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Presidential debate to end

By JOSEPH POLAKOFF

WASHINGTON — The Democratic Party's Jewish partisans foresee a sweeping victory for the Clinton-Gore ticket November 3 and striking successes by Jewish candidates for the U.S. Senate in New York, Wisconsin and California.

"Things are going very well," said Lewis Roth, spokesman at the National Jewish Democratic Council. "The Democrats may pick up three or four seats in the Senate. In the Jewish

community the vote for Clinton-Gore will be 80 to 85 per cent and the remainder divided between President Bush and Ross Perot." We forecast "a very strong turnout" of Jews to the polls on election day.

In the 1988 campaign, approximately 70 per cent of Jewish voters cast their ballots for Massachusetts Governor Dukakis as Bush was elected President. That compares with 46 per cent for Jimmy Carter's run for a second term in 1980 when Ronald Reagan was sent to the White House.

Unrest in Lebanon and territories affects talks

By CYNTHIA MANN

State News Service

WASHINGTON (JTA) — The intensified hostilities in southern Lebanon and the recent upsurge of violence in the administered territories have threatened to throw the Middle East peace talks off course a year to the week after they opened in Madrid.

Israeli and Arab negotiators here said they intended to persevere but acknowledged that the violence had heightened tensions and led to heated exchanges in the sessions between the Israelis and the Lebanese.

At the same time, there appeared to be progress in the talks with the Palestinians, which are aimed at reaching an agreement on an interim Palestinian self-governing authority.

The Israelis agreed to review a 12-point plan

submitted by the Palestinian delegation to improve conditions for Arab residents of the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

The latest cycle of violence began last weekend with a roadside bombing in southern Lebanon that killed five Israeli soldiers and the shooting to death of an Israeli soldier in the West Bank town of Hebron.

Israeli retaliated with large-scale bombing raids in southern Lebanon. But the violence continued early Tuesday with the killing of the 14-year-old son of a family from the former Soviet Union in a series of Katyusha rocket attacks on Israel's northern settlements.

Uri Lubrani, chairman of the Israeli team negotiating with Lebanon, said this week's violence "was triggered by forces which are dedicated to upset the peace process, to do

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Youngs to be honored as Outstanding Fund Raisers

Toni and Stuart B. Young will be recognized as Outstanding Fund Raising Volunteers at the Brandywine Chapter of the National Society of Fund Raising Executives on Monday, November 16.

The Youngs will receive their awards during a luncheon at the Society's annual Philanthropy Day at Winterthur Museum and Gardens.

They are being recognized for "their many contributions to the cultural and religious organizations in our community."

Toni Young has been a volunteer leader of the Grand Opera House since its earliest days, orchestrating both individual and capital campaigns as well as direct solicitations. During her tenure as president, the Grand successfully raised a \$5 million Endowment Fund.

Stuart Young has been an advocate for the arts in Delaware as chairman of the Delaware State Arts Council. He has led in the establishment of a statewide consortium of the major arts organizations for the purpose of developing an Arts Stabilization Fund.

Together, the Youngs were two of the co-chairs of "The Celebration of Freedom" which raised funds for Operation Exodus, a project to help resettle Russian Jews in Israel. The Rabbi Jacob Kraft Educational Foundation was another special project of the Youngs which raised \$250,000 to provide educational seminars at Congregation Beth Shalom for the



Stuart and Toni Young

community at large.

Toni Young is also known in the Jewish community for her work with Jewish Federation of Delaware serving currently as vice president of the Federation, chairperson of the 1992 JFD allocations process, and as a co-chairperson of the Leadership Gifts Division of the 1992 and 1993 Community Campaigns.

The annual Philanthropy Day is open to the public, beginning with registration at 8:15. The theme of this year's celebration will be "Explore the Spirit of Giving: Challenges and Changes in the Nineties." For registration information contact Joan Priest at 239-2334.

Panim Al Panim



With this issue of *The Jewish Voice*, we introduce PANIM AL PANIM — Hebrew for "Face to Face" — (page 17) as part of our commitment to bringing you face to face with our local community family of agencies and the Jewish Federation of Delaware. This week features the meaning behind the new 1993 JFD Community Campaign logo... "Think Jewish... and imagine what more we can accomplish!" *The Jewish Voice* welcomes your feedback.

1992 Community Campaign goal short

Services that affect the Jewish community of Delaware may be facing drastic cuts if the projected goal used through the 1992 allocations process of \$1,325,041 is not met by the end of the year according to Steve Dombchik, Jewish Federation of Delaware president.

While allocation decisions made this past June only guaranteed the percentage of the campaign goal achieved (75% as of June 30), the agencies rely greatly upon receiving 100% of their allocations which is in most cases far less than what was requested.

If the goal is not met, the amount that can be distributed to local agencies, to Israel and to Jews around the world must be cut. Currently, the campaign is \$250,000 short of the 1992

projection and approximately \$200,000 short of the total raised through the 1991 Community Campaign.

On November 10, volunteers from the Jewish Federation of Delaware and beneficiary agencies will be contacting those individuals who have not yet pledged to the 1992 Campaign.

Campaign Co-Chairpersons, Leslie Goldenberg and David Margules are optimistic that the goal can be attained if everyone who has not yet made a pledge is aware of the crisis and will not only make their contribution, but make a reasonable increase.

The 1992 Campaign will be completed on December 31, 1992.



Jason Sugarman at Chabad Shofar Factory
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Opinion

It's time to vote

The big debate will finally come to an end November 3 as voters in the United States determine who is the victor: George Bush, Bill Clinton or Ross Perot.

The final days have been filled with last minute accusatory rhetoric and campaign promises as each candidate has looked to us for our support and votes.

For American Jews particularly a presidential election is an interesting time. What are our concerns? What are our priorities?

Do we make our votes count for Israel? For a strong foreign policy? For women's rights? For an end to deficit spending? For better education for our children? For jobs and economic growth at home? For arms control? For the environment? For gay rights? For religious freedom? For health care?...

The multiplicity of the issues weaving in and out of the campaign rhetoric reflects the complexities of our lives.

It is not an easy task to find the "perfect" leader in these less than perfect and changing times. And we have difficult days ahead.

We need a leader who has the overall perspective. Someone who can help us come to balance, help us keep our center as we make decisions about the many complex issues that continually bombard us. Someone who can help guide us through the maze and speak honestly to our concerns.

It's now time to go inward and balance our own concerns and priorities as Jews, as men and women, as parents, as Americans, as brief travellers on this planet.

Then it's time to vote. Tuesday, November 3.

November 3

DEADLINE

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Einstein Academy committed to Jewish education

EDITOR:

An editorial in the October 16, 1992 Voice commended the Delaware Jewish community and its leaders for their commitment to Jewish education. While the editorial rightfully pointed to the Jewish Federation's Vision Committee, Gratz Hebrew High School and the Adult Institute of Jewish Studies, it overlooked the fact that the Delaware Jewish Community is also supporting a prospering Jewish day school — Albert Einstein Academy.

Einstein has more than seventy full-time students enrolled this year. Moreover, for the first time ever, due to the demand for Jewish education in the community, Einstein has expanded its 1992-93 program to provide two first grade classes, as well as two kindergarten classes. The support for Einstein surely demonstrates the Delaware community's commitment to Jewish education.

Jack B. Blumenfeld
Wilmington

News Journal advisory board needs monitoring

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The following letter was mailed to the News Journal October 22 by Mr. Resnick.)

DEAR SIR:

Recent columns by members of the News Journal's Community Advisory Board strike me as being long on rhetoric but woefully short on facts.

Two cases in point: The August 30 column by Mr. Allan C. Rusten stated that the Jewish Federation of Delaware paid noted attorney Alan Dershowitz a \$20,000 fee to speak at a local rally to raise funds for the relocation of Russian Jews to Israel. Mr. Rusten pointed out (correctly) that the audience for Mr. Dershowitz's talk numbered about 800, each of whom paid \$10 per ticket. Accordingly, Mr. Rusten calculated that the sponsoring Jewish Federation lost \$12,000 on the deal and concluded that the sponsors would have been better advised to have contributed \$20,000 to Operation Exodus. While Mr. Rusten's math is flawless, it is based on erroneous assumptions. For one thing, Mr. Dershowitz's fee did not amount to \$20,000. But, more important, while possibly overlooked, but certainly not mentioned by the columnist, is the fact that Mr. Dershowitz's talk generated contributions totalling well into six figures for Operation Exodus;

not a bad return on a less-than-\$20,000 investment. The facts do make a difference.

Second case: Mr. Jose Soto in his October 18 column finds it "amazing that we can justify the savings and loan bailouts (and) that we have money for foreign countries like Israel in the amount of \$10 billion..." Again, total disregard for the facts.

In the case of the savings and loan "bailouts", those bailed out were the unfortunate innocent depositors, many of whom stood to lose their life savings if it were not for government-sponsored deposit insurance.

As for the \$10 billion that Mr. Soto alleges was given to Israel, more knowledgeable people know that the U.S. government has only agreed to assist Israel to borrow up to that amount in international markets by giving its guarantee — which costs U.S. taxpayers nothing. (Israel has never defaulted on any of its financial obligations).

Since your readers expect and deserve to get factual information from your reporters and columnists, it behooves you to ensure that they do. You need particularly to monitor/edit the columns of members of your Community Advisory Board for factual accuracy; they are, after all, only amateurs.

William Resnick
Rockland

Opinion

Vote for Bush, Clinton or Perot

But make sure you vote on November 3

By MATTHEW BROOKS
and STEVE GUTOW

WASHINGTON (JTA)—We are witnessing one of the bitterest campaigns in our nation's history.

The invective, the rhetoric, the decibel level from both states are almost beyond measure.

The course of America's future is at stake—the divisions run deep whether we are talking foreign policy, the economy or the social fabric of this country.

The two of us take a contrary, opposing position on almost every issue (and there are a few exceptions) confronting voters this election year.

We argue on how to resolve the deficit, the meaning of civil rights legislation, family and medical leave, health care, school choice—and when we say the gulf is deep, we mean it.

Yet, there is one bridge—one spot on the landscape—where we join together in unambiguous harmony.

We are united in the belief that each and every member of our community needs to enter the fray of politics, choose a candidate or a party and work to see that his or her choice succeeds.

Can grassroots politics really make a difference? For an answer, we need look no further than Ross Perot's army of volunteers, many of

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whom put their careers on hold and plunged into politics for the first time when their candidate originally considered running for president.

Or there's the Christian Coalition, which has successfully mobilized conservative evangelicals to advance their political agenda. And then there are the thousands of people who responded to Jerry Brown's 800 number earlier this year.

Whether you agree with them or not, there are people who have rolled up their sleeves for what they believe in so that they can make their voices heard.

We need a corresponding Jewish grassroots movement in the Democratic and Republican parties if our community is to make a difference in mainstream political organizations.

But American Jews are perceived, rightly or wrongly, as a single-issue constituency—Israel being their only concern. And yet many of us are concerned about other issues that have nothing to do with the Middle East. But how often can we identify ourselves as Jewish when working on matters other than Israel?

In addition, Jewish political fund-raising is perceived as bipartisan because it is so narrowly focused on Israel that Jewish PACs give to pro-Israel candidates from either party.

American Jews are also perceived as a community that only writes checks. And yet American Jews historically have been very active in grassroots politics. We know how it's done, we've just gotten out of practice.

If we continue in this vein, the Jewish community will cease to be seen as a serious player



ISRAELI SHOWS HIS PREFERENCE ...
JERUSALEM—An Israeli wears a "yamulka" or skullcap with "Bill Clinton" weaved into the design as he displays his preference for the Democratic presidential candidate while strolling down a pedestrian shopping street in the center of the city October 13. RNS Photo/Reuters

in American politics.

We are whole Americans—we have deep commitments on a range of issues, including education, health care, religion in public schools and, of course, our country's relationship with Israel.

But if we are seen as only concerned about Israel, we will not make allies outside our community to help us on that issue.

After all, if someone else is deeply concerned about banking or agriculture or industrial policy—and we pay no heed, give them

no support when their issue is debated, even though we agree with them—why should they come to our defense when an issue of particular importance to us needs support?

The sound of the shofar that recently filled synagogues across the United States should have done more than usher in Rosh Hashanah. It should have also served as a wake-up call to our community to get involved in this nation's political process.

In this new year, leaders will be elected to help determine the direction this country takes when it comes to issues that matter a great deal to us. We need to be involved in ensuring that these decision-makers—Democrats and Republicans alike—have our concerns in mind when analyzing problems and opportunities before them.

It is fallacy to believe that someone else will take care of getting our favorite candidates elected for us. Nothing could be further from the truth.

It's quite simple. This community must make choices.

Decide where you sit on the political spectrum: Democrat or Republican; liberal, moderate, conservative; Bush, Clinton, Perot.

Then make the choice.

From now till Nov. 3, give your candidate and your party your all: your vote, your money, your time.

Become an essential component of the campaign of your choice.

Your party and candidate, our people, Israel, our country will benefit, and this community of ours will be much, much stronger.

Terrorism at home

By FRANKLIN H. LITTELL

Special to The Jewish Voice

Two recent incidents in Greater Philadelphia show how difficult it is to maintain liberty of conscience today, even in the "Penn's Woods" which were set aside as an asylum three hundred years ago.

William Penn received from the King of England this vast stretch of land—which made him the largest landholder in the world of that day—to pay off a debt the King had owed his father, Admiral Thomas Penn. Penn, far in advance of the "Christendom" of his day, opened the land to a motley array of individuals and groups who were persecuted because of their convictions.

Most of the early settlers came to "Pennsylvania" from persecution in Europe. Quite a few moved from other American colonies which still practiced persecution in the European style, maintained churches and church institutions at tax-payers' expense, and persecuted non-conformists and dissenters. Some of the "cults and sects" that infested Penn's lands before the Revolution were so out of the ordinary that leaders in the move conventional colonies called Pennsylvania the *Latrina* of the English colonies.

"Lest We Forget" is a column of commentary sent out from the Philadelphia Center on the Holocaust, Genocide and Human Rights as a public service. The author of "Lest We Forget," Dr. Franklin H. Littell, is a minister in the United Methodist Church, a university professor of Religion, and a well-known author and lecturer. Dr. Littell is by appointment of the Israel Cabinet a member of the International Council of Yad Vashem, and has served under Presidents Carter, Reagan and Bush as a member of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council.

Today many people are amazed to think that in "olden times" some people could be so intolerant that other people would sell everything and leave the homes of their fathers and mothers, risk the long and dangerous trip across the Atlantic by sailing ship, and brave the natives in a new world just to get away from them.

Perhaps some American Jews are recent enough arrivals not to be as amazed at intolerance as some of their gentile neighbors, since the substitute-religions into which Europe fell in this century—Marxism and Nazism—have been as addicted to persecution as the old tsars, emperors and kings before them.

But most of us think of persecution as something that belongs to the past. We wonder why the Serbs and Croats and Bosnians turn to such "medieval" tools of excessive violence in hatreds exacerbated by their centuries of hostility as Serbian Orthodox Christians, Roman Catholic, Christians, Muslims. We share the astonishment of the media that European political leaders are so slow to do something to stop the slaughter, even if it did arise from real or imagined grievances of the past.

Yet the same bigotry and the same contempt for "soul liberty" inspires violence in our own midst. So far that violence directed against individuals and groups has been limited to kidnappings and deprogrammings. But it arises from precisely the same spiritual arrogance toward the rights of others, the same willingness to break the law in the name of some perceived truth, the same failure to understand that when others' souls and consciences are assaulted our own are at risk.

It is of more than incidental significance that Reinhard Heydrich received the portfolio to liquidate "dangerous cults and sects" in the Nazi Third Reich two and a half years before he

was given the portfolio to liquidate the Jewish people.

The organization presently working in Greater Philadelphia that is chiefly responsible for raising money, recruiting personnel, identifying targets, kidnapping them and subjecting them to high-pressure "de-programming" is called CAN: "Cult Awareness Network." CAN preys on the anxieties and despairs of parents, and exploits also the resources of a much larger network of the parents' friends, who view with horror a scenario where the "child" leaves the inherited creed and culture for another. The "child" may be 36 years old, but the immature "adults" just won't let go.

In the Christendom of former times, as in the world of Islam today, such things didn't happen: missionaries for other belief systems were put to death, imprisoned for life or (if they had luck) merely harried out of the land. Adult converts were put to death (under the Justinian Code, which governed religious laws in some European lands until recently).

