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The Kremlin Transition: Will It Affect Soviet Jewry?

NEW YORK, (JTA) — The death of Yuri Andropov and the accession of Konstantin Chernenko as the top leader of the Soviet Communist Party is unlikely to bring any basic change for the immediate future in policy toward the Soviet Jewish community.

During the course of the past year, it is now clear, basic Communist Party decisions have been largely taken by the Politburo as a collective group and it is more than likely that the forthcoming transition period will also be marked by the collectivity of decision-making. Each key member of the Politburo represents a crucial and major interest group in Soviet society.

Caution in terms of decision-making and, especially in terms of changes in the existing policy line with respect to most areas in certain to be the prevailing mode.

Of the entire 12-man top Soviet leadership, only Chernenko, the 73-year-old former principal aide to Leonid Brezhnev, has expressed himself publicly on the subject of emigration. For a time, submerged by Andropov, he re-couped much of his powers with the worsening illness of the former and now enjoys eminence as the dominant "Old Guard" figure. Thus, his views have considerable pertinence.

These can be gleaned from an excerpt from Chernenko's book, "Human Rights in Soviet Society," published in 1981 by Novosti:

"As for emigration, the relevant Soviet legislation and rules are fully in accord with the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, which says, among other things, that the right to go abroad may be limited in certain cases where it is necessary 'to protect national security, public order, public health or morals or the rights and freedom of others.' In some cases, the permission to emigrate may be postponed until the applicant's close relatives have settled their affairs, including material matters.

Israeli Actress Performs In Wilmington

"Homecoming," a unique audio-visual program, will be presented here in our community for the first time on Sunday, March 4, at 11 a.m. at the Rodney Square Club.

Ruth Weinstein, chairwoman of the Career Women's Division, and Gloria Fine and Judy Levy, co-chairwomen, extend an invitation to all career women to join together to share brunch and this very special event.

Presented by the English-born Israeli actress,



Aviva Marks

Aviva Marks, "Homecoming" combines excerpts from Jewish literature with slides and music. It is the personal account, related with warmth, grace and charm, of her own homecoming, first as a young girl, and then, as an adult during the Six-Day War. At the same time, it tells the story of the nation's own "homecomings," which began with the first *oleh*, the patriarch Abraham. Beginning with a quotation from Hanna Senesh, who parachuted into occupied Europe during World War II and concluding with a poem written by Naomi Shemer, it is a heart-stirring panorama of the people, the places, the pageant of Israel's creation.

Aviva Marks is a leading actress with credits in Israel, in London and in the United States. She was born in London and first came to Israel at the age of 15. Later, she served with the Israel Defense Forces and then returned to London to study at the Royal Academy of Dramatic Arts. She appeared on the British stage and television until the outbreak of

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Jewish Leaders Denounce Mubarak For Urging U.S.-PLO Dialogue

By David Friedman

JERUSALEM, (JTA) — The Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations denounced Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak's statement at the White House Tuesday as violating the spirit of Camp David.

"President Mubarak's latest public statement in Washington blaming Israel for the continuing turmoil in Lebanon, calling on the United States to negotiate with the terrorist PLO and omitting any reference to either Camp David or the peace treaty gives still further grounds for fear that the peace treaty is unravelling," the Presidents Conference said in a formal statement last week.

The some 70 persons attending the four-day Presidents Conference learned of the Mubarak statement when they woke up yesterday morning and immediately wanted to express their outrage. They unanimously approved the statement before beginning their day-long sessions.

"We call on President Mubarak publicly to declare his country's continuing commitment to the Camp David framework and its peace treaty with Israel and to work in accordance with those commitments," the statement said.

"And we urge our own country, as a full partner in the peace process, to insist that Egypt fulfill its treaty obligations towards Israel as the foundation for a just and lasting peace in the Middle East."



TOGETHER FOR LUNCH... WASHINGTON—President Ronald Reagan walks with King Hussein of Jordan left, and President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt along the colonades of the White House en route to a luncheon given by Mr. Reagan on Feb. 14. RNS Photo

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Irving Levitt Is Award Winner

By JAMES W. TOMEY,
Delaware State News

Irving S. Levitt is not our typical run of the mill renaissance man. The 57 year-old Dover resident meets all of the dictionary requirements. He is a learned, talented person of many interests.

Levitt attended several institutions of higher learning, gaining in-depth knowledge in everything from history to communications. He is an artist, a collector of books, and an avid reader of same. He is a most willing participant in the game of life, and plays a mean game of ping-pong.

But there is another, far more desirable element - he is a person who cares deeply for the needs and aspirations of others, and has an uncanny talent for finding ways to meet those concerns.

He is the recent recipient of the 1983 State News Award.

The contributions made by Levitt to the Central Delmarva Peninsula seem varied, and they are, but there is a relationship they seem to share.

"There is that one common thread," Levitt says, "and that is I am particularly interested in what I would consider consumer causes. I am particularly interested in situations involving consumer causes as they relate to health, costs for basic



Irving S. Levitt

services, costs people really can't avoid. For instance health care, housing, water, sewers, electricity... that's how I became interested in the Utility Committee. Not that I'm particularly interested in how much we're charging for front footage for laying sewer pipe, but there's a human element..."

There's a rule among those seeking volunteers, that the best candidates are very busy people, those already

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Campaign Cabinet In Action



(L-R) Majory Stone Levine, Ruth Weinstein



(L-R) Nan Lipstein, Judy Levy



(L-R) Gloria Fine, Howard Simon



(L-R) Leo Zefitel, Larry Isakoff



(L-R) Pat Spiegel, Bennet Epstein, Bernie Siegel

Dynamic Israeli-American Leader Visits Wilmington March 11



Allen Pollack

Leadership Development Participants To Meet With Pollack

On the evening of March 11, Dr. Allen Pollack, director of the Institute for Leadership Development, the major seminar center of the Jewish Agency of Israel, will meet with the Federation Leadership Development participants. Pollack is a most dynamic scholar, speaker and writer.

The Federation's Leadership Development program is open to all men and women between the ages of 25-40.

For further information call Robert Kerbel at the Jewish Federation office, 478-6200.

Lawyers' Division To Hear Pollack Discuss American Jewry And Israel

Steven Rothschild, chairman of the Lawyer's Division of the 1984 campaign announced that Professor Allen Pollack will be meeting with lawyers on the morning of March 11. Pollack will discuss "American Jewry and Israel: Partners in the Struggle for the Jewish Future."

Biography

Prof. Allen Pollack has recently made *aliyah* (immigrated) to Israel where he heads the Institute for Leadership Development, the major seminar center of the Jewish Agency.

Born in New York, he was educated at Columbia University, the University of Stockholm (Sweden), and Princeton University. He was a Duke Foundation Fellow and under a Ford Foundation grant, was a visiting Fellow at the Marx-Engels-Lenin Institute of the University of Leningrad. Pollack's field of academic specialization is Russian history and the role of the Jews in the revolutionary movement of Czarist Russia. He has taught at Brooklyn College, the University of Pittsburgh, and Yeshiva University.

Long active in Jewish communal affairs, he was a member of the executive of the World Zionist Organization and the board of governors of the Jewish Agency, the board of directors of the United Israel Appeal, as well as the board of trustees of the UJA, of which he was the former chairman of its Young Leadership Cabinet. Pollack also served on the boards of numerous other Jewish organizations, including the Labor Zionist Movement, of which he was the national president.

Pollack was instrumental in establishing the American Professors for Peace in the Middle East, an organization of 17,000 academics on some 600 campuses. He was its National Chairman and participated in its study missions which were invited to visit Israel, Jordan, Syria and Egypt as guests of their respective governments.

His numerous publications include: "The Jewish Community of Sweden," "The Soviet Union vs. The Jewish People," and "The Arabs Need and Want Peace, But..."

FRANKLY SPEAKING Zev Amiti



Yiddish Play Premieres In Wilmington!

It was the first of its kind ever in the 50 year history of the Wilmington Drama League; and without doubt, the first of its kind ever, outside of the Jewish community in Delaware.

A one act play with a strictly Jewish theme, written and directed by a Jewish resident of our state was presented Feb. 3 and 4 in the Drama League near 40th and Market Street before enthusiastic audiences but I suspect it was seen by not more than a half dozen Jewish residents of our city.

"So? What's all this about?" you may ask.

So - I'll tell you. It's basically about my nephew, Moishe, whom many of you know better as Morris Levenberg, known more formally as His Honor, Justice of the Peace Morris Levenberg.

I know, it's not always kosher to write about one's kith and kin but believe me, this is different.

Here is a Jewish resident of our state and city - a native, too; actually born on the second floor of a house that stood at Second and Shipley Streets many years ago - who has taken on a hobby of writing, directing, and participating in plays.

