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Will The Search For Peace Survive After Hebron?

EDITORIAL

We Are Not Goldstein

The Editorial Committee of The Jewish Voice Newspaper strongly condemns the repugnant slaughter of innocent Muslim worshippers at the Tomb of the Patriarchs in Hebron. Dr. Baruch Goldstein's murderous actions during the Islamic observance of Ramadan and the Jewish Festival of Purim were an unholy abomination. We wish to extend our sadness and sympathies to the bereaved families of those Palestinians who were killed. We hope those who are wounded recover quickly. We look for further progress in the peace process to avoid such senseless violence in the future.

Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin forcefully condemned these killings as a "loathsome, criminal act of murder at a site holy to both Jews and Arabs." His call for restraint and an acceleration of the peace process represents a welcome message of moderation. The Israeli government should be commended for swiftly denouncing the murder of innocent Muslim worshippers, establishing a Commission of Inquiry, and initiating measures against Jewish extremists. The Rabin government's consideration of outlawing certain radical groups such as Kach and Kahane Chai is both necessary and appropriate.

Every party in the Knesset agreed on the text of a resolution which condemned the disgraceful murderous attack in Hebron. The resolution also condemned statements made by a few extremists supporting the murders. We join in that condemnation.

"The attacker did not act in the name of the Jewish faith; he had no authority to act in its name," said Israel's Chief Ashkenasi Rabbi Meir Lau. "I am simply ashamed that a Jew carried out such a villainous and irresponsible act, and I am distressed that it is viewed as the act of a religious person..." said Israel's Chief Sephardic Rabbi Bakshi Doron. Rabbis in Delaware, Delaware community leaders, Jews here and around the world agree that the despicable actions of Dr. Baruch Goldstein have no basis in Jewish practice or belief.

We urge moderation on the part of the Palestinian people. This tragedy should not be used to raise the stakes in the bargaining process which could derail the peace process. Our joint struggle for peace is the way to defeat the extremists on both sides.

Dr. Goldstein was a fanatic. His actions seem to have been those of a lone deranged individual. But he was not alone as long as there are those who would believe that murder could advance religion. The few twisted zealots who pursue a Goldstein ideology are a cancer who should find no home in Jewish life. The murder of innocents at prayer is an anathema to the Jewish tradition. Some say we need not answer for the actions of one sick individual. We say instead we will not countenance such a wretched deed defiling the name of Judaism. We are not Goldstein.

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Mosque Gunman Dr. Baruch Goldstein



MOSQUE MASSACRE... JERUSALEM -- A Palestinian man vents his anger as he and others sit in an ambulance with the body of one of 54 Palestinians killed by a Jewish settler, Brooklyn-born Baruch Goldstein, in Hebron February 25. Dozens more were wounded in the early morning attack which occurred during morning prayers in the Ibrahim Mosque. CREDIT: RNS PHOTO/Reuters.

Delaware Jews Condemn The Hebron Murders

By DAN WEINTRAUB
Editor of the Jewish Voice

A statement issued by Toni Young, President of The Jewish Federation of Delaware (JFD) and Judy Wortman, Executive Vice President of JFD, in the aftermath of the terrorism of Dr. Baruch Goldstein, read in part "The Jewish community of Delaware is horrified by the news of the killing of Muslim worshippers in Hebron. The murder of innocent civilians is abhorrent, no matter who is responsible."

The statement continued "The Jewish Federation of Delaware joins with Jews throughout the world in expressing our condolences to the families of the victims and in our prayers for the speedy recovery of the wounded. We are pained by the grievous loss suffered by the Palestinian community in the midst of their holy season of Ramadan."

Rabbi Emeritus Leonard B. Gewirtz of Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth expressed his concern that, "The insane action of Dr. Goldstein in killing innocent civilians must not derail the peace process. I wholly support Prime Minister Rabin's policy of maintaining that the peace process must go on. That is the only prescription for sanity in the Mideast."

Rabbi Herbert Yoskowitz, of Congregation Beth Shalom described the murders as "horrible, outrageous, un-Jewish. It really is the most terrible action taken by a Jew since the creation of the State of Israel. Furthermore, the comments attributed to someone at (Goldstein's) grave side, and beyond, which applaud his actions denigrate the worth of life and are abominable. The State of Israel should not be penalized for the work of one madman. We hope Arab nations and Arab people recognize this is not the act of a collective but of an individual."

Rabbi Peter H. Grumbacher, spiritual leader of Congregation Beth Emeth said, "In light of Baruch Goldstein's background and his support of the radical ideas of Meir Kahane, it doesn't surprise me that in some way he would act out his point of view. Fanaticism on either side is abhorrent when it leads to the death of innocent people, when it negates the personhood of one's brother or sister."

Rabbi Grumbacher believes that, "More than ever, this terrible incident points to the need for negotiations to proceed. This is not to say that violence will cease even if agreement is reached among the parties; on both sides there is an element desiring to sabotage the process. Nevertheless, the status quo is becoming increasingly intolerable, draining the energies of the Israelis and fanning the flames of hatred among Palestinians. As imperfect as any (peace) plan will be, some plan is necessary in this stage of middle east history."

Rabbi Chuni Vogel, of Chabad-Lubavitch of Delaware, issued a statement which reads in part "any act of violence and suffering is tragic. We hope that the action of an individual in Hebron does not become the excuse to blame Jews everywhere (Haman's reason for wanting to kill all the Jews) and escalate the cycle."

Toni Young and Judy Wortman echoed the condemnation expressed by President Clinton and Israeli Prime Minister, Yitzhak Rabin. The JFD leaders concluded by stating, "As we stand on the threshold of peace in the Middle East, we must not allow hatred and fanaticism to derail the efforts of people of good will who are working diligently to reach an agreement which will provide a safe and secure future for all."

(look elsewhere in this issue for more reaction to the Hebron massacre)

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Attack On Chasidim Leads To Concern,
But Not Alarm, Among Jews Nationwide

By PAMELA DRUCKERMAN
NEW YORK (JTA) — Even while Aaron Halberstam, the young Chasidic student slain in last week's Brooklyn Bridge shooting, was being eulogized Sunday as a "holy sacrifice for the Jewish people," the mood in his Crown Heights community remained somber but calm.

The same tone was echoed far beyond Halberstam's insulated fervently Orthodox world, as Jewish institutions throughout the United States beefed up security but continued to play down the level of concern in the community and the likelihood of further attacks.

"We're just sort of lying low and monitoring what's happening," said Deborah Lauter, community relations director for the Atlanta Jewish Federation.

The muted response of some Jewish groups, according to their representatives, may reflect a strategy of trying to maintain a low public profile, in the hope that events of recent days will pass from memory.

One observer linked the shooting of four Lubavitcher youths on the Brooklyn Bridge to the publicity generated by recent rifts in black-Jewish relations, which might have set the tone for further bias-related attacks.

Rashad Baz, a 28-year-old Lebanese national, was indicted Tuesday

in the shooting, which left Halberstam dead and three other students wounded, one gravely.

The New York Police Department has so far refused to confirm widespread speculation that the attack on the Chasidim was in retaliation for the Hebron attack.

But fears that Middle East-style terrorism may have become a fixture on American shores set the tone for a swift, citywide response to the shooting.

Police are also holding two Jordanian nationals accused of aiding Baz and hindering the investigation.

Following a meeting with New York City Police Commissioner William Bratton a spokesman for the New York Jewish Relations Council said the police have spread a "high-level security net" over the New York Jewish community.

"This isn't a radical-end-to-innocence type of thing," said Michael Kotzin, director of Chicago's JCRC. Kotzin, whose group is working with the ADL to organize a regional security conference, described the current situation as one of the periodic swells in security that should subside as tensions ease.

But Brooklyn City Councilman Noach Dear warned that the United States is passing into a new era of security-consciousness where in-

creased vigilance will have to become "a way of life."

Dear likened the current changes to the 1950s, when an increase in residential crime led people to begin locking their front doors.

But many Jewish communities outside of New York feel far removed from the turmoil of New York, preferring to view the incident as an isolated act which, while it may have crossed the Atlantic to New York City, will probably not travel inland to Dallas or Detroit.

Many communities already had strong security systems in place, or had planned to increase precautions around the Passover holiday season.

"I'm a secular Jew, so there'd be no reason for someone to target me," said David Solomon, an assistant professor at Columbia University, echoing the sentiments of many in the non-religious world who feel pained by the attacks but not personally vulnerable to future incidents.

