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IDF Colonel: U.S. Jews Are Israel's Strategic Reserves



Col. Ranaan Gissin

By PAULA BERENGUT

Ranaan Gissin has his work cut out for him these days. As Foreign Press Spokesman for the Israel Defense Forces, he visits the U.S. every six months to brief Jewish community leaders and the Jewish press, an increasingly difficult job since the *intifada* began 19 months ago. Gissin was in Wilmington last week as the Jewish National Fund speaker at the June 22 dinner honoring Delaware's Insurance Commissioner David Levinson.

On a two-week, five-city tour on behalf of the JNF, Gissin has been speaking in support of the Fund's efforts to counter the setting of forest fires in its forests. "Deliberate arson is one form of Palestinian warfare against us," he said, and he is encouraging those with whom he is meeting to financially support the JNF in its efforts to reforest and to increase Israel's fire prevention capabilities.

Over the course of the uprising, Gissin said, Israel has had to fight on two different levels. On the ground, he said, the IDF met "unlimited violence with some self-restrained force" while "on

the media battlefield, having to deal with disinformation, distortion, disproportional reporting caused us probably greater damage."

There has been a change, Gissin conceded. The situation was much worse, he said, in terms of the distorted and biased reporting. He sees a greater willingness on the part of the media to examine more deeply the challenges and the problems Israel faces and the ways with which they are dealt.

"There aren't going to be any quick fixes," he said, and he believes the media has come to accept that.

He noted that there has also been a dramatic change in the attitude of the American Jewish community toward Israel. At the beginning of the uprising, he said, there was "a general attitude that could be characterized as resentment, a wish to disassociate one's self from Israel, and a sort of 'you and us' type of approach which put a distance between the American Jewish community and Israel." Now, he noted, while there is still concern and anguish he sees a general change from a rejectionist approach to a willingness to join

Israel in its struggle.

"Israel's strategic reserves conducting the struggle are here in the United States," he said. The battle itself is not a purely military battle, he explained. "Projecting unity to the Arab world and to the Palestinians," he said, will be one of the factors by which the *intifada* will be quelled.

Is peaceful coexistence possible? "Sure," said Gissin. Great strides have been made in that direction, he said, in the last 20 years. "There is a willingness among Arab countries to negotiate . . . and mind you that's not an easy take in a region that is characterized more by conflict, violence, holy revolution and terrorism than by congenial peaceful coexistence between nations." With perseverance and patience, Gissin believes, Israel will be able to find a solution "even to that sticky Palestinian problem."

At the moment, Gissin said, he does not see a Palestinian state in Judea and Samaria that would satisfy Palestinian demands, on the one hand, and not critically compromise Israel's security interest. He does see a form of self-government by the Palestinians, a process in which Palestinians could gradually realize their right for self-determination but not as a "mini-terrorist state in Gaza and the West Bank."

Gissin noted that for the first time in the Arab world free elections have been introduced. "We think that after 41 years of violence and bloodshed and war that it is time for the Palestinians to try a different route" and the elections offer greater potential. He said he hoped for voices of reason and sober leadership among the Palestinians who will be willing to come forward and not reject the offer off hand.

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95 Senators, 100 In House Ask Baker For Continued Support Of Peace Initiative

By JOSEPH POLAKOFF
Special to The Jewish Voice

WASHINGTON — Separate letters from large numbers of Senate and House members to Secretary of State James Baker urging his unstinting of Israel's peace initiative demonstrated for the second time within a month Congressional concern over developments in the Middle East conflict.

All but five of the Senate's 100 members signed a letter declaring "a strong endorsement by the United States" of the Jerusalem Government's four-point proposal for dealing with the West Bank/Gaza situation "would help ensure their serious consideration" by "other parties to the conflict" and the "international community at large."

Their letter, initiated by Senators Rudy Boschwitz (R-Minn) and Frank Lautenberg (D-NJ), said "Israel's willingness to allow all options to be put on the table during the negotiations to be held after the elections and during the transition period demonstrates a real readiness to take risks for peace."

"We must keep in mind," the Senators added, "that Israel will be asked to give up politically what it won militarily by defending itself against attacks from outside Israeli borders in which thousands of Israelis died."

"The Arab countries who have made war against Israel in the past now have the chance to make a real move toward peace," the letter said. "The Administration's reaction" to the Israeli initiative "will undoubtedly have great influence over the Arab reaction."

The five senators who did not sign the letter were Mark Hatfield (R-Ore), Ernest Hollings (D-SC), Robert Byrd (D-W Va), Malcolm Wallop (R-Wyo) and John Chafee (R-RI).

Similar to the Senators' action, Rep. Larry Smith (D-Fla) circulated a letter May 22 to his House colleagues asking them to join in expressing to Baker Congressional support for the Israeli proposal. It was signed by 106 members.

"Although the Israeli Government is committed to moving the peace process forward with this initiative, the Arab states and some Palestinians appear to be just as determined to prevent its implementation," Smith's letter to his colleagues said. "We believe it is time for Arab leaders to support the plan as a mechanism to break the current stalemate and put an end to the

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Settlers Protesting Following Stabbing Incident

Victim's Brother Is Dover Resident



An angry mourner is restrained at the June 20 funeral of American emigrant, Frederick Steven Rosenfeld. (Photo: RNS)

JERUSALEM (JTA) — The June 18 murder of an American immigrant who lived in the West bank town of Ariel touched off a furor among Jewish settlers. Dozens demonstrated outside the Prime Minister's office demanding tougher measures to suppress the Palestinian uprising. Others attacked Arabs in Israel proper, in apparent retaliation. At least one Arab was injured.

The victim, Frederick Steven Rosenfeld, 48, was a recent immigrant from the United States. Rosenfeld, a computer expert, recently rented an apartment in the West Bank settlement of Ariel and enjoyed photography and hiking in the vicinity every Saturday. His brother, William, lives in Dover, Delaware.

Rosenfeld was found stabbed to death in a deserted area between the Arab villages of Burkin and Salfit. The Arab resident of the area who found the body notified the Israel Defense Forces.

Following a manhunt and the arrest of 30 suspects, three Arabs from the village of Burkin confessed to the crime and re-enacted it. They told authorities that they met Rosenfeld on June 17 at a spring between Burkin and Salfit, where he was hiking along. According to the suspects, they had a friendly conversation, ate with him and at one point allowed Rosenfeld to photograph them.

Then, for unexplicable reasons, one of the villagers snatched Rosenfeld's knife and stabbed him in the upper back. He was left to bleed to death.

Rosenfeld was buried on June 20. Prime Minister Shamir attended the funeral during which he was cursed, taunted and physically threatened. Shamir said that he did not fear for his own safety, but for the future of the country. Their homes were promptly demolished.

While Shamir attributed the hostile demonstration to a "handful of extremists" who were not supported by the majority of West Bank residents, Shamir admitted he was concerned for national unity. Everything possible must be done to prevent a war among the Jews, he told an Israel Radio interviewer.

"Our only hope is to preserve national unity at all costs," Shamir said. He urged citizens to maintain order and to prevent irresponsible acts by individuals.

Meanwhile, General Amram Mitzna, head of the Israel Defense Force central command, told reporters that the Arab murder suspects have no terrorist records and apparently had no motive for killing Rosenfeld. "It was simply a brutal murder which is difficult to explain," he said.

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Editorial: What Is The Wisdom In Closing Arab Schools?

Israel has come under a barrage of fire recently for closing and outlawing schools in the West Bank. It is a crime for Palestinians to gather in a classroom, it is illegal for small groups of Palestinians to conduct classes in homes and teachers have reportedly been threatened against sending homework assignments to individuals. The main responsibility of the "Office of the Director of Education, Judea and Samaria," these days, is to close down all places of learning.

How can "the people of the book," the bearers of wisdom and learning, deny anyone the right to an education? As has been the case since the beginning of the uprising, this seems to be another example of how the *intifada* is undermining the ethics and the morality of the Jewish State.

Is it right or wrong to close the schools? As with most questions with which Israel must grapple, there are no easy answers and the action taken by the government of Israel can be viewed as both constructive and destructive.

The obvious reason the Israelis have for closing the Palestinians' schools is to suppress the *intifada*. If the Palestinians are not in their schools, the argument goes, they cannot be inculcated with the PLO's philosophies and goals and they cannot be incited in groups to riot. Israel is committed to maintaining law and order. And the schools, Israel insists, are hotbeds of *intifada* activity.

While that makes a certain amount of sense, we must ask ourselves if Israel really believes that all *intifada* activity among the younger Palestinians has ceased because they do not have classrooms to gather in. Do they really believe that no *intifada* activity or propagandizing takes place in the alleyways or homes the students are forced into?

And while it is certainly true that there have been instances when schools have been the centers of demonstration and rioting, it doesn't seem to justify the collective punishment of indefinitely cancelling the entire educational process. Nor does it justify the prohibition of alternatives to classrooms, like gathering in private homes and gardens or doing homework.

In the 1987-1988 academic year, West Bank school children lost 175 out of 210 schools days due to forced closure. This past year, those schools have been open for 40 days. Two complete years of schooling have effectively been lost for approximately 290,000 children. The Palestinian universities in the West Bank have not functioned at all.

Can the Israelis really believe that their long-term interest in finding a just and peaceful accommodation with the Palestinian people can be better served by exposing 290,000 children to the violence of the streets, detention centers and jails rather than to normal education?

Message To JFD Board: Take Inspiration from Torah

(Editor's note: This Dvar Torah was delivered Thursday evening by Jewish Federation of Delaware Executive Vice President Robert N. Kerbel at the Federation's first meeting since the Annual Meeting and election of new officers. Discussion and decisions regarding Federation allocations and budgeting as well as additional funding for Soviet Jewry were included on the agenda. A full report on allocations and the Soviet Jewry funding situation will be presented in the July 21 issue of The Jewish Voice.)

The Torah portion this week is extremely apropos to the first meeting of the 1989-90 Board of Directors and the work before us, including the discussion and approval of the 1989-90 allocations for our local, national and overseas agencies. This portion deals with the 12 spies sent to scout the land to see what could be expected when they approached Israel. What obstacles faced them? What were the positives and negatives? The reports of these scouts would help make the decision of what the next

steps should be for the Jewish community.

Some of the spies came back with observations that Israel was a land filled with hostile people and with much larger populations. Others came back with quantities of grapes, pomegranates and figs and stated that Israel was the land of milk and honey, though they admitted that the inhabitants were powerful and the cities were large and well fortified.

What should the Israelites do? Move forward or retreat? Make difficult decisions or take the easy way? Take a chance or just go with the flow?

The Lord spoke to Moses saying, "Speak to the Israeli people and instruct them to make for themselves fringes on the corner of their garments throughout the generations; Let them attach a cord of blue to each corner." The fringe (tallit) is to remind us always that we are Jews and as Jews we have special obligations and responsibilities. May we be strong and wise enough to fulfill them.



Letters to the Editor

Anti-Semitism Thriving in Germany

In Nov. 1988 I was travelling in the FRG and had opportunity to participate in commemorative services of the Reichskristallnacht and associated events. In Mannheim I participated in the Friedensmarsch on Nov. 9 and noted various anomalies. The march originated at the Altmarkt in Mannheim and proceeded to the Jesuitenkirche Mannheim. The march was organized with standard Teutonic thoroughness and impressive attention to detail. Police security was a paragon of efficiency; streets were blocked from traffic. There were thousands of participants. However, there were certain anomalies, which are indicative of the German attitude. At the site of the Altsynagoge, destroyed in the Reichskristallnacht in 1938 a cantor attempted to sing Kaddish and Kol Nidre. Curiously, the German police neglected to divert traffic from this area, and the cantor's voice was overwhelmed by the street noise. Similarly, church bells ringing coincidentally also drowned out the cantor's voice. The three-hour memorial service at the Jesuitenkirche was exaggeratedly long; no heating was provided. Failure to provide heat exposed numerous elderly participants to unnecessary discomfort and hypothermia. I wrote a

comprehensive letter of protests to the First Bürgermeister of Mannheim and to the appropriate church authorities. I never experienced the minimal courtesy of reply. I also noted that the speeches delivered in the Jesuitenkirche were 'canned'. I attended other memorial services in Germany and noted that the speeches rendered were identical. Apparently, the Bonn government prefabricated and issued the speeches to be mouthed by the various dignitaries.

In Butzbach, Hessen, I visited an exhibition commemorating Reichskristallnacht, which I found to be particularly offensive and obscene. I wrote a letter to the local newspaper, *Die Butzbacher Zeitung*, which was printed. Apparently, the letter cost me several German friends, whom I had known for almost thirty years.

Anti-semitism is alive and thriving in the FRG. As a Germanist, former Military Attaché to Germany and as a child having grown up in Germany and with many years of service in Germany as a professional soldier, I imagine that I can claim some informed perspective on the situation.

Dr. Richard A. Schwartz

Eizenstat Supplement Appreciated

Thank you for sending me the sample copy of The Jewish Voice. I think it is an excellent newspaper and I am enclosing a check for \$7.50 for a one-year subscription.

My wife and I especially enjoyed the supplement to the June 2 edition containing the address by Stuart E.

Eizenstat. He provided so many answers to so many questions that have been going through our minds in the past few years.

Irving O. Barker
Fayetteville, NC

Russian Refugees Helped By Community

The article in the last issue of The Jewish Voice on the recent refugee families from Russia has generated a marvelous outpouring of warmth and concern from the community. People have called to offer furniture, medical and dental care, jobs, invitations to dinner, help with English, transportation, etc. As a result of the community's caring, apartments are being furnished, family members are being employed, medical and dental problems are being solved, and wonderful friendships are being developed. We would like to extend thanks to the Jewish Voice and the Delaware Jewish community on behalf of our recent Russian arrivals and those we expect in the near future.

Jewish Family Service of Del.

(Editor's note: Ten people left Russia on June 26, and are expected to arrive in Wilmington within the next few months.)

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OPINION

Diplomatic Language Has Dangerous Bottom Line

By FRED P. LEVINE

Smoother and sophisticated, a propagandist who has mastered his material, Ambassador Clovis Maksoud, Arab League representative to the United Nations, paid a visit to the region on June 22. He was invited by People to People International. I was invited by an alert resident of Wilmington who thought the ADL should be aware of his presentation.

She was right. Ambassador Maksoud argues persuasively for his point of view. He also makes his views seem palatable to a general American audience. He speaks with passion and control.

A sampler of the points he made during his 45 minutes talk will serve to put readers of *The Voice* on notice that the Jewish community today faces a far more potent public information campaign about the Middle East than ever before:

- Ambassador Maksoud drew an analogy between the recent brutality of the government of China and the leadership of "Palestine under Occupation."

- Claiming that fundamentalism, whether Islamic, Christian or Jewish is the real danger, Ambassador Maksoud stated that, since the Islamic world wants to modernize, its dialogue with America is essential.

- Ignoring what everyone can see and read of the news, Ambassador Maksoud spoke of the "unity of destiny, oneness of consciousness" of the Arab nation. He brushed aside all of "our disputes" as the legacy of colonialism. He stressed this point because, he claimed, the belief that the Arabs are not dependable allies of the United States is predicated on the "false thesis" that the Arab states are permanently disunited.

- Moving to the heart of his argument, Ambassador Maksoud claimed that the Palestinian constituency is central to the agenda of the Arab world today. The *intifada*, he stated, has "corrected the Palestinian situation." No longer can the Palestinians "be undermined by the Jordanian option;" no longer can they be "overwhelmed by the claim to liberate the entire land of Palestine."

- Ambassador Maksoud claimed that the *intifada* has defined the "parameters of national patrimony," while recognizing the patrimony of Israel. Here we have, he said, the two state solution within the 1967 borders.

- This commitment, Ambassador Maksoud assured his listeners, is "genuine, authentic, binding and firm, but not final unless an equal commitment is made by Israel to a Palestinian State in 23 percent of their original homeland."

- Moving to the attack, Ambassador

Maksoud indicated that the U.S. treats Israel with kid gloves: "The U.S. pinches Israel, punches the Arabs."

- Public opinion in the United States, according to the Ambassador, has realized "Palestinians have rights." Public opinion is, in his view, more advanced than that of the Administration, which in turn is more advanced than that of Congress. With Congress, he said, the "input of our energy is far more than the output of results."

- Ambassador Maksoud would prefer that the United States not continue its economic and military support of Israel, "if Israel continues to flaunt U.S. policy by establishing new settlements."

- Taking the gloves off a bit, he referred to "the inherent racism of the settlers." In a classic divide and conquer maneuver, he contrasted the "worst of the Israeli establishment" and "the best of Jewish values in Jews around the world and in Israel." "Judaism" he stated, "cannot tolerate the distortion of its values." Ambassador Maksoud stated that Arab-American dialogue should focus on this development in "Jewish conscience."

- Finally, ready to throw his punch line, Ambassador Maksoud spoke of the advocates and apologists of Israel "who try to bring about a guilt complex" in the nations of the Western world. Israel's coercive bargain is one of "mutual absolution": You don't talk about what we do to the Palestinians; we won't talk about the Holocaust.

At the end, then, Ambassador Maksoud is willing to engage in historical falsification and to nibble at

the edges of Semitic passions just to score a few propaganda points for the Arab side. I asked the Ambassador a hard, pointed question about the legitimate fears that Israelis on the right and the left feel about Palestinian Arab intentions. Bringing up the incident in Hama, Syria, where between 10 - 25,000 Syrian civilians were killed by their own government for belonging to an opposition organization, the Muslim Brotherhood, I wanted to know what the Ambassador felt that the Palestinian and Arab sides could do to ease Israelis' fears.

His answer was a classic case of turning the tables. To begin with, the Ambassador said that "with all due respect," the question revealed a "sur-reptitious racism." It all boils down to, he claimed, an unwillingness to "trust us." Thus, he claimed that Israel and its apologists, like myself, are willing to create "paranoia" and to "legitimize anti-Semitism by delegitimizing anti-Zionism."

The Ambassador can't put the kitty back in the bag. He is willing to call the defense of Israel an attempt at creating paranoia and guilt. He is willing to state that this leads to anti-Semitism. Thus, in an Orwellian twist, defending the Jewish State is the cause of hatred of the Jews.

