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## Liberators, Officials And Interfaith Leaders Join In Remembrance

By DAN WEINTRAUB

Editor of *The Jewish Voice*

"Each year we come together to remember those brutally murdered in the Holocaust," said Toni Young, President of the Jewish Federation of Delaware (JFD), "this year we also remember the liberators. On the fiftieth anniversary year of the liberation of Nazi concentration camps, Delaware's interfaith Holocaust remembrance included three liberators in addition to distinguished civic and religious leaders at the City/County Council Chambers on April 27.

A U.S. Marine Corps Color Guard was led by Harry Lubin, Commander of the Delaware Jewish War Veterans. Lubin, a veteran of World War II received the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart.

Congressman Michael N. Castle indicated that remembering the Holocaust is important because it "shows how deep hatred can run" and the acts which it can inspire. Alluding to the bombing of the Murrah Federal building in Oklahoma, Castle asserted that "a tremendous amount of hatred still exists." He said we "still have a distance to travel" because "extremism still leads to violence." He concluded that all should speak out again "despicable hatred."

New Castle County Executive Dennis Greenhouse said that he was honored and humbled to be with the liberators in attendance. He noted with regret that they were too late to save six million Jews who perished in the

Holocaust. Greenhouse quoted Noble Prize winner Elie Weisel who once said that he fears not hatred but indifference. Greenhouse pledged to see that the voices of victims and survivors will continue to be heard. He proclaimed the week as Days of Remembrance in New Castle County.

Also acknowledging the Oklahoma tragedy, Wilmington Mayor James H. Sills, Jr., spoke of a new urgency to remember victims of organized political violence because of the recent "vivid reminder that such organized violence still threatens us." Sills sees a growing intolerance for others growing. He said this is caused in part by some who perceive a loss of special preferences which have been wrongfully enjoyed in the past. Sills urged that Delawareans reaffirm commonality and a sense of community. He quoted the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. who said "we must all learn to live together as brothers or we will all perish together as fools." In the aftermath of Oklahoma, Sills said we as a people must respond to higher values or what President Abraham Lincoln called the "better angels of our nature." Sills also said we can only find common ground by moving to higher ground.

Dr. William Newby, who witnessed the liberation of the Dachau concentration camp when he was 21 years old, said he was shocked when he first saw the "living corpses" of the concentration camp in what he later learned was a death march. Recalling the victims, especially the boys, girls and infants who in his words were "guilty of what?" Newby was visibly moved as he said "we mourn and we remember."

Merle Ward liberated the Nordhausen concentration camp. He recalled how photos he brought back were not run by *The News Journal* because they were considered by the editors to be "too graphic for those who read our paper with their morning coffee." Ward says that as terrible as the Oklahoma bombing was it only represents the hatred of the few. He concludes that the Holocaust was proof that man's horror to man knows no bounds.

David Morrison was assigned to sanitize the barracks area at Buchenwald and assist medicals at the death camp. He recalled sadly of learning that up to a third of those killed at Buchenwald were killed in the two weeks prior to the American's arrival. He was shocked to see Buchenwald survivors who were so emaciated that one could "put your fingers around their thigh bones." Many suffered from dysentery and tuberculosis. Other complications came from sleeping 3 to 4 deep in barracks with no cushions. In trucks and in sheds he saw dead bodies piled high.

During the course of the program Reverend Patricia McClurg of the Christian Council of Delaware, gave the invocation. Rick Geisenberger presented a proclamation from the Governor. Cindy Goldstein sang two musical selections "Many Gifts, One Song" and "Partisan's Song" in Yiddish. Reverend Dawn Christopher of the Interdenominational Ministerial Action Council and Richard LaPenta of the National Council of Christians and Jews read selected words from General Eisenhower,



Rabbi Sanford Dresin reflects before solemn prayers and remarks at the Holocaust Memorial in Freedom Plaza on April 27.



A U.S. Marine Corps Color Guard stands at attention during Delaware's interfaith Holocaust remembrance.

Edward R. Murrow and liberators.

Following the program Rabbi Sanford Dresin, President of the Rabbinical Association of Delaware, and cantor Norman Swerling of Congregation Beth Shalom led in memorial prayers at the Holocaust Memorial in Freedom Plaza. Rabbi Dresin, a former Army Chaplain, recalled a colleague who while both were stationed in Germany talked about her liberator father's burned hand he received while it was placed against a crematorium wall. This hand reminded the chaplain's father when he encountered racism or anti-Semitism to ask "what can I do to intervene?" Dresin also worried that so often the words of our mouths, the meditations of our hearts and the words of our hands are evil.

The remembrance was sponsored by the Christian Council of Delaware and Maryland's Eastern shore; Delaware Region of the National Conference of Christian and Jews; the Interdenominational Ministerial Action Council; the Jewish Federation of Delaware and the Rabbinical Association of Delaware. It was

endorsed by the Delaware Commission of Veterans Affairs.

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(MAY 1) NEW YORK - President Clinton addresses the audience at the World Jewish Congress' Edgar M. Bronfman Tribute Dinner in New York April 30, where he formally announced his intention to impose additional trade sanctions on Iran. The executive order Clinton is expected to sign the week of May 1, which goes into effect 30 days later, will prohibit trade and U.S. investment in Iran.



# Kutz Home Prepares For Expansion

By STEVE WILLENS

Executive Director of the The Kutz Home

The Kutz Home, through its Long Term Planning Committee, has been working for several years to develop a plan to improve the Home and ensure its continued viability in the years ahead. Those efforts have produced a plan for the renovation and expansion of the Home from 82 to 90 beds, with twice as many single rooms and much needed additional space for resident treatment and activities. On March 17, 1994, the Board of the Jewish Federation of Delaware (JFD) approved those plans and authorized the Home to proceed with them.

Since being built as a retirement community in 1960 and expanded in 1970, the Kutz Home has had to adapt to major changes in the nature of the residents and market it serves. Residents of the Home today are much older, more frail and less mobile than they were in 1960 or 1970. The competitive environment has changed too, so we must modernize the Home in order to provide our Jewish elderly with the amenities that they and their families have come to expect.

In the late 1980's, the Home began to experience large operating losses and had to seek substantial increases in its allocation from the annual Federation campaign. At one point, our allocation escalated as high as \$185,000. Fortunately, that situation has improved, and for the last three years the Home has had a stable budget and has operated on a much lower allocation. Indeed, last year's allocation was \$50,000. Until we renovate the Home, however, we cannot expect to achieve the approximately 90% Jewish occupancy rate we historically enjoyed and hope to achieve again in the future.

In 1987, the Home's leadership recognized the need for action and directed our Long Term Planning Committee to evaluate the options for the future. Over the next few years, the Committee commissioned several professional studies, including a market analysis by Howell Associates in 1989 and 1990 and an extensive demand survey in early 1993 by the market research firm, Hamlyn Senior Marketing. The Hamlyn survey involved 365 telephone interviews of Jewish adult children of elderly (ages 45 to 64) and the Jewish elderly themselves (ages 65 and older) throughout the State of Delaware. The survey demonstrated, among other things, that our community favors sponsorship

of a Jewish nursing home and making capital improvements to the Home at its current location, as opposed to building a new Home adjacent to the Jewish Family Campus. The survey also demonstrated a considerable demand for Jewish-sponsored assisted living.

In the summer of 1993, based on the results of these studies, the Planning Committee retained Lorraine Hiatt, a nationally respected expert in nursing home renovation, to review its plans for renovation and expansion and to explore the possibilities for providing assisted living. Over the next six months, the Planning Committee worked closely with Ms. Hiatt and Jerry Roller of J.K. Roller Architects to develop detailed plans for an ambitious project to satisfy the Home's needs.

The renovation and expansion project will alleviate most of our current problems. An important marketing consideration confirmed by the Hamlyn study is the need for more private rooms. Today, the Home has only twelve and almost none of those rooms have private baths. In fact, many contiguous double and single rooms in the Home share one bath for three people, and the bathrooms are not wheelchair accessible. The renovation and expansion will double the number of private rooms from 12 to 24, and they will be truly private with private baths. The project also calls for increased space for housekeeping, laundry and medicine carts which end up cluttering the hallway. Other aspects of the renovation include updating our mechanical systems, lighting, wall coverings and furniture, adding a sprinkler system, and expanding all the existing bathrooms to make them wheelchair accessible. The total expansion will be 15,600 square feet, which will enable us to convert a corridor of problem rooms to more activity space and replace them with more attractive rooms in an expanded space. Of the 90 beds in the renovated facility, 24 will be brand new. An "activity mall" will be created consisting of a mild dementia programming room, an independent activities room, a physical therapy gym, beauty parlor, employee lounge, and medical examination room.

Another important aspect of the project is program-related. Rather than dealing with our residents as one large group, we will become a building of smaller programs, thus recognizing the different levels of need among our residents. Additional ac-

tivity space will enable us to decentralize our group programs and institute innovative state-of-the-art programs designed to enhance the quality of service we provide. For example, we plan to use diverse Alzheimer's and "dementia" programming focusing on prevention, response, activities, and imagery. Safe and interesting places for movement will be developed both inside and outdoors. Space and activities will be provided for a wide spectrum of needs, such as light to heavy losses of memory and memory loss with or without a reduction in physical capability. We will also expand our physical therapy and rehabilitation programs and create more activities for our alert residents, including the development of additional options for dining.

We are especially excited about the design of the new rooms. The expanded facility will include eight new "biaxial" double rooms, which provide more privacy. These have equal space for each resident, individual windows, and a large bathroom. The renovation also includes remodeling the main entrance to the Home to provide a covered walkway from the driveway to the front door and a new "visitor's center" adjacent to the redesigned reception area.

Consistent with the demand for assisted living reflected in the Hamlyn survey and the apparent interest in taking more advantage of the 11 acre property on which the Home (which occupies approximately 4 acres) is situated, the planning Committee also developed preliminary plans for a 24 unit assisted living facility adjoining the Home, having its own separate parking, entryway, dining room and lounge area. Although the Planning Committee and the Kutz Board are optimistic that they will be able to proceed with an assisted living project in the not too distant future, we view it as separate from and secondary to the renovation and expansion of the Home, which is our first priority.

Christiana Construction Company has been hired as the "Construction Management" firm. The final details of the renovation and expansion project have been worked out and we soon will be breaking ground. The time has come, therefore, to finish raising the necessary funds. The total project cost, including all construction, furniture and equipment expenses, architect's fees, fund-raising costs and a modest contingency fund, is \$3.6 million. A total of over \$1.3 million already has been



Shown above is an illustration of the project as it will look upon completion.



Pictured at a meeting at Diane Levin's home are from left Alan Levin, Stuart Young and Toni Young. The focus of the meeting was the Kutz Home expansion and renovation. Community leaders spoke about the need for a successful capital campaign to help achieve the Kutz project's completion. Among the speakers was Toni Young who said, "Honor thy father and thy mother" is one of the basic teachings of Judaism. Our Jewish community is our extended family. Just as we are commanded to honor, meaning to care for our parents, we must also take care of the elderly in our midst."

Mrs. Young also said that the Kutz Home leaders were true family members who thought about the good of the whole. Several years ago they wanted to begin a campaign, but another section "of our extended family," the Jews in the former Soviet Union, needed our immediate assistance. Because the leaders of the Kutz Home decided to postpone their campaign, Jews throughout the state of Delaware were able to do our part for the rescue of Jews in the former Soviet Union, she continued. "Everyone in Delaware should be proud of the role they played in rescuing our fellow Jews," said Mrs. Young. "Now it is time to do the same for the elderly in our community," she concluded.

pledged or contributed by MBNA, the Auxiliary, the Kutz foundation and the Home itself. In late April we will launch a community wide capital campaign to raise an additional \$1,375,000. Pledges will be payable over five years, beginning this year. The remaining funds will be sought from corporate and foundation sources.

Our financial consultants have prepared several sets of financial projections based upon differing levels of campaign success and debt support. Even the most conservative estimates show the Home able to operate comfortably in the black throughout the first five years after completion, even if it received no allocation at all from the Federation's annual campaign. This would be true even if the Home's occupancy rate and percentage of private pay residents remained essentially the same after the renovation and expansion

as it is today — an extremely conservative assumption. The Home may continue to seek a low level of Federation support, but any such request would be geared to specific programs.

In summary, all of us associated with the Kutz Home are convinced that this project will make the Home fully competitive in today's nursing home market and set us apart and in the forefront in terms of quality of care. For the last 34 years, the Milton & Hattie Kutz Home has been the institutional embodiment of a rich tradition in Delaware of caring for our Jewish elderly that dates back to at least the turn of the century and the efforts of the dedicated women of Bichor Cholem. The Kutz Home's continuation of that legacy is a widely recognized and effective reminder of the generosity and commitment of Mr. and Mrs. Kutz to Delaware's Jewish community.

## Kutz Home Kicks Off Expansion Campaign

By DAN WEINTRAUB

Editor of The Jewish Voice

About 60 community leaders gathered at the home of Diane Levin recently to inaugurate a community-wide capital campaign to raise \$1,375,000 to help finance the expansion and renovation of the Milton and Hattie Kutz Home. The chairpersons of the campaign are Ethel and Don Parsons along with Ruth and Bernie Seigel. The honorary chairpersons are Charles Cawley,

Diane Levin and Irving Shapiro. The chairpersons of the Advisory Council are Ellen and Alan Levin along with Toni and Stuart Young.

All were in attendance for the informative social event Steve Willens, Executive Director of the Kutz Home explained that the renovation and expansion will facilitate programming improvements and help to attract new residents. Donald Parsons pointed out that Kutz's plans should lead in years to come to a reduced dependence upon support from the Community Campaign administered by the Jewish Federation of Delaware (JFD). Stuart Young recalled the vision of Hattie Kutz and the need

to restore the condition of the aging facility. Toni Young emphasized that Jewish support for the elderly stems from the principle of honor thy Father and Mother.

The Kutz Home is a skilled nursing facility and Medicare certified rehabilitation center.

Ms. Eileen Conner, President of the Kutz Home was also in attendance. Several leaders indicated that a renovated facility with expanded programming might attract more Jewish admissions applications. The slogan of the Kutz Home is "Caring for our elders with the reverence they deserve."

BRIEFS



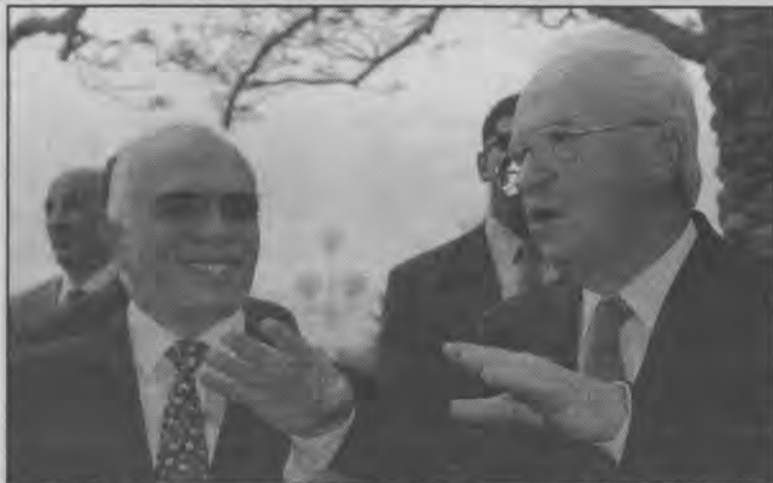
**OKLAHOMA CITY** — Caroline Dennis of Oklahoma City marches in protest of "Hate Radio," — the ultra-right wing talk programs condemned by President Clinton — during a demonstration outside WKY-AM radio in Oklahoma City April 28. The station airs the controversial Gordon Liddy program that recently called for citizens to kill ATF agents with a "head shot."

**Palestinians To Be Reunited**

**JERUSALEM (JTA)** — Some 100 Palestinian families, separated after the 1967 Six-Day War, will reunite after being granted permission by the Israel Civil Administration.

Announced this week, the step was described as a good will gesture. The move was understood to have been discussed at talks earlier this year between Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization.

As part of a possible solution to the problem, Israel has suggested that an annual quota of 2,000 family reunifications be set.



