

Kids Expo Held At JCC



At the JCC in Wilmington Delaware, young people enjoy "The Great Jewish Children's Expo," described as a traveling Jewish museum. From May 10 through May 14 dozens of children explored multi-media displays, educational activities and games. The expo was co-sponsored by the JCC and Chabad-Lubavitch of Delaware. Among the activities were a game show like educational activity called "Torah Concentration" and another experience which featured colored sand.



PERES DOCTORATE-PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND - Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres clutches his honorary Doctor of Laws diploma from Brown University as he receives a congratulatory hug from Brown University President Vartan Gregorian, May 29 in Providence, Rhode Island. Peres flew directly to the university in the United States from unscheduled meetings with PLO Chairman Yasir Arafat in Morocco. CREDIT: RNS PHOTO/Reuters.

Hillel Gets New Muscle In Push For Jewish Renewal

By TOM TUGEND

LOS ANGELES (JTA) — They called for a renaissance of the Jewish spirit, for student empowerment and for pride in Judaism through knowledge as the new unifying force of a new generation of Jews.

For two intensive days, the self-styled "Edgar and Richard show" preached the revival of Jewish campus life at meetings with students, professors, community leaders and reporters.

The message brought by Edgar M. Bronfman and Richard M. Joel was that Hillel, the 70-year-old network of Jewish college and university centers, was being transformed from a 97-pound weakling into a muscular, exciting, relevant presence on campus and in the Jewish community.

They made for a persuasive combination: Bronfman, the urbane chairman of the Seagram distillers and juice empire, president of the World Jewish Congress and among the wealthiest people in the United States, and Joel, a staccato-talking, yarmulka-wearing former Bronx assistant district attorney and law professor at Yeshiva University.

Both were in town to meet and exhort Jewish student activists on Los Angeles area campuses and to introduce the community to the new Hillel, reincarnated and rejuvenated as the Foundation for Jewish Campus Life, under the lay and professional leadership of Bronfman and Joel, respectively.

In recent years, the Hillel presence on 105 American campuses and in half a dozen other countries had undergone a transformation that Moment magazine headlined in a lengthy article as "The De-Nerdification of Hillel."

Underlying the change has been the gradual realization by the Jewish establishment that if "Jewish continuity" was to become more than a catchword, Jewish college students would have to be the key link in the generational chain.

One basic need was money, especially because B'nai B'rith International, Hillel's traditional funding source, had to reduce its support level drastically.

Into the breach stepped the Council of Jewish Federations, which at its last assembly assumed major fund-raising responsibility for Hillel, and a group of wealthy private donors, exemplified and rallied by Bronfman.

Of Hillel's current budget of \$22.5 million, 41 percent comes from Jewish federations, 24 percent from donations and grants, 9 percent from B'nai B'rith and the rest from program and registration fees.

And under Joel's direction, Hillel's international headquarters instituted a tough, five-year review and accreditation process, judging each campus center on staff competence, diversity in programming, lay support, outreach to unaffiliated students and student empowerment.

The accreditation is no mere formality. Since Joel came on board size years ago, half of all Hillel directors in the country have been replaced.

The Hillel Center at the California State University, Northridge, is the first in the Los Angeles area to pass the test. Its director, Rabbi Jerrold Goldstein, describes the experience as a six-month process of self-analysis and planning for the future. In the midst of all this, the

Northridge earthquake struck the campus with particular fury.

Yet with the new impetus and hope, there is still a long way to go. Of the more than 400,000 Jewish students on American campuses, only about 50,000 or 12.5 percent, are involved in any Hillel activities.

According to a 1990 Brandeis University study, another 25 percent are so alienated from Jewish life that they can be counted out. The remaining 62 percent may be reachable, under the right conditions and with imaginative approaches.

The situation is no better, and probably somewhat worse, in Los Angeles, where Jewish affiliation rates for all ages are lower than on the East Coast and in the Midwest.

The case at the Northridge campus is instructive. There are about 3,500 Jewish students on campus, less than half the number of five years ago. Some 900 are on the Hillel mailing list, said Goldstein, but only a small fraction of these participate in Hillel activities.

Why no greater involvement? Part of the answer lies in a letter sent by a female student to Elissa Schwartz, Hillel outreach coordinator. "I no longer believe that only nerds go to Hillel, and I want to participate," she wrote. "But I drive 20 miles each way from my home to campus, and I spend two hours a day in my car. I take a full study load and work 22 hours a week in a coffee shop. I don't have time to go out with my boyfriend or to eat or sleep."

Yet, CSUN Hillel was praised by Bronfman and Joel for establishing effective ties with the other ethnic and special interest groups on campus, which came into play last year when Hillel counter programmed a campus talk by black Muslim leader Louis Farrakhan.

At a news conference at CSUN, Bronfman gave his own recipe for the survival of Jewish identity and cohesiveness.

After noting that the Holocaust, Israel and Soviet Jewry were "no longer the great galvanizing issues" of Jewish life, Bronfman observed that both U.S. Jewry and Israel have "pretty well made it."

However, in achieving this success, "what we lost was Judaism," he said. "What we need is a rejuvenation, a renaissance of the Jewish spirit, based on religion and Jewish study."

Bronfman volunteered that he does not particularly like going to a synagogue, and rarely does so. But in recent years he had pursued a self-study course in Torah and Talmud, he said.

"The essence of my Judaism is my pride in Judaism," he said. "The only way you can have

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Diplomacy A La Modem: Consulate Goes On Line To Answer Cyberquestions

By A. ENGLER ANDERSON
Jewish Exponent

PHILADELPHIA — The Consulate of Israel for Delaware and the surrounding region may be only a small post in the Jewish state's far-flung diplomatic network.

But don't call it backwards.

Each month, from the eighth floor of the Spectacor Building, 230 S. 15th St., in Philadelphia, Consul Eli M. Avidar oversees a worldwide, electronic conference that allows anyone with a computer and modem to post questions — live — to a senior Israeli official or a visiting dignitary.

Inaugurated in February, the CompuServe Information Service's Israel Forum features the "Ask the Embassy" program, started by Avidar, a computer buff and expert on Islamic affairs.

CIS, a wholly owned subsidiary of H&R Block since 1980, is one of the world's major online services, claiming 42,000 dial-in ports in major cities around the world and 2.9 million users.

VARIETY OF VOICES

So far, "Ask the Embassy" has featured Norwegian Chief Rabbi Michael Melchior; Eviatar Manor, Israeli Consul General for the region which includes Delaware; Col. Ahaz Ben Ari, legal adviser to Premier Yitzhak Rabin; and Avika Eldar, Washington correspondent for the respected Israel daily Ha'aretz.

Collette Avital, Israel Consul General at New York, also participated in an "Ask the Embassy" hour that originated out of New York, as did Gad Yaacobi, Israeli ambassador to the United Nations.

"It's my goal to bring the most information I can to the greatest number of people," says Avidar.

SIGN OF SUCCESS

Avidar's program has been so successful that it will soon be moved from Philadelphia to the home office — the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Jerusalem.

During the sessions, participants send questions from their computers to the moderator.

The question is submitted to the guest, whose answer is transcribed by a typist and sent back to the computer screens of hundreds of users logged on to the program.

Avidar has also directed efforts to expand Israel's presence on the Internet for college students in the consulate's service area, which spans Delaware, southern New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Ohio, West Virginia and Kentucky.

So far, 15 area universities have placed links to Israel's Chicago-based home page on the World Wide Web (<http://www.israel.org>). Developed by Swiss particle physicists, the Web links millions of computers on the Internet with a "hypertext" protocol that supports text, graphics, audio and video.

Avidar says he is studying possible programs with other commercial, online services, such as Prodigy.

LEADING THE WAY

For a country long associated more with biblical archaeology than computer chips, it may seem odd that Israel has led the international diplomatic community in using computer

networks to advance its foreign-affairs agenda.

But to Avidar, it comes as no surprise. Israel, already a Levantine Silicon Valley, is a center of high-tech development, with domestic operations maintained by computer multinationals such as IBM, Microsoft and Hewlett-Packard.

For more than a year, Israel's Ministry of Foreign Affairs has maintained a "Gopher" site on the Internet. (Gopher is a text-based, information-sharing protocol developed at the University of Minnesota). The site offers daily news summaries, translations from the Hebrew press, speeches from Israeli leaders, and reference-shelf items about the country, its people, economics, culture and government.

CIS — where proprietary services cost more than the much larger Internet — boasts an average user income of more than \$90,000, according to spokeswoman Jan Bowers.

DOING BUSINESS

Avidar also inaugurated a business network on the forum where Israeli and American firms can advertise products and business deals to a highly select audience.

A side benefit of the forum is promoting Jewish immigration to Israel. In addition to general aliyah information available in archived files, the forum has a special section listing computer jobs in Israel, which is accessed by close to 400 forum users.

If Jews have long been known as the "People of the Book," Israelis have become a people of the computer.

According to a poll published in the Sept. 18 issue of the Israeli daily Yediot Ahronot, 672,000 Israeli households — 48 percent of the total — own computers.

So far, the 8,000 participants on the Israel Forum hail mainly from North America, but users also dial in from access points in Europe, Australia and Asia.

Only "several hundred" Israelis have used the forum from Israel, says Giora Shimoni, system operator and president of the Israel Forum Corp. which operates the forum under contract with CompuServe.

"With access surcharges, an Israeli can pay up to 60 shekels an hour — about \$20 — to access the forum. According to a common rule of thumb, Israelis earn on average about one-third of what Americans do."

TOO RICH FOR THEIR BLOOD?

"We constantly are letting CompuServe know that it's expensive" for Israelis, say Shimoni.

But interest among Israelis — in Israel and abroad — remains strong, says Shimoni, because users can communicate and post to bulletin boards in Hebrew with Microsoft Windows With Hebrew Support, a version of the popular operating system.

Shimoni and others expect forum

usage to grow now that CIS has the Internet access provider Spry and has lowered many of its rates. In addition to the Israel forum, information about Judaism can be found on CIS' Judaism Section under the Religion Forum.

For information on how to connect to the Israel forum, call CIS at 1-800-524-3388 and ask for Representative 670.

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LATE BITS

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

WASHINGTON — Plans to hold hearings outside of Washington on a "religious equality amendment" proposed by the Christian Coalition prompt outrage by Jewish groups when one of the hearings is scheduled for Shabbat.

NEW YORK — The UJA-Federation of New York is ranked nationally as the third largest non-profit recipient of foundation money in 1992-1993.

JOHANNESBURG — American Jewish and black teen-agers learn about race relations — and themselves — during a visit to South Africa.

LOS ANGELES — The Jewish community participates in an emotional unveiling for Ron Goldman, who was murdered last year along with Nicole Simpson.

LOS ANGELES — In an effort to bridge a cultural gap "as wide as the Grand Canyon" between Japanese and Jews, an unprecedented seminar on the Holocaust is held in Tokyo.

NEW YORK — Bob Dole's presidential campaign sacks adviser Ed Rollins after the veteran poll slurs two Jewish congressmen as "Hymies."

NEW YORK — Sen. Jesse Helms (R-N.C.) joins the chorus of lawmakers pushing Eastern Europe to expedite reparations for confiscated Jewish property.

JERUSALEM — Tel Aviv burial workers go on strike, delaying funerals for many.

NEW YORK — The Austrian government adopts a law to create a fund for Nazi victims.

JERUSALEM — Life returns to normal in northern Israel following the latest round of Katyusha rocket fire.



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BRIEFS



A Palestinian police officer displays arms and explosives which were found in the home of a Hamas activist May 24 in Gaza City. Yasser Arafat, under pressure from Israel, cracked down on Hamas activities after suicide bombings against Israelis in early April.

Holocaust Museum Taps Reich Ending Search For New Director

WASHINGTON, (JTA) — The search is over.

After nearly two months of careful consideration, the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum has tapped Holocaust expert Walter Reich to take the reins as the institution's second director.

Pending approval by the museum's full board, Reich is expected to take over sometime next month.

Members of the United States Holocaust Memorial Council, which acts as the museum's board, said they were pleased with Reich's nomination.

Reich, 51, is an author and essayist who has written on various topics, including the Holocaust, Israel and the psychology of terrorism.

He is also a senior scholar at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, a Washington-based think tank.

As a psychiatrist at the National Institute of Mental Health, Reich organized an effort by psychiatrists and psychologists to advise the museum's council on how to present the Holocaust most effectively.

He was born in hiding in Poland and spent his early years in a displaced person's camp in Berlin before coming to the United States when he was 3 years old.

Sen. Specter Is Target Of Hate Mail

WASHINGTON, (JTA) — Hate mail sent to Republican presidential hopeful Arlen Specter has warned the Pennsylvania senator that he would pay in "blood of Jews, every man, woman and child" if he continues his bid to "take over" America.

In addition to about a dozen hate letters, Specter has received two physical threats, his campaign office revealed.

Specter, a moderate Republican, is the first Jew to make a serious run for the White House in decades.

Specter's campaign office has released copies of several of the letters, some of which are riddled with obscenities, others which espouse anti-Semitic rhetoric.

Restoration Of Old City Gate Underway

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Excavation work has begun on an ancient gate in the wall surrounding the Old City here.

The gate was found some 100 feet west of the Dung Gate.

Archaeologists from the Antiquities Authority dated the gate from the 12th century. It was sealed during Ottoman rule over the city, they said.

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Golan Referendum Explored As Debate Over Future Heats Up

By NAOMI SEGAL

JERUSALEM, (JTA) — Israel's Justice Ministry has appointed a team of lawyers to prepare a draft bill for a national referendum on withdrawing from the Golan Heights.