Betty Ehrenberg, who heads the Union of American Orthodox Congregation's Institute for Public Affairs, said Orthodox Jews tend to feel more vulnerable than their secular counterparts because of their identifiably Jewish clothing.

Orthodox Jews also tend to spend more time at Jewish schools and synagogues where they are more

Advancement of Colored People is longer and stronger.

After all, two weeks after Farrakhan, in his Feb. 3 news conference, attacked the ADL as anti-black and anti-American, the NAACP initiated a meeting with the ADL to help smooth relations between the two groups.

"We respect the desire of the NAACP to invite whoever in their community they wish," he said.

"We hope and believe contacts between black leadership and Minister Farrakhan on important issues will also include dialogue on issues of racism and anti-Semitism," said Foxman.

In its statement after Farrakhan's news conference, the NAACP said it looked forward "to concrete deeds in the future that would affirm his statements" that he is neither anti-Semitic nor racist.

The statement also called on white leaders "to vigorously condemn, now and in the future, bigoted and racist remarks as they are directed against African-American and Jewish-Americans by white politicians, academics, corporate leaders and various public figures in the same way that Black leaders have repudiated Mr. Khalid Muhammad's outrageous statements."

The NAACP's remarks reflect a perception among black leadership that the black community is being held to a higher standard by the Jewish community than are other groups, said Siegel, of the Philadelphia JCRC.

Black leaders feel that no matter how many times they condemn anti-Semitism, it is never seen as enough by some sections of the Jewish community, Siegel said.

Siegel told the NJCRAC session that he had made an informal survey

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likely to be the victim of religiously motivated attacks.

But Ehrenberg said the mood in the Orthodox community is one of

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Egypt Trades 'Cold Peace'
For Warmer Ties With Israel

By LARRY YUDELSON
NEW YORK — Israel's "cold peace" with Egypt has seen a dramatic thaw in recent weeks.

After more than a decade in which there was little of the normalization promised in the 1979 Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty, Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak has reportedly told his senior military staff, "We are now moving toward full peace and normal relations with Israel."

The changed attitude has been manifest in the signing of cultural and scientific agreements between the two countries; in a decision to lay a direct phone link between the two countries; and in the arrival in Israel of hundreds of Egyptian tourists.

Cairo's new warmth is significant, because the limits of the Israeli-Egypt peace have been cited by opponents of Israel's present peace negotiations as evidence that true peace with Israel's Arab neighbors is only a mirage.

According to one Israeli who has participated in the thaw, the Egyptians are not unaware of this argument.

"I think they realize the peace treaty with Israel has been too formal for too long, and if they are to gain the confidence of the Israeli public in the peace treaty with Egypt and whole peace process, they better warm it up," said Uri Bar-Ner, Israel's deputy foreign minister in charge of scientific and cultural affairs.

Bar-Ner also suggested that Mubarak wanted to send a message to the Syrians and Palestinians that peace agreements with Israel involve more than just formal ties.

In January, Bar-Ner signed an agreement with his Egyptian counterpart providing for cultural exchanges. Thirty-two specific projects were listed in an addendum to the agreement, which was ratified this month during a state visit to Cairo by Shulamit Aloni, Israel's minister of communications, arts, science and technology.

"It's very significant because Egypt has had a major problem developing cultural agreements with Israel, because Egyptian artists and societies were very reluctant to have any contact with Israel, because they would be boycotted by rest of Arab world," said Bar-Ner.

According to a report from Egypt by the Israeli newspaper Yediot Achronot, Mubarak told his military staff that "the era of cold peace is over" and that he was encouraging full business cooperation with Israelis, including a possible sale of natural gas.

"There is no reason that Arab states without formal relations with Israel should sell her natural gas,

awareness, but not alarm. She said few in the Orthodox world have altered their lifestyle in light of last week's shooting.

while we have a surplus and nobody to sell to," Mubarak was quoted as saying, referring to reports that the Gulf emirate of Qatar is embarking on such a sale.

According to the newspaper account, Mubarak also met with the editors of the Egyptian press to inform them of the new line. Editorials concerning "the new honeymoon" with Israel soon followed.

How fully the Egyptian media adopts a changed attitude toward Israel may be the most significant question in evaluating Israeli-Egyptian ties.

"The real poison in the relationship is the way the Egyptian media has described us," said the Israeli official.

But while it is too soon to say whether the desired media shift has come about, it is clear that, in many small but significant ways, the Egyptian government is implementing its announced policy of normalization.

Egypt has dropped a requirement that would-be visitors to Israel register with the military officials, a regulation that kept tourism effectively nil. Since that change in regulations, dozens of tourists are passing daily through the Taba border crossing, many on group pilgrimages to Muslims or Coptic Christian holy places.

Two Egyptian translators of Hebrew literature into Arabic appeared at an international translation conference held in Israel in January — the first time, according to Bar-Ner, that an Egyptian writer or translator dared appear in an Israeli forum that would receive world-wide publicity.

One of the translators made a side trip to present writer Amos Oz with the first Arabic translation of one of his novels.

The Egyptian education minister agreed to allow Israeli archaeologists to participate in digs in the Sinai.

It was also agreed that Israel would carry out underwater research with Egypt, in which scientists from Saudi Arabia and Jordan would work as well under Egyptian auspices.

In addition, Egyptian educators and computer experts will come to Israel to study a unique program to teach reading that was developed by the Center for Educational Technology in Ramat Aviv.

And before leaving Cairo, Aloni announced that her visit will be reciprocated by her three Egyptian counterparts, the ministers of communications, of science, and of education.

These would be the first such visits in a decade.

(Contributing to this report was JTA correspondent Hugh Orgel in Tel Aviv.)

Jewish Leaders Rethinking
Approach To Black Anti-Semitism

By LARRY YUDELSON
NEW ORLEANS (JTA) — Jewish organizational leaders are beginning to rethink their approach to the issue of black anti-Semitism in the wake of recent clashes with the mainstream black community over Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan.

Their reappraisal became apparent during interviews and sessions held here as part of the annual plenum of the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council.

Communal officials said it was becoming increasingly clear to them that calling on black leaders to condemn and distance themselves from Farrakhan may not be the most effective means to counter the effect of his anti-Semitism in the black community.

Such pressure itself becomes an issue in the black community, "an issue of blacks attacking their own on behalf of whites," Rabbi David Saperstein, director of the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism, said at a session here.

Saperstein, who has long maintained this position, added that black leaders who denounce anti-Semites in their community are seen as bowing to outsiders.

The black leaders thereby "undermine their credibility in segments like college campuses which we hope they would most influence. It's a Catch-22," he said.

Moreover, most African Americans do not see Farrakhan's anti-Semitic words as a real threat to the Jewish community, said Burton Siegel, associate executive director of the Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Philadelphia.

These blacks wonder whether just ignoring Farrakhan might be a more effective Jewish response, added Siegel, who spoke at the same session as Saperstein.

These concerns over how to deal with anti-Semitism in the black community have come to the fore in recent weeks, as the Anti-Defamation League and other groups have had to deal with efforts by the mainstream black leadership to reach out to Farrakhan, even as Farrakhan's disavowals of anti-Semitism are repeatedly shown up as lip service.

Mindful of these concerns, the ADL chose in January to place a full-page advertisement in The New York Times to publicize anti-Semitic remarks made by Farrakhan aide Khalid Abdul Muhammad, rather than ask black leaders to condemn them.

The result was spontaneous revulsion and condemnation by mainstream black leadership across the board and pressure on Farrakhan to renounce Muhammad.

The whole triangular relationship between Farrakhan, mainstream black groups such as the NAACP and the Jewish community "is not a simple dance. It's a complex minuet," said Abraham Foxman, the ADL's national director.

So despite the fact that the NAACP re-extended its invitation to Farrakhan to join in an as-yet unscheduled black leadership summit, the ADL is not making a public fuss.

Instead, the Jewish civil rights group is taking the position that, in effect, whatever Farrakhan's place on the black civil rights group's dance card, the Jewish community's relationship with the National Association for the

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Lubavitcher Rebbe Hospitalized With Stroke Related Complications

By ALEXANDRA J. WALL

NEW YORK (JTA) — The Lubavitcher rebbe was in stable but serious condition following his admission to the hospital Tuesday morning after suffering from stroke-related complications.

Dr. Orrin Devinsky, chief of neurology at the Hospital for Joint Diseases Orthopaedic Institute in Manhattan, was optimistic that Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson would be released in several days.

Devinsky said that in the morning, Schneerson had experienced seizures, which were difficult to control. He said the seizures subsided after a change of medication.