**AQABA, Jordan** — Israel Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Jordan's King Hussein speak during a news conference at the Red Sea port of Aqaba May 1. Rabin arrived in Jordan earlier that day for a joint television interview with King Hussein to mark Israel's Independence Day.

**Senator Biden Explains His Terrorism Proposal**

"In February, I introduced legislation to provide additional tools to fight terrorism. This legislation creates a new federal offense for international terrorist attacks in the United States to cover situations which current law doesn't reach. It also expands wiretap authority for the FBI to investigate, and prevent, terrorism activities, and expands the government's ability to exclude from the United States aliens who are involved in terrorist activities." Source: The Biden Report

**News From The Arab Media**

**ALTHAURA (SYRIA)** April 27, 1995 — The following is a published selection from the remarks of Abed Elrazaq Ayoob, member of the national leadership of the Ba'ath Party at a rally of the Ba'ath vanguard in Hamat:

"The Jews claim that Abraham was their father and that everywhere that he walked from the Nile to the Euphrates is the promised Jewish land. This is a lie and distortion since Abraham was a Bedouin and believing Muslim."

It continues: "The Jews have planted the deception that they are not guilty for the death of Jesus as is written in Vatican documents."

[Source: Dr. Aaron Lerner, Associate IMRA (Independent Media Review & Analysis)]

**Plan To Expropriate Land Rankles Palestinian Leaders**

By NAOMI SEGAL

**JERUSALEM (JTA)** — Israel's decision to expropriate Arab-owned land to build Jewish neighborhoods in eastern Jerusalem has erupted into an international controversy, sparking adverse reaction from a host of nations, including the United States.

The decision came amid vows from the Palestine Liberation Organization that it would step up its fight in the world arena against the planned expropriations.

At its weekly meeting Sunday, the Cabinet gave the go-ahead to expropriate some 120 acres of land, about 70 percent of it Arab-owned. The decision was taken despite the opposition of Cabinet members from the left-wing Meretz bloc.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin defended the move, saying that a territorial link to Jerusalem was needed for the suburbs of Ramot and Gilo, which are located near the projected building sites.

But Education Minister Amnon Rubinstein of Meretz called for equal development of Arab areas.

"We think the government policy should be based on equal care of the Jews and Arabs of Jerusalem," he told reporters. "We would like to be building in Arab areas of Jerusalem as well."

Responding to the development, the Palestinian Authority called for an urgent session of the Arab League in Cairo to discuss Israel's plans.

"This constitutes the highest form of terrorism against the Palestinian people, which really threatens their existence," said Saeb Erekat, the Palestinian Authority official in charge of municipal matters.

Nabil Sha'ath, the official in charge of planning for the Palestinian Authority, accused Israel of trying to create facts on the ground before the final status negotiations, slated to begin in 1996.

But he stopped short of calling for a halt to the peace talks with Israel.

The United States said the expropriations were damaging to the peace process.

"It's difficult to see how this type of action, this land confiscation, can be helpful at this time in the negotiations," said U.S. State Department spokesman Nicholas Burns.

France called on the U.N. Security Council to debate the issue calling Israel's planned expropriation a "violation of international law." British officials have also criticized the move.

Egyptian Foreign Minister Amre Moussa flew to Damascus on Tuesday for talks with Syrian President Hafez Assad about the confiscations.

Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak said this week that he was "firmly opposed" to the Israeli move.

Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert rejected allegations that the expropriations represented discrimination against the city's Arab residents.

**LATE BITS**

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

**NEW YORK** — President Clinton's decision to impose a full trade embargo on Iran is greeted with a blessing from the Jewish world and a vow to help expand efforts to internationally isolate the Muslim fundamentalist regime.

**NEW YORK** — President Clinton addressed Holocaust survivors at the New York observance of Yom Hashoah.

**BONN** — About 2,000 former inmates of Dachau joined with their liberators to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the liberation of the Nazi's first concentration camp.

**RAVENSBRUCK, Germany** — Women survivors of the Holocaust recall particularly painful experiences of life and death.

**WASHINGTON** — The worldwide decline of terrorism has not extended to the Middle East, according to the latest U.S. State Department report on international terrorism.

**NEW YORK** — One in three Austrians who support Jorg Haider's far right Freedom Party manifest strong anti-Semitic prejudice, according to the results of a new survey by the American Jewish Committee.

**JERUSALEM** — Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin appoints a campaign manager, even though he has not yet officially declared his candidacy for the next elections.

**TEL AVIV** — As Israelis celebrate their 47th anniversary of independence, students learn about peace.

**JERUSALEM** — Israelis begin their observance of Yom Hazikaron, in memory of the fallen soldiers of the state.

**NEW YORK** — Avraham Burg, acting chairman of the World Zionist Organization and Jewish Agency, rejects accusations that budget cuts to the American Zionist Movement were politically motivated.

**NEW YORK** — An address by Romania's former chief rabbi to the Romanian Senate ignites a controversy.

**AMSTERDAM** — A controversy between Orthodox and Liberal Jews threatens the upcoming commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the liberating of the Netherlands.

**WASHINGTON** — Jewish activists gear up to tackle the question of religion in the school, an issue that is certain to be front and center as Congress reconvenes.

**TEL AVIV** — As the death toll from traffic accidents in Israel continues to climb, the Masorti movement offers a new prayer for safety on the road.

**Mormons Vow To End Practice Of Baptizing Holocaust Victims**

By DEBRA NUSSBAUM COHEN

Special to The Jewish Voice

**NEW YORK, April 30 (JTA)** — After six months of negotiations with a Jewish Holocaust survivors group, the Mormon Church has agreed to stop posthumously baptizing Jews.

A senior official of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, as the Mormon Church is officially known, and Ernest Michel, a founder of the American Gathering of Jewish Holocaust Survivors, were scheduled to sign an agreement to that effect this week.

An estimated 380,000 Jewish Holocaust victims and countless other Jews have been posthumously baptized as Mormons and have been included in the church's database of 200 million baptized people.

The Policy of the Mormon Church directs its 9 million members to research their own ancestry and have their forebears baptized so that the whole family can be reunited, after death, in heaven.

"Mormon baptism is required of every person if they are to be in the presence of God with their family members," according to Elder Monte Brough, executive director of the church's Family History Department and one of the top officials of the Presidency of Seventy, one of the church's highest bodies.

Brough said the practice of collecting the names of prominent people, celebrities and Holocaust victims "is counter to the policy of the church, but some have gone and done it any-

way."

"Some members of our church felt deep compassion for victims of the Holocaust," he said in a telephone interview from Salt Lake City, explaining why they had them baptized.

Brough said Mormon officials first learned of the baptisms of Jewish Holocaust victims in 1991 and directed their church members to stop the practice.

But there "were some submissions after that date," he said.

It turned out that nine Mormons in four countries — Holland, France, Germany and Israel — had obtained book-length lists of Jews killed by the Nazis. The lists had been published by the European governments and by Yad Vashem in Israel, according to Brough.

These Mormons then baptized, by proxy, each murdered Jew that was listed.

The baptisms were performed at the church's temples by having an individual, who is immersed in water, stand in for each dead person who is being baptized.

Gary Mokotoff, president of the Association of Jewish Genealogical Studies, is believed to be the first Jew to discover that the Mormons were baptizing deceased Jews.

Although he first brought the baptisms of murdered Jews to the attention of the Mormons in 1992, he only got polite letters promising that "they were looking into it," he said.

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## EDITORIAL

## The Sleep Of Reason

"Pray for the welfare of the government, for were it not for the fear of it, people would swallow each other alive."

- Pirke Avot 3:2,

Rabbi Chaninah, The Assistant of the High Priests

Rabbi Joseph Telushkin, in his book *Jewish Wisdom*, explains that Judaism's support for government is due to the view that human nature is "neither good nor bad but neutral, with some strong proclivities toward evil." Therefore, he says, Judaism disputes the assertion by anarchists that government is the cause of most of the evil in world. Telushkin clarifies further that governments made of imperfect people are not perfect but are better than no government at all.

The so-called Patriot or Militia movement from which the Oklahoma City terrorists derive has forwarded the absurd belief that the government of the United States is somehow conspiring against the American people. The artist Goya once said that, "The sleep of reason creates monsters." Jews have seen this principle at work in such unfortunate contexts as the Blood Libel, that Jews need Christian blood to make matzot for Pesach (sic), and that all Jews for all time are responsible for the death of Jesus (sic). Such absurd untruths, which only thrive in the absence of reason, have served as the motivation for wrongful actions. Today's anti-government frenzy strongly contributed to the senseless evil in Oklahoma. Where such sentiment crosses the line and becomes treason it must be stopped.

The leadership of President Clinton and members of the loyal opposition such as Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich (R., GA) and Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole (R., KS) is apparent in their quick action to show the resolve of this government of the people, for the people and by the people. Legislation is under consideration to counter the threat of terrorism both domestic and imported. Care must be shown in evaluating these recent anti-terrorism proposals, and those previously proposed by Senators Biden (D., DE) and Specter (R., PA) primarily against foreign threats, so that civil liberties are not unduly compromised.

Useful anti-terrorism legislation should be

able to stifle illegal activities of paramilitary groups, neo-Nazis, White supremacists, and Islamic extremists without overreaching to trample the rights of ordinary Americans to free speech, free association and against unreasonable searches or seizure. Expanded latitude for agencies such as the FBI should be narrowly tailored to what is absolutely needed to reasonably counteract terrorist threats. Investigations of anti-War groups and others in the 1960's yielded abuses which spawned reforms to restrict investigations. Current legislation should not broadly roll back these reforms but should instead carefully reexamine only those investigatory restrictions which would actually hamper effective counter-terrorism information gathering. Such a reexamination should balance factors such as the degree of compromise to the public's civil liberties and the potential effectiveness of those measures which might become unrestricted. A preference should be given to simple steps which lessen threats without unduly intruding on civil liberties. Just as airline passengers and their luggage are routinely x-rayed and examined so could entrants into potential target areas such as Federal buildings be unobtrusively searched.

Such careful evaluation may not be easily done in a climate which calls for swift action against such alleged demons as Tim McVeigh and John Doe 2. Flawed though it may be this governmental system offers a great opportunity to rise to the occasion and meet present challenges. Many believe that the United States has the best system in the world. Indeed many Jews believe that the United States has been the better for the Jews than any other country in which we have lived outside of Israel. The threat to the government is great from the militias who in their paranoia believe the government is conspiring to rob all citizens of all weapons. Given this challenge we pray for the welfare of the United States of America.

## LETTERS

## Rabbi Urges School Board Vote

To the Editor:

As a rabbi, a citizen supportive of the public school system, and especially as a parent of children in the Brandywine School district, I encourage all eligible voters to cast their ballot in the school board election on Tuesday, May 9. Equally important, I hope that you look closely at the issues and the candidates.

There is a concerted effort underway across the country to undermine public schools through the election of candidates to school boards who wish to "privatize" them. Candidates are not always directly involved with these groups, but often support organizations — or receive support from organizations — which supposedly are independent and present themselves as promoting values "in the best interest" of students and schools.

These organizations encourage the limitation of school board terms and alternate forms of taxation other than the property tax. Directing their efforts to seniors and others on fixed incomes, they seek to defeat referenda and thus weaken the public schools.

While our public schools are far from perfect, our job is to improve them and not elect those to public school boards who would rather see them eliminated. We need a committed board member who might not have the financial support for placards placed on every other street, but whose support comes from those who know true commitment to our children, all our children.

Sincerely,  
Peter H. Grumbacher

## Citizen Says Shenk Answered Questionnaire

To The Editor:

You might wonder why this "WASP" is writing a letter to "The Jewish Voice." It is because I feel strongly about an issue facing ALL of the residents of the Brandywine School District. That issue is the education of our children.

An election for a member of the Brandywine Board of Education is being held on Tuesday, May 9. There are two candidates for the School Board seat — Paul Hart and Julie Shenk.

Mr. Hart is a newcomer to the business of the Brandywine School District. He attended his first Board meeting just last August and has not, by his own account, observed a classroom in operation since last October. He has been an active member of Citizens for Fair School Taxes — an organization whose focus is taxes, not the education of children.

Mr. Hart did not return the "Education '95" Questionnaire solicited by numerous organizations including the Jewish Federation, Council of Civic Organizations of Brandywine Hundred (CCOBH), Delaware State PTA, League of Women Voters and the Coalition to Save our Children. If Mr. Hart truly felt strongly

about equal and quality education for ALL children, he would not have let an opportunity pass to address the diverse questions and issues facing the community.

Julie Shenk, on the other hand, did take the time to complete the questionnaire. You may not agree with her answers, but the fact that she took the time to respond demonstrates that she understands that none of our children fit into one mold — they are all of different backgrounds and those differences should be accepted and valued.

Mrs. Shank has been involved in the schools of this district for over 15 years. She has served in PTA, CAC and, for the past ten years, on the Board of Education. She is a believer in public education and the diversity of its students — from the most special needs to the most talented, from the poorest to the richest, from the atheist to the most religious.

The question to be decided on May 9 is what type of person we want to represent us on the Brandywine Board of Education. A vote for Julie Shenk is a vote for diversity, experience and children.

Cordially,  
Eleanor Woodard

## One Resident Touts Hart's Campaign

To The Editor:

Paul Hart is a candidate for the Brandywine School District Board of Education. He is committed to helping our teachers improve the reading skills of our students.

The failure of education in our country and our community must change. I have attended meetings of the Board, and it is apparent that we have very little accountability from our board in academic achievement or finances.

The May 1994 referendum increased taxes more in one year than in the previous ten years. However, our District has not provided a corresponding increase in supplies or text-

books. Instead, we have witnessed an increase in administrative staff, in money being spent on leasing cars, and car phones and beepers. These expenditures do not improve education! These decisions have resulted in our children's lowered scholastic achievements — only 11% of our 8th graders meet or exceed State reading standards!

Paul has many years experience in supervision, planning, and data management. His daughter graduated in District schools, and his two grandchildren currently attend District schools.

Sincerely,  
Sarlyn Goldman

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## OPINION

## Voices From Israel

By CONNIE KRESHTOOL

Member of The Jewish Voice Editorial Committee

This year as Israel celebrates Independence Day many Israelis who support the peace process are losing heart and the voices of those who oppose the process are becoming louder and more strident.

At the recent assembly of the Association of Reform Zionists of America I heard several Israeli political leaders offer their solutions to the current search for lasting peace.

Nimrod Barkan, newly-appointed Consul General in San Francisco, spoke about a role for American Jews today. He began by citing that in the early years of the State Ben Gurion made a conscious effort to drop the demand that Jews in the United States make aliyah in exchange for their financial and political help. By 1967 Jews who were now part of mainstream America were comfortable enough to undertake massive fund raising and lobbying campaigns.

By the early nineties Mr. Barkan said that American Jews were unaware of changes occurring in Israel. She was becoming more independent economically. Even the loan guarantees which American Jews supported were

more an Israeli political issue than a financial one.

He said today there is a need to find a rallying issue which will create a pro-Israel agenda for Jews in the United States. He did offer one suggestion...financial assistance from the United States for the Palestinians. Will American Jews support such an effort?

Knesset member Benny Temkin of the Meretz Coalition provided the liberal left position on peace with the Palestinians. He said that since 1967 five million Israeli including 800,000 Israeli Arabs have determined the fate of two million Palestinians. This has led to increasing ethnic hatred and a cycle of terrorism, war and rebellion.

He said that his party believes that the only solution is to separate Palestinians from the Israelis and create a border between the two. To do this Israel must make territorial concessions and remove the settlements. He emphasized that it is five minutes to twelve. Moslem fundamentalism is growing and the Palestinians are weak. With every terrorist attack he says the Likud spokesmen say "stop the process" which plays into the hands of Hamas. He called for continued involvement of the United States to achieve peace between Israel and the Palestinians.

Knesset member, Ran Cohen of Meretz, spoke on building peace with Syria. He said that Israel must have a circle of peace as a defense against Islamic fundamentalism which is the real threat. He believes now is the best time to make peace with Syria because there is still an anti-fundamentalist atmosphere in Arab communities.