A skillful diplomat, a polished speaker, the Ambassador doesn't leave much room for reasoned argument.

(Fred David Levine is the Associate Director of the Eastern Pennsylvania/Delaware Region of the Anti-Defamation League.)

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Should The Jackson-Vanik Amendment Be Waived?

It's Time

By STEPHEN SILBIGER

Inertia is the strongest force on earth, especially when it comes to human behavior. We do things today because we did them yesterday, and we are likely to do things tomorrow because we did them today. This proposition has once again been confirmed by the response of many Jewish groups to the recent positive developments in the Soviet Union.

Since the ascendancy of Mikhail Gorbachev four years ago, the Soviet treatment of Jews has undergone an indisputable revolution. Jewish emigration, which in 1985 totaled 1,100, is now averaging more than 4,000 per month, and is expected to exceed the record 51,000 who were permitted to leave in 1979. In the last four years, the number of refuseniks has been substantially reduced from more than 11,000 to 650 Jewish individuals who have been denied permission to leave the Soviet Union. In addition, four years ago Natan Sharansky and others were incarcerated in the Gulag, while today there are no prisoners of Zion, and no one is being arrested for teaching Hebrew or studying Torah. In fact, there are seventeen Jewish cultural centers operating in the Soviet Union.

Despite the epic changes in the Soviet Union, many in the American Jewish community refuse to offer any positive response to Moscow. They continue to oppose a temporary waiver of the Jackson-Vanik amendment, which denies the Soviet Union non-discriminatory tariff treatment.

The Jackson-Vanik amendment has become so identified with the Soviet Jewry movement that some have erroneously assumed that its waiver will mean the end of the movement. However, it should be clear that for those of us who intend to remain vigilant on the issue of Soviet-Jewish

emigration, the statute gives us sufficient mechanisms to maintain pressure on the Soviet Union even after it has been granted a waiver.

Misconceptions

The lack of responsiveness by a large section of the Jewish community is rooted in a refusal to see the Soviet Union as anything other than the evil empire, and is based on two misconceptions.

The first misconception results from a lack of understanding of the Jackson-

Vanik amendment. In practical terms, waiver of the Jackson-Vanik amendment is a rather modest step. It has been estimated that the granting of most favored nation status to the Soviet Union will result in approximately an additional \$30 million in exports to the United States. Most-favored-nation status almost exclusively affects manufactured goods, and the Soviet economy produces few such products that can compete in the American market.

A Jackson-Vanik waiver would also be a modest step politically. Those who drafted this amendment were known for their suspicion and wariness of the Soviet Union. The statute they authored puts the Soviets on a very short leash even after the granting of a waiver immediately.

Watch what they do

The second misconception involves the nature of the Soviet Union. There are some who insist that the Soviets

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Not Yet

By PAMELA B. COHEN and MICAH H. NAFTALIN

Last month, President Bush got the point of Jackson-Vanik right: A waiver must be withheld until the right of emigration in the Soviet Union is codified and implemented. The President's decision is in line with ours and that of Jewish leaders in the USSR. It would be helpful now if the Jewish leaders who have been advocating a weaker standard would reconsider their position.

Jackson-Vanik - to make emigration a matter of right. Indeed, emigration levels plummeted in the early and mid-1980s, as U.S.-Soviet relations cooled following the Afghanistan invasion.

Nature of reform

The Jackson-Vanik waiver process requires that the President verify sustained freedom of emigration both by high annual emigration levels and a review and report to Congress as to "the nature and implementation of [Soviet] emigration laws and policies. . . ."

The requirement for emigration law reform, as articulated by President Bush, is no mere debating point. The Soviets continue to refuse permission to emigrate to upwards of ten percent of Jewish applicants on arbitrary grounds, such as knowledge of state secrets or lack of family permission to emigrate. Sometimes, Jews in these categories are not even permitted to apply for emigration. Thus, failure to codify reform could condemn more than 50,000 (i.e., ten percent of 500,000) Soviet Jews to permanent Refusenik status. As more Soviet Jews win permission to emigrate, these new Refuseniks must not be abandoned in the euphoria.

But some American Jewish leaders, valuing high emigration numbers alone, have been arguing that a waiver may be imminent. However, lengthy consultation with Congressional leaders who specialize in human rights, and the president's statement on May 12, indicate the reverse: the U.S. government is proceeding with caution, is demanding verification of Soviet assurances of legal reform, and looks to us for consultation.

The UCSJ, in concert with the Soviet Jewish emigration leadership in the USSR and Israel, defines as essential criteria for a one-year waiver of Jackson-Vanik: (1) the evacuation of all

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Two Views



Jewish National Fund Honors Levinson



Standing (from left) are David Krigstein, Avrum N. Weiss, Mrs. Marilyn Levinson, Commissioner David N. Levinson, Sheldon Weinstein, Col. Raanan Gissin, Robert Forbes. Seated (from left) are Henry Topel, Ben Cloud, Rachel Rivlin, O. Francis Biondi, Frederick Marro.

"It was through the Jewish National Fund that I learned the meaning of charity. We had a little blue and white JNF box in our home, and I learned that the coins we put in that box were to help people in the world who were less fortunate than ourselves," said the Honorable David N. Levinson, Insurance Commissioner of the State of Delaware, when he accepted the Tree of Life Award from the Jewish National Fund at a dinner in his honor at the Radisson Hotel in Wilmington last Thursday.

The Tree of Life Award, JNF's highest honor, is given in recognition of outstanding community involvement, dedication to the cause of American-Israeli friendship, and devotion to peace and the security of human life. It symbolizes the Jewish National Fund's efforts to reclaim and develop the Land of Israel from barren and uninhabitable into a land of lush green forests and fields. The Jewish National Fund is the sole agency responsible for planting trees in the Holy Land. Since its founding in 1901, the JNF has planted over 180 million trees, created over 125 parks and recreation areas, developed nature sites, and discovered new techniques in agriculture and water technology to reclaim and afforest the land.

These techniques are shared with other countries, which are using them to combat world hunger - a project very dear to

the heart of Commissioner Levinson, who holds a distinguished record of community service.

In presenting the Tree of Life Award, Sheldon A. Weinstein announced that the David N. Levinson Forest will be established in the American Independence Park in the Hills of Judea, some 15 miles southwest of Jerusalem. This Park, a living testimonial to the friendship between the U.S. and Israel, was established on the Bicentennial of the United States of America. The planting of 10,000 trees in the David N.

Levinson Forest within this Park is a fitting tribute to this public servant during this year marking the 200th anniversary of the State of Delaware's signing of the U.S. Constitution, thus becoming the first State in the Union.

O. Francis Biondi co-chaired the dinner with Weinstein and Benjamin Cloud, Richard Collins, Martin Mand, Rachel Rivlin, Robert Rothman, Jack Stoltz, and Harry Zutz. Leonard J. Attman is Regional President; Avrum Weiss is Regional Director.

Staff Changes At JFD

By PAULA BERENGUT

The Jewish Federation of Delaware has announced that two staff members have recently left their positions. Harriet K. Wolfson, Director of the Jewish Community Relations Committee, retired after 3 years in that position and Marilyn Levin, Staff Associate, is now employed as the administrator of the Volunteer Link of New Castle County, a program that is part of the State Division of Volunteer Services, after a 3-year tenure at the Federation.

As JCRC Director, Wolfson's responsibilities included overseeing the Halina Wind Preston Holocaust Education Committee which is the administering committee of the Holocaust Library in the JCC, a variety of educational programs, the annual community Yom HaShoah program in Wilmington, and organized last year's Kristallnacht commemoration at the University of Delaware.

One of the most recent and ongoing projects of the Holocaust Education Committee which was begun under Wolfson's supervision, is the video taping of Holocaust survivors recounting their experiences.

Other projects for which Wolfson was responsible were the Israel Task Force, the Soviet Jewry Task Force, the Interfaith and Church/State

Task Force and the Domestic Affairs Task Force. She was the liaison for this community with the National Jewish Community Relations Council and the National Conference on Soviet Jewry.

Levin's responsibilities included supervising the Women's Division of the annual Federation campaign and the Women's Year-Round Division as well as Super Sunday and its follow-up calls. She was also the staff person who met annually with community organizations to establish the Jewish community calendar and was involved in leadership development.

Once a year Levin was also responsible for meeting with the Budget and Planning Steering Committee to establish the budgets of the Jewish Federation and its agencies. She was also involved in the Task Force on Aging, Family Service Task Force, Jewish Education Task Force and the National Agencies Task Force.

Some of their responsibilities will be assumed by Seth Bloom who will join the Federation staff as Director of Community Development. (See Jewish Voice, June 16.)

"We wish both of these women luck and note that their departure from the offices of the Jewish Federation will mean a great loss to our community," said Robert N. Kerbel, Executive Vice president of the Federation.

Tzedakah

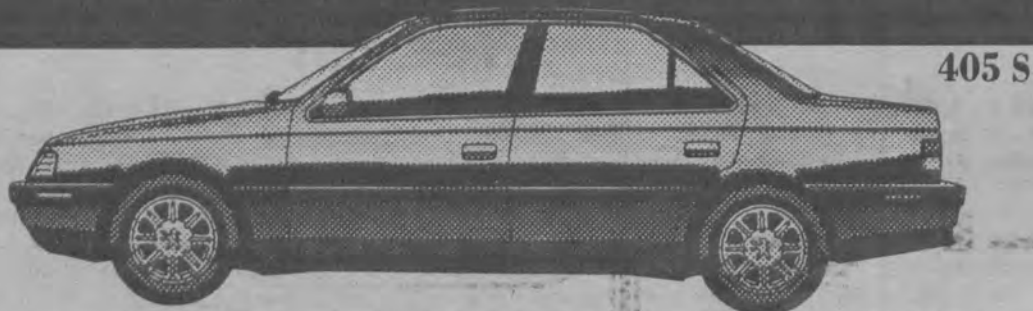
We congratulate Douglas Herrmann, son of Stephen and Susan Herrmann, on recently becoming a Bar Mitzvah.

We compliment him, also, on his decision to suggest to his friends and relatives that they make a charitable donation to a fund established with the Jewish Federation rather than give him personal Bar Mitzvah gifts. At Douglas' request, his family established the Douglas Herrmann Charitable Fund to receive the contributions. Douglas will have the opportunity to recommend the charitable institutions that will benefit from the fund.

Douglas understands the Jewish concept of Tzedakah. It is clear that he is following in the footsteps of his parents and grandparents, Chief Justice Daniel Herrmann and Julian and Romi Agoos, who have devoted much of their energy and their resources to building a vital Jewish community.

You, too, can establish a charitable fund for your child or grandchild so that the Jewish community of Delaware will continue to flourish. Call Connie Kreshtool, Jewish Federation of Delaware Endowment Fund Director, at 478-6200 for further information.

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Shamir Reportedly Planning Talks With Palestinians In Territories

By HUGH ORGEL *
 TEL AVIV (JTA) — Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir will open talks with leading Palestinian figures from the West Bank and Gaza Strip immediately after the Likud Central Committee convenes in Tel Aviv on July 5, Ma'ariv reported Tuesday.

Shamir's purpose is to promote his peace initiative, which calls for, among other things, Palestinian elections in the territories.

The Palestinians reportedly will be represented by prominent activists of a variety of affiliations, including Al Fatah, the fighting arm of the Palestine Liberation Organization headed by Yasir Arafat.

Yossi Ben-Aharon, director general of the Prime Minister's Office, confirmed that preparations for the talks are under way and said they may start by the end of next week Ma'ariv reported. The newspaper

quoted Ben-Aharon as saying, "The prime minister will have to find time to deal with the matter in an intensive way in order to promote the process and the elections initiative."

The Likud Central committee, consisting of nearly 2,000 members, was called into session to discuss Shamir's peace plan, which is opposed by powerful elements in the party.

Shamir maintains that inasmuch as the plan has been approved by the Cabinet and the Knesset, the party forum can neither reject nor alter it.

According to Ma'ariv, technical preparations for Shamir's meetings with the Palestinians have been entrusted to Shmuel Goren, coordinator of government activities in the administered territories. The newspaper said the talks would be conducted in strictest secrecy to facilitate frankness on both sides and to protect the Palestinian par-

ticipants from pressure by those who represent other points of view.

It will be made clear to the Palestinians in advance that they will be meeting with the prime minister, Ma'ariv said.

This is to demonstrate that Israel respects them and to avoid situations that have arisen in the past, when the Palestinian side was humiliated because it was summoned to talks without being told whom it was meeting.

Meanwhile, Ha'aretz reported Tuesday that the defense establishment has decided to allow Assad Saftawi to go to Egypt. Saftawi, a prominent Palestinian in the Gaza Strip, has an 11-point peace plan of his own, which he wants to present to PLO officials in Cairo.

He met with Goren on Monday at the office of Brig. Gen. Arych Shifman, head of the Gaza Strip civil administration,

and was told he can make the trip, provided he does not engage in subversive activities. He was instructed not to meet

with elements hostile to Israel or to transfer funds to the Gaza Strip.

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Jewish Family Campus Highlighted In National Athletic Magazine

The Jewish Community Center Family Campus, which was dedicated in June 1988, was featured in the 1989 Architectural Showcase, published by Athletic Business magazine. Athletic Business, is a monthly publication which is distributed to qualified athletic, recreation and fitness professionals.

The Showcase highlighted 46 facilities which were constructed or renovated within the past three years. This summer, each of the facilities profiled in the Showcase will be judged by a panel of leading sports and recreational facility architects who will choose the top ten projects to receive Athletic Business' coveted Facility of Merit Award.

The Jewish Family Campus facility includes a 6,000 square foot S-shaped swimming pool, multi-purpose sports fields, a tennis center, large picnic areas, a crafts and nature pavilion and an outdoor amphitheater. Tetra Tech Richardson, Inc., of Wilmington, provided the architectural design for the Family Campus.

The Facility of Merit winners will be announced in the November issue of Athletic Business and awards will be presented at the December Athletic Business Conference in Orlando, Florida.

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The new facilities at the Jewish Community Center Family Campus provide family recreation for members during the summer, thus enhancing existing indoor programs offered at an adjacent community center.

The campus, which is spread over a 23-acre site, features a pool complex, complete with wading pool, changing rooms, a shaded pavilion, and a kitchen; an amphitheater; football/soccer, softball and baseball fields; tennis and volleyball

courts; a playground and picnic area; a day-care area and parking. A day camp activity area, which serves 400 children, is arranged on the fringes of a wooded area, with pavilions and a nature area.

The design solution revolved around the maximum utilization of existing site amenities, which are related to the new amenities by color, texture and material.

All major activities for senior citizens are located next to the campus parking areas for easy accessibility.



The pool, which is S-shaped, can accommodate competitive, as well as recreational, activities.

With the wading pool on the right, the pool complex, like the rest of the campus, matches the existing amenities in color, texture and material.



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Beth Emeth Breaks Ground For New Temple Wing

Members of Congregation Beth Emeth gathered on June 4 for ground-breaking ceremonies for a new wing to be added to the Temple. Occupancy is planned for Spring 1990.

Manfred Katz presided over the festivities which began with an invocation delivered by Rabbi Herbert Drooz, Rabbi Emeritus of the Congregation, followed by a presentation from Leo Zefel, Chairman of the New Wing Project. Zefel recalled that groundbreaking for the original building took place in 1953 when the membership of the congregation was 365 families. Today's membership of 670 has made additional facilities crucial for the functioning of the congregation and the religious school.

The new wing will include four classrooms, additional restrooms, a resource center for the religious school, an enlarged Temple office, and a new main entrance from the

parking lot. Other changes include moving the library from the second floor to the first floor and improving access for the handicapped. The Space-Planning Committee was chaired by Henry Schenker and Michael Joseph; the Building Committee by Alfred Green.

Harold Snyder and Larry Isakoff were praised for their efforts as Fund raising Co-chairmen. They announced that the campaign is close to 90 percent of the \$700,000 goal. Special tribute was paid to those who made dedicatory gifts to the campaign: Dorothy Steinberg in memory Benjamin Steinberg and Dale Steinberg Weiler; Eva Greenstein in memory of Hillard Greenstein; Irving, Charlotte and Beth Shapiro; and Harry and Esther Jacobs.

In his concluding remarks Rabbi Peter Grumbacher praised the many congregants who had participated in fund-raising and planning for the new wing.



At right, Rabbi Peter Grumbacher, Leo Zefel, General Chairman of the New Wing committee, and Manfred Katz, President of Congregation Beth Emeth break the ground at the June 4 ceremony.

El Al Profits Up

NEW YORK (JTA)—El Al Israel Airlines reported its third consecutive net annual profit, totaling \$18.8 million for fiscal 1988, despite initial projections of a loss due to a 20 percent decline in tourism.

El Al carried 1.5 million passengers in fiscal 1988, a decrease of 9 percent from fiscal 1987, and its on-time performance reached 89 percent.

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Albert Einstein Academy celebrated its first formal graduation in this decade on June 11 at the B'nai B'rith Lodge.

The students, when presenting their remarks to their families, friends, and former teachers, stressed the advantage of a curriculum that uniquely combined their Jewish and secular educations. The graduates emphasized that along with their dual-studies program, they had the privilege of being part of an extended family, a secure network consisting of teachers, students in other grades, and auxiliary personnel both at the Academy and the Jewish Community Center.

Graduates include Shelly Dunner, daughter of Sandi and Stephen Dunner; Tammy Goldbaum, daughter of Judy and Richard Goldbaum; Elissa and Gabrielle Hall, daughters of Dr. Avrene Brandt and William Hall; Jennifer Labowitz, daughter of Susan and Dr. Russell Labowitz; Jennifer Rosen, daughter of Mary and Dr. Robert Rosen; and Pamela Weisberg, daughter of Loretta and Dr. Jay Weisberg.