But due to the rebbe's age, 91, such changes in his medical condition could be seen as life-threatening, the doctor said.

The rebbe has been in frail health since suffering a stroke two years ago. The stroke left him unable to speak and paralyzed him on his right side.

Devinsky said that the seizures were unrelated to the successful cataract surgery, underwent last week.

However, he did not rule out a possible connection between the seizures and the Brooklyn Bridge shooting of four young Lubavitchers.

One of those shot, Aaron Halberstam, 16, died of his wounds on Saturday night. The rebbe had felt particularly close to Halberstam and had taught him the Hebrew alphabet.

Syria Protects Threatened Jews

By STEVEN WEISS

WASHINGTON (JTA) — The Syrian government has reportedly taken steps to protect its Jewish residents from violent threats made last week by a Syrian Muslim group.

The State Department released a statement last week saying that Syrian authorities have "taken actions to protect Jewish residents" from the threats.

News reports Monday indicated that the Syrian government was guarding Jewish business, homes and synagogues following the circulation of a leaflet promising revenge for the Palestinian deaths in Hebron at the hands of a Jewish settler.

The leaflet, distributed last week by a group calling itself the "Syrian Muslim Party of Justice" threatened "that the blood of all Jews living in Syria will be spilled starting Sunday the 13th of March 1994."

That date marks the end of the Muslim holy month of Ramadan.

By the end of February, the Council for the Rescue of Syrian Jews said that all but a few members of the Syrian Jewish community had travel visas. Syria still contains some 1,000 Jews, most of whom are thought to be free to leave.

Neal Sher Elected AIPAC Exec.

Neal Sher, currently Director of the Office of Special Investigations (OSI) in the U.S. Department of Justice, has been named Executive Director of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC).

Sher has served with OSI since 1979, and has been its Director since 1983. Under his leadership, the office has been involved in investigating and prosecuting Nazi war criminals residing in this country, many of whom were deported or stripped of citizenship.

Sher served under two Republican and two Democratic presidents, and has gained bipartisan respect in Congress according to Near East Reports.

(Source: Near East Report).

NJCRAC Weighs In On Pollard

By LARRY YUDELSON

NEW ORLEANS, (JTA) — After years of staying out of the issue, the National Jewish Communal Relations Advisory Council passed its first resolution regarding clemency for Jonathan Pollard in late February after revelations that a veteran CIA officer spied for Russia catapulted espionage back into the news.

By a 2-to-1 margin, the umbrella Jewish group voted to send President Clinton a letter indicating that some in the Jewish community believe Pollard was unjustly sentenced, but falling short of actually recommending clemency for the former Navy analyst who was convicted of spying for Israel.

The purpose of the proposal, said outgoing NJCRAC Chair Maynard Wishner, was to counter suggestions that NJCRAC's silence on Pollard constituted opposition to clemency.

While the NJCRAC ad hoc Pollard committee established and continued to reassert that the case did not reflect anti-Semitism, support for Pollard began to spread through Jewish organizations beginning in 1991.

Police Arrest Lebanese Man In Shooting Of Lubavitch Youth

By PAMELA DRUCKERMAN and SUSAN BIRNBAUM

NEW YORK (JTA) — Police have charged a 28 year-old Lebanese national in last week's shooting of four Lubavitcher students on the Brooklyn Bridge.

The man, Brooklyn resident Rashad Raz, has been charged with 15 counts of attempted murder, various assault charges and numerous weapons violations.

Police have impounded the suspect's car, a 1978 Chevrolet Impala, as well as a cache of weapons that included a submachine pistol, a semi-automatic shotgun and 50 rounds of ammunition.

Police Commissioner William Bratton said in a news conference that preliminary ballistic tests have linked the weapons, which were found in the suspect's car, to Tuesday's shooting.

Police would not comment on a possible motive for the shootings, including whether there are links to the recent killing of at least 40 Muslims by a Jewish settler in Israel's West Bank.

Officials at the news conference, who included Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, would also not comment on whether the suspect was tied to any group, although they did say they were questioning other individuals.

But Manhattan District Attorney Robert Morgenthau said it was clear the suspect was "not going deer hunting."

The four Chasidic victims of the

attack were passengers in a white van that had been part of a convoy accompanying the Lubavitcher rebbe back to the Crown Heights section of Brooklyn from successful eye surgery in Manhattan.

The van, carrying 15 people, was shot at by a gunman in a car as it approached the Brooklyn Bridge on the Manhattan side. The car pursued the van and fired at it two more times.

Two of the victims, Aaron Halberstam, 16, and Nachum Sossokin, 18, were reported in critical condition from gunshot wounds to the head, and were not expected to live.

At the news conference, the district attorney said there would be an ongoing investigation into the shootings. He added that the police department is now questioning several other people in connection with the case.

The alleged gunman was apprehended by police after he left his car in a Brooklyn body shop to have its window repaired.

Reports say someone from the body shop tipped off police that a vehicle, fitting the police description of a blue car with a shattered window, had been left in the shop.

The window was apparently shattered when the suspect fired through it and into the van in Tuesday's attack.

The police apparently apprehended the suspect — who they say entered the United States in 1984 on

a student visa — within 24 hours of the attack.

Giuliani also praised the Jewish community for its cooperation in the incident, and called on New Yorkers not to view the shootings alone racial lines.

This act of evil is not the act of a people, it's the act of a person or persons," Giuliani said.

Commissioner Bratton said members of the Arab American community gave "significant" assistance in locating the suspect.

Members of the Chasidic community and other visitors maintained a prayer vigil at St. Vincent's Hospital, where the victims were taken, throughout that night.

Halberstam was pronounced brain dead. A spokesman for the hospital said the boy is being kept alive on life support systems, in accordance with his family's religious beliefs. (Editor's note: Halberstam has since died).

Halberstam, who was known to his classmates at the Oholei Torah Yeshiva as "Ari," was said to be a favorite of the Lubavitcher rebbe. A classmate described him as a quiet, athletic boy who was very involved in the Lubavitch movement's Jewish outreach programs.

Halberstam's father, Chesed, was a butler and aide to the Rebbe's late wife, Chaya Moussia.

A spokesman for the Lubavitch community said President Clinton had telephoned the Halberstam family to express his anguish over the

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Four Convicted Of World Trade Center Bombing

NEW YORK (JTA) — Jewish leaders and organizations are applauding the convictions last week of four defendants in the World Trade Center bombing case.

After a five-month federal trial, Mohammed Salameh, Ahmad Ajaj, Mahmud Abouhailma and Nidal Ayyad were found guilty on all 38 counts in the case.

Six people were killed and more than 1,000 wounded in the bombing last February, one of the worst terrorist incidents ever to take place on American soil.

The defendants were convicted of charges including conspiracy, explosive destruction of property, interstate transportation of explosives, assault upon a federal officer and using or carrying a destructive device during a violent crime. Many of these carry a maximum penalty of life in prison.

Terming the bombing "a wake-up call about the dangers of religious extremism," the American Jewish Committee issued a statement saying the organization "is gratified that justice has been served with the conviction, on all counts, of the four defendants," in the case.

Rep. Charles Schumer (D-N.Y.), chair of the Crime and Criminal Justice Subcommittee, also hailed the verdict, which he described in a statement as the "result of outstanding efforts by federal and local law enforcement officials."

"These guilty verdicts send a strong message to other would-be terrorists: You won't be tolerated and you will

be caught," he said.

The defendants in the World Trade Center case were linked to fundamentalist Muslim cleric Sheik Omar Abdel Rahman, a key figure in a second, more complex case that is to be tried this fall.

Rahman and at least 13 other

defendants have been charged with plotting to blow up several New York City buildings and assassinate political leaders.

(Contributing to this report were JTA staff writer Mitchell Danow and JTA staff intern Michele Berman in New York.)

Israeli Guards Were Not At Posts When Goldstein Opened Fire, IDF Admits

By CYNTHIA MANN

JERUSALEM (JTA) — The terrorist attack at the Cave of the Patriarchs in Hebron might have been prevented had Israeli security guards been at their posts, the Israel Defense Force admitted in testimony before the state commission of inquiry investigating the incident.

But Maj. Gen. Danny Yatom, commander for the West Bank, said that while lax security made the killings at the shrine possible, a similar attack elsewhere could not have been averted.

"A crazy murderer acting alone who decides and is determined to carry out an attack" cannot be stopped, Yatom said.

"There are many opportunities every day to kill Arabs," said Yatom.