Maybe you remember when Reb Morris Levenberg used to direct plays in the old Jewish Community Center that used to be on French Street, between Fifth and Sixth, just below the old Adas Kodesch synagogue?

And I recall once when he staged a play on the *bimah* of Beth Emeth. Yes, right there on the *bimah* on a Friday night! It was the dramatized story of Bontche Schweig and what happened to him when he appeared before the throne of the Almighty.

Well, getting back now to my story: The Drama League had decided to enter a play in the national one act play contest and so it offered four one act plays on Feb. 3 and 4 with the audience helping officials of the Drama League to select the one to be entered in the national contest.

So Reb Morris Levenberg wrote a one act play, based on a story by Isaac Mordecai. He helped to cast it and he also directed it. It was named "Strike of the Poor People" and it involved an old Yiddish legend that once upon a time a wealthy man decided to marry off his daughter and in accordance with Galitzianer tradition (you see, Reb Levenberg's grandparents and mother came from Galicia), the father had to invite the poor people to the wedding.

And according to tradition, if the poor people of the village did not attend the wedding and participate in the festivities, there just could not be a wedding.

However, on this occasion, the poor people of this particular village in Galicia, went on strike. They sent a negotiator to inform the father of the bride-to-be that they would not "honor" the wedding until they were assured of a raise in donations of

money, their own selection of the food, served by caterers of their own choosing.

At first, the father, Reb Yitzchok, refused to agree to the demands but finally he had to give in. Here was the point of the play: Rabbi Menasha who was scheduled to perform the wedding ceremony, advised Chaim, the negotiator for the beggars' union that according to Talmud and Jewish law, any one who receives charity is bound to share that charity with others, particularly with the *shul*.

The role of the father, Reb Yitzchok, was played with great skill by Joe Halloran, a veteran member of the Drama League, whose Yiddish mannerisms and accent were superb, thanks to the direction of Reb Levenberg.

Others in the play were Clyde Hess as Rabbi Menasha; Victoria Prober as the bride and Steve Pono as the negotiator for the beggars.

The acting was so wonderful, with add due respect to Reb. Levenberg,

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WHAT'S HAPPENING Kayla Gavish



The Word From Jerusalem

It was an extraordinary opportunity for me...to be a part of the mission to Israel made in mid-February by the Presidents of the 37 organizations in the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations. The Israeli Government viewed us as the single most representative and top-level group to come to Israel since 1973. They promised to speak frankly on the critical issues...military, political, economic and world Jewry. This is a crucial time for Israel and the government seeks to strengthen its partnership with the American Jewish community.

We spent four full days listening, discussing and questioning leaders including Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, Deputy Prime Minister David Levy, President Chaim Herzog, Labor Party Chairman Shimon Peres, U.S. Ambassador to Israel Samuel Lewis, and the mayor of Jerusalem, Teddy Kollek. We also met with mayors of development towns; with the editors of Israel's major newspapers; with the ministers of defense, energy, finance, trade and

industry, and tourism; with the Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee of the Knesset and more.

Jerusalem is an exciting city. The February days were surprisingly sunny and warm; the evenings starry and moonlit. Everywhere there are signs of vitality and growth. Magnificent buildings of Jerusalem stone are rising all over the city. Atop the Judean hills are the new suburban communities forming a wall about Greater Jerusalem. Gardens and pocket parks add color and beauty everywhere.

But alas! The City of Peace is not peaceful. Egypt to the west has not fulfilled its agreement with Israel. Lebanon to the north is crumbling and fears for the security of the northern borders abound. Syria is armed to the teeth and Jordan seems unable to decide what its role should be.

Because the political scene in the Middle East is of such current concern I shall concentrate my remarks in this article on Israel's perspective as I heard it from her leaders.

It is always a crucial time for Israel but in the words of Hanan Bar-on, deputy director of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, "This is the turning point, a moment when there is shifting in the Middle East. We cannot tell in what direction the tragedy of Lebanon is moving."

In the Israeli analysis the parties in Lebanon are fighting to form a polity which Syria is fiercely opposing. This is the continuation of an internal struggle which has never been resolved, and it will be years before it is. As the factions fight each other they are also at the same time seeking support from outside of Lebanon. In this way Lebanon becomes a miniature of the Middle East, its rivalries and its intrigues.

Israeli objectives are quite simple. They want to secure their northern borders, but uppermost is the security of Israel as a whole. Israel plans to redeploy their forces in southern Lebanon but they will not use force to remove Syria from Lebanon. Israelis are concerned lest Syria, successful in determining what happens in Lebanon, will be strengthened in its determination to direct what happens in the Middle East.

Israel's spokesmen emphasized that the United States is involved in Lebanon not because of Israel but because of its own interest in the region. The United States committed itself to a neutral Lebanon as a step in its step-by-step process to peace in the Middle East. The task may have been different if the Lebanese partners had been different.

The Israelis see the United States as uncertain which course will lead to a situation where Syria will not get complete hegemony in Lebanon. Jerusalem believes that Syria will not leave Lebanon. Using the Soviet safe-

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ON THE OTHER HAND N. Even-Or Tennis, Anyone?



As a tennis player, enthusiastic albeit of quite modest skill, I have been limited in ways of relating this activity to Bible study, or, for that matter, to Judaica as a whole. As a test of others in this matter, I ask if they know who was the first tennis player in the Bible. When they give up, I tell them it was Joseph, because he served in Pharaoh's court. Strangely, this has failed to win tennis players to Bible study or Bible students to tennis.

I suppose that I could toss in the point that the Israeli tennis player, Shlomo Glickstein, has won some fame on the international tennis circuit, but that's about it for tennis.

That was it, anyway, until a dear friend directed me to a section of Cecil Roth's book of a quarter century ago on the Jews of the Renaissance. In the 16th century a game similar to our modern tennis, called court tennis, was played on a hard court with a hard ball, and, according to Roth, it became very popular with young Jews as the sport spread in popularity all over Europe.

Apparently the game was played in two variations, one using the hands only, and the other using rackets, "small bows laced with gut and netted with string." Either way, there was a

great deal of betting on the games, Roth says, with the owner of the court taking a percentage of the wagers.

Since for Jewish players most of their leisure came on Shabbat and Holy days, the question of whether such playing was permitted on these days was presented to Rabbi Moses Provenzal of Mantua in 1650. Cecil Roth writes:

"The rabbi very probably objected to the size of the stakes, which by this time had increased so much that the tennis court was almost converted sometimes into a gaming-house. Observant Jews would not handle money or deal in monetary terms on the Sabbath, so the bets were expressed in terms of food; this, however, made no real difference, as later on the stakes were converted into cash. Moreover, very often the game was played during the hour of the sermon in the synagogue - not then during the regular morning service, but a separate function - to which the rabbi naturally had a strong objection if only for professional reasons. With these reservations, however, he did not object to the game as a Sabbath occupation, provided only that the players used their hands and not rackets, which might break and tempt the

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Editorial

A Time For Decision

In the next six weeks, we will be moving into the most "intensive" and crucial phase of the 1984 Jewish Federation campaign. A campaign goal for 1984 was approved by the Federation board for \$1,500,000 to the Regular campaign and \$250,000 for Project Renewal. This is the very *minimum* needed in order for our Jewish community to meet and be responsive to the critical human service needs of both our local agencies and Israel. Therefore, we now turn to the Jewish families, who have not as yet had the privilege of making their '84 commitment to the most important philanthropic endeavor of our community.

As we move into this second phase of our '84 campaign, we are highly encouraged by the generous response to date, with a total raised of \$555,000, including both the Regular campaign and the special Project Renewal drive.

This is the Moment of Decision when each and every member of our Jewish community must stand up and be counted as a concerned and caring person.

This is not a "business as usual" year.

At the local level, we face growing areas of concern in terms of our responsibility to meet the 1) needs of our single parents, 2) our growing aging community, 3) our commitment to our youth, 4) our response to our Jewish educational institutions, etc. Special financial and scholarship assistance is a growing and critical need for many of the "clients" of our agencies. They look only to us for this support. We literally serve those from 3 to 93. Close to 90% of our Jewish families use the services of local agencies. The social service needs of Israel are growing in geometric proportion.

We are committed to a creative Jewish survival — to a community which must strengthen its sense of Jewish identity at all levels.

If we speak of and believe that, "We Are One," then our moral and financial responsibility to thousands of men, women and children must be translated to those in need.

We can be proud of our accomplishments in the last few years. We moved over the million dollar mark in 1983 (for the first time in many years); we now look to even greater levels of fund raising accomplishment.

We must translate our creed into deed by our individual and collective response. *Tzedakah* is more than charity — it is compassion, concern and a sense of personal responsibility.

When you are called on by our dedicated workers, we are confident that you will respond with warmth and generosity.

