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Karen Friedman Named Kutz Home Executive Director

By SHEILA MENSCH
Special To The Jewish Voice

Karen Friedman has been named Executive Director of the Milton and Hattie Kutz Home, announced Eileen Conner, President of the Home's Board of Directors. Friedman has served as Interim Director since mid-October. In less than two months, she has faced the annual Delaware nursing home survey and the first phase of the Home's construction project, in addition to continuing day-to-day operations.

"We at the Kutz Home are exceedingly fortunate to have an individual of Ms. Friedman's expertise and qualifications to fill the position of Executive Director," said Ms. Conner.

Karen Friedman is an experienced nursing home administrator. She had been Director at

Ingliside Care Center in Hockessin for four years. She was Services Director at that facility for the previous nine years. In all, Ms. Friedman has twenty-one years of experience in long term care and social work, begun after she was graduated from Temple University in Philadelphia. She earned her Master's Degree in Social Work from Barry College in Miami, Florida.

Friedman and her husband Allen have been married for twenty-one years. They belong to Congregation Beth Emeth, where their son Andrew will be Bar Mitzvah in January. Their daughter Tracey is eight years old and attends Hebrew School at Beth Emeth. The Jewish Community Center is an important focus of their lives. Ms. Friedman presently serves as Camp Committee Chairperson and as a member of the Center's Board of Directors.

Karen Friedman says she "is excited about the Kutz Home's prospects for the future and looks forward to many years of service and commitment."

The Kutz Home is a beneficiary of the 1996 UJA-Federation Campaign which is administered locally by the Jewish Federation of Delaware (JFD)



CAIRO - Syrian President Hafez Al-Assad (L) and Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak speak at joint press conference last week. Assad said he favors speeding up the peace process given Israeli flexibility. This week Syrian and Israeli negotiators are talking on Maryland's Eastern Shore.



CNN's Wolf Blitzer, shown above, is scheduled to speak at the Chai Dinner on Sunday, January 14 at 6:30 p.m. at the Winterthur Museum. The event chairpersons are Dr. Michael and Amy Leviton. Shown at left is Karen Friedman who has been named Executive Director of the Milton and Hattie Kutz Home.

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Words & Music:

Debbie Friedman-From Carnegie Hall To Wilmington; Takes Practice, Practice, Practice

By STEVE COHEN

Special to *The Jewish Voice*

Debbie Friedman appears at Carnegie Hall January 7 in a warm-up for her Wilmington debut at Beth Emeth on Saturday, January 20.

Seriously, the famed singer-songwriter will be making her first appearance ever in New York's most prestigious concert hall and then will bring her program to the UJA/Federation benefit. (For tickets and information call the Jewish federation of Delaware at (302) 427-2100.)

Friedman has been a popular singer since 1970 but never before thought of Carnegie Hall. Her usual venues are camps, schools and synagogues. She says that her thoughts are on creating music and she rarely thinks about career moves.

When she started writing her idols were Peter, Paul & Mary, Carly Simon and Melissa Manchester. "The first thing I wrote," she says, "was *Thou Shalt Love*. It was great to see that kids of my generation (she was 19 in 1971) could sing a prayer in our own musical vernacular." There's a folksy quality to Friedman's music that reminds listeners of that idealistic era. There's also, especially in her recent work, a reflection of her love for Vivaldi, Bach and other classicists.

She's respected as a pioneer in American Jewish music, and deservedly so. She not only composed and sang in Hebrew, but also combined her style of music with liturgy and teaching. An example is her musical prayer to be sung upon seeing a rainbow. She also composed *In The Classroom*, with a calypso beat, to accompany a Jewish textbook. She's turned out a huge amount of good material over a 25-year span and is a darling of Jewish educators. Hers is the quintessential *Aleph Bet*. It is even performed on the "Barney" television series.

Friedman got her start with the National Federation of Temple Youth, part of the Reform movement, but she herself attended a conservative Hebrew school and Camp Ramah. She sings before Conservative audiences as much as Reform and feels no distinction. Her music also is sung in Orthodox schools, though some Orthodox complain about her "woman's voice" - the inclusion of women in her prayers. Some critics have objected to her disregard of traditional musical modes and she now tries to combine those *nussachim* with her modern musical language. Musicologist Velvel Pasternak says that Friedman's mu-

sic successfully crosses the lines between denominations.

She sees herself as someone who translates traditional texts into a contemporary motif: "I focus on young people who haven't been exposed to Jewish tradition. I use inclusive language and, if you already know the text, you get even more from the modern settings. What I try to do is present a slightly different twist on familiar texts. I try to provide a vehicle for healing, for social action and

for self-awareness.

"A good example is my *Mishaberach* - the prayer for healing. People often are embarrassed to ask for such a blessing or they're afraid to ask for it. So I do the *Mishaberach* at my concerts and ask everybody to join in."

Her most recent recording is "Renewal of Spirit," intended for people to listen to in the quiet. Friedman says: "I made it because many people are in need of healing and have asked for this type of material." In addition to that recording, I recommend "Live at the Dell" for a variety of songs, as well as "World of Our Dreams" and "Blessings."

Personally, Friedman feels blessed: "I'm totally blessed by the people I meet and work with. I've had some physical problems and I've learned that life can be full and meaningful despite them. Some people give up on life because they're impaired. I hope I can reach them.

"We all need to recognize our mortality. If we know we're going to die, we can then decide how we want to lead our lives and how we want to leave the world, in both senses of that phrase. What we want to leave behind and how we want to transform things."



Debbie Friedman

A Review of Debbie Friedman's Albums and Other Jewish Music

By Dr. LINDA BAYER

The Washington Jewish Week

(Renewal of Spirit), by Debbie Friedman; and (Debbie Friedman Favorites Arranged for Piano), edited by Rande Friedman, San Diego: Sounds Write Productions, Inc., \$10.95 (cassette), \$17.95 (CD), \$12.95 (song book with melody line and guitar chords); \$17.95 (piano score from selected recordings).

This month composer and performer Debbie Friedman issued her 14th musical recording and the first book of her songs scored for piano - just in time for her Jan. 7 concert at Carnegie Hall, which promises to be a sell-out, according to Friedman's New York agent, Moishe Rosenfeld. (Friedman will also perform in Wilmington, Delaware on Jan. 20!)

If this 25th anniversary celebration of Friedman's professional career is like most of her concerts, the audience will be singing along with the lyrical, harmonic interpretations of Jewish liturgy and literature. The event also marks another milestone of sorts, almost eight years since Friedman suffered permanent brain damage, kidney and adrenal dysfunction as a result of having been prescribed the wrong medication.

"We didn't know if I'd live to be normal or be a vegetable," Friedman told the *Washington Jewish Week*. "This is much more than just a concert."

As noted in program notes on the new album, *Renewal of Spirit* is part of a "healing program" in which the 44-year-old artist has been engaged, giving workshops and teacher retreats with Rabbi Stuart Kelman, among others. Like Jacob, Friedman wrote, she limps physically and metaphorically.