Jennifer Labowitz



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Soviet Jews Who Emigrated In 70's Helping Raise Funds For Latest Wave

By TODD WINER

CHICAGO (JTA) — The first wave of Soviet Jewish emigrants who arrived in the United States in the late 1970s is now helping to lend a hand to the latest wave now arriving on our shores. One place it is happening is here, where the settled Soviet emigrant community recently hosted a fund-raising event, sponsored by the

Jewish United Fund of Metropolitan Chicago, to help raise monies for programs of the local Jewish federation as well as the national Passage to Freedom campaign.

And it is also happening in New York, where some 300 guests raised \$102,000 earlier this month in the first fund-raising event conducted entirely by Soviet emigrants for the New York UJA-Federation of

Jewish Philanthropies. That event was a June 4 dinner in Brighton Beach, the section of Brooklyn where most Jews from the Soviet Union have settled.

New York and Chicago rank first and second respectively in the list of cities that receive the largest number of Soviet Jewish emigres. There are approximately 10,000 in the Chicago area, and 2,000 more are expected to be settled this year.

Organizers of the Soviet Jewry campaign said the turnout of more than 250 participants at the Chicago event, which raised over 17,000 in one afternoon, was a sign they are ready and willing to help bear the financial burden and

community responsibility for continued Soviet Jewish resettlement and other projects here and in Israel.

Felix Aisen, a co-chairman of the event, said, "The message we are sending is that if you are coming to Chicago and hope to get the help of the Jewish community, you realize that you make a commitment. If you need help, the community will provide it. But it also means that if others need help, you'll provide it too, whether it is someone coming from the Soviet Union or elderly people here in Chicago."

The Chicago federation estimates that about one-fourth of Soviet Jews residing in Chicago, including some who resettled only in the past year,

contribute to the Jewish United Fund campaign, and many hold leadership positions in the community.

That experience is not shared by many other American cities with large populations of Soviet Jewish emigrants. Chicago is widely regarded as having made a pioneering outreach effort to its Soviet Jewish community.

At the Brighton Beach fundraiser, Sofia Garber, who left Odessa in 1975, called on the UJA-Federation to create a "Soviet emigre division." She, and her co-master of ceremonies, Pavel Margulies, spoke of the help Soviet emigres to Israel and the United States receive from UJA-Federation beneficiaries.

Dvar Torah Parashat Shelach July 1

To See Ourselves As Grasshoppers

By JULIUS LESTER

The story is simple: Spies go into the land of Canaan to scout out the land and its inhabitants. After forty days they return and report that, indeed, it is a land flowing with milk and honey and is filled with fruit. However, the people of the land are "fierce" and the cities are large and fortified. It is "a land that eats up the inhabitants thereof and all the people that we saw in it are men of great stature. And there we saw the Nephilim, the sons of Anak who come of the Nephilim." And the report of the spies ends with these startling words: And we were in our own sight as grasshoppers, and so we were in their sight."

The Midrash says the spies had good reason to see themselves as grasshoppers because they encountered three giants, Ahiman, Sheshai, and Talmai, who were so tall that the sun reached only to their ankles. When the giants saw the spies, "One of the giants shouted, and the spies fell down," unconscious. The Canaanites had to give the spies artificial respiration to revive them.

We might conclude that the spies were justified in feeling as small as grasshoppers in a land inhabited by people of such immensity. But according to the Midrash God reaches a different conclusion: "I have no objection to your saying, 'We were in our own sight as grasshoppers,' but I take it amiss if you say, 'And so we were in their sight,' for how can you tell how I made you appear in their sight? How do you know if you did not appear to them to be angels?"

While God may have no objection to people saying, "We were in our own sight as grasshoppers," I do. It seems axiomatic that how we see ourselves determines how we see others. If I am a grasshopper to myself, then others will appear as giants to me.

The grasshopper syndrome infects our marriages and relationships when we see ourselves as not worthy of, as less than our partners because we invest them with a power and majesty that should be given only to God. Frequently Jews see themselves as grasshoppers and thereby transform goyim into giants. Psychologically, how much of contemporary black anti-Semitism is nothing more than blacks seeing themselves as grasshoppers and making giants out of Jews?

There are two spies, however, who do not see themselves as grasshoppers — Joshua and Caleb. When the report is given about the giants inhabiting the land, Caleb says, "We should go up at once, and possess it; for we are well able to overcome it." What gives Caleb such confidence?

The word translated as grasshopper is *chegavim*, and in Isaiah 40:22 God is described as "the One who sits upon the circle of the earth, and the inhabitants thereof are *cachagavim* grasshoppers."

Caleb lives with the proper perspective. To be as a grasshopper before God is proper. To be as a grasshopper in anyone else's sight is not. The penalty for being a grasshopper is severe in the sight of others: it is to be condemned by God to wander in the wilderness for forty years.

There are, then, two dimensions to seeing ourselves as grasshoppers. The improper dimension is the one we encounter in the realm of the personal — in our families, on our jobs, in our social and business encounters — when we fail to exhibit the confidence of Caleb. We become afflicted by the grasshopper syndrome in the personal sphere when we invest others with the power that really belongs to God. The only dimension in which it is proper to see ourselves as grasshoppers is before "He who sits upon the circle of the earth."

The paradox is that when we see ourselves as grasshoppers in the sight of others we experience low self-esteem; we are burdened with feelings of inferiority. But when we see ourselves as grasshoppers before "the One who sits upon the circle of the earth," we are initiated into the realm of wonder and awe.

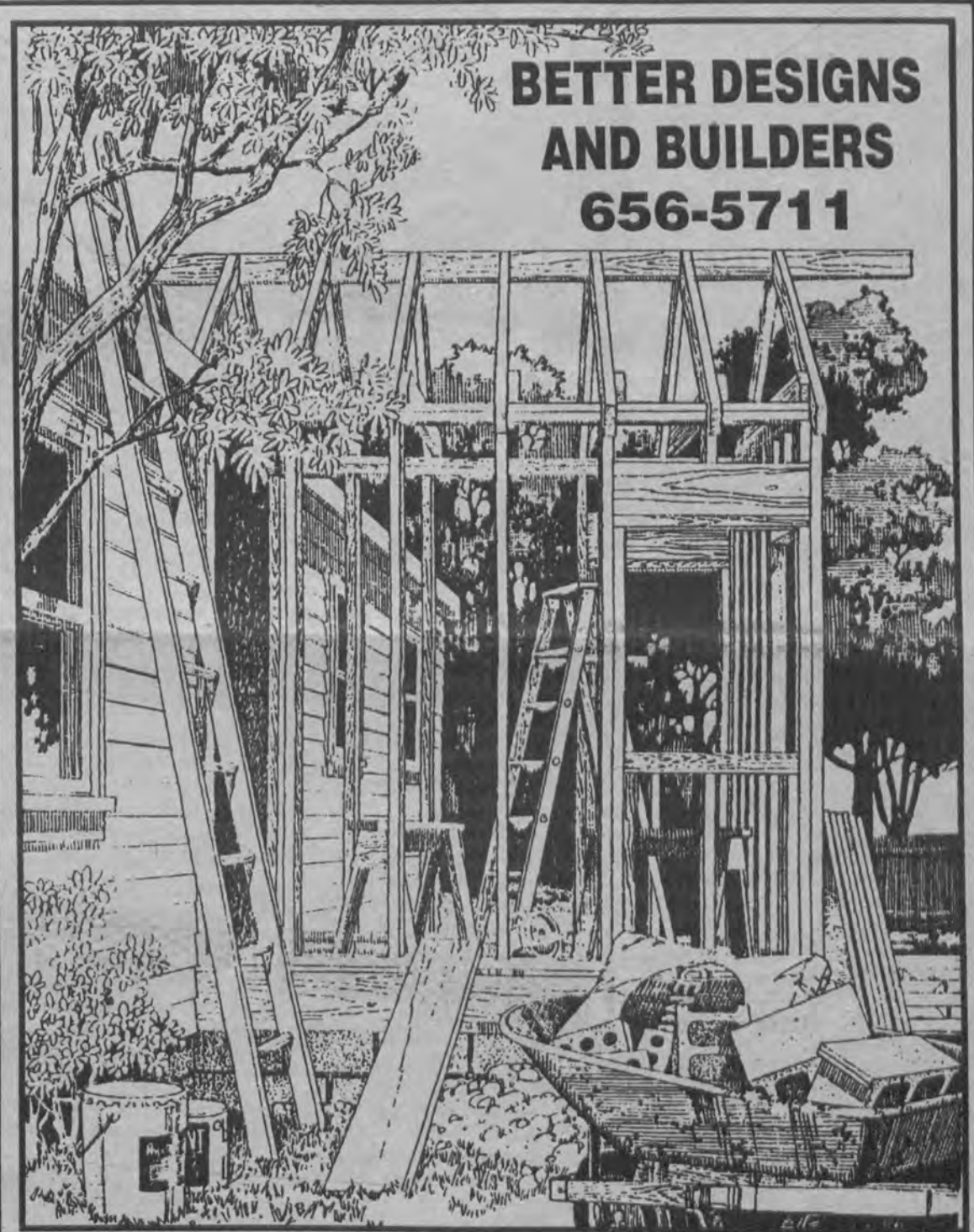
In Tractate Berachot we are told that "Everything is within the power of heaven except the awe and fear of heaven." Therefore, the initiation into the realm of wonder and awe is our responsibility. Thus it is our responsibility to keep ourselves in the proper perspective and be grasshoppers before "He who sits upon the circle of the earth."

What kind of grasshopper are you? A grasshopper like the spies who did not wonder in amazement at the very fact of their lives and therefore could not consecrate themselves, or a grasshopper like Caleb who lived in a state of awe because of "the One who sits upon the circle of the earth?"

What kind of grasshopper are you?

(Julius Lester, author of *Lovesong: Becoming a Jew*. He teaches in the Department of Judaic and Near Eastern Studies at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst.)

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Advice To The Class Of '89: Be Liberal, Be Jews

By ARTHUR J. MAGIDA

Special to The Jewish Voice

Members of the Class of '89 at leading Jewish universities around the country were recently urged by commencement speakers to keep liberalism alive, maintain a proper stance toward Israel, improve education in the United States and use traditional religious values to help enrich the contemporary world.

Whether any of these students, at long last freed from classes, teachers and arcane readings, took to heart any of what they heard is something that can only be answered by each graduate. To some extent, the speeches were each college's last-ditch chance to get its penultimate message across to its new grads. As novelist E.L. Doctorow, the commencement speaker at Brandeis University, gently told that school's departing seniors, "I'm the last compulsory lecture of your undergraduate careers. I represent your faculty's last shot at you, their last chance to tell you what they meant, before you slip out of their grasp forever."

Joining Doctorow in setting graduates on the straight-and-narrow of life were Sen. Joseph Lieberman, (D-Conn.), who spoke at Yeshiva University; Simcha Dinitz, head of The Jewish Agency, who addressed Jewish Theological Seminary (JTS) graduates; and Dr. Joseph A. Steger, president of the University of Cincinnati, who orated at Hebrew Union College (HUC).

In New York, Lieberman, the first Orthodox Jew elected to the Senate, told Yeshiva graduates that his victory last fall "vindicates" Yeshiva's "basic premise" — that secular and religious education are complementary, not antagonistic, that they "can strengthen each other."

His election, he said, means that observing Orthodox practices will not limit "any career or personal choices." It also undermines those, he said, who contend that "particular religious values, traditions and observances are impediments to success in the real world... They are not an impediment. They are indispensable."

"My victory," said the senator, "may have been a personal accomplishment, but it is also a celebration of America."

The "greatest source" of America's "discipline and purpose," said Lieberman, is "faith — a faith that accepts human imperfection, but elevates humans by making us accountable and giving us purpose."

Among those purposes, he continued, was the fight against drugs, crime, and environmental ruin. Calling the environment "God's creation," Lieberman said pollution is "a true profanation of God's name" that can be stopped "by making polluters accountable" and "by restoring self-discipline."

At the Jewish Theological Seminary, the Conservative movement's rabbinical seminary in New York, Dinitz of The Jewish Agency said Israel and Diaspora relations are in "a sensitive and crucial stage." He primarily attributed this delicacy to the Palestinian Intifada and peace initiatives by the Palestine Liberation Organization and to last autumn's fracas over "Who Is A Jew."

Israel's centrality for Jews everywhere, he said, means it must remain strong, physically, morally and democratically. It also "bestows certain modes of conduct" on Diaspora Jews, who must strive, said Dinitz to make Israel "attractive" so Jews from all over the world will regard Israel as "their home." Dinitz related this issue to Soviet Jewish emigres, about whom some American Jews debate whether they should settle wherever they wish or be allowed to settle only in Israel.

Referring to Israeli visas which Soviet Jews use to leave the USSR, Dinitz said "too much blood, sweat and tears" have been expended for



Senator Joseph Lieberman: Religion and secularity "can strengthen each other."

Israel's existence for Israeli visas "to be turned into a document that moves Jews to destinies other than Israel."

Defending American Jews' right to criticize Israel, Dinitz said, "If Israel was created as a state for all the Jews, then all the Jewish people have a right to express their opinion as of what kind of Israel they wish to see." But Israelis, he said, reserve the right to make decisions that will affect Israel's future because "they and they alone will have to carry the burden of the consequences of these decisions."

Dinitz chided Jews who have met with Palestine Liberation Organization chairman Yassir Arafat for helping to create "the illusion" that Arafat can weaken Israel by "driving a wedge" between Israel and Diaspora Jews. And he said the PLO is fighting Israel's proposal to hold Palestinian elections in the West Bank and Gaza because PLO leaders fear that such balloting will mean that the locus of power will then emanate from the residents of these two territories and "not from a clique that sits in Tunisia."

Education in America today is "failing," Joseph Steger, University of Cincinnati president told graduates at Hebrew Union College, because it is ignoring basic values and morality.

Education, said Steger, is "training people [for jobs] not educating them."

He implied that an erosion of values is now endemic in American society. Daily, he said, politicians are indicted, crime is growing at a yearly rate of 1.8 percent, and finan-

cial institutions are collapsing "because of greed."

Even the Bush administration's proposed funds for education, he said, is less an education budget than "a national loss of values budget." He backed this assertion with the observation that 62 percent of the administration's submitted education budget is dedicated to cutting school dropout rates and fighting drug problems.

"Obviously," said Steger, "families must be the basic educators of values. However, those of us in leadership positions of every kind must act and foster values, be they moral, ethical or legal."

At Brandeis, in Waltham, Mass., novelist Doctorow delivered what he called "not a state of the union address, but a state of the mind of the union address."

The nation's mind, said Doctorow, has succumbed to "something really rotten." American society is losing cohesiveness and "moral acuity." There is "smarmy name-calling" and a "bottom-line standard of business thinking...[that] controls every aspect of our lives."

Doctorow lamented the last decade's "deconstruction of America" that has dismantled "enlightened social legislation that had begun to bring equity over half a century to the lives of working people, to rectify some of the terrible imbalance of racial injustice, and give a fair shake to the outsiders, the underdogs, the newcomers." And he scorned the arrival of "a new generation of nativist know-nothings...[who] make overt the covert racism and



Simcha Dinitz; Israeli and Diaspora relations are "sensitive and crucial."

anti-Semitism of the campaign demagoguery of our conservative politicians."

Doctorow, whose several novels have invariably celebrated an America of liberal instincts, called upon the graduates to use their education to "defend the borders of a magnanimous, human civilization."

"You are in charge of yourselves," he assured the students. The "stack of books" they collected at Brandeis are an "icon of the humanist ideal." At college, he said, the students had acquired "sanctity of thought," "the means to stay in touch with truth," and "living, inquiring... minds [that] can be enlisted in the struggle for a human future and a society unbesieged by the grotesqueries of stupidity and terror."

(Arthur J. Magida is an Associate Editor of the Baltimore Jewish Times.)

Big Bloc In Congress Wants Aid For Jews In Ethiopia

By JOSEPH POLAKOFF

Special to the Jewish Voice

WASHINGTON — Movement is taking place in Congress to enlist the Bush Administration's full support to help alleviate the misery of Ethiopia's general populace and particularly that of the dwindling remnants of Ethiopian Jews show villages are in the area of fighting among the country's military forces.

Timing of the movement appears based on the Soviet Union's reconsideration of its many years of support for the Government in Addis Ababa and that government's edging toward Washington for improved relations with the United States which could bring American aid. The Addis Ababa government is battling with two rebel armies, one of which appears to be willing to negotiate peace. Meanwhile, living conditions are deteriorating.

The Congressional Caucus for Ethiopian Jewry that includes about 150 Senators and Representatives of both parties has taken the lead to raise the level of human rights in that country. The Senate already has a resolution pending in its Foreign Relations Committee and the House is to receive a companion measure soon.

Senators Rudy Roschwitz (R-Minn) and Alan Cranston (D-Calif) and Reps. Stephen Solarz (K-NY) and Benjamin Gilman (R-NY) are co-chairs of the caucus. Roschwitz and Cranston were so-sponsors of the resolution introduced by

Senator Pete Wilson (R-Calif), a caucus member. Later, Senators Paul Simon (D-Ill), Howard Metzenbaum (D-Ohio), and Alfonse D-Amato (R-NY) joined in the co-sponsorship.

The Wilson resolution calls on the Bush Administration to halt any improvements in relations with Ethiopia until it makes "tangible progress in human rights conditions for Ethiopian Jews, including freedom to emigrate, travel and observe religious holidays."

"We should not reward the Ethiopian Government with

monetary assistance while its Jewish community continues to suffer as a result of human rights abuses," Wilson said. He cautioned that the resolution "does not affect the millions of dollars in humanitarian aid provided to the Ethiopian people through charitable organizations such as the Red Cross. It only addresses government-to-government contracts between the U.S. and Ethiopia."

Under his resolution, the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations would petition the UN

World Food Program, the UN Security Council and the UN General Assembly to develop and implement a policy for the sustained emigration of Ethiopian Jews.

Most of the estimated 15,000 Jews remaining in Ethiopia live in Gondar Province, one of the country's most hunger-stricken areas. Nearly 8,000 were airlifted to Israel during the secret U.S.-Israeli airlifts in 1984-85. The abrupt end to that operation left thousands of broken families and anguish among relatives in both Israel and Ethiopia.

