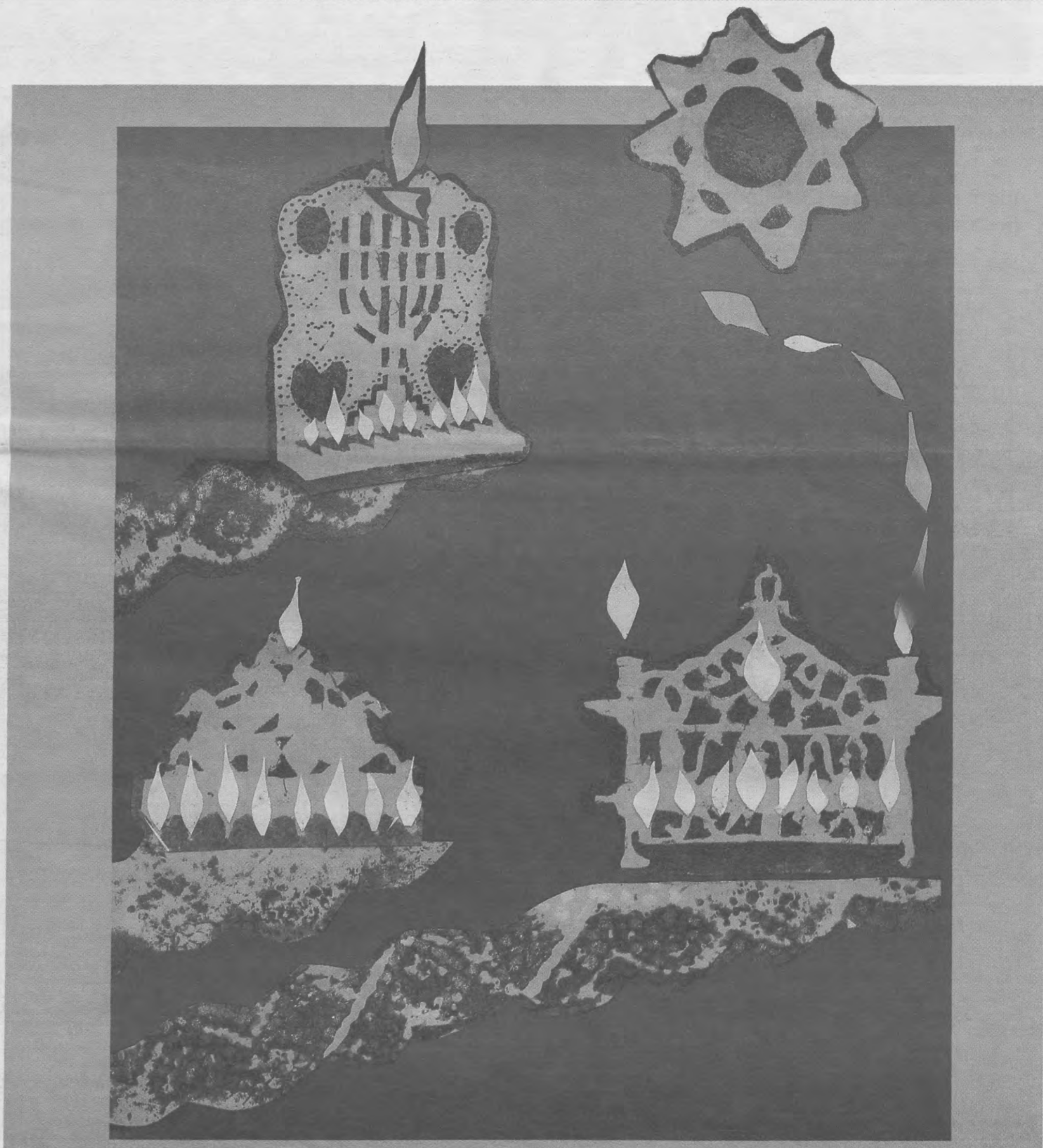


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BRIEFS



LEAH, GORE, PERES IN NEW YORK APPEARANCE— Leah Rabin, widow of slain former Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, wipes away a tear as she stands with Vice President Gore and Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres during the playing of the Israeli National anthem, at the conclusion of a memorial tribute to Rabin, at Madison Square Garden, December 10. RNS Photo/Reuters

Eight House Pages Questioned in Capitol Hill Swastika Daubing

By DANIEL KURTZMAN

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11 (JTA) — Capitol Hill police have been looking into a case of anti-Semitic vandalism, after a Jewish congressional messenger found a swastika painted on the door of his dormitory.

The House page, who is from New York, reported the incident to police Nov. 30, the morning after he and a group of pages had argued.

The 17-year-old page, whose family asked that he not be identified, is sponsored by Rep. Gary Ackerman (D-N.Y.).

Eight male pages have been questioned in the incident, according to Roll Call, a weekly political newspaper that first reported the incident.

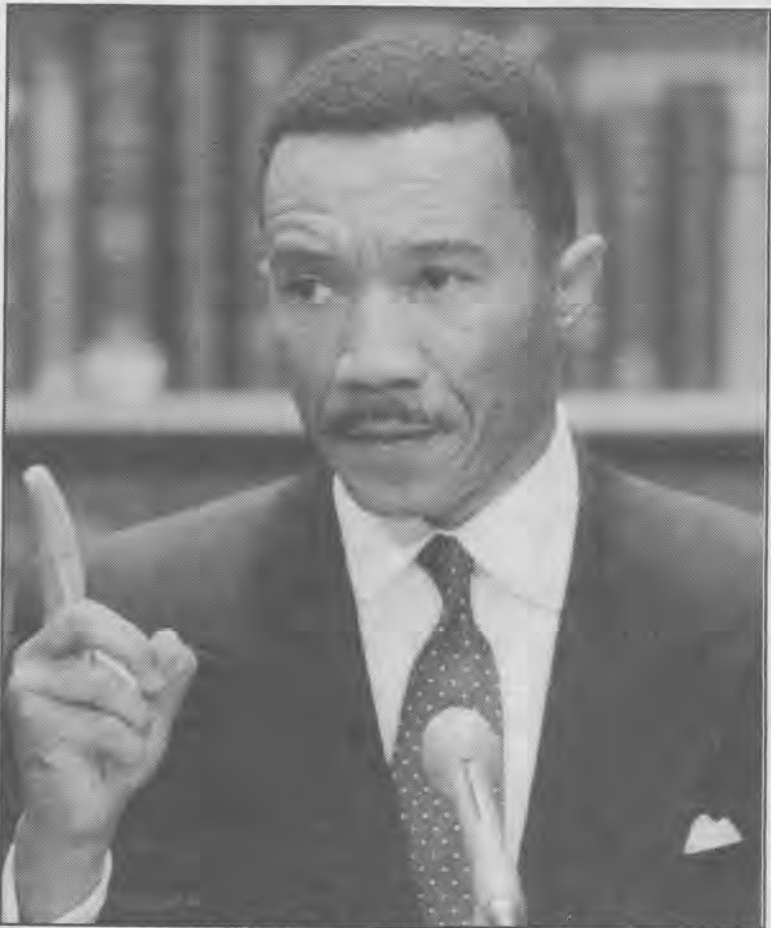
"We feel that the individual responsible should certainly be expelled from the page program and should face prosecution because it is a hate crime," a spokesman for Ackerman said.

The same morning, another page found a message on his door containing a crude anatomical reference, but no ethnic slurs.

The House page program consists of 62 high-school juniors, who are appointed by members of Congress and who run errands and attend school on the Hill.

The positions are highly coveted, and selection is considered an honor.

They live on two floors of a House office building, where access is restricted and visitors must sign in.



MFUME TO HEAD NAACP: The NAACP board of directors elected Rep. Kwesi Mfume (D-Md.) as its new president December 9. Mfume, shown in a June 5, 1995, file photo, will take up his post in mid-February, official said. Although Mfume has met with Louis Farrakhan of the Nation of Islam, some progressive Jewish leaders praised the congressman's moderation and coalition building skills. Mfume has not agreed with Farrakhan's odious anti-Semitic ideas. RNS Photo/Reuters

On Sunday, They Rallied

'Silent Majority:' Rises Up At Pro-Israel Rally in NY

By CYNTHIA MANN

NEW YORK, Dec. 10 (JTA) — A rally at Madison Square Garden this week marked for some the awakening of the "silent Jewish majority" in America that has long supported the Arab-Israeli peace process, but was not moved to express that support until last month's assassination of Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

Sunday morning's overflow crowd clearly was a relief to rally organizers, who had wrangled intensively in recent days over a program that would not alienate opponents of the peace process.

Although not everyone at the gathering belonged to the Israeli government's peace camp, all seemed bent on demonstrating their support for Israel, Jewish unity and the pursuit of peace.

An estimated 14,000 people, including more than 40 members of Congress and a host of other dignitaries, braved freezing temperatures, tight security and logistical snafus to enter the Garden and pay tribute to the memory of the slain Israeli leader.

Close to 200 buses brought people from beyond the New York region, organizers said. Some traveled from as far as Washington, D.C., and New Hampshire.

Once inside, they were exhorted to honor Rabin's legacy of peace by Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres, U.S. Vice President Al Gore and Rabin's widow, Leah, all of whom underscored the close friendship between the United States and Israel.

Peres drew the loudest applause when he called for broadening the circle of peace to include Syria and Lebanon and when he called for Jewish unity.

"When you have two views, you don't have to become two people," he said.

"We do recognize the right of the opposition to oppose us," he said, but Jews should "be united against murder, against violence, against curses. Let's argue, not hate."

Israeli Chief Ashkenazi Rabbi Yisrael Lau, meanwhile, called on Jews everywhere to draw on their tradition of love, respect for human life, solidarity and brotherhood.

Religious Jews "know what it means to appreciate human life" and have to think about "our failure," said Lau, a highly esteemed figure among the Orthodox, who are on the defensive in the wake of the assassination.

Confessed killer Yigal Amir was a flawed product of Orthodox Zionist education and said he killed Rabin to save the Jewish people from the territorial concessions that are an integral part of the peace process.

The event was organized by the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, the Jewish Community Relations Council of New York, the United Jewish Appeal-Federation of New York, the State of Israel Bonds and the World Jewish Congress.

Although the rally was called to show Jewish unity and promote healing in the wake of the assassination, its planning became a lightning rod for all the community's divisions.

Critics of the peace process demanded the inclusion of speakers

from the Israeli government opposition to show that Jews are not monolithic about the way peace should be achieved.

The organizers, for their part, maintained that the rally was non-political and, to prove it, eliminated any references to "the peace process" in advertisements for the event. Instead, the organizers billed the rally as a show of support for "the pursuit of peace."

The change infuriated advocates of the peace process.

For fear of violating the Orthodox ban on hearing a woman's voice, the organizers also reportedly turned down an offer made by Barbra Streisand to sing at the rally.

Despite the concessions, a few organizations boycotted the event. And even though many modern Orthodox Jews attended, the black-garbed fervently Orthodox were conspicuously absent.

In an apparent effort to demonstrate the pluralistic nature of the event, the emcee at the rally went so far as to announce the names of three members of Likud, including Zalman Shoval, former Israeli ambassador to the United States.

The problem was that none of the three was present. Reached at his hotel Sunday night, Shoval said he was invited to attend but not to speak. He refused the invitation.

"I thought it was a wonderful occasion to have a unity rally and for someone very senior in Likud to have said a few words in memory of Yitzhak Rabin for the sake of unity."

Shoval said, however, he did not think that it was appropriate for him to come and "be a decoration."

And, if it was forbidden to utter the words "peace process," the message from the speakers was transparent.

"I call on everyone here to carry on a commitment to Yitzhak Rabin's vision of peace," said Edgar Bronfman, WJC president and one of the main backers of the rally.

"Whatever our differences, let us vow to discuss them with civility and mutual respect," he said, triggering applause.

Leah Rabin also urged unity. "Nothing could be more important" in this time of Jewish "crisis," she said.

She also said, "We do not want to forget who killed and who was killed."

Recalling the climate of violence and hostility by opponents of her husband in the months leading up to his death, she said, "The voice of the silent majority was not heard."

The turning point, she said, was the Nov. 4 peace rally where he was killed.

"The State of Israel is crying, the world is crying, but friends, beyond all the tears, I see he bequeathed peace, he bequeathed solidarity, he bequeathed Jewish unity," she said.

Leon Levy, chairman of the Conference of Presidents, said, "No assassin's bullet and no terrorist's bomb can deter Israel from a true, just and lasting peace."

Peres underscored Rabin's courage in pursuing peace in the face of intense opposition. He said Rabin walked through "streets of hatred,

squares of chaos, avenues of accusation."

Although Rabin was "not indifferent" to what was being said, "he did not change his mind," Peres said, and "paid the highest price" for it.

Gore waxed emotional when he addressed each Rabin family member by name and said Americans "have been and are attempting to lift you up and say to you, 'We respect you and we love you.'"

Noting the approach of Chanukah, he said, "The ancient light of the Maccabees will guide the house of Israel [toward] light over darkness, faith over cynicism, reason over arms."

Gore issued a resounding call to follow Rabin's pursuit of peace, while warning, "The road to peace is not an easy one."

The obstacles of evil, hate, pain and division will slow the fulfillment of Rabin's legacy, he said.

But "we will not be daunted," he declared, to thunderous applause. "We will not be afraid."

Many in the crowd were not aware of the controversies in the planning of the rally; they came to express support for the Israeli government's policies.

"We are, many of us, the silent majority, and I think it was very important for us to show ourselves today," said Murray Klein of Great Neck, N.Y.

"We're not people who generally demonstrate but I think that from this day forward we must," Klein said. "Perhaps if we had showed more support for Yitzhak Rabin and the peace process, some of the opposition would have been less militant, and that's the thing that bothers me."

"There is a great division" among Jews "that we've been exposed to" as a result of the assassination, Klein continued. "I don't think many of us realized how great the division was until now."

Ira Orchin, who had traveled from suburban Philadelphia with a bus from his synagogue, Congregation Mishkan Shalom, expressed similar sentiments, saying that he was there "to stand up for the less vocal part of the Jewish people who believe in the peace process."

Esther Moreh, who immigrated to New York from Iran 17 years ago, came to show her strong support for the peace process.

"We need it," said the Great Neck resident, saying that all her life she has been a "real Zionist."

Shai Ingber, a sophomore at Princeton University, said American Jews have to support the Israeli government.

"You have to trust the government," Ingber said, adding that he was "disgusted" that right-wing groups either would not come to the rally or sought to turn it into a political event.

(JTA editor Lisa Hostein and editorial assistant Lori Silberman contributed to this report.)

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SPECIAL HANUKKAH ISSUE

About The Cover

Delaware Artist Judith Schwab created the cover design titled "The Diaspora at Hanukkah" for this special Hanukkah issue of *The Jewish Voice*. Schwab told *The Jewish Voice* that the "concept behind this design is the Diaspora miracle that we are still here, remembering our path from expulsion." Schwab continued that "while researching the symbols of Hanukkah, I found a wide variety of menorah designs, documented in the Jewish Encyclopedia by year and country. Our ancestors seemed to mirror the accepted symbols and styles of their region, while continuing to produce exquisite Jewish artifacts. I wish to thank the Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth (AKSE) Library and Ms. Helen Gordon for assistance."

Schwab explained that the cover was made partly with collage and painting. The chain of light suggests movement from a stone Babylonian Oil lamp (6th or 7th century B.C.E.) through later 16th and 18th century European periods. The references used for the lamp designs are clockwise beginning in the upper right hand corner a Babylonian lamp, a Polish lamp, an Italian Hanukkah and a Holland menorah.

Work by Judith Schwab has been displayed from Wilmington to the former Soviet Union. She is an occasional contributor to *The Jewish Voice*.



Pictured here is Atzilut: The Fourth World, a funky Jewish roots music ensemble.

Atzilut: The Fourth World To Play At Delaware's First Night Party

Atzilut - The Fourth World, a Jewish roots music group, will perform on December 31 as part of the First Night celebration at the Playhouse Theatre in Wilmington, Delaware at 6:30 and 7:30 p.m. Atzilut - The Fourth World performs music of the pre-western Jewish Diaspora. The group blends Middle Eastern, North African, Balkan, "Judeo-Spanish and Eastern European (klezmer) sounds. The group performs traditional melodies and original compositions with

a variety of instruments including voice, flute, oboe, English horn, violin, bass and percussion. This contemporary group brings jazz improvisation, kabbalistic inspiration and a modern sensibility to this traditional form of world music. The late Rabbi Shlomo Carlebach said of Atzilut "What wonderful musicians! Everyone who hears them is elevated by their music. Don't miss them!"

Atzilut: The Fourth World performed with the Arab musical ensemble Firkat Alamal (Band of Hope) in 1993 at the Painted Bride Art Center in Philadelphia as part of the Concerts for Peace In The Middle East.

For more information on Atzilut: The Fourth World call Music Director Cantor Jack Kessler at 1-800-563-5445.



