She was a member of the Morton Towers Hadassah and Womens Club and the Jewish National Fund.

She was a member of the Jewish War Veterans Auxiliary and was a former volunteer at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Elsmere, Del.

She is survived by her husband, Albert; three sons, Jack of Staunton, Va., and Paul and Joseph, both of Claymont, Del.; two stepchildren, Jack of San Francisco and Marion Berman of Miami; a brother, Irving Danberg of Elsmere; a sister, Florence Needleman of Philadelphia; 14 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Services were held in Miami Beach.

Jack Krasowitz

Jack Krasowitz, 68, of 39 Osage Road, Radnor Green, died Sunday, Feb. 10 after a heart attack in Christiana Hospital.

Mr. Krasowitz retired in 1981 after 19 years as a non-food manager at the Pathmark supermarket on Concord Pike. He was in the U.S. Navy during World War II, and was a member of Congregation Beth Shalom.

He is survived by his wife, Helen; a son, Harvey L. of Dartmouth Woods; a daughter, Abreana S. Wheeler of Darley Woods; a brother, Louis B. of Claymont; four sisters, Eve Schwartz and Evelyn Schwartz, both of Claymont, and Hanna and Tessie Krasowitz, both of New Castle; and five grandchildren.

Services were held Monday, Feb. 11 at Schoenberg Memorial Chapel, 519 Philadelphia Pike.

Interment was in the Beth Shalom section of the Jewish

Community Cemetery on Foulk Road.

In memoriam, the family suggests contributions to Congregation Beth Shalom, 18th Street and Baynard Boulevard, Wilmington 19802.

Nathan S. Politz

Nathan S. Politz, 83, formerly of Sutton Apartments, Collingswood, N.J., died Monday, Feb. 11 in the Kutz Home, 704 River Road, where he had lived for six days.

Mr. Politz retired about 10 years ago after working for many years in Camden, N.J., and Philadelphia as a men's clothier. He was active in B'rith Shalom in southern New Jersey.

His wife, Julia A., died in 1983. He is survived by a son, Perry of Philadelphia; a daughter, Sarlyn P. Maser of Wilmington; a sister, Blossom Williams of Pompano Beach, Fla.; a brother, Percy of Silver Spring, Md.; and two granddaughters.

Graveside services were held Wednesday, Feb. 13 in New Camden Cemetery, Mount Ephraim Avenue.

In memoriam, the family suggests contributions to the Jewish Community Center Senior Center, Cherry Hill, N.J. 08002.

Edward Cohen

Edward Cohen, a retired Wilmington Park Police officer, who, but for a jammed pistol, nearly lost his life arresting the "East Side Mugger," died at home Wednesday, Feb. 13 apparently of a heart attack. He was 77.

Mr. Cohen of 2518 Tatnall St., retired from the Wilmington Police Department in 1969 after the park police merged with the city police force.

He received a certificate of commendation in 1982, 25 years after capturing Robert H. Browne of Chester, Pa.

Browne was alleged by police to have been the "East Side Mugger," who for months terrorized East Side city residents, burglarizing homes and assaulting young women. Charged with 42 crimes, he agreed to a plea bargain and was sentenced to 10 years in prison for a single burglary.

Mr. Cohen's commendation seemed to have slipped

through the cracks, until he mentioned it in passing to the chief of police in early 1982. The mention eventually resulted in city council adopting a resolution recognizing him for bravery.

After his career as a police officer, Mr. Cohen was employed briefly by the Division of Motor Vehicles, the Bank of Delaware, and Family Court in Wilmington, as a bailiff. He retired in 1976.

Mr. Cohen was a member of the Delaware Association of Police and the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 1, and was post chancellor-commander of the Knights of Pythias Clayton Lodge.

He also was a past royal vizier of the Habib Temple and a member of Beth Shalom congregation.

Mr. Cohen served in the Merchant Marines during World War II.

He is survived by his wife, Sue T.; a daughter, Dorothy J. Cohen at home; a brother, Julius of Philadelphia; and two sisters, Elsie Rubinson of Philadelphia and Mary Goldberg of Springfield, Pa.

Memorial services were held Friday, Feb. 15 at Gracelawn Memorial Park, Du Pont Parkway, Wilmington Manor.