If it can be called progress, and perhaps it may be called progress considering some of the alternatives, converts to unwelcome creeds are not put to death in Greater Philadelphia today: instead, the assault troops of "de-programmers" may be called in to launch the ancient ritual of exorcism. To the bigoted and violent, strange and unwelcome beliefs are so many "devils" inhabiting the unwilling victim.

The point is, however, that the "victim" is no victim at all, unless the kidnappers and de-programmers succeed in breaking his spirit. He or she is simply a citizen whose rights to liberty of conscience have been violently violated.

The two recent cases that have attracted media attention in Greater Philadelphia involved individuals who converted to the Buddhist religion as interpreted by Rama and the

philosophy of Lyndon LaRouche, respectively. The story of the young woman, Jennifer Jacobs, who was kidnapped, terrorized and abused by misguided parents assisted by CAN appeared in *The Philadelphia Inquirer* a month ago. The story of the young man, Lewis DuPont Smith, who barely escaped the same kind of violence plotted by his father and CAN has been related in the Philadelphia media for days.

CAN is un-American. Such activities, which frequently employ persons with criminal records to perform criminal acts against young adults whose parents won't let them grow up and make their own mistakes, are an affront to the Religious Liberty guaranteed by the Federal Constitution and to basic human rights.

CAN certainly has no place in the world of those who remember William Penn, rejoice in the founding of Pennsylvania, and cherish the "soul liberty" with which he three centuries ago replaced the coercive orthodoxy of European-style state churches. CAN exudes the spirit of "Saint" Torquemada toward "Jews and heretics," Martin Luther toward Jews and Mennonites, and John Calvin toward Unitarians and Baptists.

CAN, even though it has as apologists some church and synagogue people who should know better, is also a racket on which a few individuals—kidnappers, "de-programmers" and marginal psychologists—have made a great deal of money.

CAN and its staffers encourage distraught parents to take actions that further alienate their young people. CAN conspires to destroy the liberties of individuals and groups of that have religions or world-views different from the rest of us. It deserves to be put in the dock with the individuals that the FBI has exposed and the courts are now trying for criminal activity.

Local

A New Generation

First bat mitzvah since resettlement here

By **BARBARA S. KEIL**
Special to The Jewish Voice
Yelena Nabutovsky and Julia Gayduk, two New Americans both living in Wilmington are the first two

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girls to become Bat Mitzvah in Wilmington since the major activity of resettlement and Operation Exodus in the late 1980's.

Yelena Nabutovsky marked the occasion at Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth on October 16. Julia Gayduk's big day is October 31 at Beth Emeth.

Julia and her family arrived in Wilmington in May, 1989, three months before her tenth birthday. They came from Leningrad. Her parents are Sofia and Mark Gayduk; her 21 year old sister Maria is currently in France for one semester as an exchange student.

"Excited and happy" are the words Julia uses to describe the way she feels about her Bat Mitzvah. She has studied for this occasion for two years at Beth Emeth; this year she is en-



Julia Gayduk, left
Yelena Nabutovsky

rolled at Gratz High School and is studying towards her confirmation.

How was life in Leningrad? "Totally different!" exclaims Julia. Someday she may visit Leningrad, but first she hopes to visit Israel.

Yelena came to Wilmington from Leningrad with her parents Emiliya

and Joseph Nabutovsky and her older brother, Boris, in March, 1990, when she was eleven years old. She is happy that she followed the suggestions of friends to study for Bat Mitzvah; having achieved that goal, Yelena is continuing the program at Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth to be confirmed. Her career plans include college to study either computer science or engineering.

"Trinatsad" is the Russian word for thirteen. Thirteen years ago, any thoughts that these two girls would ever leave the Soviet Union or that either one of them would become a Bat Mitzvah in America — in Wilmington, Delaware — were unthinkable. Today it is a reality. Thus the chain of generations proudly adds two links — in Wilmington.

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BBQ welcomes newcomers

On Sunday, October 4, more than 85 newcomers and community members gathered at the Jewish Community Center for a "Welcome to Delaware" BBQ.

The event was organized by the Jewish Community Newcomers Network (JCNN), a committee formed

by Womens Division, Jewish Federation of Delaware, composed of representatives of all the Jewish agencies organizations and synagogues of Delaware.

Connie Sugarman, acting chair of the JCNN and Vice President of Womens Division, commented that, "we are very inspired at the enthusiastic response from both the Delaware Jewish community and the newcomers. We hope to make this an annual event."

Other activities of the JCNN are: development of a group of greeters from the community to welcome the newcomers with a "Welcome Basket"; planning for a Newcomers Guide to the area; and publicity for community awareness plus future additional social gatherings for newcomers.

The community is urged to join the welcome effort of the JCNN by sub-

mitting names of Newcomers by calling 477-1420. The newcomer will become part of the network and will be greeted and invited to future events.

For additional information, please call Connie Sugarman at 529-1177 or Lelaine Nemser at Jewish Federation of Delaware, 478-6200.



Coordinator Ruth Brower giving newcomers a "Welcome Bag"



Good food, good conversation, new acquaintances.

Hadassah addresses intermarriage

By **LELAINE NEMSER**
Special to The Jewish Voice

In 1990 the Council of Jewish Federations released the CJF Population Study leaving many Jews wondering what to do with all the information revealed in this comprehensive demographic study.

One of the topics of study, intermarriage, particularly left the Wilmington Chapter of Hadassah wondering. The CJF Population Study told us that since 1965 the rate of intermarriage has quintupled from 9% (of the population intermarried) to 52%.

Although the study didn't break the figures down by state, the Wilmington Chapter of Hadassah, assuming that Delaware percentages run parallel to nationwide statistics, applied for and received a grant from Hadassah National to listen to, to understand and to serve the intermarried population in Delaware.

The program, called "Journey Through Jewish Living," is coordinated by a committee, chaired by Helen Winslow, composed of representatives from synagogues, Jews-by-choice and partners in interfaith marriages.

An overriding question of the committee concerned the needs and de-

sires of Jews-by-choice and interfaith couples, particularly those raising Jewish children. To find out more information on "Ideas Exchange," a no-holds-barred discussion session in a home setting was planned for September 20.

The attendance exceeded all expectations. The discussion yielded many ideas, gripes, continuing problems, solutions found as well as thoughtful presentations on the topic of intermarriage.

Hadassah also found that, as suspected, only the surface has been scratched. Many sub-groups of the population will have to be served in the future. To provide future avenues for Jews-by-choice and intermarrieds to share thoughts, discuss problems and learn new solutions several new programs have been planned.

On November 15 at 7:30 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center, Hadassah will host "Video-Night" featuring the video "When Love Meets Tradition," the story of several intermarried couples. The facilitator for the discussion which will follow the video will be Myrna Ryder. If you would like to attend or have questions, please call Myrna Ryder at 478-9411 or Lelaine Nemser at 478-6200.

The "December Dilemma" in interfaith families will be discussed on December 13 at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Beverly Friedberg, a member of the "Journey Through Jewish Living" Committee. Persons interested in attending should call Beverly by December 11 at 764-4277.

On December 10 Hadassah and the Jewish Community Center will co-sponsor a Book Month event featuring Lisa Hostein, co-author (with Lena Romanoff) of "Your People, My People: Finding Acceptance and Fulfillment as a Jew-by-choice." Lisa Hostein is a news editor for the Jewish Exponent and has received several awards. The event is open to the public. More information may be obtained by calling the Jewish Community Center at 478-5660.

On January 10, 7:30 p.m. at Beth Emeth, Hadassah is proud to present an evening with Rachel Cowan, a Rabbi and a Jew-by-choice. Rabbi Cowan leads interfaith groups at the 92nd Street "Y" in New York City and has travelled the country speaking about creating inclusive methods of integrating interfaith couples into Jewish life. The event is free and open to the entire community. Please call Lelaine Nemser for a reservation or further information at 478-6200.

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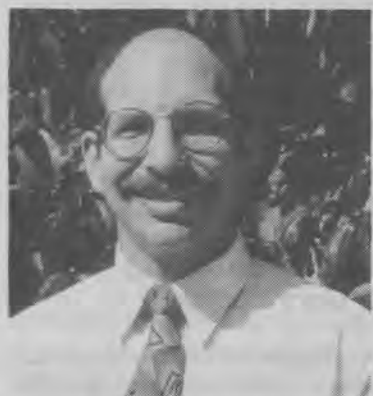
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LOCAL

JCC hires director for youth, family and camping services

Michael Grossman has been hired as the new Youth, Family and Camping Services Director of the Wilmington Jewish Community Center, announced Mark J. Caplan, president of the JCC.

Grossman has an extensive background in the Jewish communal field. Most recently, he served as the Youth, Family and Camping Services Director of the Jewish Community Center of Greater Minneapolis, where he established a new after school program, guided the planning and construction of a new multi-use camp site and began a new teen camp program.



Michael Grossman

He did his field placement work at the Jewish Community Center of Greater Baltimore, where he acted as the Special Needs Coordinator. He established new activities for the children and adolescent program and initiated a new support group for parents of special needs children and adults.

Grossman also served as a case-worker of aged services for his field placement work at Jewish Family Services in Baltimore. He worked in the Senior Citizen Outreach Office, where his responsibilities included counseling, case management, outreach, advocacy and referrals.

Prior to his arrival in Baltimore, Grossman worked as the Youth Services Coordinator at the New Orleans Jewish Community Center and as an Administrative Assistant at the Jewish Community Center in Nashville, Tennessee.

In addition, Grossman attended Mission Mishpacha, a conference for Jewish Family Life Education in Jewish Community Center held in Detroit and also participated in the Morris Lieberman Overseas Seminar where he traveled and studied in USSR, Poland and Israel during the summer of 1989.

His honors include the James and Eva Hirschorn Prize in Jewish History (Baltimore Hebrew University), JWB Scholarship recipient, (New York), Willy and Erna Wolff Memorial Fellowship (New Orleans), and the Jack Pearlstone Scholarship (Baltimore Institute of Jewish Communal Service).

"I'm very excited to be here. The Wilmington JCC has an excellent reputation in the Jewish communal field and I look forward to adding to the tradition," said Grossman. "The lay leadership and membership have been wonderful to work with," he added.

Sharon Richman, program director of the JCC commented, "We are very pleased to have Michael join the professional staff of the Center. He brings a wealth of experience and skills that will compliment our current staff."

Grossman holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Washington University in St. Louis, Certificate in Jewish Communal Service from B.I.S.C.S., Master of Arts in Jewish Studies from Baltimore Hebrew University and a Master of Social Work degree from the University of Maryland at Baltimore.

Grossman and his wife, Toni, are currently in the process of moving and settling in Wilmington.

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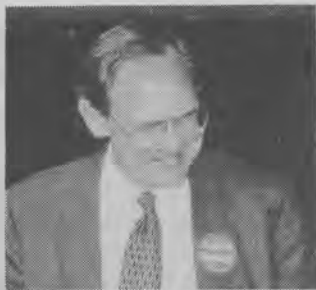
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The candidates . . .

As part of its commitment to making the Jewish voice heard in Washington and Dover, the Political Action Committee of the Young Leadership Council submitted questionnaires to the leading candidates for three statewide offices: Governor, Lt. Governor, and Congressman. The candidates' responses follow:

Responses for Congress Gov. Mike Castle (R) S.B. Woo (D)

1. Will you support the United States guarantee of refugee resettlement loans to Israel, regardless of the outcome of the Middle East peace talks?

Castle: The issue of loan guarantees is a humanitarian one. The encouragement of resettlement of Jews of the former Soviet Union and of Ethiopia in Israel has long been a policy of our country, and I will continue to support it. The Middle East Peace Talks are a remarkable positive event in leading to peace in the area. For the first time with the United States as an honest broker bringing the parties together, Israel, the Palestinians and her Arab neighbors are talking to one another. I look forward to positive results if all parties address the issues in good faith. I can foresee no circumstances under which the success of these talks should influence loan guarantees.

Woo: Yes. As a first generation immigrant who escaped communist brutalities in my country of origin, I am very sensitive to Israel's role as a haven for all Jews. Such humanitarian efforts should transcend political issues. I am glad to see that President Bush has come around to support resettlement loans.

2. Do you support federal funding for tuition vouchers that could be used to pay for attendance at private schools?

Castle: I support the implementation of school choice programs between public schools, starting within individual school districts. I do not support the use of public monies for school choice programs involving private schools.

Woo: I support choice among public schools. Our future as a nation depends upon the quality of our public schools; they deserve a top priority. As a life-long educator, I know what it takes to turn our schools around. I have proposed a program

to encourage the best and brightest to choose teaching as their career.

3. Do you support the sale of United States F-15 planes to Saudi Arabia?

Castle: The United States policy in the Middle East must always assure the qualitative edge of the security of the State of Israel. The Middle East, unfortunately, abounds in confrontations which are potentially explosive. Countries such as Iran and Iraq have threatened the security of their neighbors, such as Saudi Arabia. While I am wary of the introduction of new weapons such as the F-15's into this area, I recognize the need for Saudi Arabia to defend itself, and like President Bush and Governor Clinton, would approve the sales provided the security of Israel is not adversely impacted.

Woo: No. America should not sell military hardware to the Arab nations still officially at war with Israel (all but Egypt), thereby eroding Israel's qualitative military edge. We should not coddle undemocratic leaders with billions in aid in the naive hope that their attitudes will change. There is a lesson in our dealings with Saddam Hussein.

4. Do you support the Religious Freedoms Restoration Act as it was introduced in the United States Senate last term?

Castle: In a recent case, Employment Division v. Smith, the United States Supreme Court held that a law could discriminate against an American Indian on the grounds that he smoked peyote, a controlled substance, even though it was a religious practice of the defendant. Applicable case law previously had required a showing of "compelling state interest" to restrict a person's free exercise of religion. Since that decision over 50 cases have extended its holding to permit restrictions on other religious activities and the effects of the Smith decision indicate that the Court may have gone too far in eroding our individual rights. I support the separation of church and state guaranteed each of us by the Bill of Rights. The Religious Freedoms Restoration Act as it was introduced in the Senate last term apparently seeks to return the law to its status before the Smith decision. However, because I have not reviewed the specifics of this Bill and although I sympathize with its intent to preserve religious freedom, I must

reserve the right to comment on it once I have become more familiar with its specifics.

Woo: Yes. Senators Hatch and Kennedy acted together to introduce legislation codifying and protecting the Free Exercise Clause of the First Amendment. I wholeheartedly stand with them in supporting the fundamental principles of religious freedom.

Responses for Governor Rep. Tom Carper (D) Richard Cohen (L) B. Gary Scott (R)

1. Would you provide tax deductions or tuition vouchers to parents who sent their children to private schools?

Carper: I do not believe using taxpayer dollars to send children to private schools will strengthen our school system.

Cohen: Parents should be able to select the education that is best for their children. Tax credits should be available to anyone paying for the education of any student in any school. With competition and choice, quality of education will improve, and efficiency, innovation and parental involvement will be enhanced.

Scott: Education will be the most important priority in a Scott administration. I support the rights of parents to choose what schools to send their children within a public school district. At this time I do not support tax deductions or tuition vouchers to parents who send their children to private schools.

2. Do you support either voluntary prayer or a daily moment of silence in Delaware public schools?

Carper: Although I do not favor mandatory prayer in our public schools, I am amenable to allowing a daily moment of silence for our children.

Cohen: No. Under the first amendment, there should be no religious component, whether on a voluntary or mandatory basis, in the public school system.

Scott: I would support voluntary school prayer or a daily moment of silence in Delaware public schools.

3. Do you support an increase in penalties for violent crimes which are motivated by racial or religious prejudice?

Carper: I firmly believe that we



B. Gary Scott



Phil Cloutier



Ruth Ann Minner



Larry Sullivan

where they stand

must make every effort to eliminate the scourge of prejudice, and the violence that it often engenders. Toward this end, I believe that we should, in consultation with the Attorney General's office, examine the possibility of imposing additional sentences for violent crimes motivated by racial and religious prejudice.

Cohen: No. Beliefs or prejudices, however deplorable, which underlie the commission of crime are nevertheless subject to constitutional protection, and should not affect the penalty. As the Supreme Court recently held in *Dawson v. Delaware*, defendant's membership in Aryan Nation (a racist organization) could not be considered in the death penalty decision.