\$1.5 Million Worth Of Rare Judaica Changes Hands At Auction In Geneva

By TAMAR LEVY

GENEVA (JTA)—Judaica dealers and collectors from Europe, Canada and the United States bid on nearly a million and a half dollars worth of Judaica here on June 19, at an auction organized by the Habsburg Feldman house.

But the item that was to have been the highlight of the auction, the 14th-century Wolf Haggadah, did not go up for sale, though the manuscript was on display. The Haggadah is in the hands of a Swiss judge, who has yet to sort through competing claims of ownership submitted by four separate parties.

The Jewish communities of East and West Berlin, the Jewish Historical Institute of Warsaw and an anonymous

private individual are all claiming the Haggadah, which is valued at about half a million dollars. The anonymous individual is the private dealer who brought it to the sale. According to a Habsburg Feldman spokesman, the dealer had been unaware the Haggadah was stolen from the Jewish Historical Institute of Warsaw in 1987.

Judge Vladimir Stemberger says he hopes to establish the Haggadah's rightful owner in one month's time.

The Habsburg Feldman auction, held at the Hotel des Bergues, was Geneva's first major sale of Judaica. It is said to have been the most important Judaica sale since 1975, when Sotheby's held an auction in Zurich.

The highest bid was for a hand-wrought silver Chanukah menorah from Russia, dating from 1846. The lamp fetched about \$117,000.

A Haggadah, printed in 1568, in Padua, Italy, was sold for about \$44,000. An Italian silk curtain for a Torah ark, dating from 1755, brought approximately \$47,000.

Rabbi Shlomo Pappenheim, director of the Jewish Art Museum in Jerusalem, said collectors are fascinated with European Judaica, because so little of it survived the Holocaust. He said that rare Judaica is also in high demand, because Jews today want to have some of their own history in the home.

Netanyahu Outlines Steps To Peace, Including Negotiating With Arabs

By **MARCIA CONRON**
Special to The Jewish Voice

Four points to peace in the Middle East, including negotiating with the Palestinian Arabs, were proposed at a political fund-raiser last week by Benjamin Netanyahu, Israel's current deputy foreign minister and former ambassador to the United Nations.

The plan discussed by Netanyahu has four components, two relating to the current Arab-Israeli conflict and two concerning the territories in the West Bank. Netanyahu, who was Israel's permanent representative to the United Nations from 1984 to 1988 and was elected to the Knesset in November, called the plan "a realistic and sober proposal for a responsible peace."

Netanyahu made his remarks to about 175 people gathered in Short Hills, N.J., last week at the third annual Essex County fund-raiser for AIPAC, the American-Israel Public Affairs Committee.

Two points concerning the Arab-Israeli conflict "call for the Arabs to end the state of war. Not negotiate a peace yet, just say 'we declare a state of non-belligerency and a willingness to enter negotiations with Israel.' That's number one," said Netanyahu.

"If Israel is going to be asked to enter new peace negotiations with other countries, we have to see that the current peace that we have is meaningful," said the former ambassador, referring to the Camp David accords signed with Egypt in 1979.

"If there's one thing we could do to achieve a stable peace, it is to diffuse the Palestinian refugee question. We offer a concrete proposal for refugees within Israel's domain," said Netanyahu.

To the governments that use the term "the plight of the refugees," Netanyahu suggested that they stop just complaining about the problem. "Put your money where your mouth is. Start doing something about it."

Netanyahu said the Israel proposes the creation of a multi-national fund, where Israel, together with the U.S. and seven other industrialized countries, would spend about \$2 million over five years to simply rehabilitate all the refugee camps within Israel's domain.

Netanyahu said the fourth component is to try to resolve the problem of the territories. "But cognizant of the problem of Israel's survival, what we say to the Arabs, the Palestinian Arabs, is we will adopt a framework that will allow you to realize part of your aspirations. Not all of it, because if your aspiration is that we will be in the Mediterranean, you're not going to have that. But if you want to live and co-exist and eventually get to a point where we can negotiate the status of these territories peacefully, then here's what we offer.

"Elect your representatives freely, democratically, run your own lives, your daily lives, in an autonomous arrangement... and down the line, having stopped the violence,

having learned to live together, let's sit down and try to negotiate what is unnegotiable today," said Netanyahu.

Though the problems on the West Bank and that of the Palestinian Arabs are important, Netanyahu said, and Israel wants to solve them, the most important problem facing Israel today is that of survival.

He said that today the total Arab armed forces are bigger than NATO. According to Netanyahu Israel's neighbors to the east have 12,000 tanks. The Iraqi army alone is larger than the American army, he said, and the Syrian army is only slightly smaller than the Iraqi forces.

The most important problem is to make sure that the Arab forces never organize themselves to the point where they can threaten the survival of Israel, he said.

The former Israeli ambassador also said that the Soviet Union will liberalize its emigration laws in the near future.

Within a month or two, "the Soviet Union is going to completely liberalize its emigration laws. That means that technically that any Jew can emigrate anywhere," he said.

However, because of immigration quotas in most Western countries, including the U.S., the vast number of Soviet Jews who will want to leave the Soviet Union will only be able to choose whether to stay in Moscow or go to Israel, said Netanyahu.

He said that in the past few months, before any liberalization of emigration laws have



Benjamin Netanyahu

taken place, 20,000 Soviet Jews a month, an unprecedented number, have requested permits from Israel for immigration. The requests have increased in the last few days "as Jews, understanding that they have the opportunity to leave, also understand that there might be a China happening in the Soviet Union," in the future, referring to the recent

democracy movement, he said.

He called the future absorption of possibly more than one million Soviet Jews in Israel a "challenge of opportunity" to Jews worldwide "to seize and mold and change our history." He called upon the American-Jewish community to help with the task in providing housing and business enterprises, saying the emigration would be another of the great historical returns of Jews to the ancestral homeland, comparing it to the Exodus from Egypt, the Babylonian return and the founding of the modern state of Israel.

Netanyahu, 39, is American-educated, having received his bachelor's and master's degrees from M.I.T. He served for five years in the special forces of the Israeli Defense Force, and is considered a major contender in both American and Israeli political circles to be Israeli prime minister in the future.

(Marcia Conron is a nationally-published freelance journalist, specializing in Jewish topics.)

100,000 Trees Destroyed By Fire

JERUSALEM (JTA)—Arson accounted for nearly half of the 405 forest fires that have broken out in Israel since March, the Jewish National Fund's forestry department reported last week.

Up to the middle of June, the blazes destroyed almost 100,000 trees, JNF said. But while the number of fires was about the same as in the corresponding period last year, the damage was less. The JNF credited the preparedness of its professional and volunteer firefighters.

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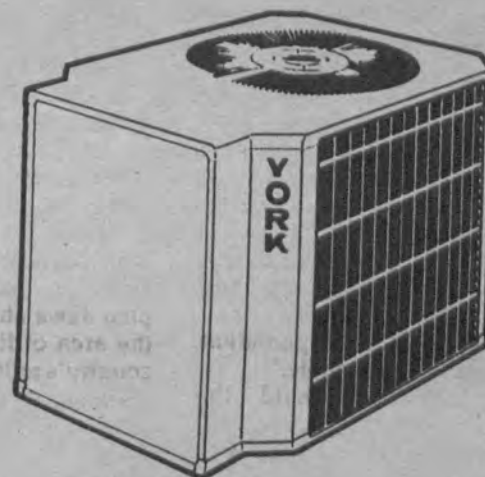
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Announcements/Events

Israeli Media Expert To Offer Radio Workshop/Course At Gratz

Gratz College is proud to announce a new radio/workshop course to be taught this summer by Israeli media expert, Anat Peleg. This course, "WGRZ - Good Morning, Gratz," designed both for the professional educator and intelligent layman, teaches the different aspects of radio broadcasting with a view towards their application in the classroom in Jewish and general education. Students will conduct interviews, do research, select background music and even do live broadcasts. The workshop will include the production of a documentary on issues of interest to Philadelphia Jewry that will be broadcast on Station FM 91.7.

The instructor, Anat Peleg, is a well known Israeli radio producer, and the wife of Israel's Consul-General in Philadelphia, Dr. Israel Peleg. Ms. Peleg, who hosted a weekly prime-time talk show on Israel Radio and is a celebrated writer and producer of documentaries and radio news magazines, worked for twelve years in radio both on Kol-Israel, the Israel State Radio and Galei Tzahal, the radio station of the Defense Forces. A graduate in English literature and political science of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, she is fluent in English and well-versed in domestic and international politics.

Among her many documentaries for Israeli radio were "Moscow and Jerusalem," which deals with the complicated relations between a super power and sovereign state, with which is formally maintained no relations; "born in Jaffa," a daring portrayal of the divided loyalties and the ambivalent attitudes of Israeli Arabs living in the heart of metropolitan Tel-Aviv; "Shock of Freedom," a series of interviews with released prisoners of war, Russian immigrants and silent heroes (espionage agents for Israel).

Peleg intends to teach many of the same skills she uses in her radio broadcasts in the new radio/workshop course at Gratz.

"WGRZ - Good Morning, Gratz" can be taken for college credit or personal enrichment. The course will be offered at Gratz College's brand new home, the Ann Newman Building, on the beautiful 28-acre Mandell Education Campus in Melrose Park. The course will run for ten sessions on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from June 28 to July 20, 1:30 p.m. to 5 p.m., and will have use of live broadcasting facilities.

Gratz College is accredited by the Commission on Higher Education of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools. It is a constituent agency of the Federation of Jewish Agencies of Greater Philadelphia.

Naches

Fredman — Panitz

Debra Miriam Panitz and Jeffrey Norman Fredman were married on Sunday, June 18, at Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Synagogue. Rabbi Leonard B. Gewirtz officiated at the double-ring ceremony. A reception and dinner followed in the synagogue social hall.

Parents of the bride are Bernard and Sylvia Panitz of Wilmington and the groom's parents are Ted and Harriet Fredman of Silver Spring, Md.

Jeff's grandparents are Manuel and Sydene Fredman of St. Louis, Missouri and Mrs. Muriel Singer and the late Irving Singer of St. Paul, Minnesota. Debra's grandparents are the late Rev. Ezekiel and Nettie Panitz and the late Bernard and Sadie Freeman of Baltimore.

Deena Panitz of Laurel, Md. was maid of honor for her sister and Daniel Fredman was best man for his brother. Ushers were Robert and Kenneth Fredman of Silver Spring Md., brothers of the groom, and Joel and Gary Panitz of Wilmington, brothers of the bride, and Heinan Landau of Rockville, Md.

Bridesmaids were Beth Panitz, sister of the bride, Jennifer Finn of Gaithersburg Md. Jane Smith of Largo, Florida, and Caroline Waugh of Miller-ville, Md.

Debra is a graduate of Con-

cord High School Delaware Gratz Hebrew High School and a 1988 graduate of the University of Maryland, College Park. Jeff is a graduate student at the University of Alabama, Birmingham.

After a honeymoon cruise to the Caribbean, Debra and Jeff are residing in Birmingham, Alabama.

Platt

Drs. Davis and Ethel Platt were honored on June 26 by the Delaware Academy of Family Practice for their dedicated 95 years of service in family practice between them. The Platts were described as leaders in medicine and medical policy making, in the health and maintenance organizations, in clinics for the poor, and in the evolution of general practice into the demanding speciality of family practice.

The Platts' retirement plans include working for the State Board of Health, at \$1 a year, speaking in public schools about smoking, AIDS and other health issues. They have said that they will make themselves available following those sessions for students who may need to talk to them.

MODERN KOSHER CLOSED

As of July 1, Modern Kosher Market will be closed. For information regarding the availability of kosher meats and groceries in the Philadelphia and Baltimore areas or to share information you may have, contact Jewish Family Service at 478-9411.

AKSE Religious School

The months of May and June were busy ones for the students and teachers at AKSE Religious School. Yom HaShoah was commemorated with a short memorial service followed by a video showing Israel's observance of Yom HaShoah. Yom HaAtzmaut was celebrated with original poems and presentations by the students, and with birthday cake as well.

Commencement Services were held on Friday evening, May 19. Graduates of the "Heh" Class participated in the Kabbalat Shabbat Services and received their Certificates of Graduation. The Talmud Torah graduates were joined by the four AKSE Wilmington-Gratz graduates, Aaron Handler, Rachelle Kahn,

Bruce Seltzer and Joel Simon. Kahn and Simon spoke on the merits of continuing Jewish education beyond Talmud Torah. Kevin Gross, representing the AKSE School Committee, presented each of the Gratz graduates with a book in recognition of his or her accomplishments.

Closing exercises for Pre-Aleph students were held on Sunday, May 21. Following presentations by the students, certificates of promotion to the Talmud Torah were presented to the students of the Pre-Aleph Grade 2 class.

Closing exercises for Talmud Torah students were held on May 31. Songs and poems were followed by the awarding of Honor Roll Certificates. (Continued to page 20)

National Havurah Committee Summer Institute Planned

The National Havurah Committee will conduct a week long summer institute August 14-20 at Harcum Jr. College in Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania. As many as three hundred men, women and children interested in Jewish renewal are expected to gather for this event.

The adults will have an opportunity to study with a faculty drawn from all areas of Jewish life. Courses are offered in Bible, rabbinic texts, kabbalah and Jewish spirituality, Midrash, and poetry. There are separate programs for children of all ages. And workshops are offered for the sharing of ideas and experiences — everything from community building to tallis-making.

Brochures are available from the N.H.C. Institute office, 441 West Carpenter Lane, Philadelphia, PA 19119, or call (215) 438-6108. One does not have to have any prior experience with havurah or Jewish renewal to attend.

"I have been coming to these

Institutes for ten years," said Mitchell Chefetz, Chairperson of the N.H.C. "I am no longer amazed at how quickly a community forms. It doesn't matter if a person is attending for the first time, or has come many times. It doesn't matter if a per-

Slogan Contest Winner Announced

Albert Einstein Academy has announced that AEA parent Craig Goldberg has won the school's recent slogan contest. The new slogan, "Where Children Love Being Jewish!", will be used in school advertising. The 32 submitted entries were judged by a panel consisting of a board member, an alumna and a representative of the Jewish Community Center. Goldberg won a \$100 U.S. Savings Bond.

New Officers Elected To Kutz Auxiliary

The Auxiliary of the Milton and Hattie Kutz held its Annual Meeting on June 1. Faith Goldman, immediate Past President, reported on a year which saw highly successful fundraising events including the Forget-Me-Not Ball and the Donor Luncheon. These events provided the funds necessary to continue the renovation and redecoration programs at the Home.

Goldman announced that a commemorative "Tree of Love," purchased by the Auxiliary, would be installed in the lobby of the Home during the summer.

Officers elected for 1989-90 are Shelly Mand, President; Louise Sloane, Vice-President; Ethel Engel, Recording Secretary; Suzy Hefter, Corresponding Secretary; Harry Wolpert, Treasurer; Selma Seitz, Financial Secretary; and Julia Blumberg, Life Membership. New board members include Elva Levine, Helen Potter, Ethel Parsons, Edythe



Kutz Auxiliary President Shelly Mand and outgoing President Faith Goldman.

Rapkin, Marilyn Weiner, Joan Helfand, Ellen Levin and Gayle Glazar.

Mand, an active volunteer and board member in a number of Jewish and community organizations, co-chaired the 1985 Forget-Me-Not Ball with her husband, Martin. She announced that the Auxiliary has chosen to purchase a leaf on

the "Tree of Love" in honor of outgoing President Goldman.

In her acceptance speech, Mand said, "Because our Home is going through a difficult period now with financial pressures and concern for its future, it is more imperative than ever that the Auxiliary intensify its efforts on behalf of the Home's residents."

YMCA Biathlon For Homeless

The YMCA of New Castle County is sponsoring its Second Annual Biathlon for the Homeless, to be held on Sunday, July 23. The proceeds from the event will benefit the YW's new Home-Life Management Center for transitional/emergency housing. In this Center, the YW will provide housing and support services for the homeless in our community.

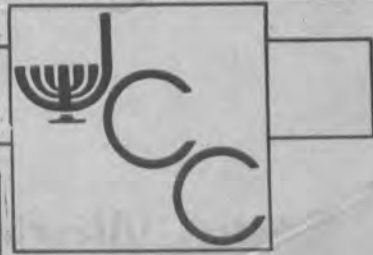
The Biathlon is a competitive running and cycling event and brings athletes from a wide geographic area. Last year's race was selected by the national publication, *Triathlon Today*, as one of the 10 best biathlons on the East Coast.

Volunteers are needed to help in a variety of areas, including registration, monitoring

street corners for the runners and cyclists, setting up the transition area, and the post race party. All volunteers will receive a T-shirt and an invitation to the post-race party.

For information about the race and volunteering, please contact Sonia S. Sloan at 233 King Street, Wilmington, DE 19801, or phone 302/658-7161.

Jewish Community Center



Israel To Come Alive At JCC Summer Camp

Children attending Camp JCC will be creating a unique Israeli environment at the conclusion of the theme week of "Am Israel," which is scheduled for Friday, July 14. Campers will begin their day by presenting their hand-made passports as they exit from their buses and enter the land of Israel. Camp Israeli Day will include re-creating the "Wailing Wall," venturing through the different cities of Israel and participating in kibbutz activities.

The Israeli Schlichah, Mira Werker, will play a major role in creating this special Israeli environment for the campers to enjoy. They will visit a discotheque in Tel Aviv, make orange juice in Haifa, enjoy a traditional Israeli lunch and learn to milk a cow in the kibbutz area.

Eileen Wallach, Camp Program Coordinator, explains the significance of exposing the campers to a variety of Judaic themes. "It is our intent to provide the children with enjoyable activities as well as teaching them about the different cultures and lifestyles that exist in Israel. Each week a theme will set the pace for all camp activities. Fun themes, such as *Mishpachah* (Family), *Mitzvot* (Good Deeds) and *Cherut* (Freedom) will be incorporated into everyday activities.

"The entire camp staff is looking forward to spending Israeli Day with the campers and watching them enjoy the activities, in addition to developing a positive attitude towards their homeland," Wallach added.