But the spirit of Chanukah is recovery from loss, the need to regenerate after dreams have been "shattered, hearts broken, tears shed, ideals lost ... a time to pick up the pieces," wrote Friedman in notes for the Chanukah recording *Not By Might, Not By Power*. First performed on Dec. 16, 1974 as a Chanukah cantata for the Chicago Sinai Congregation that commissioned it, this album has been selling year around ever since.

Rande Friedman (not related) of Sound Write Productions, which produces and distributes Debbie Friedman's work along with the recordings of 85 other musicians, notes that Friedman's records sell more than all of the company's other clients combined.

Friedman's "Mi Y'Maleil" ("Who Can Retell") sets the classic Chanukah round on its ear by combining the lyrics with a tune and orchestration reminiscent of the group *We Five* from the early '60s. Similarly, the anachronistic association of Judah Maccabee and "Al Hanisim" ("Of the Miracles") with girls in bobby socks singing in be-bop jazz style conveys the traditional Chanukah message: "B'yamim hahame, bezman hazeh" ("In those days past, in this time present").

Lest you miss the point, next comes the song "L'dor Vador" ("From Generation to Generation"). For a musical treat, sing the ordinary tune for "Mi Y'Maleil" over Friedman's jazzy version to hear the "truth" of an odd harmony, blending ancient Israel (that time) with ours, yesterday and today.

Good artists have a signature recognizable in all their works despite divergent styles. The tenor of

Friedman's upper register and stunning harmonies sung with herself are this singer's trademark. Thanks to modern technology, Friedman can sing as many as seven parts at once; a choir of the self, as it were, can be created by the same person. The result is not mere multiplication.

In interviews, Friedman speaks of isolation and the need to bridge it.



Debbie Friedman

She explains that hearing harmony and absent another vocalist to accompany her, she joined herself (and later her listeners through tape players from afar).

A native of St. Paul, Friedman now lives in New York City. She has performed at the Israel Song Festival and annual Conferences on Alternatives in Jewish Education (CAJE). Friedman is on the faculty of the Summer Institute for Jewish Educators (cosponsored by the University of Judaism and the Whizin Institute in Los Angeles).

For those who cannot attend in person to hear Friedman review her

body of work, beginning with *Sing Unto God* from 1972 to this month's releases, a live recording of the Carnegie Hall concert will be made, much like the double album *Debbie Friedman Live at the Dell* from her California concert.

Like Craig Taubman, another energetic performer, Friedman began her musical career as a music director in Jewish summer camps. The daughter of a kosher butcher who learned Hebrew on kibbutz, Friedman is one of the Jewish people's treasurers.

Tickets for Friedman's Wilmington, Delaware concert, at 7:30 p.m. on Jan. 20, can be purchased through the Jewish Federation of Delaware, call (302) 427-2100 for tickets or information.

(*The Magic of Chanukah*), by Paul Zim, New York: Simcha, \$12.95 (cassette), \$18.95 (CD).

Moving from the sublime to the ridiculous, Paul Zim's new *Magic of Chanukah*, released this year - featuring hits from his old tapes titled *Hooray for Chanukah* and *Chanukah Miracle* - may well be recycled, as are the familiar Chanukah tunes he sings. But Zim's popularity with children is a testament to product testing.

Like the stories about how the television program *Barney* was rejected by adults but loved by youngsters, many a mother will tell you that preschoolers may adore what sounds dopey to grown-ups. Zim's *Kol Yeladim* chorus has the appeal Walt Disney was looking for when he sought non-professionals to play mousketeers in the *Mickey Mouse Club*.

After listening repeatedly to the

Ten months ago Nancy LaMott, the 43-year-old singer had just performed at the White House and been voted top cabaret performer of the year. She had ended years of pain and weakness by having ileostomy surgery.

In February, asked where she expected her career to be in the year 2000, she responded: "I just want to be healthy..." In September Nancy was detected with uterine cancer. Last week, tragically, she died.

Her most recent record is called, "Listen to My Heart." The title song, written by David Friedman and David Zippell, was sung by LaMott at the Hotel Atop the Bellevue last February. The lyric speaks of how "my life has just begun." That's how everyone felt about her life and her career. Never married, Nancy had just met a special person and, on her deathbed, she married him.

Her legacy is a group of recordings of American popular standards and a few contemporary songs. Her style has been praised as being straightforward and unadorned. She spent a lot of time working on the inner meaning of each song. What she put into life and into those songs lives on in our ears and in our minds.

tape *Zimmy Zim's Zoo*, a pediatrician pregnant with twins and the mother of a three year-old - the good doctor reported that "the kids love it when the children on the tape are singing," and everyone in the house learns Hebrew and Bible stories from inevitable repetitions. Yes, you'll hear the cliched stalwarts like "I Have a Little Dreidl," but Zim's product reminds us why the overdone gets that way: popularity.

While some children on the tape sing a bit flat, others - like a few girls with solos in "Don't Let the Light Go Out" - have exquisite voices. Here and there, this universal children's choir approximates the voice of God.

This year Zim released another new children's sing-along, *Chai, Chai, Israel Chai*, also with the *Kol Yeladim Singers*. This cassette presents old songs and new associated with the founding of Israel.

Just in Time for Chanukah, by Margie Rosenthal and Ilene Safyan, issued in 1987, demonstrates that the tried and true can be artistically done - even dreidl ditties and "Oh Chanukah, Oh Chanukah." The two women render beautiful everything they touch.

(The preceding is by Dr. Linda Bayer, *Features/Book Review and Copy Editor of the Washington Jewish Week*. The author of three books, Bayer occupied an endowed chair at the Hebrew University in Israel and was a guest writer in Jerusalem at *Mishkanot Sha'Ananim*. The Jewish Publication Society published her last book, *The Blessing and the Curse*. This review originally appeared in substantially similar form in the *Washington Jewish Week* and it is reprinted with permission.)

BRIEFS

Omar To Open Office In Israel

JERUSALEM, (JTA) — Omani Foreign Minister Yusef Ben Alawi announced this week that his country plans to open a commercial interest office in Israel, possibly as soon as next month. He met in Cairo with Israeli Foreign Minister Ehud Barak.

Reform and Conservative Movements Win Large Allocations In Israel

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Advancing the cause of religious pluralism in Israel, the Religious Affairs Ministry will allocate some \$160,000 to the Reform and Conservative movements in the Jewish state. Secular organizations that deal with Jewish issues from a pluralistic perspective are also expected to receive funding.

Israel's High Court of Justice previously ruled that the Reform and Conservative movements should receive funding from the Religious Affairs Ministry for Torah studies. But until now, only small amounts were disbursed in an informal manner.

The announcement of the allocations reportedly came in the wake of new funding criteria established by Religious Affairs Minister Shimon Shetreet, who has sought to eliminate inequities in funding for non-Orthodox institutions.

The allocations provoked criticism from Orthodox parties in Israel.