Scott: I believe that hate crimes are among the most intolerable violent crimes. I believe that people who have committed hate motivated crimes should be punished severely. However, I do not support the concept of mandatory sentences. I believe the presiding judge should determine the length of criminal sentences and judge each case individually.

4. Do you support the use of public funds to assist low-income women in obtaining legal abortions?

Carper: I believe that the question of whether or not to bring a pregnancy to full term is a deeply personal matter that is best left to a woman and her family husband. It should be made largely without government involvement, and that includes without public funds except in cases of rape, incest, and where the life of the mother is at risk.

Cohen: No. Women should have the absolute right to make a personal choice regarding the termination of pregnancy. This right should not be undermined by laws requiring consent or waiting periods. However, it is particularly harsh to force someone who believes that abortion is murder to pay (through taxation) for another's abortion.

Scott: I am pro-choice and I support the right of Delaware women to make this deeply personal choice for themselves. I do not support tax payer funding of abortions except in cases of rape, incest, or when the life of the mother is endangered.

Responses for Lt. Governor

Phil Cloutier: (R)
Ruth Ann Minner (D)
Larry Sullivan (L)

1. Would you provide tax deductions or tuition vouchers to parents who send their children to private schools?

Cloutier: I believe that tax deductions and tuition vouchers for private school tuition should not be allowed. I believe that local property taxes would be increased up to 40% (\$60 million) with such programs. I support magnet schools and choice programs within a district.

Minner: No. I have always opposed the use of public money to fund private schools. Such a practice undermines our public schools, which are already in trouble and don't need additional resources siphoned off from them.

Sullivan: Yes, I believe parents and students should have freedom of choice in education. That will create competition which will lead to better quality education. I would support tax credits as well as tax deductions and vouchers. They could be used in both public and private schools.

2. Do you support either voluntary prayer or a daily moment of silence in Delaware's public schools?

Cloutier: While I accept that the Supreme Court has interpreted the Constitution to prohibit prayer in public schools, I support efforts to introduce moments of silence and reflection into the public school daily schedule. I believe that basic moral values must be taught and reinforced at home, at school, and at our place of worship.

Minner: I would prefer a moment of silence to any recited prayer so students would be able to express their faith in their own way. To be inoffensive to everyone, any prayer would have to be so watered down as to be meaningless.

Sullivan: No. I strongly support the first amendment and agree with our founding fathers that there should be a wall of separation between church and state. Students have ample time to pray outside of school. They are also free to say a silent prayer at any time during the school day.

3. Do you support an increase in penalties for violent crimes which are motivated by racial or religious prejudice?

Cloutier: I see so called "hate

crimes" as an ominous reminder that intolerant forces will always be present in our society. Just as we have determined that increased penalties are appropriate for premeditated crimes and for crimes with a deadly weapon, increased penalties for crimes rooted in racial, ethnic and/or sexual preference intolerance should carry a more severe penalty.

Minner: I support full and vigorous prosecution under existing laws — be it assault, criminal trespass, vandalism, or more serious offenses. In many cases, crime victims who are targeted for their race, religion or sexual preference cannot count on local law-enforcement agencies to protect their basic rights.

However, the Supreme Court has made it clear that additional penalties cannot be assessed if the motivation for a crime appears to be bigotry:

"Special hostility toward the particular biases thus singled out is precisely what the First Amendment forbids." *RAV vs. St. Paul, June 1992.*

As the *New Republic* pointed out in its October 12 issue, "When bigots turn violent, they should be punished for what they do, not for what they think."

Sullivan: I am in favor of increased penalties for violent crimes regardless of the motivation. We must remove violent people from our streets and keep them away from society.

4. Do you support the use of public funds to assist low-income women in obtaining legal abortions?

Cloutier: To the extent that funds are available to women on public assistance for other elective medical procedures, so should public funds be available for elective legal abortions. In cases of rape, incest and to protect the life of the mother a woman should have the same options.

Minner: Yes.
Sullivan: No. Although I am strongly pro choice, I don't think it is proper to involve the government in a very personal matter between the woman and her doctor. I believe there are enough concerned citizens, including myself, who would be most willing to help defray the cost of an abortion for a low income woman.

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From Kiev and Moscow to Wilmington

The Boris Genyuk family not easily discouraged

By **ROBERTA BURMAN**

*Russian Resettlement Director
Jewish Family Services*

Boris Genyuk had known for some time that he wanted to leave his native Russia. When local hoods scrawled anti-Semitic graffiti across the windows of his elderly parents' home in Kiev, he knew the time had come to go.

In January 1990 he began the lengthy application process, shuttling back and forth between his home in Moscow and his parents' home in Kiev. Meanwhile, neighborhood children were making a habit of setting fire to the contents of Boris' mailbox. In exasperation, Boris finally turned to the authorities for help.

"There's nothing we can do to help you," he was told. "Who knows? Maybe someone in your family wants to go to Israel." The thinly veiled threat was crystal clear.

Two years and two months later, Boris arrived in Wilmington with his wife, Tatyana, son Leonid, parents Rashel and Leonid, Sr. and high hopes for the future. The two families live in a small apartment building off Woodlawn Avenue in rooms furnished modestly but comfortably with furniture donated through Jewish Family Service.

They joined Boris' sister and brother-in-law, Tatyana and Alexsey

Reznik and their daughter, Yelena, who came to Wilmington via New York several years ago. Rounding out this warm extended family are Abram and Vera Reznik, Alexsey's parents, who have lived in the same apartment building in Wilmington since December of 1991.

Five days after setting foot in America, 14-year-old Leonid found himself walking the unfamiliar corridors of A.I. duPont Junior High School clutching an English-Russian dictionary. "Use this," he would say, passing the book to his new classmates as he groped for the appropriate English word.

That was last March. This September as he entered A.I. duPont High School, he was able to leave the dictionary at home. After several months of intensive help from a TABS volunteer, plus a summer at Camp JCC, he now speaks English confidently and fluently, and is taking math classes well above his grade level.

Boris is grateful.

"I don't want my son to have the problems I had," he says.

At 16, Boris had to leave Kiev because the 10 percent quota for Jews and "other foreign nationals" at the institute was filled. He met with better luck in Moscow, where he



The Genyuk family, left to right, are Leonid, Boris, Rashel and Leonidi. Not pictured is Tatyana.

earned a Master of Science in Electrical Engineering with a concentration in Computer Science. Then reality, Russian-style, once again hit him in the face.

"I couldn't find a job," he says, "because I was a Jew."

Bright, articulate and determined, Boris was undaunted. He found work, and built an impressive career. Now, with 15 years of computer technol-

ogy experience, eight professional awards, and half a dozen published articles under his belt, he once again finds himself in the difficult position of looking for a job.

Scurrying into his bedroom, he returns with a thick stack of opened envelopes. "I've mailed out one hundred copies of my cover letter and resume," he says. "Look at these responses; they are all so nice, they are all so encouraging, but they all

say no."

But Boris Genyuk is not one who is easily discouraged. He is confident that someone will offer him the opportunity to prove himself. And he continues to search.

While he searches, Tatyana studies English. This particular evening she is taking a class at Delaware Technical Community College after having attended basic English classes there during the day.

Tatyana's father-in-law, Leonid Sr., is a 75-year-old veteran of three wars. A handsome gentleman with a twinkle in his eye, he is justifiably proud of the many medals he received while serving his country.

Although septuagenarians do not learn new languages with ease, Leonid and his wife, Rashel, have both enrolled in English classes at Wilmington High School.

A retired physician, Rashel marvels at the people she has met in her new country. "Everyone is so friendly and polite. Perfect strangers want to know what they can do to help us." Leonid emphatically agrees. "Without the caring Jewish Family Service volunteers, it would be more difficult."

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Seventy five Jewish candidates in twenty one states for seats

By JOSEPH POLAKOFF

WASHINGTON (PNR)—Seventy-five Jewish candidates — 24 of them incumbents and 51 challengers — will compete in the elections November 3 for seats in the U.S. House of Representatives for the 103rd Congress that will convene January 5.

Eight candidates, including incumbent Arlen Specter of Pennsylvania, are on the ballots in six states for membership in the Senate. Six of the eight are Democrats.

This national survey portends a record high number of Jewish members in both houses of the new Congress. Another significant factor is the large number of women among the Jewish Democratic candidates for House and Senate while all the Jewish Republican nominees are men.

All of the 435 House seats and 34 of the Senate's 100 of which 24 are held by Democrats, 14 by Republicans are up for election. In the 102nd Congress that adjourned October 9, the Senate comprised 57 Democrats and 43 Republicans. The House consisted of 266 Democrats, 166 Re-

publicans, one Independent (Bernard Sanders of Vermont) and two vacancies caused by the deaths of Democrats Ted Weiss of New York and Walter Jones of North Carolina. Sanders is Jewish as was Weiss.

Record numbers of Jews served in both branches in the 102nd with 33 in the House — 26 Democrats, six Republicans and Sanders — and eight in the Senate — six Democrats and two Republicans, Specter and Warren Rudman of New Hampshire who has decided not to seek a third six-year term. The six Democrats from as many states are incumbents and will be back in January.

Only two Jewish women, California's Barbara Boxer and New York's Nita Lowey, were in the 102nd Congress. Both are Democrats. Competing November 3 for the Senate are three Jewish women, all Democrats — Boxer and former San Francisco Mayor Diane Feinstein in California and Geri Rothman-Sarot in Missouri. Besides Lowey who is seeking a third two-year term, ten Jewish women, nine of them Democrats, and one Independent, are nominees

for the House.

Of the challengers for House seats, 28 are Democrats, 21 Republicans and two are Independents — Helen Abel in California and Jerry Berg in Virginia. While almost a third of the Democrats are women, all of the Republicans are men. The 33 in the House in the 102nd came from 16 states. The current challengers are in 17. There is an overlap of states in which incumbents and challengers are running.

Just over half of the challengers are concentrated in California and New York, the survey shows. Fifteen of the challengers are in California of whom nine are Democrats, five Republicans and one Independent. New York has 11 — eight Democrats and three Republicans. Four challengers are in Ohio, three of them Republicans. New Jersey has two Democrats and one Republican. Of three in Pennsylvania, two are Republicans. Florida and Georgia each has two Democrats. Illinois has two Republicans. Virginia has one Democrat and one Independent. Texas, Massachusetts, Michigan and West Virginia each has one candidate — a Republican. A Democrat is the sole candidate in Vermont, Arizona, Maryland and Wyoming.

Of the nine Representatives who will not return in January is one Republican, four-term John Miller of Washington who retired. Three represent New York — 13-term James Scheuer who retired; nine-term Stephen Solarz who lost in the Democratic primary; and the late Ted Weiss who appeared a sure winner for a

ninth term. Florida's two Jewish Congressmen, Larry Smith and William Lehman, retired. Smith served five terms, and Lehman ten. Michigan Democrat Howard Woloe who served seven terms also retired. In California five-term Barbara Boxer won the Democratic Senate primary

for the six-year seat vacated by retiring Democrat Alan Cranston. Mel Levine, also a five-termer, lost in that primary. Feinstein campaigned for the remaining two years of Republican Pete Wilson's term. He gave up the seat when he was elected governor of California.

Arafat offers to meet Rabin

JERUSALEM (JTA)—Yasir Arafat is ready to meet Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin at any time and any place, according to an Arab Knesset member who met with the Palestine Liberation Organization leader over the weekend in Tunisia.

Knesset member Abd el-Wahab Darawshe of the Arab Democratic Party, who had four separate meetings with Arafat, quoted the PLO chief as saying: "I reach out my hand to Rabin for peace, and hope that he will return my hand. I am willing to meet him in Jerusalem, Cairo or any other place."

But Arafat's gesture got a cold shoulder from Rabin's spokesman, Gad Ben-Ari, who told reporters Sunday there was no intention here of reaching to Arafat's message.

The government, he said, would stick to its policy of avoiding any direct or indirect negotiations with the PLO.

Arafat apparently told Darawshe that he decided to approach Rabin because of the present deadlock in the peace negotiations between the Palestinians and the Israelis. He ex-

pressed confidence that a personal meeting with Rabin would bring about a real breakthrough in the peace process.

Darawshe told reporters that Arafat was making the initiative at the present time because he felt that his standing within the PLO had been strengthened following the recent meeting of the Palestine National Council, where even the rejectionist Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine endorsed his moves.

According to Darawshe, Arafat did not make the same offer when Likud Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir was in office, because he did not believe such a meeting would have led to peace. When Israelis voted Rabin's Labor Party into power last summer, they expressed their desire for peace, said Arafat.

Arafat said that although he had full confidence in the Palestinian negotiating team, he felt that only a summit meeting, of the kind which took place between Egyptian President Anwar Sadat and Prime Minister Menachem Begin, would break the current deadlock.

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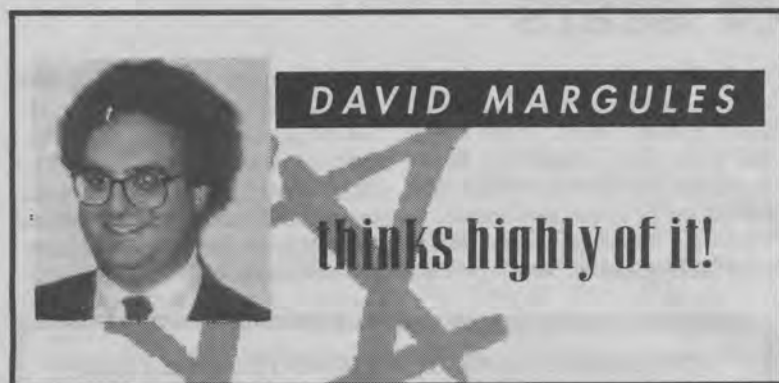
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Possibilities for Pollard's freedom

By JOSEPH POLAKOFF
WASHINGTON — With the three tiers of federal tribunals in Washington — the district court, the circuit court of appeals, and the supreme court — having rejected Jonathan Pollard's request for freedom, the former U.S. Navy civilian analyst of documents has two courses remaining.

One is for the occupant of the White House, whether President Bush or his successor, extending a pardon or commuting his life sentence for having passed numerous papers of military significance to agents of the Israeli Government.

The other is for the district court to grant him parole in 1997 when he is eligible to receive it.

"Technically he could get a parole," said Michael Robinson, a public affairs consultant working with Pollard's attorney, Theodore B. Olson. "But prosecutors have said they would fight tooth and nail to prevent it and that Pollard would never see the light of day."

After the Supreme Court on October 13 denied Pollard's petition for sending the case back to the U.S. District Court here for resentencing, Olson said Pollard is "the victim of a fundamental miscarriage of justice" and "the government's improper conduct led to a vindictive, disproportionate sentence of life in prison."

Noting Pollard has "already spent seven years in prison, most of that time in solitary confinement," Olson added, "however wrong he was, the fact remains that he was trying to save the people of Israel from the missiles of Iraq and Iran and Syria — and his sentence was more severe than those that have been imposed on persons who spied for enemies of the United States during times of war."

"We are not asking the President to commute Jonathan Pollard's sentence to the time he has served," Olson said. "The goal of punishment has been achieved and the time for compassion and fairness is now."

Pollard's sister, Carol Pollard, who is executive director of Citizens for Justice that is seeking his release from federal prison, said that since he had been sentenced "more than five million Americans and millions of Canadians have voiced their support for him. We are gratified that this support is continuing and growing daily and that it includes people of all religious faiths from many countries around the world."

"Our fight is not yet over," Carol Pollard said. "Today, we begin a new phase in our efforts to obtain freedom for my brother. Last June, 3000 supporters attended a rally in New York where Elie Wiesel, Pat Robertson and scores of others said that our family has known all along — Jonathon's punishment does not fit the crime."

She asked supporters to write or call President Bush and their own members of Congress, urging the President commute his sentence to time served.

Grass roots campaign building for Pollard

By LARRY YUDELSON
NEW YORK (JTA) — A grass-roots campaign to have Jonathan Pollard's life jail sentence commuted is building in the Jewish community.

The most recent manifestation of support for the former U.S. Navy analyst who passed secrets to Israel came in a full-page ad in the New York Times, signed by an unusually broad coalition of nearly 600 rabbis, which appeared October 23.

The ad presented an open letter to President Bush on Pollard's behalf.

Campaign insiders say there is little likelihood the president will make a decision on clemency before next week's election.