Scholarship Fund Sends Kids To Camp

Over 70 children, whose families might not have been able to afford camp, will be enjoying a camp experience this season thanks to the community members who contributed to the JCC Day Camp Scholarship Fund and support from the Jewish Federation of Delaware and the United Way.

The Day Camp Scholarship Fund was initiated by the JCC Board of Directors in November 1985, although the Center has been providing financial assistance to children attending camp programs since it began. Administered by the Jewish Community Center, the

Day Camp Scholarship Fund provides scholarship aid for children of the community, who need financial assistance, so they can gain the growth and enrichment of a summer day camp experience.

"This year, the JCC will be allocating more than \$12,000 in camp scholarship funds," said Nan Lipstein, Chairperson of this year's JCC Camp Scholarship fundraising efforts. "Many families are eager to take advantage of a Jewish identity camping experience that combines the typical recreational and social activities with strong emphasis placed on cultural programming. This year's allocation to families is a sizeable amount but still not enough to meet all the needs of the Wilmington community. Camp tuition was increased this year, placing a great burden on single-parent families and other families with financial difficulties," Lipstein added.

The Scholarship Fund Campaign is still in progress and contributions are currently being accepted by the Center. For more information on Scholarship Fund opportunities, contact Moises Paz, Assistant Executive Director, at 478-5660.

Tickets are still available for the following performances:

Jackie Mason
at the Kennedy Center
Sunday, July 23
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"Gypsy" at the
Kennedy Center
Wednesday, August 16
\$50/Members,
\$70/Non-Members

Call the JCC
at 478-5660
for more information.

Trip To Lower East Side

The Jewish Community Center's Cultural Caravan has planned a trip to the Lower East Side on Sunday, September 24. The day will include shopping and sight-seeing. The cost is \$25, for members and \$35 for non-members and includes transportation. The bus will depart from the JCC at 7 a.m. and will return at approximately 8 p.m. A stop at Rattner's Restaurant on the return trip to Wilmington is planned.

For more information, contact Lynn Greenfield, Adult Program Director, at 478-5660.

Summer '89 At Amphitheater

The Rosh Ha'Ayin Orchestra, consisting of 50 mandolin musicians, will perform at the Family Campus Amphitheatre on Thursday, July 20, at 7:30 p.m. Rosh Ha'Ayin has been critically acclaimed and has performed for many diverse audiences, such as the United States Navy and the Israeli Knesset. A family dinner will be held on the picnic grounds beginning at 5:30 p.m. Dinner reservations are required and the cost is \$16 for families, \$5 for adults, \$4 for seniors and \$3 for children. Reservations may be made by calling the JCC Front Desk.

Jackie Pack, a well-known folksinger and entertainer, will present an evening of folk songs at the Campus Amphitheatre on Thursday, July 27, at 7:30 p.m. Pack will place the main focus of her musical

program on the children in the audience and will also invite them to participate on stage. Tickets are available at the Front Desk. The cost is \$3 for adults and \$2 for children.

On Sunday, July 30, the Campus Amphitheatre will host a special concert by the Banjo Dusters. The Banjo Dusters are a Dixieland-Roaring 20's type band. They have performed throughout Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. The performance is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. and the cost is \$2 for adults, \$1.50 for children.

Other performances scheduled for the Family Campus Amphitheatre include The Israeli Scout Friendship Caravan, scheduled for August 3 and a performance by The Goldene Medina Klezmer Orchestra on August 13. For more information on programs at the amphitheatre, contact Lynn Greenfield, Adult Program Director at 478-5660.

Optometrist

To Visit Seniors

Dr. Michelle Medwin, local Optometrist from Family Optometry, will present a 30-minute lecture on common eye problems at the Senior Center on Wednesday, July 19, at 1 p.m. Medwin's focus will include ways to solve some of the most common problems that tend to increase with age. Contact Ray Freshman at the JCC for more information this presentation.

Accessory

Fashion Show

Diane Calloway, a representative from "The Royal Collection," will present an Accessory Fashion Show for the JCC Senior Center on Wednesday, July 5, at 10:30 a.m. She will demonstrate how to improve a wardrobe with the use of scarfs and other clothing supplements.



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An Israeli Perspective

Ze'ev Golin

Salaam, Atif

Last weekend, we had the Egyptian liaison officer to lunch.

The meal was served in our barracks, and the cuisine was strictly mess hall. Our army

reserve unit had issued no formal invitations: We all wore our fatigues to the luncheon. The Egyptian - whose name was Atif - did not seem terribly put out by Israeli informality.

It was not a strictly social occasion. The Egyptians had a technical problem which required the services of the Israeli telephone company. Only Atif was permitted to pass through the gate which separates the two countries at Netafim Crossing, eight miles from Eilat.

Nothing is simple in this part of the world. Atif knew hardly a word of Hebrew or English. The Israeli liaison officer spoke no Arabic. Fortune, however, reared its golden head for the Egyptians in the form of our non-Jewish brethren from the Galilee, the Druze.

As native Arabic speakers, the Druze soldiers on base willingly served as interpreters between the two officers. Soon the Israeli was on his way to Eilat to put matters to right. And we had company for lunch.

We had ample contact with the Egyptian soldiers during our tour of duty. At Netafim crossing, only a small gate separates the two countries. It was no great feat for the two armies to exchange news and jokes in Arabic. When our transistor wore out, the Egyptians lent us a radio. Sometimes, Atif brought it over himself.

The tourist trade also aided contact between the two countries. Netafim crossing is the easiest place on the Israeli - Egyptian border to visit. Each day, despite temperatures between 105 and 112 degrees, busloads of tourists descended

on Netafim, to be photographed between the two flags. Often, there were demands to be photographed with both the Israeli and the Egyptian soldiers: This required special arrangements with Atif.

Through the Druze, I managed to learn something about the life of the Egyptian soldiers. Discipline was strict, and comforts were few. They had no electricity, because the generator had broken down some months before and Cairo was taking its time about a replacement. On the other hand, they got more and longer leaves than the Israeli soldiers. On a salary of \$100 a month - more than twice the average for Egypt - they claimed that they lived "like kings" when they returned to their villages.

At noon on Friday the Moslem sabbath, the soldiers were called to prayer. There was no mosque, so the Egyptian officer simply plunked himself down in the middle of the road and called out "Allahu Akbar" - "G-d is great." The soldiers hurried out from their tents into the broiling midday sun for the service. Then, as the mercury climbed past 100 degrees, the same officer treated his troops to a lengthy sermon. One hundred feet away, in another country, I looked on in sympathy.

The Druze soldiers, by contrast, were as nonreligious as any of their secular Jewish comrades. As most sabras,

they could be brash, curious, annoying and warm. Alas, they could tell me next to nothing about their people's religion: Its beliefs and rituals are a secret to all but the observant members of the sect.

Through the intervention of the Druze, I was literally able to put my foot into Egypt and shake hands with the Egyptians. Everyday, Atif practiced his few words of English on me, "How are you Zeev?" (rhyming my name with "peeve") and "It's me, Atif."

In contrast, to this amicable scene, the Israeli-Egyptian boundary in the Gaza Strip city of Rafiach is marked by rows of barbed wire. There is little contact between the two armies, even when the Israeli soldiers are Arabic-speaking. The rioting and cross-border attempts at terrorist action - with the resulting arrests, injuries, and deaths - are a constant source of tension between the two countries.

All was quiet, however, somewhere west of Eilat. When we finished our tour of duty, Atif wished us well and the Egyptians gathered at the gate to see us off. I wondered if the next group of reservists, which contained no Arabic speakers, would get on as well.

(Zeev Golin, formerly of Wilmington, Delaware, has lived in Israel since 1980. He is employed by Bank Leumi and is also a correspondent for the Jerusalem Post.)

Promise Of Israeli Persuades 100 Soviet Jews To Make Aliyah

By GIL SEDAN

JERUSALEM (JTA)—An offer of jobs convinced about 100 Soviet Jewish emigrants waiting for U.S. visas in Italy to come to Israel instead, the Jewish Agency for Israel reported last week. It said seven of them are already in the country and 18 more were due to arrive shortly on an El Al flight from Rome. The rest were expected to arrive shortly.

Their change of plans was the first tangible result of a joint project by the Israel Manufacturers Association and the Jewish Agency's Department of Immigration and Absorption.

Ron Fruchtman, director of the association's industrial management department, recently spent eight days with Soviet Jews in transit in Italy. He told a news conference

here that emigres who were promised jobs in the textile industry recruited other emigrant textile workers, with whom the Israelis had not made contact.

Altogether, 1,300 job offers were made to the Russian Jews. That figure raised eyebrows here, considering that unemployment in Israel has reached a new high of 120,000 people. But apparently the jobs offered could not have been filled by the existing labor pool in Israel.

The manufacturers hope Soviet Jews will replace foreign workers and Palestinians from the administered territories who hold jobs in Israel.

Arnon Mantber, director general of the Immigration and Absorption Department, told the news conference that about 50,000 Jews are expected to leave the Soviet Union this year.

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JFS Year In Review

By **LESLIE NEWMAN**
President
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Jewish Family Service

This has been an active year for the Board and Staff of Jewish Family Service. The Staff has participated in Board committee work, while the Board has supported the Staff wherever possible with volunteer efforts.

We resettled three Russian families between February and early June. The Galperins arrived February 23, the Gayduk and Okun families on May 22, and the Greenbergs on June 5. Resettling means locating an apartment, furnishing it from linens to ladles, and helping the family establish itself in the community (making doctor appointments, buying a car, finding a job, etc.). A special thanks to Roberta Burman, who has labored to make these families welcome. Ann Marcus, Ruth Balick, Roger Pernick, Jerry Turnauer, and many other volunteers have supported her efforts.

We continue to counsel families and individuals in the community. Our Staff members, Helene Rudnick and Arnold Lieberman, are available during the day and on Wednesday evening.

Serving the elderly continues to be a major focus of our agency. In addition to acting as a resource, we help the families and the seniors cope with decisions that need to be made.

Ruth Kerbel will be missed as she heads on to Philadelphia.

This year for the first time, our Aging Committee coordinated a Passover Program. Seniors from the community were invited to a Sabbath Service at Beth Emeth, followed by a lunch and musical program. Residents from nursing homes unaffiliated with the Jewish community were particularly targeted. The event was a rousing success. A special thanks goes to Joan Wachstein, who chaired the event, and to Rabbi Peter Grumbacher, who helped make it such a memorable day.

We continue to serve the seniors of the B'nai B'rith House with a daily lunch program. Gail Budin coordinates this service with the assistance of volunteers from the House. We are actively seeking a Grant-In-Aid request to work with the frail elderly of the B'nai B'rith House so that they may remain in their homes rather than move to a nursing home.

Our Board had a successful fund raiser this year. One hundred and fifty people attended our Comedy Cabaret dinner and show in March. A good time was had by all. Special thanks go to Ruth Balick and Efrem Lieber and their committee. Our "Friends" solicitation was also a great success. Thank you to Nancy Sherr, who coordinated this campaign for the past two years.

The Board was also busy updating our By-Laws, and

creating a rough draft of a strategic plan. Thanks to Norm Pernick for the By-Laws update. The Executive Committee (Peggy Amsterdam, Niki Ehrenfeld, Joan Wachstein, Bert Green, Efrem Lieber, and myself), with the help of Ed Golin, worked hard to create the rough draft. Now the Committee will edit and prioritize the plan, with the help of a United Way Volunteer, Jack Wright.

We continue to perform services in the community. The

residents of Delaware State Hospital are visited by Jane Cutler and Rabbi Peter Grumbacher. The Jewish community provides meals at the Emmanuel Dining Room the seventh day of each month. We coordinate this program, and are responsible for meals during May, June, and July. Thanks to Jane Cutler and Ruth Balick for their continued dedication.

Jewish Family Life Education is alive and well. We continue

to have an active Judaism and Feminism group which meets monthly. This year alone we've worked with the Jewish Community Center Preschool, JCC Seniors, Beth El Sisterhood, B'nai B'rith House, ORT, Hadassah, Beth Emeth students, the combined Jewish High Schools, as well as organizations beyond the Jewish community. Hedy Campeas-Cohen is our loss and York, Pennsylvania's gain.

Volunteers have helped us. Sam and Helen Wenzler have continued to be ready, willing and able. Thank you. We continue to need volunteers for the elderly (doctor appointments, tax forms, insurance forms, friendly visits, etc.). Now, we also need volunteers to help our new Russian families assimilate. Please contact us if you would like to teach them English or transport them to various agencies and medical appointments.

We have seven new Board Members: Betty Diznoff, Trudy Halprin, Linda Harwitz, Joan Helfand, Liz Kahn, Jordan Rosen, and Marci Spivack. We welcome them and look forward to sharing expertise and enthusiasm. Four Board Members are leaving after years of dedicated service: Bob Chalphin, Jane Cutler, Nancy Sherr, and Gil Sloan. We'll miss you.

In sum, we've had a great year. Next year will be even better.

Dear Rachel,

There are guys I date, and men who are friends. There is nothing that annoys me more than the Jewish men I know who will sit with me for hours and tell me how they just don't find Jewish women sexually attractive. They'll go on and on ad nauseum about their non-Jewish girlfriends, and pressure from their parents to date Jewish women. What am I, dogmeat?

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Rachel

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Jewish Peace Groups Joins Others At U.N. Session

By **ALLISON KAPLAN**
UNITED NATIONS (JTA)—Seven Jewish peace groups joined here last week with some 80 organizations — including Palestinian advocacy groups — to hear speeches praising the Palestinian intifada, criticizing Israeli behavior in the occupied territories and scolding Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's peace initiative.

The symposium was designed for grass-roots organizations to influence United States policy in support of Palestinian rights. It was the sixth such gathering sponsored by the U.N.'s "Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People," a group made up of 23 U.N. member countries.

Israel's acting ambassador to the United Nations, Johanan Bein, has called the symposium part of ongoing "anti-Israel activity" at the U.N. Speakers at the symposium included Palestinians, Israelis and Americans.

Israeli peace activist Mattiyahu Peled said that the 18-month-old intifada represented "legitimate resistance" and was therefore "enjoying moral support all over the world," while Israel continues to lose world sympathy. "Israel's intransigence leads even its strongest supporters to doubt its desire for peace," he said.

Peled, a former general in the Israel Defense Force, was also

for a short time a member of Knesset in an Arab-Jewish coalition party, the Progressive List for Peace. He advocates an international peace conference as a means of solving the Arab-Israeli conflict, as did most of the speakers at the symposium.

In his address, Peled called the recent Shamir initiative, which proposed elections in the West Bank and Gaza, "muddle-headed."

The goal of the plan, which he said "sounded new but offered no chance for change," was not to achieve peace with the Palestinians, but, instead, with Jordan.

A statement by Yasir Arafat

read at the symposium Wednesday also attacked the Shamir plan. Arafat's statement, read by Zehdi Terzi, the PLO's observer at the United Nations, reiterated the position that elections should occur only after Israeli forces are withdrawn from the occupied territories.

Members of the organizations participating in the symposium also participated in how-to panels on generating popular support for the Palestinian cause, and promoting the idea of an international peace conference.

Advice on rallying support for Palestinians was offered in

a speech by left-wing political consultant Margaret McCormack. She suggested that Palestinian advocacy groups organize around upbeat activities such as music and theater, which have a "certain attraction" and will draw a wider audience. "You can't organize people around pain," she said.

She also recommended taking advantage of legislative opportunities for pushing the Palestinian cause. For example, McCormack said, groups

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CCAR Puts Off Decision On Admitting Gay Rabbis

By DON CANAAN

The American Israelite

CINCINNATI (JTA) — After prolonged deliberation at the six-day centennial convention of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, the issue of whether gay men and lesbians should be allowed to serve as reform rabbis remained in the closet. The CCAR's ad hoc

committee on homosexuality, which has been studying the matter for three years, produced a report on the convention's final day.

But to the surprise of some delegates, it agreed unanimously not to introduce a resolution on homosexual ordination, according to the committee chairman, Rabbi Selig

Salkowitz.

But Rabbi Yoel Kahn, a San Francisco rabbi who played a major role in shaping the CCAR's debate on homosexuality, said it was his "personal opinion that we will have a resolution at next year's convention. I just don't think there is patience among the CCAR members for anything longer."

The committee did, however, recommend a process of dialogue and education for members and congregants. "This is not the time for parliamentary resolutions but for sensitive and considered study," Salkowitz said. He said the committee's primary disagreement was over "the nature of homosexuality" — whether it is a genetic or acquired trait, "and therefore a matter of personal choice."

Another question was the sanctity of homosexual marriages. "We struggled with the question of the reaction of Klal Yisrael," Salkowitz said.

"Would a support resolution be seen as a further wedge between Reform and non-Reform Judaism?" he asked. "We should be concerned about the total Jewish community and not become a schism outside the mainstream of American Jewry."

Kahn, who is spiritual leader of Sha'ar Zahav congregation in San Francisco, asked whether the Jewish community can affirm "The place of the homosexual Jew in the synagogue and the Jewish people." Kahn, whose 425-member congregation maintains an outreach effort to gay men and lesbians, asked, "If the goal of Jewish life is to live in 'kedushah' (holiness), can we sanctify and bless homosexual relationships without compromising the integrity of our tradition?"

In addition, he asked how can "this new stand" be reconciled with historic Jewish teachings "in favor of heterosexual procreative marriage as the normative and ideal form of Jewish family life?" Kahn added that while he believes "God calls us to affirm the sanctity of homosexual relations," many Jews see these relationships as an

abomination.

Leonard Kravitz, a professor of Midrash at the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, the Reform seminary, said, "The notion of homosexual marriage is not just something which has just come up. It is discussed in the tradition. It is mentioned in the Midrash."

He quoted Rabbi Walter Jacob, chairman of the CCAR's Response Committee, as saying that Reform rabbis cannot officiate at the "marriage" of two homosexuals because "none of the elements of kedushah normally associated with marriage can be invoked for this relationship."

But HUC has "decided that homosexuality per se is no longer grounds for nonacceptance into the rabbinic program," Kravitz said. He characterized that as "passive permissiveness," maintaining "neutrality to the sexual orientation of applicants."

