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Ginsburg Wins Easy Confirmation As Chairman Biden Praises Judge

By DAN WEINTRAUB
 Editor of The Jewish Voice

As expected Judge Ruth Bader Ginsburg was easily confirmed by the Senate for a seat on The Supreme Court. Just three Republicans voted against the widely admired Ginsburg in a vote of completed the process which led to this nation's first Jewish female Supreme Court Justice.

U.S. Senator Joseph Biden, Jr., the Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, praised President Clinton for his choice and explained why the confirmation process for the 107th Justice of the Supreme Court was marked by so much less contention than any in recent memory. In remarks on August 2, Senator Biden cited Clinton's respect for the Senate's Constitutional role to "advise and consent" to nominees to the Court. Regarding Ginsburg, Biden stated Ruth Ginsburg's "qualifications and judicial temperament are indisputable."



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They are evident from her extensive record as a scholar, a Supreme Court advocate, and a federal appellate judge."

Demjanjuk's Deportation Delayed As U.S. Court Conflicts on Status

By C. MANN and D. KALB

JERUSALEM and WASHINGTON (JTA) — Israel Supreme Court has delayed the deportation of John Demjanjuk for 10 days until it is determined whether an investigation should be reopened into his activities as an SS guard at the Sobibor concentration camp.

The move was made in response to a petition filed by a coalition of right-wing groups and Holocaust survivors calling for Demjanjuk to be prosecuted further.

Demjanjuk, whose war crimes conviction and death sentence were overturned by the court last Thursday, had been scheduled to leave Israel for his native Ukraine, which granted him a temporary visa over the weekend.

The Supreme Court found there was reasonable doubt that Demjanjuk was the savage guard, known as "Ivan the Terrible," who operated the gas chambers at the Treblinka death camp in Poland during World War II.

But the court said there was ample evidence

to suggest that he had trained as an SS guard at the Trawniki training facility in Poland and that he had served as a guard at Sobibor and other concentration camps.

Nevertheless, the court decided not to convict him on these charges, saying he had not been given the opportunity to defend himself against them. It ordered the former Cleveland autoworker freed from prison, and Israeli officials immediately sought to deport him."

Sunday's postponement in response to a petition which calls for the prosecution of Demjanjuk for his alleged role as a Nazi guard at Sobibor, where some 250,000 Jews perished.

While the court is considering the request, Demjanjuk, who is 73, will remain in his prison cell in Ramla.

Meanwhile, officials in Ukraine said Demjanjuk could be subject to arrest if his name appears on a list of Ukrainian war criminals. They noted there is no statute of

Cease-Fire Ends Israeli Defensive Action on Lebanese Border

By HUGH ORGEL

TEL AVIV (JTA) — Civilians in both northern Israel and southern Lebanon began returning to their homes as a U.S.-brokered cease-fire took hold along the border between the two countries.

The cease-fire, which went into effect Saturday evening, was arranged by U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher, negotiating with Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and leaders in Lebanon and Syria.

The Syrians and Lebanese, in turn, acted as go-betweens to put pressure on Hezbollah guerrillas operating in southern Lebanon.

Additional talks were held over the weekend between the U.S. coordinator for the Middle East peace talks, Dennis Ross, and Itamar Rabinovich, Israel's ambassador to Washington.

The talks have resulted in a verbal understanding that Hezbollah will refrain from firing Katyusha rockets into Israel, and Israel will cease its artillery bombardment of guerrilla strongholds and villages in southern Lebanon.

But if such an understanding was reached,

Hezbollah was not admitting it Sunday.

The Iranian-supported guerrilla organization stressed it would not cease its military activities against the Israel Defense Force or South Lebanon Army, in the hope of trying to force Israel to withdraw from Lebanon completely.

The Shi'ite fundamentalist group insisted that it had never agreed to stop rocket attacks against Israel and that "all options remain open" in dealing with the Jewish state.

There were also contradictory reports about a Syrian consent to halt the transfer of Iranian missiles through Damascus to Hezbollah fighters in Lebanon.

And initial reports that Washington had agreed to remove Syria from a U.S. list of states sponsoring terrorism, in exchange for Syrian cooperation, were later denied by U.S. officials in conversations with American Jewish organizations.

Israeli officials, for their part, praised the U.S. role in orchestrating at least a temporary halt to the exchange of fire across the border.

And hinting at a possible far-reaching deal, Rabin said at a news conference that if things quiet down, the various parties might well be able to find a solution "for the entire problem of south Lebanon."

Fleshing out this hint, Israeli leaders are saying that if Hezbollah were completely disarmed, Israel would be willing to reconsider its stationing of forces in the security zone it has set up along the border in southern Lebanon.

The cease-fire, at this point, is still a shaky one.

Although the guns and Katyusha rockets fell silent at 6 p.m. Saturday, residents of Israeli towns and villages along the border with Lebanon — from Nahariya on the coast to Kiryat Shmona and Metulla in the Galilee panhandle — were instructed to remain in their bomb shelters and structurally strengthened security rooms for a few hours more.

The delay, coming on top of an entire week underground, illustrated the fragility with which Israel regarded the halt to the shooting.

In Israel, Galilee residents finally left the shelter of their homes Sunday to breathe fresh air for a change. And while children have resumed their outdoor games and adults have gone back to their normal chores, government officials are examining damage to property after days of Hezbollah rocket attacks.



Demjanjuk outside his prison cell. CREDIT: RNS PHOTO

limitations for war crimes.

According to reports from the former Soviet republic, a small but growing group of Ukrainian supporters of Demjanjuk's innocence have been demonstrating in his favor. Demjanjuk was issued a Ukrainian visa because of an anonymous invitation extended him from Ukraine.

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Newark's Leaders Rank Priorities for Delaware's Jews

By DAN WEINTRAUB
 Editor of The Jewish Voice

On the evening of July 28, 1993, inside the bronze stained-wooden walls of Temple Beth El, leaders of Delaware's Newark Jewish community gathered to participate in the state-wide priority ranking process under the auspices of The Jewish Federation of Delaware (JFD). More than a dozen heads of Jewish organizations and agencies put pencil to paper to evaluate on the basis of well defined criteria a great variety of service options which the Jewish community could provide. The instrument, which resulted from a process set into motion three years ago, outlined service options in such categories as: children and teens;

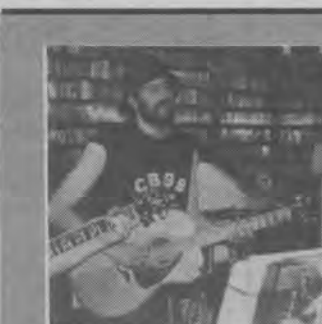
college students; adults; elderly; New Americans; Individuals with special needs; families; and Jewish community relations functions. Within each category as many as thirteen service options were listed to be ranked on the basis of five criterion: strengthening recipient's Jewish identity, strengthening community's Jewish identity, fulfilling a basic human survival need, promoting psychological and/or physical wellness, and (if) Jewish auspices (are) preferred.

A compilation of the results of the ranking process in Newark and two other such meetings held in Delaware will be used to assist the

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in The JEWISH VOICE

Clinton Plan On Gays In Military Gets Mixed Reviews From U.S. Jewry

By DEBORAH KALB
WASHINGTON (JTA) — The Jewish community, like much of America, is split over President Clinton's compromise proposal on gays in the military.

While some Jewish organizational officials sharply criticized the plan for not going far enough in ending discrimination against gay men and lesbians in the armed forces, the Jewish War Veterans of the USA, which had wanted the ban to stay in place, gave the plan lukewarm praise.

Many Jewish organizations chose not to take an official position on the controversial issue, which has been a political minefield for the president since he pledged during the campaign to lift the ban on homosexuals serving in the U.S. military.

Clinton's plan, has been dubbed "don't ask, don't tell, don't pursue." It orders the military to stop asking recruits whether they are homosexual, but, on the other hand, does not allow gay men or lesbians serving in the military to engage in homosexual acts or even discuss their sexual orientation publicly.

The plan represents months of compromise brokered by the administration between gay rights groups and their supporters, who argued in favor of a complete lifting of the ban, and the military bureaucracy and its supporters in Congress, including powerful Senate Armed Services Committee Chairman Sam Nunn (D-Ga.), who would have preferred to keep the ban in place.

Clinton himself admitted that the

compromise plan was not going to please everyone. "It is not a perfect solution. It is not identical with some of my own goals," the president said.

But he added that it was an "honorable compromise" on "an issue that has divided our military and our nation, and diverted our attention from other matters for too long."

Among the groups expressing disappointment with the plan were the American Jewish Congress, the Anti-Defamation League, the National Council of Jewish Women and the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism.

"The president's original plan to lift the military ban on gays and lesbians stood as a pillar of hope for all those committed to the values of equality, justice and civil rights in America. Today, six months later, a once-glistening promise shows the wear of a bigoted American political battlefield," said Rabbi David Saperstein, director of the Religious Action Center.

Another group urging Clinton to move eventually toward a complete lifting of the ban was the National Jewish Democratic Council. Lewis Roth, the group's spokesman, called the plan "a small step in the right direction."

On the other hand, the Jewish War Veterans, who originally wanted the ban to stay in place, said the plan, while not something they would wholeheartedly embrace, is tolerable.

"Compromise is the name of the game," said Warren Dolny, JWV national commander. "If I don't know



Dr. Dean Hamer, principal author of a finding linking a gene pattern to male homosexuality. RNS PHOTO/Reuters

that you're homosexual, then you're not homosexual."

Howard Metzger, the group's assistant communications director, said that the situation is one he believed the membership of the JWV would "vote to live with," but not "wholeheartedly support." The group is scheduled to meet and formulate a position on the policy next month.

In February, the JWV cast a veto at the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council's annual plenum that effectively blocked the umbrella group from approving a resolution supporting the rights of gay men and lesbians to serve in the U.S. armed forces.

The majority of NJCRAC's member agencies support lifting the ban on gays in the military. But at least one of them, the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, has decided not to take a stand on the issue.

Yemenite Jews' Secret Aliyah

By DAVID LANDAU
JERUSALEM (JTA) — About 200 Yemenite Jews have secretly immigrated to Israel during the past year, the government publicly disclosed for the first time this week.

The Jewish Agency and the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, which are the two major beneficiaries of funds raised by the UJA/Federation Annual Campaign, are cooperating in this latest rescue of Yemenite Jewry.

The Yemenites, most of whom have close family relatives already living in Israel, are presently housed in absorption centers in Rehovot and Ashkelon.

The government had until now

kept the operation secret out of fear that disclosure would jeopardize the welfare of Jews remaining in Yemen as well as the chances of bringing more of them here.

The chairman of the Jewish Agency's Immigration and Absorption Department, Uri Gordon, visited the newcomers in Rehovot on Wednesday and said at a news conference there that some 900 Jews remain in Yemen, most of them in the capital of Sa'ana. He said they were not in any danger.

Other reports put the number of Jews remaining in Yemen at close to 1,500.

The newcomers have retained their traditional garb and appearance: the

men with long curled sidelocks, beards and big colorful yarmulkes, and the women in long dresses. In deference to their traditions, they are being taught Hebrew in segregated ulpan classes.

The absorption of the Yemenite Jews has been the subject of bitter controversy between fervently Orthodox parties inside and outside the government. Degel HaTorah, a faction of the opposition United Torah Judaism Front, claims the immigrants are being deliberately stripped of their Orthodoxy by exposure to the secular side of Israeli life.