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EDITORIAL

Hanukkah - The Last and Least of the Minor Holidays

Herman Wouk, writing in *This Is My God* called Hanukkah "the last and least of the minor holidays: last in time of origin, least in prescribed observances." According to Arthur Waskow's *Season's Of Our Joy*, Hanukkah is the only festival which does not have a place in the earlier level or layer of Talmud called the Mishnah. It is treated more slightly in the later layer of the Talmud which is called the Gemara. Many believe the disproportionate emphasis on the minor holiday of Hanukkah in America (compared to other Jewish observances) owes to its proximity to Christmas.

This undue stress on Hanukkah is a reflection of the dominance of the secular calendar over the Jewish calendar. We talk about Jewish holidays as if they are "early" one year or "late" another year. Tuning into the lunar based schedule of Jewish festivals, and weekly Shabbat observance, provides a much richer path than the calendar of the pre-holiday sale

and the Super Bowl. Wouk says that children who decorate Sukkot in Autumn won't long to decorate trees in Winter.

Hanukkah has the same root as the Hebrew word "Hanuch" or to educate. Perhaps we associate learning more with Shavout, the all night Torah study, or Passover, the reading of the Haggadot and the youngest child's reading of the four questions. Hanukkah is in fact an ample occasion for us to rededicate ourselves as Jewish adults and Jewish children in the efforts to educate. Although observance of Hanukkah is commonly associated with children it can be also a useful reminder to adults to study. It has been said that if a family only has enough money for either the parents or the children to pursue Jewish study that the parent should do so.

On the occasion of Hanukkah we celebrate the successful revolt of the Jews led by the Maccabees in an effort to preserve their way of

life against the then dominant culture. Hanukkah, the Jewish Festival of lights, begins this year at sundown on December 17. Jews will light the first of eight candles on a menorah. This ceremony commemorates a double miracle. In 165 BCE, after the second Temple in Jerusalem has been desecrated with pagan rituals and sacrifices of swine, a small band of Jewish patriots, the Maccabees, - a family from the priestly tribe - overcame a vast Syrian Hellenistic army led by Antiochus IV. Antiochus Epiphanes, had decreed that local religions, including Judaism, be rooted out. Circumcision, kosher food, and Shabbat were outlawed on pain of death. At the rededication of the Temple, oil sufficient for one day miraculously burned for eight days, which allowed the Temple to be restored.

According to *This is Torah*, by Alfred J. Kolatch, the Haftarah reading on the Shabbat of Hanukkah includes the memorable words "Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit" which has been interpreted to mean that only through God's help can victory for Israel be accomplished. Today we look for God's help in achieving a victory for Israel in the negotiations for peace with her neighbors.

Today Jews can still look to preserve what

is unique about our tradition in the face of the contrary impulses of the majority culture. The commercialization of this season has a tendency to overwhelm not only our own religious traditions but that of others as well. Hanukkah is a time to learn what is unique about our tradition. Parents and children alike need to know why should we have pride in our traditions.

The spark of knowledge can be lit just as a long stored candle can still flame. So too Jewish knowledge can be gained at any age. If there are opportunities to learn about Jewish history, to study Hebrew or Torah, go forth and do so. Wouk describes the significant question which Hanukkah brings to mind is "Can a small people, dwelling in a triumphant major culture, take part in the general life and yet hold its identity, or must it be absorbed into the ranks and the ways of the majority? The question is of course still relevant today.

Happy Hanukkah.

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Reader Comments On Editorial

To the Editor:

In a recent editorial, *The Voice* tried to confront one canard that has been repeated often in the wake of Yitzchak Rabin's death - that Orthodox Judaism is to blame for the murder. In doing so *The Voice* lent support to several equally offensive and inaccurate myths.

First, *The Voice* incorrectly states the nastiness in Israeli politics comes from one source (the Right) and is directed at one target (the Labor Government). Unfortunately, the indecency has been mutual. Labor politicians routinely referred to the Begin Government as "murderers" and "war criminals." The present Labor Government has called Israelis in the territories "cry babies," and has said American Jews have no right to criticize Israeli policies. While reasonable people may differ about which side's words are more offensive - assuming anyone would consider that exercise to be reasonable - it is wrong to deny the mutuality.

Second, by stating repeatedly that "not all" Orthodox Jews are responsible, *The Voice* implies some (possibly, many) are responsible. Preeminent Orthodox institutions, such as Agudath Yisrael, have issued statements re-

jecting the murder, repudiating any rabbinic rulings on which the murderer may have relied and calling for reconciliation. Yitzchak Rabin's murder has as much to do with Orthodoxy as the Oklahoma City bombing has to do with patriotism.

Third, while a fringe in Israeli society opposes accommodation with the Arabs, *The Voice* unfairly equates opposition to Labor Government policies with opposition to peace. Many oppose the Labor Government's willingness to consider withdrawal from Golan. Many oppose the failure to hold the PLO to the promises it has made in during the "Peace Process." And many are offended by the willingness to accept a peace premised on an agreement that Jews should be prohibited from living in portions of Eretz Yisrael - a question independent of what government would have sovereignty over the West Bank and Gaza.

The first step toward reconciliation is understanding and respecting those who hold views different from one's own. *The Voice* could do a better job in both these areas.

David J. Margules
Wilmington, Delaware

Editor's Response:

Thank you for your letter. Different points of view are always welcome. Your letter does however merit a response since it makes a number of unfair and incorrect assertions about our recent editorial. **First**, nowhere does *The Jewish Voice* say in the editorial that the nastiness in Israeli politics comes only from the right. **Second**, the editorial does not imply that many Orthodox Jews are responsible for hateful rhetoric or a poisoned atmosphere. To the contrary it is explicitly stated that most are not responsible for such behavior. You are quite right that

the murder has little to do with Orthodoxy. In fact the main thrust of the editorial is that the Orthodox should not be used as a scapegoat. **Third**, a majority of Jews in Israel and the U.S. support the policies of the democratically elected government of Israel. You are correct to assert that many who are in the minority oppose the majority policies. Respectfully, the editorial was a fine step toward understanding and respecting differences. There is no basis to the assertion that *The Jewish Voice* lent support to "offensive and inaccurate myths."

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OPINION

Raising Jewish Children?

By KAREN G. MOSS

former Editor of The Jewish Voice

Hanukkah can drive a parent nuts. Kids place so much emphasis on gifts and so little emphasis on anything else. In truth, while the tradition of giving Hanukkah gelt - money - goes back to Eastern Europe, this gift-giving business was initiated by anxious American parents who didn't want their children to feel left out at Christmastime. Israelis rarely exchange gifts on Hanukkah. Purim is our only legitimate gift-giving holiday, and those gifts are food related. What's a parent to do?

You can't take away the gifts. Every Jewish child considers eight days' worth of gifts to be his or her birthright. Although paring down the number and/or extravagance of the gifts you buy might not be a bad idea. Hanukkah really shouldn't be in competition with Christmas.

What you definitely should do is add new elements to your Hanukkah celebration. Begin the first night of Hanukkah by telling or reading about the history of the holiday. Lots of books are available at synagogue and public libraries. If you have an older child, let him or her tell the story, and you can fill in the gaps. Or, shock an older child by informing him or her that the famous account of the little cruse of oil which lasted for eight days is a fabrication. It isn't mentioned in the First or Second Book of the Macabees. Neither the Mishnah nor the historian Josephus discuss the miracle of the oil. The story doesn't show up until much later in the Gemara. It is likely that we celebrate Hanukkah for eight days because the holiday was patterned after

Sukkot, which the Maccabees could not observe while hiding in the Judean hills. But think twice about letting a very young child in on the secret - the miraculous jar of oil story ranks right up there with the tooth fairy!

After recounting the history of Hanukkah, read or tell a Hanukkah story. One benefit of Hanukkah's commercialization is the great abundance of Hanukkah books on the market. They bear enticing titles such as, "Hershel and the Hanukkah Goblins," "The Odd Potato," "Just Enough is Plenty," and "Judah Who Always Said 'No.'" There are two wonderful collections of stories for older children (and adults). One is called "Eight Tales for Eight Nights," by master storyteller Peninnah Schram, and the other is a collection of Hanukkah tales by the incomparable Isaac Bashevis Singer. Or, in lieu of reading a story, a parent or grandparent can reminisce about a childhood Hanukkah.

On the remaining seven nights, you don't need to retell the Hanukkah story. Just light the Hanukkah menorah, sing some songs and read a story before you exchange gifts.

One word of warning. If your children are used to lighting the candles then immediately tearing open their gifts, what you are about to institute will seem like torture. To be forced to stand around the hanukkah singing songs, and then retire to the family room to listen to a story before opening one single gift will seem like cruel and inhuman punishment. Don't be deterred. If they want their presents, they'll have to humor you. Before they know it, the singing and storytelling will have added a new dimension to their Hanukkah celebrations and

they'll be requesting favorite melodies and special tales.

Don't forget about playing dreidel. Outside the land of Israel, a dreidel displays the Hebrew letters nun, gimel, heh and shin which stand for nes gadol hayah sham - a great miracle happened there. Any number of people can play. Each player is given an equal number of objects - pennies and peanuts work quite nicely. To start the game, everyone takes five objects from his or her pile and uses them to create a central pile. Then each player takes turns spinning the dreidel. Nun means do nothing; gimel takes the central pile; heh takes half of the pile; shin requires that you give half of your pile. Dreidel can also be played using the numerical equivalents of the four letters: nun =50, gimel =3, heh =5 and shin =300. Of course, a dreidel is also perfect for a no frills, ordinary spinning contest. Looking for an offbeat idea? Zalman Schachter-Shalomi (in Michael Strassfeld's "Jewish Holidays" book) suggests using a dreidel like an I-Ching. The four sides equal yes, no, undecided and later. A Jewish 8-ball!

Since you're adding so many new dimensions to your family's celebration of Hanukkah, why not add a spiritual one as well? Remind your children that many youngsters are not as fortunate as they. Together, work out a plan to do something to help. You might let each child select a toy to donate to "Toys for Tots" or a similar program. Then have them bring it (unwrapped) to the collection center themselves. The main Toys for Tots collection center is at the U.S. Navy Marine Corps Reserve Center on Kirkwood Highway, but there



are numerous collection sites throughout New Castle County. For information, call the Reserve Center at 998-6695. The Emmanuel Dining Room dispenses practical gifts along with their daily hot meals at Christmastime. This year, on Dec. 24, they hope to hand out 1000 items. They are looking for donations of toiletries (shampoo, toothbrushes, etc.) and warm outerwear for adults (hats, scarves, gloves, etc.). Brother Jose requests that the gifts be wrapped and marked "male" or "female." EDR will also distribute a small number of children's gifts, and could use donations of school items (pencil cases, backpacks, etc.) or warm outerwear wrapped and appropriately marked. Warm hats and new book bags are something taken for granted by most of our own children. Learning that there are children close to home that won't have these items unless we help provide them will impart a sobering lesson. For further information, contact Brother Jose at 652-3228.

Although these programs are designed around Christmas, not Hanukkah, performing mitzvot is a very Jewish concept. You can always wrap the gifts in Hanukkah paper!

Jewish Continuity Revisited

A Personal Prescription for America's Jews

By DAVID J. MARGULES

Special To The Jewish Voice

National Jewish organizations continue debating how to respond to the implosion of America's Jewish community. Supporters say the debate is a redefinition of strategies for coping with our greatest challenge. Cynics describe it as a fundraising slogan to replace the lessening pull of the Holocaust.

The truth lies between, as demonstrated by a pamphlet entitled *Brit Am: A Covenant of The People*, subtitled "Proposed Policy Guidelines for the National Institutions of the Jewish People." Written by Jewish Agency head Avraham Burg, it is highly touted by the organizational community.

While Burg's commitment is beyond question, his proposals reflect a bias toward collective action by large organizations. Paraphrasing the Rambam, he writes in a preface:

I believe with perfect faith that ... there is a compelling need, now more than ever before, for a supreme Jewish national institution able to marshal the forces necessary to overcome

the internal schisms and insensitivities which threaten to rip us apart.

Burg never questions his "perfect faith" in large, well-funded national organizations. One can argue those organizations bear much of the blame for the threats Burg identifies.

There is broad consensus that Judaism's secularization is the primary agent for the losses of American Jews. Gefilte fish, an Israeli vacation and anti-Semitism are not enough to anchor people to a way of life. A much better job is done by regular participation in Jewish ritual, a substantial Jewish education and an understanding that our teachings provide guidance for living here and now.

Unfortunately, the communal movement promoted the secularized Jewish culture. One reason is institutional - large and diverse membership makes it difficult to deal forcefully with personal questions like spirituality. Another is philosophical - leadership historically believed religious issues should be left to rabbis and synagogues. As JCCs and Federation replaced synagogues at the center of Jewish life, the secular dominated the spiritual.

The desire to transform central institutions into agents for a spiritual revival is sincere, and many of Burg's specific proposals are worthwhile. For example, he suggests more support for Jewish educators, more day school

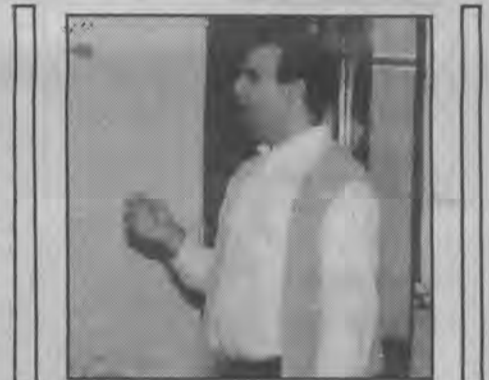
funding, and increasing the number of Israeli students doing outreach work in this country. Each of these efforts will help strengthen our community.

Nevertheless coordinated, national efforts ultimately are likely to fail. The best prescription for "Jewish continuity" is the oldest. Pirke Avot tells us:

Moses received the Torah on Sinai, and handed it down to Joshua; Joshua to the elders; the elders to the prophets; and the prophets to the Men of the Great Assembly. They said three things: Be deliberate in judgment; raise up many disciples; and make a fence around the Torah.

In other words, Jewish values are best communicated by committed individuals having a direct and personal relationship with those with whom they are communicating.

The most successful model for Jewish outreach, Chabad Lubavitch, operates on the principle of personal involvement by committed workers. Chabad recognizes that, for some, the gate to Judaism is prayer, for others it is participation in family or community celebrations, and for others it is the study of history, law or philosophy. While large agencies strive to attract and connect with large audiences, Chabad's network of emissaries goes to Jews



where they live, and works flexibly to satisfy their individual needs. That personal connection can never be emulated by a coordinated national effort.

The best role for national organizations is three-fold. **First**, they can support the infrastructure necessary for Jewish life, such as buildings for communal activities; schools; houses of worship; elder care facilities and kosher establishments. **Second**, they can support the work of those in the field, such as rabbis, social workers and educators. **Third**, they can recognize that workers in the field are our hope, not national committees meeting in New York, Chicago or Jerusalem.

(David Margules is an attorney and a member of the Executive Committee of The Jewish Federation of Delaware (JFD))

LATE BITS

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

NEW YORK - While many in the Jewish community express the desire to tone down the rhetoric, the goal is elusive - as evidenced by a recent program that brought leaders of different denominations together.

ROME - Local skinheads put up posters urging freedom for former SS Capt. Erich Priebke, who was extradited to Italy from Argentina to face war crime charges.

ROME - Leaders of the Simon Wiesenthal Center ask Italy to support measures aimed at barring cyberspace to racists and extremists.

JERUSALEM - The commission investigating the assassination of Yitzhak Rabin reviews

a videotape reportedly taken by an amateur photographer who captured the whole incident.

JERUSALEM - Israeli Finance Minister Avraham Shohat adopts a recommendation that the country's major banks divest most of their non-financial holdings.

BUENOS AIRES - The Argentine office of the Simon Wiesenthal Center is considering whether to seek criminal charges against a local priest who denies the Holocaust.

JOHANNESBURG - The end of the school year here witnesses a mass flight of South African Jews, who are escaping the escalating crime forever.

WASHINGTON - What will the appointment of U.S. Rep Kweisi Mfume (D-Md.) to head the NAACP mean for black-Jewish relations?

WASHINGTON - Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres makes an emotional appeal to Congress.

JERUSALEM - Israel withdraws from Nablus, the largest West Bank city, with barely a peep from Israelis.

WASHINGTON - Representatives of the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council takes to the halls of Congress to urge support for the Israeli peace process.



Rabbi Marla Feldman, Esq. Leaving Delaware JCRC for Detroit's Council

By DAN WEINTRAUB

Editor of *The Jewish Voice*

Rabbi Marla J. Feldman, Esq., will be leaving her position as Delaware's Director of the JCRC later this month to take a position with the JCRC's counterpart agency in the larger community of Detroit, Michigan. For the past two years Feldman has worked with the lay leadership of the JCRC to make progress in a whole host of areas including building coalitions, advancing legislative concerns and raising a moral voice on issues such as the plight of Bosnians. Feldman participated in the Rabbinical Association of Delaware (RAD). Her writings were included in *The Jewish Voice* and *The News Journal* and her voice was frequently heard on Delaware radio stations.