Israeli leaders have pledged that a referendum would be presented to the Israeli public prior to embarking on any withdrawal from the Golan as part of an eventual peace deal with Syria.

Because no referendum has been held in Israel before, the lawyers have to determine the legal basis for call-

ing a referendum. They are also studying past referendums in Switzerland and Scandinavia, according to the Israeli daily Ha'aretz.

A senior legal source told Ha'aretz that the lawyers would also determine whether the referendum should focus solely on the question of a Golan withdrawal or on the entire peace agreement with Syria.

The preparatory moves come as senior Israeli and Syrian military officers are planning to resume talks in Washington in June on security arrangements that will form part of

an eventual Israeli-Syrian peace deal.

The latest developments, as well as recent comments by Israeli leaders stressing that any peace agreement with Syria would require territorial concessions on the Golan, has renewed concern among Golan residents as to what their future holds.

Ha'aretz reported Tuesday that hundreds of Golan residents have already begun looking into what form of compensation they would receive if and when they are forced to give up their homes.

Among the possibilities that have been raised were financial compensation based on each family's needs, relocation to another community and relocation of entire communities to an alternate location in another part of the country, Ha'aretz reported.

Most Jews Are Quick To Reject Christian Coalition Contract

By MATTHEW DORF

WASHINGTON, (JTA) — Almost as quickly as Republican leaders embraced the Christian Coalition's new "Contract with the American Family," most — but not all — Jewish groups vehemently rejected it.

The proposed solutions to America's social ills in the contract "are wrong-headed, misguided and divisive," said Rabbi David Saperstein, director of the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism.

Dubbing the new contract a "Contract with Some of America's Families," the American Jewish Congress said in a statement, "The proposed contract runs roughshod over the diversity of American family and religious life."

Modeled after the GOP's "Contract with America," the coalition's 10-point plan calls for the return of prayer to America's schools, a ban on most abortions and the return of religious displays to public property.

The coalition's executive director, Ralph Reed, unveiled the agenda at a Capitol Hill ceremony.

"It is a pro-family agenda, and it is supported by the vast majority of the American people, Republican and Democrat, Christian and Jew, black and white, Protestant and Catholic," Reed said.

As he spoke, Sen. Phil Gramm (R-Texas), a contender for the Republican nomination for president, Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich (R-Ga.) and other members of Congress filed in to offer their support for the plan.

The Christian Coalition boasts 1.5 million members. Considered the pre-eminent organization of the religious right, it wields considerable power in the Republican Party.

Among the most potentially explosive issues is the contract's centerpiece, which calls for a "religious equality" constitutional amendment that would allow for voluntary, student-initiated, non-denominational prayer.

The contract also calls for a \$500 per child annual tax credit, vouchers for private school education, disbanding the Education Department to give funding directly to local school districts, restricting pornography and ending government subsidies to the National Endowment for the Arts and public television.

Gingrich promised that the House would vote on all the provisions in the coalition's contract.

"Just as we kept our word in the first hundred days, you're going to find that in the new 'Contract with the American Family' that House Republicans are going to be totally committed," he told cheering coalition supporters.

"Everybody back home can learn who says in Washington and does in Washington the same things that they say and do back home," Gingrich said.

Not all Republicans lined up to support the coalition's contract.

Sen. Arlen Specter (R-Pa.), who has attacked the Christian Coalition during his campaign for the Republican presidential nomination, labeled the contract "extremist."

"It is subterfuge designed to undermine a woman's right to choose and the separation of church and state," said the Jewish senator in a statement.

Democrats, meanwhile, were also quick to condemn the coalition's initiative.

Although many in the Jewish organizational world voiced total opposition to the contract, some Orthodox groups withheld immediate judgment.

"We're going to look at the contract issue by issue," said Betty Ehrenberg, executive director of the Institute for Public Affairs of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America.

Orthodox groups have made vouchers for private school education and family tax credits key components of their legislative agenda.

Other Jewish organizations appeared united in opposition to the forthcoming religious equality amendment, which is expected to be introduced in Congress during the next 100 days.

It is not clear exactly what such a proposed amendment would include.

Among the Jewish groups firing off immediate responses to the contract were B'nai B'rith International, the Anti-Defamation League and the American Jewish Committee, all of which condemned the idea of a religious equality amendment.

"The battle over the contract looks to be the first salvo in a battle that could well determine whether or not America will remain a pluralistic society," said Steve Gutow, executive director of the National Jewish Democratic Council.

For his part, Reed said religious minorities should not feel threatened.

"What we're interested in is non-denominational, student-initiated or citizen-initiated religious speech in non-compulsory settings," Reed said, citing his particular support for prayer at school graduations.

As for the public display of religious symbols, Reed said he supported the posting of the Ten Commandments in public buildings and the display of nativity scenes or menorahs on public property.

Many Christian leaders also condemned the coalition's contract.

"The Christian Coalition does not stand for the values that I learned in the Bible, the values of caring for the poor, the sick, the hungry, and the outcast," said Robert Brooks, director of government relations for the Episcopal Church.

Brooks was one of several religious leaders who held a separate news conference on Capitol Hill to voice opposition to the Christian Coalition's proposals.

The contract "raises many vital questions about the legitimate and pressing problems American families face today," Saperstein said at the opposing conference, which was attended by several Jewish activists.

But, Saperstein stressed, "we profoundly reject the Christian Coalition's answers."

Peres and Arafat Reaffirm July 1 Deadline

By NAOMI SEGAL

JERUSALEM, (JTA) — During a surprise meeting held in Morocco last weekend, Foreign Minister Shimon Peres and Palestine Liberation Organization leader Yasser Arafat reaffirmed their commitment to meet a July 1 deadline for reaching agreement on the next stage of Palestinian self-rule.

The declaration was made in a joint statement issued in the Moroccan capital of Rabat by Peres and Arafat, after four hours of discussions late Saturday night at the royal palace. The talks were mediated by Morocco's King Hassan II.

In the statement, the two said that by July 1, agreement would be reached on "the redeployment of the [Israeli] army, security arrangements, elections and the transfer of authority" in the West Bank.

An Arafat spokesman said Israel also "agreed to facilitate the transfer of goods and people across the border."

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EDITORIAL

Prayer For Clean Water Legislation

Rabbi Shimon Bar Yochi said, three things are of equal importance, earth, humans, and rain. Rabbi Levi ben Hiyata said: ... to teach that without earth, there is no rain, and without rain, the earth cannot endure, and without either, human cannot exist (Genesis Rabbah, 13:3). - To Till And To Tend, A Guide To Jewish Environmental Study and Action (The Coalition On The Environment And Jewish Life)

Included in God's creation are the Brandywine and Delaware rivers and all the tributaries running through this small state and this nation. Respectful stewardship of America's waterways was legislated over twenty years ago with the passage of the Clean Water Act, the nation's primary law to protect our waters. According to Robin Mann of the Sierra Club, the need arose at a time when a twenty mile stretch of the Delaware river had no detectable dissolved oxygen, migrating shad were unable to reach upstream spawning areas and the river's foul smell reached airplane pilots approaching nearby Philadelphia. Congressional Quarterly recalls that back then industrial wastes in Cleveland's Cuyahoga River caught fire. U.S. Representative Peter A. DeFazio describes those days as a time when "our rivers were more like open sewers and industrial cesspools than they were precious resources." Over the intervening years since 1972 much progress has been made in restoring and preserving safer, cleaner water for today and the future. Much of this progress could be lost or reversed if efforts in Congress to weaken the Clean Water Act succeed. Even the efforts to date have not sufficiently limited the presence of toxic compounds in our waters so now is not the time to retreat.

Delaware has the highest cancer rate in the country. Perhaps not coincidentally she is situated downstream from major industrial sites, farm runoffs and mining operations. Lobbyists and Congressional representatives who advocate states' rights would turn over the responsibility of environmental regulation to the states. There would be little incentive for competitive states whose industries, farms' and mines' misuse of the waterways currently

compromise Delaware residents' health to limit or stifle such activity. If the economy of one state is pitted against the health and quality of life of the residents of another the first state will likely pursue its own economic self-interest. Water doesn't respect state boundaries. There is still a need for a rigorous federal Clean Water Act.

Just as water gives life to the world so the Torah is life to the world - Midrash Zochal

On May 17, 1995 the U.S. House voted to gut the Clean Water Act by approving a reauthorization bill which eviscerates its positive impact. This bill would increase discharges of toxins to lakes, rivers and streams. It would weaken and delay federal programs to control runoff of pollutants and it would abandon protection of more than half of the nation's wetlands. Several provisions of the House Bill HR 961 set up so-called "market-based strategies" to regulate water quality which is better understood on the basis of health, aesthetics, and other non-economic attributes. For example requiring risk assessments and cost-benefit analysis for many water pollution regulations would hold pollution control hostage to delay, irrelevancies and the highest bidder. The bill would provide compensation to landowners whose property values decline by a trivial amount as a result of federal wetlands regulation. Such an economic disincentive would likely discourage comprehensive enforcement or cost taxpayers dearly. If our water resources are rendered useless they will be of no market value whatsoever.

It is imperative that the bill which passed the House is defeated in the Senate or vetoed by the President. Among the steps needed to improve the Clean Water Act would be to restore provisions gutted by the house bill, improve enforcement standards, legislate the protection of wetlands, estuaries and beaches, prevent polluted runoff, and to restrict the use of chlorine. This would be a good start.

Just as water, set down in a high place, goes to a low place, the words of Torah aren't materialized except in a modest person; one who lowers himself - Masechet Ta'nait

This tractate speaks of the need for humility to fully appreciate Torah. So too there is a

need for humility before the water ways of God's earth and all of her creation. A lack of humility for God's creation is the reason for pollution and misuse of rivers, streams and lakes. When people believe themselves to be greater than any other force then there are no limits to what they will do. To look at this planet's water as only an economic resource for exploitation shows a lack of humility and shortsightedness. A weakened Clean Water Act puts the needs of the moment before the long term needs of the world.

Just as water, drop by drop, descends and is made into brook after brook, so are the words of the Torah. A person studies one halachah today and one tomorrow until he becomes strong and flows like a spring - Midrash Te'hilim

With the approach of Shavuot we are reminded of the comparison of Torah and Talmud to the sea. The expression Yam ha-Talmud (the Sea of Talmud) compares the depth of our oral tradition with the water which covers two-thirds of this planet. Comparisons of the central works of Judaism to water indicates its importance to us as a people. Emerging from an agricultural tradition, much of Jewish philosophy has an appreciation of the harm of overuse of resources.

Water with which to crown the valley's vegetation - may it not be withheld because of our unredeemed debt. In the merit of the faithful ... protect (those) who pray for rain. - Prayer For Rain (from The Complete Art Scroll Siddur, Rabbi Nosson Scherman, Mesorah Publications, Ltd.)

According to A Treasury of Jewish Folklore our prayer for rain (excerpted above) suggests a belief that drought was divine punishment for collective evil-doing. Arthur Waskow, an author affiliated with ALEPH: the Alliance for Jewish Renewal, suggests that unusable waters may be thought of as divine punishment for collective misuse and overuse of our water resources. Just as fields are left fallow once every seven years and Jews have Shabbat

once every seven days so too should there be a rest in the use of our waterways for sewage dumping, toxic wasting, motor boating and the like. Indeed Waskow prescribes the need for our industrial society to take a Shabbat, to pause and reflect, to gather our collective breath, and to take a rest from our efforts of creating and destroying. Awesome respect should be accorded to God's creation he told *The Jewish Voice*. He is horrified by the destruction of the fabric of God's creation.

Our tradition speaks of our responsibility to care for the natural world and common sense calls for a strong Clean Water Act. Waskow raised the specter of cancer, higher infertility rates, and more immune deficiencies associated with unfettered pollution. Weakening the Clean Water Act to "get the government off the backs" of polluters would mean that Delawareans and other Americans will suffer fouler water, fewer fish and a lower quality of life. We deserve better. Clean water is a mainstream idea with bipartisan support. President Clinton has called the legislation passed by the House of Representatives "the Dirty Water Act." U.S. Rep. Michael N. Castle, R-Del., who voted against the House measure, said "I think the Clean Water Act of 1972 is one of the most successful, effective environmental laws in the country today, as it protects wetlands and the coastal zone areas on the Delmarva Peninsula."

Arthur Waskow told *The Jewish Voice* of the overlapping relationship between Adam (man) and Adamah (the environment). He said, "it is not out there, we're in it and it is in us." The Editorial Committee of *The Jewish Voice* joins in the call for a strong Clean Water Act.

All streams flow into the sea. Yet the sea is never full. To the place from which the water flows, there it returns. - Ecclesiastes 1:7 (from the Shomei Adamah publication, A Garden of Choice Fruit, edited by David Stein)

New Era Debacle Is Not Typical

It was alarming to hear news of a pyramid scheme in which New Era Philanthropy bilked charities and individuals out of substantial sums of money in exchange for a promise of returns which would double the initial investment. New Era represented that it had access to donors who wished to remain anonymous and would match contributions. The New Era organization also touted the participation of well-known benefactors to lure in more victims.

Such an outrageous operation unfairly gives a black eye to all charitable fundraising. Charitable contributions are given with the expectation that such funds will be used wisely for indicated services. It is always disheartening and disappointing when these funds are stolen by the people charged with oversight of charitable money. Since such unfortunate acts are quite rare, the New Era scandal should not discourage charitable giving which cumulatively amounts to billions of dollars annually.