Democratic presidential candidate Bill Clinton has promised to review Pollard's case if he takes office.

And Pollard supporters note that,

traditionally, defeated presidents use their lame-duck periods to issue commutations and pardons.

Even before the Supreme Court recently turned down Pollard's appeal for a review of his life sentence, his supporters had begun to shift the focus of their campaign from the injustice of his conviction, to the unfairness of his sentence and the harshness of his prison conditions.

The ad was sponsored by Citizens for Justice, a group working for Pollard, and Amcha - Coalition for Jewish Concerns, an organization headed by Rabbi Avi Weiss. It follows a series of resolutions in support of Pollard passed in recent months by numerous local community organizations and several national organizations, including B'nai B'rith and the World Jewish Congress.

The ad called on the president to "recognize that the lifetime sentence imposed upon Jonathan Pollard is unduly harsh and grossly inconsistent with the punishment given to other Americans convicted of similar and even worse crimes."

The co-signers asked the president for commutation of Pollard's sentence to time served — now almost seven years — which they said was consistent with, if not longer than, typical sentences of similar offenses.

Prominent among the signatories were the heads of the rabbinical schools of the Orthodox, Conservative, Reform and Reconstructionist movements, and the executive directors and presidents of their four rabbinical organizations.

Jewish support for Native Americans

By JOSEPH POLAKOFF
WASHINGTON — The Synagogue Council of America which represents congregational and rabbinic organizations of Conservative, Orthodox and Reform Jewry has joined 33 other Indian and other religious and human rights groups to support the Native American (Indian) effort to press for protections for traditional native religions.

The American Jewish Committee, the American Jewish Congress, the National Council of Jewish Women and the Religious Action Center of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations also are among the 24 non-Indian organizations in an historic alliance to defend religious freedom and cultural survival of American Indians.

In its report on its founding, the coalition announced that it will push Congress to strengthen the 1978 American Indian Religious Freedom

Act. The U.S. Supreme Court has ruled that no protection exists to tribal religions under the U.S. Constitution.

The court's decision, the coalition said, has opened the door to "narrow rule-making and federal regulations that restrict Indian access to some of their most sacred land — where ceremonies are held that constitute the spiritual life of the tribal communities. Pressure from developers has led to bulldozers and cranes destroying sites where rituals have been performed for centuries."

"We are fighting for the most fundamental right Indian people hold — the right to practice our religion," said Gaiashkibos, president of the National Congress of American Indians, a national organization representing 151 tribes.

"Creation of this historic coalition marks the birth of one of the most significant human rights and religious liberties movements in our century," said Hilary Shelton, associate program director of the United Methodist Church and chairman of the inter-religious coalition.

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Briefs

Kosher meat fight in Denmark

COPENHAGEN — The Jewish community here is fighting back an assault by an animal rights group on the practice of kosher slaughter. Religious requirements prohibit acquiescence to a demand that animals be stunned before ritual slaughter, or shechitah, as it is called in Hebrew. The demand was put forward by the Danish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. *From Jewish Telegraphic Agency.*

Sonia Peres stable after coronary

TELAVIV — Sonia Peres, wife of Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, was reported Tuesday to be in stable condition at Hadassah-Hebrew University Medical Center in Ein Kerem, Jerusalem, after suffering a heart attack Monday. The foreign minister, who had been in Spain on an official visit, cut short his trip to return to Jerusalem. *From Jewish Telegraphic Agency.*

Brazilian coalition forms against racism

SAO PAULO, Brazil — Jewish groups have joined a newly formed Brazilian coalition to combat anti-Semitism and racism. More than 300 persons this week attended the founding meeting of the Democratic Movement against Nazism and All Forms of Discrimination. They represented 100 human rights and other groups, including representatives of the black and Jewish communities and Brazilian migrants from the northeast. The initiative in establishing the forum came from the Jewish Federation of Sao Paulo and the Order of Attorneys of Brazil, following a series of anti-Semitic and racist incidents. *From Jewish Telegraphic Agency.*

Holocaust revisionist in Georgia

ATLANTA — British Holocaust revisionist David Irving, who was denied entry to Canada earlier this month, has been on the speaking circuit in the United States. Fresh from speaking engagements in California and Oregon, he addressed some 100 people in Smyrna, Georgia, last week. The appearance was sponsored by the Atlanta Committee for Historical Review, a local revisionist group. Contending that he is only pursuing the truth about the Holocaust, the British writer alluded to a worldwide Jewish conspiracy when he said that no gas chambers existed in the Nazi concentration camps. "There's not a single shred of evidence that Hitler ordered the deaths of 6 million Jews at Auschwitz. All the German records about gas chambers are dated after World War II," he claimed. *From Jewish Telegraphic Agency.*

Jews still in Bosnian capitol

JERUSALEM — More and more Jews are coming forward in Sarajevo, and the number of those remaining in the war-torn capital of Bosnia-Herzegovina is now estimated at between 300 and 700. The upward revision in the figure of Jews left in the city was announced by Simcha Dinitz, chairman of the Jewish Agency Executive, who said some in the past had not publicly declared their Jewishness. Forty-one of 75 Jews evacuated from Sarajevo last weekend arrived in Israel on Thursday and were sent to absorption centers in various parts of the country. Evacuees who stayed behind were taken to the Croatian cities of Split and Pirovac, in an operation executed by the Jewish Agency and the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee. The comers who arrived Thursday brought to 600 the number of immigrants who have arrived in Israel from Yugoslavia following the eruption of fighting there last year. Another 200 teen-agers and young adults are enrolled in Youth Aliyah boarding schools. *From Jewish Telegraphic Agency.*

Oregon groups oppose anti-gay measure

PORTLAND — Nearly two dozen Jewish congregations and community organizations across Oregon have joined together to oppose an amendment to the state constitution that would require all governments to discourage homosexuality. Representatives of Jewish groups condemned Measure 9, which is on the ballot on November 3, asserting it would create "a community climate conducive to attacks on minorities of all types." The group pointed out that the Holocaust "began with laws exactly like Measure 9. Those laws first declared groups of people to be sub-human, then legalize and finally mandated discrimination against them." *From Jewish Telegraphic Agency.*

Pope wants to visit Israel

JERUSALEM — Pope John Paul II has accepted an invitation from Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres to visit the Jewish state, but no date has been set. The timing of the visit is linked to progress in the Middle East peace talks, according to reports from Rome. It would be the second visit by a Catholic pontiff since the 1964 journey to Jerusalem of Pope Paul VI. Peres met with the pope at the Vatican for 45 minutes last week, as the two sides prepared to advance negotiations on normalizing relations that were begun three months ago. *From Jewish Telegraphic Agency.*

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Hasidim flock to Crown Heights

NEW YORK (JTA) — Binoculars were the accessory of choice this holiday season in Brooklyn's Crown Heights section.

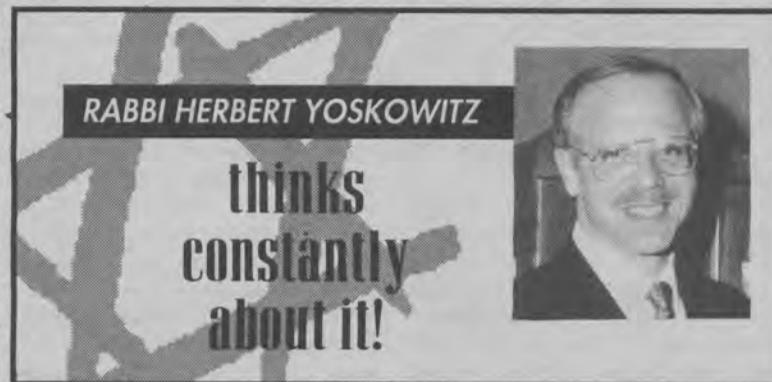
Followers of the Lubaitcher rebbe flocked to the huge central synagogue of the Hasidic movement, at 770 Eastern Parkway, with binoculars slung around their necks so they could get a close-up look at their beloved leader when he came into public view.

They were not disappointed. On Rosh Hashanah, Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson made his first public appearance since he suffered a serious stroke in March, and he spent 90 minutes at a time in public on each of the holy days through

Simchat Torah.

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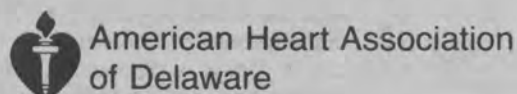
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Israel steps up action in Lebanon

By HUGH ORGEL

TEL AVIV (JTA) — Israel stepped up military action in Lebanon after a Katyusha rocket hit an apartment bloc in northern Israel shortly after dawn Tuesday, killing a sleeping 14-year-old boy and wounding his father, sister and infant nephew.

Israeli planes hit terrorist targets several hours after the attack on the Galilee panhandle town of Kiryat Shmona, in which two other persons sustained slight injuries.

Israeli aircraft flying over Lebanon scored accurate hits against bases of the Islamic fundamentalist Hezbollah and other terrorist groups north of the Israeli-controlled buffer zone, the Israeli army spokesman said.

The air sorties followed a day of intensive Israeli air, artillery and naval bombardment of Hezbollah and other terror bases across a broad front, from the coast in the west to the Har Dov region in the east.

Those attacks were in retaliation for the bombing of an Israeli army convoy by Hezbollah forces in southern Lebanon on Sunday that left five soldiers dead and another five wounded.

There were also reports Tuesday of Israeli tanks and other military equipment streaming north toward the border, raising the possibility of a ground attack. But foreign news agencies quoted Israeli military sources as saying there were no imminent plans to mount such an assault.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin made clear he was determined to "restore quiet" to the area. But he also said Israel would remain engaged in the peace talks in Washington rather than play into the hands of Moslem fundamentalist groups by walking out.

Similar sentiments were expressed in New York by the new Israeli ambassador to the United Nations, Gad

Ya'acobi. In his maiden address to the U.N. General Assembly, Ya'acobi said provocation would not divert Israel from the peace track, though the country would defend its citizens with its "full force and authority."

The rocket attack on Kiryat Shmona was the latest round in a cycle of violence that began last weekend with the killing of five soldiers in southern Lebanon and the shooting death of a soldier in the West Bank town of Hebron.

In Kiryat Shmona, Vadim Shuchman was killed when a rocket slammed into the wall of a second-floor enclosed balcony in which he was sleeping. His sister received treatment for light injuries but stayed at the hospital to help care for her seriously wounded 9-month-old son. The father, too, was seriously hurt.

The family arrived in Israel two years ago from the former Soviet Union.

Continued violence also was reported Tuesday in the administered territories.

In the West Bank town of Jenin, a 40-year-old member of Moshav Ganim, Motti Biton, suffered serious chest and head injuries when he was shot at close range. His wife returned fire with a pistol and sustained slight wounds.

In the Gaza Strip, a member of Moshav Netzer Hazani was struck with an ax in an attack by three Palestinians. He was hospitalized in Beersheba.

Those incidents and other recent terrorist attacks against Jewish civilians in the territories prompted hundreds of angry settlers to stage a rowdy demonstration in Jerusalem on Tuesday evening.

The demonstration, outside the prime minister's official residence, turned violent, with protesters bat-

ting police and eventually being driven back by water cannon. Some two dozen arrests were made.

The government's handling of the security situation also came under criticism in the Knesset. Knesset member Moshe Peled of the right-wing Tsomet party urged the government to call the peace negotiators home from Washington.

Analysis: The price of progress in the peace talks

By GIL SEDAN

JERUSALEM (JTA) — When Israelis and Arabs launched a new peace process in Madrid a year ago, Jerusalem knew all too well there were plenty of minefields along the way, and that extremists would do everything in their power to blow up the talks.

And yet when that prognosis became a deadly reality Sunday, with six Israeli soldiers killed in one day, it hurt almost too much to bear.

Naturally, an Israeli response was forthcoming.

Soldiers in the Hebron area of the West Bank searched through the night for the fundamentalist Hamas terrorists believed responsible for killing



THEOLOGICAL STUDENT STABBED ... JERUSALEM — RNS Photo/Reuters

reserve Sgt. Shmuel Gersh at the Tomb of the Patriarches and wounding another soldier. The army was holding several suspects as a general curfew continued in force Monday.

And in southern Lebanon, Israeli cannons were on Monday pounding Hezbollah targets to the north in retaliation for a terror operation that killed five soldiers and wounded five more, four of them seriously.

Israelis were still digesting these losses when a Jewish farmer was seriously wounded Monday by a firebomb thrown at his car near the West Bank village of Habla.

Politicians and senior army officers made all the expected promises to find and punish the perpetrators. Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin vowed to act "with an iron fist against the violence" although adding that Israel's hand remained outstretched for peace.

These measures could provide little comfort to six bereaved families.

An imbalance is built into the situation. Israeli policy-makers are deter-

mined to pursue the peace process as if there were no escalation in the Intifada. But the Israel Defense Force cannot fight the Intifada as if there were no peace process.

There is much truth to claims by the right-wing opposition that the army's hands are tied in its battle against the Palestinian uprising in the territories.

Only two months ago, Israel freed 800 security prisoners as a gesture of good will toward the Palestinians amid a hopeful start to renewed peace talks.

New settlement building was frozen; a sit-in at A-Najah University in Nablus and a hunger strike by security prisoners ended with unprecedented agreements between the government and the local Palestinian leadership. For a while, the army even thinned out its presence in the territories.

But that was not enough to satisfy the extremists in the territories. In fact, extremists in hard-line groups like the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine and the Democratic Front oppose any degree of normalization, which could mean moving toward an accord on a transitional period of self-government in the territories.

And here, paradoxically, is the meeting point between the interests of the murderers of the soldier in Hebron and those of the Jews in Hebron whom he had guarded. Both want to halt the peace process.

The two attackers in Hebron were identified as members of the Izz a-Din al-Kassam terror cell, allied to the Gaza-based Hamas Moslem fundamentalist group.

Security forces believe the commander of the cell, Bashir Hamad, took part in the attack.

Several hours after the killing, hundreds of Jewish settlers drove from Hebron to Jerusalem to stage an angry demonstration outside the prime minister's residence in Rehavia and at the King David Hotel, where Rabin was entertaining visiting Portuguese Prime Minister Anibal Cavaco Silva.

Police and security guards barely managed to hold back demonstrators from pushing into the hotel. Rabin and his guest had to leave through a back door.

At a time when extremists seem to be dictating the pace of events in the Palestinian street, it now appears a parallel development is taking place in the streets of Jewish settlements in the territories.

Lebanon.

Eliahu Ben-Elissar of Likud and Yossi Sarid of the left-wing Meretz bloc, which is a partner in Rabin's coalition, argued that the shelling achieved scant military effect while provoking terrorists to respond with Katyusha rockets.

Rabin, for his part, said Israel's

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"A vicious circle has developed," Rabin told foreign reporters after the protest at the King David Hotel. "The extremists on the Arab side nourish those on ours, and give them a reason to demonstrate."

Since the beginning of this month, terrorists have struck nine times in Israel, the administered territories and southern Lebanon, killing six soldiers and three civilians, and wounding 19 more, seven of them seriously.

There is no clear answer to the question of why the terrorists are enjoying increasing success. A former senior army officer took a philosophical view: "There are better days and worse days," said reserve Maj. Gen. Ori Orr, chairman of the Knesset



WOMAN MOURNS DEATH OF 100TH VICTIM RNS Photo/Reuters

Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee.

But there is more to it than bad luck. True, the terrorists are trying harder with the goal of blocking progress in the peace talks. But they also have increased capability.

They appear to be in possession of firearms they did not have in the past and are less hesitant in going beyond civilian to military targets. In the Oct. 17 ambush of an Israeli car near the settlement of Matityahu in the Judean Hills, they used a sophisticated tripwire road bomb of a kind often used by terrorists in southern Lebanon.

Right-wing activists this week reiterated demands for a tougher hand against the terrorists. In the wake of Sunday's attacks in Lebanon and Hebron, many demanded Rabin recall the Israeli delegation to the peace talks in Washington.

But Israeli policy-makers know the sad truth: Not much can be done to end Palestinian violence, which is woven into the fabric of a complex web of relationships.