Degel HaTorah blames the Sephardic Orthodox Shas party, a member of the governing coalition, for these supposed problems.

But a Shas party official directly involved in the Yemenites' absorption, Deputy Housing Minister Aryeh Gamliel, hotly denied these accusations — as do government and Jewish Agency officials.

for Modern Jewish Studies at Brandeis University and the Jewish Education Service of North America.

While simply seeming to confirm what common sense dictates, the statistical findings have important policy implications.

"There are a lot of things that move people toward greater assimilation."

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Jewish Education Linked Strongly To Observance According To Report

By DEBRA NUSSBAUM COHEN
NEW YORK (JTA) — Jewish education seems to be effective inoculation against assimilation and intermarriage, according to a recent report.

An in-depth analysis of the data gathered in the 1990 National Jewish Population Survey has found that American Jews with high levels of Jewish education are far more likely

to marry other Jews and to observe Jewish rituals than those who have little or no education.

"Assimilation and intermarriage do not occur on a random basis. The extent and type of formal Jewish education are clearly related to levels of Jewish affiliation and activism," the report states.

The study was co-published by the Maurice and Marilyn Cohen Center



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Biden Circulated Senate Letter

Biden this summer as Foreign Aid legislation was under consideration, 78 senators sent a letter to President Clinton praising his commitment to the peace process and expressing their own support for aid to Israel, according to Near East Report. Delaware's Senator Joseph Biden (D-DE) circulated the letter along with four other prominent senators.

Navy Academy's Jewish Alumni Rap Yom Kippur Home Coming

WASHINGTON (PNR) — Maybe it will not happen again in the foreseeable future since the U.S. Naval Academy now has a Jewish calendar to check before scheduling its biggest autumn weekend at historic Annapolis, Maryland.

But this year the homecoming that is expected to draw some 30,000 people will be held on Yom Kippur and angered Jewish alumni have made it plain it shouldn't be repeated in future years.

Syria Helped Supply Hezbollah Just Before Recent Escalation

By DEBORAH KALB

WASHINGTON (JTA) — Syria was involved in shipping Iranian weapons to the Shi'ite fundamentalist Hezbollah movement just prior to the recent upsurge in attacks on Israeli troops, a California congressman charged this week.

"It's my understanding that two weeks ago, on July the 15th, Syrian armed guards stood by at Damascus International Airport as an Iran Air 747 unloaded anti-tank rockets and a range of other weapons," Rep. Tom Lantos (D-Calif.) said at a congressional hearing Wednesday.

The weapons, Lantos continued, "were promptly trucked off to Lebanon under military escort for use by Hezbollah to intensify its attacks on the settlements in the north of Israel."

In response to the attacks from Hezbollah, Israel has mounted a large-scale bombing campaign in southern Lebanon.

White Supremacists in California Target Black and Jewish Leaders

By TOM TUGEND

LOS ANGELES (JTA) — The FBI and local authorities are continuing an intensive investigation of militant hate groups in Southern California, following the arrest in July of eight white supremacists who were allegedly plotting deadly attacks on black and Jewish targets.

At least one of the suspects told an FBI undercover agent of plans to blow up a leading African American church and machine-gun its congregation, according to the criminal complaint.

Other possible targets included Rodney King, the victim of the famed videotaped beating by white police officers; the Rev. Al Sharpton, a radical black activist from New York; rap music star Eazy-E; and unspecified "Jewish leaders."



WHITE SUPREMACISTS ARRESTED ... LOS ANGELES — Federal agent Oates Archey adjusts photo of Adolf Hitler and Uzi machine gun confiscated materials after the arrest of eight white supremacists who are alleged to have plotted the assassination of Rodney King and to bomb the First AME Church. CREDIT: RNS PHOTO/Reuters 7/93

Crown Heights Jews Feel Vindicated By Report Critical of Mayor Dinkins

By DEBRA NUSSBAUM COHEN

NEW YORK (JTA) — The Jewish community of Crown Heights has reacted with a sense of vindication to a report prepared by a New York state task force that firmly criticized New York City Mayor David Dinkins' handling of the riots that tore apart that Brooklyn neighborhood in August 1991.

The report, authored by the state's director of criminal justice, Richard Girgenti, at the behest of Gov. Mario Cuomo, lays the blame for the riots squarely at the feet of Dinkins and, secondarily, faults several of his top aides and then-Police Commissioner Lee Brown, who was recently confirmed as President Clinton's new drug czar.

According to the long-awaited, 600-page report, "The Mayor, as the city's Chief Executive, did not act in a timely and decisive manner."

"He must take the ultimate responsibility for all government action," the report continues. "In order to make this responsibility meaningful, he must be fully engaged in the entire process."

The report refers to the three days of rioting as the worst racial unrest in New York in over 20 years. The riots broke out after a Hasidic driver in the Lubavitcher rebbe's motorcade accidentally killed a black child, Gavin Cato.

Blacks reacted violently and a mob of youths that night stabbed to death Yankel Rosenbaum, a Hasidic rabbinical student from Australia.

The only person charged in that crime, Lemrick Nelson Jr., 17, was cleared by a jury last year, sparking anger among Jewish groups.

Since shortly after the riots ended, some in the Jewish community claimed that the mayor gave orders to "hold back" the police.

While the Girgenti report clears Dinkins of that allegation, the mayor is criticized as being so disengaged and remote that he was unaware that the rioting was raging out of control until late in the third day, when he visited Crown Heights and was pelted with bottles and rocks himself.

The report states that Dinkins' aides, including Herbert Block, then chief liaison to the Jewish commu-

nity, and Bill Lynch and Milton Mollen, then deputy mayors, were remiss in their responsibility to the mayor.

They apparently did not communicate the messages being passed along to them that police were not responding to Crown Heights residents' desperate calls for help, the report says.

Yet, as community leaders point out, Dinkins also had other sources of information, including television and newspaper accounts.

Only on the night of Wednesday, Aug. 23, after Dinkins was personally pelted with rocks and bottles when he went to Crown Heights to meet with black community leaders did he order Police Commissioner Brown to take more effective action to quell the raging violence, says the report.

Another Jewish communal leader in Crown Heights, however, said the report will not have much of an impact on most neighborhood residents.

(Contributing to this report was JTA staff intern Kenneth Dancyger.)

High-Tech Industry Develops Employment For Immigrant Scientists With Help From JDC

By LISA ZOMBACK

• Computer software to help drivers plan a negotiable route in bumper-to-bumper traffic

• A digital electricity meter enabling the user to plan consumption according to a precise graph of usage at any given time

• A sophisticated computerized system for judging tennis tournaments

These are three of the innovative systems being developed at Decision Systems Israel (DSI) with the help of 100 immigrant employees.

DSI, a computer software company, employs immigrant scientists in a program started in December 1991 with assistance from the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC). The immigrants are all highly qualified scientists and engineers who hold masters and doctorate degrees in computers, electronics and computer-oriented exact sciences. They are given a preparatory course followed by a six-month on-the-job training course. Upon completion of the course, participants are



ORT Schools also train immigrants in high tech skills.

promised employment for at least three years.

Sixty-two of the 100 immigrants have successfully completed their training and are employed at the company, located near Tel Aviv.

DSI, which is a subsidiary of the Mahwah, New Jersey based Defense Software and Systems, Inc., requested support for their initiative at its inception. The American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC) was the first to respond with financial support. Within a short time, the

Ministries of Labor and Social Affairs, Science and Technology and the Center for Absorption of Scientists decided to join JDC in support of the program. The government of Israel recently recognized the success of the program and agreed to back it with \$2.5 million for infrastructure, salaries and training courses.

Activities of the JDC are funded by the regular campaigns of the United Jewish Appeal and Federations throughout the United States.

AZYF and JNF Create Innovative Curriculum For Junior High Schools

The American Zionist Youth Foundation is pleased to announce the availability of its newly created "Green Curriculum," an educational program geared toward junior high school students, written by AZYF educators in conjunction with the staff of the Jewish National Fund. The "Green Curriculum" is a hands-on series intended for use in the classroom. It includes six units, each of which deals with a different aspect of environmentalism in the Land of Israel.

Each unit consists of approximately

25 pages of written material, and can be used independently or as part of the larger series.

Using worksheets, posters, maps, and a videotape, and incorporating sources as diverse as the Bible and Talmud, and contemporary Israeli fiction, scholarship, written memoirs, and poetry, the "Green Curriculum" demonstrates the unique relationship between the Jewish people and the physical land of Israel. The program presents the difficulty of settling a land located on the edge of

the desert, whose water sources are few and far between and whose soil is arid and eroded by frequent rain. Through a variety of readings and interactive exercises, the *Green Curriculum* demonstrates that in every historical period in which Jews have lived in this region, they have made the land bloom, creating a vital, glorious agriculture.

The total cost of the program is 35 dollars. Those interested should call Gili Burstein at 212-339-6938.

EDITORIALS

Peter Jennings, The AP and The Facts

More Americans get their news from ABC than any other source, or so we are told. Perhaps a significant segment read newspapers which include articles by the Associated Press and other independent services. The current events class taught to Americans through such outlets are not the thorough, objective, all-knowing sources of knowledge they purport to be.

Mainstream media bias against Israel is not a new accusation nor is it a fair label for all journalists. However, the failure to place events in Israel in the proper context earns a failing grade for mainstream broadcasters and press. Headlines and front page stories largely failed to describe Israel's recent actions in Lebanon in retaliation for Hezbollah's persistent rocketing of citizens of Israel's northern villages, although Israel's defensive maneuvers were not always described as offensive, the failure of most of the mainstream media to report Hezbollah's long-running provocation is inexcusable.

Earlier this year the suspected Hamas terror-

ists' expulsion was widely reported without mention of the lives taken by these extremists. The darlings of the mainstream press are allied with those who take hostages, plot New York bombings, threaten Salman Rushdie, and hide such malice under the guise of religious belief.

There are certainly exceptions to those who fail to place into context Israeli defensive responses to threats to its existence. The television program "This Week With David Brinkley," for example, featured an interview with Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin in which Israel's interests were fairly presented. (Sam Donaldson did, however, inappropriately question Israel's chief executive on the Demjanjuk judicial decision.)

Readers of a Jewish newspaper who are concerned about Israel should take the time to put Israel's security needs into context for other Americans. Although we may not agree with every single action taken by an Israeli government we can certainly fill in the gaps of stories written by those sympathetic to her enemies.



Operation Stronger Voice

Now in the preliminary planning stages is a comprehensive strategy to improve the Jewish Voice Newspaper through a series of technological enhancements. Although specifics have yet to be addressed, the long range plan will focus on improvements in efficiency, production time, story variety, creative design and Jewish identity. Here are some potential highlights:

A personal computer with a modem will provide the Jewish Voice with access to additional interesting new stories and features from other Jewish newspapers around the country. Jewish Telegraphic Agency stories received by modem can be more easily edited, reducing the need for rekeying.

Jewish personals promoting Jewish continuity in many American Jewish Press Association newspapers today usually feature voice

mail boxes. An additional phone line, simple software and a personal computer are all that would be needed to help bring young Jewish adults together in Delaware.

The Jewish Voice can also prepare for press more effectively with computer hardware and software which compliments those used by our printer. Freelancers stories' formats can be converted. Hebrew characters, easily available in various software packages, would be introduced into the newspaper to enhance Jewish identity.