The Federation did not fall prey to the New Era scandal although unfortunately many good people and organizations (including the Mu-

seum of American Jewish History) did. Federations have developed systems of lay leadership and accounting which insures that gifts are wisely used. Volunteers are involved in collections and oversight which provides accountability in the process. Such checks and balances prevent a foolish expenditure such as in a New Era type scheme.

The New Era promise of doubling participants' money proved to be too good to be true. At a time of diminished charitable contributions many charities are pursuing extreme measures to find the resources to provide services. There are no quick fixes. It is prudent for individuals and charities to expect a normal return on their investments and to plan accordingly. Perhaps if the otherwise innocent victims can be faulted it is in not seeing that the New Era investment vehicle was an unwise and unreasonable risk.

It would be unfair if permanent harm was done to all charitable fund-raisers as a result of one bad apple who ran off with money and ruined it for all others.

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OPINION

Wandering Jews In Search Of Community

By Cantor NORMAN P. SWERLING
Congregation Beth Shalom

Since the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem in 70CE, and up to the establishment of the State of Israel in 1948, Jews wandered all over the world looking for a place to live peacefully and be what they were... Jews. The vast majority settled in lands, states and towns where there were other Jews and Jewish institutions. This was also the case when America, the land of promise, beckoned. From Colonial days until the end of the Second World War Jews coming here tended to settle in neighborhoods that provided ethnic and religious comfort zones. In such areas Jewish communities were born and Jewish life flourished. After the war and with the development of the suburbs new realities and pressures began to erode many of the accomplishments and much of the creative spirit which had made those communities so uniquely nurturing. In the past fifty years Jews have won acceptance and freedoms not even dreamt of by their predecessors. The cost of this new freedom, however, has been extremely high. It is nothing less than the diminution of that very vital, vi-

brant and soul-satisfying Jewish institution... the K'HILLAH... the community.

The family of the '90s is quite different in structure and life-style than in any other period in Jewish history. A child may grow up living in two, three, or even more homes before going off to college, finding a job and getting a place of his/her own. When or if they marry it is unlikely that they will settle in the same community as their parents. The map of the United States is now filled with young, mobile Jews exploring, locating and re-locating. Usually, though not always, the evaluation of the Jewishness of a place takes a very low position on the ladder of priorities. What they are looking for are really the same things that their elders wanted. It is not until much later that many come to the realization that the satisfaction they seek can be found mainly in a community of people sharing the same social systems, history, cultural and spiritual values as themselves. Of course the American Way of Life is, or can be, a generalization of all of the above but it is only so because it is made up of many diverse sub-cultures like that provided by the Jewish K'hillah. Why should

one settle for the watered down generalized version when the full strength, particular brand is so available? In this brave new world of ours there is absolutely no reason to give up one's Jewishness in order to participate fully in the general American society. On the other hand, if everyone decided in favor of total assimilation there would be no Jewish community to add the spice, flavor and so many other great contributions which have been partly responsible for America's culture being as desirable as it is.

If you were to ask one of the wandering alienated young Jews what it is about Judaism or the Jewish community that impacts so negatively upon them they would surely give you a list of grievances which would be mind-boggling. Many if not most of their complaints might be easily dismissed as superficial, the whining of discontented spoiled children. Some of their criticisms, however, do not fall short of the mark.

It does cost a lot to be an active affiliated Jew these days. Living in non-contiguous areas, sometimes miles away from other Jews and Jewish institutions does not have the same warm feeling as the old, predominately Jewish neighborhoods did. Yes, the community is being run more and more by professional staff and yes it is exhausting to volunteer after expending so much time and energy on business and family. These are all real problems with no simple solution. Simple solutions, however,

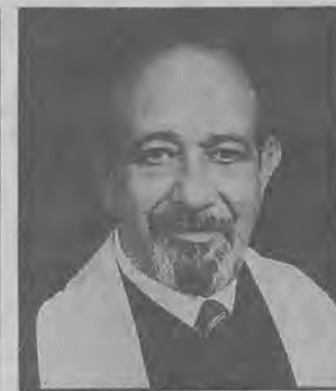
me in any errors or omissions. She couldn't resist. She listened intently, read the story, and found two names I had omitted.

This is a perfect time to talk about the Ten Commandments. See how many your youngsters can recite. Can they name them in the right order? Which commandment do each of your children consider the most important? Why? Would you have selected the same one(s)? Which one is the hardest to follow? Relative to murder, coveting seems relatively harmless. But coveting can lead to disastrous results. Talk about a chain of events that could be set off by coveting, or better yet, role play the scenario.

You might follow a traditional custom and decorate your house with branches, green plants and flowers. It is also traditional to eat dairy foods on Shavuot. If you're so inclined, you could plan some holiday meals.

Try to borrow some Shavuot stories from the public library or your synagogue library. But be forewarned — they're hard to come by.

Chaya Burstein in her *Jewish Kids Catalogue* suggests planning a Shavuot sleep-over. She recommends telling spooky stories while sitting in a circle with each person contributing part of the story. She offers several possible openers, such as: "At midnight on the night before Shavuot the room was suddenly filled with a blinding light and I saw..." (the next person picks up the story line); or, "As I was doing my homework, the prophet Elijah appeared in the doorway. 'You may make



Cantor Norman P. Swerling

are seldom lasting or truly satisfying.

When Theodore Herzl confronted the world with the concept of modern Zionism the general reaction was that it was a pipe dream that had no possibility of success. He answered, "If you will it, it is no dream." Later Chaim Weizmann, the first president of the State of Israel, added that the difficult problems would take some time to solve and the impossible would take a bit longer.

Our ancestors created communities and a magnificent way of life in spite of tremendous problems; we are no less creative and have the benefit of fantastic new skills and technology. Now we must ask ourselves if we have the will to turn dreams into reality.

three wishes,' he said..."; or perhaps, "Walking home from Hebrew school on a dark night, I heard a deep, humming noise and saw, floating over my head, a giant, silver..." You get the idea.

A slumber party sounds like great fun, but I doubt we'll try it. Jessica and I enjoyed the intimacy of a close, quiet time together. This year, we expect to have a trio of night owls. Noah, who turns eight years old two days before Shavuot, is going to try to stay up to midnight. Let's see if he makes it!

(Karen Moss is a former Editor of *The Jewish Voice* and a frequent contributor who writes about family observances of Jewish holidays.)



Karen Moss

Raising Jewish Children: Shavuot and The Midnight Marathon

By KAREN MOSS

Special To *The Jewish Voice*

Shavuot almost always gets short shrift. One of the three pilgrimage festivals, it is fraught with religious and agricultural significance. Yet, unless we have a son or daughter who is to be confirmed on Shavuot morning, we often barely notice the holiday's arrival and departure.

Shavuot is too important to miss out on. It is inextricably bound up with Passover, and brings to a glorious conclusion the events set in motion by the exodus from Egypt. Beginning on the second day of Passover we literally count down to Shavuot when we count the days of the *omer*. (Shavuot, which means weeks, refers to the seven weeks between the two festivals.) On Passover we were freed from bondage in order to be able to serve God; on Shavuot we learn how to serve God. Seven weeks after Passover, amidst thunder and lightning, God gave us the Torah — the blueprint which teaches us how to conduct our lives as a holy nation. At that instant, the Jewish people began the transformation from a straggling collection of ex-slaves to a kingdom of priests. First liberation, then Revelation.

The problem is, Shavuot lacks props. There is no *shofar*, no *afikoman*, no *grogger*, no *lulav*. The props are strictly spiritual. So what

can you do with your children to make the holiday come alive for them? You could give them permission to pull an all-nighter. It is traditional for observant adults to stay up all night studying *Torah*. This study marathon is called a *tikkun leil Shavuot*. But unless your children are teenagers or young adults, I recommend staying up only as late as midnight and watching to see if the heavens open up! Do this *erev* Shavuot: Sivan 5, which this year corresponds to Saturday night, June 3.

According to Jewish folklore, at precisely the stroke of midnight, the heavens will open and for a split second you will be able to see the heavenly throne surrounded by angels. Legend has it that if you make a wish at that exact instant, your wish will come true.

While you and your children are waiting around for midnight, read the Book of Ruth. You'll find it in the back of your Bible in the Writings or *Ketuvim* section. It's a beautiful story of love and devotion set at harvest time and traditionally read on the second day of Shavuot (or the first day if you only celebrate for one day). Last year, I presumed that my daughter Jessica, then 9, would read it aloud. Wrong. Then I suggested she read it to herself. She wasn't interested. Maybe we could take turns reading it? No go. So I told her the story in my own words and invited her to catch

A Model Of Hope

By CONNIE KRESHTOOL
Member of the Editorial Committee of
The Jewish Voice

A few weeks ago I had the opportunity to hear Archbishop Desmond M. Tutu offer some remarks on the first anniversary of the dismantling of apartheid in South Africa. He is a spell-binding speaker.

He declared, "It was a miracle before our eyes." He went on to say that South Africa had based its whole system on the totally irrelevant characteristic of skin color. This pro-

duced an elite — an "in" group and those condemned to be voiceless...an "out" group. It was a stupid system that stripped black South Africans of their nationality and made them aliens in their own lands. Three and one-half million were moved from their ancestral lands and dumped into poverty stricken settlement camps.

He continued, "In the darkest days many found solace in the riches of the Hebrew sources... 'each person is endowed with worth' ... 'created in the image of god' ... Exodus ... Elijah.

He said that black on black violence in 1994 was encouraged by other groups wishing to stop the dismantling of apartheid. Then ... the miracle of deliverance. The media had expected bloodletting but it did not happen. The

Archbishop believes that it was the support and love of those outside who encouraged the transfiguration as well as the incredible graciousness of F.W. De Klerk and the remarkable magnanimity of Nelson Mandela.

"We had leadership with the remarkable willingness to compromise. While the African National Congress received a majority it was not enough to write a constitution on their own. So all had to work together in this government of national unity in which no constituency is excluded."

He directed his concluding remarks to those besieged peoples in Bosnia and Chechnya. "We had a nightmare in South Africa. It has ended. Your nightmare will end."

South Africa has become a model of hope. This is indeed "a miracle before our eyes."





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Hutton Talks And People Listen

Model Day For Kutz Donor Luncheon

By CELIA GANS

Special to The Jewish Voice

In Africa, says the 51 year-old model and current Revlon spokesperson Lauren Hutton, if you travel the engineers' roads through South Africa's Kalahari desert you discover the isolated villages of today's tribes of hunter-gatherers.

As you approach a village, reports Hutton, it appears to be deserted. The only sign of life is an old woman, seated on the ground in the middle of the central square. Telling the men in her group to remain behind, Hutton, a pair of binoculars around her neck, "comes toward her with the best possible manners. . . moving in low out of respect" and sits down. Using gestures, she invites the woman to look through the binoculars to see the familiar in a totally new way. A new world is seen, a bond is formed, and the village's other residents come forth to greet the visitors.

It is this sense of discovery, of adventure, of the possibilities and won-

ders of life, which Hutton, using examples from her own life, shared with her audience of 300 guests (from teenagers to Golden Agers) at the 1995 Kutz Auxiliary Donor Luncheon on May 18th which netted \$20,000 (twice the previous amount) to enhance and enrich the lives of the residents.

As interpreted by Hutton, the luncheon theme of "Looking Good, Feeling Good and Taking Care of Yourself" begins with caring for others. First, the featured speaker donated her raffle prize to 87 year-old Anna Moskowitz, one of 15 Home residents attending the luncheon. Then, Auxiliary President Ellen Levin announced, Hutton had become a Life Member of the Kutz Home Auxiliary. Just as her grandmother saw uniqueness in every child, notes Hutton, she honors her mother and aunt by reaching out to all women.

Femininity is not a size, says Hutton, and women of all ages and colors are beautiful. It is only fashion which says beauty is "tall skinny white girls." And fashion has not caught up with the changes in today's society and today's women. Even a trim and slender Hutton, who admits to being 20 pounds over her super model weight, says "I can go into a store and try on ten things before



Kutz Home resident Anna Moskowitz shares a smile with speaker Lauren Hutton at the Auxiliary luncheon.

anything looks good on me. If this is what happens to me, what about the other women in the world?"

And how, did Mary Lawrence Hutton, who left Tampa, Florida for New York City in 1964 with \$200 safety-pinned to her underpants ("I took that off on the bus!"), a public high school graduate with two years of college and few marketable skills, become supermodel Lauren Hutton?

Arriving in New York, her only goal was "to earn enough money to go to Africa," says Hutton. Powered by "raw need" and chutzpah (Hutton's own word), claiming modeling experience she didn't have (and a height of 5'8" which she never at-

tained) she was hired as a Christian Dior showroom model, earning \$50 a week. When she discovered that photography models earned \$50 an hour, she got an agent and her career began. (By 1995 she had made 23 trips to Africa.)

At 40, the model and fashion business "parked" her. At 47, following ads for Barney's, a trend-setting New York department store, it re-discovered her. In addition to her spokesperson responsibilities for Revlon, catalogues for J. Crew, her own half-hour late-night talk program and Central Park West, a Dallas-type TV soap opera, Hutton is active with the National Breast Cancer Coalition,

projects to aid the homeless, preserve the environment and feed the hungry.