Communist Resurgence Sparks Uncertainty

MOSCOW (JTA) — The Communist Party's powerful electoral showing last week has generated strong feelings of uncertainty among Russia's Jews about their country's future.

When the returns from Sunday's parliamentary elections first came in, voices of alarm were sounded within Russia's Jewish community, estimated at between 500,000 to 2 million people.

Early returns gave the Communist Party the lead with some 22 percent of the vote and the ultranationalist party of Vladimir Zhirinovskiy second place with about 11 percent.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Entries for the Calendar of Events are due on the Thursday deadline, published in *The Jewish Voice*. Copy should be typed and double spaced. Entries are preferred on 3 1/2" floppy disk or via E-mail. Please include day, date, time, place, brief description, and contact person.

DECEMBER

Sunday _____ 31

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

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Sunday _____ 7

College/Israel Fair — For grades 9 through 12. A realistic view of college life and an information session about different Israel programs. Israeli food will be served. Cost is \$1.00 per person. 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. For more information, call Etai Belinky at (302) 489-5600.

Wednesday _____ 10

JCC Candlelight Dinner Program. The Lounge opens at 5:00 p.m. and dinner is served at 5:45 p.m., followed by the monthly birthday party. Transportation is available and a special dinner donation is re-

quested. For more information, call Ella Zukoff at (302) 478-5660.

Friday _____ 12

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

Saturday _____ 13

JCC Club Night Overnight - Children in grades 3 through 6 will enjoy bowling and an overnight at the JCC. The cost is \$20.00 for JCC Members and \$30.00 for Non-Members. For more information, call Elyse Greer at (302) 478-5660.

Monday _____ 15

Black to the Promised Land. A film that explores what happens when eleven black teenagers from a tough New York City neighborhood spend ten weeks on a quiet Israeli kibbutz. The cost is \$2.00 for adults and \$1.00 for teens. 7:00 p.m. For more information, call Ella Zukoff at (302) 478-5660.

School's Out 2nd Annual Rainforest Day. When School's Out for vacation, the JCC offers a variety of programs for children in kindergarten through 6th grade. The cost is \$1.50 (7:15-8:45 a.m.), \$22.00 (8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.) and \$2.50 (3:30-5:45 p.m.). JCC members only. For more information, call Elyse Greer at (302) 478-5660.

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Immigrants From FSU Help Israel's Economy

By NECHEMIA MEYERS

Special to *The Jewish Voice*

It is now universally accepted that the 600,000 immigrants who came here from the former Soviet Union between 1989 and 1995 are largely responsible for the extraordinary economic progress that has taken place during the last six years.

Economic reforms and the peace process were certainly factors as well, but without the enormous infusion of talent from Moscow, St. Petersburg, Minsk and Tashkent, Israel could not have achieved an annual growth rate of 5 to 7 percent in the 90s, at a time when many Western economies were stagnating.

At first, numerous Israelis didn't grasp the significance of the treasure that had fallen into their laps with the arrival of the immigrants. Instead, old-timers tended to badmouth them, talking not about their skills and diligence but about the Russian Mafia, the Russian prostitutes and the flood of non-Jews who were coming into the country under false pretenses.

The malicious chatter died away, however, as the public began to realize that these negative phenomena were marginal and that the

newcomers were giving the economy an unprecedented boost. Yet even now, says Dr. Yuri Stern, Chairman of the New Entrepreneurs Association, people here don't really understand how important a role immigration has played in the economy, not only by increasing demand for housing and consumer goods, but also by decreasing labor costs, since immigrants, anxious to obtain any kind of work, have been willing to accept lower wages. And while many have failed to find suitable positions, most have found a job; thus unemployment among the olim went down from 30% in 1992 to 9% today.

Stern stresses the value of the know-how that the newcomers bring with them, even when their specific skills can't be exploited. For example, while the numerous railway and mining engineers from Russia usually have had to switch professions, they are often able to apply their managerial experience in other fields. Equally important, Stern says, are the new techniques and devices that have been developed by immigrants.

As Stern sees it, Israel's fast-developing trade with the former So-

viet Union is also linked to the recent arrivals because—being well acquainted with the economy, people and culture of their former homeland—they can readily serve as intermediaries. While their precise contribution can't be measured, they have certainly helped account for the rise in Israeli exports to Russia from practically zero in 1990 to \$300m. in 1994.

The economic importance of immigration from the former Soviet Union is no less clear to Yoram Belisovsky, Director-General of the Israel Manufacturers' Association. "The influx of immigrants," he says, "is one of the most important things that has happened to local industry. There are now 80,000 of them employed in manufacturing, and they constitute about 22% of our industrial work force."

At the same time, Belisovsky alludes to one remaining quandary: whereas 19% of the immigrants in industry are university graduates, less than a third of those graduates are making use of their academic skills. "This is a serious sociological problem, but," Belisovsky adds, "I'm sure that we'll eventually find a solution."

Carville and Matalin To Appear At UJA Young Leadership Conference In March In DC

NEW YORK — William Shakespeare couldn't have set a better stage. James Carville, in love with Mary Matalin, leads the campaign for Bill Clinton. Mary Matalin, in love with James Carville, is deputy campaign manager for George Bush. The campaign ends. Carville and Matalin marry, have a baby and live happily ever after. End of Act One.

Fast forward to March 1996, and the curtain rises again. This time the dynamic duo takes the stage at the United Jewish Appeal's Young Leadership Conference in Washington, D.C., March 17-19, 1996, the single largest gathering of Jewish leadership in the United States. The biennial conference brings together some 3,000 25- to 45-year-old Jewish leaders from around the world. They convene to hear a host of noteworthy speakers, to take part in thought-provoking workshops on a range of issues and to visit with Senators, Representatives and other top government officials. Carville and Matalin will fit right in.

He got his first job in Democratic politics — canvassing for a car dealer running for the Louisiana state legislature — while still a student at Ascension Catholic High School. She has been active in Republican campaigns since college and went to Washington during the Reagan Revolution. Today, he's gearing up for Clinton's re-election bid; she's set to become a CBS Radio talk-show host. Together they sparked the romantic imagination of the country, and then, as the politically savvy people they are, documented their tale in the best-selling book, *All's*

Fair: Love, War & Running for President (Random House/Simon & Schuster, 1994).

The Carville/Matalin show is just one act in what promises to be the most exciting UJA Young Leadership Conference ever. "This is our opportunity to take our place in the global Jewish community," said Washington 10 Co-Chair Lynn Sachse Schroyer of Chicago. "It's such an important event, and really embodies all our hopes for Jewish continuity."

Ms. Schroyer's co-chair, Michael Rubenstein of Houston, agrees. "Every conference sells out earlier and earlier," he said. "The Washington conference is a gathering of 3,000 people committed to Israel, to the future of Jewish life and to each other. It's a powerful force that gains

momentum with each outing. I think people feel compelled to be part of it."