The Jewish Voice is committed to informing our readership to news of Jewish interest and news of Delaware's Jewish community. In order to produce the best possible newspaper for Delaware's Jewish community we will identify and pursue every appropriate avenue toward improvement.

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LETTERS

The Voice of Agunot

To the Editor:

We were pleased to see your recent article on "agunot" and the wonderful work of "Ikar: the International Association of Organizations for the Freeing of Agunot."

The New Israel Fund, a social change philanthropy, has been at the forefront of the movement to promote Agunah rights. Over the years, the Fund has provided principal funding and technical support to the Israel Women's Network and the Organization for the Assistance of Agunot, organizations leading the charge to enable women to divorce without the permission of abusive, intractable husbands.

The Israel Women's Network spearheaded the formation of IKAR, a coalition consisting of over 17 organizations, to develop, promote and advocate feasible solutions for women suffering the consequences of having been denied a divorce.

Perhaps most encouraging is that this Coalition is drawing on the experience of Jewish women throughout the world — in the United States, Canada and Israel — who together are working to bring international attention to the plight of "anchored women."

Sincerely,
Karen Friedman
Media Director
The New Israel Fund

Charity Begins At Home

Dear Editor,

I read with interest your article on the flood impact on the Jewish community in the Midwest. In it was an appeal to send monetary aide to the victims there. Although the sending of aid to the flood victims is commendable, I would also suggest an additional contribution be made to individuals here in the Delaware Jewish community who are presently experiencing economic hardships. This due to the current recession and corporate downsizing. An old adage would apply here: 'Charity begins at home.' There are more serious economic and social problems that we as a Jewish community here can address than is currently realized. Many people are just too proud to ask for assistance and would not take any if offered. I suggest job training programs as well as tuition assistance and social adjustment pro-

grams be established to help people in job transitions and layoffs. A graduate scholarship program could be established to help people compete in the job market where competition for jobs is fierce. (Currently there is no such program that the Jewish Federation offers) The Jewish community has programs for children, teens, young adults, singles and mature individuals (Kutz Home). Why not one for job displacement? (This would include a wide range of age groups) Establishment of such programs would go a long way in addressing the needs of the community that are not being met. These things are important to consider if we are to remain a viable and prosperous community. We must serve all of our members, not just a few select groups.

Sincerely,
Gary J. Trencher

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BLOODY TERRORIST CLASHES ... NORTHERN ISRAEL — Israeli soldiers evacuate casualties in July from fighting with Palestinian guerrillas in southern Lebanon. CREDIT: RNS PHOTO/Reuters

OPINIONS

Jewish Education Begins At Home Building On Traditions For The Jewish Family In The 90's

By ELLEN C. HERSCOWITZ,
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Special To The Jewish Voice

"Whenever a royal edict commanded the Jewish people to leave a country in which their fathers had been buried and their sons born, the treasure Jews were most anxious to carry away with them was their books. Among all the auto-da-fé that the daughter of Zion has had to witness, none has cost her such bitter tears as those flames which, during the Middle Ages, greedily consumed the scrolls of the Talmud." Israel Among the Nations, Heinemann, New York 1883.

Our Jewish identity begins from the time we are born. Our feelings of who we are and where we came from are brought forth by our strong family values and traditions. The foundation of Jewish identity is set within our family's experiences. While we have been blessed with committed educators our strongest teachers are our parents. With the family structure dramatically changing in the 90's we must take a strong stand in giving our children a strong foundation of

Jewish identity. Families scattered around the world, single parenting, dual working families and intermarriage have made it even more important for us to give our children the Jewish identity once instilled by the nuclear family. How often have we heard friends say, "With my grandparents no longer here how will we know the traditions?" It has amazed me to see my generation follow in their grandparents and parents footsteps. The bris seems to go smoothly, the baby naming has become an important tradition, the holiday services and holiday recipes seem to appear just as they did for thousands of years. Watching, listening, asking, and doing is the best formula for learning. Giving our children these opportunities gives them the chance to grow and add the new seeds to their Jewish identity.

Jewish education can come in many forms: music, art, cooking, storytelling, positive role modeling. With so many opportunities to reach our children let's plan.

Friday night has always been special in my thoughts. I'll always re-

member my father presiding over the shabbat table. We joined him in prayers, the wonderful challah, soup, and traditional main meal instilled the importance of family traditions. Today, with our lives so busy, each parent off in a different direction, makes it even more important for our children to have routines. We must prepare them for a way of life that will continue the Jewish traditions.

Daily living gives families the opportunity to share "stories" of long ago. What is more special than to tell your children the tales that have been handed down — generation to generation — relating the meaning of life. The holiday stories become real through family's experiences.

Begin to take those old family photographs out of the closet. Sit as family and discuss, write down details of the photo's and together put them in a book. There was a world before the "video" camera. A picture is forever.

Go back...Back to the "old" neighborhood. Show your children where you went to Hebrew school, spent



One of the author's old family photographs

your holiday's and where your grandparents lived. Bring your Jewish roots to reality for your family. It will make you feel good to remember. We can't turn the hands of the clock back but we can bring our thoughts of the past into stories and pictures of tomorrow.

You plan you child's formal Jewish education. Become part of their education. Begin to take classes, offer your help in the classroom, find your strengths (music, art, storytelling, or even fixing up) and tell the school you're here to help. Reach out to the Jewish community. As your children see you as an integral part of the community they will identify with their importance in the community.

Here are some hints to give your child a positive Jewish education:

- Begin spending Shabbat together. Let the children help plan the evening.
- Make special times together to tell stories. Ask relatives to tape stories of the past.
- Start a family album
- Play traditional Jewish music
- Go back to the old neighborhood
- Start cooking traditional recipes. Collect recipes from relatives.
- Reach out to the community, visit

senior homes, tape stories, visit old synagogues, meet with Rabbi, congregants, volunteer in your synagogue, bring back family traditions

•Begin a holiday tradition book

Judaism places a high value on education. Education begins informally in the home as early as preschool, continuing through formal education. To develop a positive Jewish identity it is necessary for us to give our children the experiences to feel proud of their heritage. Let's begin now to assure our children of a better and more understanding world tomorrow.

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Reflections On Higher Education

By BARRY S. "DOV" SEIDEL,
Sc.D.

Chair Of The Editorial Committee of
The Jewish Voice

Eichmann is not Wallenberg. People live at different spiritual levels. What is unbearably painful to observe by one person, is not noticed at all by another. What used to be considered important by universities, inculcating humane values in their students, for an important example, is now not thought of at all. Nor can any amount of concerts, art exhibits, theater presentations, or even lectures, of themselves, change this assessment. What can make a difference is a frequent, not to say continuous, flow of individual, thoughtful, compassionate actions (in Hebrew, gemilut hasadim) taken by the university community, especially the faculty. Students see these examples, and learn. Nothing can substitute, in this matter, for teaching by example.

Unfortunately, the modern structure of the university makes it impossible for faculty to act in this role. As a consequence, there is a terrible cost to society. Students complete their university studies having witnessed few, if any, such actions. Nor is it likely that they will encounter an intellectual in their university years. They will encounter many experts, which is, of course, a different matter. Thus students earn their degrees, but their world view and their moral view are much foreshortened. They think almost entirely of their own welfare. With such a citizenry, no government can function well, and justly. Thus, in failing to address these issues, the university is simply externalizing the costs.

Why cannot modern faculty act in the role I have described? Changes in the university have taken place over the last 30 years such that faculty, like students, now think almost entirely of their own welfare. Indeed, if

a general criticism of many aspects of modern American life can be made, it is that we too often take the short, bottom-line view, whether in marriage, the manufacture of automobiles, or in higher education. Faculty cannot act in the role I have described because they are not equipped to do so. To act in this role requires much preparation, much study. It is like becoming fluent in a new language, which, roughly speaking, takes 7-10 years. Faculty today are lucky to find 7-10 minutes.

We know that students come to the university with steadily-lowering, from year to year, interests in finding a world view. We shouldn't minimize the importance of this search; it seems to me that another name for this quest is finding their own voice, a voice that they can morally defend and feel comfortable in. But it is more than this. It is learning to see, in the way that Wallenberg could, and Eichmann could not. "And God opened her (Hagar's) eyes and she saw a well of water..." We seek to see things that we could not previously see. We seek vision. I a way, it

is fortunate that students come with diminished interests in this matter, for they will not, by and large, find the faculty there to guide them in their quest.

Even should a faculty member be equipped to raise the spiritual and intellectual level of a student, and actually do so in a particular act, the modern university would count this as nonproductive. Everyone knows by now what the university means when it refers to productivity; it certainly does not mean an act such as the one described above.

When universities discuss "teaching," they mean the transmittal of the classroom material, they mean training. What a cramped view, compared to, say, the one offered by the (now defunct) Danforth Associate Program:

"...the central Program goal of humanizing the teaching and learning experience. This goal involves acting upon the realization that all members of the campus community are persons whose living fuses thoughts, feelings, values and aspirations. It similarly involves acting upon the fact that education includes the

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QUOTES OF NOTE

"The military offensive against Israel by the radical Islamic Hezbollah from bases in Lebanon is an assault against the Arab-Israel peace process — and responsibility for it lies with Syria, which controls Lebanon and the territory where terrorist gangs operate, and Iran, which provides the missiles, mortars, rockets and other heavy weapons that the terrorists use."

Leaders of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations

"They were expelled from Ethiopia for teaching Judaism to a community of Jewish ancestry that wished to learn the traditions of their parents and grandparents."

Said Barbara Ribakove Gordon, national director of the North American Conference on Ethiopian Jewry (NACOEJ) on the recent deportation from Ethiopia of eight volunteers and the director.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Entries for the Calendar of Events are due on the Copy Deadline, published in each edition of *The Jewish Voice*. Copy should be typed and double spaced. Please include day and date, time, place, brief description and contact person.

AUGUST

Saturday 7

Jewish Family Campus - Quantum Leap into Your Favorite Decade, 8 - 12 midnight. Dress for your favorite decade and join us for an evening of eating, drinking, dancing and singing to your favorite songs of the past. Karaoke on the pool deck also included. Cost is \$22.50 per person and includes buffet, beer, wine, dessert and Karaoke. For more information call the Family Campus Control Desk at 478-5782.

YJAD miniature golf and dinner at the Olive Garden. Dinner is at 6:30 and mini-golf at 8:30. Call Michael Bank at (302) 738-4542.

Sunday 8

Recreational Services Department of the JCC - Tennis Clinic, 10 a.m. Join the Tennis Addiction Professionals for a singles, mixed doubles, men's and women's doubles tournament at the Family Campus Tennis Courts. Register by August 1. For more information call the Fitness Center Control Desk at 478-5660.

Monday 9, 16, 23, 30

YJAD will play coed volleyball outdoors on the JCC Family Campus. Games run from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Cost is \$2 (only \$1 for JCC members). Call Mike Schenk at (215) 558-3781.

Wednesday 11

Senior Center of the JCC - Candlelight Dinner and Pool Party, 5:30 p.m. After our candlelight dinner, seniors will use the Family Campus pool for an evening swim. For more information call Ray Freshman at 478-5660. **YJAD** (singles 20's and 30's) Annual Mid-Week Bar-B-Q at the home of Tina Harvitz. The Bar-B-Q starts at 6:30. Call Tina Harvitz at (302) 762-1345.