He warned that in 1967 the word was to wait out the PLO. Now Hamas is the threat and they are even more extreme. He emphasized that the Golan Heights is not Eretz Yisroel but a security issue. He sees the settlements as obstacles to peace and believes an arrangement can be made to keep some land for the settlers in a lease arrangement as was done with the Jordanians. However Israel does need security assurances before they can leave. Syria is also the key to removal of the Hezbollah guerrilla units in Lebanon.

Knesset member Avigdor Kahalani of the Labor Party also spoke about peace with Syria. He does not however agree with the Labor Party's position about a referendum on phased withdrawal of the settlements on the Golan. He believes that Israel should keep the Golan Heights for another fifty years. He related his experiences as a tank commander in the Six Day War and how vital it is for Israel to remain on the heights for security, for water and for the natural resources. His opponents claim that there are other security components that lessen the topographical advantages of the Golan Heights.

Knesset member Ori Orr of the Labor Party said that the government took a gamble with

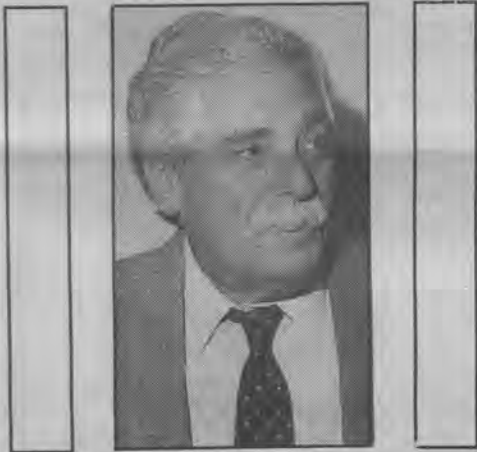


Connie Kreshtool

the Declaration of Principles but the status quo was even more dangerous. He called for a step by step separation of the territories. He said any peace with Syria must include peace arrangements with Lebanon, insurances that the terrorists are under control and cooperative arrangements on the water sources. If the government can give these answers the people of Israel will support the phased withdrawal from the Golan.

Listening to these few members of the Knesset offers some insight into the why it is so difficult to reach agreement in the Knesset on these very difficult and vital issues.

## Welfare Reform And Immigration Laws



Arnold Lieberman

By ARNOLD LIEBERMAN

Director of Jewish Family Service

The sweeping changes in Congress that

resulted from the last election, have and will continue to have a major impact on all aspects of our society. We at Jewish Family Service feel an immediate concern in two areas: Immigration Laws and Welfare Reform. Let it be clear that we totally support the idea that changes are needed and we support any effort to improve the system. There is a major problem caused by illegal immigration into our country. That changes are needed, no one can argue. However, our work with Soviet Emigres is totally legal and authorized, and we must assure that any sweeping changes not lap over and impact our work with the citizens of the former Soviet Republic, who are being persecuted and meet any reasonable criteria for admission to our country.

A more complex area is Welfare Reform. Again, we wholly support the need for reform; we are against government waste and inefficient bureaucracy; and we support funding programs that can make a difference in people's lives.

A significant part of our work brings us into

contact with clients, who are receiving welfare or other government benefits. We see the impact that this has on their lives, and can imagine what its loss would mean to these people.

We are not naive. We know very well that there are people abusing the system, but our experience is that they represent a small percentage.

Our present concern is HR4 as passed last month, which is being (or has been) incorporated into Senate Bills. These programs that have been lumped together under a broad umbrella and targeted for reform, are in fact, America's safety net, which protects our country's most vulnerable citizens - children, the disabled, and those who are unemployable without training, support, and encouragement.

We have conveyed the following points to Senators Biden and Roth regarding the current legislation which will soon be introduced in the Senate.

As the legislation is now written, Delaware stands to lose \$109 million, which is sorely needed.

We must maintain protection for vulnerable populations, such as assurances for health and safety, and quality initiatives.

We must maintain current entitlements in all program areas.

We at Jewish Family Service feel strongly that without adequate funding, program availability for all who are eligible, and attention to program quality and accountability, welfare reform is doomed to failure. Attention to these issues will contribute to building a strong basis for success.

As the Jewish Community's agency, that deals with our most vulnerable citizens in both the Jewish and general communities, (if anyone still believes the myth that needy Jews do not exist, be assured that we deal with Jewish families on a regular basis, who are living in poverty and on welfare) we see and know first hand what can happen to these people if Welfare Reform is not carefully worked through.

We all cried when we saw what happened to children in Oklahoma City. Taking away the "safety net" for many children could result in consequences less dramatic, but just as dire.

## Commentary:

## The Realpolitik Of The 1990s And Israel's Nuclear Policy - To Sign Or Not To Sign The NPT

By EVIATAR MANOR

Consul General of Israel

With the end of the Cold War, the rivalry between the USSR and America has ended; gratefully, the danger of a world nuclear conflagration has been greatly reduced. However, the need to control the spread of nuclear arms is greater now than ever. Ironically, more local conflicts and trouble spots - like Bosnia, Chechnya and others - have arisen which could be even more dangerous.

That's why it is vitally important that more than 150 nations of the world have fathered together at the U.N. this month to discuss the renewal of the 25-year-old Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons Treaty (NPT). It's certainly a laudable effort. A way needs to be found to deal with rogue countries like Iran and Iraq (both signatories of the NPT) who are still clan-

destinely trying to develop nuclear arms.

For instance, Iraq's nuclear development program was temporarily halted in 1981 and again in the Gulf War. But, it continues to try to evade U.N inspections of its remaining biological, chemical, and nuclear arms facilities. As for Iran, nuclear arms experts estimate that it will obtain a nuclear capability (with or without Western technology and equipment) within five to 10 years. Recognizing the gravity of a radical Islamic regime with a nuclear capability, the United States has attempted to halt recently concluded deals in which Russia and China would construct nuclear reactors in Iran. But, the American campaign has largely been in vain.

Quite frankly, it is enough to make you shudder. Such efforts as well as those of Libya and other states make one wonder how effective a renewal of the NPT can be. Can the current

negotiators effectively limit the spread of nuclear arms? Will a renewed NPT impose controls or penalties on rogue nations? How will negotiators deal with these issues? Can they overcome these problems?

Until the present time, Iran has limited its effort to thwart the Middle East peace process through the funding and training of militant Islamic organizations, either in Southern Lebanon, the West Bank or the Gaza Strip. Both Hamas and Islamic Jihad proudly claim responsibility for the recent wave of suicide bombings against Israeli soldiers and civilians. With a nuclear bomb, though, Iran either could try to wipe out Israel, threaten the West's oil supplies, or directly target American cities. And who could stop them? What possible retaliation could there be?

At the same time, Israel has chosen not to become a party to the NPT. Why? Israel's nuclear policy has to be examined in relation to her neighbors. Since Israel's founding in 1948, Arab states as well as Iran have threatened to utterly destroy the Jewish state. No other country in the world faces such a dire threat. Israel insists it will not be the first to introduce nuclear weapons into the Middle East; but, at the same time, Israel will not confirm or deny the existence of an Israeli nuclear capability.

In explaining Israel's nuclear policy, Foreign Minister Shimon Peres recently remarked "the Iranian suspicion is our deterrent." He could just as easily have said, "the Iraqi suspicion is our deterrent." Unfortunately, not a few countries want to destroy Israel. So, a deterrent "fog," as it were, is essential to the country's defense.

Unfortunately, this stance has adversely affected Israel's peaceful relations with Egypt and other Arab states. They interpret Israel's refusal to sign the NPT as a contradiction of the spirit of the Middle East peace process. To resolve these differences, Israel has pledged itself to begin talks on a nuclear-arms free Middle East two years after the signing of peace accords with her current enemies.

Currently, no strategic reason exists to alter Israel's nuclear policy. Israel is still faced with security threats, both conventional and nuclear. Although the Middle East peace process is advancing and has produced some impressive gains, it needs to be expanded. Until the Damoclean sword of nuclear annihilation is lifted, Israel must retain a policy of ambiguous deterrence.

(Eviatar Manor is the Consul General of Israel for the Mid-Atlantic states. Stacey Gershwind, an intern at the consulate, helped research this article.)

# SCHOOLS '95 RESULTS

On May 9 and May 13 Delawareans have the opportunity to vote for members to serve on local district school boards. In the last issue of *The Jewish Voice* (April 20, 1995) on page 4 an explanation was printed about the Schools '95 coalition's survey. The full text of the questions was printed there. What is printed below are excerpts of the answers to that survey. Because of space limitations we have printed responses only from those candidates from districts with a

large number of our readers. The excerpts below were edited by *The Jewish Voice* and may not provide a full insight into particular candidates' responses. For complete answers or further information, please call Rabbi Marla Feldman, Director of the JCRC at 302 478-6200. These results are published as a public service by *The Jewish Voice*. Some words below are abbreviated.

Candidates	Paul E. Hart	Julie Shenk	James J. Byers	Michele Hoifstetter	Michael Shockley	Marcella Wilson	Donald Young, Sr.	Christopher Yates
District	Brandywine	Brandywine	Colonial	Colonial	Colonial	Colonial	Colonial	Colonial
Questions								
1. New Directions Support? Finance?	Did not respond	Supports and will fund. She is on the DE Profess'l Standards Council and DE Foreign Language Commiss'n	Support and will fund.	Support and will fund.	New Directions is the wrong direction	Cannot blindly agree to support funding	Will support New Directions if it is beneficial	Cannot take a firm position. New Directions appears good.
2. Favor School Vouchers?	Did not respond	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	No
3. Textbook Removal	Did not respond	Case by case. Keep multicultural	Case by case. Remove illegal or immoral	Opposes censorship	Would use rational process	Would not support propaganda	Case by case. Input from teachers/administr'n	Censorship only when obviously offensive and unnecessary
4. Prayer in public schools?	Did not respond	Moment of silence	Moment of silence	Focus on education not religion	Yes - right to pray and express	Does not want child proselytized	Supports moment of silence	Moments of silence or generic prayer
5. Discipline practices	Did not respond	Favors reporting & alt. schools. H.B. 85	Report weapons, drugs, assaults	Parental involvement needed	HB 85 too inclusive	HB 85 is important. Favors alt. schools	Supports HB 85	HB 85 strictly enforced
6. Family life health	Did not respond	District curriculum meets state standards	Not only abstinence	Ignorance not education is the reason for disease	Not only abstinence	No propaganda indoctrination offenses	Abstinence only curriculum does not work	Abstinence only is unrealistic. Adoption alternative
7. Supporters	Did not respond	Parents and citizens	Colonial education association	N/A	N/A	N/A	Parents of cub scouts and boy scouts	N/A
8. Issues	Did not respond	Partnership parents and others; balance excellence/efficiency	New Directions, relations with school board	Parental participation, referendums	Diversity, discipline, curriculum	Parent/teacher advise; bargain & grievance procedures	Quality teachers/administrators, discipline; extracurricular	Safety, extracurricular; academic performance

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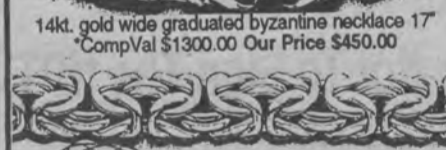
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Paintings By Clara Finkelstein's Donated To JFD

By DAN WEINTRAUB  
Editor of The Jewish Voice

Dr. Norman L. Cannon has donated to the Jewish Federation of Delaware (JFD) a collection of paintings created by his late Aunt, Delaware's Clara Finkelstein. The oil paintings depict a variety of subjects including some derived from her memories of her childhood in Russia. The Russian works employ a dark palette which suggests the fear of pogroms and other difficulties faced by Jews there as well as challenges facing immigrants to the United States. Among the other paintings is a brightly depicted balloon seller and another which realistically renders a nude.



Detail of a Finkelstein Painting.

Toni Young, President of JFD, told *The Jewish Voice* "The Jewish Federations of Delaware is delighted to have these paintings not only because of their beauty but because of the importance of Clara and I.B. Finkelstein in our Jewish community." Young added that the photographs and articles documenting Clara Finkelstein's career will be placed in the archives of the Jewish Historical Society of Delaware "where Jews for generations to come can learn about this talented Jewish artist."

Clara Finkelstein immigrated to the United States with her parents in 1893 and settled in Delaware. She began painting while vacationing in Arden with her husband I.B. Finkelstein. She studies at the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts and

with M.A. Renzetti and N.C. Wyeth. She belonged to the Wilmington Society of Fine Arts, the Studio Group in Wilmington and the Philadelphia Art Alliance. Mrs. Finkelstein is said to have been influenced by the naturalism of the Ashcan School and social realist paintings of the 1930's.

Finkelstein's influence was felt by other members of her family who have also pursued the study of art. These other artists — Ruth E. Berger, the aforementioned Norman L. Cannon, Maura E. Golin and Carol Berger Hershman, had their works represented along with Finkelstein's in an October 1993 show titled "Artistic Connections: One Century Of

A Family's Involvement in Art" at the S. Samuel and Roxana C. Arshat Hall at the University of Delaware's Wilmington Campus. Cannon notes of his Aunt's influence on her nieces and nephews artistic interest that "We all were urged to keep at it and not to let it drop."

During her lifetime Mrs. Finkelstein (1885-1963) also had her work represented in a solo show at Breck's Mill. she was the wife of I.B. Finkelstein the former President of Delaware Hardware Co., and former chair of the Wilmington Housing Authority. I.B. Finkelstein was the

third president of JFD and was founder of the Brandywine Arts Festival. Clara did not begin to create art work until she was nearly 40. She created numerous works of art including sculpture in addition to the paintings which have become part of the JFD collection. Many of her sculptures are portraits of family members and have been kept by the family.

Norman L. Cannon told *The Jewish Voice* that he had cleaned and varnished most of the Finkelstein paintings which were given to JFD. Although he himself is considered an accomplished amateur he says he "did not have the creative knack" that his Aunt had. He credits Finkelstein with encouraging him to take classes

after he had created some initial works on canvas Cannon gave the gift because he did not want to break up the collection of Finkelstein's works and because he thought JFD would appreciate the art as it prepares to move into new downtown office space. Cannon believes Finkelstein would have approved of the donation given her community involvement and that of her husband. I.B. Finkelstein was an early JFD leader.

Cannon is a retired board certified urologist and a former hospital administrator. Regarding his own art work he describes himself as "an amateur who found in painting a continually absorbing and challenging pastime."

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**Ms. Zatuchni Appointed Assistant Executive Director, JFS**

Dory Zatuchni, LCSW, has been appointed to the position of Assistant Executive Director of Jewish Family Service, effective May 1, 1995. Executive Director, Arnold Lieberman, described the new position as a combination of direct services and administrative responsibilities, including staff supervision.

Ms. Zatuchni joined the JFS staff in November, 1990, as a case manager and counselor for the elder population. In July, 1992, she was appointed Director of Services to the Aged. During the years that followed, the department expanded into a more comprehensive program including workshops, support groups, advocacy and outreach.

In collaboration with West End Neighborhood House, she was instrumental in developing an adolescent counseling program for those at risk for violent behavior. Additionally, she has provided the Ministry of Caring's clientele with case management and brief solution focused therapy.

Ms. Zatuchni earned her Master of Social Work Degree in community organization and social policy from Temple University. She received her Bachelor of Arts Degree in sociology and psychology from Case Western Reserve University.

Ms. Zatuchni serves on the Boards

of Directors of the Federal Emergency Management Association, Philadelphia Hadassah and Har Zion Temple in Penn Valley, PA. She previously served on the Delaware Interfaith Coalition of Aging Board, Philadelphia Federation of Jewish Agencies' Women's Leadership Board and the Board of Akiba Hebrew Academy. She served as an elementary school teacher and teacher trainer of English as a Second Language while a Peace Corps volunteer in Yap, Micronesia. Today, there are still Yapese children singing, "Zom Gally Gally".



Dory Zatuchni

**JFD Annual Meeting Features Historical Slide Show**

The Annual Meeting of the Jewish Federation of Delaware, (JFD) "Halfway to 120," will celebrate our 60 years as a united Jewish community. The meeting will take place on May 11, 1995 at 8 PM at Congregation Beth Shalom. The event will honor the founders of Federation. A special show called "The Formative Years" will be presented by Dr. Ralph Tomases. Those in attendance will be able to review a display of artwork created by Clara Finkelstein and donated by Dr. Norman Cannon, and they will cast their vote for directions the JFD should take in the next sixty years. New board members will be elected at the meeting. The event is free and open to the community.