Interment was private.

In memoriam the family suggests contributions to Beth Shalom Congregation, 18th Street and Baynard Boulevard, Wilmington, 19802.

Abraham Schwartz

Abraham "Al" Schwartz, 75, of B'nai B'rith House, 8202 Society Drive, Claymont, died of heart failure Thursday, Feb. 14 in Presbyterian Hospital, Philadelphia.

Mr. Schwartz retired in 1974 as a salesman for Park Distributors in south Wilmington, where he worked for 25 years. He was treasurer of Machzikey Hadas Congregation, a board member of B'nai B'rith Lodge 470, and a member of Clayton Lodge of the Knights of Pythias and the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

He is survived by his wife, Eve; a son, Jeffrey L. of Newark; two daughters, Sheila C. Krinsky of Newark and Marsha B. Levy of Kingsridge; three brothers, David and Samuel, both of Lauderdale Lakes, Fla., and Nathan of Wilmington; two sisters, Henrietta Lipson and Ruth Goldstein, both of Lauderdale Lakes; and nine grandchildren.

Services were held Friday, Feb. 15 at Schoenberg Memorial Chapel, 519 Philadelphia Pike, Penny Hill.

Interment was in Machzikey Hadas Cemetery, minquadale.

In memoriam the family suggests contributions to charity.

Beth Shalom Religious School

Dalet class shabbat

On Saturday morning, March 2, the students of our dalet class will conduct services in the main sanctuary beginning at 10:00 a.m. In addition to leading the entire service, several students, along with their parents, will be honored with *aliyot* while Joseph Byer, dalet class teacher, reads from the Torah.

The class and their families will be honored at a Kiddush following services.

Purim

The festive nature of the Purim celebration makes it a favorite for young and old. The holiday is a celebration of the survival of the Jewish people and its joy stems from the awareness that Jews have overcome adversaries throughout the ages. The Megillah - the Scroll of Esther - read on Purim tells us to keep the 14th day of Adar as a day of joy and happiness. Thus the Feast of Lots has always been a time for merry-making here at Beth Shalom.

The students in the religious school have plans underway for their annual Purim Carnival which will take place on Sunday, March 3, from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. The children will create their own booths with a Purim theme and supervise them the day of the carnival. Interesting prizes will be given for the game booths, lunch

will be served and the entire family can participate. All proceeds will be given to a special charity in Israel.

Don't forget to mark your calendar for Sunday, March 3...it will be a fun day for the entire family. The community is invited.

Megillah reading and costume parade

On Wednesday evening, March 6, at 7:15 p.m., the reading of the Megillah and costume parade will take place for the children and their families in the main auditorium. Everyone in costume will receive a prize; everyone will receive a *grogger* and everyone will be treated to a *hamantasch*. Rabbi Cohen will judge a *grogger* contest for the most original and noisiest *grogger*.

The complete Megillah reading will be held in the Kane Chapel beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Passover candy sale

The Beth Shalom Religious School is selling Manischewitz Kosher candy for Passover this year. As an added treat, we are also selling selected candies from Bartons. As you know, these are superior products and we are pleased to be able to offer it to you for your family's use, to sell some to your friends or to give as gifts.

The proceeds will benefit our school and orders must be received by our office no later than March 3.

AKSE Religious School

PURIM CARNIVAL

The Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Religious School will hold its annual Purim Carnival on Sunday, March 3, from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. Delicious lunches will be available for those who are hungry; all kinds of games and activities will be on hand for those who are restless; neat prizes can be won by those who are skillful (and even by those who are not so skillful); gifts can be purchased by those who have been invited to a *simcha*; and *misholach manot* boxes can be bought and decorated "on the spot." *Hamantashen* will also be sold - baked by Sisterhood members that very day.

Purim Carnival chairwoman, Sandra Snyder, has planned the activities for maximum enjoyment. The food will be prepared by the ASKE Men's Club.

Everyone is cordially invited to come to the AKSE social hall on March 3 from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. for a "pur-fect" beginning to the Purim celebration!

Proceeds from the Purim Carnival provide camp

scholarships for deserving students.