Peggy Amsterdam Named To Arts Post

By JAMES YURASEK
Delaware State Arts Council

WILMINGTON, DE — Peggy Amsterdam has been appointed Director of the Delaware Division of the Arts with the approval of Governor Thomas R. Carper.

Originally from Cheltenham, Pennsylvania, Ms. Amsterdam has been a resident of Wilmington since 1978 and employed by the Division of the Arts since 1985. Prior to her work at the Division, Ms. Amsterdam served as Executive Director of the Fairfax County (Virginia) Council of the Arts. She holds a Master of Arts in Art History and Museum Studies from George Washington University.

Ms. Amsterdam has extensive experience working with Delaware's arts community including serving in several key roles for the Division of the Arts.

In addition, Ms. Amsterdam has served on the National Task Force for Dance Education and the Mid Atlantic Arts Foundation Dance Focus Group, as well as on the boards of trustees of the Grand Opera House and Jewish Family Service of Delaware. She has also served as Assistant Director and Co-Producer of several OperaDelaware productions.

The Division of the Arts is a state agency responsible for fostering the development of the arts in Delaware.

Saturday 14

Jewish Family Campus - Family Overnight, 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. Join the JCC staff for a fun evening of camping. You supply the campers, sleeping bags and clothing and we'll supply dinner, breakfast, evening program and tents. Cost is \$8 per person or \$30 for a family of 4 or more. For more information call the Family Campus Control Desk at 478-5782.

Sunday 15

Recreational Services Department of the JCC - Tennis Clinic, 10 a.m. Join the Tennis Addiction Professionals for a singles, mixed doubles, men's and women's doubles tournament at the Family Campus Tennis Courts. For more information call the Fitness Center Control Desk at 478-5660.

YJAD softball at the JCC. Call Beth Lubaroff at (215) 482-9943.

Sunday 22

YJAD trip to the Renaissance Faire near Lancaster, PA. The trip starts at the JCC at 9:45 a.m. Call Carol Einhorn at (215) 583-2241.

Tuesday 24

Jewish Family Campus - Israeli Dancing, 7 - 8:30 p.m. Join Israeli dancing on the pool deck with Michele Weiner. Designed for families, singles, teens and seniors. Cost is \$4 per evening for members, \$6 per evening for non-members. Call 478-5782.

Wednesday 25

Senior Center of the JCC - Candlelight Dinner and Pool Party, 5:30 p.m. For information call Ray Freshman at 478-5660.

Thursday 26

YJAD will have a Chavurah about the *Myth of the JAP*. Come out and voice your opinion on this topic. Myrna Ryder from the Jewish Family Services will be facilitator for this discussion. Call Leslie Friedman at (302) 455-1686.

Senior Center of the JCC - Annual Senior Ball at DuPont Country Club, 7 - 10 p.m. The Annual Ball is sponsored by New Castle County

Working Parent Day

The National Council of Jewish Women's National Day of the Working Parent, will focus attention on the needs of Americans who balance work responsibilities with the demands of caring for children and/or elderly relatives. Conflicts between work and family affect productivity, absenteeism and worker retention. There are many low cost solutions that will ultimately improve the bottom line.

On Thursday, September 9, 1993, activities in Delaware will center in Wilmington, Newark and Dover, and will include free seminars to small business on family care issues, and the distribution of hundreds of "Food for Thought" lunch boxes containing child care and elder care resource information.

NCJW has installed a national toll-free phone number (1-800-622-NCJW) for people to call and receive free information on child and elder care. Locally, for more information on how to be included in the free small business Seminars, call the Child Care Connection 479-1668).

Grand Opening

Celebrating the grand opening of three additional rooms is Communiques at 5806 Kennett Pike, Centreville, Delaware 19807 with new evening salon series and a 15 percent discount on custom birth announcements.

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Sunday 29

Jewish Family Campus - A BBQ chicken dinner with a performance in the amphitheatre. Cost is \$6 for children ages 3-12, \$9 for adults and \$8 for seniors. Call 478-5782.

SEPTEMBER

Saturday 4

Jewish Family Campus - Family Overnight, 7 p.m. - 9 a.m. Join the JCC staff for a fun evening of camping. You supply the campers, sleeping bags and clothing, and we'll supply dinner, breakfast, evening program and tents.

Reflections

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development of sensibilities and values, the enrichment of interpersonal life, and the cultivation of awareness and commitment to the broader human society."

Even those convinced of the needs described, will find the road not only long but uncertain:

"Every attempt to reach a higher level of existence, to break out and ascend, entails not only the possibility of failure to rise but also the possibility of falling even lower than the point where one began. Then too, no spiritual ladder can be ascended without constant effort, tension, and anguish."*

First, it is necessary that we acknowledge the problem. Then we can discuss the details of the solution.

*Adin Steinsalt, "The Strife of the Spirit". Jason Aronson, Inc., Northvale, NJ, 1988, p. 5

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Cost is \$8 per person or \$30 for a family of 4 or more. Call 678-5782.

Ongoing

Lower East Side Tenement Museum, 97 Orchard Street, New York City, walking tours include Peddler's Pack: A Jewish Heritage Tour. Chartered in 1988, the Tenement Museum seeks to promote tolerance and historical perspective through the presentation and interpretation of immigrant experiences on Man-hattan's Lower East Side, a gateway to America. For dates and times call 212-431-0233.



Corrections

☆ The headline to the engagement announcement of Alyse Brody to Dr. David Sachs, in our last issue misidentified Ms. Brody's last name as "Brady."

☆ In a story by Gil Sedan of JTA, Israel's First Sabra Woman Rabbi published in the July 16 issue of the Jewish Voice Maya Leibowitz should have been described as having received her Smicha not simcha.

☆ Mandel is of Germanic origin.

LOCAL

Hadassah to Sponsor Rabbi Rachel Cowan

Hadassah's Journey Through Jewish Living Committee will sponsor a talk by Rabbi Rachel Cowan in the Congregation Beth Emeth Social Hall, on Sunday, September 12, at 7:30 p.m. It will be open to all members of the community, free of charge. Dessert and coffee will be served after the talk.

Rachel Cowan is a Jew-by-Choice and a rabbi. She will address issues faced by Jews living in a non-Jewish world, including Jews-by-Choice and interfaith couples, in a presentation entitled "A Journey into Jewish Life." She will take questions after her 40 minute talk.

Rabbi Cowan and her late husband Paul, have written, *Mixed Blessings: Untangling the Knots in an Interfaith Marriage* and *A Torah is Written*, a children's book on the making of a safer Torah.

Rabbi Cowan grew up in a unitarian family in Boston. Her ethnic roots are New England American back to the Mayflower. She married the late Paul Cowan, whose book *An Orphan In History* dealt with the rediscovery of his Jewish roots and identity. After 16 years of an interfaith marriage, she converted to Judaism. Subsequently, she graduated from the Hebrew Union College Jewish Institute of Religion and is currently a rabbi.

Having participated in an interfaith marriage for many years, Rabbi Cowan is an effective speaker on the ways that the Jewish community can be more open to non-Jewish spouses and encourage their commitment to

Judaism. She regularly leads workshops for interfaith couples to help them clarify the way their different backgrounds affect their relationship and to decide such issues as how they will raise their children, what observances to practice in their home and how to make connections to the Jewish community.

As a convert of Judaism and a rabbi, Rachel Cowan speaks very meaningfully on the subject of the spiritual journey of a Jew-by-Choice. Other topics she is frequently called upon to address are reaching out to the unaffiliated, raising children in an interfaith marriage and grieving and healing in Judaism.

Rachel Cowan's visit to Wilmington is being funded by a grant received by the Wilmington Chapter of Hadassah from Hadassah National. It is being supported by the Newark Chapter of Hadassah and Sisterhood Beth Emeth. Also support is given by Adash Kodesch Shel Emeth Sisterhood, the Brandywine Chapter of Women's American ORT, Congregation Beth El Sisterhood, Congregation Beth Shalom Sisterhood and Jewish Family Service.

The Journey Through Jewish Living of Hadassah was formed when Hadassah obtained a grant to help integrate Jews-by-Choice unaffiliated Jews and interfaith couples into the Jewish community. The committee has sponsored numerous educational and discussion programs within our community.

At 4:30, preceding the program at Congregation Beth Emeth Newark

Hadassah will host a covered dish supper at the home of Leni Markell, 222 Hullihen Drive, Newark. Anyone interested in attending is welcome and should call Leni Markell at 737-5473.

For reservations to the program at Congregation Beth Emeth, call Lelaine Nemser at 984-1762, Myrna Ryder at 478-9411, or Ruth Goodman at 478-2893.

(Editor's Note: This event was rescheduled from March 14, 1993 due to the blizzard.)

Dinner Before Cowan Talk

This year, Newark Hadassah will concentrate on "making Jewish connections." As a curtain-raiser, Newark Hadassah plans a supper prior to Rachel Cowan's address, funded by the Delaware Humanities Forum, at Temple Beth Emeth on September 12 at 7:30 p.m. At 4:30, preceding the Cowan program, Newark Hadassah will host a covered dish supper at the home of Leni Markell, 222 Hullihen Drive, Newark. Anyone interested in attending is welcome and should call Leni Markell at

737-5473.

Rachel Cowan's talk will be based on the book "Mixed Blessings," which she co-authored with her late husband Paul. As an intermarried couple, they quickly became aware of the problems that arise in such marriages, and began to counsel other intermarried couples. "Mixed Blessings" is the result of their personal and counselling experiences with intermarriage. Rachel Cowan, who was born non-Jewish, has converted to Judaism and is now a rabbi.

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Hollywood Schmooze

A Whale Of A Prop Built For "Free Willy"

By DAN WEINTRAUB

Editor of The Jewish Voice

The new family film "Free Willy" has encountered controversy over many viewers mistaken belief that the large killer whale that's the film's protagonist was mistreated. In fact, according to the Delaware Valley's Jeff Weintraub, a realistic looking hydraulics-driven model killer whale was filmed in the controversial scenes.

Weintraub should know since he played a leading role in building the ersatz sham.

Ty Boyce, who spearheaded the model whale's development and construction selected Jeff Weintraub for his team because of Jeff's technical and artistic expertise. Jeff designed the hydraulics and propulsion system which allowed the model killer whale to move. The mechanical designs Jeff created ensured that the fiberglass model would float. Weintraub also joined a handful of model-making sculptors to contour the realistic

movie model mammal. A team of electricians and welders completed other aspects of the whale based on Boyce and Weintraub's plans. During the filming Weintraub operated the controls in the model which made the man-made whale appear to move.

Since Tinseltown producers try to avoid making movies with a stiff as the star why would they cast a floating fiberglass model with fins in a major motion picture? According to Weintraub the producers didn't know how the real killer whale would perform. The model could be moved realistically in whatever manner the script provided. In scenes where the child co-star feeds the killer whale the model was used to ensure the child's safety. The mechanical killer whale was also used in scenes where the real sea mammal could otherwise have been injured. For example the mechanical whale was used in scenes where the whale crashed through glass or thrashes in a net.

As for the real killer whale Weintraub explains he was well cared for by two ex-Sea World employees during filming in late 1991 and 1992 down in Mexico. The safety of the whale extended to the decision to use a vegetable based fluid to run the hydraulics in the mock orca, so the real whale would not be harmed in the event of any spills.