Feldman told *The Jewish Voice*

"As many of you know, soon I will be leaving Delaware to take a position with the Jewish Community Council of Metropolitan Detroit. While I am excited by the professional opportunities and challenges which lie ahead, I am saddened by the thought of leaving behind this wonderful community. To those of you who welcomed me, encouraged me and shared you lives with me, I thank you. As Wilmington's moniker states, I have found this to be "A Place to be Somebody." I am grateful for the opportunity to have been a part of the Delaware Jewish community.

Judy Wortman, the Executive Vice-President of the Jewish Federation of Delaware told *The Jewish Voice*, that "our farewell to Marla is a bittersweet one. While we celebrate

her wonderful opportunity in Detroit, her departure leaves us with a personal and professional loss. Marla's incredible skills as an educator, organizer, Jewish leader and role model will be missed."

John A. Elzufon told *The Jewish Voice* that "In my capacity as Chair of the JCRC, I've had the privilege of working closely with Marla. She infused enthusiasm and professionalism into all of her efforts her ability to manage day-to-day affairs of staff responsibilities without losing sight of the essential goals of the JCRC and Federation provide an example for all of us to follow. Our continued success will be her legacy. We will all miss her. We all wish her the best of luck."

Feldman also said that "Any success attributed to me did not take place in a vacuum. I could never acknowledge personally all those who worked diligently to create a successful JCRC, Holocaust Education Center and Young Leadership Cabinet. Numerous committee chairs graciously accepted the yoke of leadership and, together with dozens of volunteers, they worked tirelessly to promote the interests of the Jewish community. Behind the scenes making it all happen are the staff members of the Jewish Federation who are the most dedicated, talented and caring people with whom I have been privileged to work. They are community treasures to be valued and cherished."

An official announcement concerning her successor may come as soon as the next issue of *The Jewish Voice*.



Rabbi Marla J. Feldman, Esq.

Voter Registrars Needed

The State Issues Task Force of the Jewish Community Relations Committee (JCRC) is launching a project to register Jewish voters throughout the state. An official from the Department of Elections will train registrars on Wednesday, January 17 at 5:30 p.m. at the JCC. Another date will be scheduled in February. The course takes about one hour. Once trained, registrars will be asked periodically to attend local Jewish community events to register voters. If you are interested in becoming a voter registrar, please contact Arnold Harris at (302) 475-7066.

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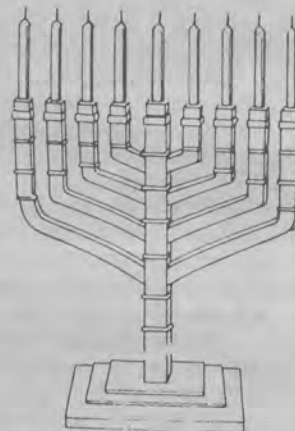
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National Women's Hall of Fame Inducts Founder of NCJW

Hannah Greenebaum Solomon, founder of the National Council of Jewish Women in 1898 will be inducted into the Women's Hall of Fame on October 14, 1995 in Seneca Falls, New York, along with sev-

enteen other distinguished women including Sandra Day O'Conner, Patricia Schroeder and Elizabeth Hanford Dole.

Hannah Solomon served as NCJW's first national president until

1905 and as Honorary President until her death in 1942. Her vision in 1893 resulted in a dynamic, caring organization that provides social welfare services and develops social policy in communities all over the United States. She was a pioneer, who addressed social issues throughout her life. These include immigration, slum clearance, low-cost housing, special courts for juvenile offenders, child labor laws, school penny lunch stations, mothers' pensions and public health issues.

Established in 1893, the National Council of Jewish Women is the oldest Jewish women's organization in the United States with a membership of over 90,000 volunteers in over 500 communities. NCJW's community service and advocacy efforts focus on child and elder care, reproductive rights, educational and constitutional rights, and are targeted to help women, children and families of all races, religions and economic backgrounds.

FOOT NOTE: Connie Kreshtool and Sonia Sloan are among the hall of fame women in our community who were the recipients of this prestigious honor.

Wilmington Student At Haifa University

HAIFA - Gregory Schiff, of Wilmington, is currently attending the Overseas Students Program at the University of Haifa.

The Overseas Program offers the student extensive Hebrew language studies as well as a variety of classes dealing with Israeli society, culture, politics, and history. The program also organizes trips throughout the country, often to provide an extension of the course work. In addition, Gregory is receiving a better understanding of the many different cultures found in Haifa from his interaction with the diverse student body of Jews, Arabs, Druzes, and Russian and Ethiopian immigrants, on campus as well as in the dormitories.

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Black Bread: A Taste Of Holocaust Poetry

By HELENA J. BRODSKY

Special To The Jewish Voice

Recently, as part of the Author Series of the Jewish Cultural Arts program at the Jewish Community Center, Blu Greenberg, author of "Black Bread: Poems, After the Holocaust" spoke and read some of her poems. The appearance was underwritten by the Morris Leadership Fund. Doris Morris introduced Blu, stating that [Blu Greenberg] "is a poetess, thinker and feminist, a sensitive soul."

Action/Barking/Boots/Butterfly ... Soap/Solution/Swine/Transport - Trigger Words ... Had they known/It kept Jews alive/A few days longer/They would have served/White bread and mashed potatoes - Black Bread.

This is how the evening begins, listening to Blu Greenberg read her moving and powerful poetry. The room is quiet, almost too much so, and those listening nod their heads, some knowingly.

Blu Greenberg is not a Holocaust survivor. She and her husband, a rabbi, live in Riverdale, NY, a community with a large survivor population. "These poems are largely about survivors, their stories, their lives," says Greenberg. She observes people, their lives, while listening to their stories. "Stories have a powerful impact on my husband and me,"

she says, "in a way numbers do not. There are 1 1/2 million people in Brooklyn. Six million is incomprehensible."

...For they are the holy ones/Purified in hunger/Sanctified in whippings/Consecrated in the burning last image/Of a bewildered mother/Pulled into another line/They are our teachers/Our martyrs/Our holy ones/They are our Death/And our Resurrection - The Holy Ones.

Survivor stories influence people, the third generation. A man Blu Greenberg once met at Epcot Center in Disney World says the trains remind him of transports arriving daily, hourly, at Auschwitz. "The Shoah shapes our future, and our perceptions are increasingly ritualized," says Greenberg. The silence in the room is palpable. Survivors nod.

Mr. S. celebrates his daughter's birthday/He is sixty, she twelve/I wonder if he is thinking/About that little girl/Whose picture I saw/In their hallway/Sweet face, curly hair all over her head/Shining, giving off shafts of light/Expensive frilly dress/A very small picture/Tucked into a corner/Of the hallway wall/Was that her birthday picture?/I hope he cannot read my thoughts/Nor I his/As he celebrates this happy family day/In his second life. - Second Lives

Blu Greenberg speaks of second lives, the lives of those who have survived. "Just the fact that a survivor can get up and daven in the morning is mind-blowing," she says. The book is dedicated to the survivors and the second generation. Greenberg tells of meeting a woman in Portland whose father is a survivor. He is not a religious man and yet he funded the building of a yeshiva there. When asked why he wanted a yeshiva in Portland, he replied that he'd never lived in a town without one. Such are the second lives.

Not until she was in her teens did Greenberg know about the Holocaust. People didn't talk about it much, and when they did, it was in hushed whispers. Even in the 1960's while teaching at Talmud Torah, the parents of her group of Bar Mitzvah boys thought it was too much, too soon.

Blu Greenberg admires Elie Wiesel. For a long time, he was "the lone voice." She first heard him speak in 1965. Thirty-five people showed up. Said Ann Jaffe, a survivor, "We were anxious to talk about it but people didn't want to hear about it." Time has changed. People talk now.

The Holocaust had a "powerful impact on my life, the way I look at things," says Greenberg. "I'm not morbid. I have a good life. I just relate to things as it relates to the Holocaust." Greenberg tells a story about being at the train station in

Trenton and seeing a women wearing a scarf. "She was not European looking, but I thought about how many mothers got off the trains and

never got back on."

She writes thoughts on scraps of paper, napkins. It wasn't until a friend
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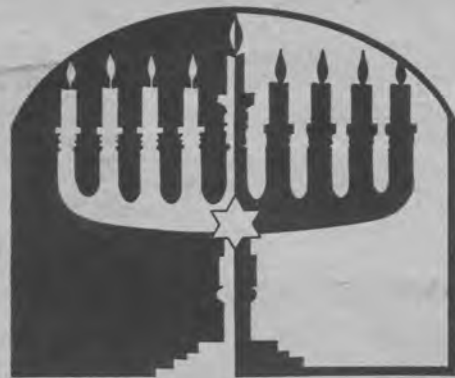
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Blu Greenberg

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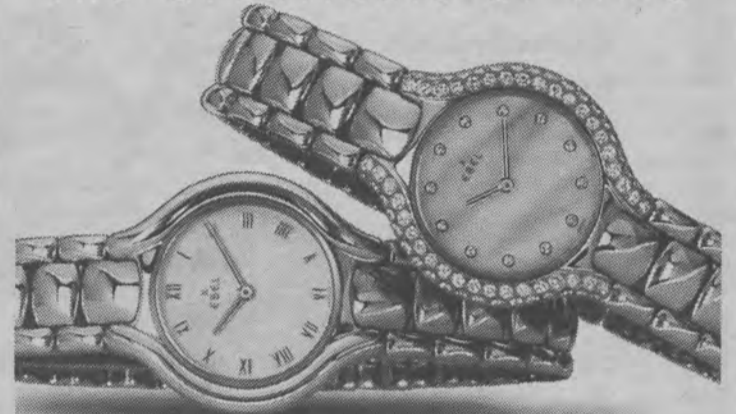
suggested gathering together all she had written for a book. "All I had to do was dig through 39 boxes of scraps of paper." Poetry is a way to confront an issue without being confrontational. She had no intention of writing a book when she started out and she says, "This will probably be the last."

Adjusting the spray to prickly/Regulating the temperature to a perfect warm-hot/Soaping the sponge with Caswell-Massey Jasmine/Lathering my skin with silky, white bubbles/Shampooing my hair with Nexus II/Resetting my oil glands, great luxury of life/Will I ever/Be able to/Just shower? - This Way To The Showers

The evening ended much as it had begun. Poems read. Silence. Nods.

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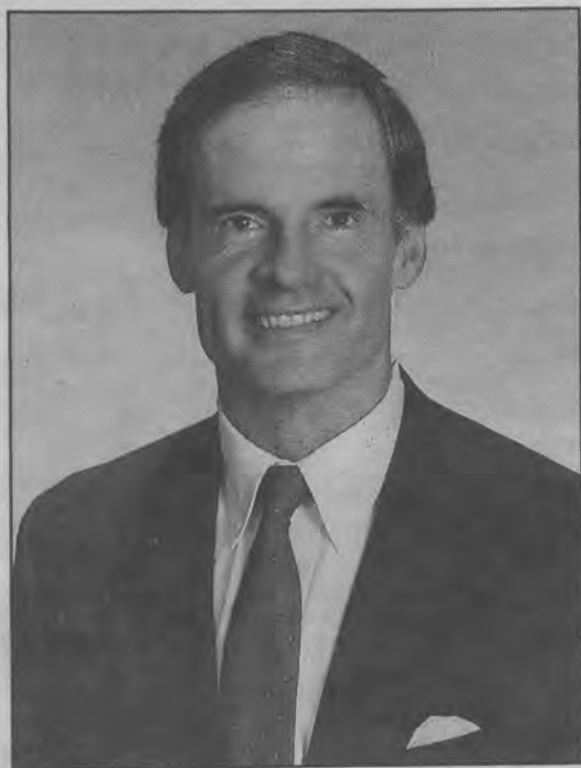
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Consul General of Israel

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TOPIC: Israel Today

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TOPIC: Dialog with the Rabbis: The Peace Process

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Israel Issues Aired At DIPAC Forum At U of D

By PRISCILLA W. SIEGEL

Special To The Jewish Voice

On December 5, the last day of the mourning period for Itzhak Rabin, DIPAC and Hillel co-sponsored a panel discussion on the University of Delaware campus about issues that dominate Israeli politics in the aftermath of the prime minister's assassination.

The program, attended by about 35, highlighted the Likud and Labor positions. Presenting a global view of the peace process, political science professor James Oliver emphasized the crucial role played by the U.S. and America's vested interests in the success of the negotiations. According to Oliver, the Middle East peace process is driven largely by external forces.

Arieh Rudnick, schaliach associated with the Philadelphia JCC, outlined the multi-faceted and volatile nature of Israeli society, noting that prior to the peace process Israelis were generally united due to the external threat of war and annihilation. With the peace process in place, differences and separations surfaced.

Raising the religious issues, Chabad's Rabbi Eliezer Sneiderman, observed that if one considers Israel a land chosen by God for the Jews,

then the Jews have legitimate land rights. However, if "one does not feel that Israel is a holy land, then one is hard pressed to find a reason for Jews to be there in the first place." It is this question, says Sneiderman, that makes the conflict so heated, further exacerbated by the civil rights violations practiced by the current government.

In a review of the peace process, Hillel director, Rabbi Avraham Rosenblum claimed that the process had been initiated long before Labor Government was in power. Likud, he said, under the leadership of Begin, made the first compromises on land.

Exploring the different points of view among religious Jews vis-à-vis Israel, Rosenblum pointed out, for example, that the Jewish messianic vision is of a time when all Jews will return to the homeland. These Jews believe that the people and land are one, thus the question, how can we give up the land? Also, not to be disregarded, are the sacrifices made by the settlers, and the dilemma they face—and again: "After all that we have lived through, can we give up the land?"

While the factions have differing points of view, Rosenblum believes that all Jews are united in their longing for peace, that the Likud was sincerely shocked by the assassination and that Netyanyahu has been unfairly "tarred and feathered" by the public. Ultimately, says Rosenblum, the best course to follow, might be

for the religious Jews to stick to their studies, and let the "experts do the politics."

Jordan Cassway from the Israeli consulate in Philadelphia described the profound impact that Rabin's assassination has had on the Israeli people. He asserted that one of the causes of the assassination was the open nature of Israeli society. Cassway affirmed that Rabin's legacy of peace will continue, and as the

peace continues, so will the viability of Middle Eastern economics.

Walid Afifi, a Lebanese professor in the Communications Department of the University of Delaware, presented the Palestinian perspective which accounts for some of the difficulties of the peace process and the acts of terrorism. It is understandable, he said, that Palestinians who have lost family and friends have a deep sense of rage, with a need for revenge, and don't feel they have any-

thing to lose by committing acts of terrorism and by sabotaging the peace.

Student response to the program, according to Rabbi Rosenblum, was enthusiastic. Commenting on the issues presented, retired U. of D. professor William Markell expressed his hope "that the religious element is not the balancing power between the two parties. They (the Orthodox) have too much power for their numbers."



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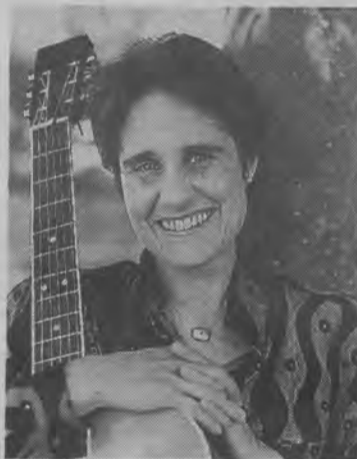
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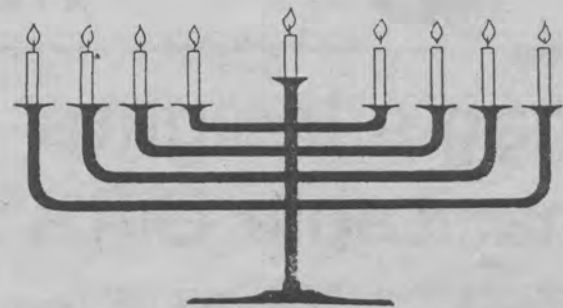
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By SCOTT FEINMAN

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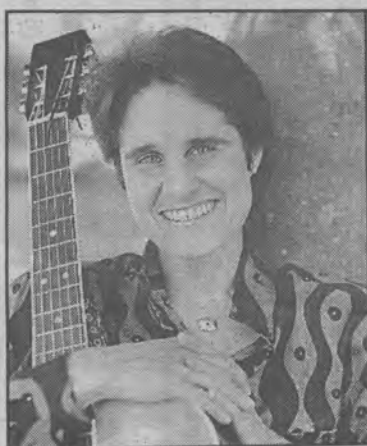
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Wolf Blitzer



Debbie Friedman

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CNN's Blitzer And Friedman Fresh From Carnegie Hall

Wilmington, DE — Wolf Blitzer, CNN Senior White House Correspondent, and Debbie Friedman, a top performer of Jewish music in the United States, will appear in

Wilmington as part of the 1996 United Jewish Appeal/Federation Campaign.

Sunday, January 14, Mr. Blitzer will be the keynote speaker at the JFD's "Chai Dinner" at Winterthur Museum. The topic for his address is, "The Effect of the Assassination of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin on

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Israel and the World." "We are pleased to have Mr. Blitzer with us in the wake of the terrible assassination in Israel. We expect that his insights will shed light on the complex repercussions of this traq-

edy on the world at large," said Clara Hollander, Campaign Chair, Jewish Federation of Delaware.