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Inside Israel

Seeking Bridges

By EETTA PRINCE-GIBSON (WZPS) — In July 1991, astonished Israelis watched as more than 14,000 Ethiopian Jews were airlifted in "Operation Solomon" to their new homes in Israel. Tired from their long flight and bewildered by the cultural passage, they were welcomed by veteran Israelis with unprecedented sympathy and kindness. In retrospect, the initial dreams of a speedy and smooth integration into Israeli society seem to have been naive. Not only have bureaucratic mishandlings led to absorption crises, but rifts and conflicts among the Ethiopians themselves have made their transition even more traumatic.

and pass a test on Oral Law (the authoritative interpretation of the written law), which has never been part of the Ethiopian tradition. Explained Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi Avraham Shapiro, "If we want the non-Ethiopian Israeli public and our grandchildren to be able to marry the children and grandchildren of Ethiopian immigrants, then there has to be a marriage procedure recognized by everyone."

The Kessim acknowledge that they do not abide by Oral Law, but demand that their own traditions be fully legitimated. "Many of our Kessim are in their 80's. Should they have to go to school as though they are in

Tazzazo, "For generations, we longed here with joy. For what — to separate ourselves from the rest of the people of Israel?! We want to be one
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Senior "Kessim" (Ethiopian religious leaders) meet with Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin about their religious status in Israel, after a failed meeting with Israel's Chief Rabbis. WZPS photo by Itzhak Harari.

Stereotyped as a quiet and passive community, Ethiopians quickly learned to protest and demonstrate like the best of democrats. They have picketed against temporary housing, inadequate social services, and unsuitable education for their children. But the recent 17-day strike and sit-in of "Kessim" (Ethiopian religious leaders) was different. It commanded the attention of the Israeli press and public, but for the first time was not simply a conflict between the Ethiopians and the establishment but within the Ethiopian community itself.

The Kessim were protesting the Chief Rabbinate's ban on their performing marriages and divorces. (Under Israeli civil law, sole authority over marriage and divorce is granted to the rabbinical courts.) Taking a strident position, initially rejecting all compromise proposals, they agreed finally to suspend their protest while a special committee of Ethiopians, government and Chief Rabbinate officials meet to seek solutions to the dispute. Even this interim suspension was reached only after extensive formal and informal negotiations with Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, Absorption Minister Yair Tsaban, acting Religious Affairs Minister Uzi Baram, Sephardi Chief Rabbi Mordechai Eliahu, Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi Avraham Shapiro, and numerous others.

Ostensibly, the strike was over Jewish tradition and law. The Chief Rabbinate recognizes the Ethiopian immigrants as Jews, but refuses to allow the Kessim to officiate at marriages or divorces unless they study

kindergarten?!" demanded protestor Kes Berhane.

Some veteran Israelis viewed the strike as further evidence of the establishment's insensitivity to Ethiopian immigrants. Others saw it as a struggle for religious pluralism. But many of those more involved with the Ethiopian community, Ministry of Absorption officials, and Ethiopians themselves, regard the strike as a sign of a fundamental rift within the Ethiopian community — a rift which could even widen.

Most of the protestors were elderly men who had been religious leaders in Ethiopia and whose struggle generated little support among young Ethiopians. And callers to an Israel Radio talk-show in Amharic overwhelmingly expressed disapproval of the strike and its goals.

"The Kessim are presenting this as though the Israeli establishment was forcing Israeli culture onto the Ethiopians, forcing them to reject their traditions," explains Dr. Chaim Rosen, an anthropologist who has worked extensively with and studied the Ethiopian community on behalf of the Hadassah Women's Zionist Organization. "But the young Ethiopians seek bridges between the traditional and more modern ways. Young Ethiopians are not having Israeli culture forced upon them — they are lapping it up thirstily and willingly."

Younger Ethiopians fear that if they do not make accommodations to mainstream Jewish law, then the Ethiopians will become a separate community. Stated Kess Avraham

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Amos Oz — At home in the Negev

By JOSEPH COHEN

In recent years the gifted Israeli novelist Amos Oz has come to the United States each November for a three week whirlwind lecture tour. In 1991, he did 20 talks in 21 days, crossing and recrossing the continent. His stamina and composure are as astonishing as his luck has been with the airlines' on time arrival. This November he's back again, enhancing American Jewish audiences with his sparkling, incisive commentaries on contemporary Israeli life, literature, and politics.

During his two past visits to New Orleans, he and I became good friends — how many he must have, everywhere! — and on both of those occasions, he insisted in his genuinely warm and engaging manner that my wife Ruth and I visit him and his family at his home in Arad in the Negev Desert. We had to come, he said, and he meant it. The same day he got my letter in November 1991 telling him he would be in Israel in December, he telephoned to set a date for our get together.

At our earlier meetings he had told us about his life and family and the great joy he has in living in Arad, a still new town — started in 1941, current population 14,000 — built on a mountain top, with the Dead Sea in view not far below and behind

it the Edom Mountains of Jordan. It was, he said, a place with a lure and a pull like no other place in which he had ever lived. It was not only a matter of the past — Abraham had walked its hills, Masada was hardly a stone's throw away — it was equally a matter of the future, for the people of Arad with their upbeat vitality and their vision have set out to prove Ben Gurion right when he predicted years ago that Israel's destiny would be realized in the Negev Desert.

Ruth and I left the Windmill Hotel in Jerusalem early Sunday morning on December 22, 1991, and headed for the bus station. It was a wonderful day, the temperature was in the sixties, with a bright sun shining. There, we boarded a bus for Be'er Sheva, where we stopped long enough to buy an armful of flowers. Then we caught a "combey" to Arad.

By 10:30 a.m. we were knocking on Amos Oz's door. He greeted us warmly, got the coffee going, and took us into his study. What a joy, I thought, to be with him in his home, and how rare a treat, like family coming together after a long parting. Amos's wife Nili was at work and would join us at lunch.

She had established Arad's historical and cultural archives and continues to develop them, gathering memoirs, taping reminiscences by the town's first settlers, and obtaining documents relating to the city and its growth. Additionally, she is heavily engaged in helping settle the large influx into the city of Russian and Ethiopian Olim. Amos beams as he tells us about her.

We fell into a torrent of talk, with ideas, observations and verbal gems swirling around so rapidly it was impossible to pluck all of them out of the air and tuck them into our memory. Here are a couple of representative items:

The Olim: In Arad over one thousand prefabricated homes have been built for the Russian Jews, with more arrivals expected. The city has all but been overwhelmed by the influx, but it is proud of its capacity for absorbing all newcomers. The second most frequently heard language these days is not Russian, it's Hebrew. The most comfortable of the Olim are the old people, all of whom are pensioners of the government. They get enough support to pay for an apartment and their upkeep, which is more than they got in the Soviet Union. The least comfortable are the people in the 40 to 60 age group, most of whom are intellectuals, many of them academics, for there are no jobs for them. Among the Russian Olim who have made Aliyah to Israel there are 3,000 former KGB agents and 15,000 Marxists and Leninists. Someone has suggested that the KGB agents be put to work watching the Marxists/Leninists.

Three hundred Ethiopian families have been processed through the absorption center in Arad. Amos drove us by the center where we saw newly arrived Ethiopians Jews still in native dress. So great is the transition from their ancient rural life to their new urban one that the week before

in Arad, a group of new arrivals stood on the street corner and applauded everytime the traffic light changed.

Scarcity of Water: Arad's water supply comes from the desalination plant at the Dead Sea. It's a costly operation, so water usage is strictly regulated. If Amos and Nili and their one child still at home, a 12 year old son, were to exceed their allotment, the municipal penalty is so stiff, Amos said, "that it would be cheaper to water the garden with Scotch whiskey." (Scotch, we found out, is not cheap either. A fifth of J&B retails for 75 shekels, or about \$37.50).

There is a lovely little garden behind the house, and Arad itself is pleasantly green. The desert, despite the fact that it sustains an amazing variety of flora and fauna, cannot be cultivated in any usual gardening sense because of its salinity and acidity. Consequently, everywhere in Arad there is a ten-inch layer of imported topsoil for gardening and landscaping.

A little past noon Amos took us on a tour of the city. In the city center, we stopped in the cultural building for a showing of its film on the Negev. Then we toured the library which has far more books than the city has inhabitants. In one prominent corner there is a large display of Amos's books in most of the 30 languages in to which they have been translated.

Everywhere we went there were many warm exchanges between Amos and people who came up to greet him. The townspeople do not stand in awe of him but it's very clear that they adore him and share proudly in his fame.

Returning home, we found Nili putting lunch on the table. Amos pitched in to help. Their son bounded in from school, and giving us only scant notice, he bounded out again with a friend. Nili had prepared a wonderful couscous, easily the best meal we had during our entire stay in Israel.

The talking continued unabated: they told us about hearing SCUD missiles going by overhead when Saddam Hussein, during the Gulf War, tried to knock out the nuclear works at nearby Dimona; and we heard about their trip to Egypt the previous week, and how satisfying it had been. The only earlier "visit" Amos had made was in driving a tank into the enemy territory during the Six Day War.

After lunch, Amos signed and gave us copies of his newest novel in Hebrew, *The Third Condition*. Reluctantly we then said goodbye, and he left to keep a dentist's appointment. During coffee, Nili gave us some invaluable contacts for our upcoming trip to Egypt. Then she drove us to a taxi stand and we started back to Jerusalem. It had been a most memorable day.

Amos Oz was certainly right about the lure and the pull of Arad. All our tomorrows could be spent there if we had half the chance!

Joseph Cohen's most recent book is *Voices Of Israel: Essays On And Interviews With Yehuda Amichai, A.B. Yohoshua, T. Carmi, Aharon Appelfeld and Amos Oz.*

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The film tells the stories of the 761st Tank Battalion also known as the "Black Panthers," who spearheaded General George S. Patton's charge across Europe, and of their fellow African-American soldiers, the 183rd Combat Engineer Corps.

This group helped liberate the concentration camps of Buchenwald, Dachau and Lambach.

The film, narrated by actor Denzel Washington and featuring readings of diary excerpts by actor Louis Gossett, Jr., is produced by William Miles and Nina Rosenblum.

Liberators - Fighting On Two Fronts In World War II begins in the days before America's involve-

ment in World War II, when African-Americans were able to have only minor roles in the military. These soldiers could serve as mess attendants, cooks, orderlies or stevedores, but there were no black marines, airmen, or sailors in combat units,

you had to ride in the back of the bus," says 761st member Johnny Stevens in the film. "If you wanted to eat, you had to eat in a black restaurant. We wore the same uniform. We were there for the same reasons, but we couldn't do the same things."

E.G. McConnell recalls fighting under General Patton at the Battle of the Bulge and notes, "These are the parts they really omitted from that movie Patton. We were so very, very much involved in the Battle of the Bulge, yet no mention has ever been made of it — about the black tankers — the Black Panther Battalion — the true Black Panthers."

But perhaps the 761st's greatest contribution came with the liberation of concentration camps in Buchenwald, Dachau, and Lambach. In the film, the men of the 761st and other units recall their impressions and their shock at the sight that awaited them behind the concentration camp gates.

"I walked to the back of the building where [this doctor] had put people in to give them showers and gas them," says Preston McNeil of the 761st. "And I just cried and cried. I said 'I can't believe what I see.' No one in my life span can tell me that it's propaganda, because I really saw it."

"I now knew that human suffering could touch all of us," recalls Dr. Leon Bass of the 183rd Combat

Engineers. "I'm talking about racism, racism that would cause one group of people for some superficial reason to say that they are superior, that they were better than others, and therefore when they become so powerful they can dictate terms of life and death for other people. I saw that as Buchenwald. That was evil, that was racism."

"When you came, you gave the gift of life to 20,000 inmates," survivor Benjamin Bender tells two of his liberators in the film. "Not only that, by saving the remnants, you saved future generations. Because from these sparks, from these embers, a new generation came — doctors, sculptors, writers, from all walks of life. So your part is not only by giving the people liberation. But you planted seeds for the future. And this is your biggest contribution, not only saving the lives. My children and grandchildren are grateful to you for their lives."

In April 1978, 33 years after the war, the 761st Battalion received the Presidential Unit Citation for their extraordinary heroism — the highest award any unit can attain.



Concentration camp survivor Benjamin Bender (center) recalls the day American troops freed him and his fellow inmates from Buchenwald with two of his liberators, E.G. McConnell (left) and Leonard "Smitty" Smith (right), in *Liberators - Fighting On Two Fronts In World War II*.

and no black workers in the war industries.

President Franklin Roosevelt, responding to pressure from African-American leaders and the black press, and to the urging of his wife, Eleanor, lifted the long-standing quotas and allowed African-Americans to be admitted to all branches of the military and to be eligible for officer training. Twelve months after the attack on Pearl Harbor, half a million black men had been inducted into the still segregated armed services. Many of these northern soldiers, sent to basic training camps in the South, had their first real taste of open segregation and racism.

"If you were a soldier, and you were in uniform, if you went to town,

The 761st Tank Battalion, one of the few "model" black combat units the Army formed, was created initially for public relations value. The battalion sat in the U.S. until America's army sustained heavy losses at Omaha Beach in June 1944 and the military grew desperate for tankers.

The men of the 761st Tank Battalion recall the fetid conditions of the ship that took them to England, their first impressions of the wreckage at Omaha Beach, and their meeting with General Patton. Assigned at last to battle, they spearheaded Patton's Third Army during the Battle of the Bulge, the relief of Bastogne, and the subsequent armored thrust into the Rhine plain.

NOTES

The Lower East Side Tenement Museum continues to offer a walking Jewish Heritage tour of the Lower East Side.

The Lower East Side Tenement Museum is the nation's only living history museum devoted to promoting tolerance and presenting the variety of urban, immigrant experience. The Museum presents a number of programs including walking tours, dramas, lectures and workshops, on a regular basis. Located at 97 Orchard Street (between Delancey and Broome Streets), Museum hours are Tuesday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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Teibele and Her Demon, an adaptation of a story by Isaac Bashevis Singer, will be presented November 3 to November 22 in the Walnut Street Theater's Studio 5, Ninth and Walnut Streets, Philadelphia by Theatre Ariel.

The theater is seeking short plays by area writers for inclusion in "10 By 10: Reflections of 20th-Century Jewish Life." The scripts must not exceed 10 minutes, must not have been cut from a larger work and must be unproduced. Submission deadline is November 1. Information: 215-735-9481.

Hurricane relief

In response to the extensive Hurricane Andrew damage incurred by Jewish institutions throughout South Florida, the Council of Jewish Federations has launched a \$2 million national relief effort to be facilitated by local Jewish Federations. Local contributions may be made by sending a check to the Jewish Federation of Delaware which will be added to this national relief effort.

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Arts and Entertainment

Words and Music

By STEVE COHEN

Steve & Eydie returned to Valley Forge Music Fair a week ago, and got standing ovations. Isn't it interesting that they are such legends that you know who I mean, without using their last names?

The most noteworthy news is that their show was thoroughly entertaining to me and also to my thirty-something companion. They sang, they joked around, they danced a little, and they were romantic. They had us alternately smiling and misty-eyed throughout.

"We sing oldies-but-goodies," they told us, "and that's what we are!" But Steve & Eydie aren't old. The fact is that when they sing songs made popular by Goodman and Dorsey and Miller they are singing music from their parents' generation. Glenn Miller died and the big band era came to its close, after all, when Steve was in third grade.

I was a college student in the 1950's, working a summer job as record librarian at radio station WIP, when a man from King Records brought us something new... the first recording by the teenage son of a Brooklyn cantor. The promo man said the kid's name was Sammy Liebowitz, but the label said Steve Lawrence.

That 78 rpm record of "Never Leave Me" and "Poinciana" was excellent. We played it and so did other stations, and that helped bring Steve to the attention of Steve Allen who hired him for the new "Tonight Show" on NBC television. Working on that show, Lawrence met the "girl singer" of the program, Eydie Gorme, and started dating her.

Eydie is three years older than Steve. She is the daughter of a Sephardic Jewish couple from the Bronx by way of Turkey and Italy. She was a really cute young woman when I first saw her, when she visited

Steve Cohen, a journalist and a former broadcaster for National Public Radio, is a freelance writer for *The Jewish Voice*. He resides in King of Prussia.

the record library at WPEN, and it was easy to see why Lawrence was attracted to her.

They had solo record hits in the 1960's, and Emmy-award winning TV shows in the 1970's. Since then they've been playing Vegas, nightclubs and theaters, and touring the world with Frank Sinatra.

Their song material is not too different from that of the younger Harry Connick and Michael Feinstein: ballads of the 1930's and 40's. The difference is that Steve & Eydie's approach is much more dramatic and big-voiced.