Now is the time for your decision!

LETTERS to the Editor

Dear Editor,

The Jewish Community Center campus in Omaha, Neb. will be the site of a monument marking the formation in Omaha of the International Youth Organization, AZA.

We appeal to all former members of AZA and BBG to help fund this project.

Founded by Omahan Sam Beber, the organization of Aleph Zadek Aleph

B'nai B'rith held its first national AZA convention on July 4, 1924.

Since the organization of the group in Omaha the movement has spread to B'nai B'rith and is worldwide.

The Omaha committee has suggested that contributions be mailed to: AZA Monument Fund, c/o of Deborah Polsky, Jewish Community Center, 333 So. 132nd St., Omaha, Neb. 68154.

Information may be obtained from Alan Widman, president of Cornbelt Region (402) 397-5030 or Deborah Polsky, Cornhusker Regional Director, c/o Jewish Community Center (402) 344-8200.

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February 19-25

On this occasion, we mark the fiftieth anniversary of the celebration of Brotherhood/Sisterhood Week. For half a century this event has played a major role in encouraging greater understanding and communication among conflicting segments of society.

Brotherhood/Sisterhood Week furthers our awareness of the universal nature of the human experience. In promoting the spirit of brotherhood among the people of our nation, we strengthen our respect for the rich diversity of our country. By focusing on the importance of the dignity of the individual, we acknowledge the bonds of birth, hope, and freedom that gave meaning to our way of life.

In reaching out in brotherhood to our fellow citizens, we help stem the tide of historic challenges to mankind's advancement -- starvation, disease, poverty, and war. Recognizing the precariousness of man's life on this planet, we strive to undergird the work of men and women of goodwill to bring about a world built upon the true values of fellowship and mutual respect.

Ronald Reagan
President of the United States

Israeli Actress —

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the Six Day War in 1967, when she returned to Israel, joining the National Theatre and remained with them for eight years, playing leading roles in a classical and modern repertoire. Her first one-woman performance in English "A Lovely Light," was widely acclaimed by critics and audiences throughout Israel.

Marks has made two coast-to-coast appearances in the United States and South Africa with "Homecoming." She is accompanied on tour by her husband, Colonel Alush Noy, who is responsible for the technical arrangements for "Homecoming."

Colonel Noy has seen active front-line duty with the IDF for 27 years, serving and commanding in the paratroop and armored tank corps. In 1983, he was awarded Israel's highest citation for supreme bravery in action: "Gibor Yisrael."

"Homecoming" is the drama of our people coming home to Israel

superbly and movingly told. Leo A. Dulzin, Chairman of the Jewish Agency as recommended "Homecoming" without reservation to anybody who would like to have a dramatic experience of historical value and perspective. Viewers themselves have described this performance as "inspiring," "excellent," "beautifully done" and "eloquently delivered."

"The women of our community have a wonderful opportunity to experience a very impressive and moving performance," commented Ruth Weinstein, chairwoman. "I encourage their attendance and urge them not to miss out on what promises to be a most enjoyable event."

The correct address of the Rodney Square Club is 12th Floor of the Wilmington Trust Center, Rodney Square North. The cost per ticket is \$10 and a minimum contribution of \$200 to the Jewish Federation's 1984 Campaign is required. Reservations are a must and should be made by Feb. 29, 1984 by calling the Federation office 478-6200.

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Dateline

New York Accepts Immigrant Aid Israel Exhibit

Jerusalem, (JNI). Two years after its own rejection and only one week following the highly publicized cancellation by the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, the New York Metropolitan Museum has agreed to host an exhibition of archeological treasures from the Isarel Museum.

The New York museum originally rejected the exhibit in 1982 citing security concerns. As a result, the Smithsonian agreed to host the exhibit this May, but pulled out of the agreement in late January after protests were lodged by several Arab countries to the inclusion of 11 items from the Rockefeller Museum in East Jerusalem. Smithsonian officials said it is not their policy to display objects from "disputed territory" where ownership is in question.

Temple U. Helps Launch U.S.-Israeli Social Services Pact

Temple University has provided the foundation for a new five-year agreement between the United States and Israel to exchange experts and information in social welfare problems.

Dr. Edward Newman, director of Temple's Developmental Disabilities Center and professor of social administration, accompanied officials from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to Jerusalem last month to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with Aharon Uzan, Israeli minister of Labor and Social Affairs.

Newman was the sole academic advisor to the American team on this mission, since he laid the cornerstone for the pact last summer. He gathered leading social services experts from both nations for a major bilateral conference at Temple to discuss common human development and social problems.

Bitter Irony

By Aharon Gur-Arych

(Israel AB News Service) Since his childhood, David Grunwald wanted to be a paratrooper in the Israel Defense Forces. However, as the only son in his family, he had an exemption from serving in a combat unit. Nevertheless, when drafted in 1978, he immediately volunteered for the paratroopers. His parents, survivors of the Holocaust, wrote a letter to the IDF requesting their son's transfer to a non-combat unit. The army complied with the appeal, but David, insisting on fulfilling his dream, asked his commanding officer to talk to his parents. The officer succeeded in his mission, and David remained a paratrooper. Last month, almost at the end of his regular army service, the 20 year old left his base in southern Lebanon, on his way home to prepare a party for his comrades in celebration of their return to civilian life. The vehicle in which he was riding was ambushed by terrorists and David was wounded. After a six day battle for his life, the paratrooper died.

Immigrant Aid

Jerusalem, (JNI). Under a new agreement between the Absorption and Housing Ministries, new immigrant families will receive a 75 percent rental subsidy from the government for an apartment leased on the free market during the first year since aliyah, 60 percent in the second year and 50 percent in the third. The subsidy applies only on rents of up to two hundred dollars per month.

Also included in the 40 million dollar plan to help the estimated 20,000 homeless *olim*, the government 'located' 1,060 apartments to be rented to new immigrants on a long-term basis.

World's First Torah Registry

NEW YORK, (JTA) - For the first time in history, a system to mark and identify Torah scrolls has been developed, it was announced here recently at a press conference by Rabbi Israel Miller, honorary chairman of the Universal Torah Registry (UTR).

The registry system, using micro-perforations, marking paste and a Certificate of Registry, is the culmination of nearly three years of research by chemists, cryptologists, computer scientists and security experts. Their search was guided by principles laid down by leading rabbinic authorities, Miller said. "It represents a unified response by all facets of the Jewish community to a most serious problem," he said.

The UTR was created in consultation with synagogue, rabbinic, communal and law enforcement groups coordinated by the Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC) of New York, in response to a rash of thefts across the U.S. and around the world. The system is expected to be implemented in Israel, Europe and other parts of the world.

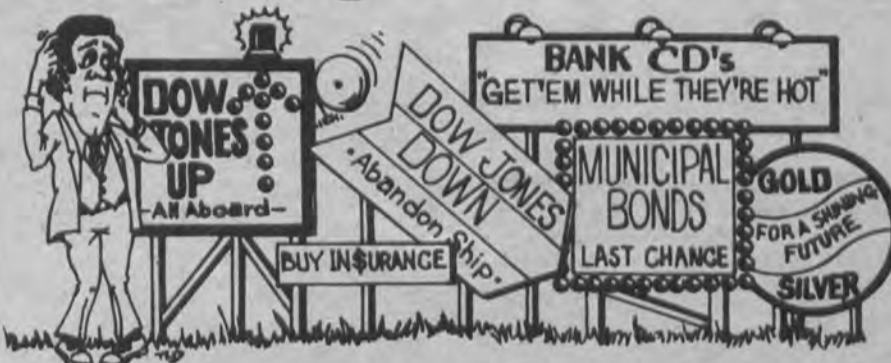
Strauss' Trip To Syria Dismays Bonn Government

BONN, (JTA) - Franz Josef Strauss' unannounced, unofficial trip to Syria has dismayed the Bonn government and raised speculation as to the precise intentions behind the conservative Bavarian leader's visit to Damascus for talks with President Hafez Assad.

Strauss heads the Christian Social Union, the ruling party in Bavaria and a close ally of Chancellor Kohl's Christian Democratic Union (CDU). But Kohl was reported to have been surprised and angered on his return from the funeral of Yuri Andropov in Moscow, to learn of Strauss' self-appointed mission.

Aides to Strauss said he was responding to a personal invitation from Assad at a time when contacts between Damascus and the West are at an extremely delicate stage owing to the situation in Lebanon and the unresolved Arab-Israeli conflict. They refused to say whether Strauss considered his mission to be an attempt to mediate between the United States and Syria. He had not been asked to undertake such a role.

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players to repair them: technically a 'forbidden work' on the day of rest."