Immediately following the conference, over 400 Washington 10 participants together with a select delegation of dignitaries will travel "Capital to Capital" on a special journey to Jerusalem. Participants will celebrate the 3000th anniversary of Jerusalem as the capital of the Jewish people, meet with members of Knesset and interact with Israeli peers during this unique moment in history.

For more information on Washington 10 and the Capital to Capital: Journey to Jerusalem, please call the Jewish Federation of Delaware (JFD) at (302) 427-2100 or the UJA Young Leadership Cabinet, (212) 818-9100.

Senate Passes Sanctions Bill On Firms Linked To Iran

By MATTHEW DORF

WASHINGTON (JTA) — The United States came one step closer to imposing sanctions on foreign firms that invest in Iran's oil industries. The Senate passed the Iran Oil Sanctions Act in a voice vote without debate last week. The measure, which is supported by the White House, is expected to pass the House of Representatives in the coming weeks.

In memory of the 259 people killed when terrorists blew up Pan Am Flight 103 over Lockerbie, Scot-

land, the Senate included sanctions on firms that do business with Libya's fuel industries. The vote on the measure came on the eve of the seventh anniversary of the bombing.

Under the Senate bill, sponsored by Sen. Alfonse D'Amato (R-N.Y.), sanctioned firms would be denied access to financing sponsored by the Export-Import Bank of the United States and to licenses for exports to the United States. U.S. law already prohibits American firms from investing in Iran's fuel industries.



EDITORIAL

The UJA - Federation Campaign

For Ourselves. For Our Children. For Israel. Forever.

This moment in the 1996 UJA-Federation campaign is a time of great expectations and great challenge. There is so much to do and, to paraphrase Akiba — If not now, when? If not us, who?

The 1996 UJA/Federation Campaign is centered on the theme of "Keeping Our Jewish Family Strong." How do we go about keeping our Jewish family strong? Through devotion, commitment and generosity. We honor our traditions with *tzedakah* in our community and our generosity ensures Jewish continuity around the world. Through your commitment to the Jewish Federation of Delaware (JFD) you are keeping our Jewish family strong.

We're showing our strength in so many ways: a kosher nutrition program for seniors; a Jewish home away from home for young adults at Hillel; sustaining Jews in need around the world; a day school that offers both Jewish and secular education; Israel experiences for Delaware youth; Jewish family life education; counseling for those in need; care giving for our elderly in a Jewish environment; rescuing Jews and bringing them home to Israel; and teens can learn the "Jewish way" of performing mitzvot through the Service Learning Program at Gratz. All of these programs and services are made possible by your support for the 1996 UJA-Federation Campaign.

Overseas, there are needs which would go unmet without your generous support of the UJA-Federation Campaign. The Joint Jewish Distribution Committee, or JDC, has served as the instrument of the Jewish people in helping Jews and others worldwide. In Israel there are high unemployment rates in development towns and less money available to assist new immigrants. In the former Soviet Union a JDC Home Care program (a beneficiary of the UJA/Federation Campaign) is often the only contact that some elderly Jews have with the outside world. Jewish schools in the former Soviet Union have limited resources and educational successes depend on additional fund-

ing from the JDC. In central and eastern Europe the JDC provides pharmaceutical and medical equipment that elderly Hungarian Jews would otherwise do without. The JDC Meals-On-Wheels program in Sofia, Bulgaria plays a critical role in helping to meet the needs of homebound elderly.

Show your gratitude...help enrich and sustain our Jewish family...continue to support JFD and its beneficiaries: Albert Einstein Academy, Gratz Hebrew High School, Hillel at the University of Delaware, the Jewish Community Center, Jewish Family Service, the Milton and Hattie Kutz Home, The Jewish Historical Society of Delaware, *The Jewish Voice*, The Newark and Southern Delaware Jewish communities.

During Campaign Week, special events include the New Castle County Federation Shabbat at Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth congregation featuring guest speaker, Eviator Manor, Consul General of Israel (event Chairs Perry and Sheila Goldlust) on Friday, January 12 at 8:00 p.m.; the Special Shabbat Study Session featuring Rabbi Sanford Dresin, Rabbi Peter Grumbacher and Rabbi David Wortman at AKSE at 4:00 p.m. on January 13; CNN's Wolf Blitzer speaking at the Chai Dinner on Sunday, January 14, at 6:30 p.m. at the Winterthur Museum for donors contributing \$1,800 or more to the 1996 campaign (Chairpersons Dr. Michael and Amy Leviton); the Dover Federation Shabbat featuring Linda Scherzer, Israeli Consulate/New York City, on Friday, January 19th at 8:00 p.m. at Beth Shalom in Dover (Chairpersons Sue Salkin and Steven Schwartz); a community event featuring Debbie Friedman in concert on Saturday, January 20 at 7:30 p.m. at Congregation Beth Emeth (event Chairpersons Rabbi Larry and Samantha Malinger); New Castle County Super Sunday on Sunday, January 21 at MBNA, Ogletown-Stanton (Chairperson Debbie Sadoff); and Southern Delaware Super Sunday on Sunday, January 21 at B. Scott Realtors, Greentree Shopping Center (Chairperson Dolores Knopf).

Let the blessings continue...to secure our heritage in Delaware, Israel and around the world. Participate in and give generously to

the 1996 UJA/Federation Campaign. Outdo yourself this year; you will feel better about keeping our Jewish family strong.

VOICE MAIL

Super Sunday Phon-A-Thon

To the Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to remind our community that on Sunday, January 21st, the Jewish Federation of Delaware will be holding its annual Super Sunday phon-a-thon for the 1996 UJA/Federation Campaign. We need you to give generously as possible when you receive that call. We need you to think seriously about increasing your pledge. The needs of the community have grown a great deal over the past few years, while the funds raised by the Federation for the community and for Israel have remained relatively constant. For the previous Campaign the Federation leadership set the fundraising goal of \$2 million, and while we saw an increased level of giving, we fell short of that goal. This level of contribution is necessary to meet the current needs of the community and therefore our goal this year remains the same. As we look to the future, we see the needs of the community growing ever faster. We need to ensure, among other things, that our children, grandchildren and even great-grandchildren are raised Jewish, with all our wonderful observances, traditions, and ethical ways. Your contribution will go towards educational and cultural projects so we can celebrate the life and enrich our children's lives even further.

Contributions to the Jewish Federation of Delaware's 1996 UJA/Federation Campaign also support many other programs to care for the needs of our people in Delaware, in the United States, in Israel, and in all areas of the world. Our dollars help with community relations, elder care, family services, refugee resettlement (both at home and in Israel), and, of course, the many programs of the UJA.

We also need people willing to give their time. Please join me and many of your friends and neighbors at the MBNA in Stanton to participate in the Super Sunday phon-a-thon. Shifts, including training, are 9:15 a.m. to 12 Noon, 12:15 to 3:00 p.m., and 6:15 to 9:00 p.m. We will have refreshments and a gift for every volunteer. Please contact Lelaine Nemser at 427-2100, extension 16, to volunteer your time to this important effort, or fill out the form on the back page.