Lawrence, in particular, revels in long-held, dramatic high notes. He is singing better than ever. Gorme no longer has the extreme high range, but retains her warm tone and styling. Highlights of the evening included Lawrence's "More Than You Know" a duet medley of Spanish-language songs such as "Besame Mucho" and "Amor," and a medley of dance band favorites from the 1940's.

Lawrence made a humorous reference to people who are so old that cream of what is too spicy for them. I think that many (but not all) in the audience were in that category. If you are under 40 it's easy to be flip and hip and try to ignore such long-running acts as theirs. But you'd be making a mistake. The younger members of this audience enjoyed themselves as much as the older. These songs are American classics. So are Steve & Eydie.

The Metropolitan Opera had a success d'estime this fall with Verdi's "Falstaff." Music connoisseurs in New York said it was an event not to be missed, and I caught it in its final performance two weeks ago.

This piece was composed by the 79-year-old Verdi to sum up his career, his philosophy of life and his admiration for William Shakespeare. It is rarely performed because it requires such precision, such vocal and

orchestral skill.

Superstars Marilyn Horne and Mirella Freni and conductor James Levine were the headliners in this revival, and they were fine. But the biggest success was scored by bass Paul Plishka in the title role.

Plishka has been singing primary and secondary dramatic roles for years. He comes from Honesdale, Pennsylvania, and his brother lives in Peach Bottom. He has fond memories of the Wilmington Opera House. Now he has found his most memorable part.

Though the opera is a comedy, Plishka told me that he does not think of the character as a comic. "He is a sympathetic, sad dramatic character," he said. "Look at his background in Shakespeare's Henry IV. He was a soldier, a knight, a confidant of the crown prince. Now he has fallen on hard times. He's grown fat and he drinks and the women he desires laugh at him. But he still has noble qualities."

I find Falstaff's most endearing quality to be his desire for new adventures, despite the difficulties at his stage of life.

The end of this opera is touching: after Falstaff has been the victim of practical jokes, he gets all the players to agree that the whole world is a comedy and we should all be able to laugh at it. In this Zeffirelli production, the cast comes to the footlights and sings directly to the audience, "Tutto nel mondo e burla," to a happy final fugue.

When Aaron Copland was 78 years old, I was lucky enough to have dinner with him. I impudently asked why he wasn't composing anything new. He said that he was too old. He said that inspiration leaves you when you get that old. I said that Verdi was even older when he composed "Falstaff."

He looked upward, reverently, and said softly to me, "Ah, but I'm only Copland; that was VERDI."

Gratz to commemorate Sephardic Quincentennial

The opening of a major exhibit, "From Salonika to Curacao: A Sephardic Odyssey," a recital of Sephardic music by renowned tenor Alberto Mizrahi, and a lecture on the history of Greek Jewry will mark Gratz College's commemoration of the Quincentennial of the expulsion of the Jews from Spain.

The events will take place on Sunday, November 22, beginning at 3 p.m., at the Independence Mall building of the National Museum of American Jewish History and Congregation Mikveh Israel, which are cooperating in this event. The public is invited to attend the program and reception to follow at no charge.

The events will open at 3 p.m. with a lecture on "500 Years of Sephardic Settlement in Greece," where only some 18,000 Jews out of 85,000 survived the Holocaust. The lecture will be given by Prof. Yitzhak Kerem, an American-born scholar on the

faculties of Aristotle University in Salonika (where he earned his Ph.D.), and the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

The lecture will be followed by a recital of the music of Greek Sephardic Jewry presented by world renowned operatic tenor and cantor Alberto Mizrahi, himself born in Athens of Sephardic parentage. Mizrahi has performed to acclaim throughout North America, Israel, Europe and Australia. He is currently hazzan of the Anshe Emet Synagogue in Chicago.

The recital will be followed by the opening of the exhibit entitled, "From Salonika to Curacao: A Sephardic Odyssey," and a cocktail reception. The exhibit includes documents, photographs, religious objects, costumes, etc., drawn from museums, archives and private collections from across the United States and abroad. It was curated by Meri Adelman.



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Face to face with JFD

The power of "Thinking Jewish"

By SHARON H. SILVERMAN

Special to the Jewish Voice

The Jewish Federation of Delaware (JFD) has chosen "Think Jewish...and imagine what more we can accomplish!" as its 1993 campaign theme. Seth Bloom, Acting Executive Director of the JFD, explores the meaning of this focus.

"Thinking Jewish forces us to challenge ourselves," explains Bloom. "There are Jewish ways of looking at things and thinking about things. I try to incorporate into my personal and professional life *klal Yisrael zeh le zeh* — the philosophy that every Jew is responsible for another.



Seth Bloom Rabbi Yoskowitz

"Judaism shouldn't be a pocket," he adds. "We should think Jewish with our heads, feel Jewish in our hearts and perform Jewish actions, including community support and tzedakah."

Bloom also encourages our community to take strength from our successes even as we strive for greater accomplishments. "Our local institutions and synagogues, the existence of Israel are things we should be proud of."

There may be as many interpretations of "Think Jewish" as there are Jews. Rabbi Herbert Yoskowitz, Chairman of the Rabbinical Association of Delaware and Rabbi of Congregation Beth Shalom in Wilmington, offers a historical perspective on the topic.

"In rabbinic thought, thinking Jewish comes from acting Jewish," Yoskowitz explains. "Acting Jewish specifically relates to the areas of studying Torah and Torah derivative texts, engaging in Jewish prayer on a regular basis and in doing deeds that benefit one's fellow man [*Ethics of the Fathers*]."

"The Rabbis further state *lo hamach shava ha'ikar elah ha'maaseh* — the deed is of the essence, not the thought," he adds. "The rabbis indicate that the deed leads to a particular way of thinking, but a particular way of thinking may not lead to the deed."

"Therefore, to think Jewish one has first to do Jewish acts. It is hoped that once these Jewish acts are engaged in seriously they will be of great benefit to the community, to support the efforts of noble Jewish institutions," such as Delaware synagogues and our 1993 COMMUNITY Campaign.

For Steven Dombchick, President of the JFD, thinking Jewish means that we are connected to each other. "Historically there's a responsibility factor," Dombchick says. "We take care of our own. We have communal organizations that are important to

us. We are a giving people."

Dombchick feels that in today's affluent American environment we need to get back to our roots and be reminded of what is important to us.

"The people of our community must understand that they have it within themselves either to contribute to or take away from the Jewish fabric of our local society and the larger picture overseas," says Dombchick. "If we don't raise funds to support our institutions they will disappear, and in my opinion we will disappear along with them."

Nathan Blumenfeld, a 9-year-old student at Albert Einstein Academy, is just beginning to explore what it means to "think Jewish." He likes having no school on Jewish holidays, but admits that "Judaica and Hebrew are my hardest subjects." Blumenfeld would like to know more about how the tzedakah he contributes is used to help others.

10th-grader Pam Weisberg has an older student's perspective on the topic. Weisberg, who attends Gratz three times a week, has found some answers through her studies.

"We learn about Israel, Zionism, holocaust, a lot of Bible classes and Hebrew," she says. "Some classes are about Judaism and how it affects your life, classes about Jewish-American teenagers, about Judaism and choices." Weisberg has faced some of these choices herself, learning how to juggle Gratz classes with marching band practice and other activities. "Sometimes it does pose a problem," she says, "but I just try to balance it out."

Weisberg adds, "Thinking Jewish is realizing that you're Jewish, observing the holidays and being involved in the Jewish community, and enjoying being Jewish. It's doing what you can to help Judaism and keep Judaism alive."

Toni Young, Co-Chairperson of the Campaign Leadership Gifts Division and Vice-President of the JFD

sees "Think Jewish" on two levels.

"First, it automatically brings out the best in me, doing things in a Jewish way which I think of as an ethical and moral way," says Young.

"Second, it makes me think of Jews around the world. When I think Jewish I think of Jews nationally, in Israel and Europe as an extended family."



Steve Dombchick Nathan Blumenfeld

Young has been very involved in the JFD's vision process and would like to see those goals fulfilled. She says, "In order to do that we need more resources: financial and people, people who are excited about all the things we are able to accomplish."



Pam Weisberg Toni Young

David Margules, 1992 Campaign Co-chairperson and Treasurer of the JFD has always felt that the campaign is a terrific educational tool as well as a fund-raising device. "This year's theme communicates that the obligation of each individual to build a Jewish community doesn't begin and end with a financial contribution," says Margules. "It's something deeper: creating atmosphere, institutions that preserve and develop a Jewish way of life for people through-

out our community.

"Giving money doesn't have great significance if the individuals giving do not also learn more about who they are, do not educate their children, do not participate in Jewish life through institutions like the Jewish Community Center (JCC) and do not explore the religious aspects of their Jewishness. It's a mindset, not just a financial campaign."

Mark Caplan, President of the JCC, says the Center's way of thinking Jewish begins with an environment that exudes Jewish heritage and culture. "Cosmetically, that includes things like our Judaica collection, art, Jewish music playing throughout the building, celebrating Shabbat and holidays in a public way in the building," Caplan explains.

"It's central to our mission to provide Judaica programs and services

year-round to all segments of the community from pre-school children to the oldest seniors, to singles and to families," he adds. "To do so we need ongoing support."



David Margules Mark Caplan

Whatever your interpretation of "Think Jewish" may be, you'll have a chance to celebrate it during JFD Campaign Week. A full calendar of events is scheduled for January 31 through February 7, 1993.

Around the agencies



Craig S. Lewis, First Vice President of MBNA America Bank N.A., presents Donald F. Parsons, Jr., President of the Milton & Hattie Kutz Home, with a check for \$50,000. This money will be used to assist the Home in its long range planning program.



The first grade art class at Albert Einstein Academy, Wilmington, takes a break from making Sukkah decorations to pose with their art teacher Shoshana Hershkowitz. From left to right are Julie Sternberg, Daniel Saher, Jeffrey Lange, Ben Zussman, Sarah Kurin, Jessie Neipris, Ben Warheit, Russell Katz, Joshua Swinger and Alan Plotzger.

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Synagogue Events

Synagogues and federations: Time to pool resources and energies?

By RABBI

ALEXANDER M. SCHINDLER

Jewish federations across the United States and Canada, whose leaders will be meeting at their annual General Assembly this month in New York, have a great opportunity to infuse American Jews with a renewed sense of Jewish identity and community.

The way to do so is by joining hands with their local synagogues — Conservative, Orthodox, Reconstructionist and Reform — in a new and revolutionary relationship, pooling

Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler is president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, central body of Reform Judaism in the United States and Canada.

their resources and energies to provide every Jewish family and child with the possibility of leading a full, rich Jewish life.

The new realities of American Jewish life underscore the need for building bridges of mutual support between the federation and the synagogue.

These new realities are reflected in the Council of Jewish Federations' own 1990 National Jewish Population study, which reveals how much more deeply committed to Jewish life are synagogue-affiliated Jews than those who belong to no congregation. Their attachment to Israel is more intense, their attitude toward intermarriage more wholesome from a communal perspective, their Jewish feelings more impassioned.

Jews who belong to synagogues

also are far more likely to assume the mantle of Jewish communal leadership. A recent American Jewish Committee-sponsored study established that most Jewish community activists are synagogue-affiliated: they attend worship with a measure of regularity, their children are involved in Jewish youth groups and summer camps, and a goodly number attend day schools — all to a greater degree than the national average of all Jews. Let there be no doubt about it — it is the synagogue-affiliated Jews who consistently emerge as the guardians of the Jewish future.

This should not be surprising. After all, the synagogue is the heartland of Judaism. Who is responsible for teaching our children to be Jews? Who will assure that there will be a Jewishly-educated, Jewishly-identified generation 20 years from now? Who will provide the rabbis and teachers and scholars for that generation? Who will assure those many other communal and national Jewish organizations a reservoir of Jews on which they will be able to draw for their membership and leadership a score years hence?

And who will provide the State of Israel with a continuing corps of understanding and supportive Jews in North America?

The answer in every case is: the synagogue. All other Jewish institutions mobilize and utilize Jews in behalf of the community; only the synagogue produces Jews, only the synagogue is where Jews are made, where the individual soul and the

community are joined.

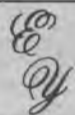
If federations seek to assure Jewish continuity, therefore, they can do so best by entering into partnership with their local synagogues based on a shared vision and a disciplined determination to reach the common goal. The concept of partnership also calls for shared governance — both for planning and implementation — and shared financial responsibility.

Under this collaboration, federations would offer scholarships for synagogue-sponsored summer camps, Israel trips, Outreach programs, nursery school education, family education. By the same token, synagogues must assume their fair share of the cost of these projects; they must be accountable for the expenditure of funds and for the quality of the programs these funds sustain. Under the partnership principle, standards of service would be established jointly, with full respect for the integrity of each of the religious streams.

These and other aspects of federation-synagogue cooperation should be high on the agenda of leaders who stand in both worlds. One who understands and advocates the need for federation-synagogue partnerships is Barry Shrage, president of the Combined Jewish Appeal of Boston. He has called for a new "communal covenant" that would create closer ties and funding relationships between local federations and local congregations.

I am confident that there are many others who agree that the time has come for the federation community and the synagogue community to jointly undertake a great mobilization aimed at saving and securing the Jewish future on our continent.

Their creative and diligent efforts, I am confident, will bring to new heights our 3,000-year old identity as a religious-national culture, united in our commitment to the land of Israel, the people Israel and the Torah of Israel — united in our dreams, our fate, our faith.



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Waldoks completed his doctorate in Eastern European Jewish intellectual history at Brandeis University where he now is on the faculty. He has served on the faculties of Clark University, Wellesley College, the College of the Holy Cross, Boston Hebrew College and the Pardes Institute in Jerusalem. Moshe Waldoks was Hillel director at Tufts University.

Many know his work *The Big Book*

of *Jewish Humor* which he co-edited with William Novak (now in its 12th printing) and *The Big Book of New American Humor*, published in 1990.

Dr. Waldoks' presentations are open to the community. Friday at 8 p.m. he will speak on "The Roots of Jewish Humor" at Shabbat services; at 9 a.m. on Saturday, December 5 he will lead "Chai-Chi: A Jewish Spirituality Workshop" in the Rosenberg Auditorium; and at the Brotherhood breakfast on Sunday morning his topic will be "When You Wish Upon a Jewish Star...What Can Jews Believe in at the End of the 20th Century?"

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Announcements/Events

JCC celebrates Book Month

In celebration of Jewish Book Month, November 20 - December 20 (25 Heshran to 25 Kislev), the Wilmington Jewish Community Center has planned many activities and programs for the entire community, according to Steve Medwin, 1992 Jewish Book Month Program Chairperson for the JCC.

Jewish Book Month, has become a widely observed date on the calendar of North American Jewry, with Jewish Community Centers, synagogues, Jewish schools, libraries, organizations and entire Jewish communities sponsoring Jewish Book Fairs and other special book programs.

The history of Jewish Book Month dates back to 1925 when Fanny Goldstein, a Boston librarian, set-up a Judaica exhibit to mark the first Jewish Book Week. The idea later gained national acceptance and popularity. By 1943, when the Jewish Book Council was formally organized, the week-long event had been expanded into Jewish Book Month.

The sale of Jewish books, tapes and gift items will be held in the JCC Lobby during Jewish Book Month beginning on November 15 and concluding at the JCC's Chanukah Choopla Gift and Craft Bazaar on December 13.

An art exhibit of Betsy Platkin Teutsch's work will be on display in the gallery from November 15 through December 3. Teutsch is a nationally known American Jewish artist and calligrapher and has received national recognition for her custom designed Ketubot (marriage contracts). She is a designer of Jewish ritual objects and an illustrator of numerous publications, including Michael Strassfeld's, "The Jewish Holidays" and "Had Gad ya - One Little Goat." Many of her works will be available for purchase.

The works of Mordechai Rosenstein will be on display in the gallery from December 7 through January 8, 1993. A unique figure in art world, Rosenstein creates limited edition silk screen prints of award-winning, original pieces, reflecting the rich and ancient traditions of Judaism. Many works will be available for purchase.

The first Book Month program, "The Tree, The Lion, and the Rose: Ancient Symbols with Modern Meanings," will be held on Sunday, November 22 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and will be facilitated by Betsy Platkin Teutsch.