Toni Young, President of JFD, told *The Jewish Voice* that "We will pay tribute to those donors who contributed to the original campaign as well as to donors of fifty and forty years."

The slide show created by Dr. Ralph Tomases focuses on the formative years of the Jewish community of Delaware. Dr. Tomases's presentation reaches back to the 1800s and the forerunners to Jewish Family Service, the Kutz Auxiliary, and the JCC. The slideshow illustrates why JFD was necessary, when it started and who was involved. Included are minutes from a 1930 community organizing meeting and

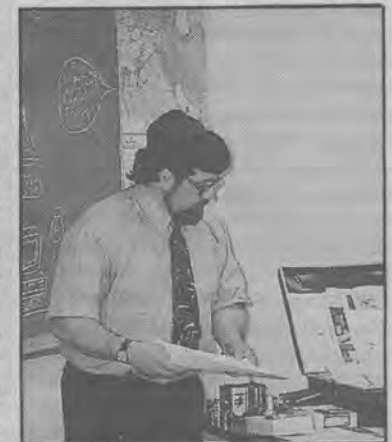
photos of the same. Other photos of people depict the early history of Jewish Delaware. Debbie Pernick will narrate the slide show.

Dr. Tomases's historical slide tour concludes in the early 1950's. His father had given an oral history in 1969 and described the formation of the Federation as the most important change in Delaware's Jewish community during his lifetime. The younger Tomases's slide show underscores this point. Dr. Tomases worked on the slide show with Barbara Yalisoze whose husband had a number of photos of the community. Dr. Tomases drew upon the work of Toni Young and others involved with the historical groups such as the Jewish Historical Society of Delaware (JHSD). Dr. Tomases has been an integral part of previous community slide shows such as the one in 1976, which focused on World War II veterans which was turned into a video recently.

Tomases told *The Jewish Voice* "I hope a lot of people come to the meeting and like the show."

Judy Wortman, Executive Vice President of the Federation urges all members of the community - teens, adults, and grandparents alike to join us as we celebrate our landmark year and recognize 60 years of achievement and growth. She added, "I,

myself, look forward to greeting those founders whom I have not met. I want them to know how grateful we are for their vision, wisdom, and commitment to our community."



At the April 10, JCRC Forum and Workshop on New Directions, David Brown, shown above, presented Science Curriculum Standards for New Directions.

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JCRC Forum And Workshop  
On New Directions For Delaware

By DAVID L. GREEN

JCRC Education Task Force Member

On April 10th, a JCRC-sponsored forum and workshop on the New Directions for Delaware Content Standards was presented to an audience of about 30 people at Congregation Beth Emeth in Wilmington. In addition to concerned citizens and speakers, the forum was attended by several state legislators and by Paul Fine, President of the Delaware State Board of Education.

In his introductory remarks, Rabbi Peter Grumbacher of Beth Emeth emphasized the importance of public education reform for a Jewish community that has traditionally emphasized learning in both sacred and secular contexts. Nancy Doorey, a member of the State Board of Education, described New Directions in terms of its three major aspects: standards, assessment, and capacity-building.

First, standards have been developed in the four major content areas. Second, uniform assessment tools are being developed to measure the progress of both schools and individual students. Third, the capacity to meet the standards of New Directions depends on improvements in the technological infrastructure of schools and the skills of teachers, as well as on the active involvement of parents, students, and the community. Ms. Doorey stressed that the need for school reform is being driven both by changes in the global economy and by the increasingly complex demands of citizenship.

Workshops with hands-on activities related to the proposed content standards were presented by educators who have been directly involved with the task forces formulating these standards: Linda Selwood of the Brandywine School District in Math; David Brown, also of Brandywine, in Science; Doug Grudzina of Dover High School in English Language Arts; and Steve Newton of Delaware State University in Social Studies.

After the workshops, participants



David Green, JCRC Member chaired the April 10 forum on New Directions for Delaware Content Standards.

reconvened for questions and discussion. Concerns were expressed about funding, teacher training, assessment tools, classroom size, and tracking. Ms. Doorey and the workshop leaders stressed that these problems, while not easily solvable, ought not to deter the ongoing implementation of materials and methods which meet the content standards. These standards, as Mr. Fine stressed, are based on the assumption that all children can learn and are capable of mastering complex academic skills.

This is a goal that we in the Jewish community have no trouble understanding in terms of our own children. But we must also ask ourselves whether we are committed to this ideal in the larger community, upon which we depend for both our continued prosperity and religious freedom.

Third Annual Women's Seder  
Sponsored By JFS

By MICHELE SANDS

More than forty women and one man, representing many generations, shared a special Passover experience on April 18. They gathered at the B'nai B'rith House for the third annual women's seder sponsored by Jewish Family Service's Judaism and Feminism group.

Dorothy Flippen led the seder, which utilized a hagaddah written by members of the group, and those gathered around the tables took turns reading. They read about Miriam, the sister of Moses, and honored the vital role she played in the Pesach story. Miriam, the prophet, was resourceful, courageous, strong-minded, persistent, talented, and convincing.

They read different answers to the traditional four questions; answers that related to women's experiences. They read about the significance of the number four in the seder; four is

also the number of the matriarchs - Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel and Leah.

As in the past two years, music was an important part of the women's seder. Several women played instruments to accompany the

group's spirited singing of traditional and contemporary Pesach songs.

For information about the Judaism and Feminism group or the women's seder, contact Myrna Ryder at Jewish Family Service, 478-9411. The Jewish Family Service is a beneficiary of the 1995 "Live Jewish" Community Campaign which is administered by the Jewish Federation of Delaware (JFD).

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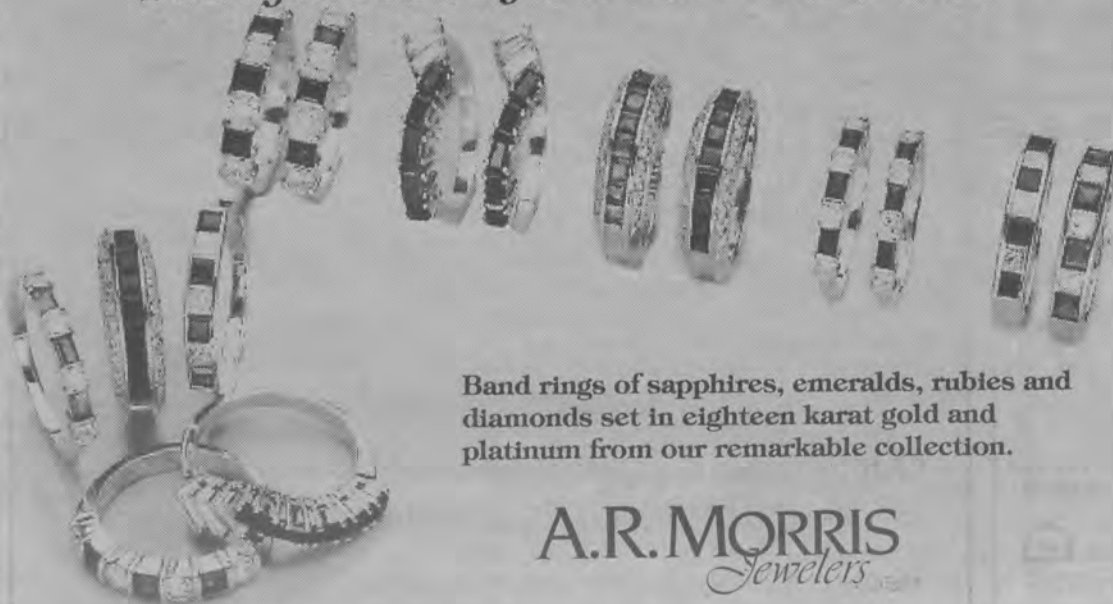
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## Debate On School Prayer

The 4-6 graders at the Albert Einstein Academy have been studying debating and have conducted student debates on various issues. On Monday, May 1st, two parents of Einstein students, who are attorneys: Mark Caplan, father of Elana Caplan (grade 5) and Jack Blumenfeld, father of Nathan (grade 6), Rachel (grade 5) and Aaron (kindergarten) debated each other.

The Caplan-Blumenfeld debate the issue "Prayer in Public Schools - Should the Law Be Changed?" The history of the issue, the bill of Rights, the Constitution and the Supreme Court decisions were discussed and debated.

The students had the opportunity to see a debate and to react to the issues.

Albert Einstein Academy is a

beneficiary of the "Live Jewish" Community Campaign which is administered by the Jewish Federation of Delaware (JFD).



Jack Blumenfeld, left, and Mark Caplan

## Garden Of Righteous Gentiles Inspires Visitors

By CONSTANCE KRESHTOOL  
Chair of the Halina Wind Preston  
Holocaust Education Committee

With hundreds of people coming to the Jewish Community Center to view the "Fifty Faces: The Holocaust Remembered" Exhibit, co-sponsored by the Halina Wind Preston Holocaust Education Committee, many have been moved by the Garden of the Righteous Gentiles.

The grove of trees and landscaped beds that form the garden opposite the entrance to the Jewish Community Center on Garden of Eden Road is the Delaware Jewish Community's tribute to those Christians who during the Holocaust rescued Jews who later became Delawareans. It was the

first such garden planted outside of Israel.

The Garden of the Righteous Gentiles was the dream of Halina Wind Preston. She was inspired by the "Avenue of the Righteous" at Yad Vachem in Jerusalem as a way to pay tribute to the two Christians who kept her alive as she hid in the sewers of Lvov, Poland. Other Holocaust survivors living in Delaware joined her in recognizing the courageous men and women who saved their lives at risk of death.

Also remembered in the Garden are local rescuers, Ger and Gerard Van Raan, who hid two Jewish children in their home in Holland during the Nazi occupation. The Van Raans later came to live in

Ardentown, Delaware.

The Garden also honors two very special rescuers. One is Raoul Wallenberg, the Swedish diplomat in Hungary, who saved more than 100,000 Jews by issuing them false papers. The other is the King of Denmark whose leadership encouraged the Christian populace to smuggle the entire Jewish community out of Denmark into Sweden in order to save them from being transported to concentration camps by the German occupiers.

A tree has been planted for each of these heroes and for the Unknown Righteous Gentile who represents all those unknown men and women who risked their lives to save our Delaware survivors from death.

Contributions to the Garden may be made to honor or remember family and friends. They should be sent to the Jewish Community Center and designated for the Garden of the Righteous Gentiles Maintenance Fund.

## YLC Videotapes Seniors' Oral Histories

By MICHAEL R. SCHWARTZ  
Where can you find the history of Delaware's Jewish community? In the memories of our senior citizens. Those stories that Bubbe and Zayda tell so often will one day fade from our collective consciousness. It is the combination of these individual stories that makes up our community's history.

On April 4th the perishable nature of this invaluable past met with today's technology and was captured for all times. At the B'nai B'rith House's auditorium three camcorders met six seniors and the stories flew. The General Programs Committee of the Young Leadership Cabinet of Jewish Federation did the

taping and the seniors did the talking. The stories ran from personal stories to the evolution of the current Jewish organizations in Delaware. The topics included the Depression, WWII, anti-semitism, the birth of Israel and the Jewish community's experience with these events. A three page questionnaire accompanied each videotape providing a detailed written genealogy.

And what is a fitting repository for this collective narrative? The Jewish Archives at the Delaware Historical Society, of course. These videos will rest among a gathering of books and photos that tell the history of our people. Will future generations take the time and interest to look back

and see from whence they came? If they choose to do so the hard work of those involved in this project should help.

If you are interested in the Archives or the Young Leadership Cabinet (YLC) call the Jewish Federation of Delaware (JFD) at (302) 478-6200. The YLC is a beneficiary of the 1995 "Live Jewish" Community Campaign which is administered by the Jewish Federation of Delaware (JFD).

## Hadassah Chapter To Install Officers

The Wilmington Chapter of Hadassah will hold its installation of officers for the 1995/1996 year on Monday May 22, 1995 at 7:30 P.M. at the Melting Pot Restaurant in Independence Mall. The new Board Members will be installed by Judy Steibel and a dessert reception will follow. Also the Youth Aliyah Raffle will be held at this time.

The 1995-1996 slate of officers is as follows: President: Suzy Grumbacher Vice President: Joan Lubitz, Michelle Sands, Eva Weissman, Denise Shurak, Edie Davis, Ann Jaffe, Audrey Katz. Treasurer: Susan Hoover, Marcia Katzen Secretaries: Luiza Cohen, Millie Ackerman, Jackie Berger, Barbara Golin.

Reservations can be made by calling Eva Weissman at 478-4514. There will be a \$5.00 fee.

## HELP!



Proofreader needed to help *The Jewish Voice* in Dover twice monthly on Thursdays. This volunteer position is an important contribution to the community. Interested persons call Dan at 302-478-6200.

## Yom HaShoah Observed at University of Delaware Hillel

By JORDAN SOPINSKY  
Special To The Jewish Voice

It is March 1938. Clara Isaacman, a young girl living in Antwerp, Belgium with her two brothers, sister, and parents, is listening to her Uncle Emil trying to persuade her father to leave Belgium. He tells them he is headed to Palestine and that they should do the same. Clara's parents don't want to move and they don't think Hitler will get away with much more than he already has.

It is April 26, 1995. Clara Isaacman, the keynote speaker at the Yom HaShoah Holocaust Remembrance Day ceremony at the University of Delaware Hillel, is pointing out friends and family in slide pictures. As each new picture emerges, she flatly states that none of the people in the picture survived the Holocaust. They all are all dead because they were Jews. "I am in front of you because of people who care for people," she emphasizes.

It is July 1942. Mr. Adams, a trolley-car conductor obtains tickets for Clara and her family to travel to his house at night so that they can hide from the Nazis. They safely arrive at his house and are shown to the single room with one bed in which they will all share for the next six months.

It is April 26, 1995. Debbie Respler, a University of Delaware undergraduate, tells of her visit to Poland, to the concentration camps. A participant in the "March of the Living" program, Ms. Respler tells of the horror her eyes witnessed, of the smell of leather from a large pile of shoes, and of the emotions which swelled inside her while bearing witness.

It is December 30, 1942. Sholom Heller, Clara's father, has not returned to their hiding place at the Adams' residence. He had gone out the evening before in order to sell diamonds for payment of food from Mr. Adams. A member of the Resistance comes and tells the family that Sholom Heller gassed himself. It is later learned that the "friend" Mr. Heller planned to sell the diamonds to decided that he would rather just have the diamonds rather than pay for them.

It is April 26, 1995. Rev. Laura

Lee Wilson tells of the theologian of whom she admires more than any other and tells of how he died because of his participation with the Resistance. "Oh God, Oh God, where were you?" she asks.

It is August 1945. Clara Isaacman, her mother, her brother, and her sister, find out that Antwerp will be liberated by the Allies within a few hours. After spending three years hiding in over twenty different places, the Isaacmans can now look forward to freedom.

It is April 26, 1995. Rabbi Booth, director of Hillel, speaks of healing. "We have to let fear and sadness soften our hearts," he says.

In August, 50 years will have passed since the defeat of the Nazis and the liberation of the concentration camps. During these fifty years, various comparisons have been drawn between the Holocaust and other travesties during our time. It is important to note that what happened in Eastern Europe from 1933 to 1945 is not comparable to any other time in history. It is a horrifyingly unique portion of human history.

## Decorating For Retirement Community Living

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## Norman Cantor Foresees Demise Of American Jewish Community

By PRISCILLA W. SIEGEL

Special to The Jewish Voice

"Jews are declining as an identifiable religious group in the United States. Like the Amish, they will become an admired, but marginal group. By the middle of the 21st Century, there will be only about two million Jews in the United States who have a Jewish identity—unless there is some drastic change in current trends and widespread reformation."

Norman Cantor's gloomy prediction, delivered in a blunt, matter-of-fact style, was the thesis of his talk

"Jews and Christians in Historical Perspective" at Christ Church, Greenville, on April 23. Cantor, a history professor at NYU, is author of the recently published and controversial book "The Sacred Chain: A History of the Jews." Based upon his research, Cantor implies that Jewish history has, for centuries, been a distortion of facts and a cover-up.