HUC President Alfred Gottschalk disputed that interpretation at a later discussion group. "Sexual orientation is one of a set of factors that are taken into consideration upon admission," he said. "We do not admit homosexuals. We don't admit heterosexuals. We try to admit individuals on the basis of a total profile," he said, "and that is the college's policy."

50 Years Ago In Jewish History

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JOHANN STRAUSS'S "NON-ARYAN" DESCENDANTS DISINHERITED

VIENNA, July 2 (Havas) — Descendants of the famous Viennese "waltz king," Johann Strauss, were barred from inheritance of his musical and personal property, which reverts to the city of Vienna, by an official ruling published today, climaxing Julius Streicher's campaign to disinherit Strauss's "non-Aryan" descendants.

The Austrian composer, who died in 1899, married a Jewess converted to the Roman Catholic faith. Adele Deutsch, his third wife. The royalties he left her will now become Viennese property. Recently, repeated attacks in Streicher's newspaper, Der Stürmer, forced a daughter of Strauss by a previous marriage to turn over to Vienna violins and manuscripts which her father left her.

840 ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS AWAIT GOVERNMENT ACTION

HAIFA, July 4 (JTA) — The Greek schooner St. Nicola, which steamed boldly into the harbor yesterday flying the blue-white Zionist flag and carrying 697 Jewish illegal immigrants, including 470 men, 190 women and 37 children, was held under arrest in the port today pending instructions from the authorities in Jerusalem.

The 370 illegal immigrants captured off Gaza aboard the steamship Los Parlos on Sunday were interned in the Jewish Agency's immigrants' hostel in Haifa and will probably be released in a day or two.

4,500 ITALIAN JEWS BAPTIZED IN YEAR; GREATEST MASS CONVERSION SINCE INQUISITION

ROME, July 6 (JTA) — Italian racial legislation has stimulated the greatest mass conversion of Jews since the Spanish Inquisition, it was disclosed here today. Official statistics revealed that 4,500 Jews, representing more than ten percent of the entire Jewish population in Italy, have embraced Christianity in the past year.

BOMB FOUND IN CAIRO SYNAGOGUE; ZIONIST SUPPORTERS WARNED

CAIRO, July 6 (JTA) — A large bomb, wrapped in paper bearing a handwritten Arabic threat against Egyptian Jews who support Zionism, was found today in this city's leading synagogue. The bomb had no fuse.

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Children Of Slain IDF Soldiers Camping In PA This Summer

PHILADELPHIA (JTA) — Eighteen children whose fathers died serving in the Israeli Air Force are receiving a special gift this summer.

The children will be spending four weeks in a Reform Jewish camp and a week sightseeing, as part of a project sponsored by the Joseph and Betty Harlam UAHC Camp Institute in Kunkletown, Pa., and the Israeli air force's Office of Bereaved Families. Nine girls and nine boys will participate, age 12 and 13.

The Israeli air force will provide the roundtrip air transportation. Funds for camp and the sightseeing tour were collected from Camp Harlam families and area religious schools.

"It's a double mitzvah, a uni-

que opportunity for these Israeli children — most of whom are unaffiliated with any synagogue — to get closer to Judaism and make new friends," said Lt. Colonel David Levine, head of the Office of Bereaved Families.

The children will visit Philadelphia, Washington, New York and Hershey Park, Pa., accompanied by American youngsters the same age.

"We hope this special camp experience will last these children a lifetime — that they will return to Israel with a myriad of memories and a long list of new friends," said Arie Gluck, director of Camp Harlam. He said that this summer's program may be the first in a series of annual programs.

Florida Klansman Declares Boycott of Kosher Food

By MICHAEL KELLMAN
NEW YORK (JTA) — The Ku Klux Klan branch of Central Florida is organizing a boycott of a local snack food company that produces kosher products, according to Arthur Teitelbaum, director of the Florida regional office of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

The organizer of the boycott, Tony Bastanzio, is a convicted felon who established his own Klan and appointed himself grand dragon without the consent of any other members of the Klan. He is, therefore, not even accepted by other Klansmen.

However, Bastanzio's talent is media manipulation. He released a statement to the press stating that people should boycott Tom's Foods, a local snack food company which has a kosher label, because the kosher labeling raises the costs and gives more money to the Jews. According to Teitelbaum, manufacturers claim that the kosher label actually, in some cases, lowers the cost of production by giving the product a wider circulation.

The boycott, which was called for June 11, is not expected to be observed by many people.

Skinheads Now In 31 States

By JOSEPH POLAKOFF

WASHINGTON — Neo-Nazi Skinheads number 3,000 in 31 states, a thousand more than in 21 states last October, with the largest increase in the southeastern states, the Anti-Defamation League's National Commission has made known in a 32-page report. (June 18)

While not a mass movement, it said, the neo-Nazis are "a product of contemporary American life." Their movement from the streets into schools are "a serious development," the ADL's chairman, Burton Levinson said. "Skinheads assaulting minority students, scrawling racist graffiti on school lockers, walls and doors, shouting racial epithets and distributing racist flyers poison the total school atmosphere and make orderly study exceedingly difficult."

All Skinheads are not racists, the report said, noting only actions of those who wear Nazi insignia, preach hatred and commit violence against blacks, Jews, Hispanics, Asians and homosexuals.

Skinheads were described as coming from widely varying social and economic backgrounds. A large percentage are unskilled school dropouts and "an extraordinarily high proportion" come from broken and single parent homes. "An important attraction for some young people is the Skinheads' hard-driving music and their aura of toughness," the report said. "Like all street gangs and cults, Skinhead gangs provide members with a substitute family composed of their peers."

Book Review

Walking A Tightrope: The Life Of Janusz Korczak

The King of Children: A Biography of Janusz Korczak. Betty Jean Lifton. Farrar, Straus & Giroux, 19 Union Square West, New York, NY 10019. 1988. 404 pages. \$22.50.

Reviewed by CAROL GLATT

Often, a chance meeting can have dramatic impact on the course of one's life. And so it was with Betty Jean Lifton, when during the summer of 1978 a visitor mentioned the strange sounding name, Janusz Korczak. Later that year, intrigued by stories she heard in Munich and Jerusalem about this Polish-Jewish educator, physician and child psychologist, who was virtually unknown in this country, she embarked upon what turned into years of painstaking research into his life and world.

Quoting extensively from the doctor's own writings, she succeeds admirably in recreating a world that has been destroyed. Born to well-to-do Warsaw family in the 1870s, his childhood was marred by his father's bouts with mental illness, the deteriorating economic status of the family, and ultimately, his father's probable suicide. Early on, he sought escape from his misfortunes by clinging to the world of childhood; significantly, he devoted his life to children.

Although attracted to education and writing, he decided to pursue a medical career. While

in medical school he continued his literary interests. It was during this period that he adopted the nom deplume of Janusz Korczak, by which he was known throughout his life. Presumably, he felt more comfortable using a Polish name than his birth name, Henryk Goldszmit. The name of Janusz Korczak later became famous throughout Poland when he published, in 1923, his widely acclaimed children's masterpiece *King Matt the Fair* and incorporating autobiography, the book exuded charm and spirit and became extremely popular.

Korczak became a successful doctor, moved in Polish society, was involved in the abortive revolution of 1905, and spent some time in jail. However, his interest in children and in educational theories increased. Finally, he abandoned his medical practice and established an orphanage which would serve as a laboratory for his innovative approach to child rearing. Many of his ideas were highly controversial, such as the right of children to evaluate their teachers, and the concept of self-government in the orphanage.

Korczak operated the orphanage with Stefa Wilczynska. While there is no indication that he felt any romantic stirrings for her, there is evidence that she was utterly devoted to him. Perhaps her ardent, unre-



quited love, can be compared to that of Henrietta Szold for Louis Ginzberg. Years later, in 1938, she left for Palestine, only to return the following years to assist him make preparations for departure. By returning to Germany in 1939, she sealed her fate.

Korczak maintained stilted relationships even with close associates. Perhaps his child-like qualities, which permitted him to write such popular children's books prevented him from establishing meaningful adult relationships. Due to his success as an author and educator, Korczak experienced a fair level of acceptance in Polish society. However, with the rise of anti-Semitism in the 1930s he was ousted from the board of a prestigious orphanage, discharged from his

position as a juvenile court advocate, and dismissed from his radio program. Pained by his rejection, he was drawn to Zionism and considered emigrating to Palestine, but could not find the time and energy to do so.

In the end, his indecision sealed his fate. By procrastinating, he lost the opportunity to begin life anew — but gained the opportunity for immortalization. For now he is remembered for his heroic actions during the days of incarceration in the Warsaw Ghetto and his brave determination to go to his death with "his children." Prevented from integrating into Polish society, he chose, at the end, to live and die with pride, as a Jew.

Based on extensive, well-documented research, including Korczak's interviews with diaries, photos, and visits to Poland, the book has an authentic ring.

Lifton adds to our comprehension of the charged atmosphere of pre-war Poland, where Jews who aspired to bridge the abyss between acceptance in Polish society and retaining their Jewish identity had to walk a tightrope between the two worlds — and were never fully accepted in either.

(Carol R. Glatt is a free-lance writer and library consultant. Jewish Books in Review is a service of the JWB Jewish Book Council. Reprinted by permission.)

IN BRIEF

ELIE WIESEL: Messenger to all Humanity, by Robert McAfee Brown. University of Notre Dame Press, 266 pages, \$10.95 paper. Using Wiesel's literary oeuvre, Brown traces his transformation, from the utter despair of *Night* to the personal redemption of *The Gates of the Forest*. This second edition adds two appendices to the original work, the first a selection of reviews of Wiesel's later works, the second, an essay about Wiesel and his acceptance of the Nobel Prize.

WHERE HEAVEN AND EARTH TOUCH, by Danny Siegal. Jason Aronson Inc., 332 pages, \$25. Siegal, a teacher and well-known lecturer and poet, has chosen and translated select passages from classical Jewish texts in the hope that the timeless Jewish values contained in these writings will prompt students to be kind, decent, caring, responsible human beings.

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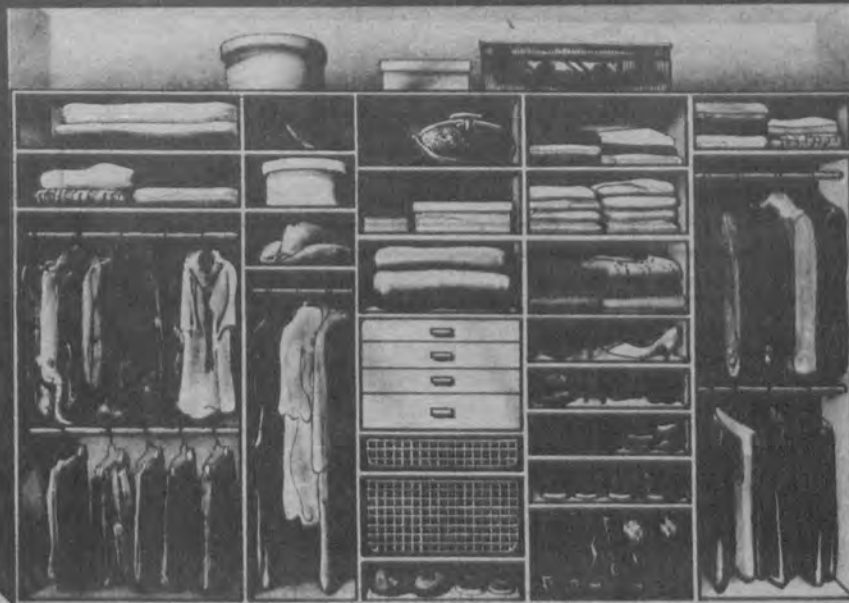


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Herb Wolfson Is Kutz Home's Music Man

By CELIA GANS

Special to The Jewish Voice

Herb Wolfson, the Kutz Home's Sunday troubadour, auditioned for his volunteer post on a bus, according to Volunteers' Director of "We were returned home."

Washington, D.C., "From the Soviet Jewry" march about two years ago," recalls Maerov, "when Herb led a sing-a-long on our bus. His voice and manner impressed all of us. Jackie Guttenplan, then our Director of Admissions, remembered that his mother had been a Kutz Home resident. It was Jackie who asked Herb to sing for our residents."

The Kutz Home residents responded to Herb as enthusiastically as his fellow bus passengers. As Dan Thurman, Kutz Home Director, points out, "Our audience is musically very sophisticated — they recognize and appreciate a fine voice. By sharing his gift with us, Herb gives this audience an opportunity they wouldn't otherwise have to enjoy such a wonderful talent."

If you visit on a Sunday afternoon, notes Thurman, you will see that Kutz Home residents are avid listeners and enthusiastic participants. "Herb's choice of songs reminds them of their youth," says Thurman. He sings the popular music, show tunes and Yiddish



Herb Wolfson

favorites of their day. He brings back happy memories when they, too, were 'young and foolish.'

"If he sings well" adds Thurman, an inveterate punster. "I tell Herb he'll get a 'standing ovation' from our residents."

On a recent warm Sunday in June, 35 residents, guests and staff gathered in the Kutz Home social hall, listening to Blanche Liebert play (as she has for the past 13 years) old favorites on the upright piano. With the air of a seasoned vaudeville performer, Wolfson

entered singing — "It Had To Be You" — in a deep, powerful, resonant voice. A Mickey Rooney "Let's-Put-on-a-Show" gleam in his eye, he wooed latecomers into the room.

He gestured broadly, smiling at each listener. Deftly, he coaxed residents to join him on the second chorus. "I need some help," he told them, tugging at his ear, "Let's hear you sing." More voices joined in, as Liebert played the introduction with next selection.

With a smile and charm, Wolfson glided through a score of unabashedly sentimental favorites including "Would You're Smiling," "The Bells Are Ringing," "Pennies From Heaven," and "Peg O' My Heart." In Wolfson's version, the young Peg, of course, had a "Jewish," not an "Irish," heart!

His audience taps their feet on wheelchair footrests, keeps time with their fingertips on chair arms, claps, or "con-

ducts" the chorus of voices with sweeping gestures.

Wolfson concluded with "Ba Mir Bist du Shein" and "Hatikva" (several residents stood for Israel's national anthem).

The Wolfson voice has been heard in many areas of the Delaware Valley beyond River Road, admits this recently-retired DuPont patent attorney. He has sung with OperaDelaware, the Breck's Mill Players, and in the Beth Shalom Chorus. He played lead roles in "South Pacific" and "Promises, Promises."

Wolfson's formal association with the Kutz Home began in 1978 when his mother moved to Kutz Home for nursing care. Although she had been in Pennsylvania hospital in need of nursing care for less than six months, Wolfson's ties to Kutz remain strong. "I saw the care my mother received. I know how important it was to all of us to have her live her final days with dignity. When Jackie asked me

to sing, I couldn't turn her down."

In addition to his commitment as Kutz's Sunday Song Leader, Wolfson continues to consult for the DuPont Company, visit with his children (two have moved to Michigan, one to New York) and play more tennis. "I'm more of a tennis enthusiast than a tennis pro," he admits, "but tennis is great exercise."

Maerov notes how much Wolfson's visits mean and how much staff and residents appreciate him. She adds that all volunteers are welcome. For example, some residents who are Holocaust survivors have no relatives and would welcome a one-to-one visitor. The Home also needs a caller for its Monday night BINGO game. And if you can play the piano, you will be welcome any weekday between 2:30 and 3 p.m. You could be Kutz's Tea-Time Ivory-Tickler Star."

Jews Of Brazil Experiencing A Rebirth

By MILTON JACOBY

The recent return of democracy to Brazil has had a salutary effect on Jewish life in the largest Latin American country. Jews no longer fear to participate openly in the political process, and they find themselves courted by vote-seeking candidates of all political persuasions. The news media, too, have changed, showing an interest in Jewish communal affairs as well as what Judaism has to say about non-Jewish issues.

All this had led to a resurgence of Jewish cultural and religious life, primarily in two cities — dynamic Sao Paulo, a business and industrial center where 60,000 Jews live amid a population double that of New York City; and romantic Rio, an international tourist attraction which is home to about 30,000 Jews.

"We are rapidly emerging from stagnation," says Roberto Graetz, the enterprising rabbi of Rio's Liberal Temple Ari. "There is a concerted drive on to turn around the educational process; our Jewish federation is making a real contribution to the life of our city, and we now have more rabbis serving our city," he said.

The federation has weekly radio and television programs and is establishing close connections with municipal, state and federal officials.

According to Graetz, "in Rio, 65 percent of Jewish children attend Jewish schools, one of the highest rates of its kind in the world." The Jewish Board of Education here has begun a campaign to transform the existing Jewish secondary schools into high schools that will be a model for the entire country, and has hired professional fund-raisers from the United States to help with the job.

Brazil is larger in area than the continental United States, with a population of 145 million, 90 percent of whom are Catholics, and by the most generous estimates, no more than 150,000 Jews.

In Sao Paulo, the acknowledged spokesman is Rabbi Henry Sobel of Congregacao Israelita Paulista, which, with 2,000 families, is easily the largest Jewish con-



Rabbi Henry I. Sobel

gregation in Latin America and one of the largest in the world.

He discusses the sweeping changes in his community's relations with the government since the advent of democracy only a few years ago. "Jews maintained a low profile during the military rule of the '70s, but now, with democracy, politics is no longer taboo," he said.

"Those of us who were in the vanguard of the human rights movement during the darkest years of repression have now gained credibility. More important still, Jews are no longer afraid to participate actively within the political system."

Sobel said that Jews are now active in politics, both liberal and conservative, and that they occupy important positions in municipal, state and federal bodies.

"A new phenomenon has emerged since democracy was restored," the rabbi said. "Candidates for political office flock to our synagogues on the High Holidays, donning kippot, in the hope of winning 'the Jewish vote.' What they do not know is that there is no 'Jewish vote' as such. In Brazil, just as in any other free country, there are Jewish communists, Jewish liberals, Jewish conservatives and Jewish reactionaries," the rabbi said.