It appears that Rabbi Provenzal's admonition notwithstanding, the use of rackets in the game gained in popularity to the point that, in the days of his grandson, a request was made by Jewish players to remove the restriction against using rackets on Shabbat. The argument advanced for ending the restriction was that rackets were now so plentiful in supply that there would be no need to mend one if it broke during a Shabbat set. At least in Venice, Roth reports, the rabinate nonetheless continued to forbid the playing with rackets on Shabbat. A measure of Jewish enthusiasm for the game is the indication from documents and responsa of the period that hard courts were available in the Venetian ghetto itself.

So much for 16th century Italy. What about a 1984 Delaware Jew who wants to play tennis on Shabbat? Lest I be accused of practicing rabbinics "sans s'mikhah," I must ask you to refer that question to the local rabbi of your choice, but it may be of general interest to note the treatment of this matter by the late Rabbi Isaac Klein in his excellent book, *A Guide to Jewish Religious Practice*, published by the Jewish Theological Seminary of America (Conservative).

"We must distinguish," says Rabbi Klein, "between commercialized sports and amusements and activities one indulges in for personal enjoyment. Commercialized sports and amusements are obviously not recommended because of the many violations of the Sabbath that are involved. Individual sports and amusements in themselves, where no other violation of the Sabbath is involved, are permissible. Thus ball-playing in a private domain, or anywhere that carrying is allowed, is permissible. — The only caution here is that one should avoid participating in such activities to the point of overexertion and fatigue, which would make the act not in the spirit of the Sabbath."

Frankly Speaking -

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you would have thought it had all been directed by Menasha Skulnick or Boris Thomashevsky.

Anyway, the play did direct the audiences to a fundamental Jewish law! Even beggars who receive charity are required to share that charity with the less fortunate.

Maybe some one can persuade Reb Moische Levenberg to restage his play in the Jewish Community Center or even in a *shul*.

Irving Levitt—

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involved. People like Levitt. But he was not always enmeshed in volunteer efforts.

As district manager of Dover and Georgetown offices of the Social Security Administration, he is often called upon to address groups, and has many one-on-one contacts. It was a very short step from involvement in the workplace to a similar role in the community.

It all began, he says, when a friend at a Wilmington radio station suggested to the New Castle County Chapter of the American Cancer Society that they ask Levitt to record some of their commercials. They did, he accepted, and a many faceted tale began. That was 1976.

While he has since accepted many other volunteer assignments, a quick review of Levitt's 1983 activities suggests he is a person who not only becomes, but stays involved.

He is a member of the Public Information Committee for the Kent County Unit of the American Cancer Society. He creates original posters, is still recording radio spots, and helped features for the Great American Smoke-Out.

Levitt admits that he has great difficulty in saying "no" to a request for help if the project meets his "underdog" or consumer criteria. He has an aura of sincerity and honesty that no doubt breaks down barriers. He is in a word a "doer."

Levitt is honest enough to admit that he is not quite the saint his contributions seem to make him - though he comes very close. He makes it very clear that he has seldom gone out of his way to find volunteer assignments. They come to him and he merely agrees to help.

His contributions to the area began quite innocently. "Several years ago Major Charles LeGates called me and said, 'People around town have been mentioning you. I'm going to fill some spots on various committees and I was wondering if you would accept an assignment.'"

Levitt told the then mayor he had no experience in the operation of a city

government and he doubted he could be of much help. LeGates said he had a special committee in mind, one that might (and did) suit Levitt's interests and abilities. And that's how he became Dover's one and only public member of the Utility Committee, a position he still holds.

Irving S. Levitt is a man of many talents, abilities and interests. But only his contributions to the Delmarva community in 1983 were considered in the selection of the State News Award. These contributions include:

- He is the public member of the City of Dover's Utility Committee. As a public advocate he speaks out on behalf of the average citizen.

- On July 1, 1983, Governor Pierre S. Dupont IV appointed Levitt to the Delaware Board of Nursing. He is the first public member to serve on the board, and the only male to serve.

- He is the only consumer member of the Delaware Nurses Network

- A member of the Kent County Hospice Advisory Committee

- On the Public Information Committee of the Kent County Unit of American Cancer Society

- A frequent speaker at Pre-retirement seminars, service clubs and senior citizens centers, using knowledge gained from his post as a district manager of the Social Security Administration.

- Developed and hosts a public service program on Cable Channel 4, "Up-To-The-Minute-The-Dover Report and The Kent County Report."

- Discussion Leader for the adult Great Books program

- Vice-president of Congregation Beth Shalom in Dover

- State-wide chairman for the Jewish Community Relations Committee a group formed to inform citizens of the current status of the Jewish people

- On the board of the Jewish Federation of Delaware

The State News Award recipient was selected by a committee composed of employees of the paper. Nominations were made by members of the general public and *State News* employees.

Understanding One Another— An Israeli Perspective

Interesting results from a recent dialogue between Israeli and American Jews sponsored in Israel by the American Jewish Committee's Institute on American Jewish-Israeli Relations, published in the booklet, *Understanding One Another — An Israeli Perspective*:

- Without the State of Israel the Jewish people would soon disappear, because their identity in the secular world hinges upon the Jewish state.

- Diaspora Jewry is entitled to intervene in the affairs of the State of Israel. If the State of Israel is also the State of the Jewish people and not only the sovereign authority of Israeli society inside its own borders, then this fact must find expression.

- What Jews outside of Israel may not do is to assume the rights and privileges that are part of the nationhood of a sovereign state without assuming the responsibilities, duties, military service and, often, sacrifices.

- Outside dissent and its expression have to do with proportion and balance as well as with place and time. But the decision-making process of any Israeli government should take into account, at least in part, the varying views of the Jewish people in the diaspora.

- Metaphorically, the diaspora and Israel are a complexity of elements with interrelated centers of gravity. If the system does not hold together, it

will split into separate components, unlikely to survive without one another.

- The Israeli government should not try to mobilize diaspora Jewry's support for every disputed issue. Support should be sought for policies that enjoy the widest acceptance in Israel and the diaspora, not for marginal issues.

- At present, there seems to be a communication gap between Israel and diaspora Jewry. Israelis do not know what is going on in the communities abroad, and diaspora Jews have no clear understanding of Israeli developments.

- The viability of the diaspora depends on the degree to which communities abroad see Israel as the focus of the Jewish people and the point where the common identity and the identity of the individual coincide.

- There is no evidence that U.S. Jewry is universally disposed to grant priority and preference to Israel in a concrete manner. When differences of opinion exist between Israel and American Jewry, they should be solved pragmatically and without ideological aggravation.

- Criticism is vital to Israel's existence. The self-criticism in Israel is an important stimulus for reflection, which leads to change.

- Israel has the right to demand that dissent be based on comprehensive knowledge and on a sense of responsibility.

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Delaware Gratz is very proud of two of its recent graduates who have been following the precepts taught at Gratz by taking an active part in the Jewish communities in which they are spending their college years.

Faith Miller graduated from Gratz Hebrew High School in 1982. She is currently a sophomore at West Chester University where she is enrolled in the elementary education program. She was instrumental in rejuvenating the Hillel Foundation at West Chester, which had not been active for the past five years, and is serving as its president for the second year in a row.

In her freshman year at college, Faith was the dormitory coordinator and this year she is the program coordinator. She has been active in the Big



Kathy Friedberg, graduate of the 1981 class of Delaware Gratz



Faith Miller, graduate of the 1982 class of Delaware Gratz

Brother/Big Sister program, the orientation program for incoming freshmen, and has also been involved in student government.

Faith teaches first grade students at Keshet Israel Synagogue in West Chester, and she feels that the teaching certificate which she received from Gratz was beneficial to her in obtaining this position.

Kathy Friedberg is a 1981 graduate of Delaware Gratz. She is currently a junior in the business school of the University of Delaware. During her freshman year, she was a campus representative for the United Jewish Appeal Campaign, an active member of Hillel, and a dormitory representative for hall government.

Continuing with these same activities during her sophomore year, Kathy

became programming vice-president of Hillel and began teaching the aleph and bet Hebrew classes at Temple Beth El of Newark.

During the past few summers, Kathy has been a division leader at a Jewish overnight camp where she also tutored Hebrew.

This year, Kathy is president of Hillel at Delaware, once again teaching her Hebrew classes, and working for the campus UJA campaign.

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Lillian Balick Publishes Book On Delaware Symphony

By ZEV AMITI

Lillian Balick, a well known musician and music historian, has finally had her history of the Delaware Symphony Orchestra published. I note the word, "finally" because she has been working on it since at least 1979.

First a few words about Lillian Balick:

She has a master's degree in music from West Chester State (Pa.) College and is also a member of the national music honor society, Pi Kappa Lambda.

She has been a most entertaining and educational lecturer on the history of music and is known for her delightful presentation of American ballads and her recent moving offering of songs of the Holocaust.