Weintraub, who now lives in nearby New Hope, PA, says the misnomer "killer whale" is an inversion of its Spanish designation which should be translated "whale killer." According to Weintraub packs of the animals hunt whales for food but they do not generally prey on humans. The so-called killer whales are in fact more closely related to dolphins.

"The excitement of being on the set is tremendous," said Weintraub after working on his first movie. "It's really incredible seeing the director set up the cameras and you can't believe it's going to look right but then it really comes out nicely."

Other Whale Tales

◆ During the recent American Jewish Press Association annual conference former CJF official Mark Talisman suggested American Jews committed to causes such as saving the whales should find an outlet for their activism within the organized Jewish community.

◆ According to a variety of reports in the national media a mural artist named Wyland is currently travelling the country covering walls with life-size paintings of whales to draw attention to the plight of the whales and other endangered species. Wyland completed a mural in Wilmington this week according to a story in The News Journal. The artist has dubbed the murals "Whaling Walls."

◆ According to Rabbi Sanford Dresin whale meat is not kosher. Generally marine life is not kosher unless it has fins and scales, explained the Rabbi. For example crustaceans such as lobster and shrimp are not kosher. The whale however is a mammal. Rabbi Dresin said as a mammal the whale is considered as though a land animal. A mammal is not kosher unless it has a split hoof and chews its cud. "Keep in mind the whale swallowed Jonah and Jonah didn't swallow the whale," said Dresin. "Sometimes Jews may be blubbery but not by eating blubber."

JCC Theatre Trips Planned

The Jewish Community Center of Wilmington will be offering two theatre trips to New York City in the Fall of 1993.

The first trip to see "Kiss of the Spiderwoman" is scheduled for Wednesday, October 13, 1993. "Kiss of the Spiderwoman" has won 3 Tony Awards for Best Play, Best Actor and Best Actress. It also received the 1992 London Evening Standard Drama Award for Best Musical. It stars the legendary Chita Rivera with composer and lyricist Kander and Ebb. The cost is \$95 for JCC members and \$110 for non-members. The deadline for reservations is September 3, 1993.

The second trip to see "Laughter on the 23rd Floor" is scheduled for Wednesday, November 2, 1993. Broadway's most prolific playwright, Neil Simon, returns with this new somewhat auto-biographical comedy focusing on his early days as a writer of live TV variety shows. Jerry Zaks directs and Nathan Lane stars. The cost is \$82 for JCC members and \$97 for non-members. The deadline for reservations is October 1, 1993.

All theatre trip buses will depart from the JCC at 8:00 a.m. and will return approximately at 7:30 p.m. Limited space is available...reservations are now being accepted at the JCC Front Desk. For more information, call Amalia Snyderman at 478-5660.

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They went on, of course, to write six of the most successful shows of all time, to win Tonys and Pulitzer Prizes and to dominate the music world until Hammerstein's death in 1960, during the run of *Sound of Music*.

1993 is the 50th anniversary year of their collaboration and it's being celebrated within the music and theater worlds. There are two new books about them, and the New York Times had a long Sunday critique of their work. I'd like to share with you some of my feelings about them.

I was a child in 1943, but I remember the fuss that was made about *Oklahoma!* I recall Jack Benny making jokes about how hard it was to get tickets and Fred Allen doing a radio musical spoof which he called *South Dakota!*

I was too young to go to places that had juke boxes, but the babysitter let me stay up past my nine o'clock bedtime on Saturday nights so I could hear *Your Hit Parade* on radio. That's where I learned the music to *Oklahoma!*, as week after week Frank Sinatra sang "People Will Say We're in Love" and "Oh What a Beautiful Morning."

Flash forward to 1993 and imagine my emotions when I attended an *Oklahoma!* reunion at Rockefeller Center. There was John Raitt, original star of *Carousel*, still ruggedly handsome in his 70's. He still sounds good, too. He sang showtunes with his daughter, Bonnie Raitt, on a

Boston Pops telecast last month.

Even more fun was meeting and kidding around with Celeste Holm. She was hilarious a few evenings before in a program of R & H songs at the Cabaret of the Russian Tea Room, telling stories about the mishaps that occurred during *Oklahoma!*'s tryouts.

The original conductor was there: Jay Blackton, who was Jacob Schwarzwald before he anglicized his name in time for the Broadway opening. He told me his reaction the first time Dick Rodgers sat at the piano and played the music for him.

Blackton is now in a wheelchair after a stroke, as is choreographer Agnes DeMille. What a sight it was to see other celebrities come up to Agnes at lunch and say, "Miss DeMille, you probably don't remember me but I'm Barbara Cook (or, I'm Marilyn Horne...) and I wonder if you'd sign an autograph for me?"

One of the outstanding commemorations of the anniversary was another evening at the Russian Tea Room which was organized by the Cabaret Workshop of the Eugene O'Neill Theater and School in Connecticut. Usually we hear big voices belt out the R & H hits. That evening we heard intimate, creative re-interpretations of the familiar songs.

Andrea Marcovici sang "Some Enchanted Evening" with songwriter and singer Craig Camalia who, on this occasion, played the guitar and hummed harmony with Andrea. Camalia alone at the piano sang a

haunting "Carefully Taught." Margaret Whiting, in surprisingly youthful voice, gave demonstrations of song styling as she sang "It Might As Well Be Spring" from *State Fair* and "People Like You and Me" which was cut from *Oklahoma!* just before the New York opening.

The young singing team of Doherty and Field sang a medley from *South Pacific* during which they used "Younger Than Springtime" and "Bali Hai" as counterpoint for "Some Enchanted Evening." It was magical.

That music conjured more personal memories for me. My Uncle Gil Engle came back from serving in the South Pacific during World War II and fell in love with the R & H show. He sat in my parents' home and cried with joy when we played our ten-inch 78 rpm shellac records of the *South Pacific* Broadway cast: Ezio Pinza, Mary Martin, Juanita Hall and all the others.

As I grew up I saw every Rodgers and Hammerstein show, and almost every show that Rodgers wrote after his partner's death. I enjoyed the good parts of even the lesser works, such as *Allegro* and *Pipe Dream* and *I Remember Mama* which Rodgers wrote while he was dying of cancer. The only one I missed was *Rex*, Rodgers' musical about Henry V, which opened in Wilmington. If you saw that show, please send me a note and tell me your recollections of it.

All of the R & H shows were technically superb, beautifully crafted

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Teach Your Children Well

Commentary By
RABBI ELLEN BERNHARDT

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We learn from the Torah (Deuteronomy 6:7) that "you shall teach them diligently to your children." It is a mitzvah, an obligation, for parents to teach their children. The curriculum for such an undertaking is the Torah. The rabbis are careful to point out, however, that the Torah teaches a way of life and parents are obligated to teach their children to be total human beings — to learn the basics, to learn a skill which will ensure self sufficiency, and to set the growing child on the path for a lifelong pursuit of learning.

Jewish education has always been concerned with the whole child and modern pedagogy has come to share this belief as well. Clearly, schools will influence children's characters, shape their values, imbue them with skills and wisdom, teach self sufficiency, and a responsibility to community and to fellow human beings. No school can do it alone. Together with the parents, the community and their peer group, schools should prepare children to take their place as responsible adults.

We want our children to feel good about themselves as people, and good about themselves as Jews. The integration of both the secular and Judaic education is the way to foster the

growth of the "total person." In this diverse and challenging world, we long to touch the mind, the body, the emotions and even the soul of our children. There is so much to be nurtured.

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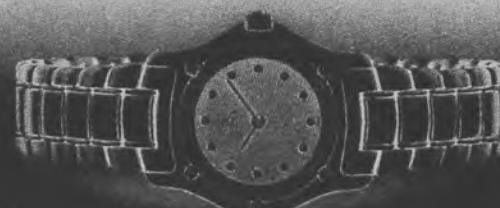
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Delaware Gratz students are invited and encouraged to join all JCHS activities in Philadelphia which include an annual youth conference on teen issues, trips, dances, overnights, Shabbatonim and a summer in Israel.

Extracurricular social and educational activities also are a part of the local program which provides a close association with Jewish teenagers from all the congregations in the Wilmington and nearby Pennsylvania suburbs.

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 Sunday - 10:55 a.m. - 11:50 a.m. Jewish Issues 13A - Israel
 Sunday - 12:05 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. Bible 13
 Tuesday - 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Jewish Life 13
 Tuesday - 8:10 p.m. - 9:10 p.m. Jewish Calendar 13
 Thursday - 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Hebrew Language 13
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 Sunday - 10:00 a.m.-10:55 a.m. Jewish Issues 23 - Holocaust (Jack Vinokur)
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 Sunday - 12:05-1:00 p.m. Bible 23 - Nation in Formation; Early Prophets (Ivy Kaplan)
 Tuesday - 7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. History 23 - Second Commonwealth Period; 525 BCE-500 CE (Howard Hait)
 Tuesday 8:10 p.m.-9:10 p.m. Jewish Life 23 - Teen Issues (Arlene Bowman)

Thursday 7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Jewish Belief 23 - Basic beliefs relating to G-d, Torah and Israel (Gladys Gewirtz)
 Thursday 8:10 p.m.-9:10 p.m. Hebrew Language 23 - Basic Hebrew Skills (Shoshana Hershkowitz)

10th Grade
 Sunday 10:00 a.m.-10:55 a.m. Jewish Life 23 - Mysticism and Kabbalah (Julie Shore)
 Sunday 10:55 a.m.-11:50 a.m. Jewish Ethics 33 - Oral law applied to ethical dilemmas (Ivy Kaplan)
 Sunday 12:05 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Hebrew Language 33A & B - Continuation of the four basic language skills (Ann Jaffe/Gladys Gewirtz)

Tuesday 7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Bible 33 - Israelite Nation in Crisis; Books of Kings (Nili fox)
 Tuesday 8:10 p.m.-9:10 p.m. History 33 - History of Jews in America (Howard Hait)

Thursday 7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Jewish Issues 53 - Moral and ethical dilemmas facing Jewish people (Jack Vinokur)
 Thursday 8:10 p.m.-9:10 p.m. Hebrew Language 53 - Reinforcement of the four language skills through Ulpan methods (Gladys Gewirtz)

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SPORTS

Delaware's Maccabian Medals

By DAN WEINTRAUB
Editor of The Jewish Voice

Delaware's Karl Klienburd earned two gold medals and two silver medals in Junior swimming competition. Robert Pritchett of Delaware earned two bronze medals for wrestling in the Maccabiah Games as American Athletes excelled at the 14th World Maccabiah Games. Delaware's Eileen Wallach, the Recreational Services Director at the JCC, served as Accommodations Manager at the Games for the mens volleyball, wrestling, gymnastics and tennis teams.

Klienburd won a gold medal in the fifty meter Freestyle competition with a time of 28.86 seconds. She was also golden in winning the one-hundred meter Freestyle in a time of 1:02.56, according to Susan Goldstein of the United States Committee Sports For Israel. Klienburd scored a silver medal in the one hundred meter Butterfly competition in a time of 1:07.61. Klienburd's fourth medal was silver in the four by one-hundred meter Medley relay.

Goldstein said that Klienburd would have had another gold for her successful efforts in the four by one-hundred medley Freestyle relay, yet the race was declared unofficial. Klienburd explained that the female junior four by one-hundred meter Freestyle relay race was unofficial because the third of three teams participating did not field a full slate in the race. Klienburd said that Chile only entered two swimmers in the four-leg four person event.