Chairpersons for the 1995 luncheon were Faith Goldman and Shelly Mand. Luncheon attendees included: Kutz Home Expansion and Renovation Committee Co-Chairpersons Don and Ethel Paul, Honorary Chairperson Diane Levin and committee members Alan Levin and Toni Young. Also in attendance were current Kutz Home President Eileen Conner, past presidents Phyllis Cobin and Martin Mand and Kutz Home Executive Director Steven Willens.

Revlon donated a miniature tote bag of beauty products for every guest.

Joan Wachstein To AJFCA Board

Joan Wachstein of Wilmington, Delaware was elected to the Board of Directors of the Association of Jewish Family and Children's Agencies (AJFCA) at the Association's Annual Conference held recently in Dallas, Texas. AJFCA is the parent organization of over 140 Jewish Family Service agencies across the United States and Canada. The Association provides information, advocacy and support services to its member constituency. The AJFCA board is comprised of lay and professional leadership from across the continent.

The Board of Directors of the Jewish Community Center cordially invites you to the

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Other cooperating organizations

included the President’s Council on Physical, Fitness and Sports, the National Education Association and the American College of Sports Medicine.

The goal was to combat the stereotype of American children as fat, weak and lazy and to draw attention to the need for quality daily physical education in all school systems, as well as, to prevent children from developing risk factors for cardiovascular disease and other hazards of a sedentary lifestyle.



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The Kutz Home has compiled a list of books which provide information about physical, mental and emotional changes that come with aging. We’ve also listed books that contain helpful financial information.

Some of these books are available in the library at the Kutz Home and we invite you to borrow them. The Milton & Hattie Kutz Home, located

in Wilmington, Delaware, is a Medicare/Medicaid certified 24-hour skilled nursing facility and rehabilitation center dedicated to caring for our elders with the reverence they deserve.

To request a copy of “The Transitions of Later Life” - a book list for caregivers - please call Sheila Mensch at (302) 764-7000. The Kutz Home is a beneficiary of the 1995 “Live Jewish” Community Campaign which is administered by the Jewish Federation of Delaware (JFD).

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Kindergarten Bank

By NANCY BROCK

From a simple math game played with coins and the question, "Where does money come from?", the children in one of the kindergarten classes at Albert Einstein Academy designed their own theme on banking. Answers to the above questions ranged from the usual, such as the bank and the ATM, to "My Mother

prints it on a machine!" Needless to say that last answer led to a discussion on counterfeiting!

As the discussion progressed that morning one of the children requested that we open a bank in the dramatic play area. With that request the opening of The MAC quickly became a reality. Ideas from the children flowed rapidly. They decided they needed an ATM, a safe, money, "those paper things you write on," credit cards, and "the people who

help you."

As the week progressed, an ATM and a safe were designed and painted, credit cards and money made, savings pass cards created, a name for the bank voted on, and most importantly, lollipops made for the children who would visit the bank with their "parents."

The grand opening of The MAC took place on May 1st. That morning and each morning for the remainder of the week, the children had the opportunity to earn money by com-

pleting tasks within the academic curriculum. At the end of the morning each child filled out a savings deposit slip, took it and the money earned to the designated tellers for the day, and deposited their earnings. At week's end the children used their calculators to figure out how much they had earned, learned how to fill out a withdrawal slip, withdrew their money, and paid a well-earned visit to Brock's Store.

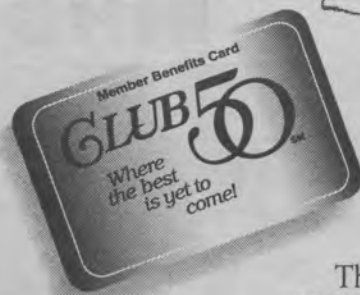
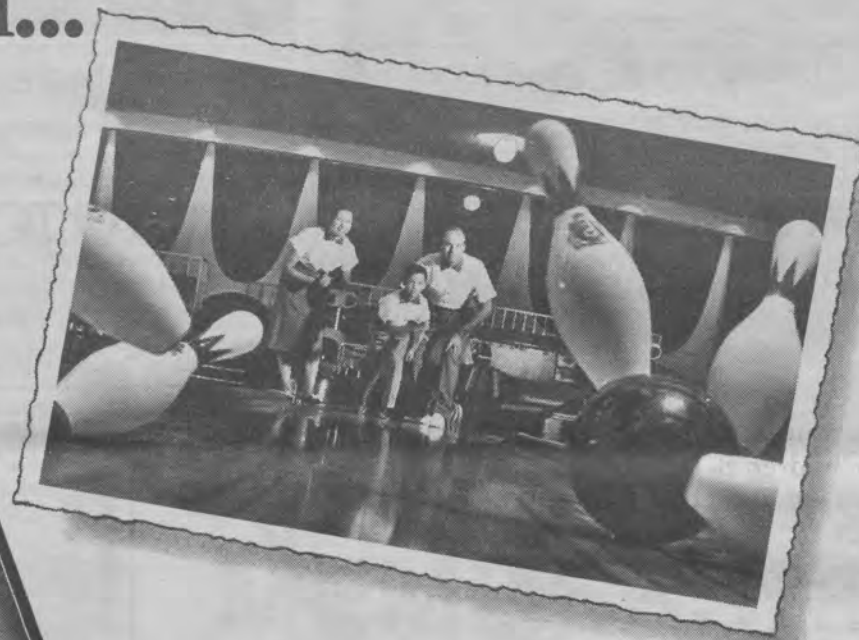
In addition to the excellent opportunity to practice counting and simple

addition, the children's lives were enriched with a wealth of new vocabulary, the concept of earning and saving their money for something they really desired, and they continued to learn the important social skills of working together in the bank during free play and structured class time.

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David Perelman (left) is presented the B'nai B'rith Sepadel Council's "Man of the Year" award from the Honorable Dennis E. Greenhouse, New Castle County Executive.

Dennis Greenhouse ORT Honors Helps Honor B'nai B'rith Leader

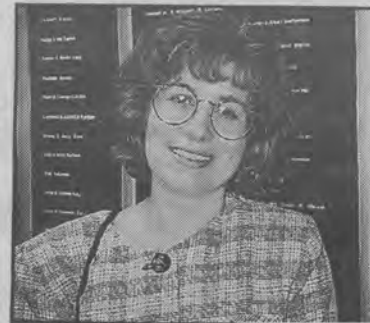
The Honorable Dennis E. Greenhouse, New Castle County Executive, recently presented David Perelman with the Sepadel Council's "Man of the Year" award. Greenhouse, a past recipient of this award and a member of B'nai B'rith, is a long-time friend and fraternity brother of the recipient. Greenhouse was the Chairman and Master of Ceremonies for this tribute brunch.

The Southeastern Pennsylvania and Delaware Council (SEPADEL) of B'nai B'rith District Three paid tribute to David Perelman as a long-time member and leader of the Council.

B'nai B'rith, the world's largest Jewish organization, is an organization that defends human rights, fights discrimination, sponsors inter-faith dialogues and promotes democracy and world peace. For further information, please contact Beth S. Buxbaum, Sepadel Council Regional Director, at 215-751-1485.

ORT Honors

35 friends and family of Sandra N. McBride gathered at Congregation Beth Emeth on May 22, 1995 to witness her become the first ever recipient of the Women's American ORT Brandywine Chapter Leadership Award. "Sandy is an outstanding role model and has had a tremendous impact on our chapter's success," said President Ruth Rosenberg. Sandra McBride has always been a part of ORT, her mother having been a past Regional ORT



Sandy McBride

president and she herself having served as a Brandywine chapter president. Sandra McBride is currently an associate member of the Field Committee.

Siyyum In Newark

A siyyum will be held June 6, 5:30 p.m., at the home of Rabbi Eliezer Sneiderman, 208 Cheltenham Rd., Newark, to celebrate the completion of the study of Mascechet (Tractate) Megillah of the Talmud. Rabbi Sneiderman has been the teacher; Dov Seidel has been the student; other students have joined the class from time to time. The study has taken 2-1/2 years.

Tradition recognizes the centrality of education to the continuity of the Jewish people. Thus, when a tractate is finished, a major party is held. At a siyyum, the last page of the tractate is read, along with a prayer for continued study. A kaddish is also said, tying us to all those who have studied before. This is believed to be the first ever siyyum of Talmud in Newark.

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Eleanor Weinglass recently received her doctorate in education from Wilmington College. The title of her dissertation is "Policies and Programs Related to Retention in Jewish Education After the Bar/Bat Mitzvah." She has previous graduate degrees in education from the

University of North Carolina at Charlotte and the Jewish Theological Seminary.

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"A Jewish Wedding" Outreach Program

Congregation Beth Emeth's Outreach program presented "A Jewish Wedding", on Feb. 26th. This educational and instructional program included a renewal of vows by the representative "bride" and "groom" Jean and Jack Blumenfeld, and a running explanation of the parts of the ceremony by Rabbi Laurence P. Malinge.

The ceremony was followed by a reception for the "newly-re-weds", who were to celebrate their thirteenth anniversary on Feb. 28th. Key participants in the function, in addition to the members of the committee, were:

- "Bride" Jean L. Blumenfeld
- "Bridegroom" Jack B. Blumenfeld
- Rabbi Laurence P. Malinge
- "Wedding" Party Martha M. Lodge, Jonathan P. Neipris, Thomas S. Lodge, Mary S. DeVries and, Frederick W. DeVries
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The Interfaith Outreach Committee of the Jewish Federation, through the Jewish Family Service, co-sponsored this program. For videotape information, call Mary DeVries, Beth Emeth Chair, at (610)388-6135.



Jack and Jean Blumenfeld

"I Do" Vegetarian Feast

By ETHEL G. HOFMAN

Food Writer

The groom wore olive-green corduroys; the bride threw off her shoes right after the ceremony and in a swirl of cream lace, danced all evening with barely a break. 250 guests, including a smattering of American relatives, kicked up their heels and celebrated in true Israeli fashion.

This laid-back party was the wedding of Elan and Ruthie Kremer. Both had completed their military service, now pursuing post-graduate studies. "It's the right time" they

agreed, happily, before taking off on a European ski trip with half a dozen or so of their army buddies - an Israeli style honeymoon.

Weddings are an important milestone in any culture - and Israelis rejoice with abandon. "This was a small affair," noted Ruth Kremer, the groom's mother. "It's not unusual for guests, especially at orthodox weddings, to number 900." As for planning ahead "Elan and Ruth did it all by themselves - the rabbi, the place, the music - and the food."

What to serve is always a Jewish concern whether for 4 or 40. But this festive meal for a crowd was a real challenge. Ruthie, the bride, is vegetarian. She eats dairy products but no meat or poultry, so the search was on for a great chef who could present an outstanding vegetarian feast. "No problem" insisted Avi Elkay, 31, chef/owner of the strictly kosher "Little Italy" at 38 Keren Hayesod St., Jerusalem, "we'll offer a buffet and sweet table they'll be crazy about."

And he did. Although Warren Christopher, Secretary of State, and his entourage were scheduled to dine at "Little Italy" the next day, Avi was on hand to supervise everything from kitchen to table. While guests witnessed the ceremony under the chuppah (marriage canopy), Avi and his competent staff whisked platters from the hotel kitchen, assembling tier upon tier of savory delicacies in dramatic presentation. Meat was never missed. Avi's talent and flair was developed at Zabars and the Sheraton Hotel in New York. On his return to Jerusalem in 1989, he opened "Little Italy." Red-checked tablecloths, candlelight, a fine wine list, and excellent food, boosted the restaurant to instant success - now one of Jerusalem's best.

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nated in extra-virgin olive oil - other vegetables stuffed and rolled like the Yemenite 'melema', quail eggs in dill-scented sauces, and much, much more. The sweet table, not for the faint hearted, beckoned and tempted with richly decorated cakes and trifles (real whipped cream, not fake, since this was a dairy meal,) feather-light meringues and tiny jewel-like cookies.

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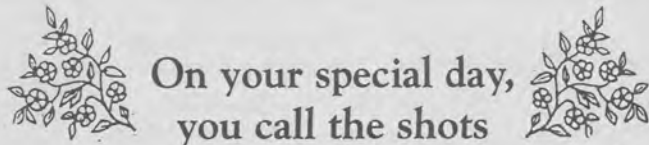


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Through oral history extensive archival research and visits to attics and basements in search of material, photographer Penny Wolin, has documented four generations of Wyoming Jews.

Born and raised in Cheyenne as a member of a thriving Jewish com-

munity whose 700-member synagogue boasted seven Torah scrolls, a ritual bath and a cemetery, Wolin left for Hollywood when she was twenty, and encountered more Jews there than Wyoming had people. "[I was] faced with a world that thought the idea of Jews from the Wild West was some kind of joke," says Wolin.

Through her photographs and interviews, excerpts of which are silk-screened onto mats, Wolin reveals how the culture of Jews in Wyoming has changed and raises provocative questions about the American Jewish community at large.

The exhibition runs through July 24.

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Music Director Barbara Govatos has chosen programs that include many works suggested in a audience survey that was conducted last year. The concert on June 18, features Amy Beach's Sonata for violin and Piano in a minor, along with a Haydn string quartet and a piano quartet by Faure.

On June 25, the Festival features Bela Bartok's String Quartet No. 1, Opus 7. Also on the program will be a Beethoven Sonata for horn and piano and Schubert's beautiful piano quintet known as "The Trout."

The Festival concludes on June 30 with a Wilmington Festival Quartet



The Wilmington Music Festival Quartet features from left Barbara Govatos, violin, Hirono Oka, violin, Peter Stumpf cello and Nancy Bean, viola. All are members of the Philadelphia Orchestra.

performance of two Brahms quintets, one in G major featuring the viola, the other, in b minor, featuring the clarinet.