This presentation will study the process that Jews have traditionally used and continue to use in interpreting symbols. Material for the presentation comes from the Teutsch's recently published book, "The Encyclopedia of Jewish Symbols." The book draws on Jewish sources, folklore, anthropology and art history.

A light brunch will follow the presentation. The costs for the program are \$1 discount for advance sales; \$3 for members; \$4.50 for non-members and \$1 discount for seniors and students. Ms. Teutsch will be available from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. to sign her book and answer questions about her art work on display at the Art Gallery.

In addition to the presentation and brunch, a workshop hosted by Betsy Platkin Teutsch, designed for Jewish parents and children entitled, "Jewish Families: Heirs to a Rich Tradition," will be held on Sunday, November 22 from 1:30 to 3 p.m. Each family is asked to bring their oldest Jewish object and be prepared to share the family stories that the object "tells," exploring the role of family as the most important transmitter of Jewish culture.

Ice cream sundaes will be served following the workshop. The costs are \$1 discount for advance sales, \$4 for member families; \$6 for non-member families and \$1 discount for seniors and students.

"Years of Dreams: A Novelist's Perception of Women in a Changing World" with featured presenter, Gloria Goldreich, will be held on Monday, November 30, from 7:30 to 10:00 p.m. (Please note change of date).

"Years of Dreams" is a moving story of four women who develop a deep friendship over twenty years, during which time they are each challenged personally and professionally and, when a shocking secret is revealed, their loyalty to each other is tested.

While still an undergraduate student at Brandeis College, Goldreich won the Seventeen magazine short story contest and her first published work appeared in that magazine. Since then, her short stories and critical essays have appeared in the Commentary, Midstream Moment, Hadassah magazine, Congress Monthly, McCalls, Redbook, Made-moiselle, Ms., and numerous other magazines.

She has written a series of books on women in the professions entitled, "What Can She Be?" and two novels for young adults, "Season of Discovery" and "Lori." She is also the editor of a prize-winning anthology, "A Treasury of Jewish Literature."

Goldreich's novel, "Leah's Journey," won the National Book Award for fiction in 1979. "Four Days," her second novel, won the Federation of Arts and Letters award in 1981. She is the author of "This Promised Land" and "This Burning Harvest." Her sequel to "Leah's Journey," entitled, "Leah's Children," was published in 1985. Her novel, "West to Eden" deals with the Jewish experience in the American Southwest. "Mothers," published in 1989, is a powerful story about surrogate motherhood.

Gloria Goldreich will be available to sign her book after the presentation. Refreshments will also be served. The costs are \$1 discount for advanced sales; \$5 for members; \$7.50 for non-members and \$1 discount for seniors and students. This program is being co-sponsored by the Jewish Women's Coalition of Delaware.

"Jews by Choice: Issues of Identity and Acceptance," presented by Lisa Hostein, will be held on Thursday, December 10 at 7:30 p.m.

Lisa Hostein, news editor for the Jewish Exponent, has reported ex-

tensively on contemporary Jewish affairs. She has received several awards for Jewish journalism and recently received a Philadelphia Press Association Award. Hostein is the co-author of the book, "Your People, My People: Finding Acceptance and Fulfillment as a Jew By Choice."

Ms. Hostein will be available to sign her book after the presentation. Refreshments will also be served. The costs are \$1 discount for advance sales; \$3 for members; \$4.50 for non-members and \$1 discount for seniors and students. This program is being co-sponsored by Hadassah's Journey Through Jewish Living.

Jewish Book Month events have been partially supported by contributions from the Harry Bluestone Fund, Adult Institute of Jewish Studies, Mark and Rona Caplan and Milton and Dorothy Caplan.

For additional information on Book Month programs or activities, contact Sharon Richman, JCC Program Director at 478-5660. Registration for the above programs can be made at the JCC Front Desk.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

November 1992

- 1 10:00 a.m. Hadassah Region Board Meeting
- 5:00 p.m. Beth Shalom Family Dinner & Program
- 2 7:30 p.m. Hadassah/Wilmington Paid Up Membership Meeting
- 7:30 p.m. JCC Board Meeting
- 3 9:30 a.m. Beth Emeth Sisterhood Board Meeting
- 12:00 noon Beth Shalom Downtown Study Group
- 6:30 p.m. JCC-YJAD (Singles) Election Night Drop-In
- 7:00 p.m. JFS Executive Committee Meeting
- 7:30 p.m. Beth Shalom Sisterhood Board Meeting
- 8:00 p.m. JFS Board of Directors Meeting
- 8:00 p.m. JCC Senior Center 17th Anniversary Dinner
- 4 9:00 a.m. Beth Emeth Sisterhood Garage Sale
- 9:30 a.m. NCJW Board Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. JCC-YJAD (Singles) Coed Volleyball
- 7:00 p.m. AEA Board Meeting
- 7:30 p.m. Beth El Board of Directors Meeting
- 8:00 p.m. JCC Adult Institute of Jewish Studies Class #3
- 5 9:00 a.m. Beth Emeth Sisterhood Garage Sale
- 12:00 noon Beth Shalom Lunch 'n Learn
- 7:30 p.m. ORT Membership Tea
- 8 12:00 noon Beth Shalom Sisterhood Torah Fund Luncheon
- 12:45 p.m. JCC-YJAD (Singles) Delaware Art Museum Tour
- 9-13 JCC Senior Center to Paramount Hotel
- 9 7:30 p.m. AKSE Sisterhood Meeting
- 7:30 p.m. JFD Executive Committee Meeting
- 7:30 p.m. Jewish Historical Society Meeting/Program
- 10 7:00 p.m. AKSE Cemetery Meeting
- 7:30 p.m. AEA Home School Association Meeting
- 7:30 p.m. AKSE Executive Committee Meeting
- 7:30 p.m. Beth Emeth Board Meeting
- 7:30 p.m. Beth Shalom Board Meeting
- 11 5:00 p.m. JCC Dynamic Adults
- 6:00 p.m. JCC-YJAD (Singles) Coed Volleyball
- JCC Adult Institute of Jewish Studies Class #4
- Beth El Sisterhood General Meeting
- 12 10:00 a.m. Kutz Home Auxillary Board Meeting
- 12:00 noon Beth Shalom Lunch 'n Learn
- 7:00 p.m. JFS-JFLE "You & Your Aging Parent"
- 7:30 p.m. AEA Recruitment Evening
- 13 8:00 p.m. JCC-YJAD (Singles) Shabbat Services at Beth Emeth
- AEA School's Out Day
- 14 JCC Club 56
- JCC Fitness Center Program
- JCC Jewish Book Month Begins
- 15 9:30 a.m. Beth El Men's Club Meeting
- 7:30 p.m. Hadassah/Wilmington Journey Through Jewish Living
- Film & Discussion
- Hadassah/Newark Fashion Show
- JCC Children's Center Program
- 16 7:30 p.m. AEA Parenting Class
- 7:30 p.m. AKSE Ritual Committee Meeting
- 7:30 p.m. JCC Executive Committee Meeting
- 7:30 p.m. JFD Newcomers Committee Meeting
- 17 12:00 noon JFD Inter-Agency Staff Development Program
- 7:00 p.m. Beth Emeth Sisterhood General Meeting
- 7:30 p.m. JCC Jewish Great Books
- 7:30 p.m. JCC Children's Center PTA Meeting
- 18 11:30 a.m. NCJW General Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. YJAD Coed Volleyball
- 8:00 p.m. JCC Adult Institute of Jewish Studies Class #5
- AEA School's Out Day
- JCC Cultural Caravan Trip
- JCC Senior Center Candlelight Dinner with JWV
- 19 10:00 a.m. JCC Senior Center AARP 55 Alive/Mature Driving Course
- 7:30 p.m. JCC Youth and Family Department Committee Meeting
- 7:30 p.m. JFD Board of Directors Meeting
- 7:30 p.m. ORT Board Meeting
- JCC Health Screening at Fitness Center
- 20 10:00 a.m. JCC Senior Center AARP 55 Alive/Mature Driving Course
- AEA Services at AKSE
- JCC Adult Social
- 21 11:00 a.m. JCC Jewish Book Month Program
- 11:30 a.m. JCC-YJAD (Singles) Brunch & Bowl
- 1:30 p.m. JCC Jewish Book Month Program
- 7:00 p.m. Beth Shalom Adult Education Program
- JCC Teen Connection Basketball Clinic
- 23 7:30 p.m. Hadassah/Wilmington Board Meeting
- 8:00 p.m. Kutz Home Board of Directors Meeting
- 24 7:30 p.m. Beth Emeth Executive Board Meeting
- 8:00 p.m. AKSE Board of Governors Meeting
- JCC Budget & Finance Committee Meeting
- JCC Senior Center Thanksgiving Lunch
- 25 10:30 a.m. JCC Children's Center Thanksgiving Sharing Party
- 12:30 p.m. AEA Thanksgiving Program
- 6:00 p.m. JCC-YJAD (Singles) Coed Volleyball
- 7:30 p.m. AEA Executive Committee Meeting
- Beth El Sisterhood Board Meeting
- 29 9:00 a.m. AKSE Men's Club Breakfast
- 30 7:30 p.m. JCC Jewish Book Month Program
- JFD Priorities Committee Town Meeting at Beth El (Newark)

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NOVEMBER

Monday 2

Recreational Services Department of the Jewish Community Center of Wilmington, New Aquacise Class begins, 9 to 9:50 a.m. Workout with a warm-up, concentration on muscular toning and cool down. Isotonic and Intermediate exercises used. Pre-registration is required. Cost is \$40 for JCC members; \$55 for non-members. For more information call Eileen Wallach at 478-5660.

Recreational Services Department of the Jewish Community Center of Wilmington, New Pre and Post Natal Water Exercise Class begins, 10 to 10:50 a.m. Pre-registration is required. Cost is \$40 for JCC members; \$55 for non-members. For more information call Eileen Wallach at 478-5660.

Recreational Services Department of the Jewish Community Center of Wilmington, New Parent and Tot Swim Class begins, 11 to 11:30 a.m. Teach your child not to be afraid of the water. Fun games and safety tips included. Pre-registration is required. Cost is \$30 for JCC members and \$45 for non-members. For more information call Eileen Wallach at 478-5660.

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Tuesday 3

Youth and Family Department of the Jewish Community Center of Wilmington, School's Out Day offers full day programs, 7:15 a.m. to 5:45 p.m., when schools are not in session. Varied activities include indoor swimming, gym sports and day trips. Children need to bring a Kosher lunch; snack provided. Cost is \$20 for JCC members which includes early morning and late day care, if necessary. Pre-register by October 26. For more information call 478-5660.

Young Jewish Adults of Delaware "Election Night Drop-In" at Stanley's Tavern, Foulk and Grubb Roads, north Wilmington, 6:30-9:30 p.m. YJAD donation \$1. For more information contact Mike Bank, 302-737-7957.

Wednesday 4

Young Jewish Adults of Delaware coed volleyball (also November 11, 18, 25), Wilmington Jewish Community Center, 101 Garden of Eden Road, 6 p.m. Admission \$1 for JCC members, \$2 for non-members. For more information contact Mike Schenk, 215-558-3781.

Thursday 5

Senior Center of the Jewish Community Center of Wilmington, 17th Anniversary Party, 5:30 p.m. Dinner and an evening of music and entertainment. Pre-registration is required. For more information call Ray Freshman at 478-5660.

Women's American ORT Brandywine Chapter at large membership tea for new and prospective members. Anyone interested in attending or in joining ORT, contact Shelley Stein at 478-8974.

Saturday 7

Pacem in Terris Prejudice Reduction Workshop 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Whatcoat United Methodist Church, 341 Saulsbury Road, Dover. Leaders Dr. Robert C. Buchanan, Wendy Ho-Schnell and Elaine Kindell, former and current designers and presenters of workshops on diversity in the workplace for the DuPont Company. Open to persons sixteen and older. For registration costs and information on teacher accreditation, call the Pacem in Terris office at 302-656-2721. Scholarship aid available.

Jewish Film Festival 12 premiere of "Falling Over Backwards" (also November 8 at 3 p.m. and November 9 at 7 p.m.) 8 p.m. at the Charles and Elizabeth Gershman YM & YWHA Branch, Jewish Community Centers of Greater Philadelphia, Broad and Pine Streets. Canadian film star Saul Rubinet will speak following the Saturday and Sunday performances. Opening tickets, \$12.50, all other performances, \$6.50. For more information call 215-545-4400, ext. 243.

Sunday 8

Jewish Film Festival 12 premiere of "The Quarrel" at 7 p.m. at the Charles and Elizabeth Gershman YM & YWHA Branch, Jewish Community Centers of Greater Philadelphia, Broad and Pine Streets. Canadian film star Saul Rubinet will speak following the performance. Tickets,

\$12.50 each. For more information call 215-545-4400, ext. 243.

Gratz College "Meet the Author" series features Ari Goldman, New York Times religion reporter discussing his best seller "The Search for God at Harvard" at 2 p.m., Old York Road and Melrose Avenue, Melrose Park, Pennsylvania. Free admission. For more information call 215-635-7300.

Young Jewish Adults of Delaware guided tour of Delaware Art Museum, 2301 Kentmere Parkway, 12:45 p.m. Cost \$6. Reservations requested by November 6. For more information or reservations contact Sara-Ellen Amster at 302-428-0812.

Tuesday 10

Albert Einstein Academy Home-School Association meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday 11

Gratz College program with Dr. Saul Wachs, Rosaline B. Feinstein professor of Jewish education speaking on "Can a Modern Jew Pray?" About the American Jew's search for spirituality in today's modern culture and his inability to "connect" with organized prayers of the synagogue. Admission, including kosher lunch, \$11. Old York Road and Melrose Avenue, Melrose Park, Pennsylvania. For more information call 215-635-7300.

Gratz College program with Dr. Abraham Marthan, professor of Hebrew and Bible speaking on "Safed: A City of Poets and Mystics" at the new "Food for Thought" series, National Museum of American Jewish History, 55 North Fifth Street, Philadelphia (co-sponsored with the museum), 6 p.m. Admission, including kosher meal, \$12. For more information call 215-635-7300.

Thursday 12

Albert Einstein Academy wine and cheese party for parents of kindergarten students 7 p.m. in the AEA Kindergarten Room. Call 302-478-5026 for more information.

Friday 13

Young Jewish Adults of Delaware Synagogue Drop-In at Congregation Beth Emeth, 300 W. Lea Boulevard, Wilmington, 8 p.m. Following the service, members will go out for food and drink. For more information call Roz Sherman at 302-762-2739.

Saturday 14

Jewish Defense League and Kach International memorial program to mark the second Yahrzeit of slain Jewish leader Rabbi Meir Kahane, 8 p.m., Congregation Beit HaRambam, 9981 Verree Road (near Red Lion Road), northeast Philadelphia. For more information call the JDL at 215-725-4323.

Sunday 15

Interfaith Housing Delaware Third Annual Festival of Joy and Thanksgiving. Grand Opera House, Wilmington, 7 p.m. with guest conductor Allen Crowell. Tickets \$10. (Sponsor tickets also available). For more information call 302-654-7180.

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Calendar of Events

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Gratz College Film Festival presents "Green Fields" a 1937 film directed by Edgar Ilmar (Yiddish with subtitles). Screening followed by discussion with Dr. Michael Steinlau, assistant professor of Jewish History at Gratz. Admission \$6. Old York Road and Melrose Avenue, Melrose Park, Pennsylvania. For more information call 215-635-7300.

Monday 16

The Children's Center of the Wilmington Jewish Community Center - The Sol Toumarkine Family Education Series - "Identity and Young Children," 7:30 p.m. A panel discussion moderated by Myrna Ryder, M.Ed., Director of Family Life Education at Jewish Family Service. Panelists include physician, Dr. Rhonda Walter, M.D., psychologist, Dr. Marcia Halperin, Ph.D. and Rabbi Sarah Messinger, Assistant Rabbi and Director of Education at Congregation Beth Emeth. Free to JCC members; \$4 for non-members. Pre-registration required by November 13. For more information call Jane Hormadaly at 302-478-5660.

Tuesday 17

The Children's Center of the Wilmington Jewish Community Center - Jewish Experience for Families of Young Children with Rabbi Jeffrey Eisenstat, 7:30 p.m., for parents and grandparents to explore Shabbat. Cost is \$4 for JCC members; \$6 non-members. For more information call Jane Hormadaly at 302-478-5660.