Klienburd said her next goal is the national competitions to be held next summer in Cincinnati. The national competitions, according to Klienburd, are open for tryouts. In contrast the

World Maccabiah team was selected by invitation only. Pritchett earned bronze medals in

the Greco-Roman and Freestyle competitions for his weight class of 82 Kilograms or approximately 180 pounds. Greco-Roman focuses on the upper body and holding onto an opponent's legs is prohibited. Susan Goldstein says most U.S. wrestlers are not accustomed to the Greco Roman style which is more popular



Delaware's Robert Pritchett in control in Israel

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internationally. Pritchett's medals contributed to a strong overall effort by the United States wrestling team. According to Pritchett's father the Delaware wrestler is presently competing in Poland. The Maccabiah Games were completed in mid-July.

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Words & Music

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plays, filled with hummable tunes. Most of their shows portrayed sympathetic, believable people coping with gut issues. That's the reason they still bring tears to the eyes of many in the audience.

Yes, sometimes the situations are old-fashioned and corny. Hammerstein does sound chauvinistic to today's ears when he has the King's wife sing "Something Wonderful" or Carrie sing "What's the Use of Wondering (if he's good or if he's bad.)" Both *Carousel* and *The King and I* portray women who believe you must stick with your spouse no matter what, "and that's all there is to that." But remember that both of those shows, and most R & H shows, are period pieces, set in times and places where that was the norm.

We don't have to live that life-style today, but we do have to admire the devotion of the women who sing those words, and the poetry of Hammerstein, and the ineffable beauty of the music which Rodgers set to those words.

Watch for a major R & H revival in

New York next season. In the meantime, enjoy the boxed set of recordings on the MCA label (formerly Decca), where we hear the original casts of four shows along with some out-takes. And hear the individual shows that were done for Columbia, now re-issued on the Sony label.

RCA also has reissued original-cast R & H recordings, and a special gem: a CD of Mary Martin accompanied by Rodgers on the piano. And look for Ethan Mordden's book called *Rodgers and Hammerstein*, a collection of theater yore, perceptive analysis and great pictures.

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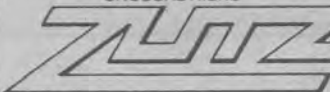
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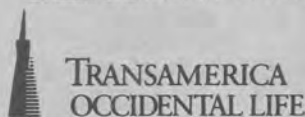
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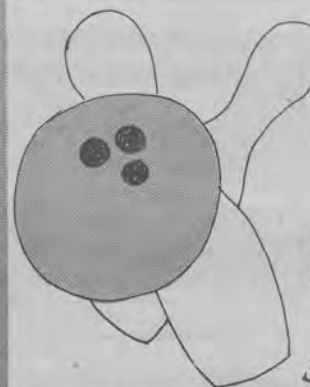


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This Spring Sony recording artist Peter Himmelman came to Delaware for an in-store performance at the Rolling Thunder Record Store at the Branmar Plaza in Wilmington. The singer-songwriter and his band were touring in support of his most recent release "Flown This Acid World." His well-crafted compositions, as well as his charismatic (and often humorous) live concert performances, have earned him well-deserved recognition in his own right apart from whatever notoriety he has achieved as the son-in-law of music legend Bob Dylan. What follows below are song lyrics of a moving untitled Himmelman composition on a topic of significance to both the songwriter and our community.

By PETER HIMMELMAN

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This is a story about a taxi ride I can't forget

it was Autumn in Minnesota, it was raining cold and wet.

So I hopped into the first cab that I saw.

The heater was on but the chill just wouldn't thaw.

The driver of the cab had a pock-marked face - he didn't seem unfriendly he was just staring off into space.

And he told me that he used to drive a truck and that right now he was down on his luck.

I talked to him a bit about traveling. Told him I had been to the USSR.

He looked at me in the rear view mirror and he said "Ain't that where the Jews and commies are?"

I knew I was in for a hell of a ride.

My face was calm but I was burning up inside, oh yeah.



The fringes of the singer-songwriters tallis is visible behind his guitar.

He told me he had a dream to go to a place free of niggers and Jews. "Austria?" I asked out loud as I stared down at my shoes.

He said "Hey man that's exactly right. Aren't you proud to be white?"

I played along with him a bit I said "What do you mean? I'm not sure."

That's when he told me how much he admired the Fuhrer he drove on through the Minnetonka Pines.

And the rain started freezing on the highway sign.

Then I said "Don't you think it was wrong gassin' all those Jews?"

And he told me "Hitler's only fault was that he had to go and lose the war that should have set the white man free. To inherit the entire Earth as his destiny."

Then he started fishin' for a cassette tape he'd gotten from a special class. In it some teacher

was talking about destroying the Jews at last. And about how they were all to blame for every problem that you could ever name.

I stared out my window I started thinking about my life, thinking about my children, thinking about my wife. And I wondered how much more could I endure of the hatred so naked and so pure.

When I got to my brother's house I even tipped him a dollar or two.

I was wondering if he'd known all along that his passenger was a Jew. I just stared him up there in the freezing night.

That's when my brother came to the door and turned on the light, oh yeah.

Don't tell the children, defile your dreams.

Heads are still pounding from the sounds of their screams.

And the blood is still flowing out of European streams.

It is you who have no right to call yourself a human being.

Here I am in a taxi with a cut rate Aryan.

I spent the next morning with a man who had death camp numbers on his arm.

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And he told me wherever you go, you must refute them when they say "it isn't so."

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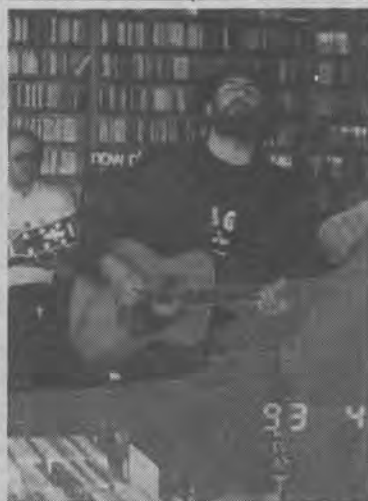
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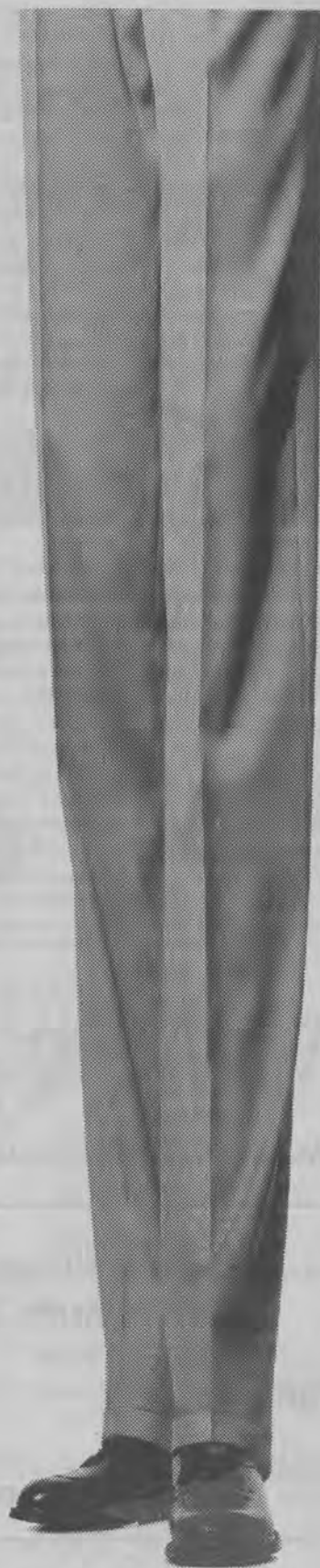
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The Dog Ate My Database A New Twist On Homework: On-Line Solutions

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By REID KANALEY
Inquirer Staff Writer

Marvin Weinberger was slinging coffee and cookies at his latest visitor.

"Here at Infonautics I believe I should treat my business guests like I treat my guests at home," he said. He tipped a piping carafe toward a paper cup, dribbling hot coffee across his smart office carpet.

No problem. Weinberger just kept talking — about kids, about education, about computers, about homework.

And about how his company, Infonautics Corp., and its planned on-line computer service, called Homework Helper, are supposed to turn libraries into musty relics as they revolutionize the way youngsters study and think.

"Infonautics hopes to make infonauts of all of them," he said. They will use "21st-century information tools to launch out into information space and to go anywhere their dreams can take them."

Loquacious and indefatigable, Weinberger, 38, has been pitching that *Star Trek* vision to a steady stream of potential investors who have found their way to his company headquarters in Wayne for coffee, cookies and a demonstration of his brainchild.

"I can't wait for the time, a couple of months from now, when a couple of thousand people can come in and play to their hearts' content," he said during a recent demonstration.

Homework Helper is not yet available to the public. Weinberger hopes to raise \$1 million in development money this year so he can roll out the software product commercially in September 1994.

Play seemed to be what he was intent on as he sat down at his computer that houses a prototype of Homework Helper.

He types in a question: *Who said, "Et tu, Brute?"*

On the screen appeared a list of references, beginning with the obvious, from Shakespeare's *Julius Caesar*, but also including a surprise reference to "Et tu, Healy?" from James Joyce's *Potrait of the Artist as a Young Man*.

Portions of text were highlighted as possibly relevant to the search. By asking for more information about them, Weinberger was off on a hunt that took his inquiry into Irish Catholicism, to Eugene O'Neill and into a biography of Harry Truman.

In this kind of search, said Weinberger, the inquiring mind is encouraged "to think through the whole world of knowledge and how knowledge makes sense." It also allows for unusual connections between ideas and things.

Type in a question: *Why is the sky blue?* The answer, or some new questions, were available from the writings of Charles Darwin, the wave theory of light, and the collected works of Tennessee Williams.

"It was pretty nifty," said Gary H. Arlen of Bethesda, Md., senior editor of the Interactive and Information

Services Report, a newsletter that tracks on-line computer services. Arlen has seen Weinberger's prototype.

Arlen said he was not aware of anything quite like Homework Helper, whose software takes questions in plain English, provides answers from tens of millions of pages of source material, and even ranks the sources in order of their probable relevance.

So far, Weinberger has put together the databases of 33 publishers of encyclopedias, newspapers and magazines, books, software and even television transcripts.

The program has been a hit at recent technology fairs. Last month it won an award for "Most Powerful Technology" at the Ben Franklin Partnership Entrepreneur's Fair in King of Prussia, and was voted "Most Likely to Receive Venture Funding" at the Delaware Entrepreneur's Forum Venture Fair in Wilmington.

"The potential of the Homework Helper is as important as the invention of the textbook," said Larry Belling, a Los Angeles publisher of educational software. Belling has agreed to provide two history programs for Homework Helper — calendars of historical events going back to 2000 B.C.

"The so-called information superhighway, at the moment, has nothing on it that will be of help to our kids...I think the Homework Helper is the salvation," said Belling.

Arlen, however, noted: "The big challenge is going to be marketing it, pricing it, letting people know you're out there."

Weinberger was in law school a decade ago when he started a database company that later merged with Infonautics' parent, Telebase Systems Inc., a database-research company.