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Anne Frank Remembered Premieres June 8

By DAN WEINTRAUB

Editor of The Jewish Voice

Maus, the prize winning graphic novel by artist-writer Art Spiegelman was the first instance of a cartoon mouse presenting a serious Holocaust themed work. The Disney Channel's presentation of 'Anne Frank Remembered' is in a sense another such instance. Of course no animated characters are on screen for this moving documentary which is far from a Mickey Mouse affair.

'Anne Frank Remembered' is narrated by actor/director Kenneth Branagh, with Glenn Close reading excerpts from the newly translated 'The Diary of A Young Girl' by Anne Frank. The documentary includes never before broadcast film footage of Anne Frank herself. Countless photos of the Frank family, film from the era and present day interviews with people who knew the famous Holocaust victim provide a clearer picture of her short life than ever before. The filmmakers interviewed Anne's childhood friends, neighbors, employees of Otto Frank, camp survivors and Anne's last living relative, her cousin Berndt Elias. In addition several survivors of Westerbork, Auschwitz and Bergen-Belsen offer their memories from the sites of the original camps.

Her tragic tale has long represented the misfortune of millions who lost their lives in the Holocaust and pain of those who survived. Among the eyewitnesses interviewed is Miep Gies, who helped to hide the Frank family, and who spoke not long ago in Delaware. Gies preserved Frank's diary and gave it to Anne's father after the war. Anne Frank's widely-read story was the basis of a Broadway show and an Oscar-winning film.

The production was made with the cooperation of the Anne Frank House in Amsterdam. London-based



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filmmaker Jon Blair, who made the acclaimed documentary 'Schindler' produced 'Anne Frank Remembered' The previously unknown film footage of Anne Frank captures her as one of many neighbors watching a June 1941 wedding on an Amsterdam street. This aged, scratched footage was restored using the latest computer techniques. Anne Frank died in the Bergen Belsen concentration camp.

'Anne Frank Remembered' was produced in association with the BBC. The special premieres Thursday, June 8 at 9:00 p.m. during the Disney Channel's Free Summer Preview.

Words & Music:
A Recess From Jewish Themes

By STEVE COHEN

While concerts and plays have waned with the coming of warm weather, I've seen three interesting music theater events since my last column. Two of them have attracted nationwide attention.

Johann Strauss's FLEDERMAUS closed the season of the Delaware Opera with a bubbly rendition led by Wilmington-born conductor, Stefan Kozinski. We saw Kozinski earlier this season when he conducted performances of PORGY & BESS. Kozinsky made his conducting debut with the Delaware Symphony at age 13. This opera has such wonderful melodies that it's guaranteed to please audiences.

A much rarer treat is Richard Strauss's comic opera ARIADNE AUF NAXOS, staged in the Delaware Valley only once in the past fifty

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By DAN WEINTRAUB
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The irreverent, interactive comedy 'Grandma Sylvia's Funeral' is not meant as a serious critique of Jews or Judaism. As a Jewish answer to 'Tony & Tina's Wedding' it is an opportunity for audience members to participate with actors in a mad cap farce of a funeral. This production demonstrates the fun in a disFUNctional family even more than

the fun in a FUNeral. While you can laughingly believe there is some truth in the wacky characters' attributes there is never a sense of the sadness of an actual loss or the feeling of mourning. The funeral just serves as a pretext for the characters to get comically wild. The comedy also serves a shiva meal to nosh during intermission.

The action starts before you are even in the theater which is remade

as the Helsenrott Jewish Mortuary.. Vlad Helsenrott (Timothy Cox), the bearded and ponytailed funeral director, lines up the audience on the sidewalk. As the Patco High Speed Line rumbles over head on the Ben Franklin Bridge, the members of Sylvia's family start their shtick outside the Old City Playhouse, at 211 N. 3rd Street in Philadelphia. Mark Grossman (Jonathan Morein) seems more like a daft janitor than a grieving grandson as he arrives in torn denim with a Phillies cap and a broom in hand to sweep the sidewalk. His sister, Dori Grossman (Stacey Prussman), elicits giggles as she arrives for her grandmother's funeral in a short black dress and fishnet stockings showing off her tattoos.

Inside the funeral home faux marble signs help create the illusion of a down on their luck funeral home from Hell.

David Nerenberg plays the sheepish Rabbi-in-training Michael Wolfe with an overly small blazer and a judiciously understated performance that lets mayhem fly around him. Gifted regional performer Robert Schiller was replaced by an understudy in the role of Todd Grossman on the night of this review but he is always a standout in any theater. The funeral's highlights include Sky Boy/Stuart Grossman's (Fred Seigel's) performance art with gefilte fish in honor of his late grandmother, the arrival of the casket by taxi cab and a wiggled out fight between the characters Lisa Incremona and Marlena Weiss-Grossman. Along with the wild family revelations references abound to area locations and current events.

Glenn Wein and Amy Lord Blumstack conceived of 'Grandma Sylvia's Funeral' and created it along with the original company. The producer is Philip Roger Roy who produced Let My People Come in Philadelphia from 1977-1987. Versions of the interactive farce are playing in New York and Los Angeles. With this cast they might well have just brought them together and let them go. Wein and Blumstack have structured an entertainment which humor-

ously examines issues such as family dysfunction, individual neurosis, aggressive sexuality, recreational drug use, intermarriage, racism, sibling rivalry and show business ambitions. The actors are skilled at improvisation and comedy. This new form, the interactive comedy, appeals to the appetites of audiences transfixed by reality-based television and new media.

Much of the activity is face to face in dozens of conversations between

the performers and the audience. Other silliness ensues in view of all from a platform on which a podium is placed near the casket and the closest mourners. Knowing audience members laugh at the Yiddish lines and add their own comments to the mix. Go see this show and you will laugh your kippah off.

'Grandma Sylvia's Funeral' plays Saturday and Sunday evenings. For more information call (215) 627-9801.



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SYNAGOGUE LIFE

New Leader Of Reform Jewry Seeks 'Education, Worship' Focus

By DEBRA NUSSBAUM COHEN
NEW YORK, (JTA) — When Rabbi Eric Yoffie takes over the leadership of the Reform movement's flagship organization next summer, his primary challenge will be to refocus the mandate and philosophical direction of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

The union's Board of Trustees unanimously elected the 47-year-old Yoffie to be its next president last week in Philadelphia.

Yoffie will assume the post in June 1996, when Rabbi Alexander Schindler retires.

Yoffie's goals contrast with those of Schindler, who over the past two decades has concentrated on opening the doors of the Reform movement to intermarried couples and their children.

About 25 percent of new members of Reform temples are non-Jews, according to a recent Reform movement study.

Although the movement under Schindler has sometimes been described as having a theology of social action, Yoffie is looking in a more traditional direction.

He said he intends to focus the resources of the Union on developing the "Judaism" in Reform Judaism.

"Reform movement members want different things than they did a decade ago," Yoffie said in an interview in his New York office a few days before his election.

"The baby boomer leadership of our synagogues is looking for a religious experience of Judaism," he said.

"They don't feel the pull of ethnicity the way their parents did, but have personal religious concerns," said Yoffie.

"They want a religious expression that speaks to their heart and soul and kishkes. We have to reignite the flame of Sinai in their hearts," said Yoffie, sounding more like the leader of a Chasidic sect than the director of the movement's Commission on Social Action, a role he currently fills.

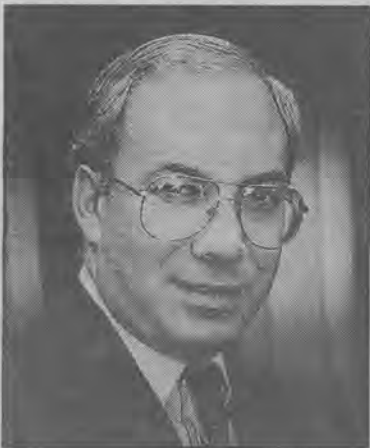
The ascension of someone who has long been identified as a social issues activist within the movement had been challenged by a high-level lay leader in the movement.

Attorney David Belin of Des Moines had spearheaded an effort to derail Yoffie's nomination by widely distributing a letter several weeks ago protesting what he defined as the choice between social action and God.

The effort apparently did not have much impact, given the unanimous endorsement of Yoffie by the 175 of the union's 220 trustees who attended the meeting. Belin, an honorary vice chairman of the Union, apparently did not attend.

A graduate of Brandeis University who was ordained in 1974, Yoffie served as executive director of the Association of Reform Zionists of America for nine years. He has also served as executive editor of Reform Judaism magazine.

When Yoffie takes over next summer, he will be heading an organization with financial and constituent-relations problems. Budgets have been cut between 15 percent and 20 percent across the



Rabbi Eric Yoffie
President elect of UAHC

board for the next two years, said a source within the organization.

Some of the Union's 858 congregations have been withholding dues and a few, including a prominent and large California congregation, Stephen S. Wise of Bel Air, have dropped their membership in the Union.

"We have to do better than we've done in basic synagogue services," Yoffie said.

"We haven't done near enough and our congregations are looking to us for help getting on-line, raising money, collecting dues and creating endowments," he said.

Already in the works is a move to overhaul the Union's dues structure.

Congregations' dues have been reduced by 8 percent each year for the next two years while a new structure is researched, according to Yoffie, who said a new system would be proposed at the 1997 biennial convention.

Also on the horizon are "significant personnel changes," he said, refusing to provide details about the shifts.

Yoffie's election appears to signal significant changes between the role that the Union has played in the past and what it hopes to accomplish in the future.

Differences between Schindler and Yoffie go far deeper than the fact that Schindler is the product of an Orthodox European upbringing and Yoffie is a true product of the American Reform movement.

While Schindler waxes eloquently philosophical and dresses with as much flair as he speaks, Yoffie is straightforward in outlining his plans and fond of short-sleeved button-down shirts and polyester striped ties.

While Schindler has been, at times, radically ideological, Yoffie seems more pragmatic.

Schindler has defined his presidency by leading his constituents with ideas and policies that were, in some cases, not always greeted with overwhelming enthusiasm.

For example, Schindler's calls, first in the early 1980s and then again at the last Union biennial convention in November 1993, to actively proselytize unchurched non-Jews and to give greater ritual roles in the synagogue to non-Jewish members, were greeted with more silence than accolades.

Despite their different approaches, Schindler enthusiastically endorsed his successor, calling him one of the

"finest young rabbis our religious community has produced."

In the interview, Yoffie said he plans to define his presidency by responding to his constituents.

"Our lay leadership is asking that I be clear in my religious direction and in my response to the needs of our congregations," said Yoffie.

"It is surely true that we need a Union with a clear emphasis, one which functions with great efficiency and responds quickly to the congregations' needs."

Yoffie said he supports "the principle of reaching out to the unchurched, but at this moment given our other needs, it's not something we have the resources to address in a systematic way."

He said he would be refocusing the Union's resources on "education and worship."

"We need to break through this Bar Mitzvah model of Jewish education," he said.

Book Review: What Is Life Like For A Rabbi?

And They Shall Be My People: An American Rabbi And His Congregation.

Paul Wilkes, Atlantic Monthly Press, 348 pp., \$ 23

Reviewed by
MARVIN S. CYTRON

Special To The Jewish Voice

There is an old Yiddish joke about three mothers who meet and are "kvelling" (bragging) about their sons. One mother proudly exclaims that her son is about to graduate from medical school at the top of his class, the second responds that her son is in his last year at a prestigious law school and editor of the law review. The third mother boasts that her son is studying to be a Rabbi and the first mother replies "A Rabbi! What kind of a career is that for a Jewish boy?" After reading "And They Shall Be My People" one can wonder if being a Rabbi is a career for anyone.

Paul Wilkes, a Roman Catholic who has written numerous articles for New Yorker and the Atlantic on religion in America, relates his year with a Conservative Rabbi, his family and Congregation. Paul Wilkes joins Rabbi Jay Rosenbaum of Congregation Beth Israel in Worcester, Massachusetts, just after the High Holidays as Rabbi Rosenbaum begins the planning and solicitation of a trip to Israel with a group of congregational members. It is Rabbi Rosenbaum's hope that through the planned trip he can share with a portion of his congregants some of his fervor and passion for Judaism.

Beth Israel is by membership size the second largest synagogue in Worcester, the largest being a Reform temple. There is another Reform temple, an Orthodox Synagogue, and an ultra-Orthodox Lubavitcher Sect Synagogue and a third tiny dying Orthodox Synagogue in the near downtown area. The three Orthodox Synagogues, because of their stricter religious views, have little religious contact with the rest of Worcester Jewry. Beth Israel membership is 530 families with a budget of \$ 660,000. The Synagogue built in 1959 comprises the Sanctuary, offices, library and Solomon Schecter Day School which is also used for after-school religious

"Our learning after Bar Mitzvah is wholly inadequate," the rabbi said. "We need to create a congregation of learners, not just children who learn. We need congregations with Torah at the center."

Commenting on the worship experience in Reform temples, he said,

"We want it to be more than 'stand up, sit down, read responsively.'

"We want it to not just be mumbled words but fire, mystery, a transcending personal drama," he said.

Yoffie said he was not yet ready to divulge details of his plan to emphasize these areas.