Yatom was testifying Tuesday at the opening of the hearings conducted at the Supreme Court by the five-member commission.

He said that two IDF soldiers and three border policemen were not at their posts when Baruch Goldstein, a Brooklyn-born settler from neighboring Kiryat Arba, opened fire and killed Palestinians at prayer.

Supreme Court Chief Justice Meir Shamgar, who heads the panel, asked Yatom if the massacre could have been prevented had the posts been properly manned.

The head of the central command replied, "To the best of my knowledge, yes."

Yatom also made it clear the military had no intelligence that warned of such a violent attack by a Jewish settler. He said the military had been alert to disturbances from the settlers, but not to terrorism.

The commission has far-reaching legal powers to investigate what happened, to draw conclusions and make recommendations.

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Mosque Massacre Riots Jerusalem

OPINION

Consul General Contemplates Hebron's Impact On Peace

By **EVIATAR MANOR**

Consulate General of Israel
Philadelphia
Special To The Jewish Voice

The tragic events in Hebron were a stark reminder of the urgency of concluding a peaceful settlement of the Middle East conflict. It was also a measure of the success of the peace talks, a success that forces the hand of those, be they Arab or Israeli, who are bent on destroying the prospects of peace. We are reminded that the alternative to peace and coexistence is further bloodshed and death, and this should be unacceptable to us.

Baruch Goldstein considered the talks on Gaza and Jericho to be near conclusion, hence the urgency he felt to act. However, lest we forget the many Jewish victims of Arab extremism over the years and following the September 1993 Declaration of Principles. Lest we forget the victims of the attack on the synagogues in Paris and Istanbul. Yet the

government of Israel stood firm in its position to proceed with the negotiations concurrently with an increase in its efforts to combat terrorism. We hope the Palestinian side will show the same commitment to peace.

The goal of the peace negotiations is to allow the Palestinians to manage their affairs for an interim period, pending negotiations on a final settlement. One should not lose sight of this goal; rather, both sides should accelerate their efforts to arrive at a successful conclusion. A delay will serve only those — on both sides — who carry out terrorist acts and atrocities with the purpose of undermining the agreement and put the negotiations on hold.

The Israeli government has taken a series of measures on an individual basis against radical elements within the Israeli residents in the territories, such as imposition of administrative detention, restraining orders, disarmament of specific individuals, exploring the option of outlawing the Kach and Kahane

Chai organizations and a release of 800 Palestinian detainees and prisoners. However, Palestinian demands such as uprooting Jewish settlements, disarming all settlers and deploying international military units in the territories are unacceptable and will only invite dangerous delays in the timetable for self-rule.

It is worthwhile to emphasize at this point that one should not condemn an entire segment of the Israeli population, namely the settlers, for the act of a single murderer. The vast majority of settlers are law-abiding citizens of Israel and carry weapons in self-defense. The issue of the settlements and their future will be negotiated at the final stage of the negotiations, and pending these negotiations, it is the duty of the governments to guarantee the settlers and the settlements their security. Disarming settlers in the face of Hamas and other opponents of peace is tantamount to abandoning them to their fate.

I hope the Israel and Arab sides will return to

the bargaining table soon. The Syrians have downgraded their characterization of the current lull as a pause, rather than a suspension or a break down. The Jordanians and Lebanese will no doubt follow Syria. The Palestinians have a strong interest in returning to the talks, successfully concluding an agreement and implementing it. We can be hopeful and do our utmost to ensure a swift resumption of the negotiations.

Israelis understand the pain of losing innocent lives. For many years, we faced violence by fanatic Palestinians and other groups. We have mourned hundreds of Israelis killed in terrorist attacks. Yet, we never lost the hope for peace and neither should the Palestinians and the Arabs. The only answer to the extremists is a just and comprehensive conclusion to our conflict. Let us complete the task successfully and let us go on living and not go on killing.

Peace Process Must Proceed

By **TONI YOUNG**

Special To The Jewish Voice

Two days after the horrific massacre of Muslims at the mosque near Hebron, Yair Hirshfeld, the architect of the Oslo talks who quietly met with the PLO in Oslo beginning in January 1993, and Dr. Mustafa Barghouti, West Bank doctor and founding member of the Palestinian Medical Relief Committee, discussed the future of the peace process with a group of American Jews at a program sponsored by Project Nishma. Both leaders emphasized that the tragic incident must not derail the peace process, but rather, as Hirshfeld stated, "must further our determination to go ahead with it." Perhaps nothing emphasized the urgency of continuing the peace process more clearly than the fact that Dr. Barghouti, whose friends and patients, were among the victims of the massacre, left the tragic circumstances in the West Bank and kept his appointment in Baltimore in order to urge American Jews to push the peace process forward.

Dr. Hirshfeld, a professor of Middle East history at the University of Haifa, who has been involved in the Palestinian-Israeli dialogue since 1980, reminded the group that in spite of other setbacks, for example the killings at the Temple Mount in October 1990, the

dialogue has continued. Right now there's a lot of understanding and a lot of hope among those involved in the peace process.

Calling the euphoria accompanying the signing of the "Declaration of Principles" in September 1993 unrealistic, Hirshfeld emphasized that the agreement was one of principles and that in defining the details, there are many difficulties to be overcome. Since September many details have been worked out, but it is important to work "as quickly as possible" to spell out more details because we are in a transitional period and "radicals on both sides know this time is an opportune time to undermine the agreement," Hirshfeld said.

The "Declaration of Principles" is a historical breakthrough of major magnitude for several reasons, Hirshfeld explained. For the first time the entire Israeli and Palestinian body politic talk and work together. "If Rabin wants to talk to Arafat, he picks up the phone and calls him." In contrast, between 1970 and 1992, an Israeli-Palestinian dialogue was carried on by left wing, non governmental types including professors, artists, writers. For the first time, the two people, the Israelis and the Palestinians recognize each other. Furthermore, according to Hirshfeld, the Palestinians' claim that they can open the Arab world for

Israel is true, and there have been many positive changes between Israel and Arab countries since the signing of the Declaration of Principles.

According to Hirshfeld, in addition to serious short term difficulties including security, definition of national interests, and management, those involved in the peace process must deal with the long term difficulty of the force of Islamic fundamentalism. Israelis, Palestinians and Arabs must work together to fight irrationality.

Hirshfeld's envisions the new Middle East as an area of stability and peace, based on five pillars: the legitimacy of both people, the security of both people guaranteed by Palestinians and Israelis, economic and human networks which support the peace effort, joint institution building, and diplomatic alliances.

While agreeing on the necessity of continuing the peace process and on the importance of the Oslo agreement, Dr. Barghouti hopes that the tragic massacre will be followed not only by a resumption of peace talks but by a fresh look at what subjects must be discussed. Calling the massacre a "serious and dangerous shock" which made everyone aware of the

problems facing us, Barghouti said that the problem with the existing peace process is that both sides are avoiding some key issues. Specifically he believes that the issue of settlements is the major problem and the decision to postpone discussion of settlements for two years was not wise. In Barghouti's opinion, because a full discussion of the settlements has been postponed, "the settlements have become a bomb that can explode at any moment," as they did at the Hebron mosque. Dr. Barghouti suggested that there would be more violent outbursts if the issue of the settlements is not discussed. The question of security must also be dealt with immediately. Many Palestinians do not feel secure under the current system.

I found it heartening that just two days after the abhorrent killing of innocent civilians, Dr. Barghouti and Yair Hirshfeld were focused on the larger picture, the peaceful coexistence of their people. As Yair Hirshfeld stated so clearly, "The dangers are great, but the only way to go ahead is to find common ground. None of us can afford the luxury of pessimism."

Mourning and Symmetry

By **DOV SEIDEL**

Special To The Jewish Voice

לא תרצח (Thou Shalt Not Murder) comes immediately to mind when we ponder the deaths of Muslims at the Cave of Machpelah (Tomb of the Patriarchs). It also comes to mind when we remember the Arab rioting of 1929 in Hebron, in which 70 Jews perished. After these riots, Jews were no longer permitted to worship at this Tomb. Only after the 1967 war could Jews again worship there.

Though we must resist comparing murders, Cynthia Ozick advises, (New York Times, March 2, 1994), since the comparison leads to the quantification of killing, and the quantification leads to the denigration of the sacredness of each human life, neither can we ignore history and memory. If outrage in the American press has been lacking over the killing and maiming, one-by-one, of Israelis, by Arabs, we need to point it out. Just a month ago, three Palestinian-Americans were charged with arson and hate crimes in attacks on five Jewish institutions in Chicago (Op-Ed piece by Mark D.W. Edington, New York Times, March 4, 1994). To find out about the torment of Jews, whether in this case, or in the case of the defacing of synagogues in Boston, or the desecration of Jewish cemeteries in Worms, Germany, one too often has to turn to the Jewish press.