A donation to the Campaign is a way to proclaim, "I want to ensure my people's future!" Please join us on Super Sunday by giving generously, volunteering your time or doing both. Seize this opportunity to play your part in the making of over 5,700 years of living history.

By Debbie Sadoff
1996 Super Sunday Chairperson

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OPINION

Sweet Waters From A Tainted Source

By SARA HOROWITZ

[Editor's note: The following originally was printed in *Sh'ma* and is reprinted with permission.]

Although its pithy aphorisms trip off my tongue, I've had a long-time aversion to *Pirkei Avot*. The co-ed Orthodox day school I attended instituted gender segregated classes in the fifth grade. While the boys pitted themselves against knotty talmudic issues, the girls began a seemingly endless study of the hodgepodge of sayings collected in *Pirkei Avot*. In retrospect, *Avot* came to symbolize for me the exclusion of girls from the study of important Jewish texts.

However, my distaste for *Avot* is more concretely based, though no less connected to matters of gender. I recollect feeling offended — indeed, profoundly disturbed — by some of what I read.

There we were, a group of 18 or so girls, with our male rabbi teaching us: *Al tarbeh siha im ha-isha*, "Do not prolong conversation with a woman." What did this say about us, about our relationship to our male classmates with whom, side by side, we studied math, literature, social studies and science, but not Torah, Talmud, *dinim* (laws)? How were we to envision our relationship with a future spouse? And how did all this connect with the Americanized ways in which most of our families organized our households?

Our teacher staunchly defended the text, yet there he was on Shabbat chatting with his wife

and other couples. Should we devalue the text or our lives?

Some of my classmates simply ignored offending passages and developed an affection for the wise and pithy opinions of the Sages. For others, the unacceptable dictum regarding women's voices became a marker for the irredeemability of the text as a whole.

Now girls learn Talmud as a matter of course at most day schools, and women study a plethora of traditional texts. However, one outcome of expanded Jewish education for women is our increased familiarity with central Jewish texts which say problematic things about us. Given the halakhic disenfranchisement of women and her diminished portrayals, many contemporary Jewish women wonder whether we can at all accept these texts as the distillation of ancestral wisdom and ethical guidance.

Can Anything Be Salvaged?

A streak of misogyny and its flip-side, philogyny, attest to the "outsider" status of women. Many ideas about women and women's sexuality are deeply offensive; moreover, these concepts injure women, because they have real consequences in the world, both in terms of halakhah and in terms of attitudes of Jews towards women. Even at moments when Talmud sees woman as human, she remains largely extraneous to the production of Jewish knowledge.

Recently a Jewish feminist e-mail list was swamped with postings about just this issue



Prof. Sara Horowitz

— do talmudic views on women so taint the source that we, as women, cannot extract from the sweet, fortifying waters? Many women thought so. For those of us who love where we come from, the feel nurtured by Jewish ways, this realization comes painfully. Several women rabbis feel that the Talmud reflects the human flaws of its personages and their times, but that one nonetheless senses God's presence behind the text.

Analogous issues crop up frequently in order domains — in literature and philosophy, for example. The disparity between the life lived and the life work of an important thinker or artist troubles admirers — T.S. Eliot's antisemitism, for example, or Robert Frost's unkindness to his wife. Most of us acknowledge that someone can think brilliantly and even ethically, yet may lead a less than perfect life.

But something deeper, even more problematic is at stake in the case of Jewish texts, where not merely some aspect of the Sages'

lives, but their very teachings, offend women. This is comparable to contemporary thinkers and writers whose questionable ideology may infuse their lifework, shaping the aesthetic or philosophical system they develop. When foundational thinking emerges out of an ethically problematic matrix, can one find what is "useful," even brilliant, and extract it in some purified form, or does the source taint the extract? **Tainted Thinker, Tainted Thoughts**

The relationship of a thinker's moral character to his thought is no trivial matter. Take the case of literary theorist Paul de Man, for example. Posthumous revelation of de Man's wartime writing for a Belgian Nazi publication led some of his admirers to reassess his work, most notably the reading practice known as deconstruction. De Man was criticized not merely for contributing to an antisemitic publication during the Holocaust. More disturbing still was his silence about these activities during the four decades following the war, when he built a stellar career as a highly esteemed and influential thinker whose work rethought the relationship of readers to language, to texts.

Some of de Man's admirers never lost faith in him; they interpreted his silence about Nazi associations as an ethical stance: a refusal to reason away his responsibility. They saw in deconstruction's unraveling of "totalizing" systems a moral response to fascism. Others found his silence reprehensible, deconstruction's anti-historical tendency, and its assertion of no world beyond text the means by which de Man side-stepped responsibility. For these readers, deconstruction itself was rendered suspect, colored and shaped in its very inception to accommodate de Man's guilty past. Still others deplored de Man's wartime writing and the ensuing silence, but respected his insights on texts and reading.

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Judge Charles Keil

Judge Charles K. Keil Steps Down From Family Court

By DAN WEINTRAUB

Editor of *The Jewish Voice*

Judge Charles K. Keil has retired from Delaware's Family Court. He had served as an Associate Judge of the Family Court of the State of Dela-

ware since 1983 after a career in the law which began in 1961. Judge Keil spoke to *The Jewish Voice* on the eve of his retirement.

Keil explained his decision to retire at this time came about since "I was reaching the age of retirement and I thought there was other things I would like to do beyond the law work."

During his twelve years on the bench he takes pride in having gotten "decisions out in a timely fashion; as justice delayed is justice denied." He also is pleased to have made "a contribution towards the development of the law in the domestic relations field."

Keil regrets that although "In theory people speak of what is 'in the best interests of a child' as a guide to make domestic relations decisions, " but sadly reality tells us that a judge must look at determinations in the context of 'what is the least offensive alternative' as we live in a dysfunctional society." Keil also regrets "the sense of seeing an acceleration of the deterioration of families and traditional lifestyles."

Prior to ascending to the Family Court, Keil fondly recalls that "having served as Governor Elbert N. Carvel's administrative assistant was a great experience but more so having served as a State Represent-

tative and being the sponsor of two significant pieces of legislation, specifically Delaware's merit system for employees and the removal of architectural barriers for the handicapped."

As a State Representative Keil voted for a fair housing bill and later lost a very close re-election effort. Keil told *The Jewish Voice* he would have voted the same way if he had to do it again. Many of his support-

ers believe that his vote for this fair housing bill was a critical factor contributing to his narrow defeat.

He looks back positively on his time as a Public Defender and other highlights of his legal career. Keil related his experience with a case involving the Electra Arms apartments in a dispute about whether low-cost housing for seniors could be considered as tax-free charity or

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Dan Weintraub Named Director of JCRC

By MARVIN CYTRON

Member of The Jewish Voice Editorial Committee



Dan Weintraub

Judy Wortman, Executive Vice-President of the Jewish Federation Of Delaware recently announced the appointment of Daniel Weintraub Esq., as the Director of the Jewish Community Relations Committee (JCRC) of Delaware. Dan will be replacing Rabbi Marla Feldman Esq., former director of the JCRC, who has accepted a similar position in the Detroit, Michigan community. The JCRC is the public affairs arm of the Jewish Federation of Delaware.