The anticipated demise of American Jewry has, according to Cantor, several historical precedents. Looking back to the 13th-15th centuries, Jews in Spain, responding to external pressures and reflecting internal development, converted to Christianity in massive numbers. External pressures represented diligent missionary work by Christian clergy who believed that the Second Coming

could only occur after Jewish conversion, while the internal development within the Jewish intellectual community represented broad acceptance of Catholic teaching. In fact, many of converted intellectual Jews became church officials who actively pressured other Jews to convert.

Cantor said that conversions account for the fact that the approximately two million Jews who lived in Spain in the 14th century dwindled to 100,000 by 1492. And, contrary to the 300,000 figure recorded in standard histories of the Expulsion, Cantor claims that perhaps as "few" as 40,000 were expelled. Thus, a vibrant Jewish community was decimated not by persecution, but by voluntary conversion and assimilation.

The second historical precedent cited by Cantor was the German Jewish community, which from the mid-19th century to the first quarter of the 20th century, followed a similar course of assimilation and conversion. Reform Judaism, developed in the 1850's in Germany, addressed this issue by modernizing Judaism and making it relevant to the contemporary German Jewish community. Ultimately, however, it was National Socialism that thwarted the progression toward assimilation by the tragic physical destruction of the Jewish community.

Cantor's third precedent was the demise of the Jewish community in Czarist Russia, where 5 million Jews lived and where a rich Yiddish culture flourished. With the advent of

the Revolution, much of the community divided between Bolshevism and Zionism. Eventually, with the total secularization of Russia and enforced elimination of ethnic group identities, Jews who remained in the country lost their Jewish identities.

Returning to the situation in the United States, Cantor finds that past history points to the future. Foreseeing a cycle of a strong Christian revival coupled with an ever-weakening Jewish group identity, American Jews will increasingly be absorbed into majority population. According to Professor Cantor, Jewish religious institutions do not have the vitality to attract and maintain a strong following. Reform Judaism, which moved to the United States from Germany, is stagnant, bogged down somewhere in the 1920's, while Conservative and Orthodox synagogues hold equally little appeal for Jews. Nor will the Lubavitch movement have a significant impact on the Jewish community at large.

Ties with Israel, which have long served as the Jewish identity for American Jews, will gradually weaken, while Israel itself will become ever more enmeshed politically and economically, with its Middle Eastern neighbors. In fact, says Cantor, Israel, with its expanding electronics industry as the centerpiece, will have a kind of trading post status similar to Singapore or South Korea.

It's easy to see why Cantor's latest book raised ire and anxiety within the American Jewish community.

Cantor himself acknowledges his unpopularity in the wake of "The Sacred Chain," reporting that he has even received several death threats. Is it possible that Cantor will soon be seen as the Jewish Salmon Rushdie?

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By IRV EPSTEIN

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## Activist Joel Glazier To Receive Honor

The Delaware State Education Association and its Minority Action Committee will present the annual Human & Civil Rights Banquet on Thursday, May 11 at 5:30 p.m. at the Sheraton Inn-Dover. Joel Glazier is a Human and Civil Right Awardee who will be honored at the banquet. Glazier works as a reading specialist at Gunning Bedford Middle School and is a member of the Colonial Education Association. He is described by DSEA as "well-known for his national volunteer work with Amnesty International, Earthwatch and other organizations." He is an active mem-

ber of the Halina Wind Preston Holocaust Education Committee. Glazier is incidentally an internationally renowned expert on the Beatles and was featured in the pages of *The Jerusalem Post*. Glazier is also an occasional contributor to *The Jewish Voice*.

Dr. William B. DeLauder, Ph.D., president of Delaware State University, will be the guest speaker. He was recently honored by the Delaware chapter of the National Conference of Christians and Jews (NCCJ). For more information call Rudy Norton of DSEA at 302 995-6091.

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Molecular biologist Daniel Nathans, a Nobel Prize-winning physician, has been named interim president of Johns Hopkins University, the university announced. Nathans, a native of Wilmington, will take office June 1 and lead the university during a search for a successor to William C. Richardson, who will become president of the W.K. Kellogg Foundation. Nathans, 66, has been a Hopkins faculty member for 33 years. He was one of three winners of the 1978 Nobel Prize in Medicine.

### ORT Remembers The Holocaust

About 30 Brandywine Chapter members attended the April 6 general meeting which featured the stories of two Holocaust survivors and their daughters. "The presentation was thought-provoking and moving and showed us all the importance of always remembering the Holocaust," said Heidi Kinsella. Francisca Verdoner Kan and Ellie Kan Alexander and Manya Perel and Sylvia Wagman were the two mother/daughter pairs who generously shared their lives with ORT.

### DICA Looks At Intergenerational Relations May 12

By MARION RECHSTEINER

DICA Board Member

Jews and Christians in Delaware work together with the Delaware Interfaith Coalition on Aging to help seniors.

"We started out trying to involve church and synagogue to promote spirituality for oldsters, but now we are interested in all phases of quality of life for the aging," says Verna Schenker, DICA chair.

Interfaith describes the DICA officers. Schenker is an active member of Congregation Beth Emeth. With her husband, Henry, she explains Jewish customs to members of many religions. Other officers are: vice chair, Rev. Ronald Bergman, pastor of St. Paul's United Methodist Church, Foulk Rd., Brandywine Hundred; treasurer, Wayne Blancett, retired DuPonter and member of Concordia Lutheran Church, Brandywine Hundred, and secretary, Barbara Majerus, pastoral associate at Christ Our King Church, Wilmington. She is the only lay person in the Catholic Diocese of Wilmington to hold this kind of posi-

tion. "The New York Times on Feb. 4 this year headlined a study of elderly patients with 'Religious Faith and Social Activity Help to Heal' showing churchgoing and being part of the network of a congregation have definite health benefits," Schenker reported.

"It seems to be the sheer optimism that's part of the religious outlook that makes a difference." She adds that "a 1994 review of dozens of studies concluded there is a valid association between religious involvement and better health."

Majerus, whose inner-city parish has a nurse to help in the neighborhood, is encouraged by this headline on a Wall Street Journal article last Fourth of July: "From Churches, a New Kind of Healing," describing the growing trend among churches and synagogues to become health centers, even developing interfaith approaches to church-supported medical care, especially for seniors.

DICA's mission is educating Delaware congregations on problems of the aging. Board members, representing all faiths, and a number of related professions and service agencies, report back to their groups after hearing programs on aspects of aging.

"Our main means of educating the public is our yearly conference," says Schenker.

"Family Ties: Fact or Fiction?" will be the theme of the 15th annual DICA conference Wednesday, May 12, at Beth Emeth Synagogue, 300 Lea Boulevard.

Dr. Kate Conway-Turner, director of women's studies and associate professor in the department of individual and family studies at the University of Delaware, will speak, offering solutions on intergenerational conflict.

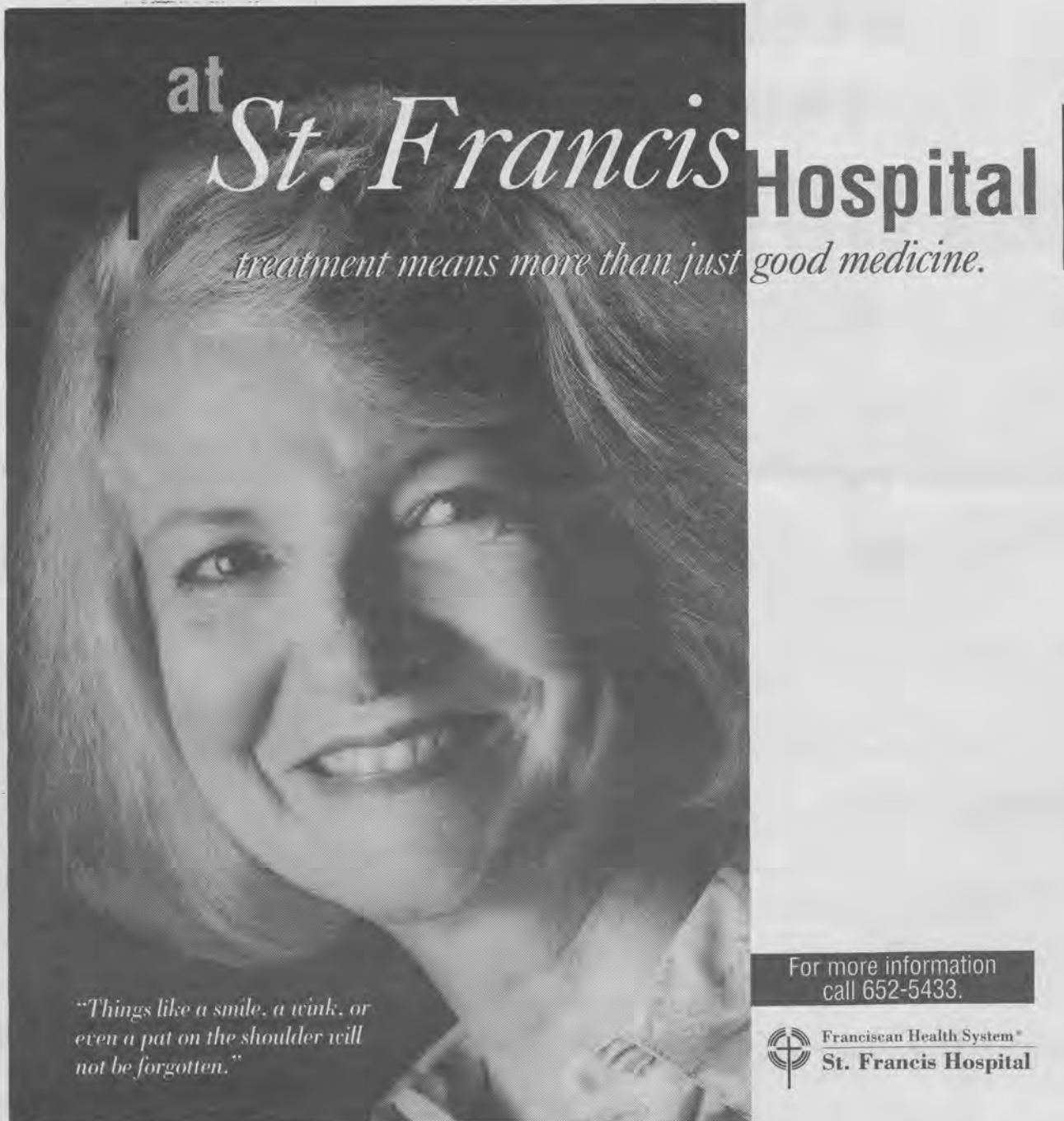
Mother of three daughters, Dr. Conway-Turner is on the advisory board of Christina Cultural Arts Center and co-director of the Center for Black Family Development. In 1944 she organized the Delaware Kids Conference, by and for kids, emphasizing leadership and interest in current issues, such as the environment.

The conference, 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., is open to anyone interested in problems of the elderly, including church leaders, social workers, therapists, nursing home administrators, physicians, nurses, caregivers and persons concerned about strengthening family ties. The cost, \$20, includes lunch. For reservations or information, call Majerus at 762-4140.

### Paul Fine Returns To Automobile Business

Greenville resident Paul R. Fine has returned to the automobile business. Paul Fine (previous owner of Fine Honda Oldsmobile, Newark, Delaware) along with partners Bill Gorski and Marty Sussman have purchased and renovated an Oldsmobile-Cadillac-GMAC dealership, just over the Delaware Memorial Bridge in Pennsville, New Jersey.

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## SYNAGOGUE LIFE

## "Magical Moments" Evening At Beth Shalom

Congregation Beth Shalom of Wilmington has announced plans for an evening of dining, dancing, live music, and entertainment for Saturday night May 20, 1995. "Recalling the tradition of Temple and Synagogue Balls of years past this event" enables Beth Shalom members "to renew old acquaintances and meet new friends," said a Beth Shalom

news release. Planning committee chair Karolin Lipman has indicated that Magical Moments will be the premier social event for Beth Shalom in 1995. This evening will begin at 8:00 p.m. at the Synagogue 18th Street and Baynard Boulevard. Call the Synagogue office (654-4462) for more information.

## The Rabbi Writes: Albany and Wilmington

By RABBI HERBERT DROOZ

Rabbi Emeritus at Temple Beth Emeth

My life has a mystery surrounding it. I'm heading toward eighty years, yet I have lived in only two communities; Albany, N.Y. and Wilmington, Delaware. Both cities had easy access to each other by railroad or boat from early times. We have court records revealing Jews traded with the Indians at New Castle, then Fort Casimir, in 1655. This was within a year of the first Jewish settlement in North America at New Amsterdam, now New York. Also, the Dutch West India Company had ordered their governor at New Amsterdam, Peter Stuyvesant, to allow Jews to trade with the Indians in Delaware and up the Hudson River at Fort Orange, now Albany. Poor immigrants earned a living for their families by peddling in rural Delaware, returning for the Sabbath to be with their families in Philadelphia or Baltimore.

Delaware, after New York, was the second colony opened legally to the Jews. This is of special personal coincidence to me, for I was born in Albany and have served as rabbi in Delaware for most of my life. Indeed, the congregation where I was reared and prepared for rabbinical studies is Beth Emeth of Albany, the third oldest Reform Congregation in America, established in 1838 over forty-nine years before Wilmington even had a synagogue. As late as the early 1870's attempts to establish regular synagogues here in Delaware failed.

Not until the end of the decade of the 1870's, with the heightening of religious persecution and dire economic hardship for Jews in parts of Central Europe and in the Empire of the Czar, were there sufficient immigrants in Wilmington to establish our first permanent institution, the Moses Montefiore Beneficial Society. It was founded on September 28, 1879, the day after Yom Kippur, in the home of Nathan Lieberman, who had established his clothes store at 5th and Market in 1862. The announced purpose of the Moses Montefiore Society was "to aid indigent and unfortunate brethren who may be cast ashore, so to speak, in this city." This Society is still flourishing a century later. Lieberman had tried unsuccessfully to establish a synagogue in 1872. At Yom Kippur services the day before in the makeshift quarters within the Morrow Building at 211 Market Street, a Wilmington Every Evening story reported thirty worshipers present. The worship service used German along with the Hebrew.

Czar Alexander II of Russia was a liberal, whose admiration of

Abraham Lincoln led him to free the serfs of Russia. However, with his death and the enthronement of Czar Alexander III in 1881, the Jews, as well as the Roman Catholics and Protestants of the Russian Empire, suffered not merely a political reaction, but a return to the barbaric conditions of the Middle Ages. The Proclamation General of the Holy Synod, the Czar's most influential advisor, planned a three fold enterprise: to starve one-third of the Jews; to convert forcibly another one-third; and to harass the final one-third into emigrating from Russia. He succeeded with the last third. Jews streamed out of Eastern Europe, more than a million, between 1880 and 1900 in utter poverty. A large percentage of the emigrants came to America. Czar Nicholas II was enthroned in 1894. Alas, he proved to be no improvement on his father. His reign, the last of the Czars, ending in revolution, and a revolution even more rigid and oppressive than the Czar's rule.

Eastern European migration, beginning with the vicious May Laws of Russia in 1882, expanded Wilmington's and Delaware's Jewish Community from a few dozen to twelve hundred souls by 1900. Another fifteen years, on the eve of World War I, our Delaware Jewish Community tripled to thirty-eight hundred souls.

The religious, social and economic needs of Wilmington Jewry created almost all of the present Jewish institutions or their immediate forebears between 1885, when Adas Kodesch Synagogue was formed, and 1906. The year 1895 saw the institution of the first Liberal-Reform Congregation; Oheb Shalom was born, but died in its third year. The present Reform congregation, Beth Emeth, was born in 1906. Our Conservative congregation, Beth Shalom, was born out of religious division in Beth Emeth in 1922. In 1901 Congregation Cheshed Shel Emeth was born out of disagreement within Adas Kodesch, only to be remerged in 1956 into Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth. In that same year, 1901, the present Jewish Community Center's ancestor was born as a Jewish Social Club that soon grew into a well organized Y.M. and Y.W.H.A.