"His topic adds special meaning to this year's JFD campaign theme, 'Keeping Our Jewish Family Strong,'" said Mrs. Hollander, "considering how important it is that

people bond together in times of crisis to prevent further rifts and help ensure Jewish continuity."

As CNN's Senior White House Correspondent, Mr. Blitzer has covered President Clinton's administration since his election in 1992.

Mr. Blitzer previously served as CNN's Military Affairs Correspondent at the Pentagon, was among the first Western reporters invited into KGB headquarters for a rare look at how Soviet intelligence works, won the GOLDEN ACE Award for his coverage of the Gulf War and cov-

ered the first Israeli-Egypt peace conference.

On Saturday, January 20, Debbie Friedman will perform at Congregation Beth Emeth. Ms. Friedman is an internationally renowned singer and songwriter who pioneered the development of contemporary Jewish music.

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For tickets to the Chai Dinner or the Debbie Friedman concert, or more information about the 1996 UJA/Federation campaign activities, call the Jewish Federation of Delaware, 427-2100.

Caregivers Support Group

A support group for people who provide care or support for their parents, grandparents, or other elderly people is now forming. The first meeting of the group will be held on Tuesday, December 5, 1995 at 1:30

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Udell and Courtney Weiner of High School II.

Another reason for the growth spurt is that 28 students are new to Gratz this year. They are Maya Baruch, Jonathan Echt, Aileen Heiman, Jessica McClafferty, Abigail Rosenthalis, Dan Robin and Robyn Weinstein from Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth.

New students from Beth Shalom in the Prozdor class are: Matthew Fink, Avigal Greenberg, Kimberly Griffen, Ryan Kratky, Anne Nicholson and Annia Yampolsky.

From Beth Emeth Gratz welcomes Rebecca Cobin, Rochelle Edinburg, Jordyn Gamiel, Whitney Golden, Jaimee Horowitz, Nicole LaPorte, Erin McElroy, Rachel Ruben and Lauren Spivak.

From Ohev Shalom in Wallingford David Bruner, Meredith Rosset, Natalie Shapero and Zachary Starer join our first year class along with Jonathan Shames from Beth El-Ner Tamid. Adam Robin from AKSE is new to our High School II class.

This year Gratz is also very fortunate that Rabbi Sanford Dresin of Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth and Rabbi David Wortman of Beth Shalom have joined our faculty as teachers of their confirmation age students.

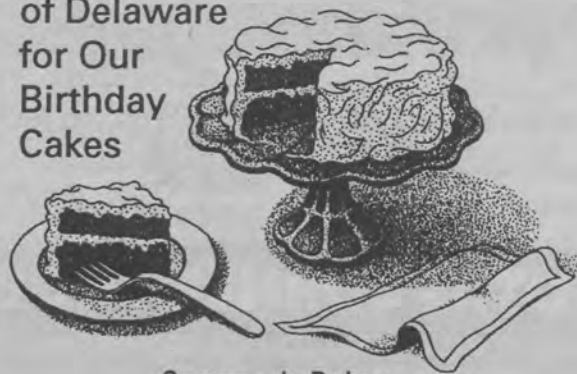
Several new and exciting courses have been introduced this year. Among them are two classes which are part of our "Service Learning" program. Students study the Jewish "why," according to our sources, of



Participants in Gratz/Kutz Home Intergenerational Program visit the Home. Teacher: Kevin Weiss at left.

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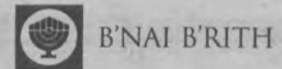
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P*H*A*S*E 2 Celebrates Chanukah

The singles group for Jews in their 40's and 50's called P*H*A*S*E 2 will hold a Chanukah Party on Sunday, December 17, 1995 at 7:00 p.m.

The party is a Pot Luck dinner and Latkes "Bring an appetizer dish!" say organizers. The cost for members is \$3.00 and for non-members it is \$8.00. "Join P*H*A*S*E 2 at the Party," says one member.

Call Barbara Jacobs to RSVP at (302) 475-8687.

Directions to the party are as follows: Take I-95 South to Marsh Rd. exit. Follow signs to Route 3. Marsh Road North. At the Pizza Hut, turn right (Veale Road). Pass two sets of traffic lights, the second set at Silverside Rd. Turn left into Westwood Manor (see sign for development). Drive to the right around the circle of homes. See the Party House (11 Woodbrook Circle) with the long driveway and balloons at the mailbox. Located in North Wilmington near the Pennsylvania/Delaware border.

2nd Intergenerational Program Added At The Kutz Home

By MOLLIE EPSTEIN

Kutz Home, Social Services

The success of the Albert Einstein Academy/Kutz Home intergenerational program, has prompted the development of a second program at the Kutz Home. In a cooperative effort between the Home's social service department and Delaware Gratz Hebrew High School, students visit the Kutz Home one Sunday per month for interactive programs with the residents. The primary goal of intergenerational programs (like this, and the Einstein program) is to create a connection between the generations. For the students, it is an opportunity to learn how to interact with and enjoy the company of the elderly. For the residents, an opportunity for a friendly visit and a stimulating interaction. Secondary to this, is the hope that the students will gain a sense of community awareness and responsibility that will carry with them into adulthood.

The visits comprise the "hands on" component of a service learning course in Jewish Life Cycle devel-

oped this year at Gratz. Arlene Bowman and Kevin Weiss (Gratz) and Mollie Epstein (Kutz) supervise the students in this interagency venture. Three Sunday mornings a month the students meet in the classroom at Gratz. The fourth Sunday, the group of eighteen high school juniors and seniors travels to the Kutz Home to meet with their counterparts the residents who have chosen to participate in the program.

The students are served lunch at the Home and then participate in an organized activity or impromptu dis-

cussion with the residents. The first meeting, held last month, served as a forum for getting acquainted and establishing the program goals. This month, the group will create a Hanukkah bulletin board in the Home's lobby.

A successful intergenerational program will accomplish the goals originally projected for both groups of participants. We look forward to the continuation of the program, reaching our goals, and enjoying the process.



Ceal Levin - Kutz resident and Katie Tanzer - Gratz student.



Yaakov Tzabari, his wife Sada and their infant daughter, recent immigrants to Israel from Yemen, light the Hanukkah candles for the first time in their new home in Rehovot. Thanks in large part to the UJA Federation Annual Campaign, he now practices the beliefs he and other Yemenite Jews struggled so long to preserve. In Delaware the UJA Federation Campaign is administered by The Jewish Federation of Delaware (JFD).

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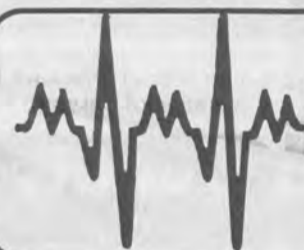
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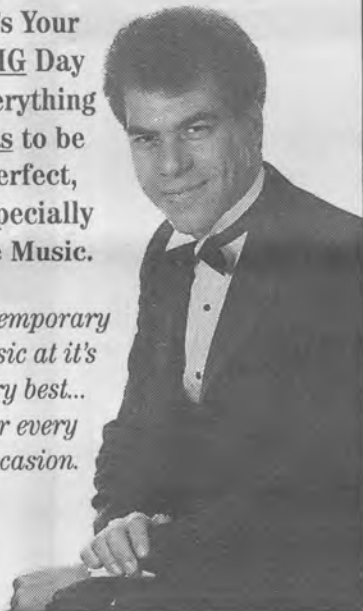


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A former Philadelphian, Rabbi Avraham Rosenblum was recently hired as Director of the Hillel Student Center at The University of Delaware, in Newark, Delaware. He had previously been Director of The Jewish Collegiate Network of Maryland. Known as The Rockin' Rabbi, he is also an accomplished singer, guitarist and songwriter, and a recognized innovator in modern Jewish music, having performed his "Jewish Rock and Soul" music for audiences throughout the world. While living in Israel (for 18 years), he founded and led the acclaimed "Diaspora Yeshiva Band," a Jerusalem based rock band, that created a unique blend of country, rock, and klezmer music.

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Rabbi Avraham Rosenblum was also featured in an MTV special that starred Tom Petty and The Heartbreakers, taped in Israel.

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Avraham Rosenblum "The Rockin' Rabbi".

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JCC Teachers Attend National Conference

Laura Greenlee, Bridget Brennan Moon and Lauren Rose attended the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) Conference, November 29-December 2.

The teachers participated in workshops related to curriculum, discipline and administration. These topics will be the focus of training for other Children's Center staff during the next few months.

Donations made to the Professional Development Fund enabled the three teachers to attend the an-

nual conference. This fund was established to provide teachers with the opportunity to receive additional training.

The JCC Children's Center received its accreditation from the NAEYC three years ago and recently participated in the re-accreditation process. For more information on the JCC Children's Center, contact Susan Gentry at (302) 478-5660.

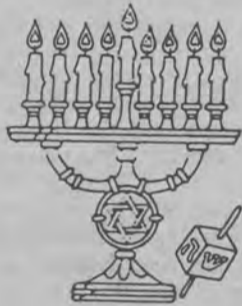
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JCC Offers Winter Camp Sports Program

The Recreational Services Department, in conjunction with the Youth and Family Services Department, is offering a new Maccabi Winter Camp program. This four-day mini-camp, offered from December 26-29, is

designed for children in grades 3 through 6, who enjoy a variety of sport activities and want to have fun during the winter school break.

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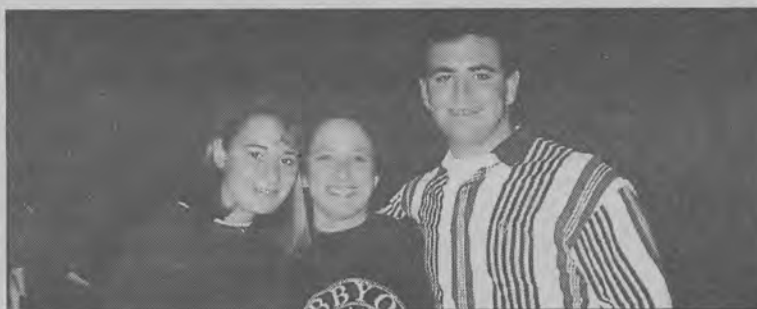


BBYO Kick-Off Convention Is Held

If you happened to be at the Wilmington JCC on Friday, November 17th, you probably saw some of the 180 teens from Delaware and Pennsylvania who attended the B'nai B'rith Youth Organization (BBYO) Kick-Off Convention. These teens came to celebrate a very special Shabbat and the beginning of the BBYO programmatic year. Wilmington BBYO chapter members were responsible for the planning and coordination of all convention aspects. AZA (Aleph Zadik

Aleph) and BBG (B'nai B'rith Girls) formed various committees to address issues such as menus, Shabbat services and programming. "These teens came to experience a very special Shabbat in our community," said Etai Belinky, Community Teen Services Coordinator. "They worked very hard and did a great job."

The BBYO members were also faced with the challenge of providing housing for the 180 teenagers. BBG housed 95 girls and AZA



(L to R): Stacy Jacobs, BBG N'Siah; Hope Horowitz, BBYO Regional Director, David Glazier, AZA Aleph Gadol.

JCC Winter Camp Sports

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Each day participants will have an opportunity to practice skills, play in tournaments and enjoy free swim time. The mini-camp program begins at 8:30 a.m. and ends at 3:30 p.m. AM and PM care is available through the Youth and Family Services Department.

Winter Camp registration forms are available at the JCC Front Desk. For more information on the Maccabi program, contact Chris Mighton at (302) 478-5660.

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housed 85 boys. "It took a great deal of support from both the parents and their families," Belinky added. "This was no easy task, as I'm sure the parents would agree. Some families had so many BBYOers in their homes that they had to use limousines to transport the teens."

The "ruach" was felt in the building throughout the convention. "The sense of brotherhood within the organization was truly evident in all who attended," said Amy Glazier, AZA Advisor. Jean Chamish, BBG Advisor stated, "This weekend fostered a strong sense of Jewish identity which will set the theme for the rest of the year."

Saturday evening was an experience that will not soon be forgotten. To close the convention with a bang, BBYO rented Discovery Zone. A local disc jockey played all the popular songs and the teens danced through the night. Young and old alike crawled through the endless tubes of fun and adventure. Advisors could be singled out in the maze of tubes be-

cause they were the ones crying "Oy!" while banging knees and elbows. During the Havdalah service, everyone joined in the blessings and singing to welcome the new week. Guitars were tuned, the Havdalah candle lit and held high, the spice box passed and the kiddush was said. The voices around the circle were ones of love and caring, wishing friends a good week. Dave Glazier, AZA Aleph Gadol (president) said he's been to many conventions, but "this one was the best!"

Stacy Jacobs, BBG N'siah (president) commented on the convention, "It could not have been done without the support of the JCC and the community."

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The Rabbi Writes:

Hanukkah 5756

By RABBI MOSHE V. GOLDBLUM

Spiritual Leader of Beth Shalom DOVER — This Hanukkah, especially, places the Jewish people in a peculiar dilemma. We always identify the Maccabean spirit with people who are distinctly brave and courageous. We attribute to them great powers of will and determination to fight against the armies of Antiochus IV who not only outnumbered them in terms of the size of their military forces but also outmatched them in military experience and knowledge. But being outnumbered and out-classed did not stop these heroic fighters from defending their land and above all spiritually cleansing the Temple in Jerusalem from all evidences of Greek idolatry established by Antiochus.

There were many Hellenists amongst the Jewish population and, in fact, they occupied positions of leadership and responsibility within the Jewish society of that time. These leaders wanted to get along with Antiochus, they were the peacemakers and the compromisers. They sponsored certain Greek activities amongst the Jews for they wanted to prove to Antiochus that they were true friends, striving after the same ideals and the same values as those advocated by imperial policy. The

position of the High priest was often held by a Hellenist and the head offices of the principle cities within Judea were almost always held by those who wanted to cooperate with Syria.

The Jewish population was sorely divided and at the time when Matathias, the Hasmonean, initiated the revolt, he represented a very small minority of the Jewish group. First of all, the Hasmonean family was considered a clan of extremists and those who joined them a group of impractical, naive, and disturbed youngsters who knew nothing of the political implications of their own actions. These unschooled soldiers had to resort to terrorist tactics for they recognized that they were unable to stand up to Antiochus in open battle.

Have we ever asked ourselves which side we would have chosen had we lived in 167 B.C.E. when the story of Hanukkah was acted out by our ancestors? Had we chosen the side of the Hellenists, Antiochus, and all that he stood for, would we have gained control of our ancestors, our culture, our political status, and our spiritual strength would have been completely dissipated. That battle of Hanukkah was one of the most important battles of the entire world for if the Jewish people would have disappeared at that time, the entire his-

tory of the western world would have been drastically changed. The major religions of the west would not have come into being, the cultural and spiritual values of our entire world would be vastly different than what they are today.

Are we not facing a similar challenge in our own time? It is true that the conditions that gave rise to the assassination of Yitzchak Rabin are not identical with those found in the Hanukkah story. The Hasmoneans and their army did not kill their fellow Jews, but made constant warfare against the Syrian Greeks. The Hasmoneans undertook a project in which they felt they could succeed. Because of their courage, their faith, their unity, they did succeed. We, the Jewish people, are frightened by too much faith, too much extremism, too much zeal when we should be willing to talk about it, control it, and channel it in the right direction. Chanukah is a proof that it could be done, the establishment of the state of Israel is proof that it can work under modified circumstances, and the assassination of Prime Minister Rabin is proof of its negative aspects if permitted to develop without control and concern. We need more young people, not fewer, that still possess the Hasmonean spirit and are willing to apply it to accessible and viable goals. We cannot admire those who resort to illegal and anti-social means in order to realize their purposes. Jewish tradition constantly reminds us that the ends cannot justify the means.

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Mark is deeply grateful for many things — for the work done on his behalf by Jewish Family Service, for the hand everyone extended once he and his family settled here, for the people that invited him into their homes to celebrate Jewish holidays.

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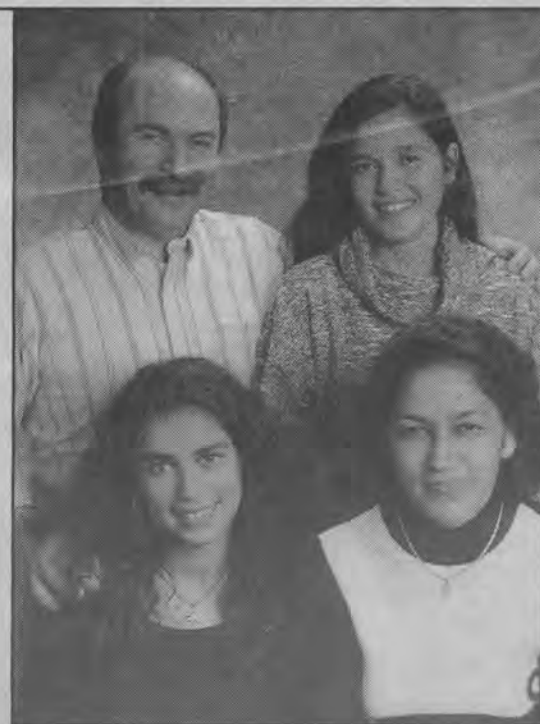


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peanuts for "gelt". A family Friday evening service will begin at 8:00 P.M. Reservations can be made by calling the synagogue office (302) 654 4462. Cost for the dinner is \$9.50 for adults, \$6.50 for children (\$4.00 for children under age seven) for reservations made by December 15th, \$2.00 per person extra for reservations made after this date.