Beth Shalom Sisterhood Installs New President

The installation of Elaine Morganstein as President of Wilmington's Congregation Beth Shalom Sisterhood highlighted the Sisterhood annual donor dinner recently at the DuPont Country Club. Mrs. Morganstein has been a member of the sisterhood and synagogue for over 20 years and has been active in a number of programs during this time, particularly as a choir member. Elaine is Professor of Mathematics at Salem Community College in New Jersey and with her husband, Lester, resides in the Brandywine Hundred area. Elaine is the proud mother of two daughters, Mindy Curley who teaches at the J.C.C. pre-school and Cheryl, a senior at the University of Delaware and Army R.O.T.C. Battalion Commander. The Morgansteins are soon to be grandparents, as Mindy is expecting a baby in July.

Retiring President Sharon Rosen has been a Synagogue member for nearly 10 years and in addition to her two year term as President, di-

rects the operation of the Sisterhood Gift and Book Shop and is active in the Sisterhood's Torah Fund Campaign. Sharon and her husband, Jordon, also Brandywine Hundred residents have two sons Brian, 8 and Erick, 5.

During the past two years the Beth Shalom Sisterhood inaugurated a "Countdown to Bar/Bat Mitzvah" program whereby parents of pre Bar/Bat Mitzvah students participated in an orientation seminar to assist them in developing plans and providing resources for creating a joyous and meaningful family "simcha". A second major project was the creation of an "Interfaith Marriage Welcome." This project provided an introduction to Judaism and Jewish customs in the home for the newly married non-Jewish partner. "Both of these programs could not have been successful without the dedication and support of many of our Sisterhood members" said Sharon as she completed her term of office.



Elaine Morgenstein (left) receiving gavel from Sharon Rosen.

programs.

The reader is taken on a blistering work schedule as Rabbi Rosenbaum serves as pastor, social worker, administrator, teacher, principal, salesman, for his congregation during a hectic and sometime frantic 60 hour work week. Not only is Jay expected to be an exemplar spiritual leader but also the principal representative of the Jewish community to the secular world. By the time Shabbat arrives Jay is exhausted and officiates along with the Cantor to a near empty sanctuary with only 60 of the 500 seats occupied. In spite of the grueling schedule and dismal service attendance, except of course High Holy Days, there is joy, a sense of contribution, and fulfillment in his work: officiating at a Brit, working with and teaching the youth, planning and officiating at a re-marriage of a number of Jewish Russian émigré couples who could not have a Jewish wedding ceremony in the U.S.S.R.

In spite of his dedication, no one

in the congregation seems satisfied with their Rabbi and Jay senses this: "People expect a lot of you, but when you deliver for them they can't love you enough." "My Rabbi" the say and they really mean it. Of course that gives me fuel to carry on; without it who could? I feel that I always have to be ON and that takes a toll, on me, on my family. The Rabbi isn't supposed to have a bad day. He is supposed to know everybody's name even though he hasn't seen them since last year. He likes everybody; he's patient all the time. I can't satisfy them all and I can't satisfy myself.

Jay has little time for his wife, Janine, and children. His wife suffering with a rare debilitating illness is distraught at her role as the Rabbi's wife. "When I was a little girl growing up in Seattle we were Orthodox and we went from house to house on Shabbat; it was wonderful. I loved the Shabbat. But then you are the Rabbi's wife, what you did before out

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Beth Emeth Confirmation On June 4

The 1995 Confirmation Class of Congregation Beth Emeth cordially invites the community to the Shavuot Confirmation Service on Sunday, June 4, at 3 p.m.

The twenty-eight students have written and will be conducting the service, which is the culmination of their years of Religious School education at Congregation Beth Emeth.

The students are: Jon C. Amsterdam, Gregory Adam Berman, Sarah Berman, Aaron Cohen, Emily Ann Davis, Brian Steven Eng, Julia Gayduk, Julia S. Gelman, Joshua M. Goldfeder, Elizabeth C. Gross, Alexander Cary Grumbacher, Adam J. Hebbel, Stacy Renee Jacobs, Michelle M. Jonas, Adam Gordon Joseph, Michelle Lynn Kramer, Jacob Ryan LaPorte, Matthew K. Lipson, Amanda Kate Lukoff, Jessica Eve Lukoff, Samantha Jill Lukoff, Daniel Ben Medwin, Robyn Julie Pollack, David Allen Rapkin, Adam Jeremy Ruben, Sarah Elayne Tartack, Scott Franklin Travis and Ari Ross Wishkoff. "Please join the Confirmands and their families for this simcha," said a Beth Emeth spokesperson.

AKSE Shavuot Bikkurim Service

On Sunday evening, June 4, 1995, at 7:30 p.m., there will be a Shavuot-Bikkurim Service at Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Congregation. The entire community is cordially invited to join the following participants in this beautiful service: Eric Brown, Elizabeth Cohen, Michelle Lazarus, David Leitch, Jennifer Marzouk, Noah Pevar, Adam Seidel, and Katie Tanzer. A reception in the Social Hall will follow the service.

Delawarean's Granddaughter Is Phi Beta Kappa

Penina Riebman, granddaughter of Rose and Manny Harad has been elected into Phi Beta Kappa. Also, she won the honor of being the Outstanding Woman Student of her graduating class of the University of Maryland 1995. Penina will enter Univ. of Chicago in the fall for her master's degree in social work.

The Rabbi Writes: New Book About Rabbi Kook

Reviewed by Rabbi LEONARD B. GEWIRTZ
Rabbi Emeritus, Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Congregation

Rabbi Abraham Isaac Kook and Jewish Spirituality
Edited by Lawrence J. Kaplan and David Shat
N.Y. University Press, 346 pages, Bibliography and Index, 1995

PART II

This is the second part of a two part review of analyses and interpretations of the central issues in the Rav's surprising and extraordinary world-view and other issues which are at the core of Rav Kook's thought and influence.

Rav Michael Z. Nehoral analyzes Rav Kook's unique approach to *Halakhah* and *Metahalakhah*, and how this method of interpretation is related to the Redemption of Israel. This chapter by Rav Nehoral stands as the only major study in the English Language, of Rav Kook as *Halakhist*.

Since Rav Kook is known as *Ohav Yisrael*, a "lover of the people of Israel," and embraced the secular *Halutzim* as holy workers for the building of the land of Israel, it is widely believed that Rav Kook would be a lenient, liberal interpreter of Jewish Law. However, Rav Nehoral demonstrates that Rav Kook is rather strict in many of his *Halakhic* decisions. He offers an explanation for Rav Kook as a stringent interpreter of the Law, a *mahmir*.

Rav Kook viewed the restoration of the Jewish people to be a spiritual as well as a political phenomenon. Zionism comes to elevate the spiritual and cultural status of the people. The people have a universal mission in the drama of mankind. This people is an *Am Segulah* (Deut. 7:6), a "treasured, chosen people" with an inner holy potential "placed in their soul by G-D" (Iggeret II:186-187). They are also *choosing* people, *am behirah*, achieved through Torah-study and *mitzvah* observance (*ibid*). Rav Kook believed that this people must not be contaminated by a corrupt world. The *Halakhah* protects the holy nature of this people. Hence, an explanation of why Rav Kook would be strict in deciding the *Halakhah*, which protects and shields the holiness of this people.

Following are a few examples of Rav Kook's decisions:

The milking of cows on the Sabbath: Other rabbinic authorities decided it is permissible to milk the cows on the Sabbath, since it is painful to the cow not to be milked regularly. Pain to a living creature, permits relief to it on the Sabbath (*Orah Hayim*, chap. 305:19), with the milking performed by a non-Jew.

Rav Kook considered another factor, Ray Nehoral explains: "The *halakhic* rulings of Rav Kook on national questions were decided on the basis of his future-oriented messianic vision and not on the basis of the present empirical situation". *Autopsies*—Rav Uziel, Chief Rabbi of Sephardic-Adiot Hamizrah, decided that autopsies are permitted because of *Pikuah Nefesh* "saving of life." When medical science conducts an autopsy, it is for the pur-

pose to learn more about the cause of death, and in this way to apply the knowledge to save life.

Rav Kook, on the other hand, derived his opinion by approaching this problem from the perspective of his view of the nature of the Jewish people, as an "Am Segulah", a treasured, chosen people (Deut. 7:6). So we must not desecrate the body of this holy people. This view is connected to the Messianic role of this people, therefore special laws apply to it, as to no other people, and the *halakhic* law of *Pikuah Nefesh* does not apply to it!

Rav Kook's commitment to Messianism made him a stringent interpreter of the Law on the great national questions, because he felt the law is for the future, for the Days of the Messiah.

Rav Nehoral makes an insightful observation about Rav Kook's rulings, many of which are considered "lenient" and others very "stringent." His explanation is in the distinction between what we may term formal *halakhic* rulings, and *halakhic* rulings in which prophetic, ideological and *metahalakhic* are critical.

When we examine Rav Kook's acceptance and support of *Medinat Yisrael*, we are struck that he did not live to see the *Medinah*.

Prof. Jerome I. Gellman studies the sources where the Rav expressed himself on his acceptance of secular Zionism and the secular *Halutzim*. Rav Kook accepted Zionism as a movement for a reborn, rejuvenated people. However, the Rav sought a religious Zionist movement to balance secularism. He founded a movement called, "Jerusalem"! In Psalm 137 the Jews sat and wept by the waters of Babylon as they remembered "Zion". They proclaimed: "If I forget thee O Jerusalem" ... Rav Kook defines "Zion" as the term for secular Zionism, and "Jerusalem" as the term for religious Zionism. Rav Kook says, "Jerusalem, not Zion, is the highest goal, the ideal of Jewish existence."

Prof. Gellman submits that Rav Kook had an "instrumentalist" view of the Jewish State. *Zion* exists for the emergence of *Jerusalem*, which is higher and holier. The Rav called his religious Zionist movement, "Degel Yerushalayim."

From the eschatological-messianic view, Rav Kook would work with the secular groups to establish *Zion*; and would postpone the goal to establish *Jerusalem*, knowing well that this acceptance of the secular is only a temporary effort. However, Gellman, discovered an unexpected turn of thought in the writings of Rav Kook. In a letter written in 1925, Rav Kook speaks of an "upside-down" world.

The forces of "lowly holiness" in this world possess what appears to be a "higher holiness"; the forces of "high holiness" appear as "lowly holiness." In a daring application of this principle, Rav Kook asserts that the six days of the work-week possess a holiness above the Sabbath. According to Prof. Gellman, Rav Kook received this concept from the works of Rab Schneur Zalmon of Lyady, (1745-1813), founder of *Habad*.

The idea of an "upside-down" world, then leads Rav Kook to see "Zion" as holier than "Jerusalem". Rav Kook would become a loyal supporter of a State. Only at the "end of days," when the state will have performed its function as a preparation for the coming of the Messiah, will "Zion" be transformed into "Jerusalem". This explains why Rav Kook, in pre-Messianic days, when "Zion" is being built by secular *Halutzim*, would consider them "holy" and the anti-Zionist "black hatted" *Haraidim* as "less holy." In the interim, while "Zion" was being built by the secularists, he sought to influence it with the spirit of "Jerusalem."

The editor of Rav Kook's magnum opus, *Orot HaKodesh*, Rav David Hacoheh, in his own work, *Kol Hanevuah*, points out that Rav Moshe Hayim Luzato (1707-1747), influenced Rav Kook's thinking on the concept of evolution and development, *Hitpathut*. To achieve *Tikkun Olam*, perfection of the world with man's participation under G-d, the transformation may come about only through *Hitpathut*. This optimism influenced Rav Kook in his universalism and Zionism.

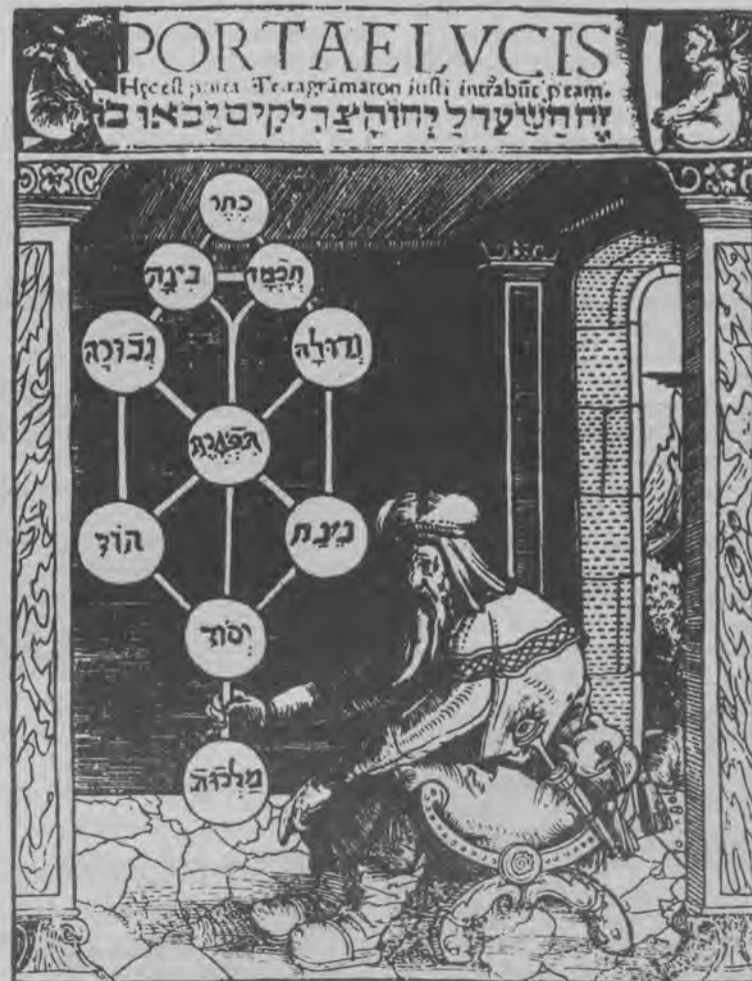
He transmitted to his followers the concept of a united Jewish people, where all ideological groups, *Hofshim*, secularists, and *Haraidim*, pious, should accept each other and work together towards the redemption of the Jewish people, and through this people, the redemption of all mankind, to bring about *Tikkun Olam*, the perfection of the world.