"Dan has combined his unusual talents as a creative writer, dedicated associate, a lover of humanity and an individual with a dry sense of humor in strengthening the Jewish Voice during his tenure as editor the past three years. Dan's knowledge and experience combined with his much admired reputation as a "mench" will enhance the objectives of the JCRC" said Judy Wortman.

Dan is a graduate of Franklin and Marshall College (B.A. English) and Villanova University School of Law (J.D.). Dan's interest in journalism was sparked as the Managing Editor/News Editor of "The College Reporter" while at Franklin and Marshall and later as a copywriter for an advertising and public relations firm. Prior to joining The Jewish Voice, Dan practiced law in the Philadelphia area specializing in real estate, domestic and tax law. He has been active in the Sierra Club of Philadelphia and as editor of The Jewish Voice has spoken to a number of groups in Delaware. Dan is married to Beth Weintraub an Art Teacher.

"The JCRC gain will be The Jewish Voice loss" said Barbara Keil Chair of the Editorial Committee of The Jewish Voice. "Dan has done an excellent job at The Jewish Voice

enhance the professionalism of the publication. An attention to the bottom line has made The Jewish Voice a responsible cog in the community wheel. Until a successor for Dan is named he will continue to devote

attention to The Jewish Voice.

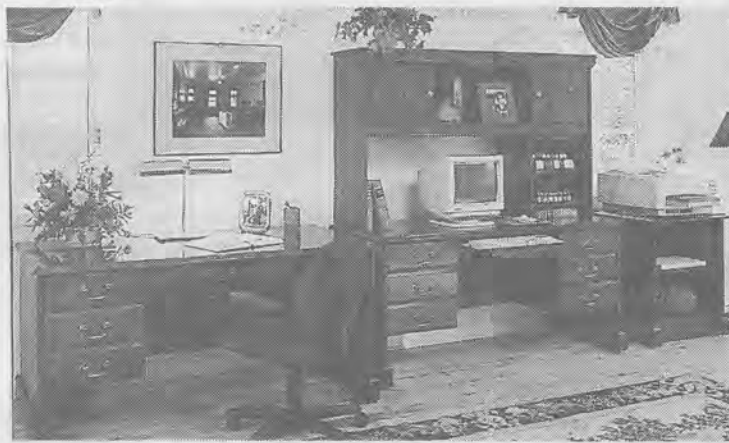
"I appreciate the opportunity to take on new challenges in the Delaware Jewish Community, working with the Jewish Relations Committee and the Young Leadership Cabi-

net as well as taking on new responsibilities" said Weintraub. "Rabbi Marla Feldman has made a real difference in Delaware, she will be missed".



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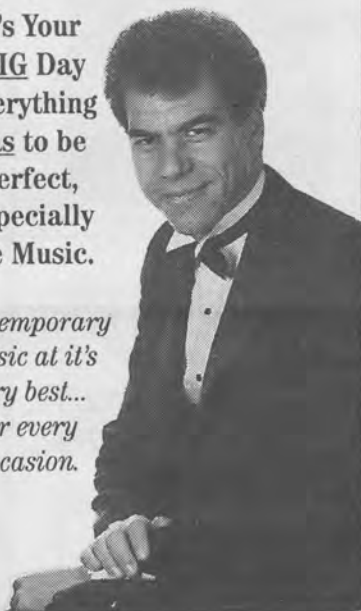
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PHILADELPHIA — Robert Pincus and Janet Levin, both of Delaware, will play a role in future Maccabi USA/Sports for Israel events. Robert B. Pincus (Wilmington, DE) has been appointed Wrestling Co-chairman for the United States Maccabiah Team, announced Jeffrey Laikind, general chairman of the US Maccabiah Team.

Pincus has been associated with Maccabi USA/Sports for Israel for 15 years. He was a member of the US Maccabiah Wrestling Team for the 11th and 12th Games in 1981 and 1985 respectively. He served as Wrestling Chairman in two consecutive Maccabiah Games in 1989 and 1993 and also served as coach of the US wrestling team for both the 1981 and 1985 Maccabiah Games.

"I am thrilled that Bob will serve as Wrestling Co-chairman," Laikind said. "His experience, leadership qualities and love for the project make him an ideal choice."

He is a 1977 graduate of the College of William and Mary, a 1980 graduate of the Washington College of Law and a 1983 graduate of Georgetown University Law School. An active member of his community, Pincus serves on both the board of directors of Jewish Federation of Delaware and the board of directors of the Jewish Community Center of



Janet Levin

Delaware.

"The Maccabiah Games create the opportunity for Jewish athletes not only to compete but to travel to Israel and explore their heritage," Laikind said. "Bob brings to the position the experience and commitment needed to make this project that much stronger."

Janet Levin, CLP, told *The Jewish Voice*, "I have been honored with a staff position of Accommodations Manager for the 8th Pan Am Maccabi games in Buenos Aires Argentina in December and January. I

am very excited to be offered this opportunity and hope that it will lead to further Olympic work down the road."

Janet Levin is the New Castle County, Delaware Recreation District Supervisor. Ms. Levin is both a graduate of the University of Maryland and for more than a decade has been a Certified Leisure Professional under the auspices of the National Recreation and Parks Association. Ms. Levin spent 12 years of her career involved in military recreation, 11 of those years overseas. She first hosted the Maccabi Rugby tryouts in Tucson, Arizona in 1992. She was then selected as first alternate accommodations manager for the 1993 Maccabi games. Janet recalls a quote by Joseph Lee, "We do not cease playing because we grow old — we grow old because we cease playing." Janet is a member of AKSE Congregation.

For more information, contact Maccabi USA/Sports for Israel at 1926 Arch St., 3rd floor, Philadelphia, PA 19103 or call 215/561-6900.

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JCRC Voter Registration Training

The State Issues Task Force of the Jewish Community Relations Committee (JCRC) is launching a project to register Jewish voters throughout the state. An official from the Department of Elections will train registrars on Wednesday, January 17 at 5:30 p.m. at the JCC. Another date

will be scheduled in February. The course takes about one hour. Once trained, registrars will be asked periodically to attend local Jewish community events to register voters. If you are interested in becoming a voter registrar, please contact Arnold Harris at (302) 475-7066.

Interfaith and Conversionary Couples Programs

Jewish Family Service is staffing and coordinating community-wide services to interfaith and conversionary couples and their families. Programs include but are not limited to: Raising Children in Interfaith Homes; Interactions with Family and Friends; Religious Identity; Holiday

Workshops; Discussion Groups; December Dilemma; Program for Parents of Interfaith Couples; and Exploring and Negotiating Religious Differences.