And would it be too much to ask of the

American press that they give the background to the Middle-East conflict, since they give the background on so many other issues?

Multitudes of Jews are mourning at the recent deaths in Hebron. Ezer Weizman, the President of Israel is pictured in a news photo covering his face in grief during condolence calls in Hebron. What Ozick recommends in her Op-Ed piece would be a tangible advance in the current Arab-Israeli negotiations:

"What is required now-required in the most serviceable sense, as an element of realpolitik is an understanding that mutual contrition, even more than the resolution of issues of acreage and border patrols, must be the next step in the peace process."



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OPINION

American Immigrants And Israel: The Hebron Killers Ideas Were Imported

By RICHARD S. GUNTHER
and GARY E. RUBIN

It is noteworthy that it was an American immigrant to Israel who committed a horrible act of violence in the massacre of Palestinians in Hebron.

What has been the effect of American immigrants on politics in Israel and specifically on relations between Israelis and Palestinians? The impact has both impeded and advanced the peace process.

Settlers on the West Bank tend to be disproportionately drawn from American immigrants to Israel, though the numbers are not overwhelming. About 1 percent of all Israelis are recent American immigrants, but 10 percent of the settlers in the occupied territories come from the United States.

More to the point of the Hebron massacre, however, the radical settlers tend to come from the United States. Dr. Baruch Goldstein, who carried out the mass shooting, was an adher-

ent of the extremist Kach movement, which believes that Arabs should be forcibly expelled from the area of "Greater Israel" that they envision as stretching from the Mediterranean to the Jordan River.

Kach was founded by the late Rabbi Meir Kahane, who emigrated to Israel after starting the Jewish Defense League in Brooklyn. The JDL carried out intentionally provocative actions against blacks in New York and portrayed black-Jewish relations as an inevitable clash of enemies. Kahane's actions won him the fervent loyalty of a small band of committed extremists, as well as the staunch opposition of leaders in both communities who wanted to work together for better relations and the furtherance of mutual agendas.

Kach in Israel is essentially the wholesale importation of the JDL to the Holy Land, except that racism against blacks was replaced by unmitigated hostility against Arabs. Running on an anti-Arab platform, Kahane won a

seat in the Israeli Knesset. So unacceptable was his ideology, however, that Israeli parties of the left and right joined together to ban Kach from elections. Kahane was later assassinated, but his followers carry on his virulently anti-Arab message.

Kach forms the core of the Hebron settler community, the most hard-line in the West Bank. Residents have announced that they will resist with violence any territorial compromise the Israeli government might negotiate.

Understanding all this, it is not surprising that Goldstein, imbued with racist ideology, committed the mass murder in Hebron. Even if he decided alone to shoot up a crowded mosque during an important service, he could only have believed from his Kach experience that there was nothing wrong with killing Arabs.

Fortunately, the importation of JDL and Kach ideology to Israel is not the only contribution that Americans have made to Israeli public life.

American immigrants were also among the founders and leaders of Israel's Peace Now movement. They supported peace initiatives during the years the Likud government opposed dialogue with the Palestine Liberation

Organization and have led the country in advocacy of the current peace process. They have mounted massive demonstrations on behalf of peace and have conducted research projects to expose the extent of settler activity and its enormous cost to Israeli society. They have also initiated dialogues with Palestinians that have furthered the peace negotiations. Many of these immigrants are veterans of civil rights and social justice movements in the United States and have brought their values to the movement for peace in Israel.

The difference between the two kinds of immigrants was starkly illustrated when Peace Now called for the removal of Jewish settlers — many of them Kach supporters — from the heart of Hebron after the massacre.

U.S. culture has greatly influenced both mainstream peace advocates and their most violent opponents. Some claim that American Jews can have no real impact on the peace process. The facts, however, show that our influence is profound.

Richard S. Gunther is co-president of Americans for Peace Now, based in New York, and Gary E. Rubin is executive director. (Reprinted with permission)

Thoughts From Jerusalem

By MICHELE MEDWIN

I am sitting here in my Jerusalem apartment with very mixed emotions about the massacre in Hebron. What Baruch Goldstein did was horrible and there is no way to comprehend it or justify it and I am just as horrified as everyone else, but I can't help but wonder what world reaction would have been if it had been an Arab going into a Synagogue and killing Jews. The news media just loves to criticize the Jews and Israel and many times seems to prefer to show Arabs being shot at rather than Israelis being attacked. How can CNN report the number of Arabs killed since the signing of the Declaration of Principles and NOT mention the number of Israelis killed by Arabs

during that same period.

It's hard for the outside world to really comprehend the emotions of living in Israel and particularly outside the green line. Since the peace signing, there have been at least one or two Jews murdered here every week. You try hard not to get immune to it but every morning you open the newspaper to see who else has been murdered and where they were murdered, (so you can justify that where you live is safe). On one hand you become horrified at another murder, and on the other hand you try to accept it as just part of life so you can go on with your own life living under these circumstances.

Baruch Goldstein was a doctor who apparently was there to help many of the Israelis who were attacked by Arab terrorists. Many of these people died as he tried to save them. In particular, there was an especially brutal attack

on a large family, the Lapids. They were driving in their van outside of Hebron late fall when they were ambushed. The father and one of the sons was killed and some of the other children were wounded. The Lapids were very good friends of Dr. Goldstein's and one of them died in his arms on the way to the hospital. He apparently was never the same after that. I realize that none of this justifies what he did but I feel it is important to know all the facts and emotions as we try to comprehend the horrors that we see around us.

It is important and mandatory that everyone is horrified and shocked by the events in Hebron. But were you as horrified when a Jewish man was killed as he went out to buy eggs at a produce stand; or when a Jewish pregnant woman, on her way home from visiting her parents; was ambushed and shot dead in her car as her husband looked on in

horror and her children slept in the back seat; or when a Jewish man was axed to death as he innocently waited for a bus to come; or when two Jewish hikers out to explore nature were gunned down in cold blood? (Or did the news even report these incidents in the United States?) Weren't they just as innocent as the Arabs who were praying?

Jewish fanatics are just as evil as Arab fanatics but both should get equal condemnation. Israel should receive the same criticism as those around her not any more, and not any less.

(About the writer: Michele, along with her husband Steve and their children, Dan and Rachel, are residents of Wilmington. They are spending the current year in Israel as Michele pursues her first year of studies in Rabbinical school at Hebrew Union College).

Sons Of Light And Darkness

By Rabbi ROBERT L. WOLKOFF

The recent massacre in Hebron is completely understandable, even reasonable — if you live in an insane world. The murderer, a radical follower of Rabbi Meir Kahane (who himself fell victim to a religious extremist) lived in that kind of world.

So did many of his victims.

One could never understand this from the entirely predictable public reactions to the massacre. The Israeli government condemned it in the strongest possible terms. Some have tried to shift responsibility to the Moslem extremists, whose murder of hundreds of Jews supposedly drove Baruch Goldstein out of his mind. Such attempts to mitigate the evil done were in turn condemned. Others condemned once again the mutual "demonizing" which colors Arab-Israeli relations.

All of this misses the point. That a religious person — a doctor, no less — could go into one of his own religion's holiest sites and mow down dozens of worshippers is a phenomenon which cannot be explained in normal political terms. It is violence which literally is not of this world. Religious violence.

Religious violence is a form of sacrificial offer, a destructive action with emotionally charged symbolism. It seldom has, and never needs, a reasonable political purpose or well-defined goal. It is quite likely that the murderer himself, if one had asked him, would not have been able to say what his actions would mean — except that they would lead to more violence.

What was important for him was precisely and solely the demonstration of destructive power.

Because it was, in his eyes, the power of the Lord being demonstrated.

That the massacre took place on holy ground is thus entirely consistent with the symbolism of religious violence. The fact that it took place on a day that was both the beginning of Ramadan (the holiest time of year for Moslems) and Purim (when Jews read in the book of Esther of the planned destruction of the Jews of Persia, and of their counterattack against their enemies) even gives the massacre a (naturally perverse) elegance.