Jewish Community Center, Wilmington - Jewish Great Books Discussion Group, 7:30 p.m., free of charge. Reading is A. Apelfeld, "Age of Wonders." For more information call Rona Finkelstein at 302-478-7598.

Congregation Beth Emeth Sis-

terhood meeting, 7 p.m., auditorium of Congregation Beth Emeth. Panel discussion of "Women in the Clergy: An Interfaith Sharing" with Rev. Barbara Duncan of Christ Church Christiana Hundred (Episcopal), Rev. Maxwell Jenkins, Bethel AME church, Rabbi Sarah Messinger, Congregation Beth Emeth, Rev. Jane O'Hara Shields, Hope Lutheran Church, and Rev. Dr. Marlene Walters, Mt. Lebanon United Methodist Church. For reservations call Lisa Alpert, 302-477-0321.

Gratz College and National Museum of American Jewish History program on "Jewish Heroines in Rabbinic Literature" with guest speaker Dr. Ruth Sandberg, Leonard and Ethel Landau, assistant professor of Rabbinics. 12 p.m. at the Museum, 55 North Fifth Street, Philadelphia. Admission, including a kosher lunch, \$12. For more information call 215-635-7300.

Wednesday 18

Senior Center of the Wilmington Jewish Community Center - Candlelight Dinner, 5:30 p.m. With Jewish War Veterans of Delaware. Pre-registration required. For more information call Ray Freschman at 302-478-5660.

Thursday 19

Senior Center of the Wilmington Jewish Community Center - 55 Alive Mature Driving Course. Pre-register at the JCC Front Desk. For more information call Ray Freschman at 302-478-5600.

Friday 20

Senior Center of the Wilmington Jewish Community Center - 55 Alive Mature Driving Course. Pre-register at the JCC Front Desk. For more information call Ray Freschman at 302-478-5600.

Albert Einstein Academy children

will lead the Shabbat service at Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth, 8 p.m. Washington Boulevard and Torah Drive, Wilmington.

Saturday 21

Fitness Center of the Wilmington Jewish Community Center - First Year Anniversary Party. Comedy Cabaret with Kosher catered food and beverages. Cost is \$15 per person. Tickets available by calling A.J. Lipstein at 302-478-5660.

Sunday 20

Young Jewish Adults of Delaware Brunch and Bowl. Brunch at TGI Friday's Concord Pike, Wilmington, 11:30 a.m. Bowling at 1:15 p.m. at Silverside Lanes, Concord Pike, Wilmington. Brunch is pay-as-you-go. Bowling cost is \$6 which includes two games and shoe rental. Reservations by November 20. For reservations or more information call Barbara Effron at 302-322-9094.

Gratz College Sephardic Quincennial with combined lecture, recital and exhibit opening and reception at the National Museum of American Jewish History, 55 North Fifth Street, Philadelphia, Professor Yitzchak Kerem of Aristotle University, Thessaloniki, Greece and the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, will speak on "Five Hundred Years of Sephardic Settlement in Greece" at

3 p.m. Recital on "The Music of Greek Jewry" at 4 p.m. with Cantor Alberto Mizrahi, tenor of Anshe Emet Synagogue, Chicago. Reception and

exhibit opening "From Salonika to Cruacao: A Sephardic Odyssey" at 5 p.m. For more information call 215-635-7300.

Dear Rachel

Dear Rachel,

I doubt that most people can understand my problem, since everyone keeps complaining about how disloyal and unconcerned the younger generation is about their older parents. Mine is the opposite. My 26 year-old daughter keeps dropping by with her baby, (sometimes just as I'm on my way out the door), talks with me endlessly on the phone if I let her and is generally in my hair all the time.

I'm delighted to be 59, free of responsibilities for home and children, free to come and go, exercise, swim, do volunteer work, take classes; I'm reaping years of work, and frankly, my daughter is very much in the way. I don't want to hurt her feelings - I love her very much - so how can I tell her I'd like to see less of her?

Busy in Brandywine Hundred

Dear Busy,

In spite of the readers who are no doubt saying, "I should only be so lucky!" Many middle-aged and older women relinquish the tasks of childrearing with great relief and satisfaction, knowing that they have successfully completed an important, difficult task. Many of them use their new-found liberation, as you so obviously do, to develop their potential as individuals. All I can say to you is "Brava!"

As to your daughter: you have been setting limits for her all her life, and limits are clearly needed here. If she arrives as you are leaving, suggest that from now on she call in advance to make sure you are free, and then go on your way. Tell her you are busy if you are, but be sure she has some time (perhaps once or twice a week) when she has your individual attention. Our children never cease to be our children; supply mothering when needed, but suggest to your daughter that she seek companionship among her peers. Ultimately, she will feel happier and so will you, as you enjoy the "nachas" of your grandchildren and your freedom too.

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Julie Topkis has been named Associate Director of Development at Wilmington Friends School. She assumed her new duties on October 5.

Julie is a 1984 graduate of Tatnall School and holds a bachelor of science degree from Penn State. She previously spent two years as a campaign associate for the United Way of Delaware, cultivating gifts from the public sector.

At Wilmington Friends, Julie will work with parent and grandparent volunteer committees on fundraising, staff committees on events, and assist with grantwriting.

Julie is a two-time Emmy winner for NBC. They live in Los Angeles.

Susan and Ted Polmanski announce the birth of their daughter, Hayley Faith, on September 13.

Susan is controller for Patchett, Kaufman Entertainment and Ted is a

The proud grandparents are Allen and Elva Levine of Wilmington.

Naches

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Obituary

Fannie S. Goodlewege

Fannie S. Goodlewege, 90, formerly of Wilmington, died October 25 of coronary artery disease in The Kutz Home.

Miss Goodlewege owned a variety store on Spruce Street in Wilmington for more than 50 years. She retired

in 1989. She is survived by a sister, Bessie Goodlewege of Wilmington.

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

Peace talks

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whatever they can in order to undermine the efforts which we here in the bilateral talks are trying to achieve."

Lubrani charged the Lebanese and Syrians with responsibility for allowing the attacks to occur. He said he told the Lebanese delegation "either there is a permissiveness on the part of these forces, or there are other designs on the part of these forces to allow these terrorists to do their work."

For their part, the Lebanese said the violence proved the futility of Israel's security zone in southern Lebanon and that Israel should withdraw. The Syrians reportedly called the attacks justified resistance to an occupation force.

The seventh round of bilateral talks began last week with conflicting expectations. Many believed the negotiations would be stuck in a holding pattern while the chief mediator, the U.S. administration, was occupied with the final days of the presidential election campaign.

But optimists believed the time was ripe for a breakthrough on the Israeli-Syrian track after Israel offered a newly explicit statement that it was willing to withdraw from part of the Golan Heights in exchange for a peace accord.

Israel had already embraced the application of the land-for-peace provisions in U.N. Security Council Resolution 242 to the Golan Heights. But until last week, the Israeli team had referred only ambiguously to the need for a "territorial dimension" in an agreement with Syria, studiously avoiding the word "withdrawal."

In fact, the Israeli-Syrian talks got bogged down following a news report that Israel had said it might even be willing to give back all of the Golan, which Syria has demanded in

return for a peace agreement. Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's subsequent denial of that report quenched political unrest at home but triggered a harsh response from the Syrians.

"If Israel is not considering withdrawal, that means in other words that Israel is not considering peace," Mouwafak al-Allaf, the chief Syrian negotiator, was quoted as saying this week. He went on to say there was no progress in the talks "there might even be some regression."

Israel's chief negotiator with the Syrians, Itamar Rabinovich, disputed Allaf's dismal account. "We are not in the same movie," he said.

He said the parties were continuing to work toward a joint statement of principles that would serve as a basis of the negotiation of a peace agreement.

Rabinovich said the two sides did not negotiate about the situation in Lebanon. But he warned that the continued violence there would erode Israeli public support for the peace process on all tracks.

"The patience of the Israeli people and the Israeli government is (not) unlimited," he said. The government and the delegation "have a mandate to pursue the peace process, but such pursuits are not taking place in a vacuum," he continued. "They are taking place in a political context."

Jonathan Jacoby, president of Americans for Peace Now, said the talks were in a "crisis which cries out for a neutral third party to mediate," but that it is "obvious Americans have their minds on other things."

He said the situation should send a "very clear signal" to both the Bush and Clinton camps that "on November 4, they have to turn their attention to the negotiations."

Israel

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military actions were intended to "send signals" to the Syrians, in addition to directly punishing terrorist groups involved in the recent attacks on Israeli targets.

Rabin also explained his policy in southern Lebanon to the U.S. charge d'affaires, who came to see him on the instructions of acting Secretary of State Lawrence Eagleburger, reportedly to urge restraint.

In New York, the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations sent a message to the White House on Tuesday asserting that Iran bears major responsibility along with Syria and the Palestine Liberation Organization for the upsurge of anti-Israel violence.

"As the party that convened and is hosting the Middle East peace talks, the United States has an obligation to insist that Syria end its support of Iranian and Palestinian terrorist gangs, and that the PLO order a halt to the latest round of violence by Palestinian groups that claim PLO membership," the message said.

It was signed by Shoshana Cardin, the umbrella group's chairman, and by Malcolm Hoenlein, its executive director.

One bright spot in the otherwise gloomy situation is that it may help resolve a domestic political crisis that threatened to unravel Rabin's governing coalition.

Political observers believe the security situation will make it easier for

the prime minister's two feuding coalition partners, Shas and Meretz, to back away from their confrontation over recent controversial statements made by Education Minister Shulamit Aloni. The two parties are holding informal discussions and the hope is that they can resolve the crisis peacefully before a no-confidence vote in the Knesset next Monday.

Meanwhile, the two parties' leaders, Arye Deri of the fervently Orthodox Shas and the avowedly secularist Aloni of Meretz, are participating together in the ongoing Cabinet consultations with Rabin over the unfolding situation in the north.

(Contributing to this report were JTA correspondents David Landau and Gil Sedan in Jerusalem.)



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Rabbi Chuni Vogel of Chabad Lubavitch of Delaware and Steven Berger work on a shofar at the recent Shofar Factory at the Wilmington Jewish Community Center. This year the Factory also travelled to Temple Beth El and the University of Delaware.

Bridges

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people." The striking Kessim rejected a proposal that they participate in a "crash course" in religious law pertaining to marriages and divorces. But dozens of younger Kessim are already participating in an extensive completion course, sponsored by the Joint Distribution Committee.

Explains Kess Tazzazo, a course participant: "I have been ordained as a "shochet" (ritual slaughterer). But because I have studied the laws by which all of Israel abide, I provide meat for all my neighbors and community, not just for Ethiopians."

The older Kessim are attempting to retain their status and position, while their congregants seek to assimilate Israeli traditions and styles. Says Kess Tazzazo, "They (the striking kessim) want to be just like we were in Ethiopia. But they can't be."

Says Gobezie Achenese, Chairman of the Ethiopian Jewry movement, which sponsored the strike, "The issue is not only about the Kessim. What we are demanding is complete recognition of Ethiopian Jews without any special conditions. The rabbis can say that they recognize us as Jews but their words are meaningless if our rabbis are not permitted to marry and divorce members of our community."

Contends Dr. Chaim Rosen, "The Kessim are refusing any integration, and they are pursuing their own personal interests at the expense of their community. They want to return to the old days, but that is preposterous."

Seven years ago, Kessim staged a sit-down strike in front of the Chief Rabbinate building in Jerusalem. Then, as now, their fundamental demand was for full rabbinic recognition. Their strike ended in a complex, wordy interim agreement which resolved little.

It is equally questionable whether the results will be more successful this time around. The newly established committee has been mandated to finish its discussions by October 31, and its progress will be monitored by the Knesset Immigration Committee. But the committee was formed in response to the strikers and thus may not address the concerns of the more moderate Ethiopians.

"If they try to push through their extreme views, we moderators will also strike. And we will be joined by the entire Ethiopian community," warns Tazzazo.

In a year and a half, the first graduates of the rabbinic completion course will finish their studies. They will then be recognized as Kessim and as rabbis by the Orthodox establishment. At that time, they will seek to establish their positions as religious leaders in the Ethiopian community—in direct competition with the traditional leadership.

In Israel, where religion and state are so intertwined, questions such as these have immense political implications. They are rarely solved by committees' deliberations, they are just forestalled. It thus remains to be seen how the Ethiopian community can resolve these conflicts, engendered by the tensions of their immigration.

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November 15 - December 3

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Sunday, November 22

"The Tree, The Lion, and the Rose: Ancient Symbols with Modern Meanings"

11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Presented by Betsy Platkin Teutsch



This presentation will study the process that Jews have traditionally used and continue to use in interpreting symbols. Material for the presentation comes from Teutsch's recently published book, "The Encyclopedia of Jewish Symbols". A light brunch will follow the presentation.

Advance sale price. \$ 1.00 discount
JCC Members \$ 3.00
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Seniors and Students. \$ 1.00 discount

Ms. Teutsch will be available from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. to sign her book and answer questions about her art work on display in the Art Gallery.

"Jewish Families: Heirs to a Rich Tradition"
1:30 to 3:00 p.m.

Hosted by Betsy Platkin Teutsch

This workshop is designed for Jewish parents and children. Each family is asked to bring their oldest Jewish object and be prepared to share the family stories that the object "tells", exploring the role of family as the most important transmitter of Jewish culture. Ice cream sundaes will be served.

Advance sale price. \$ 1.00 discount
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Sunday, November 22

"The Jewish Experience in Western Europe"

Presenter: Professor Robert Chazan
Congregation Beth Shalom
7:00 p.m.

Professor Robert Chazan, Scheuer Professor of Hebrew and Judaic Studies at New York University, will survey the major differences in Jewish life in Germany and France as contrast to Jewish life in Poland and the Pale of Settlement.

He has published widely in medieval Jewish history. His books include "Medieval Jewry in Northern France", "Church, State, and Jew in the Middle Ages", "European Jewry and the First Crusade", among many others.

The lecture is \$ 5.00 at the door and will be held at Congregation Beth Shalom, 18th and Baynard Boulevard in Wilmington. Please call (302) 654-4462 for more information.

Monday, November 30

"Years of Dreams: A Novelist's Perception of Women in a Changing World"

Presenter: Gloria Goldreich
7:30 - 10:00 p.m.



In "Years of Dreams", author Gloria Goldreich tells the moving story of four women who develop a deep friendship over thirty years, during which time they are each challenged personally and professionally and, when a shocking secret is revealed, their loyalty to each other is tested.

She has written a series of books on women in the professions entitled, "What Can She Be?" and two novels for young adults, "Season of Discovery" and "Lori". She is also the editor of a prize-winning anthology, "A Treasury of Jewish Literature".

Her novel, "Leah's Journey", won the National Book Award for fiction in 1979. "Four Days", her second novel, won the Federation of Arts and Letters award in 1981. She is the author of "This Promised Land" and "This Burning Harvest". Her sequel to "Leah's Journey", "Leah's Children", was published in 1985. Her novel, "West to Eden", deals with the Jewish experience in the American Southwest. "Mothers", another novel by Goldreich, is a powerful story about surrogate motherhood.

Ms. Goldreich will be available to sign her book after the presentation. Refreshments will be served.

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This program is being co-sponsored by the Jewish Women's Coalition of Delaware.

December 3 - December 5

Rosenthal Jewish Book Month Fund Lecture

Presenter: Moshe Waldoks
Congregation Beth Emeth

Moshe Waldoks is the co-editor of "The Big Book of Jewish Humor". This program is being provided by Congregation Beth Emeth and will be held 300 Lea Boulevard in Wilmington. Please call (302) 764-2392 for more information.

Wednesday, December 9

ORT Jewish Story Reading for Pre-Schoolers at Concord Library
2:15 - 2:45 p.m.

Thursday, December 10

"Jews by Choice: Issues of Identity and Acceptance"

Presented by Lisa Hostein
News Editor for Jewish Exponent
7:30 p.m.



In today's culture of assimilation, all Jews are Jews by choice. Converts or those who have considered or are considering conversion face special challenges that communities need to address.

Lisa Hostein has reported extensively on contemporary Jewish affairs. She

has received several awards for journalism and recently received a Philadelphia Press Association Award.

Hostein is the co-author of the book, "Your People. My People: Finding Acceptance and Fulfillment as a Jew By Choice". Ms. Hostein will be available to sign her book after the presentation. Refreshments will be served.

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Sunday, December 13

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