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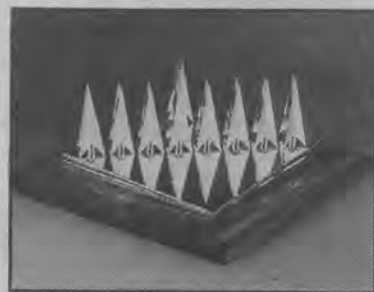
Arthur Kurzweil's name has become synonymous with Jewish genealogy and the pursuit of family history by an ever-growing number of Jews throughout the world. He is the author of *From Generation to Generation: How to Trace Your Jewish Genealogy and Family History* (Harper Collins), a text book, *My Generations* (Behrman House) and *The Encyclopedia of Jewish Genealogy* (Jason Aronson, Inc.). Mr. Kurzweil, author, publisher, and teacher, is Vice-President of Jason

Aronson, Inc. and Editor-in-Chief of the Jewish Book Club. "His lively, humorous, moving presentations have made him one of the most popular speakers for audiences of all ages" said a Temple Beth El spokesperson. He will be the featured speaker at the Temple Beth El's Men's Club Breakfast on Sunday, December 17th. The buffet breakfast begins at 9:30 AM followed by the program at 10:30 AM. Please call 366-8330 to make reservations for the breakfast.

DuPont Hanukkah Latke Lunch

The seventeenth annual DuPont Hanukkah Latke Lunch will be held on Wednesday, December 20th, 12:00 Noon at Congregation Beth Shalom, 18th & Baynard Boulevards. This annual tradition was started by Joel Lipman and four other DuPont employees who would meet for a Hanukkah lunch at the old Gamiel's Restaurant on Seventh Street near Market Street in downtown Wilmington. In an era where lavish business and company sponsored Christmas lunches and parties were widely practiced, these informal luncheons were a welcome respite from the holiday frenzy. Networking increased the attendees from a handful to several dozen and when Gamiel's closed, the luncheon moved to the Rathskeller Restaurant on Market Street. Following the closing of the Rathskeller the annual luncheon, now numbering nearly one hundred, moved to Beth Shalom. In years past the luncheon program in-

cluded guest speakers, Hanukkah songs and most recently a Hanukkah musical program provided by the Preschool children of Beth Shalom. DuPont and DuPont-Merck employees, retirees and their spouses who have attended this event in years past have received their invitations. DuPont or DuPont-Merck employees/retirees may contact Joel Lipman at (302) 478-4159 for reservations. Cost for the luncheon is \$9.00 per person.



A modern Menorah

AKSE's Schedule of Adult Classes For Winter

The adult education committee of Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth invites the community to participate in the following classes which will be offered at the synagogue on Wednesday evenings January 3 - February 22, 1996.

At 7:30 p.m., choose either *Yiddish 103*, an intermediate level course in the speaking, reading, and writing of Yiddish, taught by Ruth

Goodman (Fee: \$18. - advance registration required) or *Siddur in Song*, a participatory course in both traditional melodies sung on Shabbat and Holidays, as well as modern Israeli songs, taught by Cantor Daniel Leeman. No charge to members of AKSE; \$20 for non-members.

At 8:30 p.m., Rabbi Sanford Dresin will discuss the weekly Torah portion. Learn more about the long-

est-running series in history, filled with miracles, violence, romance, pathos, family values, and more! No charge to AKSE members; \$20 for non-members.

In addition, new students are welcome to join a Gemara Shi'ur which has been meeting on Monday evenings at 7 p.m. The class studies the Talmud and other texts in a discussion format led by Rabbi Emeritus Leonard B. Gewirtz.

Registration for classes can be done by mail or in person at the AKSE Synagogue office, Washington Blvd. & Torah Way, Wilmington, DE 19802. Please enclose a check where fees apply.

U.S. Sen. Joe Biden Featured At AKSE Men's Club Brunch

On Sunday, January 28, 1996, the A.K.S.E. Men's Club will feature U.S. Senator Joseph R. Biden, Jr. Senator Biden has been invited to speak on the topic of "Current Congressional Support for Israel", according to Robert S. Weiner, President of the A.K.S.E. Men's Club.

Since he was first elected to the U.S. Senate in 1972, U.S. Senator Joseph R. Biden, Jr. of Delaware has been a leader in sustaining the American commitment to Israel, according to Weiner.

A member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee since his first term and now the panel's second-ranking Democrat, Biden has been well-positioned to advance U.S.-Israel relations. Speaking in support of recognizing Jerusalem as the capital of Israel, Biden said, "I have had the view for the past 24 years that the only way there will be peace in the Middle East is for Arabs to know there is not division between the United States and Israel."

In recent years, he has supported loan guarantees to house the Soviet Jewish emigres in Israel, has been the leading Senate advocate for the control of arms sales to the Middle East and has strongly criticized the Bush Administration for turning a blind eye to Chinese weapons sales to the dangerous regimes in Syria and Iran. Biden argues that our Middle East policy must be based on the understanding of the strategic importance of Israel for U.S. interests in the Eastern Mediterranean and the Persian Gulf.

In 1978, he was a leading Senate co-sponsor of the resolution to disapprove the sale of F-15 fighter aircraft to Saudi Arabia. During the Reagan Administration, he was again a leading co-sponsor of the effort to disapprove the sale to the Saudis of the highly sophisticated AWACS radar aircraft, vigorously opposing that sale both in the Foreign Relations Committee and on the floor of the Senate, Weiner said.

Throughout the 1980s, Senator Biden was a strong supporter of the Camp David peace process. In addition, he has called on all the Arab states to end their state of belligerency with Israel and to end the economic boycott against Israel. He has been a frequent and forceful critic of the terrorist tactics of groups opposed to the Middle East peace process, said an AKSE Men's Club member.

The Delaware Senator has traveled widely in the Middle East, in-

cluding Israel. Over the years, he has met most of the heads of state in the region, including Israeli Prime Ministers Rabin, Begin, Shamir and Peres; Egyptian Presidents Sadat and Mubarak; and Jordan's King Hussein.

Senator Biden has received much acclaim and many honors for his steadfast support of American-Israeli friendship and for his consistent efforts to strengthen the security interests of both nations in the Middle East, according to an AKSE spokesperson. In 1980, he was honored by the Jewish National Fund in his home state with the dedication of the Joseph R. Biden, Jr. Forest in Israel. In 1984, he received the prestigious Justice Louis D. Brandeis Award presented by the Baltimore District of the Zionist Organization of America.

The second youngest man ever directly elected to the United States Senate at the age of 29, Senator Biden was re-elected in 1978, 1984 and 1990. As Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee from 1987 until 1994, when the Republicans gained majority control, he has demonstrated strong stewardship for civil

rights and civil liberties, say admirers. Senator Biden is now the ranking Democrat on the Judiciary Committee.

A graduate of the University of Delaware and the Syracuse University College of Law, Senator Biden served for two years as a member of the New Castle County (Delaware) Council before he was elected to the Senate. He is an adjunct professor at the Widener University School of Law.

Senator Biden lives in Wilmington, Delaware, and commutes daily to Washington when the Senate is in session. He is married to the former Jill Jacobs and has three children: Beau, who graduated from the Syracuse University College of Law in May 1994; Hunter, a second year law student at Yale University; and Ashley, at home, a high-school student.

As always, the A.K.S.E. Men's Club's monthly Sunday Brunch is open to the public. Brunch is scheduled at 9:30 a.m. and the program is from 10:00-11:00 a.m. The cost is \$3.00 for breakfast.

Reservations for non-members are suggested and can be made by contacting the A.K.S.E. Office at (302) 762-2705.

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ASKE Family Spaghetti Dinner Features Two Musical Acts: Rockin' Rabbi and Broadway Bound

Congregation Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth's (A.K.S.E.) Family Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, February 4, 1996, from 6:00-9:00 p.m. will feature a menu of all-you-can-eat spaghetti, meatballs, vegetarian and meat sauce, salad, garlic bread, cookies, coffee, tea and soft drinks. The food will be prepared by Chef Jacque, according to Bob Weiner, A.K.S.E. Men's Club President.

The cost is \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children 12 and under. For ticket information and reservations, contact the A.S.K.E. Office at (302)-762-2705.

Broadway Bound has been described as a high-powered, fast-paced, hi-tech musical review. The song and dance troop is headed by Robert Welch. In addition to featuring Broadway music, *Broadway Bound* mixes in music featuring Disney, the big band sound, and old-fashioned rock 'n' roll. All of the performing troop associated with *Broadway Bound* are continuously involved in productions at local theaters. Recently, they have performed with the Brandywiners, Candlelight Dinner Theater, Players Club of Swarthmore, Wilmington Drama League, The Delaware Children's Theater, Jewish Community Center and Holiday at Longwood Gardens. A special *Broadway Bound* program is being prepared for A.K.S.E. and will feature guest artists: Bob Weiner, Cindy Goldstein and Linda Vodovis, all members of the A.K.S.E. Congregation.

The evening entertainment also features recording artist Rabbi Avraham Rosenblum, better known as *The Rockin' Rabbi*. The University of Delaware's Rabbi Rosenblum is in an accomplished vocalist and guitarist. He grew up in Philadelphia during the 60's and worked with top rock musicians on the east coast. While travelling in Israel during the 70's, he decided to stay in Jerusalem and combine music and Talmud at the Diaspora Yeshiva on Mt. Zion.

They started writing music and performing every Saturday night as the *Diaspora Yeshiva Band*. They entered the Israeli Chasidic Festival with the song Avraham co-wrote "Huf Yiftach Libenu" that won first place in the competition and in the hearts of their fans. They won two more Chasidic Festivals with the songs "Malchutcha" and "Pichu Li", which he co-wrote, all known as Chasidic Festival classics. *Diaspora Yeshiva Band* released a total of six albums, with music that combined the joyous and creative aspects of committed Jewish life and rock 'n' roll.

Avraham still performs in various venues. Original English lyrics or Biblical text plus his "Claptonesque" classic rock style have earned him the title of *The Rockin' Rabbi*. Rabbi Rosenblum attended Woodstock at Max Yasgur's Farm and inspired 40,000 people to dance the *hora*. Video credits include being featured on an MTV special with rock star Tom Petty and Roger McGuinn of the *Byrds*, filmed while Petty and legendary Bob Dylan were on tour in Israel.

The evening should be a sell-out crowd, say organizers. Therefore, reservations as soon as possible are strongly suggested. Contact the A.K.S.E. office at 302-762-2705 for reservations and information.



Vacationers in Israel.
Photo courtesy of EL AL.

Sylvia Berlin Attends Synagogue Dedication At JTS

NEW YORK — Every day, the students of the Jewish Theological Seminary gather in the Women's League Seminary Synagogue to *daven*. On Friday evenings, as the sun's last rays filter gently through the stained glass windows that flank the Ark, the spacious room is filled to capacity.

Over the past few years, the students have watched as this quiet prayer space was refurbished. The Torah Fund of the Women's League for Conservative Judaism has generously underwritten the renovation and provided, among other things, a custom-designed Aron Kodesh, mantles for each Torah and an exquisite award-winning *parokhet*, or curtain, for the ark.

On October 24, the Seminary community celebrated the dedication of the Women's League Seminary Synagogue, the culmination of four years of work. During the ceremony, Evelyn Henkind, a former national president of the Women's League for Conservative Judaism and a member of the Seminary board, received an honorary doctorate.

As the procession began, the sanctuary was completely full. Students, faculty and staff were joined by hundreds of women who came from across the United States and Canada for the dedication and convocation. Among them was a representative from Delaware, Sylvia R. Berlin of Beth Shalom in Wilmington.

Founded in 1886, the Jewish Theological Seminary is the academic and spiritual center of Conservative Judaism.

Beth Shalom Gift Shop On Expanded Schedule

With Hanukkah coming soon the Beth Shalom Sisterhood gift shop is open on an expanded schedule. Through Thursday December 21 the gift shop will be open from 9:00 A.M. until 4:30 P.M., Monday through Friday (Fridays until 12:00 noon). A complete assortment of

menorahs, candles, "Gelt", dreidels, books and tapes are available to help make your family celebration memorable. The gift shop Hanukkah items will be on display at the synagogue library, please use the office entrance on 18th street. Proceeds support Beth Shalom Sisterhood activities and programs.

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Lamb Chop's Special Chanukah

Shari Lewis, Emmy-Award winning host and creator of the popular children's television series "Lamb Chop's Play-Along," returns to primetime with a new one-hour holiday program, **LAMB CHOP'S SPECIAL CHANUKAH**, first aired on public television stations nationwide on Monday, December 11, 1995. Check local listings for rebroadcast.

Lamb Chop, Charlie Horse and Shari are joined by guest stars **Alan Thicke, Pat Morita, and Lloyd Bochner** for a special wintertime affair - Shari's Chanukah party - to enjoy the traditions, food songs and stories of the holiday.

Chanukah is the only popular Jewish holiday that is not mentioned in the Bible. At the party, Shari explains that Chanukah is a kind of Independence Day for the Jewish people - a celebration of the Jewish rebellion for the freedom to live, work and worship as they wished. Chanukah marks the rededication of the Temple in Jerusalem after Judah Maccabee instigated an uprising against the conquerors of Judea in 164 BC. "I have always felt as if Judah Maccabee was a member of my family - a triumphant part of my own past," says Shari. "Chanukah, to me, is a historical event of true grit."

In **LAMB CHOP'S SPECIAL CHANUKAH**, Thicke, Morita, and Bochner help Shari, Hush Puppy and Lamb Chop in many of the tra-

ditions of the holidays including dreidels to spin, Chanukah gelt (foil-covered chocolate coins), and the making of potato latkes (a traditional Chanukah dish). And Charlie Horse surprises everyone by creating "Judah Maccabee, Super Hero" on his computer.

Funding for **LAMB CHOP'S SPECIAL CHANUKAH** is provided by PBS, the Corporation for Public Broadcasting and a grant from The Covenant Foundation, a New York philanthropic organization. The Covenant Foundation was established in 1990 by the Crown Family Foundation in partnership with the Jewish Educational Service of North America, Inc. (JSNA).

LAMB CHOP'S SPECIAL CHANUKAH was taped on location in Vancouver, British Columbia. It is a production of 8 Candles Productions, Inc. in association with Shari Lewis Enterprises. Bernard Rothman and Shari Lewis are Executive Producers. Mallory Tarcher is Creative Supervisor. Harve Levine is Producer. Bill Davis is Director. Saul Turteltaub has written the original story; music by Stormy Sacks, lyrics by Rob Battan. Shelley Spencer is Coordinating Producer for WTTW. **LAMB CHOP'S PLAY-ALONG** and **LAMB CHOP'S SPECIAL CHANUKAH** are presented by WTTW/Chicago.

Music Review:

David Broza's Stone Doors

By **DAN WEINTRAUB**

Editor of *The Jewish Voice*

Looking for something different to buy for Hanukkah this year? David Broza's new recording titled *Stone Doors* (Mesa/Blue Moon Recordings) is a great introduction to the Israeli folk rock artist. Broza, who now lives much of the year in the United States, has put out an English language collection that demonstrates some of the reasons he has been so popular for years in Israel. One song features lyrics based on a poem by Walt Whitman. Another features lyrics based on a poem by Percy Bysshe Shelley. At times he's a gravelly voiced rocker and at times a Michael Stipe style poet-troubadour. His Spanish influenced guitar work is in evidence as is his delivery with powerful conviction. The songs sound as current as anything else heard today on al-



David Broza

ternative acoustic radio. If you are already a fan or if you are wondering what all the fuss is about, look for *Stone Doors* at your local music stores.

Rina Choir To Perform A Chanukah Concert At The JCC

A special Chanukah Concert, featuring the Rina Choir from Israel, will be held at the Jewish Community Center on Wednesday, December 20 at 7 p.m. The concert will include a visual show, depicting sights from Israel.

The repertoire consists of Hebrew songs, both classical and old, and international folklore. The choir comprises approximately 45 singers, all on a voluntary basis. The Rina Choir achieved great success at the Vocal Musical International Festival in France, where they represented Israel for the very first time.

By the end of the concert, the audience joins them in a sing-along and folk dancing. The concert is free of charge and open to the entire community. For more information, call Mona Allen or Ella Zukoff at (302) 478-5660.

Dover Art League Features Works By Agricultural Workers

The Dover Art League presents a collage of cultures, many visions, one community, an exhibit of the works of migrant, seasonal agricultural workers at the Wilmington Library for the month of January, 1996. The opening reception is Friday, Janu-

ary 5, 1996, 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. as part of the Library's celebration of Latin American cultures. Free and open to the public. One of the stops on the art loop. For information call Phyllis Levitt, DAL Vice President at (302) 674-4680.