ASKE PURIM - EVENING CELEBRATION

Everyone is invited to come to the Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Synagogue on Wednesday evening, March 6 to join in the festive spirit of the Purim celebration. The full Megillah reading will begin at 6:30 p.m.

The Purim costume parade will begin at 7:10 p.m., - All costumed paraders will receive a special treat! An abridged reading of the Megillah will follow the costume parade. *Graggers* will be available so that the name of Haman will not be heard. *Hamantashen*, baked by AKSE Sisterhood, will be distributed at the conclusion of the service (approximately 8:10 p.m.).

PASSOVER CANDY AVAILABLE

Barton's and Cherrydale candies for Passover may be purchased at the Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Synagogue office until Sunday, March 3. A full selection is being carried. Proceeds from candy sales support the Camp Scholarship Fund of the religious school.

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Call your reservations into: Marion Zimmermann at 656-9070 or Suzy Grumbacher at 764-8050.

BBW Meeting Rescheduled

B'nai B'rith Women of Delaware will meet on Feb. 28 at 8 p.m. at the B'nai B'rith House, 800 Society Drive, Claymont.

The important topic about abuse of prescription drugs will be discussed by Robert Wheeler, director of the pharmacology department of the Medical Center of Delaware.

National Council Of Jewish Women

Dr. Robert N. Dumin, psychiatrist will speak on "Stress Management and Relaxation Training - Therapy or Lifestyle?" At the next meeting of the National Council of Jewish Women on Wednesday, Feb. 27. The meeting, at 9:15 a.m. will be at the home of Jeanne Handelman, 2000 Greenbriar Road.

Dumin is in full-time private practice in psychiatry and is head administrator of a multidisciplinary group private psychiatric practice, psychiatry associates. He is also clinical assistant professor of psychiatry and human behavior at Jefferson Medical College.

Plan to attend this informational program. For more information call Faith Goldman 652-4498 or Gloria Frankel 764-3390.

Organizations in the News

Hadassah: Sabra Group

You won't want to miss the Hadassah Sabra meeting, Monday, March 11, at noon in the library of the Jewish Community Center.

We are honored to have Richard D. Karfunkle, a renowned business economist, give us helpful, informative information on the state of our economy and the do's and don'ts of investing.

Named "Seer of the Year" by the Harvard Graduate School of Business, he is president and chief economist with Econoviews International.

Richard Karfunkle has been named "Best Economic Forecaster" by the American Statistical Association and Forecasters Club of New York.

He has earned a B.A. in Economics from Pennsylvania State University and a M.A. in Economics from the University of Wisconsin. Mr. Karfunkle has been an instructor at Cornell University and Penn State. His publications are numerous and impressive.

Join us for petite lunch provided by Sandye Turnauer and an interesting meeting conducted by Sandy Harad, president. Everyone is welcome

ADL Leader To Address B'nai B'rith

Wilmington Lodge #470 B'nai B'rith invites the Wilmington Community to attend an Anti-Defamation League Forum on Tuesday, Feb. 26. Bertram S. Halberstadt, Wilmington attorney, former ADL New York counsel and former ADL Philadelphia regional board member, will address "Issues Facing American Jewry - ADL's Thrusts In 1985." Halberstadt's program will focus on church - state relations, new forms of anti-Semitism, and U.S. foreign aid to the Middle East. The program will begin at 7:30 p.m. at the B'nai B'rith House, 8000 Society Drive, in Claymont.

Scandinavian Night

Emmanuel Dining Room will continue their successful series of "international nights" with a Scandinavian feast Sunday evening, Feb. 24.

The menu, prepared by gourmet cook Irene Lindh, includes smoked salmon, herring salad, marinated mushrooms, carrot salad, "veiled country lass," coffee and tea.

Seatings for this Nordic repast are at 4, 5:30 and 7 p.m. Reservations are necessary, and may be made by calling 652-3228. The dinner cost is \$7.50 per person.

Proceeds from the dinner are used to support the two Emmanuel Dining Room operations which feed Wilmington's needy seven days a week.

The dinner is being held at 121 N. Jackson St., Wilmington. Ample parking is available.

YPG Party

YPG, the Young Professionals Group for Jewish singles in their 20's and 30's will be having two major events in March. Come and celebrate Spring, make new friends and have a fun time!