Sobel acknowledged that there is latent anti-Semitism in Brazil, but said that overt manifestations are sporadic. The few that do occur are usually in the guise of anti-Zionism and, according to Sobel, are nourished by the government's "pragmatic" anti-Israel policy.

To cope with its \$120 billion foreign debt, Brazil moves closer to the oil-producing countries at the expense of its relations with Israel, Sobel said. Pro-Palestinian groups have taken advantage of the unrest in the West Bank and Gaza Strip to demand official recognition of the Palestine Liberation Organization. When the Saudi Arabian foreign minister visited the capital, Brasilia, a year ago, the Arab lobby urged the government to grant diplomatic status to the PLO. Its answer was a flat no. The director general of the Foreign Ministry informed the Jewish community that while it was obliged to roll out the red carpet for the minister, the government would not give in to PLO demands.

That position seems to stem less from affection for Israel than the army's concern over possible terrorist activity.

Of the country's three leading newspapers, *O Estado de Sao Paulo* and *Jornal do Brasil* are unabashedly pro-Israel. *Folha de Sao Paulo*, a highly respected daily, sympathizes with the Arabs in the PLO. But while it often criticizes Israel, it is warm and generous in its coverage of the Brazilian Jewish community.

There is an interesting sidelight. While Orthodox institutions thrive in Brazil, the news media never turns to Orthodox rabbis when it wants a "Jewish opinion" on issues of general concern, but to the Liberal (Reform) rabbis or lay leaders. Sao Paulo is the commercial locomotive that pulls the economy, while Rio revels in its breathtaking vistas of mountains and bays. There is deep-rooted rivalry between the two cities and it extends to their respective Jewish communities. But it is healthy competition and it has stimulated the Jews of both metropolises to grow in strength and influence.

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Carmelite Convent Won't Be Relocated Until 1990

By SUSAN BIRNBAUM

NEW YORK (JTA)—The Carmelite convent at Auschwitz will be relocated, but not by next month, as a French Jewish leader appeared to suggest last week.

The leader, Theo Klein, said earlier that he had received a letter from the archbishop of Lyon indicating that the convent would be relocated to a site some 550 feet away from the perimeter of the former death camp. Klein appeared to suggest the transfer would take place before June 22, a date Cardinal Albert Decourtray of Lyon had proposed as a deadline for resolving the rift in Catholic-Jewish relations.

But a copy of the letter, obtained by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, makes no mention of the July date and, in fact, suggests that work on the new convent will not begin before next year.

Decourtray, who has been the chief Catholic negotiator on the Auschwitz convent issue, wrote to Klein outlining agreed-upon plans that will lead to the eventual removal of the convent, as conveyed to him by Cardinal Franciszek Macharski, the archbishop of Krakow.

Is This Wedding Kosher?

A woman who was born a male and underwent a sex-change operation 15 years ago has been married in a Liberal (Reform) synagogue in London. A spokesman for the Orthodox community said that while there was no definitive halachic ruling on the matter, he doubted marriages involving sex changes would be considered valid.

Construction of a new prayer and information center on the new site can most likely be started by early 1990, the June 5 letter says.

Decourtray's letter announces that the site, "situated about 500 meters from the Auschwitz concentration camp, has finally been secured."

It was chosen from three alternative sites. "The new convent will be built in the part of the plot furthest from the camp. There will therefore be no ambiguity about its placement," writes Decourtray.

The decision on the land, Decourtray says, followed a June 1988 visit to the area by Gerhart Riegner, co-chairman of the Governing Board of the World Jewish Congress, and Professor A. Georges Schneek, head of the Belgian Jewish Consistory.

The site was approved March 2 of this year by regional and local authorities in Poland. Building plans were given to the Oswiecim Office of Town Planning and Architecture on May 23, and those plans now "will be theoretically approved with very short notice," Decourtray writes.

The land is currently held by 14 separate owners, but "The purchase of the land should not pose a problem" since the 14 "have promised to sell it to the Archdiocese of Krakow."

Decourtray quotes Macharski as saying he understands Jewish anguish over the convent's continuing presence at a site where millions of Jews were murdered. But he urges world Jewry to refrain from staging further demonstrations at the convent site, which would exacerbate friction between Catholics and Jews "and reinforce the blind defense of the sisters."

Likud Housing Minister: Settle Immigrants In W. Bank

By **ANDREW SILOW CARROLL**
MA'ALEH LAVONA, West Bank (JTA) — Jewish families settling the West Bank should each "adopt" a family of

recently arrived immigrants, Housing Minister David Levy declared Tuesday. Levy said the government could aid in the building of new houses if settlers embraced the plan, which

could conceivably double the number of Jewish families now living in the Israeli-administered territories.

Levy unveiled his plan at dedication ceremonies for 24 new apartments at this Orthodox religious settlement, located on a commanding hilltop between the Arab cities of Nablus and Ramallah.

The plan is the latest of several Levy has proposed to meet the absorption challenge posed by a wave of new immigrants from the Soviet Union. On Monday, he told world Jewish leaders of his plans to encourage "large-scale building" with tax incentives and to rehabilitate empty apartments in northern and southern Israel.

But the latest idea is also an attempt to deal with Jewish settlers' demands for increased government aid and military support in their almost daily conflict with Palestinians in the territories.

Levy's appearance among flag-waving settlers here was a frank statement of his and his Likud party's support for the settlement movement. He boasted that despite the Palesti-

nian uprising, Jewish settlers moved into 1,000 new apartments in the past year.

Levy said the government would help families move from temporary to permanent housing and would build roads between Jewish settlements that would circumvent potentially dangerous Arab towns and villages.

He said the money for these moves would come from the pledge by the national unity government earlier this year to allocate 30 million shekels for the settlements.

Leaders of Ma'aleh Lavona met privately with Levy before the dedication ceremony to press their demands. They later applauded his plans.

The settlement was established in 1984 and now has 128 residents. Settlers boasted that the community's 70th child was born Sunday.

Israel Philharmonic To Play In USSR

By **HUGH ORGEL**

TEL AVIV (JTA) — The internationally renowned Israel Philharmonic Orchestra will perform for the first time in the Soviet Union next year, it was announced here.

The IPO will give several concerts in Moscow and Leningrad in the autumn of 1990, under an agreement just reached between the IPO and the official Soviet concert and cultural management center in Moscow. IPO sources said the concert programs would definitely include Israeli works.

Although the Soviet Union had diplomatic relations with Israel from 1948 to 1967, the IPO was never invited to the USSR.

Unofficial contacts were revived in recent months by IPO members on private visits to the Soviet Union. They included Zubin Mehta, the IPO's musical director, who came to Moscow with the New York Philharmonic Orchestra, which he also conducts.

AJCommittee Delegation Cancels Planned September Visit To China

NEW YORK (JTA) — The American Jewish Committee has canceled plans to send a delegation to China in September. It acted to protest the Chinese government's use of force against student activists in Beijing on June 3 and its repression of the movement for democratic reforms.

The letter also deplored "the suppression of the movement for greater democracy in China and the wave of repression that now is taking place."

The AJCommittee delegation had planned to open relations with the Chinese People's Institute for Foreign Affairs, the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences and other institutions "in the interests of deepening relationships between the American Jewish community and the Chinese people."

Comay expressed hope in his letter to the ambassador that "developments in China will make it possible for us to contemplate sending a delegation at some time in the future."

AJCommittee President Sholom Comay wrote last week to the Chinese ambassador, Han Xu, that, "like Americans of all walks of life," his organization is "appalled by your government's use of tanks and automatic weapons against unarmed students and workers."

Great Zionist Personalities

Vladimir (Ze'ev) Jabotinsky

Part 6 In A Series

By **PHILIP REDELHEIM**
Special to The Jewish Voice

If there ever was a rebel with a cause it was Vladimir (Ze'ev) Jabotinsky. A Jewish rebel, no less. A few examples:

- In spite of the reluctance of the British to organize a Jewish unit in World War I, Jabotinsky continued to advance the idea of a Jewish Legion. This finally came to fruition in 1917.

- Again, he opposed the British in Palestine, at the end of the war and participated in the organization of the defense force Haganah in 1920 to confront the Arabs. He was arrested and jailed in Acre prison.

- In 1923, objecting to the Zionist movement's decisions regarding Palestine, he resigned from the Zionist Organization. He formed a new organization, the World Union of Zionists Revisionists.

- Opposing the British restrictions on Jewish immigration to Palestine and what he felt was Zionist acquiescence, he supported "illegal" immigration and the activities of the underground Irgun Zvai Leumi (IZL), which used violent retaliation against the Arabs and British.

And on and on. So we think of Ze'ev Jabotinsky as a Zionist political activist, but he was much more than that. He was a soldier, a crusader, a great orator, a Hebraist, a linguist, a translator, a journalist and a poet.

He took the idea of the renaissance of Hebrew as a living language very seriously. He translated Poe's "The Raven" and Dante's "Inferno" into Hebrew. He edited the first Hebrew geographical atlas and prepared a textbook of "latinized" Hebrew. His major literary achievement is the Biblical novel, "Samson the Nazirite."

The Revisionists are the forerunners of the present Herut party in Israel, and Menachem Begin was associated with Jabotinsky in many of his activities in the 1930's. The Revisionist program stated that "Revisionism sees the aim of Zionism as providing a complete and final solution of the Jewish worldwide problem in all aspects - political, economic and spiritual. To attain this objective, Palestine is destined to gather, within its frontiers, all those Jews to whom, for any reason whatsoever, their personal welfare is, or may become, undetachable from actual membership in a Jewish state."

"For the purpose just described, the territory of Western Palestine alone is not sufficient but Palestine, including Transjordan, which is Palestine on both sides of the Jordan, is necessary for the gradual and reasonably accelerated reception of an immigrant population of approximately 12 million people (which Palestine can hold)." One of Jabotinsky's dearest friends and compatriots was Joseph Trumpeldor, the Jewish hero who was killed by the Arabs at Tel Hai. In the latter's memory, Jabotinsky named the youth organization that he created Brith Trumpeldor, known to all as Betar.

Ze'ev Jabotinsky spent his life fighting everyone, Jew and non-Jew alike, who, he felt, stood in the way of the realization of his cause, the creation of a Jewish state in Palestine. He died of a heart attack in 1940, at the age of 60, on a visit to the United States, just 8 years shy of seeing his dream come true.

In his will, Jabotinsky wrote: "My remains will be transferred to Eretz Israel only on the

instructions of a Jewish government." Twenty-five years after his death, his remains, and those of his wife, Johanna, were taken to Israel by government decree, and laid to rest, in a state funeral, on Mt. Herzl, in Jerusalem.

(Phillip Redelheim is Executive Director of Congregation Beth El in Cherry Hill. He has been in the field of Jewish social service for 42 years. A student of Jewish history, Redelheim has studied with particular emphasis on the Zionist movement and the State of Israel.)

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Obituaries

Shelley F. Bregman

Shelley F. Bregman, 38, of 8746 Lorraine Drive, Charlotte, N.C., died June 17 of accidental drowning off Eleuthera in the Bahamas.

Until she moved to Charlotte with her husband, Dr. Jonathan A. Bregman, a dentist, she had lived in Illinois all her life. She graduated Phi Beta Kappa from the University of Illinois, where she studied social work. She had intended to begin studying for a master's degree in social work at UNC-Charlotte this fall.

Mrs. Bregman was a life member of B'nai B'rith Women

and the Charlotte Dental Society Auxiliary. She was expected to begin working with the elderly at the JCC of Charlotte on June 27.

She is survived by her husband, Jonathan and two sons, Eric, 10, and Justin, 7, all of Charlotte; her parents, Gerald and Ethel Freedman, of Skokie, Ill.; and one brother, Harley Freedman, of Long Grove, Ill.

The family suggests memorial contributions to the American Cancer Society, Lung and Breast Research Division, 500 East Morehead St., Charlotte, NC 28202, or the Shelley F. Bregman Educational Fund of Temple Beth El V'Shalom, 1727 Providence Rd., Charlotte, NC 28207, or the National Ileitis and Colitis Foundation, 11501 Harrow Field Rd., Pineville, NC 28134.

Gary Rosen

Gary Rosen, 76, of 19 Glenrock Drive, Radnor Green, died on June 17.

He is survived by his wife, Sue Rosen; a son, Michael Rosen of Carmel, IN; a daughter, Barbara Muskat of Toronto; a brother, Yola Laib of Patterson, NJ; and six grandchildren.

Arrangements were made by the Schoenberg Memorial Chapel. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions to the Delaware Hospice or other charity.

Bella Thernal
Bella Thernal, 84, of 2202 Heather Court, Heathergreen Commons, Wilmington, died June 18 of a heart attack in Beaumont Hospital, near Detroit. Mrs. Thernal was attending her brother's 50th wedding anniversary celebration when she became ill.

Mrs. Thernal worked for nearly 25 years in the Wilmington garment industry and was active in the International Ladies Garment Workers Union. She and her husband, Ludwig, who died in 1985, also operated a package store on South Jackson Street for 10 years.

She was a member of the Sisterhood of Congregation Beth Shalom and Congregation Beth Emeth.

She was born in Rottweil, Germany, and had lived in Wilmington for 50 years.

She is survived by a son, Harry F., an editorial page columnist for *The News Journal*; a brother, Herman Strassburger of Detroit, and two granddaughters.

M. Manuel Zinman

M. Manuel Zinman, 72, of 4307 Marlowe Road, Brandywine Hills, Wilmington, died June 23 of renal failure at home.

Mr. Zinman worked at Kaufman Glass Co., for more than 45 years. He was vice president when he retired in 1979.

He was a member of Congregation Beth Emeth and chairman of the state Fish & Game Commission since Gov. Charles L. Terry appointed him in the 1960s. He was a Democratic committeeman and a founder of Ninth Ward Democratic Club.

He was a Navy veteran of World War II, serving in the South Atlantic. His family said he was one of the first people trained to use radar. He was the first commander of Harry Fineman Post, Jewish War Veterans.

His is survived by his wife,

Esther R.; two daughters, Maxine Zinman of Boyce, Va., and Judy Nolly of Lawrence, Kan.; a brother, David of Hockessin; two sisters, Rose Reitzes of Hilltop Manor and Dora Kaufman of Forest Hills Park; and a grandson.

Arrangements were made by the Schoenberg Memorial Chapel.

Instead of flowers, the family suggests contributions to charity.

Samuel S. Kirshner

Samuel S. Kirshner, 79, of 808 W. 22nd St., Wilmington died June 28 in Wilmington Hospital after an apparent heart attack.

Mr. Kirshner, a self-employed electrical contractor

for 50 years, retired in 1972.

He was a member of Congregation Beth Shalom and its Men's Club; B'nai B'rith Lodge 470; Jewish Community Center and Disabled American Veterans.

He was an Army veteran of World War II.

He is survived by his wife, Frances; a daughter, Carole Kirshner of Malvern, Pa.; two sons, Jeffrey of Holland Pa., and Howard of Langhorne, Pa.; two brothers, Sidney of Wilmington and Aaron of New York City; a sister, Rebecca Bank of Wilmington; and six grandchildren.

Instead of flowers, the family suggests contributions to Congregation Beth Shalom, Wilmington.

Victim —

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The victim was born in the Bronx, but lived most of his life in Southeast Washington.

"He was an unusual person, a free spirit who marched to the beat of a different drummer," said William Rosenfeld, a brother, who lives in Dover, Del. He was a fiercely independent person who lived a self-directed life that led to jobs on banana boats, shrimp boats, and extensive travels, such as a biking trip from Texas to Washington in 1964. "He was an intellectual who loved books and rented apartments just to house his library-sized collection," his brother said.

He graduated from Anacostia High School in 1958. Then, at 17, he worked his way to Israel on a freighter ship and lived on a kibbutz for almost a year. When he returned to the U.S., he earned an accounting degree from Benjamin Franklin Business College in Washington. He spent two years as a paratrooper in the 82nd Airborne Division of the Air Force and fought in the Dominican Republic in the 1960s. After working as an ac-

countant for a few years and after traveling around the U.S. working at various jobs, he made Aliyah in 1968.

In Tel Aviv, he worked as a reporter for Associated Press and a translator for the National Petroleum Co. Two years ago, he moved to the West Bank settlement of Ariel. Although originally drawn there for its low-cost housing, he soon sympathized with the right-wing politics of his neighbors, according to his brother.



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Likud Opponents Of Shamir Plan Muster Support Of Rank And File

By HUGH ORGEL
 TEL AVIV, (JTA)—Three powerful Likud ministers who oppose Prime Minister Shamir's peace plan won resounding support at a gathering of party members here last week. Ariel Sharon, David Levy and Yitzhak Moda'i announced their intentions to seek amendments to the plan when Shamir presents it to the Likud Central Committee on July 5.

Sharon, who chairs the Central Committee and is minister of industry and trade, said the changes he advocates would eliminate the "dangers" he

thinks are inherent in Shamir's proposals.

The initiative, which Shamir and his allies have been promoting vigorously at home and abroad, calls for Palestinian elections in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. The voters would select delegates with whom Israel would negotiate an interim period of self-rule in the territories, to be followed by negotiations to decide their final status.

Shamir insists that the plan, approved by the Cabinet and Knesset, constitutes national policy and cannot be altered. But he agreed, reluctantly, to

discuss it before the Likud Central Committee.

Sharon claims the plan would lead to the creation of a Palestinian state and the redivision of Jerusalem. His views are shared by Levy, a deputy premier who is also minister of construction and housing, and Moda'i, leader of Likud's Liberal Party wing and minister of economics and planning.

Their strategy is to kill the plan by amending it rather than a yes-or-no confrontation, which Shamir is likely to win.

The changes which Levy outlined to the party faithful

seem calculated to make the initiative totally unacceptable to the Palestinians and to raise suspicions among Israel's friends abroad over the sincerity of its intentions.

They will demand that the Palestinian uprising be "completely stopped" before the diplomatic process can begin. They insist that Arab residents of East Jerusalem be denied the right to participate in the elections.

They want Israel to reject outright any freeze of settlement activity in the West Bank and Gaza Strip and to rule out, in advance of the negotiations,

the possibility of "another Palestinian state between the sea and the Jordan River."