The charged symbolism reflects in turn the most terrifying aspect of religious violence, the assumption that one finds oneself in a cosmic conflict. In an apocalyptic war between the "sons of light and the sons of darkness" (as it is described in the Dead Sea Scrolls) there is no room for compromise. In fact, there is no one with whom one could compromise. The "Other" is outside the realm of the human. He is instead merely a symbol of the forces of Chaos, a ritual object in the great, dramatic demonstration of divine power.

His "role" is to be destroyed.

In this context, all objections concerning the (for us, absolutely clear) immorality of the massacre falls on deaf ears. The murderer is "beyond good and evil" in his own eyes.

And thus, in the eyes of the Lord.

Calling this "demonizing" is completely trivial. The usual assumption is that, if only both sides understood each other better, they would be able to act in a reasonable, humane manner. In a religious war, the opposite is the case. The more one knows about the "Other", the clearer it becomes that he truly is the tool of Chaos.

The more, in other words, he becomes "Other", and thus an object for extermination.

It is this mutual "insight" — rather than a mutual misunderstanding — which aggravates the situation.

The most common reaction by the Palestinians — both spokespersons like Arafat, Ashrawi and Hussein, and the man on the street — has been "They say they want peace, and then they go and do this."

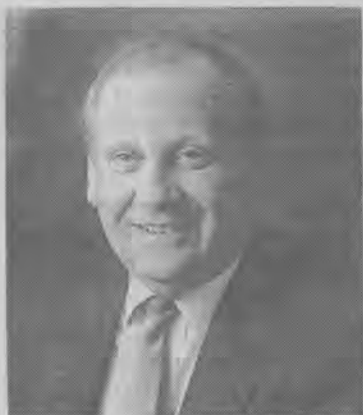
"Then they go and do this"?! How could one possibly interpret the massacre as a collective Israeli act, something "they" have done? A more explicit condemnation from the Israeli government's side (not to mention the media in Israel) is after all inconceivable.

The answer is psychological projection. For decades the Moslems have been interpreting the conflict as a cosmic war — in which they themselves participate. They see the massacre as a collective Israeli/Jewish act precisely because that is how they would interpret it if the ethnic affiliation of murderer and victim had been reversed.

It is not the massacre itself which they condemn (in accordance with a Western standard), but rather the fact that it was a Jew who committed it and Moslems who were victims of it — when it should have been the other way around.

This line of reasoning is of course anathema in Western moral thought. The frightening fact is however that Western moral thought has nothing to do with it. For both Jewish and Moslem extremists, the only thing which can solve the problem is the Lord's destructive power. Symbolic (if still tragically real) violence is used to express this, and to evoke it. It allows

LOCAL



Bernard Kanefsky

Kagnefsky To Speak At Local Lodge's B'nai B'rith 150th Anniversary Shabbat

B'nai B'rith Lodge 470 will be celebrating their 150th Anniversary by participating in the Sabbath services and sponsoring an Oneg Shabbat at Congregation Beth Emeth on Friday evening, March 18, 1994 at 8:00 PM.

Bernard "Bud" Kanefsky will be featured speaker. He has been an active member of the Philadelphia Jewish community for all his adult life and a spokesman for the rights of other ethnic and religious groups.

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Margules To Lead Klehr, Harrison Firm's Delaware Office

Klehr, Harrison, Harvey, Branzburg & Ellers will be opening a Wilmington, Delaware office within the next few weeks, managing partner Donald Harrison announced. As part of its expansion, Klehr, Harrison named a new partner — Wilmington attorney David J. Margules.

"The addition of an experienced Delaware corporate lawyer and a presence in Wilmington greatly benefits our existing clients," Mr. Harrison said. "We also believe that Delaware will be very receptive to the services and quality Klehr, Harrison provides."

Mr. Margules received his B.A. from Columbia and his law degree, cum laude, from New York University. He joins Klehr, Harrison after ten years with the Delaware office of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom. Clients he has represented include: Revlon; Technicolor; Jensen Tools; Laidlaw; and Bergen-Brunswick. He also represents the Delaware State Board of Education in connection with a desegregation case affecting four northern New Castle County school districts.

Mr. Margules lives in Wilmington

with his wife and four sons. He is active in numerous community organizations including the United Way, the Jewish Federation of Delaware, and the Jewish Community Center. He also is a former director and officer of the Community Legal Aid Society.

Mr. Margules currently is splitting time between Klehr, Harrison's Philadelphia office and work space at One Rodney Square, Wilmington, Delaware. Klehr, Harrison expects to open a temporary office in Wilmington later this month, pending a move to permanent space.

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Delaware Public School Openings Won't Conflict With Rosh Hashanah

By DAN WEINTRAUB

Editor of the Jewish Voice

Efforts of the Rabbinic Association of Delaware and the sensitivity of state and county education administrators largely contributed to avoiding a conflict between Rosh Hashanah and the start of area public schools for 1994-95. Paul R. Fine, President of the State Board of Education, speaking by telephone to the Jewish Voice, indicated the Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC) commended the decision by the State Board of Education for schools to open September 8, 1994, the day following the second day of Rosh Hashanah.

Fine explained "My view was, and

the State Board agreed, this is an extremely significant issue. We at the State Board needed to be sensitive to the interests of the Jewish community. We recognize the importance of the first school days for young people, especially those going to school for the first time. We did not believe we should do anything in contradiction to the significance of the holiday for Jewish people. We wanted to publicly acknowledge our support for the Jewish community in observance of Rosh Hashanah."

Fine said his colleagues on the state and county level all had sensitivity to these concerns recognizing their importance of and the deep feelings regarding this issue.

On behalf of the Rabbinic Association

of Delaware, Rabbi Herbert A. Yoskowitz corresponded with Fine and others in order to avoid a conflict between the start of school and the religious observance. In a letter to Pat Forgione, Jr., Ed.D., State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Yoskowitz explained that the conflict should be avoided since "even non-observant Jews are in attendance at synagogue for observance of this High Holiday."

Individual members of the Jewish community also made inquiries seeking to avoid the potential conflict. Because the Hebrew calendar is lunar, Jewish holidays do not fall on the same days each year on the civil calendar.

Correction

☆Telephone calls regarding the AKSE Bus Trip to the U.S. Holocaust Museum on May 1st should be directed to the Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth office at 762-2705.

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Jordan Sopinsky Named To Jewish Voice Internship

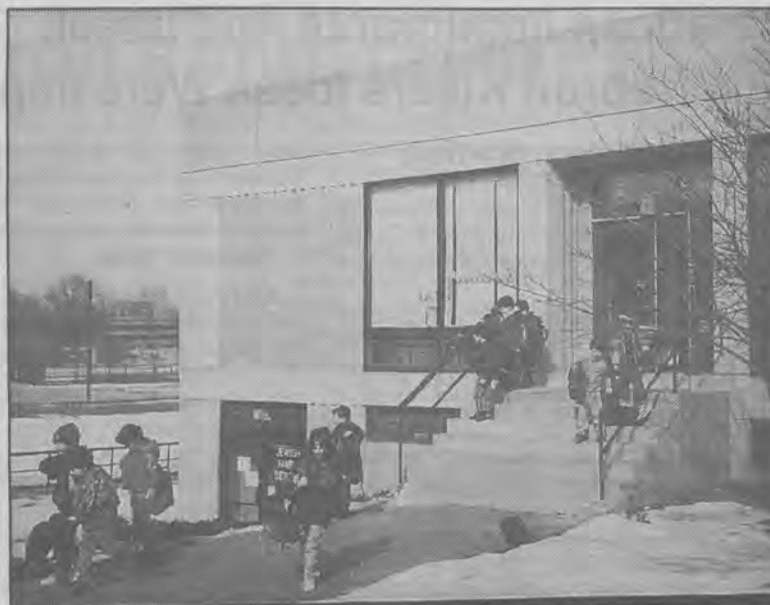


Jordan Sopinsky

An intern has joined the Jewish Voice for this academic semester.

Jordan Sopinsky is a senior studying English and Jewish Studies at the University of Delaware. He grew up in Elkins Park, PA where he attended Abington High School, Congregation Adath Jeshurun's religious school, as well as the Jewish Community High School at Gratz College in Melrose Park.

His responsibilities with the Jewish Voice will include reporting and other activities associated with preparing a Jewish oriented newspaper.



Schools Out - 3 p.m. at Albert Einstein Academy



Barbara Reitles, of Wilmington, President of the Northern Seaboard Region of Hadassah (right) stands with Deborah Kaplan, National President of Hadassah, at the museum in Jerusalem dedicated to Henrietta Szold, the Founder of Hadassah. They were participants in the Hadassah 1994 Midwinter National Board meetings.