A House Party, hosted by Sue Rosenzweig, will be held on March 2 at 8:30 p.m. and will be held at the Brandywine Apartments Complex. Cost is \$3 for members and \$5 for non-members. Everyone is requested to bring some type of food or a beverage. For more information and/or directions, call Sue at 475-0840 or Mike at 764-6088.

A Spring Fling Dance Party will be held on Saturday, March 23 at 8:30 p.m. THE PROs will be entertaining with their music, so everyone is sure to have a lively time! The dance will be held in the Auditorium of the Jewish Community Center, 101 Garden of Eden Road. Cost is \$4-YPG members/\$7 non-members. Price includes beverages and refreshments. For directions to the JCC, call 478-5660. For information about the Dance or other YPG activities, call Amy at (215) 565-0740.

Jewish War Veterans

A regular meeting of the Jewish War Veterans will be held at the Presidential Apartments Social Hall - 2000 Society Drive, Claymont Del. on Monday - Feb. 25 at 8:30 p.m.

The department commander will bring us up to date in his report as to the happenings at the national level.

Membership is going great guns. All veterans in the Delaware area, (male & female) are invited to join the Jewish War Veterans. Membership dues is \$15 per year, which includes the magazine called the *Veteran*. This publication is worth the price of the dues, and will inform the veteran of his or her veteran benefits and the happenings throughout the world.

Members that have caps, please bring them with you to the meeting. Refreshments will be served.

Spring Is Here

March 12, will be "Fashion Time" at the regular monthly meeting of the Sisterhood of Congregation Beth Emeth. Informal modelling of women's clothing, presented by the Fashion Shop, will continue during luncheon, starting at noon. After a short business meeting, the afternoon will proceed with a Chinese auction - fun for all! Open to members and friends, as well as the general public, the price of \$5 will include the fashion show, special luncheon, and Chinese auction. Complimentary child-sitting is available. Please call for reservations to Rae Goldenberg at 798-1929.

Mingles

The Mingles, a social group of Jewish single men and women over age 40, invites singles to a Wine and Cheese Party. Snacks, cold drinks, coffee and cake will be served. Cover charge \$3 per person.

The social will be in the home of Renee Chirtel, 2118 Westminister Drive, Holiday Hills, at 8 p.m. on Sunday, March 10.

PLEASE CALL 475-3309 for information and directions.

Temple Beth El

JFS Shabbat

On Friday evening, March 1 at 8 p.m., Temple Beth El will host "Jewish Family Service Shabbat." Our guest speaker will be Hedy Campeas-Cohen, director of Jewish Family Life Education (JFLE) for Jewish Family Service of Delaware (JFS).

This is part of JFS's outreach to the greater Newark Jewish community to work with both Temple members and unaffiliated people to explore issues of Jewish identity.

Campeas-Cohen has chaired the National Institute on JFLE for the past two years and has been involved with the Newark community on numerous occasions.

For further information please call JFS at 478-9411, or the Temple office, 366-8330.

Purim

Come to Beth El's Purim carnival on Sunday, March 3. There will be a religious school presentation at 9:30 a.m. followed by games, Judaica Shop items, *hamen-tashen*, lunch, and lots of fun.

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Community Calendar

FEB. DAY	SPONSOR	EVENT/TIME/LOCATION
24 Sun	JFD CBEM Brohd BCC	Bd. Brunch Program & Breakfast Bd. Mtg. 10 a.m.
25 Mon	Had/Wilm	Mtgs. noon & 7:30 p.m.
26 Tues	CBSH Sishd BBW Had/BBW	Bd. Mtg. 7:30 p.m. Mtg. Bowling 9:15 a.m.
27 Wed	NCJW	Gen. Mtg. 9:15 a.m.
28 Thurs	Had/Nwk	Study Gr. 8 p.m.
MARCH		
1 Fri	Had/Wilm	Shabbat 8 p.m. CBSH
2 Sat	Had/Wilm	Chai & Shalom Social Night 8 p.m.
3 Sun	NCJW JCC	Tennis Party 8 p.m. Yg Mus Cont. Winner's Rec 7:30 p.m.
4 Mon	CBSH CBEM Brohd Had/Nwk AKSE Sishd JCC	Purim Carnival 11-2 Program & Bkfst Bd. Mtg. 7:30 p.m. Reg. Mtg. 8 p.m. Bd. Mtg. 7:30 p.m.
5 Tues	CBSH Sishd CBEM Sishd BBW/Had JFS AEA	Gen. Mtg. 7:30 p.m. Bd. Mtg. 9:30 a.m. Bowling 9:15 a.m. Bd. Mtg. 8 p.m. Bd. Mtg. 7:30 p.m.
6 Weds	NCJW Pioneer Women BBW Megillah Reading	Cooking Class a.m. Purim Party noon Luncheon noon
7 Thurs	Purim JFD	Ex. Bd. Mtg. 8 p.m.
9 Sat	cbsh	Purim Fundraiser 8 p.m.