Today in Israel, on the other hand, there is in the religious Zionist group a *Gush* mentality, which accepts Rav Kook's *Ahavat Yisrael*, love of the

Jewish people; superficially, but whose adherents cleave to a narrow nationalism. It arises from their deep *Ahavat Eretz Yisrael*, their love of the Land of Israel, with its ancient Biblical boundaries. Religious nationalism burns in their hearts; 15,000 of these young people study in their *Yeshivot Hesder*, and in the *Yeshiva Mercas Harav*, founded by Rav Kook. They are supremely loyal to the *Medinah* and serve in the *Tzahal*, Israel's Army, for four years, simultaneously with their study in the *Yeshiva*. They believe that Rav Kook's ethical nationalism is for Messianic days, not for the present time when Israel's security is endangered by suicidal terrorists and Israel has not achieved peace with all of its neighboring states. The *Gush* group believes that the Rav's universalism is for Messianic days when Isaiah's prophecy will be fulfilled:

"They shall beat their swords into ploughshares,
"And their spears into pruninghooks;
"Nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
"Neither shall they learn war any more" (Isaiah 2:4)

Nevertheless, there are organizations and leaders who are true to the Rav's teachings of universal peace: at *Yeshivat Har-Etzyon* under Rav Amital and Rav Lichtenstein; in the movement of *Sh'vil Hazahav*, Golden Path, with Rav Melchior, Chief Rabbi of Denmark; Dr. Emanuel Rackman, Chancellor of Bar-Ilan University, and many others who keep alive the full teachings through scholarship. This book under review, too, makes an important contribution to the understanding of the great Rav and his work.



Title page of *Portae Lucis*, a Latin translation by Paulus Riccius of J. Gikatilla, *Sha'arei Orah*. Augsburg, 1516. Pictured is a man holding a tree with the ten Sefirot.

Rabbi Gewirtz selected this illustration of a mystical concern of Rav Kook.

TEEN FOCUS

JFD Helps Enable Israel Experiences For Delaware Youth

Teens Select Variety of Programs

By DAN WEINTRAUB
Editor of The Jewish Voice

Ten Delaware teenagers will participate in Summer programs in Israel this year in part because of grants given by the Jewish Federation of Delaware (JFD) from funds raised by the "Live Jewish" community campaign. These grants came about as a new initiative approved for 5755 based in part on studies which suggest that Israel experiences for young people contribute to Jewish continuity. The grant recipients, who represent the geographic, religious and philosophic diversity of Delaware's Jewish population, are required to perform community service upon their return to Delaware. The following teens will take part in Israel Experiences with the help of grants from JFD; Sarah Berengut, Sarah Cabelli, Merissa Courtright, Alex Grumbacher, Gregory Kaufmann, Michelle Lazarus, Daniel Medwin, Anne Parsons, Ari Wishkoff and Lev Yampolsky.

Sarah Berengut attends Mt. Pleasant High School, Beth Shalom and Adas Kodesh Shel Emeth (AKSE). She is the daughter of David Berengut and Paula Hait. She will participate in the Gratz '95 Israel Summer Teen Tour Plus with Masada of the Zionist Organization of America. The program includes four days in Italy. On her application Sarah wrote that upon her return from Israel she will provide service either as a volunteer at the Kutz home or by speaking to Gratz students about going to Israel.

Merissa Courtright attends the Sanford School and Temple Beth El. She is the daughter of Illene and John Courtright. Merissa will participate in ISI Eastern Europe which combines experiences in Eastern Europe with those in Israel. Merissa wrote that upon her return from Israel she is willing to make presentations or make a video about her trip for communal use.

Sara Cabelli, President of Wilmington B'nai B'rith girls, attends Mt. Pleasant High School and AKSE. Her parents are Roseanne and Michael Cabelli. She has chosen to participate in the Young Leadership Program sponsored by Volunteers for Israel. This program involves volunteering in three Israeli settings. Upon her return from Israel she plans to serve as a B'nai B'rith Girls peer advisor and a teacher's aid at AKSE.

Alex Grumbacher attends Mt. Pleasant High School and Beth Emeth. He is the son of Suzanne and Rabbi Peter Grumbacher. He will experience NFTY in Israel Exodus '95/UAHC Camp Harlam. This program recreates the voyage of the Exodus and touring throughout Israel. Alex plans to serve as a student teacher next year and speak to teens interested in participating in Israel programs.

Greg Kaufmann attends Tower Hill School and Beth Shalom. His parents are Joyce and Charles Kaufmann. He will participate in Young Judea Israel Discovery, a six

week program with a variety of experiences including a kibbutz visit. Upon his return he plans to help younger members of his AZA chapter who may doubt their Judaism to respect and appreciate the religion.

Michelle Lazarus goes to Brandywine High School and AKSE. She is the daughter of Bernard Lazarus and Ann Lewis. She will take part in Gratz Summer Trip To Israel 95. She is planning to have discussions with Gratz classes upon her return from Israel.

Daniel Medwin attends Mt. Pleasant High School and Temple Beth Emeth. He is the son of Michele and Steve Medwin. He will participate in the NFTY in Israel - Harlam Exodus program. Back in Delaware he plans to work for his Temple twice a week during Hebrew school helping with Hebrew instruction.

Another Beth Emeth member, Anne Parsons, attends Tower Hill School. She is the daughter of Ethel and Donald Parsons. She will take part in NFTY in Israel. Upon her return from Israel, she indicates on her application, she will be a teacher's aid at Beth Emeth helping specifically in programs in Israel.

Ari Wishkoff attends Concord High School and Temple Beth Emeth. He is the son of Jane and Harvey Wishkoff. He will participate in the NFTY/UAHC program. Next fall he will seek leadership positions in Jewish youth groups and serve as a teacher's aid at Temple Beth Emeth recruiting peers for subsequent Israel Experiences.

Lev Yampolsky is a ninth grader at Brandywine High School and belongs to Congregation Beth Shalom. This summer he will take part in the Gratz 1995 Israel Summer Teen Tour. When he returns from Israel he plans to volunteer to help out with the "Live Jewish" community campaign and to strive for a leadership position in BBYO.

Regrets

In the last issue of *The Jewish Voice* an item on page 4 regarding Schools '95 did not identify ACLU of Delaware as a member and organizer of the group.

In a column written by Judy Wortman, titled "Building the Future," which appeared in the May 19 issue, of *The Jewish Voice*, the Hebrew text should have read as follows:

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מֵאֵין יְבוֹא עוֹרִי.
עוֹרִי מֵעַם הַ
עוֹשֶׂה שְׂמִים וְאָרֶץ.

Temple Beth El Confirmands

- Merissa Courtright, daughter of John and Illene Courtright
- Jeremy Friedman, son of Howard and Phyllis Friedman
- Leila Herron, daughter of Tom and Joyce Herron
- Leah Moses, daughter of Bill and Andi Moses
- Jacob Reidel, son of Leslie and Janice Reidel
- Matthew Rosenthal, son of Richard and Susan Rosenthal
- Sara Sheffler, daughter of Mark and Sylvia Sheffler



Sarah Berengut



Merissa Courtright



Sara Cabelli

Words & Music

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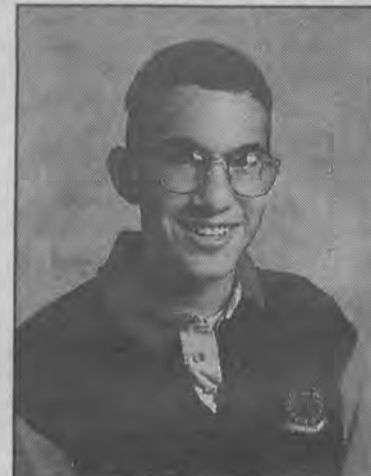
years. Wolfgang Sawallisch conducted a concert version with the Philadelphia Orchestra. ARIADNE seems to be an odd choice for such a big orchestra. The score calls for only 34 instruments (only eight violins).

But no other Strauss opera combines delicacy and lushness, refined chamber music and big-volume, heroic music. The performances were superb, as the players of the Philadelphia Orchestra were able to show their individual talent in small-scaled ensemble.

Sawallisch produced a surging pulse that held the contrasting styles of music together. At the same time, he allows subtle pauses and relaxations of phrasing. Among the best moments: The atmospheric harmonies of the three Nymphs; and the balance between orchestra and singer during Zerbinetta's spectacu-



Alex Grumbacher



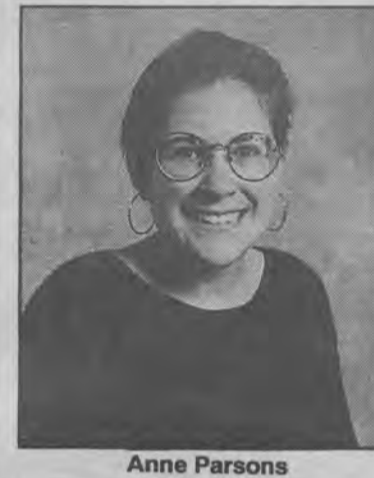
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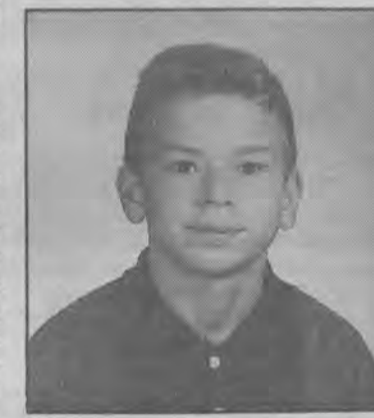
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Anne Parsons



Ari Wishkoff



Lev Yampolsky

lar solo.

The Academy of Vocal Arts is ending its season with a revival of Verdi's UN BALLO IN MASCHERA (A Masked Ball), with performances in Philadelphia and at other halls in surrounding areas. Christofer Macatsoris deserves much credit for his dramatic and stylish conducting and for his coaching of the young singers. He made them sound like experienced Verdians. Macatsoris and the orchestra were at their most thrilling during the drawing of lots, which the composer said was his favorite scene.

Hugh Smith as King Gustav is a star in the making. Nina Edwards's soprano voice soared as the married woman who falls in love with the king. Elizabeth Smith, no relation to Hugh, has sparkling high notes and also more dramatic depth than one usually hears in the role of the king's page, Oscar.

Director Kay Walker Castaldo caused controversy by showing a special relationship between the king and Oscar. Since I've previously investigated this concept with directors and singers, I have to point out that Verdi wanted to base his opera as closely as possible on the life and assassination of the real King Gustavus III, who was homosexual. Censors forced Verdi and his libret-

tist to make many changes before the show was allowed to go on.

Swedish stage director Goeran Gentele restored original intent — names, places, plot details — when he staged MASKED BALL in Stockholm in 1969, to critical acclaim. Soprano Birgit Nilsson told me that it was a wonderful production. Two years later, Gentele was named General Manager of the Metropolitan Opera, and he told me that he planned to produce his BALLO in New York during his second season. But Gentele was killed in a car crash one month later.

So Gentele's vision of a king torn between two different kinds of love never was seen in this country. Until now, I applaud director Castaldo for

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TEEN FOCUS

Nine Seniors Graduate Gratz

Delaware Gratz Announces Graduate

By ELAINE FRIEDBERG
Gratz Principal

The administration and faculty of Delaware Gratz Hebrew High School are proud to announce that Shana Berry, Elissa Hall, Gabrielle Hall, James Levine, Alyson Rappaport, Idit Romirowsky, Lisa Sandell, Pam Weisberg and Elisa Wilk have successfully completed all requirements for graduation.

These students were honored locally at a graduation ceremony on Sunday, May 21. They were invited to join other graduates of Gratz College in Philadelphia for formal commencement exercises and conferring of diplomas on Thursday, June 1 at the college's new home on the Mandell Education Campus.

We extend our congratulations to these fine students for their outstanding achievements and offer our best wishes to them for continued success and excellence.

Delaware Gratz is a constituent agency of the Jewish Federation of Delaware (JFD).