A mosaic floor uncovered in Zippori in 1987. WZPS photo



"Lamb Chop's Special Chanukah" starring Shari Lewis, with guest stars Alan Thicke and Pat Morita first aired December 11, 1995 on PBS.

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Words & Music

Perlman, Falsettos, and Peter Pan

By STEVE COHEN

Special To The Jewish Voice
When I think of classical musicians doing pop music, I cringe. Dame Kiri Te Kanawa crooning "Honey Bun!" Ugh. When Jascha Heifetz played Gershwin's "Summertime" he totally missed the soul of the music. And Itzhak Perlman's forays into jazz haven't been convincing either. But now Perlman is playing

klezmer music and he authentically captures the feeling of that old Yiddish pop idiom.

Rather than sounding like a star adapting the music to his style, Perlman blends his instrument with a group of authentic klezmer musicians. He accompanies them! I've never heard such rousing renditions of this genre.

It's on an outstanding new CD

called *IN THE FIDDLER'S HOUSE*, from Angel Records. In addition, Perlman can be heard and seen on PBS Great Performances special on WHYY-TV. It premiered December 11 and will be shown again. The telecast follows the Israeli-American violinist from the medieval synagogues of the Jewish Quarter in Krakow, Poland, to Sammy's Romanian Restaurant in Manhattan's Lower East Side.

"More than any other that I've recorded," says Perlman, "This is my music. One of the songs on this album was played at my daughter's wedding."

Filming the PBS show was a bit-sweet experience, says Perlman, because the old Jewish neighbor-

hoods in Poland are like ghost towns. Most of the inhabitants were killed in the Holocaust. But making the CD recording, he says, was nothing but joy.

Successful books have, in the past, been turned into ambitious stage musicals and failed. The musicalizations of *BREAKFAST AT TIFFANY'S* and *SARATOGA TRUNK* remain in the memory as monuments of miscalculation.

Now one of our local theater companies, Novel Stages, is presenting their new musical version of Kurt Vonnegut's *CAT'S CRADLE*. Though long in the planning and sincere in its dedication to Vonnegut's book, it doesn't succeed either.

Director David Basuk and composer/lyricists Kevin Francis and Brian Joyce are talented, but *CAT'S CRADLE* is so sprawling and wacky that it's hard to pin down. And there's a fatal flaw in the original book: none of the characters have much human interest.

But human interest is one of the main strengths of *FALSETTOS*,

now at the Arden Theatre on Philadelphia's 2nd Street through December 31.

This award-winning musical from 1992 holds up today on repeated viewings, and the new local production is excellent. It's a work of art about family, in the broadest sense, and we care about every member of it.

Artistic Director Terrence Nolan has kept the original concept of a sparsely-set stage with the singing actors moving the scenery. He's added a number of actions that bring out even more humor than I remember from the Broadway original.

Nolan has totally changed the staging of the last scene, giving it a redemptive, contemplative feeling. Audiences are laughing throughout, and crying at the end.

While Broadway theater-goers saw and heard excellent singers (Michael Rupert and Mandy Patinkin) in the central role of Marvin, the Arden presents Greg Wood — and excellent actor with a slight singing voice.

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Hanukkah, Oh Hanukkah: A Diversity of Books For The Holiday

By RITA BERMAN FRISCHER
former resident of Delaware

Probably the most noticeable thing about this year's crop of Hanukkah books is that they came in more varied wrappings than usual. Although they transmit some similar information about the holiday, each does so in its own distinctive package.

The simplest and smallest of these is a board book from dependable Kar-Ben Copies, Inc. called *Hanukkah, Oh Hanukkah!*, illustrating the words of the familiar Hanukkah folksong. Like Jane Breskin Zalben, artist Miriam Sagasti uses little animals as her celebrants. Unlike Zalben's *Beni* or Rosie books, however, these animals, dressed in people clothes, interact with human children. Together they light the menorah, dance and eat. For very young children, I generally prefer books to keep fantasy and reality separated, using either real people or anthropomorphic animals but not mixing up the two. Still, it's a pleasant little book, complete with words and music of the song on the back and would be a nice gift for a toddler.

Inside-Out Grandma by Joan Rothenberg (Hyperion Books for

Children, 1995) starts from a strange premise—that Grandma has put her clothes on inside-out to remind herself to buy oil to fry latkes—and develops the premise in an interesting way. As Rosie questions Grandma, each thing Grandma remembers leads to another: from remembering Rosie's dad as a boy, to remembering her late husband, to thinking of his coppery red hair, to thinking about copper pennies, then about Hanukkah gelt, then about playing dreidel for pennies, then about lighting candles with everyone gathered together, and thence, to considering how many latkes and how much oil she'll need. The recipe on the last page looks delicious and the customs and ceremonies are slipped into the litany.

Children love ghost stories so Malka Penn should have a real winner with her new Hanukkah novel for '9 to 12 year olds called *The Hanukkah Ghost* (Holiday House, 1995). We find our heroine, Susan, visiting her great-aunt's house on the desolate English moors. Like some Jewish version of *The Canterville Ghost* meets *The Secret Garden*, she encounters a mysterious old gardener, a strange and hostile boy on crutches and a

barn full of horses, an odd phenomenon since Aunt Elizabeth says no horses have been kept on the place since the 40's. When Susan, whose dead mother had been Jewish but whose father practices no religion, joins Aunt Elizabeth in lighting Hanukkah candles, strange events are set into action leading to her meeting Hanni, a Jewish girl who had been given shelter in that house during World War II. The story is replete with prejudice, betrayal, and time distortions until at the end Susan brings about a joyous reunion, suitable to a holiday of miracles.

A different kind of miracle is in *The Tie Man's Miracle: A Chanukah Tale* by Steven Schnur (Morrow Books, 1995), illustrated by Stephen T. Johnson. When Mr. Hoffman, the traveling tie salesman, stops in Erev Hanukkah, he is invited to join the family to light candles and eat. After his deep sad-

ness leads him to explain that he lost his own family in the Holocaust, he tells the children of the miracle of the candles, that if all nine candles go out at the same time on the last night, the smoke will carry your wishes straight to the ear of God. After he leaves, the boy watches carefully and as the candles flicker and go out together, he wishes "Please give the tie man back his family." The book ends on a mysterious note.

Author David Adler has shaped a beautiful Hanukkah story *One Yellow Daffodil: A Hanukkah Story* which involves loss. Perfectly illustrated by Lloyd Bloom, this story tells of the miracles of love and friendship. Morris Kaplan is a Holocaust survivor who has lost everything except his love for flowers, a love born when one frail daffodil sprang up in the mud of Auschwitz and gave him hope. Each Friday, young Ilana and

Jonathan Becker come to buy flowers for Shabbat from Morris. He looks forward to seeing them. Then they arrive on a Tuesday needing a special bouquet for the first night of Hanukkah. When they learn Morris doesn't celebrate the holiday, the Becker family invites him for the second night but Morris hesitates. His memories are painful and his losses are too great. However, he does go and through the warmth and affection of the Beckers, he at last finds the courage to remember, to celebrate, to share his memories and to fill his emptiness, making his victory over death and destruction complete.

Unfortunately, death and destruction never rest. They struck the Jewish world again in recent days, this time in Israel and at the hands of one of our own, shattering many of our illusions. Regardless of our own political positions on the peace negotiations, we are faced with explaining to our children the possible effects of inflammatory rhetoric and mindless actions of divisiveness, intolerance and hatred.

In the last of our new Hanukkah books, *The Christmas Menorahs: How a Town Fought Hate*, (Albert Whitman & Co., 1995) author Janice Cohn addresses intolerance and the need for us to accept each other, basing her story on a true incident in Billings, Montana. Though speaking to a very different issue than events in Israel, this work encourages children to ponder what gives people the courage to fight against hatred and the wisdom to understand how important that fight is. During Hanukkah, skinheads threw rocks through the windows of Isaac Schnitzer's home where a menorah was displayed. Isaac's parents came home and called the police chief who suggested that it might be safer to remove all signs of their Jewish observance from public view. Not only Jews were being targeted

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He meets the musical demands in a quiet way, while the vocal balance switches to his larger-voiced partner, sung strongly by Jeffrey Coon.

Despite his Irish-sounding name, composer-author William Finn is Jewish, and he's brought a perceptive love of Judaism to this creation. While the characters mock some of the aspects of Bar Mitzvah, it's positive values come through in one of the most touching portrayals ever of a religious ceremony.

Listening once again to the CD set of *FALSETTOS* on the DRG label, I marvel at the word play and the musical magic that come through. This is one of the best recordings of any Broadway show.

There's a good choice of family entertainment this month. *THE WIZARD OF OZ*, as adapted from screen to stage, is playing at the Walnut Street Theatre, and all my family members, ranging in age from 2 to 60, enjoyed it. There's a bonus in this version: lots of Arlen-Harberg music that was cut from the movie,

including previously-unheard verses to the Scarecrow's, Tin Man's and Dorothy's songs.

HANSEL AND GRETEL is on view at the Annenberg Center in an abridged, English-language version by the Academy of Vocal Arts.

SNOW WHITE and *ALVIN AND THE CHIPMUNKS* are coming to Valley Forge Music Fair, which has a well-earned reputation for professional musicals aimed at youngsters. Truman Capote's *HOLIDAY MEMORIES* is the December attraction at the Delaware Theatre Company, targeted at an older audience. And the Cheltenham Art Center is presenting *PETER PAN*. An allied exhibit at Cheltenham called *THE REST OF THE STORY* displays children's book illustrations. Contemporary artists are showing their sketches and mock-ups as well as the completed books.

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New Immigrant Celebrates Hanukkah With Judaic Designs

By STEVE BOVINE
UJA Press Service

Lily Chak confesses that she had never seen Hanukkah candles before she immigrated from the former Soviet Union to Israel. Today, she creates menorahs that can be dismantled and reassembled to form different shapes. "They're particularly ideal for children who can use the Hanukkah menorah as jigsaw puzzles," said Chak, who celebrated her first Hanukkah in the Jewish state in 1994.

Chak combines technical know-how with a great affection for Jewish tradition. A graduate in technical art from the Leningrad College of Industrial Arts, Chak came to Israel with her husband Alexander, a computer systems analyst, who is now employed at Tel Rad, a prominent Israel telecommunications company. They have a five-year-old son, who has changed his name from Constantin to Shmuel since entering kindergarten in Israel.

"As soon as we reached Israel, we fell in love with Jerusalem," said Chak, who designs and manufactures Yizkor memorial light holders and mezuzot as well as menorahs. "And, although we have not become Orthodox Jews, we have set up a traditional home and are hungry to learn about our Jewish heritage. It's this appetite that has become the basis for my personal artistic expression. It's been a great discovery."

Chak has also been fortunate on the business side of her art. The Jerusalem Center for Business Development, which is funded by the

United Jewish Appeal Federation Annual Campaign and operated by the Jewish Agency's Department for Rural and Urban Development, has been especially helpful. "They advised me all along the way and helped me make all the necessary contacts," said Chak. "And, probably most important of all, the people at The Center were the means for me to gain access to prestigious fairs like the annual summer event in Hutzot Hayotzer near Jerusalem's Jaffa Gate. They gave me the means to exhibit my work."

Chak hopes to produce her designs in expensive metals like silver and gold. Right now, her aluminum and brass designs sell for several hundred dollars each. She has also recently started to design other Jewish ritual works of art such as an innovative Havdalah set. She didn't know anything about the Havdalah ceremony, that ushers out the end of the Sabbath, until she left Russia and made aliyah to Israel.

"After our first meeting with a Jewish Agency emissary in Leningrad," said Chak, "we started lighting Shabbat candles and put a mezuzah on the door of our home. But on the inside rather than the outside. We were afraid to attract attention. One day a telephone technician arrived to install our new phone and the mezuzah caught his eye and he asked us about it. We told him the truth and all of a sudden all of our old fears resurfaced. In Russia, the telephone technicians worked hand-in-hand with the KGB, and they usually re-

ported what they saw inside people's homes."

But that was then, this is now. "Hanukkah particularly attracts us because it is the festival that celebrates freedom and light," said Chak. "We feel that we have escaped the darkness of the Soviet Union for the light of a bright future in Israel. This is our modern day Hanukkah miracle."

In Delaware the UJA Federation Campaign is administered by The Jewish Federation of Delaware (JFD).



Last year Lily Chak celebrated her first Hanukkah in Israel after immigrating from the former Soviet Union. This year she's building a successful business and a Jewish life for herself and her family. Chak has been selling her menorahs with the help of the Jerusalem Center for Business Development, which is funded by the UJA Federation Annual Campaign and operated by the Jewish Agency for Israel.

Young Judea's Hanukkah Gift List

What would Judah Maccabee do if he had to buy Hanukkah gifts for all his friends and relatives? "He'd probably freak," says Abbe Schindler, 17, national *mazkira* (president) of Young Judaea. "After all, he was human."

As most mortals know, the Festival of Lights and its eight nights of gift giving can be a daunting time for even the most experienced shoppers. To help you with your gift selections this Hanukkah (December 18-25), here's a little miracle from America's oldest Zionist youth movement: Young Judaea's list of gifts to give and receive.

- A mixed-recording cassette tape. A cheap, but personal alternative to high-priced CD's.
- A baseball cap emblazoned with a favorite team's logo.
- Concert tickets.
- A tin of home-baked holiday cookies. A delicious and inexpensive way to tell someone how much they mean to you.
- A magazine subscription.
- A gift certificate. Lightens the burden of having to decide what to get, and people love getting them.
- Rollerblades.
- America On-Line, a great way to network and meet new people.
- A hand-held, battery operated back massager.
- A summer at a Young Judaea

Hanukkah, Oh Hanukkah

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by these groups, the chief said; Native Americans and African-Americans also were feeling the sting of their hatred.

Hanukkah marks a historical battle waged to retain Jewish identity and Isaac's parents decided it was more appropriate to fight back even though Isaac was doubtful and too

apprehensive to put his menorah back in his newly repaired window. Soon, after his mother was interviewed on TV, a few community members held a special meeting. One told the inspiring story (sometimes said to be apocryphal), of when Denmark's king and citizens wore Jewish stars to protect Danish Jews by making it difficult for the Nazis to identify them. The people of Billings decided to take a stand. Christian churches distributed pictures of menorahs and the newspaper printed a full page illustration of a hanukkiyah as well. People everywhere cut out the pictures, colored them and mounted them in front windows. Schools studied the meaning of Hanukkah, discussed bullies and the need to oppose them. Non-Jewish families, though worried about possible violence, nevertheless joined this movement, gaining courage and self respect in the doing.

On the last night, Isaac, reassured that love and courage are quieter but stronger than hate, once again lit his candles of freedom so everyone could see. But the season of peace continued for the citizens of Billings. Throughout Christmas, more and more menorahs were displayed until slowly but surely the acts of hatred dwindled away.

camp or a Young Judaea teen-hour to Israel!

"One of the values that Young Judaeans learn is how meaningful it is to give presents at Hanukkah," says Schindler. "Of course, it's always fun to receive them too."

For more information about Young Judaea, call or write National Young Judaea, 50 West 58th Street, New York, NY 10019; (212) 303-4593 — or call your local Hadassah chapter.

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Commentary:

The Festival Of Lights

By RABBI MARLA J. FELDMAN
Director,

Jewish Community Relations Committee
From Thanksgiving to New Year's my journey home becomes an obstacle course, as cars all around me jockey for position to gawk at the magnificent Christmas display in my neighbor's yard. Part of me gets annoyed, as I dodge children running to greet Santa and cars stopping in the middle of the road. Another part of me finds the display gauche, a bit like a Las Vegas casino with blinding lights and tacky little characters spinning around. Mostly I feel 'warm fuzzies' as I remember winter seasons of the past: driving around the neighborhood with my family to see the Christmas lights, listening to carolers on the street, the hustle and bustle of holiday shopping, and even the proverbial chestnuts roasting on an open fire.

How do we, as Jews, respond to the symbols of the winter season, symbols which are not our own, but which have become part of the American culture in which we live? Do they make us angry? Annoyed? Joyful? The story of Hanukkah itself provides insight into this dilemma for it also is the story of what happens when religion and culture collide.

The challenge faced by Mattathias and the Maccabees was not unlike our own. Theirs was a valiant struggle for religious freedom and the right to be different. We are taught of the Greek tyrants who persecuted those who refused to follow their pagan ways. Antiochus punished those who tried to fulfill the most central commandments: circumcision, study of Torah, observance of Shabbat and maintaining the dietary laws. A woman named Hannah bore witness as her seven sons became martyrs rather than eat forbidden food. Mattathias refused to offer a sacrifice to a pagan idol, leading to the rebellion of his sons, led by Judah Maccabee — Judah "The Hammer."