In 1979, she helped with the formation of the Young Musicians Showcase in the Jewish Community Center when she had been named artistic director of the group.

Her history of the Delaware Symphony Orchestra, now available to the public in the

office of the orchestra in the YWCA building on King Street, near 10th, is an excellent account of how this most remarkable orchestra developed almost 100 years ago when it began up along the Brandywine, in and near the powder works of the Du Pont Co.

The roots of the symphony are in a small group or amateur musicians which was organized, directed and partially financed by Alfred I. duPont, black powder manufacturer and philanthropist.

As the years passed, the orchestra became a community affair supported by the high society ladies of Wilmington and environs.

It eventually became the Wilmington Symphony Club, under Harry Stausebach and Van Lier Lanning. In 1971 it became a professional orchestra under Stephen Gunzenhauser.

The book is an essential addition to anyone's Delaware history library, anyone collecting Grand Opera House programs or any home library.

For old timers, there are many names among the various musicians who have played with the orchestra that will bring back memories of men and women once prominent in our musical circles.

A hint for collectors: The first edition of this book numbers only 1,000 copies. The price is \$16.95. Copies of the book will be available for sale at the Jewish Community Center through Sunday, Feb. 26. For more details call the Center at 478-5660.

One liner of the month:
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**"Fresh Start":
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"Fresh Start" is a quit smoking clinic sponsored by the American Cancer Society. It is designed to help participants stop smoking by providing them with all the essential information and strategies needed to direct their efforts.

The sessions are as follows:

Tuesday, March 8, 7:30-8:30 p.m.
Tuesday, March 13, 7:30-9 p.m.
Tuesday, March 15, 7:30-9 p.m.
Tuesday, March 20, 7:30-9 p.m.
Thursday, March 22, 7:30-9 p.m.

The fee is \$15 for Center members and \$20 for non-members. The minimum registration is eight persons and the maximum registration is 20 persons. Call the Physical Education/Health and Fitness desk at 478-5660 to register by March 1.

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The post-natal exercise class is specially designed to help the new mother get back into shape. We would like you to bring along your little "special delivery" package to take part in our infant exercises. Help your baby take the first step on the road to fitness, a lifetime sport.

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- Must be a college undergraduate enrolled in a physical education curriculum;
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The 1984 staff season runs from June 18 - Aug. 17, Mondays through Fridays. Interested applicants should call Arlene F. Bowman at 478-5660 to arrange for an appointment, and should send a resume to her in care of: JCC Camp, 101 Garden of Eden Road, Wilmington, DE 19803.



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**"The Jew In The
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Beginning on March 21, and running for 10 consecutive Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m., "The Jew in the Non-Jewish World" is a lecture and film series designed to introduce both Jew and non-Jew to the important need for heightened communication and understanding. Appreciation of an ethnic group can only be achieved when that group's social, religious, cultural, and historical patterns are more fully understood.

The struggle of Jews to maintain their individuality, to remain a separate religious and cultural group in the face of great adversity from the time of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob through the present will be examined with the use of lectures, discussions, and films. Films to be screened will include "Fiddler on the Roof," "Hester Street," "The Jazz Singer," "The Heartbreak Kid," and "Gentlemen's Agreement."

The guest lecturer will be Dr. Irene G. Shur, a noted scholar in Holocaust Studies, and professor of history at West Chester State University. She has been included in the *Encyclopedia of American Scholars* and *Who's Who in the World of Women*. In 1980, she was named the Outstanding Woman of Chester County by the Jewish National Fund, and was also named the Distinguished Teacher of West Chester State University.

The series coordinator is Syd Kneitel, and the program is partly funded by the Delaware Humanities Forum, a state program of the National Endowment for the Humanities. The series is open to the public, and there is no admission fee.

Divorce Discussion Group

As part of the Jewish Community Center's Jewish Family Life Education series, the Divorce Discussion Group will examine, through film and discussion, the varying aspects and effects of divorce on the Jewish family.

• Thursday, March 22, 7:30 p.m.

The group will discuss the six psychological tasks of children going through divorce.

• Thursday, March 29, 7:30 p.m.

The film, "Yours Truly, Andrea G. Stern," portrays Andrea's mother caught in the difficult bind of attempting to meet the needs of the two people she loves while satisfying her own needs. Discussion will focus on the rights of the single parent.

• Thursday, April 5, 7:30 p.m.

The film, "The Empty Chair," convincingly and sensitively deals with the conflicts faced by a single parent family about to celebrate Passover without a father. Discussion will follow.

The series is being sponsored by the Jewish Community Center and the Jewish Family Service. There is no fee for the three sessions, and the public is invited to attend.

Registration is limited, so call the Center now at 478-5660 to register by March 14.

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At the present time our volunteers consist of Sid Gluckman, Peg Lohman, Jean Sachs, Sam and Helen Wenzer and Fay Coonin. If you haven't visited the

Economy Shop recently, please come down to 611 King Street and say hello. I know you will like it. And remember, we still need volunteers.

Beth Emeth Religious School News

Congregation Beth Emeth had added several enrichment activities to its religious school curriculum.

Students in grades kindergarten through six have specialists who teach art and music. Fredda Penock teaches art, and Joan Lubitz teaches the music program. Both are experienced teachers and members of the congregation.

In addition, they are making good use of their expanding library facilities through a program developed by

AKSE Religious School News

PURIM CARNIVAL

For a day of fun, come to the annual AKSE Purim carnival which will be held one week before Purim, on March 11 from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. Sandra Snyder, chairwoman, and her committee have planned new games and booths and are prepared with prizes for many game winners. Men's Club, with Stanley Kruger, president, will be preparing lunches. Sisterhood will have their *hamentashen* for sale.

The monies earned from the Purim Carnival support the Adas Kodesch Sh'ei Emeth Camp Scholarship Program.

PASSOVER CANDY

Have you ordered your candy for Passover? It isn't too late! You may order a wide selection of Barton's, Cherydale and/or Manischewitz candies at the Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Synagogue office. Orders must be received by March 1, and payment must accompany orders.

Mary DeVries, chairwoman of the congregation's Library Committee. As part of this program, classes are assigned to a library period during which they become familiar with the congregation's library and with research and pleasure reading material available. DeVries developed the program and has now turned the actual teaching time over to Elaine Wilner.

The art, music and library sessions are well received by both students and teachers as an important dimension added to the academic subjects.

The junior high department has outside speakers, sessions with Rabbi Grumbacher called "Ask The Rabbi" and special seminars. The students participated in a full morning seminar on "Judaism and Death" which involved a film, discussions, and an excellent talk by Alan Schoenberg of Schoenberg Memorial Chapel. During the next several weeks, an Israeli student will meet with the seventh grade.

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Oswaldo Romberg: Portrait Of An Artist

By IRIS BEN-ISRAEL

Visiting Israeli-artist Oswaldo Romberg's residence in Newark, is like going to an art gallery. Paintings, completed and uncompleted are hung or are scattered about in the living room.

"I'm not directly influenced by specific artists but rather by ideas in art-history," said the Argentina-born artist. Romberg, a distinguished visiting professor from Israel, came with his family to Delaware in 1982. Since then he has been teaching at the University of Delaware.

"I became interested in art when I was 7-years-old," Romberg said. "My interest in art-history came later." Art history, he said, is a way

to gain knowledge about our ancestors and their lifestyles.

For Romberg, life in Argentina was good. However, his dislike for the political situation in Argentina at the time, his Zionist idealism, and his hope for greater opportunities in the art field inspired his immigration to Israel in 1973.

In Israel his unique "art about art" style originated. With this new method, combining color analysis and linguistic codes, Romberg united old master reproductions and his own markings.

This art style, he explained, resulted from an immense interest in the great masterpieces. "Not influenced by the styles themselves but by the artists' colors, I used the

same ones in my works." By this, he said, he tried to examine and solve some of the problems he saw in the famed works.