Elissa Tamar Hall

- Penncrest High School soccer, intramural indoor soccer and softball
- USY member
- Alexander Muss two months study trip to Israel
- To major in psychology; minor in education at Penn State University
- Parents: Avrene L. Brandt and the late William Hall

James H. Stone Levine

- Wants to become an attorney
- Worked as intern with Sen. Bill Roth
- Brandywine H.S. bridge club founder/president
- Marching band
- Yearbook editor, school newspaper reporter
- 1995 Azurean Award recipient
- Parents: Richard A. Levine and the late Marjory E. Stone



Alyson Rappaport

- In Who's Who Among American High School Students
- National Honor Society
- French Honor Society, Students Against Violating the Environment
- BBYO, Amnesty International
- Girl Scouts Gold Award recipient
- Elwyn Institute volunteer, Democratic headquarters volunteer
- March of the Living participant/lecturer
- To major in International Business, minor in French at George Washington University
- Presidential Scholarship recipient
- VFW "Voice of Democracy" honor; Chapel of Four Chaplains essay contest winner
- Parents: Jay and Bryna Rappaport



Pam Weisberg

- Worked on Brandywine H.S. literary magazine
- Captained lacrosse team
- Co-chaired student council, vice-president three years
- Silks (band front), ski club, book club, key club
- Participated in Youth to Eliminate Loss of Lives
- 1994 Gratz/Masada tour of Israel
- To major in nutrition at Cornell University
- Parents: Jay and Loretta Weisberg

Idit Romirowsky

- In Who's Who Among American High School Students
- Brandywine H.S. tennis team captain
- Blue Hen Conf. Tournament runner-up, Tennis State Championship (quarter finals)
- National Honor Society
- School literary magazine editor; Book club vice-president
- Future educators of America President
- BBYO member, AKSE dance group, Elwyn Institute volunteer
- Reads Torah, plays piano
- "Voice of Democracy" essay contest (second place)
- Presidential Scholar
- To major in psychology or education in University of Maryland Honors Program
- Parents: Sam Romirowsky and Ellen Romirowsky Bernhardt



Lisa A. Sandell

- Superintendent's Scholar from Concord High School
- Attended Governor's School for Academic Excellence
- Among six finalists for 1995 Lion's Club Del. Teen of Yr.
- National Honor Society (Vice President)
- School newspaper editor-in-chief; Yearbook section editor
- High school correspondent for *The News Journal*
- Drama Club (secretary), Marching band (section leader)
- Wind ensemble, jazz band, all-state band and all-district band
- Kutz home volunteer, JCC camp counselor, BBYO member
- Undecided on major at University of Pennsylvania
- Parents: Lionel and Nancy Sandell

Shana M. Berry

- Concord H.S. Drama Plaque of Excellence recipient
- Performed with Wilmington Drama League and Delaware Theatre Company
- National Honor Society
- Part-time work at Forwood Manor Retirement Home
- To major in Occupation Therapy at Ithaca College
- Presidential Merit Scholarship recipient
- Parents: Dan and Sharon Berry



Gabrielle Brandt Hall

- Penncrest High School soccer, intramural indoor soccer and softball
- USY member
- Alexander Muss two month study trip to Israel
- To major in criminal justice at Widner or Penn State
- Parents: Avrene L. Brandt and the late William Hall



Elisa Beth Wilk

- Yearbook editor at Alexis I. duPont High School
- Charter member/treasurer of Key Club
- Student Council committee head; Academic Bowl team member
- National Honor Society
- Tiger Marching Band (band front); 1995 Tournament of Roses



Parade

- Governor's School for Academic Excellence; U of D's summer college
- State winner (literature) in PTA's reflections contest
- Teacher's aide at Beth Emeth, Newark BBYO participant
- Dave Tiberi Youth Center volunteer
- To major in psychology in University of Delaware's Honors Program
- Parents: Annette and Baron Wilk



This logo relates to a new Hadassah program which is profiled on page 22.

MAP Walk

Grab your walking shoes, come rain or shine, and join in on Saturday, June 3, for the 6th Annual "M.A.P. Walk For Housing" to kick off in Wilmington's Brandywine Park. Choose a 15K or 5K WALK through scenic areas of the City, passing renovated houses and homeless shelters that benefit from funds raised. The WALK is sponsored by the Methodist Action Program and PNC Bank.

To sign up call the WALK hotline at 654-3101.

OBITUARIES

DAVID S. BRESLOW

David S. Breslow, 78, a retired Hercules Corp. chemist and expert in polymers, died May 26.

Raised in Queens, N.Y., Dr. Breslow graduated from City College in 1937 and earned his doctorate from Duke University in 1940. After post-doctoral work at California Institute of Technology, he did research at Berkeley and Duke.

In 1946, he joined Hercules as a research chemist and went on to hold 79 patents for the firm. In the 1970s, he joined the firm's senior research associates. He was a consultant after retiring in 1982.

He taught chemistry at U of D, University of Florida, University of Notre Dame and University of Munich in Germany. He co-authored a textbook on polymer chemistry, published 85 scholarly articles and lectured around the world.

He was president of the state American Chemical Society chapter and won many of the society's awards. In 1960, he was named one of the top 10 chemists in Delaware.

Dr. Breslow, who lived in Brandywine Hundred's Madelyn Gardens with his wife of 48 years, Ann Goodman Breslow, was a member of Wilmington's Congregation Beth Shalom and gave local talks on Jewish life in postwar Germany.

Survivors include his wife; a son, Lee Breslow of Londonberry, N.H.; two daughters, Fern Seltzer of Cherry Hill Village, near Denver, and Gail Breslow of Paris; a sister, Mildred Novick of Delray Beach, Fla.; and two grandchildren.

The family suggests contributions to charity.

ALAN E. GOORLAND

Alan E. Goorland, 67, of Wilmington, passed away May 2 of an apparent heart attack.

Mr. Goorland was an artillery commander during the Korean War with the second division and fought at Heartbreak Ridge and Bloody Hill.

Mr. Goorland graduated from LaSalle University Magna Cum Laude and was retired from the International Association of Theatrical Stage Hands Union and worked with the original cast of Broadway Musicals. He handled the lighting effects for Hello Dolly, Brigadoon, Pippin and others. He worked with Betty Grable, Carol Channing and many other stars.

He is survived by his twin brother, Louis of Weldin Woods and his sister, Muriel Mann of Brandywine Hills. A private service was held at Lombardy Cemetery. The family suggests donations to the Disabled American Veterans.

Jewish Enrichment For The Young Is On A Roll In Delaware

By RUTH FISHER GOODMAN

TRAINING WHEELS (AI Galgalim in Hebrew) is the newest and most exciting Hadassah program designed specifically for families with young children aged 2-5. It is designed to help parent and child to enjoy Jewish celebrations and holidays. The program serves as a guide for Jewish enrichment and helps to establish a sense of Jewish continuity and structure within families, according to facilitators.

Ruth Goodman, facilitator for Hadassah's Northern Seaboard Region, is excited about the program's possibilities in educating young parents and children who live in the 'fast lane' of today's lifestyles. The impact of this program on interfaith couples also has far reaching effects for instilling Jewish values and transmitting our heritage from generation to generation.

"Many people have asked me," says Goodman, *How does TRAINING WHEELS differ from other nursery school programs?* "My answer begins with a paraphrase from a Biblical quotation: a child's first classroom is at its parent's knee," Goodman continues. "Jewish continuity depends on the support given in the home." Training Wheels is a program for parent and child who play and sing together about Shabbat and Jewish celebrations. Together parent and child create projects at each session relating to the holiday being studied. The child must be accompanied at each session by a parent (or grandparent). To enrich Jewish family life, the program calls for an investment of parent quality time rather than an outlay of money.

Goodman tells of the first TRAINING WHEELS group started in Lower Delaware. Nine children and their parents get together once a month for 1 1/2 to 2 hours to learn about the upcoming holiday. The group includes children of interfaith couples and a single parent who converted to Judaism and wants to raise her child Jewishly.

Ellen Zaback, who led the group for the Purim holiday says, "We had

a Purim play with popsicle stick puppets and we had such a good time! For our snack, we had hamantaschen. We learned the song by Debbie Friedman: Come Along To The Purim Ball and played circle games. We always include what Ruth Goodman refers to "the seven minute Shabbat" ceremony. The children learn how to say the blessing over the Shabbath candles and the blessing over the bread."

"Jewish parents tell me they are

learning things about their heritage that they never knew before," says Goodman.

The program also provides time for parents to share ideas and discuss child development issues and/or topics of concern to them. The bond between parent and child is strengthened and concomitantly parents provide support for each other as well as organizers.

Call Ruth Goodman: 478-2893 for further information.



Helen Flood is shown with Joshua, 5, in the Dover, DE, Hadassah program called "Training Wheels."



The members of JCC-AEA Cub Scout Pack 18 stand behind the shalach manot baskets they made for the Jewish community's newest arrivals from Russia. The Cub Scouts are, from left to right, Zachary Rowen, Noah Moss, Adam Wasserman, David Schneider and Ben Addicks. The boys are all second graders at Albert Einstein Academy. Their Den leader is Karen Moss.

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Book Review:

Rabbi

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of conviction and pure desire becomes EXPECTED of you. I am SUPPOSED to go to all the services. I'm SUPPOSED to look good all the time, have a smile on my face even when some witch is using me to funnel a complaint to the Rabbi that she won't tell him herself. Being the Rabbi's wife has bled religion out of me. He believes it, lives it. I'm like the corporate wife. It's just a job for me." Janine looks forward to her annual return to Seattle where she can relish in not only the beauty of the Northwest but also "the beauty of anonymity".

Jay travels to the Rabbinical Assembly meeting at the Concord, and shares with his fellow Rabbis the challenges, victories and challenges of their labors. At the same time the author provides a sobering view of the state of Conservative Judaism in this country and perhaps this may not be limited to Conservative Judaism. Jay and his family complete the trip to Israel and while the trip did not meet all of Jay's expectations there is a small but significant victory in his desire to instill the beauty of Judaism to his fellow travelers.

Jay returns from Israel refreshed and ready to begin the New Year only to be faced with synagogue financial and membership woes and his contract negotiations. And so the year and life goes on with a challenging and difficult "career for a Jewish boy". This sensitive, well written book should be required reading for every synagogue board member and for those members who often wonder "what does the Rabbi do all day?".

(Marvin Cytron is a member of Wilmington's Congregation Beth Shalom, a member of the Editorial Committee of The Jewish Voice and frequently contributes articles and book reviews.)



M. Cytron

Words & Music:

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daring to show this unusual version of an old masterpiece. It didn't totally convince me, but it was fascinating.

To enjoy the glories of these classics in your own home, I recommend the following CD's:

ARIADNE — There are two excellent recordings with soprano Jessye Norman. She's joined by Gruberova, Fischer-Dieskau and Kurt Masur on the Philips label. Then she's paired with Kathleen Battle and James Levine on the DGG label. Take your pick.

MASKED BALL — The standard was set when Arturo Toscanini led a performance of it in 1954. Pearce, Merrill and Nelli surpassed themselves in what turned out to be the maestro's last recording. (RCA) The same record company has the distinction of another fine BALLO, recorded in 1967 with Leontyne Price, Carlo Bergonzi and Merrill, with Erich Leinsdorf conducting. Nothing better has been heard in the many years since.

Omitted from my last column: Sean Deibler and his Choral Arts Society presented a gorgeous performance of the Verdi REQUIEM at the Academy of Music. The Choral

Peres And Arafat

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Israel has placed limits on the passage of goods from the Palestinian autonomy into Israel as a result of a recent series of terror attacks launched against Israelis by Islamic fundamentalist opponents of the peace process.

On Monday, after negotiations between Israel and the Palestinians, a terminal for the passage of goods between Egypt and the autonomy opened at Rafah, located in the southern Gaza Strip.

Meanwhile, in Cairo, Israeli and Palestinian negotiators convened Monday for another round of talks focusing on the transfer of control from Israel to the Palestinian Authority of more than eight areas of civilian responsibility. Among the areas discussed were fuel, gas, trade, industry, postal services and insurance.

Relatedly, Israel Radio reported this week that senior Palestinian security officials toured the West Bank town of Jenin to survey the area in light of an Israel Defense Force withdrawal under the so-called "Jenin First" plan.

According to recent reports, the Israeli army will first redeploy from Jenin as part of a larger pullback from Arab population centers in the West Bank.

Arts is a 150-voice ensemble, made up largely of volunteers from all over

this region, and they deserve recognition. They're called upon frequently when the Philadelphia Orchestra needs a large and expert chorus.

Grad Gift

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sun while experiencing thousands of years of Jewish history, is an opportunity available on the United Jewish Appeal's Young Adults Mission. The mission, which is open to 21- to 27-year-olds, runs from August 9 to August 16 and also includes an optional trip to Jordan at the conclusion of the mission. The trip is proving a strong draw for graduate students needing a meaningful break as well as for those beginning careers.

The fast-paced program runs the gamut from taking a step into ancient life at the country's most famous archaeological digs to kayaking down the Jordan River. As the first summer mission for this age group, the mission is part of UJA's campaign plan to reach out to more and more Jews of all ages through creative programming. For this trip, having fun and feeling the spirit of Jewish continuity is a natural match.

For further information on the Young Adults Mission please contact Elizabeth Schack at National UJA, 212-880-1407 of JFD at (302) 478-6200.



British rock legend Joe Cocker was awarded a "Peace Medal" by Israeli Tourism Minister Uzi Baram May 24 at a ceremony held along a promenade overlooking the Old City and the Dome of the Rock. Cocker, is in Israel to take part in the annual Israel Festival, Jerusalem.

Brandywine ORT Upcoming Events

The Brandywine ORT Awards-Installation Dinner will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 8, 1995 at Cuisines. Cuisines is located at Route 202 & Naamans Creek Rd.

The Brandywine ORT Planning Conference will be at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 27, 1995.

Call Ruth Rosenberg (302) 529-1296 for details.

Hillel

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pride is to have knowledge. The only way to you can have knowledge is to study. I exhort everyone to learn as much about Judaism as they possibly can."

Joel put it more pithily: "You can't be a light unto the nations if you don't have the fuel to light your own fire."

In early April, Seagram purchased a controlling interest in the entertainment conglomerate MCA, Inc. Asked whether he might promote his "Jewish" agenda through MCA films and products, Bronfman replied with a definite no.

"Business is business," he said, "and Moses is Moses."

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