CBEM — Cong. Beth Emeth, CBSH — Cong. Beth Shalom, CBEL — Cong. Beth El
Note: All events will occur at the organization's facilities unless otherwise shown. Submit corrections and additions to the JFD office, 478-6200, as soon as they are scheduled...even months in advance.

Dear Rachel —

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your house, including your brother. Do it politely (his rudeness need not be contagious), and be sure to say that you respect his right to live any way he wants to in his own home. Since he is looking for a fight, be prepared for the fact that he may not bring your mother again. You may just have to be creative in devising ways to see your mother (take only

one child with you; rent a motel room; pay someone to bring your Mom, etc). Good luck.

Rachel

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Medicaid program, but does not provide nursing care under Medicare.

To discuss admission to the Kutz Home, contact the Home's social worker, Jackie Guttenplan, at 764-7000.

'Kiss' Weekend —

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the money belong to?

As the weekend continued, the adults began to fall from exhaustion one-by-one. Rosen, AEA board president, went first, commenting about the weekend being a sleepless marathon event which tested the endurance and strength of the strongest adults. Abrams went next. The Danners' endured until the end, summing up the weekend as "... a wonderful experience for all... We're going home, taking a shower and sleeping all day Sunday... On Monday, we will sign up for the next KISS event planned by Rabbi Portal."

Depression —

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tribute to the depression, or for medications which can help. Many treatments are available for clinical depression. The important thing is to recognize that it is a serious illness that should be treated by a professional as soon as possible.

Next time you, or someone you know feels depressed, take a moment to think: Is it a passing mood? Is it the result of a problem or situation which can be worked with independently or might require counseling? Is it mental illness which requires immediate professional intervention? If you have any doubt, seek a professional evaluation. Remember, there is life after depression and with therapy a depressed person can learn to enjoy life again.

Hedvah Compeas-Cohen received her MSW from the University of Pennsylvania and is a licensed clinical social worker in the State of Delaware. She is a member of the Academy of Certified Social Workers; and formerly worked as a medical social worker. She has been a counselor at Jewish Family service for the past five years and also serves as the director of Family Life Education for the agency.

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Temple Beth El —

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This is a perfect opportunity to browse for Passover and gift ideas while the children entertain themselves. Join us!

On Wednesday, March 6 there will be Purim Services at Beth El at 7 p.m. Come in costume and welcome in the festive holiday.

All kindergarten through seventh graders in the greater Newark Jewish community are invited to a Purim hoopla March 10 at Beth El. The festivities will begin after religious school at 11:30 a.m. This special day is sponsored by Jewish Federation, Jewish Community Center, and Temple Beth El. Children are asked to bring a dairy bag lunch. Snacks will be provided. There is a \$2 charge for non-temple members. Call the

temple office at 366-8330 for more information.

Young Judaea
Conclave

It's finally coming — a regional conclave in Newark! March 8-10 — Mark your calendars now! Out-of-towners will be arriving in time for Friday evening services. Get out your sleeping bags and plan on staying Friday night until Sunday morning at the Temple.

Learn about the why's and when's of the war in Lebanon and have a great time. There will be sports and movies, good food, and good friends. The cost is only \$20 and you must have your dues paid. For more information call Steve Herman, club president at 737-2090 or Renee Frank, regional programmer at 737-9189.

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