In 1898 Moses Weil, a Civil War veteran from Ohio, organized the Wilmington Lodge of B'nai B'rith. Weil was Delaware State Commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, the Civil War Veterans organization. In 1899 Morris Levy helped establish the Hebrew Charity Association which eventuated in the Jewish Family Services organization.

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That, and Jewish War Relief during World War I led to the Jewish Federation of Delaware, the central fund raising association for local, national, and international Jewish service institutions.

In 1902 the Ladies Bichor Cholem Society was formed to aid the Jewish ill. It was the forerunner of the Kutz Home for the Aged.

Machzikey Hadas Congregation, began in 1929. The synagogues of Dover and Newark followed World War II.

A mighty force of vision and enduring devotion is required to assemble the people and set them to work to establish lasting institutions. In historical terms, a century is not a great deal of time. All of us have known individuals whose lifetimes have virtually spanned the history of our community. And our Delaware Jewish community history is largely made up of the biographies of some remarkable individuals, sometimes charismatic personalities. We should pay tribute to personalities who shaped our Jewish Community, people like Louis and William and Charles Topkis and their sister, Sally Topkis Ginn, figures like J. Harry Gordon, David Snellenburg, Morris Levy, Judge Aaron Finger, and I. B. Finklestein, Harry Cohen, Nathan Miller, Milton and Hattie Kutz, Max Keil, and other people whose vision and energies profoundly shaped our community. These shapers of our destiny were either nourished overseas or born in families fresh from the old European communities. The next century will tell us if the institutions they created, plus our newest Jewish institution, the Albert Einstein Academy, our all day Jewish school, could meet the monumental challenges of the 21st century.

Amen.

## Oklahoma Federation Says "Thanks"

The Jewish Voice received the following item by fax this week:

"To All our Friends in Jewish Federations From Edie Roodman, Executive Director of Oklahoma City To Our Jewish Family

It is most difficult at a time like this to find the right words for expression of our heartfelt thanks. The hundreds of kind phone calls, notes, faxes, offers of help and contributions have boosted morale and made us proud of the Jewish response to this tragic event. As you might imagine, there is an incredible roller-coaster of emotion that we all are experiencing. However, despite the ups and downs, our Federation has, from the moment of the explosion, been involved in manning round-the-clock volunteer shifts to feed all the

## Popular Magician To Perform At Beth Shalom Gala

Ron Geoffries, Magician, Comedian and Juggler will highlight the entertainment program at Beth Shalom's Magical Moments Evening in May. Mr. Geoffries has appeared in several national television commercials as well as Harrah's and Showboat Casinos in Atlantic City. His credits also include performing for Chandris Cruise Lines, Sesame Place, Great Adventure, Macy's and

many other commercial and entertainment appearances. Magical Moments evening will also include dining and dancing in the tradition of Temple and Synagogue Balls of years past. This premier social event of Beth Shalom will begin at 8:00 p.m., Saturday May 20th at the Synagogue, 18th Street and Baynard Boulevard. For more information call the Synagogue office 654 4462.

## Sigman Speaks At Next Temple Beth El Men's Club Breakfast

The Temple Beth El Men's Club Breakfast meeting on May 14 will continue its annual saluting of mothers on this Mother's Day and will feature Mr. Mike Sigman as the main speaker. Mr. Sigman is the anchor for the First State news program of TCI Cablevision of New Castle County. He will speak on "News and Public Affairs in New Castle County" and will offer some insight into the directions of Cablevision and how it fits into the community's daily life. A

question and answer period will follow the presentation.

The morning's program begins with a bagel and lox breakfast buffet, at \$5.00 per person, at 9:30 AM. The presentation by the guest speaker begins at 10:30 AM. This is the final breakfast meeting of this 1994-95 season. A spokesperson for the Men's Club said "Please plan to join us." For more information call the Temple office at 366-8330.

## Beth Emeth Holds Confirmation June 3

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

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

The students are: Jon C. Amsterdam, Gregory Adam Berman, Sarah Berman, Aaron Cohen, Emily Ann Davis, Brian Steven Eng, Julia Gayduk, Julia S. Gelman, Joshua M. Goldfeder, Elizabeth C. Gross, Alexander Cary Grumbacher, Adam J. Hebbel,

Stacey Renee Jacobs, Michelle M. Jonas, Adam Gordon Joseph, Michelle Lynn Kramer, Jacob Ryan LaPorte, Matthew K. Lipson, Amanda Kate Lukoff, Jessica Eve Lukoff, Samantha Jill Lukoff, Daniel Ben Medwin, Robyn Julie Pollack, David Allen Rapkins, Adam Jeremy Ruben, Sarah Elayne Tartack, Scott Franklin Travis and Ari Ross Wishkoff. Please join the Confirmants and their families for this simcha.



## JHSD Cancels Meeting

The Jewish Historical Society of Delaware 1995 Annual Meeting planned for May 6th at 7:30 p.m. at the JCC has been canceled due to a scheduling error.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

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**Exhibition At Jewish Museum Explores Wyoming Jews**

PHILADELPHIA — "Fringe of the Diaspora: The Jews Of Wyoming, an exhibition that reflects in words and images what it means to be a Jew from the Cowboy State, opens at the National Museum of American Jewish History, 55 N. 5th Street, Philadelphia, on May 7.

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

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

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

Penny Wolin will open the exhibition on May 7 with a gallery talk at 4 p.m. that is open to the public and is

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**Cafe Tamar Presents "Neshama" the Soul of a People**

An evening of song and dance will usher in Israel's 47th year of independence celebration at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, May 29, 1995. The event will be held at Cafe Tamar in the social hall of Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth synagogue.

The program entitled, "Neshama! The Soul of a People" will be performed by the AKSE choral and dance groups with featured soloists Cindy Goldstein, Linda Vodovis, Cantor Daniel Leeman and Sam Romirowsky.

The choral group directed by Faith Brown will be accompanied by Sara Berman and the Tamar musicians. David Gesterak, accordionist will present a medley of Russian and Yiddish songs. Narrator for the evening will be Joel Tenenbaum.

New to this year's program will be AKSE's youngest group of dancers, Akids 2 directed by Melinda Weinstein. Melinda also directs Akids 1, who will also be part of the program. Ha-rokdim, a teenage group of dancers will perform several exciting dances directed by Harriet Ainbinder. The adult dancers are led by Faith and Lou Brown with Harriet Ainbinder.

Kosher foods will be sold at 6 p.m.

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

## MAY

## Saturday 6

**Young Jewish Adults of Delaware (YJAD)** - Barbecue at Ethan's. 6:00 p.m. YJAD has planned a barbecue bash to include drinks and food. YJAD will attempt to accommodate all dietary constraints and preferences based upon advanced notice. Reservations required by April 30th. Call Ethan at (302) 792-9375. **ORT Cocktail Party** at 8:00 p.m. Call Rachel Harrod at (302) 239-6011 for details.

## Tuesday 9

**Young Jewish Adults of Delaware (YJAD)** - ELECTIONS AND DINNER AT BENNIGAN'S. 6:30 p.m. It's time to elect the new slate of officers. Reservations required by May 3rd. Call David at (609) 678-8029.

## Monday 15

**Halina Wind Preston** Holocaust Education Committee meeting, 7:30 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center. For more information call 478-6200.

## Sunday 21

**Young Jewish Adults of Delaware (YJAD)** - BRUNCH AND WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS. 11:00 a.m. Join us for Allyson's huge brunch, or their salad bar. Call David at (609) 678-8029, or Sandi at (609) 678-8190 before May 17th.

## Monday 22

**ORT Brandywine Chapter 1995** Leadership Award Dinner in honor of Sandra N. McBride. Dinner starts at 7:00 p.m. Presentation begins at 8:00 p.m. at Congregation Beth Emeth. RSVP required by May 12. Call Michelle Engelman at (610) 358-1969 for details.

## JUNE

## Friday 2

**Young Jewish Adults of Delaware (YJAD)** - Synagogue Drop-In - Come out and join us for Shabbat services. Following services, YJAD will go out to eat at a local hot spot. Reservations required by May 28th. Call Merrily at (302) 477-1302 for time and location.

## Thursday 15

**Young Jewish Adults of Delaware (YJAD)** - HAPPY HOUR AND DINNER AT THE CACTUS BAR & GRILL. 6:30 p.m. Call David at (609) 678-8029 for directions and further info.

## Sunday 25

**Young Jewish Adults of Delaware (YJAD)** - CANOE TRIP down the scenic Brandywine. Reservations are required by June 11th. \$21 per person. Call David at (609) 678-8029 for directions and further info.

## JULY

## Sunday 9

**Young Jewish Adults of Delaware (YJAD)** - Post-July 4th Picnic at the Gross Mansion. 2:00 p.m. Come join us for food, friends and fun. Reservations are required by June 29th. Call Phil at (302) 652-6688 for directions, cost and further info.

## Tuesday 18

**Young Jewish Adults of Delaware (YJAD)** - YJAD Chavurah DISCUSSION GROUP. 7:00 p.m. Join us for a lively discussion and hors d'oeuvres. Please call Merrily at (302) 477-1302 for further details.

## Sunday 23

**Young Jewish Adults of Delaware (YJAD)** - Annual picnic and olympics. 12:00 noon at the J.C.C.'s Family Campus. Join us for food, fun, swimming, and the least competitive and wackiest olympics you'll ever see. Reservations are required by July 16th. Call David at (609) 678-8029.

## Sunday 30

**Young Jewish Adults of Delaware (YJAD)** - Co-Ed Noncompetitive SOFTBALL. 1:00 p.m. No reservations are required, but there is always a shortage of gloves, so, if you have one, please bring it. Call Sandi at (609) 678-8190 for directions and further info.

## Ongoing

**Yjad Weekly Activities.** Young Jewish Adults of Delaware's (YJAD's) co-ed, noncompetitive volleyball league will continue every Wednesday night from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Behind the J.C.C. as of May 31, 1995.

**Exhibit Highlights Henrietta Szold** "Daughter of Zion: Henrietta Szold and American Jewish Womanhood," a new exhibition, will be open at the Jewish Historical Society of Maryland (JHSM), 15 Lloyd Street, Baltimore, from April 9 through December 10, 1995. "Daughter of Zion," will reveal and reinterpret the life and work of Henrietta Szold through artifacts, audiovisual materials, label text, documents and rare archival photographs. A native of Baltimore, Szold (1860-1945) is best known as the founder of Hadassah, the women's Zionist organization. For more information, call at The Jewish Historical Society of Maryland, (410) 732-6400.

**"Coming To Delaware: The Amish, Jewish and Italian Farm Communities"** will be on display through June 30, 1995. The exhibit will feature the stories of three ethnic groups which settled on farms in Delaware during the first quarter of the 20th century. The goal of the exhibit will be to foster an understanding of multicultural differences and similarities in farming and farm life in Delaware. The history of why the Amish, Italians and Jews migrated to Kent County, Delaware, how they approached farming, their success as farmers, and their lifestyles will be explored in the exhibit.

**Protection From Abuse Seminars.** The Project For Domestic Violence Reform, Inc. will sponsor monthly seminars on the use, filing and hearing of Protection From Abuse Petitions by victims of domestic violence. The seminars will be conducted by an attorney trained and experienced in family law. It will be the fourth Wednesday of every month from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at the Delaware Technical and Community College, Wilmington Campus, Fourth and Orange St., and is open to the public without charge. The new Protection From Abuse Act makes it possible for victims of domestic violence to get protection from their abusers without bringing a criminal action. Victims can request no contact orders; removal of deadly weapons; and custody of children and support for a limited time. The seminars will provide information and answer questions about how to obtain and use these petitions.

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## Commentary:

## Don't Abandon Israel Now

By ELMER L. WINTER

Chairman, Committee for Economic Growth of Israel

Some thoughts that occurred to me on Israel Independence Day:

Ironically, Israel's peace accords with the PLO and Jordan, buttressed by its significant economic strides in the last two years, appear to be eroding American Jewish interest in Israel. The fits and starts of the peace process notwithstanding, many are beginning to feel that Israel no longer needs our support. Conversely, some Israelis assert they no longer require our help.

I consider such views self-deceptive; I don't buy either. There are still 100,000 Israelis desperately looking for jobs and some 600,000 living below the poverty line. And Israel is still a long way from economic self-sufficiency, although she is on the road to achieving that goal.

As an inveterate optimist regarding Israel's future, I must acknowledge that much has happened during the past year that gives us reason to rejoice at Israel's accomplishments. Consider this:

- In spite of Hamas terrorism, Israel has kept the peace process with the Palestinians inching forward.

- The peace agreement with Jordan and Jordan's abandoning of the Arab boycott is a first giant step in providing Israel with trade access to a Middle East market of 200 million potential consumers.

- Israel's Gross Domestic Product has risen 7 percent in the past year, among the highest in the world. Unemployment dropped to 7.6 percent in 1994; inflation dipped below 10 percent; exports rose 10.6 percent; investment increased 17.7 percent, and Israelis' average monthly earned income was \$1,433 — an historic high.

## Breverman Birth

Charles and Rebecca Breverman of Wilmington, members of Congregation Beth Shalom, are happy to announce the birth of a baby daughter, Avital Liora, born Saturday, March 18. Big brother is Asher Betzalel. Grandparents are Dr. and Mrs. David Dragiff of Sun City, Arizona, and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Breverman of Phoenix, Arizona. Her parents noted that "Avital Liora is a product of the 'Live Jewish' Community Campaign of The Jewish Federation of Delaware."

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## Young Birth

Charles and Georgann Young of Lawrenceville, N.J. proudly announce the birth of their son, Jed Taylor, born March 3, 1995. Jed weighed 7 lbs., 12 oz. and was 20" long.

The grandparents are Judy and Herme Bloom of Wilmington, DE, and Lois and Jack Young of Princeton, N.J.

The great-grandparents, for whom Jed was named, are Jane and Edgar Young of Medford Leas, N.J.

A great-grandmother, Lillian Bloom, reside at the Greenhill in Lower Merion, PA.

## B'nai B'rith Collects \$64,000 In 6 Days To Aid Oklahoma Victims

Washington, D.C. — In an enormous outpouring of support, the B'nai B'rith Disaster Relief Fund collected more than \$64,000 in just six days for the victims of the April 19 Oklahoma City bombing. More than 1,500 people of all religions, backgrounds and ages had already sent their donations and heartfelt words of sympathy by April 25.

B'nai B'rith President Tommy Baer announced the creation of the fund for the Oklahoma City bombing victims just hours after the bombing occurred. B'nai B'rith is currently working with government officials and relief organizations in Oklahoma City to determine how to best help those affected. B'nai B'rith's first disaster relief campaign was organized to help victims of a Baltimore fire in 1868.

Donations, earmarked for Oklahoma City Bombing Relief, may be sent to: B'nai B'rith Disaster Relief Fund, 1640 Rhode Island Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036

the finish line. Though progress has been noteworthy, the country still has a distance to go. The assumption by some American Jews and Israelis that Israel no longer needs outside support and help is a dangerous fallacy. It would be a tragic betrayal to punish Israel for her recent successes by abandoning her now, just when she is halfway up the ladder.

Israel continues to need our help, especially in the economic sector. It needs us to open corporate doors in the U.S., to find R & D partners and to tap into American technology.

My post-Israel Independence Day advice to American Jews? Help plant a corporate flag and do business in Israel; spread the word that it is profitable to do business there!

If that sounds like a booster slogan for Israel, so be it. That is what it is meant to be.

(Elmer L. Winter is chairman of the Committee for Economic Growth of Israel and the founder and long-time chairman of Manpower, Inc., the world's largest temporary help agency.)

## Children's Expo

The Great Jewish Children's Expo, the world's first traveling Jewish museum will be at the Jewish Community Center from Wednesday, May 10 through Sunday, May 14, 1995.

Words & Music:  
May Entertainments

By STEVE COHEN

Special to The Jewish Voice

The Delaware Theatre Company closed the regular part of its season this week with a wonderful production of George S. Kaufman's and Moss Hart's YOU CAN'T TAKE IT WITH YOU. The company is throwing a supper party to mark the season's end on Saturday evening, May 13.

All of the music at the party will be by Cole Porter, and some of it is "new" — songs never before heard in public, recently discovered and just released by Porter's estate.