Muslims Join Christians And Jews For Bosnia Meeting At JCC

By DAN WEINTRAUB

Editor of The Jewish Voice

On February 28 about sixty people attended a meeting of the Delaware Coalition for Bosnia. Rabbi Marla Feldman, Esq., Director of the Delaware Jewish Community Relations Committee (JCRC) estimated that the group was equally weighted between people of the Jewish, Christian and Muslim faiths. "Since we met just three days after the massacre in Hebron, we began the program with a moment of silence. Even though the program was about Bosnia, we couldn't ignore the pain

people felt about the violence in the Middle East." Feldman found it remarkable that despite the divisive events of recent days, such a large, religiously diverse group was able to assemble for a common purpose. She called it "very special that Jews were playing a pivotal role in bringing people together" on a matter of concern to Delawareans of different backgrounds.

The Delaware Coalition For Bosnia will plan educational programs and fundraising efforts in the future for humanitarian aid to Bosnia.

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P*H*A*S*E 2 of Delaware Valley has two events planned for March. The group takes its name from an acronym meaning Professional * Hebrew * Adult * Single * Energetic. Events are planned for Jewish Singles in their 30's, 40's, and 50's.

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promotional material." Jewish Community Center, 101 Garden of Eden Road, Wilmington. 7-9 PM Room D. For information, call 302-654-3626 or 302-475-3376.

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SYNAGOGUE LIFE

Goldstein Was Absolutely Wrong

By Rabbi SANFORD DRESIN
Spiritual Leader of Adas Kedesch Shel
Emeth Synagogue

The atrocity perpetrated in Hebron on Purim by Dr. Baruch Goldstein and the consequent escalating violence resulting from his heinous and barbaric act are a horrible reminder of the "Aryavut," the interdependence and shared vulnerability of world Jewry. Each of us is a guarantor, literally a cosigner for our Jewish brothers and sisters. The Holocaust should have taught us that in the eyes of the world we are not Reform, Conservative or Orthodox, religious or secular, assimilated or separatist, liberal or conservative, Ashkenazi or Sephardi, Chassid or Mitnagid, dove or hawk, we are Jews, no more no less. I am reminded of the 18th century Jews of Bordeaux who wrote to the vituperative Voltaire in an attempt to achieve acceptance by disclaiming all connection with "Uncouth" German Jews. They argued both falsely and childishly that they (the French Jews) were of pure blooded descent from the Tribe of Judah, whereas the German Jews were of inferior stock springing from the Ten Tribes. Much remains as it was, tribalism still plagues the world and factionalism still tears at the fabric of our people, even today in our so-called sophisticated global society. All it takes is one fanatic, religious or secular, yes there are secular fanatics, to potentiate a reign of global terrorism.

Power corrupts and absolute power

corrupts absolutely. For Baruch Goldstein certainty corrupted and absolute certainty corrupted him absolutely. For Baruch Goldstein and others, the handmaidens of certainty were extremism, fanaticism and unflinching, unyielding absolutism. Goldstein in his pathology, failed to understand that only God is absolute and therefore absolutism and its practice borders on the idolatrous. In rejecting fanaticism and by approaching life with an element of uncertainty, we affirm G-d and our own humanity.

The prophet Habbakuk taught Dirshuni V'yichyu - search for me, analyze, try to understand and you will live, you will experience life more fully. In this spirit we ask why did this atrocity occur on Purim? Was Goldstein drunk? Did he see himself as a Mordechai, locked in mortal combat with the forces of the Amalekite Haman? Regardless of his motive, what Goldstein really accomplished was to stand Purim on its head. He turned Simcha - joy into Avel - mourning. He turned Purim into a Day of Atonement, a Yom Kippur when in fact the rabbis taught that Yom Kippur must become a day like Purim, in the Hebrew, a Yom Kippurim.

The imperative is to transform what is believed to be the most awesome of Jewish days into the most frivolous of Jewish days. The Rabbis argued that Yom Kippur acquires its status from Purim. They also recognized a

further connection between the days, in that both Yom Kippur and Purim have similar types of days appended to them, but in the reverse. Yom Kippur has Oneg followed by Inuy, feasting followed by fasting in that we are required to have a large festive meal prior to beginning the fast, while Purim is Inuy followed by Simcha, fasting followed by feasting. Our rabbis have also provided us with the rationale for this seeming paradox, the rationale being rooted in the very nature of the religious experience. People seek out God in one of two ways; faith may be the product of either Simcha or of Yirah, joy or fear. Judaism accepts both s being valid, however, it recognizes the superiority of the latter. Yom Kippur identifies with one kind of Jew, Purim with the other. If the feasting before the fast does not turn people to God then let them repent out of fear on the Day of Atonement, which has the ability, even today, of intimidating, if not inspiring, most Jews. The Rebbe of Kotzk taught that there is a far higher form of worship when he pointed out that it is far more difficult to eat for the sake of God on the day prior to Yom Kippur then it is to carry out the commandment of feasting. The greatness of Purim is that we survived and turned to God out of Simcha-Joy. Purim has been given its prominent role because it is the most challenging and relevant of the festivals. Throughout our history we have had to come to God as Yom Kippur Jews, out of despair and persecution. Must we continue in this mode? It is indeed ironic but true that

Jewish continuity was insured in the past by adversity. Now amidst the relative prosperity experienced by many Jews we face another crisis, that of the good life. The tragic events of this past Purim send a message - we have failed to honor Purim - we have failed to live up to the message of Purim, to remain committed when unthreatened. Unfortunately for Jews, Yom Kippur's only message and motivation is Tzores, tragedy and fear. An ideal for our people is to be found in a beautiful Messianic vision of our Rabbis who teach that in

the future all holidays will be abrogated with the exception of Purim. We pray for a day for all mankind when the approach to God will be amidst joy and all will enunciate our profoundest prayer found in the Megillah and chanted at the close of every Shabbat in the Havdalah Service - Layehudim Hayeta Orach V'simcha V'sason Vilor - Then the Jews worshipped God even in times of light, joy, gladness and honor. Ken Tihyeh Lanu - may this prevail and be the source of religious expression for us in our age.



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Must Israel Let Its Guard Down To Achieve Peace? (Part One)

By **RABBI LEONARD GEWITZ**

* Rabbi Emeritus of Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth
Everybody is sympathetic to the King of Jordan, called sympathetically in Israel, *Melech Eyyon*, the "poor King," and he generally receives a "good press" in the world. We are told of secret meetings between Jordan and Israel officials; that even Golda Meir met with the King; and now, how much the King of Jordan wants peace with Israel. But, we are told, he is in a vise and he cannot make peace unilaterally. Not until the P.L.O., Syria, and Lebanon will all make peace with Israel, will Jordan also make peace. This we all

understand and we sympathize with the King in his political predicament and even forgive him for his reluctance and timidity.

Does this understanding and sympathy go out to Israel? Oh No! Israel is dragging its feet, we are told, because it negotiates carefully each step of the way toward peace. Some say, Israel is fooling around and is not sincere about wanting peace.

I ask: must Israel let its guard down in order to achieve peace? Of what value is a temporary peace, up front, when down the road of history, Israel leaves itself open to sneak attacks? The likelihood of terrorists smug-

gling in armaments to local Hamas and P.L.O. terrorists, able to sneak across the borders from Gaza or from Jordan into Israel to do their murderous acts upon peaceful, unwary Israeli citizens is apparent. A CNN-TV dispatch on Sunday, February 13, 1994, among many such incidents, reported how a Hamas group ambushed a car with three Israeli security officers, killed one of the officers, wounded the other two, and riddled the car with forty bullets. Israel is an island in a sea of nasty neighbors who may turn on her even in "peaceful" conditions. Israel must keep her guard up and borders secure if she is to continue to grow and develop as a peaceful industrial-agricultural nation.

(Part Two of "Must Israel Let Its Guard Down To Achieve Peace" will appear on March 22.)

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Speaker's AKSE Appearance Postponed

Please note that the speaker from the US Holocaust Memorial Museum, Bob Novick, had to postpone his visit to Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth for a community-wide presentation on the Holocaust Museum to Sunday, April 17th at 7:30 PM.

the bus trip to the museum is still scheduled for Sunday, May 1st. Space

is limited, so don't delay. Please call the AKSE office, 762-2705, for further information.