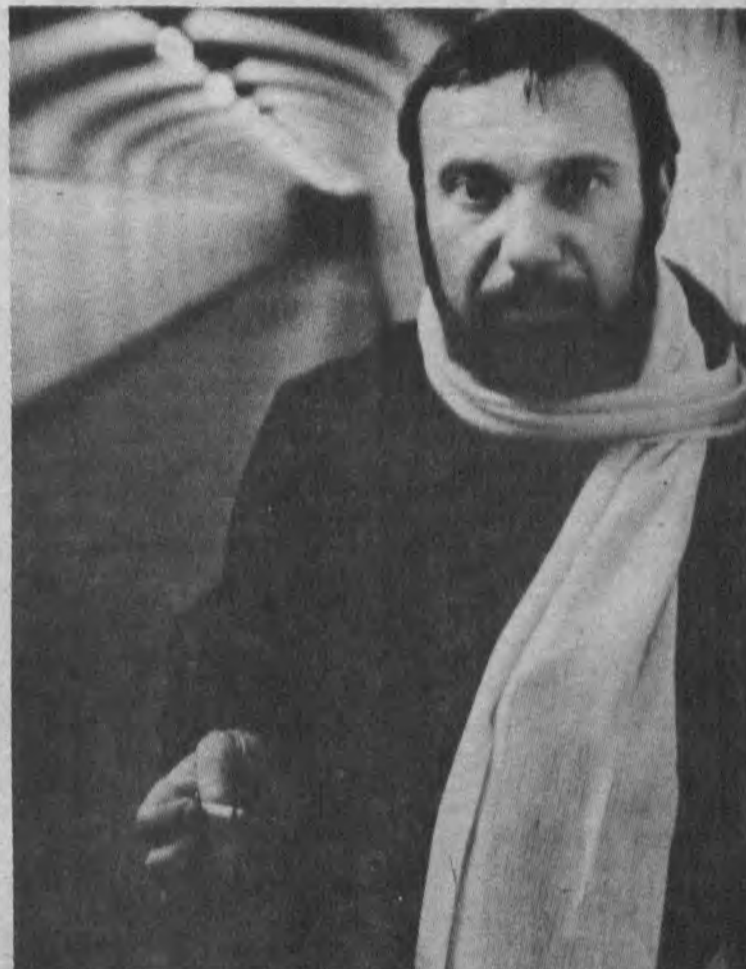
According to Romberg there were two main changes in his art-style: His first change of style occurred when he came to New York in 1981. This was a change from the more conceptual paintings to ones with more pictorial abstraction.

The second change occurred when his son, David, was born seven months ago. Since then he has been dealing with abstract space. "As opposed to my earlier color-analysis paintings, now I am trying to emphasize metaphor in my paintings."

Since coming to Delaware, Romberg had 12 one-man shows in cities ranging from Newark (Del.), Jerusalem, Berlin, to New York, the location of his studio.

Romberg spends endless hours travelling from Newark to New York. "I don't have a lot of free time," he said nervously. He explained that along with his busy schedule he needs to take his work back home with him after every workday in his university studio.

"When I do have free time I like to spend it with my family." Romberg said he likes to relax with one of his many jazz or classical albums. He



added that occasionally he enjoys singing and playing the guitar.

"I don't think of my art as a career but as a way of life," he insisted. Indeed, his devotion is apparent by the many

exhibitions he has had so far since coming to Delaware in 1982.

Iris Ben-Israel, a sabra, is a sophomore majoring in English and journalism at the University of Delaware.

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Marriage is in!

Andrea Schwab daughter of Judy and Ralph just got engaged. So did Mark Keil to Judy Fridovich. Mark is the son of Judge Charles and Barbara Keil. Another engagement! Robin Ochs to David Berlin, Mazel tov!!

Steven Kattler, a podiatry student and son of Howard and Deane, will be married to Donna Koelh, a nurse, at the Hilton in Philadelphia Sunday, April 15.

You should live to be 150+!

Would you believe Lotte Tavel recently celebrated her 80th birthday? She doesn't look a day over 50. At the Kutz Home, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Cutler celebrated their 71st anniversary in December. That's a long time living together. They are the parents of Evelyn Laiken,

Mr. and Mrs. George Snyder (the newly weds) just celebrated their 51st anniversary. They are the parents of Myra Moyed.

Seniors on the Go!

The Senior Chorus at the JCC under the direction of Sarah Goldstein has vastly expanded their repertoire. There are 20 singers 60++++ who will play for all organizations and are willing to travel. Can't beat that.

A Special Mazel Tov to: Lew Bennett upon receiving the national Hands & Heart award from the Veterans Administration as the most compassionate employee of the year.

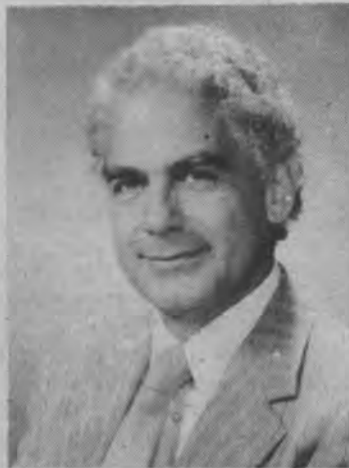
Debra and Deena Panitz for receiving letters of commendation from the National Merit Scholarship at Concord High School.

A Special Thanks: To Sam and Helen Wenzler for always volunteering at Federation, at the Economy Shop, and Super Sunday. Thank you. You are both a tremendous asset to our community.

Welcome to Delaware: David and Karen Rovine recently moved to Edenridge from Florida. They have two children, 4 and 3. They own harness horses.

If you hear of someone's *simcha* please call the *Jewish Voice* office 478-6200 and let us share it with the community.

Kutz Auxiliary Presents Program For Families Of Elderly



Dr. J. Pierre Loebel

A symposium entitled "New Help for Old Problems - - Assisting the Elderly and Their Families in Dealing with Depression, Alzheimer's and Other Disorders" - will be jointly sponsored by the Auxiliary of The Milton & Hattie Kutz Home, Inc. and the Department of Psychiatry, Wilmington Medical Center.

The afternoon gathering, which is open to the public, will take place on Thursday, March 8, at the Kutz Home, 704 River Road in Bellefonte from 1-4 p.m.

Guest speaker will be J. Pierre Loebel, M.D., clinical associate professor, Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, University of Washington in Seattle, WA. Loebel is a nationally recognized authority on aging and Alzheimer's disease.

Following Loebel's keynote address, a panel of local professionals will respond. Moderated by David E. Raskin, M.D., director of the Department of Psychiatry, Wilmington Medical Center, the panel will include Rabbi Peter H. Grumbacher, Congregation Beth Emeth; Thomas J. Pasatko, M.S.W., Supportive Care Services, Inc.; Diane Saxe, R.N., Veterans Administration Hospital, Elsmere; James W. Semple, from the law firm

Morris, James, Hitchens & Williams. Dot Sacra from the local Alzheimer's support group will also participate.

This symposium should be of interest to all people involved in the care of the

elderly. There is no admission charge. However, since space is limited, those interested in attending the symposium are asked to register prior to the event by calling the Kutz Home at 764-7000.

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Speakers will represent four countries: Dr. Lex Vega - Holland; Dr. Jeff Schwersenski - South Africa; Huguette Piha - Egypt; and Dr. Jacques Reuben - Bulgaria.

Each will tell about his family background, the community, the synagogue and youth groups.

For the whole family, there will be a Shabbaton and a

Beth Emeth Couples Club

Beth Emeth Couples Club will hold a Wine and Cheese Party at the home of Fran and Bob Cohen, 506 Kerfoot Farm Road, Woodbrook on Sat., March 24, at 8 p.m. This is for Couples Club members only. The evening is free, but each couple must bring either hors d'oeuvres, wine or dessert. To make reservations and find out what to bring, call Fran at 571-8142.

Couples Club membership costs \$5 per year per couple. If interested call Lois at 475-3428.

Beth Sholom's Men's Club

At their monthly breakfast held on Feb. 12, the Congregation Beth Sholom Men's Club held their annual sweetheart breakfast to honor the woman who has helped the Men's Club the most this program year. Four women were nominated this year for the award: Linda Fliss, Mary Garfinkel, Joan Shulak and Erin Garfinkel. The winner was Linda Fliss, and a little miss sweetheart award was presented to Erin Garfinkel (age 7) as a consolation prize by her dad.

To determine how well our members know their wives, an "Oldie Weds" game was held. Three couples competed by giving answers to very interesting questions about their spouses. Congratulations to the grand prize winners, Rita and Larry Klepner - and to the runners up: Joan and Carl Shulak and Cheri and Clyde Bragg.

A very special thanks to Linda Fliss and Mary Garfinkel for preparing a delicious homemade blintz breakfast, and to Blanka Falek for a musical selection on the piano.

At the next program breakfast, the guest speaker will be a professional theatrical make-up artist, who will demonstrate the tricks of his trade. Look for details later.

Sabbath meal.

SCHEDULE

5:45 p.m. - Blessing of the Shabbat candles

6 p.m. - Washing of hands and Hamotzi

6:10 p.m. - Sabbath meal: Mama's chicken soup, baked chicken, potato and vegetable; tea or coffee and cookies.

6:45 p.m. - Z'mirot and group singing

7:15 p.m. - Grace after meals - Birkat Hamazon

7:30 p.m. - Sabbath services and our panel of speakers.

Everyone is invited. Call the synagogue office for reservations.