It's being called "What a Swell Party," a title borrowed from one of Porter's songs. Proceeds benefit the Delaware Theatre Company's educational programming.

YOU CAN'T TAKE IT WITH YOU won a Pulitzer Prize for its authors in 1936. It's a warm and gentle comedy about an eccentric family in the midst of the Depression. In those days, playwrights often wrote for large casts. Kaufman and Hart delineated a dozen memorable characters in this story, and each of them was well cast by director Apollo Dukakis and the Delaware company.

Dukakis kept the play true to its period, and the action unfolded slowly and gracefully, building towards the action-filled Act Two finale, which is one of the great scenes in American theater history. Almost every one of the twelve main actors was perfect for his or her role, and there were five or six gems of character acting.

The Delaware Symphony just ended its season with guest soloist Dmitri Ratser playing Rachmaninoff's PIANO CONCERTO NO. 2 with Stephen Gunzenhauser conducting. Ratser reinforced the good impression he

made two seasons ago, when he made his local debut playing another romantic Rachmaninoff showpiece, the RHAPSODY ON A THEME OF PAGANINI.

The weekend's three concerts were sold out. A spokesman for the Delaware Symphony says that audiences seem to panic when the end of the season nears. They can't stand the idea that there aren't going to be any more concerts until the Fall, and they rush to make sure they don't miss this one.

There's a big musical event coming to Philadelphia this week, when Wolfgang Sawallisch conducts his very first opera performances in the United States. Richard Strauss's ARIADNE AUF NAXOS. What makes this notable is the fact that Sawallisch made his reputation in Europe largely as a conductor of opera and other vocal music.

Theatre Ariel, founded to foster awareness of Jewish culture, is presenting a new comedy called "36" from now until May 21. The play is a co-production with the Cheltenham Center for the Arts, and is playing at the Cheltenham theater.

"36" refers to the 36 Lamedvovniks, or blessed ones, of Chassidic tradition. The same subject was the basis for a play I reviewed last summer at the Allens Lane Theater. In this new play, a group of Chassidic scholars take up residence in a Cincinnati Reform temple and come to believe that the Polish-Catholic electrician at the temple may be a member of this blessed group. The author, Norman Lessing, gently pokes fun at the search for origins of faith.

When Charles X became King of France in 1825, the leading musical comedy composer of the day, Gioacchino Rossini, wrote an opera about the coronation and loaded it with big tunes for nine or ten of the most popular singers of that time. This piece, IL VIAGGIO A RIEMS

(The Journey to Rheims), was like summer's Three Tenors concert at Dodger Stadium, but tripled ... and with original music!

The composition was lost for a century and a half, and it just received its Delaware Valley premiere by the Curtis Institute of Music. David Hayes conducted the multi-star vehicle with a cast of Curtis students. All of the performers had to pass a challenging audition to be admitted, and all are there on scholarship.

A videotape of IL VIAGGIO A RIEMS has just been released on the Bel Canto label, capturing the 1988 Vienna production conducted by Claudio Abbado. The concert hall was turned into a hotel and spa, with hot tubs on the stage. The cast was filled with big names, most notably Montserrat Caballe, the Spanish soprano was past her prime, but she managed the Rossini coloratura with surprising skill and vitality. For any lover of vocal music, this tape should be part of your library.

There are two other Rossini tapes by Bel Canto to satisfy you while you're in the mood for catchy, melodious Italian music: MARILYN HORNE: ROSSINI CONCERT, and RICCIARDO & ZORAIDA. Stefan Zucker, perhaps this country's greatest authority on florid opera singing, says that the Home concert is "the most dazzling display of coloratura on videotape." The RICCIARDO stars June Anderson and features some of the highest notes ever recorded, by her and her tenor co-star, as well as excellent video quality.

CORRECTION

In our April 7th issue Barbra Streisand should have been quoted, saying: "I am very proud to be a liberal. Liberals fought slavery, fought for women to have the right to vote, fought against Hitler, Stalin, fought to end segregation, fought to end apartheid. What's to be ashamed of?"

Torah Observant Psychologist To Speak

The AKSE Adult Education Committee presents guest speaker Dr. Lisa Aiken on May 19th and 20th.

Dr. Aiken is a modern, Torah-observant Jew who is a psychologist in private practice and a nationally recognized author and speaker.

She received her Ph.D. in clinical psychology from Loyola University in Chicago. She has written a scholarly study of the role of women in Judaism from a traditional point of view, entitled, "To Be a Jewish Woman." Dr. Aiken co-authored "The Art of Jewish Prayer" with Rabbi Yitzchak Kirzner.

Dr. Aiken has been a lecturer and scholar-in-residence at various synagogues throughout the U.S. During her visit to AKSE, her talks will be based on the topics: "What Really

Happened in the Garden of Eden," and "Dear God: What Have You Done for Me Lately?"

Dr. Aiken will address the congregation during Friday night services, at 8 p.m., followed by an Oneg Shabbat.

On Shabbat morning, Dr. Aiken will speak on a different topic at 10:30 a.m. (Services begin at 8:45 a.m.) A Kiddush-luncheon will follow.

Everyone in the community is invited to attend on both Friday and Shabbat at no charge. Reservations are needed, though, so that the committee can plan accordingly. Babysitting is available on Friday night at no charge but advance registration is required.

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by the Israel Government Ministry of Tourism, El Al - Israel's National Airline, the Moriah Hotels, a leading Israeli hotel chain, in cooperation with Young Jewish Leadership Concepts (YJLC) - a non-profit young professionals network, and for the past nine years, organizers of the Israel Encounter National Young Professionals Tour.

Shalem captured highlights of twenty-four young professionals from throughout the U.S. on a tour in Israel. He distilled from six hours of video tape a brisk nine minute presentation. "Incorporating contemporary music to match the video, from "U2" to Barbara Streisand, Shalem created moods from anticipation, to upliftment, and at one point capturing a heart rending confrontation with the horror of recent Jewish history, the Holocaust," says YJLC's Lou Balcher.

Israel Encounter, now celebrating its tenth season of extensive Israel touring for young adults, has set its 1995 departure dates for May 25, June 29, July 27, August 17, and December 14.

The travel video is available to individuals for a refundable \$15 deposit. Local community Israel Programs Centers, Shaliach offices, and JCCs can receive an office resource copy of the video by contacting the YJLC's Israel Encounter at P.O. Box 313, Langhorne, PA, 19047; or by calling (800) 223-YJLC.

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## NEWS &amp; COMMENTARY

Holocaust Victims Recalled  
In Israel And Around The WorldBy URIEL MASAD  
and NAOMI SEGAL

JERUSALEM, April 30 (JTA) — Yom Hashoah, or Holocaust Remembrance Day, focused here and around the world this year on the 50th anniversary of the liberation of the death camps and the Allied victory over Nazi Germany.

At an April 26 ceremony in Jerusalem, President Ezer Weizman, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, as well as top governmental, military and diplomatic officials joined Holocaust survivors and their families at the Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial.

In New York on Sunday, President Clinton unexpectedly addressed the largest public U.S. gathering of Holocaust survivors to observe Yom Hashoah this year. Clinton said the Holocaust "redefined our understanding of the human capacity for evil."

Clinton's address marking the solemn occasion followed Holocaust ceremonies in Washington last week.

Speaking at Madison Square Garden, the president said that eventually, the generation "born after the war will have to shoulder the responsibility that the survivors have carried for so long."

The responsibility is "to fight all forms of racism, to combat those who distort the past and peddle hate in the present," he said at the event, jointly organized by the American Gathering of Jewish Holocaust Survivors and the Warsaw Ghetto Resistance Organization.

Back in Jerusalem, President Weizman also focused on future generations by calling upon all Jewish children, wherever they live, to come and live in Israel.

Referring to the 50th anniversary commemorations, Weizman said, "I am grateful to the spirit of history for awarding me the privilege to represent to the entire world the miracle of the revival of the ancient Jewish people in its historical homeland."

Weizman also spoke of the change that has occurred in Israeli society's treatment of the survivors of the Holocaust. "The passage of time has taught us how inane was our question, 'How did they let themselves be led to their death like sheep to the slaughter?'"

"We, the generation of the War of Independence, knew no other heroism except in the battlefield. Today, we know and understand that under the circumstances of those years of horror, to get a piece of bread for a child in the ghetto was an act of supreme heroism, unequalled heroism," he said.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, in

speaking of the past, said: "Fifty years have passed since the doors of hell were opened and exposed the great tragedy of the Jewish people. In the name of the Jewish people, I want to say today thank you to the Allied nations and their armies, who, although they took too long, did bring about the day of liberation."

"We hail today the fighting of the Allied forces, which included 1.5 million Jewish soldiers, but we have not and will not participate in the circles of dancing."

Rabin's speech was followed by the now-traditional lighting of six flames by six Holocaust survivors.

Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi Yisrael Meir Lau, who was 8 years old when he was liberated from Buchenwald, also addressed the gathering.

"Even today we cannot turn a new leaf if we are asked to forgive," the rabbi said.

"We have received a will to remember and never to forget, but we have absolutely no permission to forgive or absolve," said Lau.

The commemorations continued April 27 as life, as it does year, came to a standstill with a 10 a.m. siren and two minutes of silence.

Flags flew at half-mast, restaurants and places of entertainment were closed, and across the country the 6 million dead were honored in a series of wreath-laying ceremonies.

At the Knesset, government leaders read aloud the names of those who died during the "Every Person Has a Name" ceremony.

The ceremony was initiated several years ago by Dov Shilansky, a Holocaust survivor who now serves as deputy speaker of the Knesset.

The ceremony is observed throughout the world. More than 500,000 names were read in 135 cities across America under the sponsorship of B'nai B'rith.

In Washington, members of Congress read aloud the names of Holocaust survivors from the steps of the Capitol.

The reading was led by Sen. Arlen Specter (R-Pa.), who was joined by Sens. Paul Wellstone (D-Minn.), the son of survivors, and Barbara Boxer (D-Calif.), Jim Jeffords (R-Vt.) and Rick Santorum (R-Pa.).

In other ceremonies, Sen. Strom Thurmond (R-S.C.) led a candle lighting ceremony in the Capitol rotunda to honor the victims of the Holocaust and the American military forces who liberated the concentration camps.

Thurmond was at Buchenwald shortly after the liberation.

(JTA correspondent Matt Dorf in Washington contributed to this report.)

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Commentary:  
Oklahoma and UsBy RABBI ROBERT L.  
WOLKOFF

Special to The Jewish Voice

The tragedy in Oklahoma is just that, a tragedy — people doomed by fate, suffering at the hands of forces outside their control. A mournful silence rather than the shrill noise of political analysis is the most appropriate response. The "forces outside their control" must however sooner or later be addressed and, since lives are at stake, sooner is better than later.

There has been a great deal of "unequivocal condemnation" going on, not least from Arab-American groups. They feared, correctly, that many would see the hand of Moslem fundamentalists behind the bombing (I admit that was my first assumption), and that an anti-Arab backlash would result. President Clinton, showing considerable moral leadership, cautioned the traumatized American public against rushing to judgment — a caution that in light of later events was entirely warranted.

Nevertheless, at the risk of being politically incorrect, I must point out something suspicious about the condemnations. Something about the timing. It is one thing to condemn a terrorist atrocity after it happens. It is something else again to condemn terrorist activity and ideology before something happens. In a similar vein, it is one thing to use precise rhetoric to point out that a terrorist atrocity is "over the line." It is something else again to use equally precise rhetoric before the fact in order to define exactly where that line is.

This is a theme repeatedly discussed in the *Ethics of the Fathers*. "Avtyalon taught: Sages, be careful of what you say, lest...your students...become apostates. You will thus be responsible for the desecration of G-d's name." Or as Shimon ben Gamliel said: "Excess in speech leads to sin." Or as Rabbi Judah taught: "To err in teaching may be considered a deliberate sin."

The quality of political and moral

discourse in America today is in this regard inferior in the extreme. Not only is there no rhetorical precision before the fact, thus inviting acts of terrorism. Even after the fact no one takes responsibility for having allowed their "students to become apostates." No conclusions are drawn which could temper the rhetoric and contribute to greater civility.

What does this mean in practical terms? It means that condemnation without introspection is empty, meaningless—indeed, worse than meaningless, since it becomes a sort of moral camouflage. It allows one to continue to propagate evil, instead of being forced, by the heinousness of the deeds perpetrated in the name of a cause one believes in, to recognize one's own culpability.

Several examples can illustrate this point. Let us begin with one unconnected to Oklahoma City. Since the recent murders at abortion clinics, the right to life movement has been undergoing a frenzy of spin-control. Cardinal John J. O'Connor wrote, "If anyone has an urge to kill an abortionist, let him kill me, instead. That's about as clearly as I can renounce such madness."

Which is, in fact, not nearly clear enough. For the Cardinal went on to describe those who perform and undergo abortions as people "treating unborn human babies as non-persons." And there, in a nutshell, is the problem. For if, indeed, a fetus is an "unborn human baby", a "person", then the gunmen are not criminals. They're heroes.

Instead of having the courage and insight to say, "Dear Lord, forgive me for the desecration of Your name caused by my teaching" the Cardinal simply goes on as before, calling people "baby-killers", and then being shocked, shocked at the results.

Getting closer to Oklahoma, Rush "America Held Hostage" Limbaugh has been backpedaling furiously to distance himself from the "angry white men" who have been his bread and butter. If "the smartest man in America" had been willing to admit

that at least the possibility exists that his "excess in speech" in fact led to sin, he could regain (or perhaps gain) some credibility. But no, the connection between those murderous crazies who believe that Washington is under the control of "ZOG", the "Zionist occupation government", and those who thunder that Washington is "occupied by New York liberals" is just ignored.

Returning to the Arab-American groups, it is true that they had nothing to do with Oklahoma. They are however guilty of the same kind of blurred vision. For years they have urged people to "understand" the motives of terrorists—instead of simply saying, before the fact, that as regards bombs in supermarkets, there is nothing to understand. Period. In similar fashion, they have done everything possible to expand, rather than restrict, the freedom of action of terrorist groups. James J. Zogby (president of the Arab American Institute) is for example presently fighting the proposed Counter-Terrorism Bill (which might have prevented the Oklahoma bombing) It would cut into "support for the charitable and political activities of some Middle East groups that oppose" the peace process, writes Zogby. "Efforts to link this charitable activity with support for terrorism smacks of 'guilt by association'."

How would he respond to a claim from a Jewish organization that a contribution to a Baruch Goldstein Memorial Fund is support for "a social program", not a contribution to terrorism? This simply will not wash. The refusal to actively campaign against the terrorism perpetrated by their Arab, Moslem, and/or Palestinian brothers puts the Arab-American leaders squarely in Rabbi Judah's category of "deliberate sin."

The tragedy in Oklahoma was caused by forces outside the control of the victims, but not outside the control of society as a whole. There is however one unconditional requirement if that control is to be exercised—a recognition that words can kill, a recognition that one must take responsibility and share culpability even for—especially for—one's political and moral sympathizers when they "go over the line."



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# NJCRAC Reiterates Position On Affirmative Action Policy

By DEBRA NUSSBAUM COHEN

NEW YORK (JTA) — The Jewish community's most comprehensive umbrella group has staked out its position on affirmative action — and found that despite changes in government and public opinion on the topic, the mainstream Jewish community's views on affirmative action have not changed in the past two decades.

The National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council convened a consultation April 25 to assess whether the positions of its 13 national agency members and 117 local community relations groups had changed on the issue.

After hearing from think-tank commentators and representatives of its own member groups, those present affirmed the policy that

NJCRAC first adopted in 1973, which was amended in 1975 and 1981.

That policy supports affirmative action remedies to racial imbalance in both the government and the private sector. But it opposes the use of quotas "as inconsistent with the principle of nondiscrimination and the goal of equal opportunity."

The NJCRAC policy encourages compensatory training and education; intensive recruitment of qualified and qualifiable individuals; and an on-going review of established job and admissions requirements.

"The NJCRAC consultation concluded that affirmative action is necessary to provide equality of opportunity for minorities and women, and that efforts to erode programs or to eliminate them altogether should be opposed," Lynn Lyss, the organ-

ization's chair, said after the consultation.