According to the Likud party line, the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan is a Palestinian state. Speakers at the Likud meeting denounced what they called Shamir's attempt to "bulldoze the Central Committee" to accept his plan without debate.

The three ministers claimed that 1,300 of the party faithful attended the meeting. Reporters present put the attendance closer to 700. The Central Committee has nearly 2,000 members.

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outstanding refusenik cases: (2) enactment and implementation of acceptable legal and procedural reforms, consistent with the Helsinki Final act and the Vienna Concluding Document, that would clear away obstacles and institutionalize the right of emigration; and (3) evidence of a high and sustained annual level of emigration and the absence of a new class of Refuseniks.

After the Waiver?

Those who argue that an early waiver will encourage future Soviet progress misunderstand

the Amendment's renewal process. The level of performance justifying the initial waiver will inevitably become the new standard for judging all annual renewals of the waiver. If the initial waiver is granted without enactment and implementation of the required emigration reforms, a vital criterion in the Amendment will have been lost.

Refuseniks and emigration activists rely on Jackson-Vanik as the best means for ensuring the eventual evacuation of all Jews seeking to escape proliferating Soviet anti-Semitism.

That pressure for a premature waiver is coming from business leaders or the Soviets is understandable, although rebuttable; that it comes from American Jewish organizations, remote from day-to-day consultation with Soviet Jewish leaders, is, to say the least, unhelpful. We urge them to stand with Soviet Jews and President Bush.

(Pamela B. Cohen is national president of the Union of Councils for Soviet Jews (UCSJ). Micah H. Naftalin is the USCJ's National Director.)

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codify their practices before any waiver is granted. Incomprehensibly, they would place Soviet words above Soviet deeds. Any one familiar with the history of the Soviet Union should know that it is a government of men and not laws. When there is a change in the party line, new practices are enforced regardless of what is contained in the statutes. Stalin's constitution, for instance, guarantees all sorts of freedoms, but few Soviet citizens could exercise without fear of a trip to the Gulag.

The history of Russia is one of bad tsars and general secretaries and not-so-bad tsars and general secretaries. Mikhail Gorbachev is clearly in the latter category. Those of us who are concerned with the future of our brethren in the Soviet Union should support policies that will enhance and lengthen his tenure. Normalizing U.S. trade relations with the Soviet Union would hold the promise of an improved economy and would give Gorbachev additional flexibility to make additional reforms that would aid Soviet Jewry and reduce world tensions. That is why a waiver of the Jackson-Vanik amendment is clearly in the best interest of Soviet Jews.

Habits are hard to break, and it is difficult to adopt new ideas. However, leadership requires that we respond to new realities. The Kremlin is learning that under Gorbachev. We in the Jewish community should do the same.

(Stephen Silbiger is the Washington representative of the American Jewish Congress.)

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IDF Colonel—

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Many Israelis, he noted, fear this process and are trying to forestall it. "It is our mission — the IDF mission — to insure that while all those debates and explorations continue to find the formula that will bring the two sides together, no group will be allowed to take the law into their own hands. Not Arabs, not Jews."

Regarding the recent rash of Jewish settlers who have seemingly taken it upon themselves to seek revenge for violent attacks against the Jewish population, Gissin said it is "inconceivable. They will be prosecuted. This is a sure formula for chaos and anarchy." He noted that curfews have been placed on certain Arab villages to prevent settlers from entering in some instances. "We will not tolerate anyone taking the law into their own hands."

Gissin doesn't think the recent Jewish attacks on Arabs is the way of the future of the uprising. "I think most of the settlers realize," he said, "that this is a prescription for chaos and anarchy. It is also counterproductive to their own in-

terests. If they lose the support of public opinion, they are weakening their own case."

He mentioned the debate currently going on in Israel regarding whether or not the settlements should be maintained. That debate, he said, must be conducted within Israel's political system and the legitimate channels of debate within a democratic society. That debate, he cautioned, should never be allowed to spill over into the streets because self-restraint would be lost, control would be lost, and it would mean a civil war. "This is one thing, unlike other nations, that the Jewish people cannot afford."

The costs of the *intifada*, in terms of morale, Gissin said, have been much higher than anticipated. In December 1987, he said, "we thought it was a temporary transient phenomenon. It is clear today that it is an uprising." This has been a problem for the soldiers, who, Gissin insisted, realize that there are no immediate solutions but find it difficult to accept.

"Starvation, genocide or transfer," Gissin said would be the only immediate solutions. "But none of those is available to us. We cannot take action that the Chinese have taken in Tianenman Square or that the Russian army is taking against minorities in Armenia or that the Egyptian or Syrian armies are taking against opposition groups in their own countries."

The soldiers, he said, understand this. But while they will operate by the law, he added, it does not imply that they like what they are doing.

The Palestinians, through the *intifada*, have tried to destroy Israel, Gissin said. "If there is one indication of our perseverance and our ability to withstand this violence it is not so much depen-

dent on the actions that our soldiers take, but on the willingness of the Jewish people to stand up for what they believe... that despite the attempt to destroy what we believe in, our response is to rebuild. We can always rise from the ashes and rebuild what has been destroyed," Gissin said.

AKSE Religious School—

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Special awards were presented to those students in all grade levels who were on Honor Roll for all three marking periods. At the conclusion of the closing exercise assembly, class parties were held.

On June 3rd, students who attended Jr. Congregation services regularly throughout the year were honored at a special luncheon following Shabbat services. The students were presented with certificates and pins for their attendance and participation. The Pre-Aleph students, who were led at their own special services by Faith Brown, presented Brown with a collection of original drawings, poems and thoughts. Aaron Handler and Boaz Vega, leaders of the Talmud Torah Jr. Congregation, were presented with a book in recognition of their leadership throughout the year. Three students of the Talmud Torah, Gilly Ini, Shira Kamm and Ben Tolpin, each received a special award for five years of perfect attendance at Shabbat morning Jr. Congregation services.

The "Gimel" Class participated in Friday evening services on the second evening of Shavuot, June 9. Upon completion of a study unit on the Kabbalat Shabbat with their teacher, Gladys Gewirtz, the students chanted and recited the prayers. Plans are already underway to effect a positive Jewish learning experience for all students enrolled at Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Religious School during the next school year. Registration of new students has begun.

The AKSE Religious School holds classes for students between the ages of four and 16. Pre-Kindergarten through Tenth Grade. The Hebrew Play Group (B'reisheet) classes are for kindergarten and pre-kindergarten children. Classes will meet on Sundays from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. Pre-Aleph classes for first and second graders will meet on Sunday mornings from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m.

The Talmud Torah program is for students in Grades Three through Seven. All classes meet two afternoons a week

and on Sunday mornings. Afternoon times are from 3:50 p.m. until 5:45 p.m. Sunday times are either from 9 to 11 a.m. or from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The Bikkurim Program is for students in Grades Eight through 10. Classes meet at AKSE on Sunday mornings from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and at the Jewish Community Center on Tuesday evenings from 7 until 9 p.m. All classes in the Bikkurim Program are conducted in English.

The AKSE Religious School accepts students whose parents are not members of the Congregation; however, tuition costs are higher for non-members. If you have questions about the Religious School, or about the placement of your child in any of its programs, call Helen Gordon at the Synagogue office, 762-2705. Registration forms will be mailed upon request, or may be picked up at the Synagogue office.

Letter To Baker—

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violence that has plagued Israel since its rebirth in 1948."

The letter to Baker expressed disappointment "with the immediate negative reaction to the initiative by the PLO and the Arab states" and "strongly" urged Baker "to call upon Arab leaders to support the plan."

Heads of Israel's government were "extremely pleased and encouraged by the unprecedented bipartisan Con-

gressional support for Israel's peace initiative" the Israeli Embassy's press counsellor, Yossi Gal, said.

Both houses of Congress in late May overwhelmingly backed Baker's warning to the United Nations and its affiliated agencies that if any one of them admitted the Palestine Liberation Organization to full membership, which is tantamount to statehood, the U.S. would immediately end its contributions to those organizations. Baker has also endorsed the Israeli peace initiative.

Havurah Institute—

(Continued from page 10) son is a rabbi or a novice, Orthodox or secular. Each of us has an interest in Jewish renewal. Each of us comes to study and teach. The excitement is great from the first moment on Monday afternoon, and the Shabbat at the end of the week is ecstatic."

The word "havurah" has become synonymous with

Jewish renewal. A *havurah* is a small fellowship that comes together to intensify Jewish life.

The National Havurah Committee sponsors regional havurah retreats in addition to the summer institute, and provides networking and program services to both independent and synagogue-based havurot around the country.

Jewish Peace Groups—

(Continued from page 13) should lobby a congressman who chairs a committee on children on the issue of Palestinian children; and that delegations sent to Washington to lobby should be "preferably Jewish," and "preferably church types."

She also recommended "solidarity activities with progressive Jewish groups." Mc-

Cormack said it was these progressive groups that will eventually influence the mainstream Jewish community.

The Jewish groups who took part in the symposium were American Jewish Alternatives; the International Jewish Peace Fellowship; Jewish for a Just Peace; New Jewish Agenda; and the World Organization of Jews from Islamic Countries.

Five Italian Skinheads Arrested

By RUTH E. GRUBER

ROME (JTA) — Police detained five youths here on June 19 after finding a cache of swastika insignia, crowbars, truncheons and swords in the basement of a building in a working class neighborhood on the edge of Rome. The detainees are suspected of belonging to hooligan gangs of the far right wing known as "Naziskins."

They are part of the growing "Skinhead" phenomenon, roving

bands of youthful troublemakers with shaved heads who attack fans at soccer matches and assault people at random in the streets.

The police are cracking down, as the attacks have become more violent. Young hooligans threw firebombs at soccer fans on June 18 on a train in Florence, seriously injuring two people. The previous week a gang of "Naziskins" beat up two youths outside a movie theater in downtown Rome.

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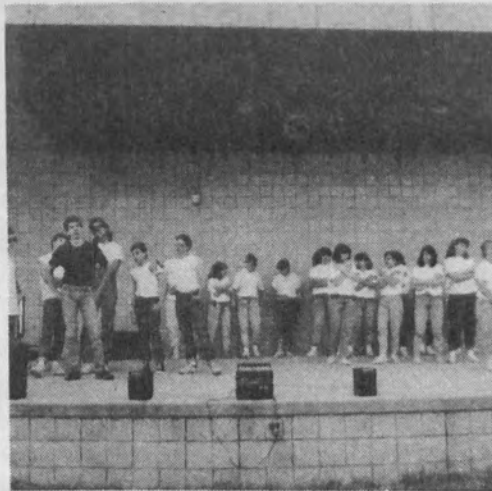


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FAMILY PICNIC DINNER

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WELCOME

By Richard Levine, Annual Meeting Chairperson



Richard Levine

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By Martin I. Lubaroff



Martin Lubaroff

AWARDS

David Margules Received
The Barbara Weiner
Memorial Young
Leadership Award



Martin Lubaroff (Left), David Margules (Middle)
David Sorkin (Right)

Judy Levy Received
The Harry Cohen
Leadership Award



Judy Levy

ENTERTAINMENT

Excerpts of Teen Production of "Grease" Performed By The Teens of Delaware



SERVICE HIGHLIGHTS

RECREATIONAL SERVICES

With the addition of the Jewish Family Campus, the Health and Fitness Department became much more than a fitness center. The outdoor facilities hosted over 19,000 visits in the summer with weekly family nights and musical concerts. Mom's Connection, a support group for moms and babies, started at the Campus and carried momentum into the Fall. Enrollment increased in children's classes ranging from karate through swim. Adult volleyball, dance and exercise classes gained popularity. The Annual Snowball Run had its first year as a successful fundraiser with numerous sponsors and our usual high attendance of runners. Services for the handicapped were expanded with the JCC serving as the aquatic training site for Special Olympics. Early in 1989, a highly experienced Director of Recreational Services, Burton Bernstein, was brought on board as was a full time Aquatics Supervisor. This summer promises to be a year of more complete utilization of the Campus facilities, with programs ranging from Shakespeare to a comprehensive tennis program.

CHILD AND FAMILY DIVISION

Camp, pre-school and day care services all reached record enrollment in 1988-1989. The Summer Day Camp exceed all expectations as the new facility provided to be a tremendous attraction. Parent visitation days were enthusiastically received by the Camp Committee and parents of our campers.

Due to increased demands for pre-school services, three new rooms were added for the 1988-1989 season, two rooms at the Family Campus site and our first satellite program at Temple Beth El in Newark. All the classrooms were ceremoniously re-dedicated in 1989 as children participated in hanging mezzuzot on classroom doors, which were donated by parents.

Kidspace and After School Childcare programs began separate programming for kindergarten through 3rd graders and for 4th through 6th graders. Vacation programs maintained high popularity as did the after school programs, with a selection of classes including baseball league, floor hockey, swim and ballet.

Staff stability was anchored in 1989 with the hiring of two exceptional key staff, J.J. Alter, Director of Children's Services and Camp and Marilyn Forbes, Director of Early Childhood Services.

Our Children's Committee was most active this year, initiating a Children's Resource Library, a library book drive, a Playground Committee and a very active PTA.

ADULT SERVICES DIVISION

Recognizing the need to deliver increased services to our adult population, this Division is now comprised of three focus areas. Lynn Greenfield, Director of Adult Services, was contracted to supervise Teens, Seniors and to focus on adult and community events. Programs ranged from a Jewish Great Book Group to a Scrabble Club, a Yiddish Concert Series (co-sponsored by the University of Delaware) to a Tax Planning and Current Event Seminars. Music and entertainment programs will be held at the Campus Amphitheatre this summer.

The Senior Center has remained an essential service at the JCC. Services include exercise classes, continuing education, holiday programs, discussion groups, the ever-popular choir and, of course, dinners, special events and daily lunches served at the Center and B'nai B'rith.

Teen Services were placed in this Division at the request of the Teen Committee and staff feeling that teens need to be seen as young adults. Strong ties have been maintained with regional and local BBYO Chapters, the Teen Play has grown in attendance, and the Teen Councils have been established to facilitate leadership development. In this final year of Jewish Federation funding for the JCC Teen Program, a comprehensive study is being undertaken to develop future structure and direction for the Teen Program.

SPECIAL EVENTS

The dedication of the Jewish Family Campus was a community event which contributed to the prosperity of our community. Holiday programs attracted many neighbors with well over 1,200 in attendance at our Annual Chanukah Choopla Bazaar, which also incorporated a Jewish Book Fair. The Passover Restaurant and Israel Independence Day have become standard community events at the Center. The Monte Carlo Night program attracted many new friends to our Center and was enjoyed by all. The Family Campus Grand Re-Opening in 1989, was well attended by members of the community as they participated in family-oriented activities and programs.

OPERATING BUDGET

REVENUE

Program Fees	769,124
Membership	387,287
United Way	190,000
Jewish Federation of Delaware	75,840
Government Grants	206,038
Fundraising/Miscellaneous	35,889

Total Revenue 1,664,178

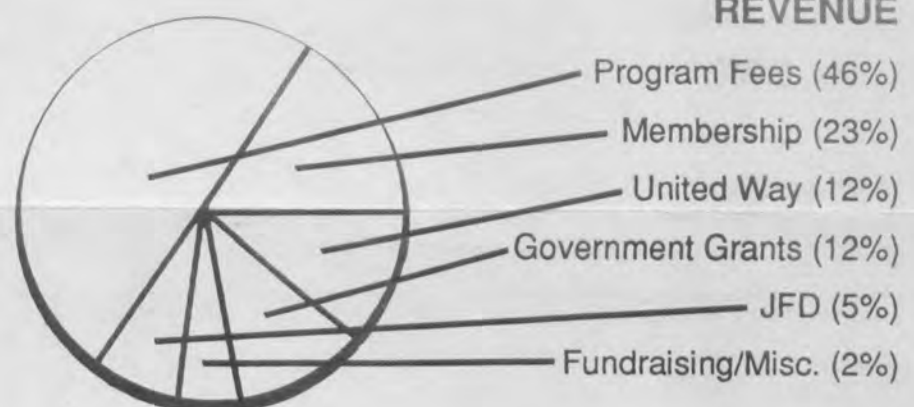
EXPENSES

Salaries and Benefits	1,119,221
Program Supplies	282,318
Occupancy	164,830
Office Support	109,531
Other	114,745

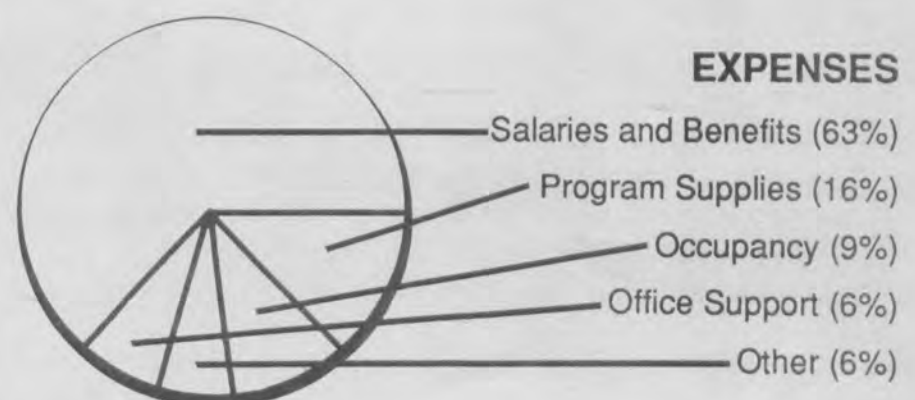
Total Expenses 1,790,645

Budget Excess (Deficit) (126,467)

REVENUE



EXPENSES



FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Although the Wilmington community is blessed in many ways, the JCC is most sensitive to those less fortunate in our community. The JCC maintains a strong commitment of not allowing anyone from our community to go without service due to financial restraints. In 1988-1989, Norman and Phyllis Aerenon led a scholarship fund drive for our Pre-School/Day Care Services and Nan Lipstein chaired our Day Camp Scholarship Fund Drive. These efforts, combined with Jewish Federation of Delaware, United Way and JCC funding, allowed the Center to provide financial assistance to families in need.

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