YPG Events

Young Professionals Group is a group for young Jewish singles between the ages of 21-35. Saturday, Feb. 25 the group will meet at the Tri-State Mall at 5:30 p.m. to see a movie. Afterwards they will go to "Whispers" which is located in the Hilton.

There will be a party at Sue's on March 10 at 8 p.m. The cost will be \$4 which includes refreshments (snacks and beverages). Sue's apartment is located off Carpenter Station Rd. at Brandywine Apts., 2702 Jacqueline Drive, Apt. H-24. Please call Sue for directions.

For more information on the group, please call one of the following people: Lynn 475-3435, Rich 358-2969, or Sue 475-0840.

Ohev Shalom Presents 'Company'

The Players of Ohev Shalom Synagogue, 2 Chester Rd., Wallingford, Pa., (Rt. 320 & 252) present Stephen Sondheim's musical comedy "Company" on March 3, 4 10 and 11. Tickets are priced at \$7 - reserved and \$5 - general admission for all four performances.

The schedule of show is as follows: Saturday, March 3-8 p.m.; Sunday, March 4-7:30 p.m.; Saturday, March 10-8 p.m.; Sunday, March 11-2 p.m.

For tickets and more information, please call the synagogue office (215) 874-1465 during business hours or Penni Starer (215) 237-9287 in the evening.

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Organizations in the News

Wilmington Hadassah

HOW IS YOUR FAMILY'S COMMUNICATION?

A dynamic program on Family Communication will be presented at the next meeting of the Wilmington Chapter of Hadassah's Sabra Group. It will take place on Monday, March 12, at 12:15 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center. At that time the members of Sabra Group and guests will have a unique opportunity to measure the effectiveness of communication in their families.

Leni Markell, MSW and Frankie Klaff, M.S., operate a private counseling practice, "Counseling Associates," where they do marital counseling, parent-child relationships, and individual assessments. They will present a workshop program using a variety of materials which will focus on how people communicate, the blocks against effective communication, and how one can improve.

As usual, delicious refreshments will be served. The meeting is open to the public; there is no charge.

PURIM IN IRAN

Ferri Tehrani, a Hadassah member, will speak to the next meeting of the Shalom and Chai Groups of Hadassah at a joint meeting to be held at the home of Irma Skversky, 2417 Greendale Road, Woodbine, at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday evening, March 13.

She will discuss the customs and traditions of Purim in Iran, where the Purim story actually took place. We will see a short film about the festival and why we celebrate it.

Tehrani was born and raised in Iran and, as an archeologist, worked on digs there. An enthusiastic Hadassah member, she still has family living in Iran.

Hamentaschen will be served. Husbands are cordially invited.

Anti-Semitism Explored

The final session of the Community Learning Center's series on anti-Semitism will be held, Sunday, Feb. 26 at 7 p.m. at the Second Baptist Church, 2800 Silverside Road in Wilmington. The session is entitled "The Future: Possibilities For Change," and will be led by Barbara McCloskey, assistant director of the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

Beth Emeth Sisterhood

Before you start thinking of that spring shopping spree and/or houseclearing, don't forget to collect your cast-aways for the semi-annual super sale of Sisterhood Temple Beth Emeth. Their slogan "used but not abused" still holds true; there will be clothing for all, jewelry, household goods and appliances and collectibles. In keeping with their yearly custom, new fabrics will be sold from the bolt at \$1 per yard. Please save these dates: May 2 and 3 at Temple Beth Emeth, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. each day. All packages are to be brought to the auditorium stage, at Temple Beth Emeth, 300 Lea Blvd., Wilmington, DE 19802.



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Obituaries

Jack Gitnick

Jack Gitnick, 86, of 2411 Heather Road East, Heatherbrooke, formerly of New York City and North Miami, Florida died Jan. 6 in the Delaware Division.

Mr. Gitnick retired in 1968 after 30 years as a pharmacist in Wilmington. Before that, he worked in New York City. He was also a professional violinist for 30 years and assistant conductor for the Palace Theater Orchestra on Broadway.

He was a graduate of the Columbia University College of Pharmacy, New York. He studied violin at the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music.

He and his wife Mae celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on May 24, 1983.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by a daughter, Dorothy G. Kutner, with whom he lived, and three grandchildren.

Funeral services were held from the Schoenberg Memorial Chapel, 519 Philadelphia Pike, on Jan. 9.

Interment was private.

Samuel Israel Berkowitz

Samuel I. Berkowitz, 62, of 17 Sailboat Circle, Newark died Sunday Jan. 8 in the Newark Emergency Center, Newark.

Mr. Berkowitz was owner of the Sun-Ripe Banana Co. on 208 E. Fourth Street in Wilmington until its sale in 1965. He was also in business with his son at Trim-Cut Distributing Co. Inc. in Newark.

He was a member of Temple Beth Emeth and Unity Lodge AF&AM, in Newport.

He is survived by his wife, Myra; two sons, Jan M. of Newark and Mitchell K. of Wilmington; a daughter, Cheryl J. Navitsky of Newark; a brother, Leonard of Wilmington and two granddaughters.

Funeral services were held Jan. 10 at the Schoenberg Memorial Chapel, 519 Philadelphia Pike.

Interment was in Beth Emeth Memorial Park, Faulkland Road.

In memoriam the family suggests contributions to your favorite charity.

Minnie Kaufman

Minnie Kaufman, 70, of 3005 N. Van Buren St. died Jan. 8 in the St. Francis Hospital.

Mrs. Kaufman was manager of the Shoe Boat Store in Granite Run Mall for two years.

She was past president and life-time member of the Wilmington Chapter of Deborah and the Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Congregation and its Sisterhood. In 1982, she received the Sweetheart of the Year Award from the Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Congregation Men's Club.

She is survived by her husband, Elmer; two daughters, Ruth Ann Goldstein of Wilmington and Wilma Estreicher of Atlanta; two sisters, Bertha Sachs and Sophie Hellman, both of Wilmington, and seven grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Jan. 9 at the Schoenberg Memorial Chapel, 519 Philadelphia Pike.

Interment was in the Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth section of the Jewish Community Cemetery on Foulk Road.

In memoriam the family suggests contributions to the Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Talmud Fund, Washington St. Extension and Torah Drive, Wilmington, Del. 19802 or the the Wilmington Chapter of Deborah, c/o Mrs. Lois Steinberg, 614 W. 28th Street, Wilmington, Del. 19802, or the American Cancer Society 1708 Lovering Ave., Wilmington, Del. 19806.

Abraham H. Eisenman

Abraham H. Eisenman, 69, of 10941 S.W. 113th Place, Miami, Fla., formerly of Wilmington, Del., died of cancer Feb. 10 at South Miami Hospital.

Mr. Eisenman was founder and president of Eisenman Realty Co. in Miami. He retired in 1981 after 25 years. He moved to Florida in 1945.

He was past president of Temple Beth Am in Miami and Dade County Commander of the Jewish War Veterans. Born in Wilmington, he was a graduate of the University of Delaware.

He was a second lieutenant in the Army during World War II.

Surviving are his wife, Leah; two sons, Morris and David; two sisters, Regina Rosin of Deerfield Beach and Flora Masci of Wilmington; and a grandson.

Services were held Sunday in Miami.

Interment was in Star of David Cemetery, Miami.

In memoriam the family suggests contributions to the

Jewish Chataqua Society, care of Temple Beth Emeth, 300 W. Lea Blvd., Wilmington 19802 or to charity.

Rose Gitterman Kossman

Rose Gitterman Kossman, 72, of the Kutz Home, 704 River Road, Bellefonte, died Feb. 11 from cardiac arrest in the Delaware Division.

Originally from Philadelphia, Mrs. Kossman moved to Delaware in 1979 to live with her daughter, Evelyn Greenstein of Penarth.

Her husband Isaac J. Kossman, died in 1967. In addition to her daughter with whom she lived, she is survived by two sons, Philip Gitterman of Philadelphia and Isaac J. Gitterman of Sierra Vista, Arizona; two daughters, Marsha Kramer of Lindenwold, N.J., and Anna Williams of Allentown, Pa., a brother, Samuel Cheepnick of Philadelphia; a sister, Anna Rosenberg of Salisbury, Md.; seven grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Feb. 14 from the Schoenberg Memorial Chapel, 519 Philadelphia Pike.

Interment was in the Montefiore Cemetery, Fox Chase, Pa.

In memoriam the family suggests contributions to the Kutz Home, 704 River Road, Wilmington, Del. 19809.

Simon Waldman

Simon Waldman died Feb. 12 in Philadelphia, Pa. Services were held at Goldsteins Chapel. He was buried at Mt. Jacob Cemetery in Glenolden, Pa. He is survived by three sons Joel, David and Robert and six grandchildren all of Claremont, Calif. He is also survived by three brothers, Abraham, Philip and Israel and three sisters, Bella Weiner, Anna Lawentmann and Tania Richmond all of Philadelphia. He is also survived by his former wife, Fay Rubin of Wilmington. He resided in Wilmington for 12 years. He was a past president of the Golden Agers. He was also an active member of the Jewish Community Senior Center on Garden of Eden Road.