He said he wanted Homework Helper to be picked up for distribution by one of the nation's on-line

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Delaware's David Levitt's Comic ^{INSIDE} _{OUT} Greeting Cards



By CELIA GANS

Cartoonist David Levitt's characters may be (in the tradition of R. Crumb) off the wall, but they're filled with a wry, irony, not as angst or rage. As his males and females struggle with life's trials, they're neither self-pitying, like Jules Feiffer's *Everyman Everywoman*, and nor bitter hapless victims, like Herb Gardner's *Nebishes*. Many of them are leaves from our family trees: those relatives who are both more than — and less than — altogether regular people.

Levitt himself, however, is indeed "regular people." A graduate of Dover High School, Levitt earned a Bachelor of Arts from Dickinson College in Sociology and Political Science from Dickinson and has completed graduate courses in the communications field at the University of Delaware. He holds a part-time job with a major national retail concern, and speaks knowledgeably about printing and selling his own work.

With no formal art training, Levitt says his characters began as doodles in college about ten years ago, and progressed into watercolors, drawing and finally his *INSIDE OUT* cartoons, currently a series of 24 greeting cards. "I don't see a finished work when I begin drawing or painting," says Levitt. "My work comes somewhere from my uncensored mind, from tapping into unconscious powers. When I'm in a creative mood, I blank my mind and my hand moves." The captains, admits Levitt, come later.

In May of 1990, 30 of his watercolors, latex enamels and pastels were exhibited at L.A. Bobs in Dover, where Cafe Calypso has also displayed his work. In 1992, he and his father had a joint exhibition in Dover (David was 8 when his father Irv, a career federal government civil servant and current Dover City Councilman moved the family from Huntington, Long Island to Delaware). Levitt was part of Wilmington's Art on the Town program in April, 1992, and in May, 1993, his work was in the Dover Days celebration exhibits.

"My characters demand attention," says Levitt, "they're not wall art. They have a bizarre wacky, Kafkaesque humor." And, with captions on his creations, Levitt found he

could not only make his art accessible to non-fine art buyers, he could also be sure it was not relegated to the closet. When the *Bostonia* Magazine printed one of his cartoons in its Spring, 1992, Levitt reasoned that his next step was greeting cards. His first *INSIDE OUT* set was printed in April, 1993.

Is there a single source for his humor? Levitt isn't sure. "May be it's just that I see humor as transferring the negative into the positive. Everyone has problems, and sometimes we feel helpless — like one of W.C. Field's characters. My characters aren't negative — that is, sad — they're thoughtful, they have something in their minds." Not that it's always obvious what, admits Levitt, pointing to one of his paintings, "sometimes what looks like a shriek of terror, if you look at it long enough, becomes laughter."

In the Wilmington area, *INSIDE OUT* cards are on sale at Communiques, a Centreville gift shop at 5806 Kennett Pike, owned by former *Jewish Voice* editor Rebecca Falkowski and her husband; Delaware Art Museum Gift Shop, at the Pike Creek Carousel Shop, and at the Rudnitsky family's Smoke Shop in Trolley Square. Levitt will be at the Smoke Shop on Saturday, August 7th during the afternoon to sign his work. The University of Delaware bookstore will now be carrying his cards.

Levitt's cards are on sale in Dover at 102 Lockerman Street and at Forney's Too; in Bethany at Sea Level and Tulip Limited and at the Perfect Word on Philadelphia's South Street.



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Rosenbaum-Tannian

Marcia Ann Rosenbaum, daughter of Ruth and Leonard Rosenbaum, announces her engagement to Mark Tannian, son of Beatrix and Francis Tannian, of Newark, Delaware. A January wedding is planned.

Flippen-Pierce

Richard and Dorothy Flippen announce the engagement of their daughter Annette Rose Flippen to Charles Jeffrey Pierce of Lawrenceville, New Jersey. Miss Flippen, a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, is a doctoral student at Columbia University. Mr. Pierce, a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania is with Computerland. He is the son of Ms. Karen Mannix of Lutz, Florida and Mr. C. Gilbert Pierce of Tampa, Florida.

Cohen

Rhonda and Stephen Cohen (Nee Feldman) joyfully announce the birth of their son, Corey Evan (Yitzhak Hoshea), on July 2, 1993, named in memory of his grandfathers, Edwin Feldman and Charles Sigismund Cohen.

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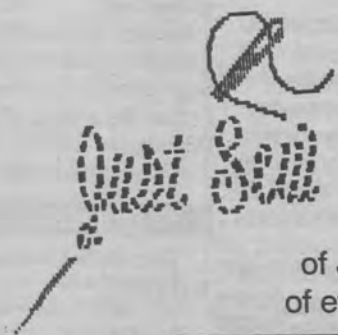
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ABRAM L. SACHAR

Abram L. Sachar, author, historian, founding president of Brandeis University, and pioneer in the field of American higher education, died of respiratory failure on Saturday afternoon, July 24, at his home in Newton, Mass. He was 94.

Sachar won recognition as the driving force behind the molding of Brandeis into one of the youngest major research universities in the United States and the only nonsectarian college or university sponsored by the American Jewish community. In his 20 years as its president (1948-1968), Sachar propelled the Waltham, Mass., school toward the national recognition it enjoys today.

Nationally, beginning in 1950 and continuing throughout his life, Sachar was the recipient of honorary degrees from more than 30 American colleges and universities.

Sachar was born in New York City, Feb. 15, 1899 to immigrant parents. His father Samuel was born in Lithuania; his mother, Sarah (Abramowitz) was born in Jerusalem. When he was 7 years old, his family moved to St. Louis, Mo.

He received his A.B. and master's degree in history from Washington University, St. Louis. He was awarded his Ph.D. from Emmanuel College, Cambridge University, in 1923.

Sachar was chairman of the National Hillel Foundation from 1948-1955. He served as its national director from 1933-1948, before retiring to accept the presidency of Brandeis University.

He leaves his wife, Thelma Horowitz of Newton, Mass., whom he married in 1926, and two sons, Dr. David B. Sachar, a physician; and Howard M. Sachar, an historian.

Homework

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networks, such as CompuServe or Prodigy.

Weinberger said he must keep the cost of Homework Helper below \$10 a month to make it attractive. He also hopes eventually to set up a foundation that could provide computers and modems to low-income families. James Galambos, general man-

ager of the 1.8-million-member Prodigy network, said he had seen Homework Helper, and he called it "a very important step beyond what we've got today."

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LEON STERN

Leon Stern, 85, of Claymont, died Sunday, July 25, of heart failure in Christiana Hospital near Stanton, where he was a patient.

Mr. Stern worked in insurance sales, retiring about 10 years ago after 30 years.

He was a member of American Legion, B'nai B'rith, and Brandywine Country Club, Wilmington.

He served in the Coast Guard during World War II. He moved to Wilmington in 1945 from Philadelphia, where he grew up.

He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Sylvia Goldberg Stern, a daughter, Gail Budin of Michigan, and two grandsons.

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

BENJAMIN LINCOW

Benjamin Lincow, 79, of Northeast Philadelphia, died Sunday, July 25 of heart failure in Albert Einstein Medical Center, Philadelphia, where

he was a patient.

Mr. Lincow was a retired consultant and baker. He was president of United Winitzer Benevolent Association in Philadelphia, where he lived all his life.

He is survived by a son, Dr. Arnold of Huntingdon Valley, Pa.; a daughter, Marlene Cohen of Wilmington; two brothers and a sister, all of California, and six grandchildren.

WILLIAM ZIERING

William Ziering, 94, of Flushing, N.Y., died Wednesday, July 28 of congestive heart failure in Flushing Hospital, where he was a patient.

Mr. Ziering was a manufacturer's representative for luggage and leather goods for 70 years, retiring in 1983.

His wife, Sylvia, died in 1983. He is survived by two sons, Lance K. of West Chester, Pa., and Robert M. of Manhattan; a brother, Sidney of Palm Beach, Fla.; a sister, Henrietta of Hallandale, Fla.; and two grandchildren.

Instead of flowers, the family sug-

GEORGE JOSEPH LIVINGSTON

George Joseph Livingston, 73, of 1408 Emory Road, Green Acres, Brandywine Hundred, died July 15 of complications from diabetes at St. Francis Hospital.

Mr. Livingston managed and operated Sherby's Liquors on Wilmington's East Side until 1967. He then was a sales representative for Standard and NKS distributing companies. He retired in 1981.

SARAH CHEVAN

Sarah Chevan, a resident of Brooklyn, New York, died on Saturday, July 10 in Philadelphia. At that time she was a resident of the Philadelphia Geriatric Center. She was 93 years of age.

She is survived by four children; Mrs. Mollie Haas of Brooklyn, New York; Mrs. Ruth Kaufman of Wilmington, Delaware; Dr. Albert Chevan of Amherst, Mass.; and Mrs. Charlotte Freeman of McLean, Virginia; a sister, Gertie Hammerman; nine grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren.

Funeral services and Shiva were held in Brooklyn and Wilmington. Contributions in her memory can be made to the senior center at the J.C.C.

MARVIN WIESEN

Marvin Wiesen, 63, of Virginia Beach, Virginia died July 18 of heart failure in a Virginia hospital.

A former resident of Dover, Delaware, Mr. Wiesen moved to Virginia several years ago. Although he came from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, he spent more than 20 years in Dover, Delaware. He was a respected Pharmacist and family man. Mr. Wiesen belonged to a service group. He was also an advocate who spoke frequently about diabetes.

He is survived by his wife Bobbie, his daughters, Janice of Virginia, Karen of Massachusetts, his son, Dr. Scott Wiesen of Florida, and seven grandchildren.

Instead of flowers, the family suggests a contribution be sent to The Vacation Diabetes Group, Diabetes Center, Chesapeake General Hospital, P.O. 20028, Chesapeake, VA 23320.

SIDNEY CHAVIN

Russian-born physician Dr. Sidney Chavin, died of heart failure Sunday at home. He was 98.

When he came to the United States at age 15, he knew no English, but dreamed of becoming a physician, his wife, Florence Chavin, said Sunday night.

He combined two years of high school and achieved enough credits to enter college. He was a member of the second graduating class of Temple Medical School in Philadelphia, graduating with honors.

Dr. Chavin was a family physician with a private practice in Wilmington, continuing his studies in cardiology. He retired in 1986.

He was a staff member of St. Francis Hospital, Wilmington, and Medical Center of Delaware Inc. After his retirement, he became a physician emeritus of St. Francis. He was a member of the American Medical Association, an honorary member of Temple Medical School and an associate of the school.

He was a member of Beth Shalom Congregation, where for many years he performed as a cantor during high holidays. He was a member of the Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Congregation choral group, the Jewish Community Center, a life member of the American World Zionist Organization, and a member of the American Physician Fellowship Inc. for Medicine in Israel. He was an honorary member of St. Thomas Synagogue, St. Thomas.

He was a charter member of the Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C.

In addition to his wife, Dr. Chavin is survived by two sons, Dr. I.F. Chavin

gests contributions to American Cancer Society or Congregation Beth Shalom, both in Wilmington.

MORTON SKLUT

Morton Sklut, 77, of Brandywine Hundred, died Tuesday, July 27, of sepsis in Leader Nursing & Rehabilitation Center, 700 Foulk Road, Brandywine Hundred, where he was a patient.

Mr. Sklut owned Sklut Hide & Fur Co., Maryland Avenue. He began working in the 1930s at the tannery founded by his father.

He was a member of Congregation Beth Shalom and its men's club, a Masonic Lodge, Delaware Consistory and Nur Temple Shrine. He was an associate member of Hadassah.