This project is one of the initiatives funded by Jewish Federation of Delaware. For information, call Myrna Ryder at Jewish Family Service, 478-9411.

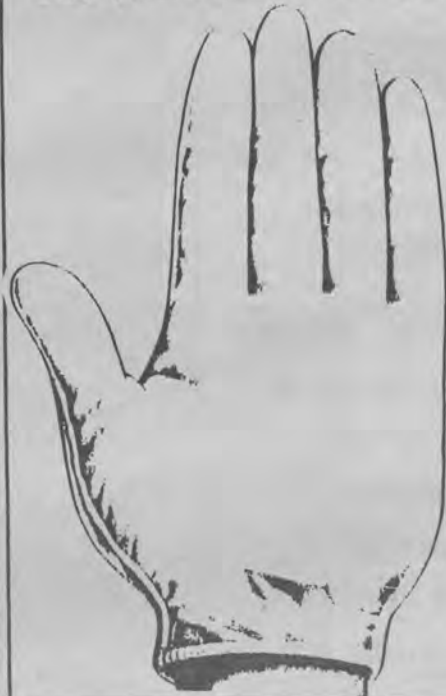
Summer Scholarship Available

The Sylvia & Isadore N. Silverman Scholarship Fund will be awarding its sixth annual scholarship to a deserving youth for a Jewish summer experience in camp or Israel. **Applications may be picked up at the AKSE office and should be returned by March 15.** The fund was established in 1989 to honor the Silvermans' 55th wedding anniversary by their four daughters and many friends.

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Lion of Judah Luncheon Honors Jewish Women

By **BOBBIE TOMASES**

Special To The Jewish Voice

Freda Keet, newscaster, anchor woman and reporter, with the Israel National Broadcasting Authority in Jerusalem was the featured speaker at Delaware's annual Lion of Judah Luncheon on December 6.

Ms. Keet began her career as a working journalist, reporting on major events in and around Israel, conducting in depth interviews with the

state's leaders in government and was instrumental in guiding the absorption of new immigrants to Israel.

Her voice is well-known throughout the world, through her broadcast interviews and programs heard through Israel National Broadcasting Authority overseas service. The Lion of Judah Division, "women's section" was inaugurated in Miami in 1972. Their mission was to structure a program essential and critical to the lives

of women through the continuity of family and community.

Since its inception, more than 100 communities participate in the Lion of Judah program in the United States, Canada and South America. With over 6,000 "Lions," Women's Divisions, a notable increase in raising funds for local needs and overseas Jewry through the UJA Federation Campaign has been attained.

The Lion of Judah pin developed by the leaders of the Miami and UJA National Women's divisions has wholly entrenched itself in the hearts of Jewish women.

A contract in 1980 developed in Miami sanctioned other communities to add their individual logo design to the copyrighted pin. Categories include, Diamond inset for contributions of \$5000 or more. Ruby "18" pin for contributions of \$10,000, Sapphire inset for \$18,000 and Emerald for \$25,000.

In 1992 to distinguish the 20th anniversary of the pin, a new \$50,000 level was established with a canary diamond inset; the stone and the classification it represents are known as the Zahav (golden) diamond.

The Lion of Judah Luncheon was hosted by Phyllis Aeronson and her capable co-chairs Laney Gordon and Carol Rothschild at Carucci's restaurant where a delectable chef de haute table was offered along with a theme of "Afternoon at the Opera." Closing remarks were presented by Clara Hollander, Chairperson for the 1996 Federation Campaign. For further information about the Lion of Judah division contact The Jewish Federation of Delaware (JFD) at 427-2100.



Twenty 'Lion of Judah' women attended the Lion of Judah luncheon on Dec. 6 at Carucci's Restaurant. Freda Keet, of South Africa and Israel, led a fascinating discussion on "Diaspora and Israeli Jewry: Siamese Twins or Poles Apart." Frances Glenn, above, was honored as the first Zahav Lion of Judah woman in Delaware. The event was open to women who gave \$5,000 or over to the 1996 UJA/Federation Campaign. Pictured below at the Lion of Judah luncheon are Pat Sloan, Laney Gordon and Phyllis Aeronson.



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Pictured at left at the CJB General Assembly are from left Sharon Mittelman, Viv Klaff, Lelaie Nemser, Barbara Schoenberg, Joan Wachstein (seated), Clara Hollander, Toni Young, Judy Wortman, Karen Venezky and Ellen Koniver.

Israel Grants

The Jewish Federation of Delaware announces the availability of grants for ISRAEL EXPERIENCES for high school students between 15 and 17 years of age. These grants are for structured summer programs in Israel that are sponsored by national or international Jewish youth organizations and are approved by the Federation.

The deadline for applying is February 1, 1996. Awards will be announced by March 1, 1996.

For applications and information, call or write to Judy Wortman, Executive Vice President, Jewish Federation of Delaware, P.O. Box 2193, Wilmington, DE 19899-2193.

The following are criteria for eligibility:

1. Applicants must still be in high school when they return from Israel.
2. Preference will be given to applicants who have not participated in prior Israel programs.
3. Applicants must provide two letters of recommendation from teachers, rabbis, youth advisors, coaches, employers or supervisors.
4. Applicants must commit themselves to attending briefings before and after their Israel Experience.
5. Applicants must commit themselves to community service when they return. Among the options available are volunteer work in local agencies, synagogues or organizations;

involvement in the Federation Campaign; recruitment of peers for subsequent Israel Experiences; leadership roles in Jewish youth groups; public speaking to the community about Israel, etc.

6. Applicants' parents must contribute to the 1996 Campaign, thereby becoming members of the Jewish Federation of Delaware.

Funds for these grants have been made available through an allocation from the 1995 Live Jewish Campaign.

Kutz

tors, Kutz Home President Eileen Conner praised the staff for their excellent care and dedication to the welfare of the Home's residents. A copy of the survey is available at the Home's reception desk.

State Okays Kutz

By SHEILA MENSCH
Special To The Jewish Voice

Surveyors from the Delaware Office of Health Facilities Licensing and Certification were at the Milton and Hattie Kutz Home from Nov. 14 to Nov. 21, 1995. This annual survey is required by the State of Delaware

and the Federal government for all licensed skilled nursing facilities.

Despite the changes in routine necessitated by the major construction project the Kutz Home is undergoing, the surveyors found no deficiencies in patient care or services. Recommended changes dealing with documentation have already been implemented.

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LOUIS SKLUT

Louis Sklut, 74, of 25 Sturbridge Drive, Dartmouth Woods, Brandywine Hundred, died December 15 of an aneurysm in Center Hospital of Guadeloupe, while on vacation.

Mr. Sklut had owned Ace-Delaware locksmith. He retired in 1982 after 20 years.

He is survived by his wife, Norma J.; his sons, Alan of Bear, Michael of Newark, and Jonathan of Warminster, Pa., a daughter, Elisa Ley of Brandywine Hundred; six grandchildren and a stepgrandson.