In memoriam the family suggests contributions to the JCC Senior Center.

Rose Spektor

Rose Spektor of Los Angeles, California, formerly of Wilmington, Del., died Feb. 13 in Los Angeles.

She was the wife of the late I. Irving Spektor.

Funeral services were held Feb. 17 from Beth Emeth Memorial Park, Faulkland Rd.

In memoriam the family suggests contributions to your favorite charity.

Dr. William Kratka

Dr. William H. Kratka, for 30 years a Wilmington ophthalmologist and a noted artist, died Jan. 18 of cancer at 2425 Presidential Way, West Palm Beach, Fla. He was 73.

Dr. Kratka, formerly of the Coffee Run Condominiums, Lancaster Pike and Loveville Road, Hockessin, was on the staff of the Wilmington Medical Center and St. Francis Hospital in Wilmington. He also maintained a private practice in Concord Plaza, 3411 Silverside Road, before he retired and moved to West Palm Beach in 1982.

He was a graduate of Temple University and Temple Medical School in Philadelphia. He received his ophthalmological training at the University of Pennsylvania and at Wills Eye Hospital there.

Dr. Kratka received a master of medical science degree from the University of Pennsylvania graduate school in 1956 for research on ocular tuberculosis he performed at Wills Eye during his residency there.

He was a fellow of the American College of Surgeons and a board member of the National Academy of Ophthalmology. The founder and first presi-

dent of the Delaware Academy of Ophthalmology and Otolaryngology, he was a member of the American Medical Association, the Medical Society of Delaware and the National Heed Society.

An Army surgeon during World War II, he served in Africa and Italy.

Dr. Kratka also was skilled with a paintbrush. His paintings, mostly in oil and acrylics, frequently were exhibited in both juried and unjuried shows in Delaware, Chester County, Pa., Philadelphia and southern Florida. He believed his art sprang from his concern for the relationship between man and the environment, and he was especially interested in interpreting the influences of modern times on nature.

He won the best landscape award in the annual Delaware Show in 1958 and another award for landscape painting in 1962 at the Delaware Art Museum.

He had painted in Mexico, Italy and Majorca as well as New England and New York. His paintings are in many private collections throughout the United States, including more than a dozen at the Kutz Home Inc., 704 River Road, near Bellefonte.

Thirty-three of Dr. Kratka's paintings have been obtained for hanging in the Wilmington Medical Center's Christiana Division, under construction near Stanton.

He was a member of the Council of Delaware Artists and the Artist Guild of Norton Gallery in West Palm Beach.

He is survived by his wife, Zeld; two daughters, Suzanne Birrel of London and Ilene Kratka of Maui, Hawaii; and a son, Jeffrey, of Felton, Calif.

Burial was Jan. 22 in Eternal Light Memorial Park, Delray Beach, Fla.

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What's Happening —

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 ty net they are realizing their ambitions. The Soviets' daily support of Syria is continuing. The amount of arms under Syrian control is staggering. They have more planes than Britain and more tanks than France.

Israel's leaders expressed serious concern that the May 17 Agreement between Lebanon and Israel, witnessed by the United States, may be abrogated. They see such a step as fatal to any other agreement Israel has made or may make in the Middle East. They believe that even if there is no government in Lebanon to carry out the agreement, the U.S. must continue to support it. They point to the SALT II Treaty which was signed by the U.S. though not ratified which has not been abolished.

What about the rest of the area? The Israelis say that Egypt is trying to restore its original role in the Middle East and Jordan is looking for a role. The Egyptian-Israeli Peace Treaty is presently a strategic peace. It is secured by the balance of forces in the countries and by the attitude of the U.S. government. Any deviation from it, according to Israel's leaders, raises the danger of its destruction.

Presently the media in Egypt, which is government-controlled, has started to paint Israel as the enemy. Normalization of relations, including trade, tourism, and cultural exchanges, has not been implemented. President Mubarak's statements in Washington last week indicate that the peace process may be unraveling. The Conference of Presidents issued a statement from Jerusalem calling on Mubarak to declare Egypt's commitment to the

Peace Treaty and on the U.S. to insist that Egypt fulfill its treaty obligations.

Another area of grave concern is the Iran-Iraq war. Israeli officials confess they cannot predict the outcome of this war but as long as it goes on there is less apprehension in Israel. For if Iran should win there is the threat to the whole area of Iranian fundamentalism. If Iraq should win there is the threat to the political stability of Israel's neighbors. All agreed that the conflict could last a long time. Israel however is concerned by what appears to them to be a tilt by the U.S. toward Bagdad. The Israelis believe there is no possibility of carving Iraq out of the Soviet's sphere of influence which may be the reason behind the U.S. action.

Israel faces a constant and continuing military threat. Therefore much was said about the supply of arms to her Arab neighbors. There was general consternation in Israel about the West German government's plan to sell arms to the Saudis. The Israelis do not believe that Germany has an obligation to deal with the Jews, but they do believe that Germany has a moral obligation not to harm Jews.

"Resisting arms sales seems useless," said Abba Eban to us. "The only success has come in delaying shipments or obtaining compensating supplies for Israel." An intelligence officer speaking to us was not convinced that the Rapid Deployment Force now being considered with Jordan could protect the Gulf but it certainly could be used against Israel. He admitted that there is no practical way for Israel to defend itself if major Arab armies are deployed west of the Jordan River. For this reason Israel may have to accept a preemptive strategic concept.

All of this is so depressing! But Prime Minister Shamir reassured us by saying that the Israeli people have faith in the future. They believe they can overcome the present difficulties and secure a permanent existence for the Third Jewish Commonwealth. From his lips to God's ears....

Dear Rachel

Dear Rachel,

I came home early from work the other day, delighted with the opportunity to cook a leisurely dinner for my family. My evening meeting was called off, and I was looking forward to the chance to talk to everyone without rushing. My husband called to say that he had to work late, so he would order out a sandwich and go straight to his evening meeting. My daughter gobbled her meal on the way to her music lesson, and my son ate two bites before going to a friend's house to play with some new software. I went upstairs and cried.

Please understand that I am as much at fault as my kids or husband in dissipating our family life to nothing. I've got more than my share of committee meetings and extra hours at the office. I just hope that some parents of young children out there will appreciate what they have now, and work to create a balance between the needs of the family and the needs of the community, so you won't end up as lost as I feel now.

Sign Me

Empty Nest Before My Time

Dear Empty Nest,

Oftentimes the community pays lip service to the Jewish family while it continues to schedule endless meetings, classes and groups that send family members running in separate directions. I would like to hear from you, our readers, if you have any good ideas about how the community could structure things differently.

In the meantime, try sharing your feelings with the rest of your family. Perhaps you can work out a compromise between all of your needs.

Good luck.
 Rachel

Send letters to "Rachel, c/o Jewish Family Service, 101 Garden of Eden Rd., Wilmington, DE 19803." Names and details will be altered in published letters to protect your privacy.

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You Can Make A Difference

By Arnold Lieberman,
 Executive Director



Jewish publications have recently begun to deal with two areas that had rarely been discussed in the past. Various sources including our own *Jewish Voice* have been presenting articles related to violence in Jewish families and teenage suicide. In addition to describing these problems, all articles also indicate that Jewish communities must pay more attention to these aspects of life.

A 1980 study of 209 member families of nine Orthodox, Conservative and Reform congregations revealed 22 incidents of spousal abuse, four incidents of sexual abuse, 11 incidents of forced social isolation and 118 incidents of violent acts toward children.

It was pointed out that violence has been a part of Jewish family life through history, yet we deny its existence and Jewish communities have failed to respond appropriately. Violent Jewish families do not generally reveal their problem to any professionals due to the shame and stigma attached to such behavior. In our society, the family is viewed as a sacred institution and the lack of admission and discussion by both the abusers and the victims, allows the Jewish community to reinforce the myth that the problem does not exist.

By accepting the reality that these problems exist, our Jewish community can meet it head on. Both professional and lay members of our community can be educated to recognize danger signs and early warning symptoms. Lay people, when properly prepared, can be the first line of support for victims of abuse.

It is necessary to accept that these people have problems and to respond to them with appropriate support, guidance, and referrals for help. We should not turn our backs on the abusers, the abused, or the troubled among us.

In our Delaware community, Jewish Family Service stands ready to help in such situations. We can advise people regarding the identification of possible abuse; we can help in how to approach the people involved; we can make known what resources are available and how to effect referrals to them; and we can counsel people directly regarding their family relationships and conflicts.

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