He is survived by his wife, Ruth I.; a son, Stuart E. of Wilmington; two sisters, Lydia Keil and Sybil Berger, both of Wilmington; and two grandchildren.

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France of Wilmington; two sisters, Shirley Shapiro and Faith Isaacson, both of New York City; and eight grandchildren.

Instead of flowers, the family suggests contributions to Juvenile Diabetes Foundation, 60 Madison Ave., New York, N.Y. 10010.

SYLVIA KATZMAN

Sylvia Katzman, 72, of North Graylyn Crest, died Tuesday, July 20, 1993, of cancer at Leader Nursing Home, Foulk Road, where she was a patient.

Mrs. Katzman, a homemaker, enjoyed visiting racetracks while her husband, Israel "Izzy," a former long-time News Journal sports reporter, covered the events. Izzy Katzman was inducted into the Delaware Sports Hall of Fame in April.

Mrs. Katzman was born in Bronx, N.Y. and was a saleswoman at Saks Fifth Avenue before her marriage in 1953.

Besides her husband, she is survived by a sister, Florence Stecker of Wilmington.

of Wilmington and Dr. Leslie Chavin of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; and two grandsons.

Instead of flowers, the family suggests contributions to Adash Kodesch Shel Emeth Congregation, Washington Boulevard and Torah Way, Wilmington 19802, or Kutz Home, 704 River Road, Wilmington 19809.

QUOTES OF NOTE

"I am my beloved's and my beloved is mine."

Song of Songs

"I think it was, in my opinion, a terrible decision. It rewards Nazis. It portrays Demanjanjuk incorrectly as the victim."

Rabbi Marvin Hier, of the Simon Wiesenthal Center reacting to a ruling U.S. federal panel in Ohio that the U.S.

Government must allow Demanjanjuk to return home while appeals continue regarding his original extradition to Israel.

"I need for you to tell the people's representatives to get on with the people's business."

President Bill Clinton

Newark's Leaders

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JFD in setting a community agenda with clearly defined priorities. Such an agenda is intended to ensure that

Cease-Fire

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The IDF has begun to withdraw the reinforcements it sent into the security zone, including the heavy mobile artillery which pounded targets well inside Lebanon for the past week, as well as the lighter ground equipment shifted in at the end of the week in preparation for a possible ground assault.

And inside Lebanon, scores of thousands from among the more than 250,000 residents forced to flee their homes to escape the IDF artillery and air force bombardments of Hezbollah bases were reported from Beirut to be streaming back by car, truck, horse-drawn carts, tractors and even bicycles to begin the

reconstruction of their damaged homes. The coastal road leading south from Beirut was reported Sunday to be one vast traffic jam.

Reports from Lebanon spoke of thousands of homes destroyed in the Israeli air and artillery bombardments of hundreds of villages, many of which were completely destroyed.

According to sources from the U.N. Interim Force in Lebanon, 130 Lebanese residents were killed and over 500 injured in the IDF and SLA activities.

UNIFIL estimates that over 250 Katyusha rockets were fired at Israel, half of them falling inside Galilee and the others in the security zone.

Two Israeli civilians and a soldier were killed by the missiles, and some dozens were reported wounded.

UNIFIL reported that IDF gunners had fired about 26,000 artillery shells last week, and some 1,000 bombs, rockets and air-to-ground missiles had been launched by Israeli air force aircraft and assault helicopters.

The figures were given to the Foreign Ministry at a meeting in Jerusalem on Sunday between senior UNIFIL commanders and Uri Savir, director-general of the Foreign Ministry.

The meeting was held to discuss with the UNIFIL command the wounding of six international soldiers, as well as damage caused to several UNIFIL positions by IDF artillery and aerial fire.

Savir expressed Israel's regrets at the casualties and damage, stressing that the IDF had done everything possible to avoid harming the international force.

tion in the priorities ranking instrument.

Viv Klaff of the University of Delaware's Hillel, expressed the conflict participants found in choosing between various worthwhile service options. "It's all important," said Klaff, "some are more important than others."

Bob Gelman of Temple Beth El saw the dilemma as "with limited resources how can we benefit the most people? I think those (service options) with a more Jewish orientation should be supported. Other options may be handled more effectively through the general community."

Klaff gave the example that "Jewish education for the elderly does not have a good payoff. It's good for them but it is better for the community to educate children. You can't allocate just on what is important to that elderly person. While new immigrants are needy of financial assistance you have to balance that consideration with the fact that few connect Jewishly."

Irv Engelson incorporated into his approach to priorities setting the

medical concept of "triage" which he described as putting the "most effort toward those (Jews) who are already involved, less to those who are marginally involved and newcomers. The least effort should be directed toward those who are the least involved."

Despite community-building expert Jack Ukeles's advice on March 28, in Wilmington to build Jews by sending them to Israel, Engelman said he personally was against community support for Israel missions since he believes the community does not have the funds to spare on people's vacations. In contrast others present supported funding trips to Israel.

The process itself stymied leaders who were asked to divorce their evaluations from their everyday role in the Jewish Community. Ann Herman of Beth El, agreed that the priorities rankings made for difficult choices. "You have to separate out and not think of just your own community." Herman wondered whether Jewish day schools were needed in our community.

Some of the leaders saluted the process but suggested improvements which could be adopted. "I think it's

laudable that Federation is doing this," said Rabbi Booth of the Hillel at the University of Delaware, "but I believe there should be an education component to this process if there is time... tell me what's important about Russian resettlement because I would like to know." Another participant who asked not to be identified agreed, "I don't like to answer without more in-depth knowledge and thought," she said.

Dov Seidel, a member of the Federation Board, also offered suggestions as to how the process could be improved. "This (priority ranking) instrument is not the whole story. There needs to be brainstorming. For example what programs which could strengthen Jewish identity don't exist and should?" Seidel suggested a process should begin to encourage Jewish identity strengthening programs such as an ulpan, a film series, a visiting scholar program and the like.

Other priority ranking meetings were held on July 20 at the JCC and August 4th at the JCC. The meetings were led by Joan Spiegelman, Chair of JFD's Priorities Committee, Toni Young, President of Federation and Judy Wortman, Executive Vice-President of JFD.

Jewish Education

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lating in American society, and many of them we approve of, like open schooling and open employment, but all of them weaken Jewish identity," said co-author Sylvia Barack Fishman, in an interview.

"Jewish education is one of the few things we can do something about. So it's crucial that we regard this as a crisis situation and really work to offer and market and subsidize, where necessary, early childhood, teen and college-age education."

Barack Fishman is an assistant professor of contemporary Jewish life in the Near Eastern and Judaic Studies Program and assistant director of the Cohen Center for Modern Jewish Studies at Brandeis University.

Her co-author, Alice Goldstein, is a senior researcher at Brown University's Population Studies and Training Center.

Until they analyzed this most re-

cent data, there had been no confirmation of the correlation between the number of years of Jewish education a child gets and his or her later commitment to Judaism.

"No magic formula can guarantee that today's Jewish children will become tomorrow's committed Jews," wrote the authors in the report.

But as old sociological patterns of Jewish living and identification recede into history while Jews continue to acculturate and assimilate, "extensive formal Jewish education becomes increasingly important in shaping the attitudes and behaviors of American Jews," wrote the demographers.

They found that American Jewish adults under age 45 who received substantial Jewish education—meaning more than six years of supplementary school or day school—are more likely than those who receive minimal or no Jewish education to be married to a Jew, to prefer living in a Jewish neighborhood, to join and attend synagogue and to perform Jewish rituals.

Damjanjuk

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His acquittal has profoundly hurt Holocaust survivors, particularly the five who testified unequivocally at his trial that he was the gruesome Treblinka guard they recalled.

Meanwhile Jewish organizational leaders and members of Congress are urging the Justice Department to appeal a federal court decision ordering the government to allow John Demjanjuk's return to the United States.

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the 6th Circuit ruled Tuesday in Cincinnati that Demjanjuk must be allowed

to return to the wake of a decision last week by Israel's Supreme Court overturning his 1988 conviction and death sentence for war crimes committed at the Treblinka death camp in Poland.

In Jerusalem, the Israeli Justice Ministry said Wednesday that the Cincinnati court's ruling that Demjanjuk should be returned to the United States is not legally binding on the State of Israel.

The ministry said the attorney general would announce on Aug. 11 whether Israel intends to retry Demjanjuk or deport him immediately.

Religious Rights Limited in Russia

By LARRY YUDELSON

NEW YORK (JTA)—A bill adopted by the Russian parliament last week could interfere with the activities of groups trying to revitalize Jewish life in the former Soviet Union.

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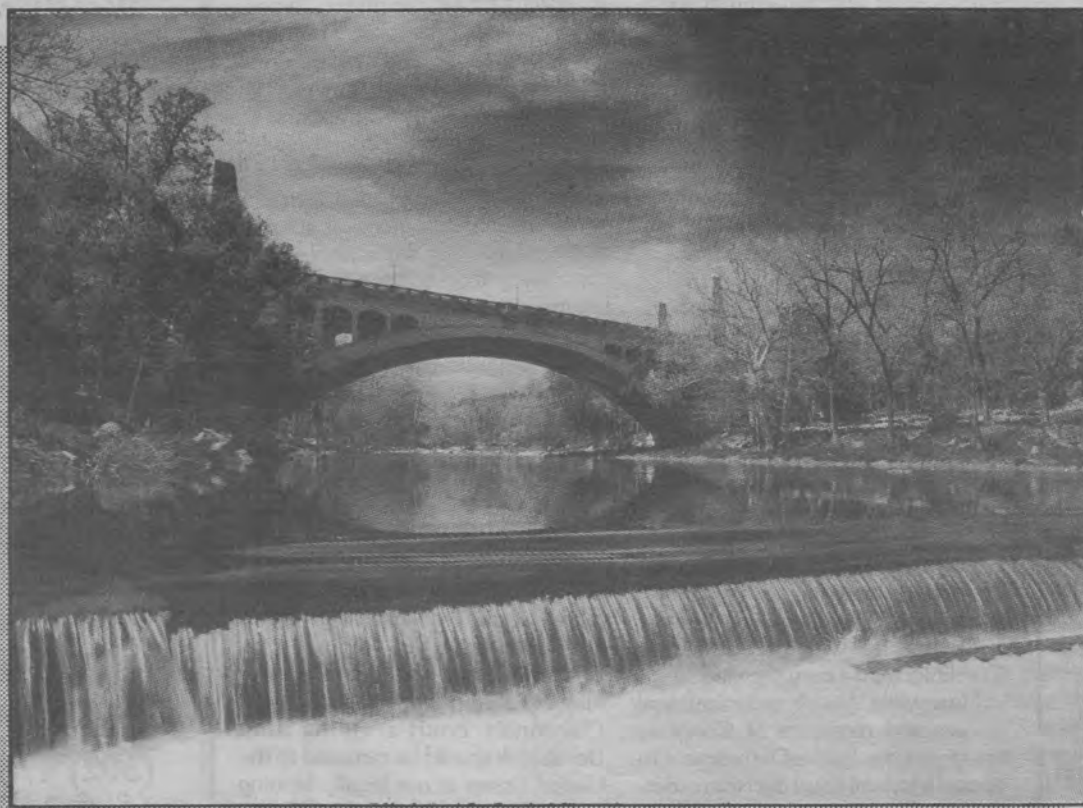
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