Contributions in his memory can be sent to Congregation Beth Shalom, Ramah Scholarship Fund, or Ronald McDonald House, Wilmington.

Profile of Clara Hollander 1996 UJA - Federation Campaign Chair



Clara Hollander

On a brisk December day, Clara Hollander and I met at the 202 club "Howard Johnsons," a popular food spot in Wilmington, to look back at her life captured in memories that she has preserved since childhood.

As her narrative unfolded, she recalled images and glimpses of family life filled with love and spontaneity.

Clara was born in Sverdlosk, Siberia to a Polish mother and Russian father. During the war, her father (Joseph) was employed as a manager in a chemical plant. Her parents met at the plant, where her Mother was employed and married soon after meeting.

When the Poles were allowed to leave Russia, her parents migrated to Germany where they lived in a displaced persons camp until they were free to emigrate to the United States. Clara, with her parents and baby brother, found a subcommunity in the camp that gave them shelter, medical care, emotional security and preserved their Jewish identity. Her parents joined various groups dedicated to raising the level of cultural life in the camp. They had music, scholarly lectures, literature and special programs which created a sense of normalcy and dignity for the family.

Clara attended the Hebrew Day school where general education flourished, since Jews were committed to modern secular studies, and it was there that she learned to speak Hebrew, Yiddish, Russian, Polish, German and English.

The waitress arrived with another pot of tea and as our breakfast waited for us, her story continued to unfold, bringing back long forgotten memories, "I find it difficult and yet cathartic to recall who I am and where I came from," she said.

After living in the camp for four years, permission was granted for the family to leave Germany and to emigrate to the United States where her sister was born two months later.

From her earliest memories, Clara was born ready made to practice the aesthetics of art and that state of mind has brought her full circle to her profession as a curator of art exhibits and a lecturer to galleries and small museums. She guides her art consulting business (Hollander Fine Art) with an intellectual creative spirit born out of everything she has seen, heard and touched.

Her intense devotion to her profession is carried over into her everyday life experiences and she brings a dedication to everything she believes in from architecture, sculpture, painting, to her ideas of quality and excellence.

Clara's dynamism and energy is evident when she speaks of her concerns of Jews and her links to the basic moral responsibility toward all humanity. Her eyes sparkle when she remembers her father and what a special man he was to all who had

the privilege of his friendship.

At the age of 40 he learned Yiddish and Hebrew and taught the first Bar Mitzvah class of Russian immigrants in Cherry Hill, where her parents made their home. Her mother, Yetta resides in Cherry Hill and maintains an active lifestyle of her own.

Clara and Ben are the parents of

two daughters. Nadine, an attorney practicing in Philadelphia and Adrien, who is attending Temple Medical School. Nadine is expecting her first child and Ben and Clara's first grandchild.

Clara Hollander is the 1996 chairperson of The Jewish Federation of Delaware Campaign.

A First Person Account Of Beth Shalom Shabbaton

By HELEN SCHUTZMAN

Special To The Jewish Voice

"Just great - 10+++ on a scale of 10" was the consensus of the 35 people who attended the Beth Shalom 2nd Shabbaton on December 1-3 in Atlantic City.

The weekend was filled with Ruach. There were thought provoking lectures, lively discussions, warm camaraderie, inspirational services and Yiddish and Israeli folk dancing.

Everyone agreed that Dr. Samuel Lachs, our scholar-in-residence, was

the exciting focal point of the weekend. Dr. Lachs recently retired as Professor of the History of Religion at Bryn Mawr College.

Rabbi David Wortman was ably assisted by his wife Judy, who served as newly-recruited "Cantor." Rabbi Wortman's simultaneous translation into English while reading the Torah impressed the group.

The evaluation forms show, without exception, everyone is looking forward to the next Shabbaton.



At the Beth Shalom Shabbaton from L-R, Norman and Helen Schutzman Chairs, Judy and Rabbi David Wortman and seated Dr. Shmuel Lachs.

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Judge Keil Retires

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whether charity was limited to "alms" as strictly defined. His efforts were instrumental in obtaining tax free status for such low cost housing sponsored by non-profit foundations.

Keil is looking forward to an active retirement. He told *The Jewish Voice* that "Barbara and I will have opportunities to visit our grandchildren and have more quality time together." The Judge has been married to Barbara S. Keil since 1955. They have two children, Lea and Mark, and four grandchildren. Judge Keil also looks forward to retirement as an "an opportunity to work on three other interests: wood carving; genealogy; and civil war history."

Judge Keil was also the first president of the Jewish Historical Society of Delaware. He says "History in many respects is a bed rock for society. And unless we preserve our local history we have failed in transmitting matters of importance to the generations to come. And it is critical to preserve that history. I had an opportunity to be the first president of the Jewish Historical Society of Delaware and to work with Rabbi David Geffen whose contribution to Delaware Jewish history was outstanding."

Concerning the future of Delaware's judiciary, Keil believes "It is critical that certain trial courts be made constitutional courts which will allow a better coordinated effort in administering justice throughout the state."

Judge Keil obtained his BS as well as his law degree from the University of Pennsylvania. He is a member of B'nai B'rith Wilmington Lodge #470. He is a former member of the Board of the Jewish Federation of Delaware (JFD), the central planning and funding organization for the Jewish community of Delaware.

Sweet Waters

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These responses parallel the responses of Jewish women to talmudic misogyny and exclusion: the Talmud's ways are superior to values of modernity; the Talmud is systematically irredeemable; the Talmud codified problematic attitudes, but at the same time brought forth an ethical and God-mindful system of behavior.

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Or perhaps it boils down to something as simple and as complicated as love, which makes us countenance a person, a community, a body of texts, or a system of practices, even when flawed. This suggests that one must scrutinize a system of thought or practice, like a life partner, to de-

termine whether it permits one to flourish, to develop in ways which seem desirable.

A project which at heart seems a genuine attempt to evolve an ethics may be refined and redeemed when regarded with honesty. A project which seems largely about power, expedience or exploitation cannot. But the call is difficult, often highly personal. Separating the sweet waters from the tainted is far more precarious and wrenching than separating the holy from the mundane at the end of Shabbat.

(Sara Horowitz teaches Jewish Studies at the University of Delaware and is co-editor of *Kerem*, creative explorations in Judaism.)

Russian Art Exhibit Display

Artist Naum Genin of Russia will be at the Jewish Community Center on Sunday, January 7th from 1:00-3:00 p.m. to open his exhibit of watercolors entitled "Four Seasons." Mr. Genin, brother of Anatoly Genin of Wilmington, will also speak about Russian Jewish artists and the cultural and political climate in which they work.

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

Special Shabbat Study Session Dialog with Community Rabbis

Saturday, January 13th
Adas Kodesh Shel Emeth Congregation...4 p.m.

Chai Dinner

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

Dover Federation Shabbat

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

Community Event...Debbie Friedman in Concert

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

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