Why were Mattathias and Hannah willing to risk their lives and their children's lives? Why didn't they just pretend to go along with their foreign rulers? These martyrs understood the significance of following foreign customs, even if devoid of feeling. It was not a minor act of submission to appease those in power. The true message was that separatism and independence would not be tolerated; survival meant assimilating into the majority culture. They knew their community was at a crucial juncture; they had reached a point where compromise was no longer compatible with their identity. They were fighting for their survival as a people, for their right to worship G-d in their own way and to express their values through their own traditions and customs.

The Maccabees fought for the right to be different, and their victory should inspire us to continue the battle against assimilation. We too face a struggle to retain our uniqueness in a culture which values universalism and worships conformity. In the "melting pot" of America we



confront daily the forces of assimilation and acculturation, forces which seem to mobilize against us during the weeks preceding Christmas. The Supreme Court has determined that celebrating the birth of Jesus with nativity scenes, Christmas trees and Santa Claus is a cultural norm in America, to be considered secular images of the winter season rather than religious icons. As in ancient days, we are being pressured to accept the symbols of another culture as our own and we are made uncomfortable by our differences.

Too many of our fellow Jews would have us give in, asserting "after all, the Christmas tree is pretty and it really originated as part of a pagan winter festival, so it's not really Christian..." Not! Reindeer, Christmas trees and Santa are all symbols of Christmas, regardless of their historical roots, just as the eight-branched candelabra is a symbol of Hanukkah, even though it, too, may have pagan origins. Let us not minimize the importance of symbols — they are outward signs of our identity. We have our own uniquely Jewish symbols: the menorah, star of David, sukkah, eternal light, Torah.

We should be proud of these symbols of our heritage and culture and not diminish their value by claiming Christian symbols as ours as well. We do not need to create a 'Hanukkah bush' to compete with Christmas if our homes are filled with Jewish traditions and symbols. We should not give up our right to be different. But where do we draw the line? Is every Santa Claus a threat to our existence? Is each Christmas carol a challenge to our freedom? I don't believe that to be the case. If I remain confident in my own religious identity then another's celebration does not threaten me. I can enjoy the Christmas lights of my neighbors without being Christian just as non-Jews can enjoy the songs of *Fiddler on the Roof* without being Jewish. That line is crossed, however, when others expect me to participate in a religious practice not my own or suggest that the price of patriotism is my integrity.

What would Mattathias and Hannah do if they lived in 20th Century America? The ancient *Book of the Maccabees* tells us: "The King

issued a decree throughout his empire: his subjects were all to become one people, each renouncing his particular customs. The nations everywhere conformed to the royal command, and many in Israel accepted the foreign worship, sacrificing idols and desecrating the Sabbath... The King's officers spoke to Mattathias, "...Carry out the King's order. All the nations have done so..." To this Mattathias replied in a ringing voice, "Though all the nations within the King's dominions obey him and forsake their ancestral worship... yet I and my family will follow the covenant of our ancestors!"

At this holiday season, may we rejoice in our uniqueness and be thankful that we have the right to be different. We have religious liberty; let us not take it for granted. Let not the freedom won by our ancestors have been won in vain. May the Maccabees inspire us to continue the battle against assimilation and may we, too, be victorious in this struggle.

Best wishes for a joyous Festival of Lights!



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Montana Town's Fight Against Hate Inspires New Jersey Author

By DONNA EZOR

MetroWest Jewish News

There's power in goodness - that's the message Janice Cohn wants to share in her new children's book, *The Christmas Menorahs: How a Town Fought Hate* (Albert Whitman & Company).

The fact-based story (see review) centers around a town in Billings, MT, that fought back after a series of hate crimes targeted Jews and other minorities in 1993. When a rock was thrown into a Jewish family's window that had a menorah in it, non-Jewish residents put pictures of menorahs in their windows as an act of solidarity.

Usually, says the Montclair author, it's the "haters" who make the headlines, while the acts of good people are often much quieter.

"I think we'd have a different country if every town acted like Billings did," says Cohn, chief of consultation and education at Newark Beth Israel Medical Center's department of psychiatry. "This story brings out the best in people."

Cohn was first moved by the Billings story when she read a newspaper article about it in February 1994. She called the town's police chief, Wayne Inman, to learn more.

That call led to phone interviews with other Billings residents, which Cohn used for her department's newsletter, "Life Current."

She said she and those with whom she spoke agreed on the importance of giving positive messages to children, who are constantly exposed to hatred and violence, not acts of goodness. "You don't see good people taking a stand," emphasizes Cohn.

She thought it was important for children to know "there are people who are courageous." And so she was invited to the community to write a children's book and share the lessons of Billings with other youngsters.

In March 1994, she spent a week in the Montana town, meeting with residents - adults and children. "It was very inspiring," says Cohn, author of *I Had a Friend Named Peter: Talking to Children About the Death of a Friend, Why Did It Happen? Helping Children Cope in a Violent World*; and *Molly's Rosebush*, a story about miscarriage.

Those she met would say, "There's nothing special about this town," and in some ways the author might agree. "I don't think the people in Billings have a handle on goodness more than anybody else." But it was the efforts of a few key leaders in the town who motivated others to act.

"To me, the real legacy of Billings is what they passed on to their children," she says, adding, "These children will not forget this ever."

The message of Billings also will be shared by TV viewers across the country in a new documentary, "Not in Our Town," to air Dec. 17, at 10:30 p.m., on PBS.

The broadcast, which is not aimed at children, is part of Not in Our Town Week, a nationally coordinated anti-hate crime and education campaign, sponsored by numerous organizations, including the Anti-Defamation League and the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council. Cohn is a NJ volunteer for the effort.

Hoping that her book - which she recommends for kids in grades 2-6 - will carry the legacy of goodness to youngsters outside of Montana, Cohn has been reading it to children's groups throughout NJ. She relates an incident of a parent who asked a six-year-old youngster what she wanted for Christmas.

The child, who had heard the story of *The Christmas Menorahs*, replied, "a menorah." The little girl explained: "I want to put it in our window to show people it's wrong to hate."

Cohn suggests the book be read by parents, teachers and clergy members with children, and not for kids to read it by themselves.

"The important thing is to discuss it and relate it to the children's own lives."

Hanukkah or Chanukah

In this issue of *The Jewish Voice*, you will find different spellings for Hanukkah or Chanukah. Those spellings used are easily understood. Deference has been given to writers of the articles containing mention of the holiday in transliteration of Hebrew. Dreidel and dreydel are also two acceptable transliterative spelling choices you will find printed in this issue.



Hanukkah illustration by Dan Weintraub

BRIEFS



Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres shakes hands with President Clinton in Washington December 11. Peres talked with Clinton about bringing Syria back into peace negotiations. RNS News Photo/Reuters.

Group of Golan Heights Residents Announce Support for Syrian Negotiations

A new association of Golan Heights residents called on the government to continue negotiations with Syria and announced the willingness of members to leave their homes if necessary, MA'ARIV reported.

"We call upon the settlers of the Golan Heights to continue developing their community and economic life, and at the same time, we call upon the Government of Israel to continue the negotiations with Syria without preconditions. This is with the awareness that we may be required to pay the heaviest price of evacuating our homes — we are ready for this," the statement read.

The association, which calls itself "The Way to Peace," gathered for the first time at Moshav Gamla in the Golan Heights.

Former IDF Intelligence Chief Ori Saguy said he believed that Syria had decided to sign a peace treaty with Israel and normalize relations, but only in return for a full withdrawal from the Golan Heights.

(Source: "Israel Line" prepared by the Consulate General of Israel in New York.)

Egypt Drops Nuclear Issue From Agenda

Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak told Prime Minister Shimon Peres during his visit in Cairo last week that Egypt will not insist that Israel sign the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty before a peace agreement with Syria is reached, DAVAR RISHON reported.

Mubarak expressed optimism that progress on the Syrian track would be achieved.

Prime Minister Peres said the gesture meant that a stumbling block in the relations between Israel and Egypt had been removed.

The talks between Peres and Mubarak focused on the renewal of negotiations with Syria following the change in leadership in Israel, and in anticipation of the Prime Minister's meeting next week with U.S. President Bill Clinton.

HA'ARETZ reported that at the conclusion of his trip, Peres said he intends for a peace treaty with Syria and Lebanon to include the signatures of 18-20 other Arab countries. "We will put an end to the state of war between us and the Arab countries, except for two or three with which there is no chance," Peres said.

The Prime Minister added that he believes the next stage will take on not only bilateral significance, but regional significance as well. (source: "Israel Line").

Analysis: Peres Seeks Peace With Syria and Jewish Right

By DOUGLAS M. BLOOMFIELD

Washington Analyst

Prime Minister Shimon Peres told thousands of cheering supporters at a New York rally Sunday that making peace with Syria and Lebanon will "conclude the circle...that will mean the end of war in the Middle East."

Ostensibly that was the motivation for his trip to Washington this week — to discuss tactics and strategy with the Clinton Administration for negotiating with Syria.

But Peres was also coming to close another circle: his ascendancy to power in Israel. It would not be complete without a visit to the United States, a ritual for new Israeli prime ministers. This one had some extra touches as a result of the nature of his transition, following the assassination of Yitzhak Rabin.

His American visit began with a rally at New York's Madison Square Garden on Sunday prior to going to Washington to see President Clinton and administration officials and address a joint meeting of the Congress before jetting off to Morocco.

He prepped for the trip by going to Amman to see Jordan's King Hussein, Cairo to consult with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak and the Gaza border to meet with PLO Chairman Yasir Arafat. The intent is to send a message to Damascus that Israel, its American friends and its Arab peace partners are the mainstream in today's world, and unless Hafez Assad wants to be left out in the cold he should think seriously about joining them.

Peres faces divisions of another kind in the Jewish community, and his stop in New York was an attempt to heal fraternal rifts and tell his Jewish opponents that they, too, risk being left out in the cold.

Images are what events like the Madison Square Garden rally are all about. It was called a Memorial Tribute to Rabin. The slain prime minister's widow, Leah Rabin; the chief Ashkenazi rabbi of Israel, Yisrael Lau; the vice president of the United States, Albert Gore, and the new prime minister of Israel were warmly embraced and cheered by

more than 15,000 people. The program, with music from cantoral to pop separating the speeches, went exceedingly smoothly, in stark contrast to what was going on outside.

Thousands more supporters were turned away after waiting hours in the bitter cold. Many had left home before dawn to travel hundreds of miles by bus. The problem was disorganized organizers, too few security checkpoints and metal detectors and inept distribution of tickets.

Only a few days earlier, organizers feared they would be unable to fill the Garden, and they would face major demonstrations outside. But the opposition fizzled.

Demonstrators outside were far fewer than expected. No doubt the

weather contributed, but that was only part of the story. It appeared fewer than a hundred showed up, and most so extreme as to discredit themselves. Several carried signs proclaiming, "Peres is a traitor," the very kind used against Rabin and which his widow was inside saying had contributed to the atmosphere that led to her husband's murder.

The militant Jewish Defense Organization, an extremist group opposed to the peace process and feeling the sting of criticism that the violent rhetoric of the far right encouraged the assassin, distributed a statement saying Rabin "should have been voted out, not shot out."

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DECEMBER

Friday _____ 15

Teen Shabbaton. Delaware's first Community-Wide Teen Shabbaton will welcome teens from Dover, Newark, Wilmington and everywhere in-between for a gathering at the JCC. For more information, call Etai Belinky at (302) 478-5660.

Beth Shalom Religious School Aleph class consecration, 8:00 p.m. Shabbat Service.

Saturday _____ 16

Teen Shabbaton. Delaware's first Community-Wide Teen Shabbaton will welcome teens from Dover, Newark, Wilmington and everywhere in-between for a gathering at the JCC. For more information, call Etai Belinky at (302) 478-5660.

Club Night at the JCC. 7:30 p.m. Children in grades 3 through 6 may enjoy a variety of activities with a monthly rotation of a movie or open gym night. The cost is \$6.50 for JCC Members and \$9.50 for Non-Members. For more information, call Elyse Greer at (302) 478-5660.

Sunday _____ 17

The Germantown Jewish Centre, the children from the Religious School will present a musical entitled "Solomon's Temple" at the Germantown Jewish Centre at 11:00 AM. There is no charge for the program. For more information call Cantor Sheldon Levin at (215) 844-1512.

Wednesday _____ 20

Jewish Cultural Arts Concert Series with The Rina Choir. 7:00 p.m. This Chanukah Concert features the Rina Choir from Israel. Concert will include a visual show depicting sights from Israel and a variety of Hebrew songs. Free of charge and open to entire community. For more information, call Mona Allen or Ella Zukoff at (302) 478-5660.

Annual DuPont Hanukkah Luncheon, 12:00 Noon, Congregation Beth Shalom, 18th & Baynard. DuPont and DuPont-Merck employees/retirees and spouses are invited. Call Joel Lipman for reservations (302) 478-4159.

Friday _____ 22

Wilmington's Congregation Beth Shalom Annual Hanukkah Family Dinner (6:00 P.M.) and Shabbat Hanukkah Service (8:00 P.M.).

Tuesday _____ 26

Winter Camp, through Friday, December 29. The JCC's School's Out Days offer programs on the days Public and Private schools are not in session. Activities are designed for children in kindergarten through 6th grade and include Sports Plus, Disney on Ice Trip, Bowling, Ice Skating and a New Year's Celebration. For more information, call Elyse Greer at (302) 478-5660.

Tuesday _____ 26

Maccabi Camp through Friday, December 29. A New Sports Camp has been added to the JCC Winter Camp program. This camp has been specially designed for children in grades 3 through 6. For more information, call Scott Katz at (302) 478-5660.

Sunday _____ 31

New Year's Eve Party and Sleep-over through Monday, January 1, 1996. Teens in grades 7 and 8 are invited to ring in the New Year at the JCC. Special New Year's celebration and entertainment will be provided. The cost is \$18.00 per person. Space is limited. For more information, call Etai Belinky at (302) 478-5660.

JANUARY 1996

Friday _____ 12

The Jewish Federation of Delaware will sponsor Federation Shabbat with guest speaker Israeli Consul General Eviatar Manor, Consul General for the region which includes Delaware. The event will be held at Adas Kodesh Shel Emeth Congregation starting 8:00 P.M. There is no charge. For information call (302) 427-2100.

Saturday _____ 20

The Jewish Federation of Delaware is sponsoring a Concert by Debbie Friedman to be held at Con-

Peres

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An anti-Zionist Jewish organization which did not identify itself distributed a leaflet saying Baruch Goldstein, who last year murdered 29 Moslems at prayer in a Hebron mosque, should have instead gone [to the Knesset] and killed...all [its members]."

Another demonstrator, Rabbi Mordechai Friedman of Brooklyn-based American Board of Rabbis, declared Rabin was an "apostate" and a "heretic" and his confessed assassin was justified to kill the prime minister under Jewish law, reported the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

Rally organizers were pleased by the gathering outside. With the Garden bulging with supporters and leaders of both governments and the mainstream Jewish community as well as all the media, the message sent to the world was those outside were outside more than just physically.

Most other opponents chose to criticize from a safer distance. Two right-wing Jewish groups, the National Council of Young Israel and the Zionist Organization of America, took out ads announcing their boycott of the rally.

Some organizations critical of Israeli government peace policies decided to endorse the rally, either actively or passively, explained the executive director of one such organization, because they did not want to be associated with Young Israel and ZOA or be labeled anti-peace and anti-Israeli government.

The Israeli government and its supporters had hoped to make the rally a ringing endorsement of the peace process and Peres' policies. Critics of those policies wanted instead to bring in opposition speakers and talk

gregation Beth Emeth in Wilmington. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under age 13. For tickets and information call (302) 427-2100.

FEBRUARY 1996

Thursday _____ 22

From Thursday, February 22 to Sunday, February 25, 1996, the Jerusalem 3000 Committee of the Jewish Federation of Southern New Jersey, the Department of the Israeli Shaliach, the JCC and the JCRC of Southern New Jersey Jerusalem 3000 Film Festival will feature "New Land" with director Orna Ben Dor; "Sechur," and "The Summer of Avia" with director Gila Almaga at The Jewish Community Center in Cherry Hill, New Jersey 22nd at 7:30 P.M.; 24th at 8:00 P.M.; 25th at 2:00 P.M. The cost is to be announced. For more information call (609) 665-6100 x 203.

Sunday _____ 25

The United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism/Bureau of Jewish Education will feature a City-wide Zimriyah with over 500 children singing from over a dozen Conservative synagogues Germantown Jewish Centre 1:00 - 3:00 PM. There is no charge for the event. For information call (215) 635-9701

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Thursday _____ 7

only about Jewish unity and vaguely endorse the concept of peace. The Israelis agreed to water down the program in order to broaden participation, particularly among the orthodox.

The left was less than pleased but it showed up. Most of the right and the ultra-orthodox stayed away. The major exception was the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America which agreed to cosponsor the rally, and many modern orthodox attended.

References to the peace process may have been eliminated from the publicity and muted in many of the speeches, but the underlying message was clear: Honor the memory of the martyred Rabin by pursuing the course he set towards peace.

To opponents of land-for-peace, Peres was very clear. A single life is worth more than a piece of land, he said. Land lost can be retrieved, lives cannot.