"Today's action by NJCRAC should leave no doubt that the organized Jewish community remains strongly committed to ensuring equal opportunity," she said.

Representatives of a dozen local community relations councils and seven national agencies took part in the consultation, including: the American Jewish Congress; Anti-Defamation League; Jewish Labor Committee; National Council of Jewish Women; ORT; Orthodox Union; and United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism.

Presenters included Bill Taylor, a vice president of the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights, and Clint Bolick, who represented the Washington-based conservative think tank Institute for Justice.

Moshe Zimmerman said he saw strong similarities between the two groups.

"There is a whole sector of Israeli society, that without hesitation I would call a copy of the Nazis," he said.

"Look at the children of Hebron: They are exactly like Hitler Youth. They are brainwashed from age zero that Arabs are bad and about anti-Semitism, making them paranoid and racist — just like the Hitler Youth."

Zimmerman later said some of his comments were distorted in the published interview. But he held firm to

his conviction that certain parallels exist between the settlers and Nazis, including racism.

Likud Knesset member Ron Nahman called on Education Minister Amnon Rubinstein to dismiss Zimmerman immediately.

Nahman also called on the State Attorney's Office to bring criminal charges against the professor for incitement.

"The professor's remarks are a filthy stain on the Hebrew University, and anyone who expresses such opinions should have no place in the Israeli education system," said Nahman.

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## Clinton Speaks At Remembrance Gathering

By GEORGE ROBINSON

Special To The Jewish Voice

President Clinton attended the largest gathering of survivors in the U.S. commemorating the 50th anniversary of the liberation of the death camps and the end of World War II, which was sponsored by the Warsaw Ghetto Resistance Organization (WAGRO), the American Gathering of Jewish Holocaust Survivors, the Museum of Jewish Heritage, NYJCRC and UJA-Federation, drew an audience of 6,000 survivors and family members, as well as a guest list that included Gov. George Pataki, Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, three U.S. senators, several members of the House of Representatives, Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres and Meir Lau, chief rabbi of Israel, himself a survivor of Buchenwald. The event was held Sunday at Madison Square Garden.

Speaking briefly but effectively, President Clinton said that the events of the Shoah "redefined our understanding of the human capacity for evil."

Wearing a black yarmulke, a subdued Clinton told the audience, "We must remember these years of radical evil as though it were a commandment to do so. ... Those of us who were born after the war will have to shoulder that responsibility" as the generation of survivors dies out.

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## Professor Sparks Controversy With Comparison to Hitler Youth

By NAOMI SEGAL

JERUSALEM (JTA) — A Hebrew University professor who compared the children of Jewish settlers to Hitler Youth has prompted calls from the right wing for his dismissal.

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## OBITUARIES

**REBECCA P. BANK**

Rebecca P. Bank, 67, of W. 40th St., Wilmington, died April 30 in St. Francis Hospital of a heart attack.

Mrs. Bank was a homemaker and a member of Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Congregation and Deborah Heart and Lung Foundation. She volunteered as a solicitor for Super Sunday to raise pledges for the Community Campaign. She won trivia contests which were sponsored by *The Jewish Voice*.

She is survived by her husband, Bernard Bank; three sons, David H. of Hockessin, Robert A. of Sykesville, Md., and Michael E. of Highland Park, N.J.; and three grandchildren.

The family suggests contributions to Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Congregation, Washington Boulevard and Torah Drive, Wilmington; or Deborah Heart and Lung Association, in care of Mary Weinstein, 8602 Society Drive, Claymont.

**BERTHA PINCUS FRIED**

Bertha Pincus Fried, 88, formerly of Ingleside Retirement Apartments, Wilmington, died April 28 of complications of stroke in Foulk Manor South nursing home, Brandywine Hundred, her home the past few weeks.

Mrs. Fried, a former high school teacher in New York City, moved about six years ago from Hollywood,

Fla., to Ingleside, near her daughter, Ruth Schetman of Brandywine Hundred.

In New York, where she graduated from Hunter College, she volunteered typing Braille books for the blind.

Her husband, Harry Fried, died in 1963. She is survived by her daughter; a son, Lawrence Fried of New Rochelle, N.Y.; three grandsons and two great-granddaughters.

The family suggests contributions to Arthritis Foundation.

**ARTHUR HEIMANN**

Arthur Heimann, 86, a former grocer on the East Side of Wilmington, died March 31.

Mr. Heimann operated a grocery at Seventh and Lombard streets from the 1940s until it was torn down for urban renewal in the early 1960s. He lived in Wilmington, where he moved in 1939 to work at a tannery, Sklut Hide and Fur, after fleeing Nazi Germany the year before.

He was a member of the men's club at his synagogue, Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Congregation, Wilmington.

He was a native of Schteepshausen, Germany, where he worked in his in-laws' slaughterhouse. Several months later, his wife and two boys joined him in New York.

His daughter-in-law, Barbara

Heimann said, "At least two of his siblings died in the concentration camps."

"He did not know his father, Joseph, was alive until he got a letter in the mail after the war," Mrs. Heimann said. "He had survived as a cook in a concentration camp and came to live in Wilmington in 1946." He died in 1957.

He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Johanna Heimann; a son, Max of Darley Woods; four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. His other son, Erich, died in July.

The family suggests contributions to AKSE synagogue.

**KATHRYN SWINGER LeBORITZ**

Kathryn Swinger Leboritz, age 91, of Newark, died April 1, 1995, in St. Francis Hospital.

Mrs. LeBoritz, a homemaker, was a member of Congregation Beth Shalom. She moved to Newark fifteen years ago. Her husband, Michael D. LeBoritz, died in 1976.

She is survived by two daughters, Pauline LeBoritz of Newark and Betty Wexler-Rosen of Chalfonte; three brothers, Louis, Manuel, and Isadore Swinger, all of Wilmington; two grandchildren, Robyn W. Pascale of Valley Forge, Pa. and Dr. David B. Wexler of Ft. Worth, Texas, and three great-grandchildren.

A graveside service was held on Sunday, April 2, 1995, in the Jewish Community Cemetery. The family suggests contributions to her synagogue or Deborah Foundation, care of Mary Weinstein, 8602 Society Drive, Claymont.

**RONALD BRUCE LEVINE**

Ronald Bruce Levine, 42, of Seattle, Wash., formerly of Wilmington, died April 27 of a heart attack at home.

Mr. Levine was a computer analyst at the University of Washington for 10 years.

He was a graduate of Brandywine High School, Brandywine Hundred, De., and the University of Delaware.

He played on the Deer Park Tavern softball team in Newark, De., and a softball team in Seattle.

He is survived by his parents, Dr. Allen and Elva Levine of

Heatherbrooke, Brandywine Hundred; and three sisters, Susan Polmanski of Encino, Dr. Phyllis Levine of Seattle and Marcy Lucas of Winston-Salem, N.C.

The family suggests contributions to Camp Ramah Fund, c/o Cong. Beth Shalom, 18th & Baynard Blvd., Wilm., DE 19802.

**SAMUEL MAZER**

Samuel Mazer, 91, of 3706 Church Road, Mount Laurel, N.J., formerly of Wilmington and Vineland, N.J., died April 26 in Kennedy Memorial Hospital, Cherry Hill.

Mr. Mazer, a poultry farmer in Vineland for more than 35 years, retired in 1965. He lived in Wilmington in the late 1970s and early 1980s.

He is survived by two sons, Irwin of Blue Bell, Pa.; and Albert B. of Newtown, Pa.; a daughter, Natalie Oram of Las Vegas; seven grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

The family suggests contributions to The Kutz Home, Wilmington.

**JANET GREEN SHRIER**

Janet Green Shrier, 77, of Del Ray Beach, Fla., and Wilmington, died April 30 at University of Maryland Hospital, Baltimore.

Mrs. Shrier was a homemaker and a professional clown. After she and her husband retired to Del Ray Beach, she attended and graduated from Clown College of Florida and was a member of Krackerjack Klown Alley of Del Ray Beach, a nonprofit group of professional clowns who perform in hospitals, day-care centers and other institutions.

She is survived by her husband, Alfred Shrier; a son, Larry of Palm Beach Garden, Fla.; two daughters, Linda Shrier Schiffer of Baltimore and Carol Reed of Exton, Pa.; a brother, Louis Green of Phoenix, Ariz.; and five grandchildren.

Contributions can be made to Haddassah Children's Center.

**KRUGER UNVEILING**

A monument in memory of Harold Kruger was to be unveiled April 30 in the Montefiore section of Jewish Community Cemetery, Foulk Road. Mr. Kruger, who died Nov. 1, had lived at 1301 N. Harrison St., Wilmington.

**JCC Annual Meeting**

The 61st Annual Meeting of the Jewish Community Center will be held on Sunday, June 11, 1995 at 4:00 p.m. on the grounds of the Jewish Family Campus, Garden of Eden Road in North Wilmington. The theme for this year's meeting will be the 25th Anniversary of the JCC Building on Garden of Eden Road. The meeting will include Election of Board and Officers, President's Report and an Awards Presentation. Games and activities for children (ages 3 through 10) will be offered during the meeting portion of the evening. A free family picnic dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m., followed by entertainment. Advance reservations are required by calling the JCC at (302) 478-5660 by June 1. Jordan Rosen is serving as the chairperson for this event. The JCC is a beneficiary of the 1995 "Live Jewish" Community Campaign which is administered by the Jewish Federation of Delaware (JFD).

**Discovery Seminar**

The Discovery Seminar will be coming to Delaware's Jewish Community Center on Sunday, May 7, 1995. The seminar will be held at 101 Garden of Eden Road in North Wilmington.

For more information, call Artie Allen (JCC) at 478-5660 or Rabbi Chuni Vogel (Chabad-Lubavitch) at 478-4400.

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## Facing Up to the Past: German Firms Not Of One Mind

By MIRIAM WIDMAN

BERLIN (JTA) — Fifty years after the end of World War II, the willingness of German companies to re-examine their role in the Nazi regime varies widely.

When the country's leading financial institution, Deutsche Bank, chose to fund a recent book about its 125-year history — including its Nazi past — the decision was seen as part of a recent, yet growing trend among German companies to openly deal with their war records.

Not all German corporations are

## Mormons

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It was only when Michel discovered that his own mother, father, grandmother and best childhood friend, all from Mannheim, Germany, had been posthumously baptized, that the matter was resolved.

"I was hurt that my parents, who were killed as Jews in Auschwitz, were being listed as members of the Mormon faith. I could not accept it. I would have done anything to change it," Michel said last week in an interview in his office at New York's UJA-Federation, where he served as executive vice president from 1970 to 1989.

After initial correspondence with the president of the Mormon Church and Sen. Orrin Hatch (R-Utah), who is Mormon, Michel met with Brough and other Mormon officials Jan. 6 in Hatch's Washington office.

Michel said he was prepared to sue the Mormon church for invasion of privacy, but was surprised when the church leaders turned out to be "as warm and friendly as you could imagine."

"Brough said, 'We made a mistake, we want to make amends and we did not realize that we were offending survivors,'" Michel said. "There were never any disagreements about the substance of what they were to do."

In a twist of fate, the agreement's signing comes one week after the 50th anniversary of Michel's escape from the Nazis.

He fled a death march out of Berga, a subcamp of Buchenwald, into the surrounding woods.

As part of the agreement, the Mormons will delete from their genealogical database information about all known Jewish Holocaust victims who are not the ancestors of living church members.

The database, the International Genealogical Index, is regarded by experts as the most extensive single genealogical resource in the world.

It contains names, birth dates, birthplaces and death dates, but not information about religion or ethnicity, so it is impossible to know precisely how many are Jews, beyond those already established as Holocaust victims.

The index also contains the names of several of the Nazi regime's most notorious leaders who were baptized by Mormons.

According to data from the index provided by Michel, Adolph Eichmann was baptized in September 1991. Joseph Goebbels was baptized in January 1990. Heinrich Himmler was baptized in May 1990 and Hermann Goering in March 1991. Hitler, however, was appar-

as willing to look back.

In some two dozen interviews with representatives of more than 10 German companies, evidence emerged of a tendency among several corporations with either significant Nazi involvement during World War II or important Jewish founders to ignore their past.

The remarks of Renate Saenger were not unusual.

"The beginning period with Hitler was good," said Saenger, a media spokeswoman for Stiftung Automuseum Volkswagen, a foundation set up by the automaker.

But at some point, Hitler "flipped out," she said, adding, "At some point, he went crazy."

ently not baptized.

"We would try and control the baptism of any person like Hitler, who would be considered an evil person and would not be an officially approved candidate for baptism," said Brough.

Perhaps the others "had a descendant who felt that the ordinances of baptism would be helpful," he said.

The effort to expunge the names of Holocaust victims was initiated in January, even before the final details of the agreement were worked out, and will take about another year to complete, Brough said.

The church is writing the software that will remove the victims' names from its records, he said, adding that the effort is being undertaken at "a substantial cost."

Michel estimated the cost to the church at "several million dollars."

The agreement Michel and Brough were slated to sign on Wednesday also contains provisions requiring the Mormons to:

- Provide a list of all Jewish Holocaust victims whose names are to be removed from the International Genealogical Index to the American Gathering of Jewish Holocaust Survivors; the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Commission; the N.Y. Holocaust Memorial Commission; the Simon Wiesenthal Center in Los Angeles; and Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial, located in Jerusalem;
- Reaffirm the policy and issue a directive to all officials and members of the church to discontinue any future baptisms of deceased Jews;
- Confirm this policy in all relevant literature produced by the church;
- Remove from the International Genealogical Index in the future the names of all deceased Jews who are so identified if they are known to be improperly included.

Commenting on the agreement, Brough said, "There was never any intent to offend the Jewish people. We consider ourselves deep friends of the Jewish people."

"All of this was done with feelings of compassion and love, not the desire to injure or damage," Brough said, adding, "Our intention is to do a better job to direct our members to concentrate on their own ancestors and not someone else's."

Mokotoff, the Jewish genealogical expert, welcomed the agreement as "the first time in recorded history that a religion is modifying its practices to accommodate the wishes of non-believers."

"It's a credit to the elders of the Latter-day Saints Church that they considered the sensitivities of the Jewish people," he said.

(Editor's Note: Ernest Michel spoke at the JFD annual meeting last year. This year the annual meeting will be May 11 at 8pm at Congregation Beth Shalom)

When reminded that German Jews were mistreated from the beginning and that for them Hitler was never "good," Saenger said, "Oh, you're right."

At BASF, the giant German chemical corporation, Ruth Fromm, an assistant to the company's historian, first asked this reporter about her religion and whether she lives in Israel.

Despite such comments, several companies, such as Deutsche Bank, have sought the services of historians to document their past.

A book published this year revealed that Deutsche Bank aided in the expropriation of Jewish possessions during the war and offered little resistance to Nazi pressures to remove Jews from the bank's board.

The rival Dresdner Bank has produced a remarkably frank account of the bank's Nazi period. In a book published in 1992 on the occasion of the bank's 120-year anniversary, the fate of its many important Jewish board members was painstakingly detailed, in addition to the noting of the Nazi links of others at the bank.

In contrast to the efforts of the Deutsche and Dresdner banks, a book designed to be a history of the 125 years of the Commerzbank, published this year, begins the bank's history in 1945.

Another important German company, Volkswagen, commissioned Hans Mommsen, a noted historian, to write a book about the company's

## Tamar

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prior to the performance, catered by "Zaydie's Place."

This year, Cafe Tamar will pay a musical tribute to the songs of Cantor Debbie Friedman and the late Rabbi Shlomo Carlebach. There will also be a medley of songs celebrating Yom Yerushalayim and the city's tri-millennium.

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use of slave labor during World War II.

Mommsen has been working for eight years on the book, titled "The History of the Volkswagen Factory and its Workers in the Third Reich."

Another auto manufacturer willing to explore its history during World War II was Daimler Benz, which provided the financial backing for a book published last year about prison laborers at the company.

The three major German chemi-

cal companies that formed I.G. Farben, a major owner of the company that manufactured the Zyklon B gas used to exterminate Jews in the concentration camps, have had varying ways of dealing with their World War II involvement.

Two of those companies, BASF and the chemical firm Hoechst AG, admit that the third, Bayer AG, has been the most forthcoming about the past.

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