He also spoke of healing. "When you have two views, you don't have to become two peoples," he said. "Let's argue, not hate."

The boycotters may have misjudged public sentiment. Those inside and outside reflected polls of the Jewish community: a broad majority, despite some misgivings, continues to support the peace process. The opposition comes primarily from a vocal minority that appears to be increasingly separating itself from the mainstream. This was also reflected in the media coverage of the event.

The image projected in print and electronic coverage by the general media was of a memorial to a slain leader and a rally for peace by thousands of Jews, while only a few extremists demonstrated outside.

That is the image Peres wanted to take to Washington, and he did...with a little help from the opposition standing out in the cold.

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The Auerbach CAJE is sponsoring "Jerusalem - Make and Take," a hands on workshop, making educational materials. The event will be held at the Auerbach CAJE in Pennsylvania from 12:30 PM - 7:30 PM (all day). For information call Nancy Messinger (215) 635-8940

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Sunday _____ 14

Jewish Community Centers of Greater Philadelphia - Klein Branch, Israel Celebration Day will take place celebrating Jerusalem 3000. The day will include Israeli films, games, vendors, dancing, entertainment, an art exhibit and discussion groups. The JCC Klein Branch is located at 10100 Jamison Avenue, Philadelphia. The event will be held from 1:00 - 4:00 P.M. There is no charge, except that Israeli food will be for sale. For more information, call Phyllis Apparies at (215) 698-7300.

Wednesday _____ 17

From Wednesday, April 17 to Thursday, April 25, 1996, State of Israel Bonds will lead a Trip to Israel which includes meeting with the Prime Minister, witnessing the enclosure in a special time capsule of scrolls preserving the legacies of exceptional Jewish families. This Israel 9-day trip costs \$2,300.00. For more information, call Harriet Potashnick at (215) 561-2663.

Sunday _____ 21

Germantown Jewish Centre, a Jerusalem Pops Concert conducted by Cantor Levin, will feature the children of the school, a large adult chorus and some special soloists. Favorite Israeli songs, especially about Jerusalem, will be included. For more information, call Cantor Sheldon Levin at (215) 844-1512.

Wednesday _____ 24

Akiba Hebrew Academy, a Jerusalem 3000 celebration will be held for the entire school. The event will take

place at Akiba Hebrew Academy from 12:30 PM - 3:30 PM. There is no charge for the event. For more information, call Tamar Adini at (610) 667-4070 ext. 112.

Sunday _____ 28

The Jerusalem 3000 Committee of the Jewish Federation of Delaware will present the Jerusalem 3000 Extravaganza in Wilmington, DE: an all day celebration for all ages with music, entertainment, games, vendors, food and educational opportunities. The event will be held at the JCC of Wilmington. The extravaganza will last all day. There is no charge for the event. For more information, call (302) 427-2100.

Sunday _____ 28

The Germantown Jewish Centre a Learning Fair will be held featuring workshops and study sessions for all age groups; a presentation by Judah Labovitz, President of the JCRC of Philadelphia, about the political situation in Israel today; speakers representing various political positions will debate the future of Jerusalem and its surrounding settlements; a "shuk" selling arts, books, crafts and imports from Israel. The event at the Germantown Jewish Centre will take place from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM at a cost of \$5.00 per person. For more information, call Cantor Sheldon Levin at (215) 844-1512.

Hillel Rabbi On TV

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"**The Rockin' Rabbi - Avraham Rosenblum,**" backed by Philadelphia's "The Baal Shem Tov Band," can be seen on "Sounds of the Season" which will air on Sunday, December 17 at 2:00 p.m., with a repeat broadcast on Monday, December 25, at 6:00 a.m.

The Hillel Student Center at The University of Delaware is a beneficiary of the UJA Federation Campaign which is administered in Delaware by the Jewish Federation of Delaware (JFD).

Adult B'Nai Mitzvah Celebrated at Ohev Shalom



Wallingford - Led by Rabbi Stephen Grundfast (back row, right), this fall, Congregation Ohev Shalom in Wallingford, PA hosted the B'Nai Mitzvah celebration of Wilmington residents Dr. Avrene Brandt (2nd row, 2nd from l.) and Regina Horen (missing from photo), and Widener Law School professor Phyllis Bookspan (front row, 2nd from l.). They were joined by Barbara Ozer, Frances Sheehan, Bonnie Kaplan, Ron Beckman, Karla Walsh, Lesley Mallow Wendell, Patrizia Clerico, Dr. Kenneth Silverstein, and Rosabel Bogdanoff.

NACHES

Sigman Birth

Linda and Michael Sigman of Newark, De announce the birth of Laurel Gayle Sigman. Laurel was born on November 14th, 1995 weighing 6 lbs. 13 oz.



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Slomowitz Birth

Birth Announcement - Jesse Benjamin Slomowitz on August 25, 1995 to Dr. Stewart and Linda Slomowitz. Proud grandparents are Sandye and Jerry Turnauer and Betty and Sam Slomowitz.

Dreamworks Looks To "Prophet" From Project



Steven Spielberg

Illustrated for The Jewish Voice by Dan Weintraub

By TOM TUGEND

LOS ANGELES, (JTA) — The three movie moguls who comprise DreamWorks SKG have announced their first full-scale animation project — "Prince of Egypt," a film based on the life of Moses.

Steven Spielberg, who with Jeffrey Katzenberg and David Geffen heads DreamWorks, will be involved in a supervisory capacity, said his aide Marvin Levy.

"The film will be of a scope and on a scale never seen in animation," Levy added.

Torah scholars and the general viewing public will have to wait until 1998 for the film's release.

Jack Hazut's JERUSALEM 3000 PHOTOS



Women praying at the Western Wall in Jerusalem are the focus of Massachusetts-based photographer Jack Hazut's picture.



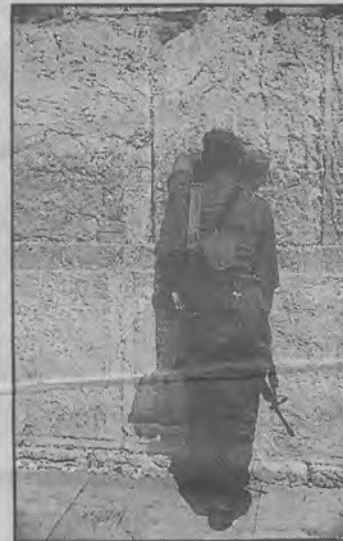
This scene of the Kotel is by Jack Hazut.



The man in the foreground wears a tefillin and a tallis as he prays in front of the Western Wall.



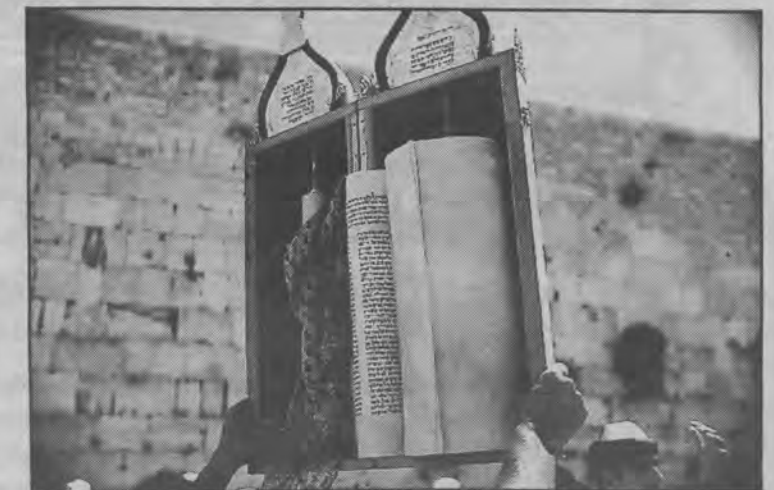
The Lulav and the etrog are the focus of photographer Jack Hazut's sukkot photo presented here in celebration of Jerusalem 3000.



Hauntingly, a soldier praying at the Western Wall, seems at once very real and at the same time perhaps on a different plane in this double exposure by photographer Jack Hazut.



A Bar Mitzvah boy is raised proudly on his father's shoulders. Photographer Jack Hazut celebrates the observance of the 3,000th anniversary of David's conquering Jerusalem.



A special Torah is held high near the Western Wall. This photo is part of photographer Jack Hazut's celebration of Jerusalem 3000.

Half Consider "Jew" An Insult

By RUTH E. GRUBER

ROME (JTA) — Nearly half of those questioned here in a public opinion poll said they would consider it an insult to be called a Jew, and nearly 12 percent said they thought of Jews as "unpleasant."

The survey, whose results were reported in the media Saturday, was commissioned by the Italian Federation of Psychologists on the occasion of the 400th anniversary of the synagogue in the northern Italian town of Casale.

Some 1,050 Italians between the ages of 14 and 60 were questioned.

The survey showed that 53 percent of the respondents said they would be offended if called a Negro, 47 percent said they would be offended if called a Jew; and 44 percent would be offended if called gay.

Fully 39 percent regarded the label "handicapped" an insult, the poll found.

According to survey results, some 11.7 percent of respondents considered Jews to be "unpleasant."

Respondents found dark-skinned immigrants (24.5 percent), Gypsies (18.2 percent) and homosexuals (13.3 percent) to be more unpleasant than Jews.

In the same survey, more than 75 percent of the respondents said they did not consider themselves racist.

Keeping Our Jewish Family Strong 1996 UJA/Federation Campaign January 12-21 Schedule of Events

Keeping Our Jewish Family Strong

New Castle County Federation Shabbat

Friday, January 12th
Adas Kodesh Shel Emeth Congregation...8:00 p.m.
Guest Speaker: Eviator Manor, Consul General, Israel
Event Chairpersons: Perry and Sheila Goldlust

Special Shabbat Study Session

Dialog with Community Rabbis Saturday, January 13th
Adas Kodesh Shel Emeth Congregation...4 p.m.

Chai Dinner

Sunday, January 14th
Winterthur Museum...6:30 p.m.
Guest Speaker: Wolf Blitzer, Military Affairs correspondent, CNN News
Event Chairpersons: Dr. Michael and Amy Leviton

Dover Federation Shabbat

Friday, January 19th
Beth Shalom...8:00 p.m.
Guest Speaker: Linda Scherzer, CNN News
Event Chairpersons: Sue Salkin and Steven Schwartz

Community Event...Debbie Friedman in Concert

Saturday, January 20th
Congregation Beth Emeth...7:30 p.m.
Event Chairperson: Rabbi Larry and Samantha Malinger

Delaware's Super Sunday

Sunday, January 21st
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
New Castle County Chairperson: Debbie Sadoff



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OBITUARIES

HENRIETTA HIRSCH

Henrietta Hirsch, 95, of 1104 Hancock Riding Parkway, Cape Coral, Fla., formerly of Wilmington, died Tuesday, November 28 in Cape Coral Hospital.

Mrs. Hirsch, a homemaker, was a member of Machzikey Hadas Congregation, Claymont, Del., the Pioneer Women, and auxiliary of the Kutz Home for the Aged.

Survivors include her son, Herbert Hirsch of Lakewood, N.J.; a daughter, Carol Gamiel Gottlieb of Cape Coral; a sister, Johanna Heimann of Wilmington; six grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

FLORA ETTA MASCI

Flora Etta Masci, 67, of 21 Hilton

Road, Hilton, Brandywine Hundred, died December 5, of cancer in Riverside Extended Care Pavilion.

Mrs. Masci was the office manager of Photo Art Inc., Wilmington, retiring in 1987 after 19 years. Earlier, she taught at Pilot School, Wilmington, and had an antique and collectibles concession at Pennsbury Antique Mall, Chadds Ford, Pa.

Mrs. Masci was a member of Hadassah, National Council of Jewish Women, Arden Players Guild, and Arden Folk Guild.

Survivors include her husband, Edward J. Masci; three sons, Allen J. Lipstein of Delray Beach, Fla., Mark Lipstein of Charlottesville, Va., and Kenneth Lipstein of Arden; two

daughters, Tamara M. Steele and Maria E. Walker, both of Arden; a sister, Regina E. Rosin of Deerfield Beach, Fla.; and three grandchildren.

The family suggests contributions to Arden Memorial Garden Fund, in care of Ruth Bean, 2123 Meadow Lane, Arden, or the scholarship fund of Pilot School, Wilmington.

BERNARD SCHAFFER

Bernard Schaffer, 72, of 2618 Dartmouth Woods Road, Dartmouth Woods, Brandywine Hundred, formerly of Milford, died November 29 at home.

Mr. Schaffer was a salesman for Aircraft Electric Supply, now Consolidated Electric Supply in

Wilmington, retiring in 1990 after 34 years.

He was an Army veteran of World War II and served in the Battle of the Bulge with the Corps of Engineers.

He was a member of Congregation Beth Shalom and its Men's Club, Wilmington Jewish Bowling League, Senior Men's League, Montefiore Mutual Benefit Society, Oriental Lodge 27 AF&AM, and Delaware Consistory; a volunteer at Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Elsmere; representative for veterans affairs for the state of Delaware; vice commander of Nathan Balick Post 747 Jewish War Veterans; and was treasurer of the Concord Chapter of the American Association of Retired Persons.

Survivors include his wife, Esther A. Schaffer; a son, Scott A. of Chadds Ford, Pa.; two daughters, Barbara R. Paris of Towamencin, Pa., and Pamela Vanderloo of Talleybrook; a brother, Herbert of Arlington, Va.; and six grandchildren.

The family suggests contributions to Congregation Beth Shalom.

IDA F. SCHUTZMAN

Ida F. Schutzman, 95, of Martins Run Retirement Home, Media, Pa., formerly of West Palm Beach, Fla., and Wilmington, died November 28.

Mrs. Schutzman was a member of Congregation Beth Shalom, Wilmington; a life member of Hadassah; a member of Jewish Community Center; and a life member of The Technion.

Her husband, Isadore Schutzman, died in 1980. Survivors include two sons, Norman of Brandywine Hills, Brandywine Hundred, and Calvin of Bel Air, Md.; a daughter, Evelyn Durbin of Carey, N.C.; a sister, Pearl Silver of Miami; four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

JFS Forms Support Group For Those Who Care For The Elderly

A support group for people who provide care or support for their parents, grandparents, or other elderly people is now forming. The first meeting of the group will be held on Tuesday, December 5, 1995 at 1:30 p.m. at Jewish Family Service. The group will meet for three consecutive Tuesdays. The cost for the series is \$30. For information or to register for this group, please call Jewish Family Service at 478-9411.

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Blankets For Bosnia: Delaware Clergy Launch Humanitarian Effort

Wilmington, DE - As refugees brace for another grueling winter in war-torn Bosnia, the Delaware Coalition for Bosnia, in partnership with Delaware congregations from the Lutheran, Episcopal, United Methodist, Presbyterian, American Baptist and Jewish communities, is coordinating "Blankets for Bosnia," a drive to collect new and quality-used blankets of all sizes. Toiletries and clothing also will be accepted. Items collected will be stored and packed in donated space at Sardo and Sons Warehouse and sent by Overnight Transportation Co. to a trans-shipment point in New Jersey. From there it will be sent to refugees from

Srebrenica and Zepa via the Bosnian Ministry for Humanitarian Aid. The location and times for public collection are:

Hanover Presbyterian Church (1801 Jefferson Street) - Monday December 18th and Wednesday, December 20th, 9:00 a.m.-12 noon; 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

Sardo and Sons Warehouse (next to the Big Kahuna, 505 S. Madison Street) - December 27th and 28th, 7:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

The clergy coordinators of "Blankets for Bosnia" are: Rev. William Goettler (Hanover Presbyterian), Rabbi Peter Grumbacher (Congrega-

tion Beth Emeth), Rev. William Lane (Christ Church Christiana Hundred), Rev. Maria LaSala (Hanover Presbyterian), Rev. David Mueller (Concordia Lutheran), Rev. John Van Tine (Aldersgate United Methodist), Rev. Arlen Vernava (Second Baptist), and Rabbi Marla Feldman (Jewish

Community Relations Committee). *(The Delaware Coalition for Bosnia is a grass roots organization dedicated to relieving the suffering of the people of Bosnia-Herzegovina. For more information call Rev. Arlen Vernava at (302) 478-5921.)*

JCC Staff Attends JCCA Conference

Etai Belinky, Community Teen Services Coordinator, Molly Ganz, Fiscal Manager and Scott Katz, Recreational Services Director, represented the Wilmington Jewish Community Center at the Jewish Community Centers Association (JCCA) National Conference recently held in Washington, DC.

Over 500 Jewish Community Center professionals from various cities throughout the United States attended the biannual conference.

The conference was divided into specialty institutes. The Teen Professional Institute covered topics such as putting "Jewish" back into the Jewish Community Center. "Where do we begin?" and core program development.

The Comptroller Institute covered issues related to computerized financial management, benefit packages and tax information.

The Health, Physical Education and Recreation Institute featured

three keynote speakers covering topics related to customer service, fiscal fitness and staff training.

The JCC is a beneficiary of the UJA/Federation Campaign which is administered locally by the Jewish Federation of Delaware (JFD) & The JFD is the central planning and fundraising organization of Delaware Jewry.

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