Congregation Beth Shalom will honor Executive Director and Past President Frances A. Stein on the occasion of her retirement. Please join us for Erev Shabbat services and a festive Oneg Shabbat on Friday, April 22, 1994, 8:00 p.m. 1801 Baynard Blvd. Wilmington, Delaware. R.S.V.P. by April 8th. Call Leslie 478-2024 or Danna 478-7853.

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feature the annual children's program with Larry Denberg, the Magician. He was also at last year's magical Purim show. Sunday, April 10 is the date. Since religious school students are on vacation many can attend.

History Professor To speak To Beth El Men's Club

Willard Fletcher, Professor of History at the University of Delaware, will be our guest speaker for the March 13th Temple Beth El Men's Club Breakfast at 9:30 a.m. His presentation will explore the active roles that European governments played in assisting German conduct of the Holocaust, a task they could not have done alone. This is an added dimension to the current exploration of factors surrounding the Holocaust and will be the subject of course work that Professor Fletcher is now re-

searching. Fletcher will be sharing experiences that he gained first hand, as he, a U.S. citizen and a non-Jew, was sixteen years old when he had his initial contact with the Nazis and was arrested in his relocated home of Luxembourg. He has been working closely with the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, which is now almost one year old and is drawing record attendance. The community is invited. Call 366-8330 for more information.

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Stars of "Grine Felden" Now Delaware Residents

By PRISCILLA W. SIEGEL

Following a screening on January 23 of the 1937 Yiddish film classic "Grine Felden" (Green Fields), the thirty attendees of the Dover Hadassah-sponsored event had the rare opportunity to meet two of the film's stars, Michael and Dena Gorrin. The Gorrins, now Milford residents, were greeted with delighted applause, when they arrived at the post-screening reception hosted by Joel Randall

and Melinda Chodos of Dover. Michael, 89, and Dena, 87, responded like the pro's they are — Michael threw a kiss to the gathered group, saying "I love you all," while Dena beamed.

Everyone was charmed by the film which presented a romantic, bucolic portrayal of Jewish farm life in Poland before WWII, and which reflected cherished Jewish traditions like honoring parents, matchmaking, and, above all, reverence for learning. Michael Gorrin played the role of the idealistic, missionary scholar, and Dena acted an exuberant, earthy

farm girl. That was 57 years ago, and it was touching to meet this aged couple, whose eyes still reflect the glow of footlights.

In 1989, the Gorrins moved from Manhattan to Milford, close to their physician son, Paul, his wife, and the three grandchildren. The cheerful sunny cottage into which they moved reflects the cultural and theatrical milieu that was so much a part of their lives.

Though precise events and dates elude Michael and Dena Gorrin, a scrapbook filled with photos, reviews, playbills and news clippings tells much of the story. As Dena says, paging through the scrapbook, "This is our life."

Born in 1905 in Dombruvka (between Warsaw and Bialistok), Poland, Michael Goldstein (now Gorrin) emigrated to Chicago in 1921 where he began working in a shoe store. Through membership in a young immigrants' club, Michael became acquainted with a young aspiring actor, and soon a small group was putting on one-act plays in Yiddish. The acting bug quickly infected Michael, and he headed for New York, the theatre mecca, where he became affiliated with Artef (Workers Theatre League). Sponsored by the left-wing Yiddish newspaper, "Morning Freiheit," the mission of Artef was to uplift the degraded quality of Yiddish theatre which was largely characterized by soap opera and low comedy.

As an Artef actor, Michael played leading parts in productions such as Gorky's "Dostigayev," Sholem Aleichem's "200,000," and "The Good Soldier Schweick." His performances were praised by both the

Yiddish and English speaking press. Yiddish papers such as "Tog," "Morgen Journal," and Toronto's "Der Yiddisher Journal," wrote glowingly of Michael Goldstein's performances, and English language papers such as the "New York Times," "New York World Telegram," "New York Herald Tribune," "Chicago American," "Philadelphia Daily News," and the "Boston Transcript," were equally complimentary.

While with Artef, Michael met Dena Drute, from Odessa, who was studying acting and learning Yiddish, and in 1930 the two were married. For several years, both Michael and Dena pursued their acting careers. In 1937 they appeared together in "Grine Felden," and as Dena says, "That was when I really had to learn Yiddish." After their son Paul was born, Dena took an offstage role, but theatre remained the focus of the family life.

When Artef began to have financial problems, Michael moved to the Maurice Schwartz Yiddish Art Theatre, which, like Artef, produced plays with literary importance. Among the writers produced in Schwartz' theatre were Sholem Asch, Gogol, Chekhov, Ibsen, Strindberg, Shaw, and Somerset Maugham. A great success was Gutzkow's "Uriel Acosta," in which Michael Gorrin played the lead.

Eventually, the era of Yiddish theatre ended as serious Yiddish audiences dwindled, and Jewish actors moved to Broadway and Hollywood. Michael Gorrin, like his colleagues, moved easily into the English speaking theatre, film and TV worlds. His abilities with German, Russian, Polish and Yiddish dialects made him especially desirable for ethnic pro-

ductions. On Broadway he was featured in plays such as "The Fifth Season," "The Sound of Music," "Tonight in Samarkand." In off-Broadway productions, the Arena Stage, and City Center, Gorrin acted in plays such as Elie Wiesel's, "Zalman or the Madness of God," "The Pocket Watch," and "The Tenth Man." Hollywood film credits include "Fail Safe," "Dead to the World," and on TV, Gorrin starred in a number of series, such as the Philco Playhouse, Studio One, the Armstrong Circle Theatre, and The Goldbergs.

Michael Gorrin's most recent appearance was with the road show of Arthur Miller's "The Price" in which Gorrin played the 89 year old furniture dealer who questions not only furniture, but human values. His performance in "The Price" at the Trinity Square Playhouse in Providence received critical acclaim, with notices such as "Gorrin is the real star of the show and well worth the evening in the theater for his superb acting alone."

Of all the professions, theatre life is among the most dramatic and volatile, and the Gorrins have had their share of highs and lows. Surely, the McCarthy era was the darkest of times for many in the arts, and the Gorrins didn't escape the dreaded black list. Referring (somewhat charitably) to McCarthy as "that lousy senator," Dena describes the fifties as terrible for themselves and many of their friends.

Dena and Michael Gorrin's scrapbook ends, not with reviews of their last stage appearances, but with photos of their son, daughter-in-law and three beautiful grandchildren. Bravo! The curtain is rising on a whole new production!

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Completing the wedding party were Mindi Joy Lipschultz, sister of

the bride, maid of honor; Deb Schultz, sister of the groom, matron of honor; Harold Schultz, brother-in-law of the groom best man.

After a honeymoon traveling the National Parks, Jan and Allen reside in Bala Cynwyd.

Slomowitz Birth

Dr. Stewart and Linda Slomowitz announce the birth of their daughter Gabrielle Leah on December 20, 1993 at the Medical Center of Delaware. The proud grandparents are Jerry and Sandye Tumauer and Betty and Sam Slomowitz.

Paula B. Dresin To Marry Yonah Roth in Calif.

Paula B. Dresin, daughter of Rabbi Sanford L. Dresin, spiritual leader of Congregation Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth will be married in Los Angeles, CA on March 15, 1994 to Mr. Yonah Roth. Miss Dresin has resided in Los Angeles for the past four years where she has been employed in the motion picture and television industry. She is a Magna Cum Laude graduate of Hunter College and the Fashion Institute of Technology with degrees in English, Cinema and Business. Mr. Roth, a native of Los Angeles is a Shochet and holds a degree in Business Administration. He will receive Rabbinic Ordination this coming summer from the Lubavitcher Yeshiva in Brooklyn, NY. The couple plan to reside in Brooklyn following their marriage.

Police Arrest Lebanese Man

Continued from Page 3 incident and to promise to pursue justice vigorously.

Sossonkin, who is from Israel, was also in very critical condition following surgery. His parents arrived from Israel on Tuesday night.

Yaakov Schapiro, a third victim, was treated at the same hospital in Manhattan for minor wounds to the head and hands and released.

A fourth student, Levi Wilhelm, was in stable condition at Caledonian Hospital in Brooklyn with a bullet wound to the buttocks.

Jewish leaders met in closed session Wednesday morning with Giuliani to discuss what is being done on the case and what the Jewish community can do to assist the police and protect itself from possible further attacks.

The Jewish leaders praised the mayor for his handling of events and he praised the Jewish community for its help and dignity.

Police say security has been beefed up at Jewish schools and synagogues, and news reports say 500 additional police were sent to Crown Heights on Tuesday night, where the Lubavitch movement is based.



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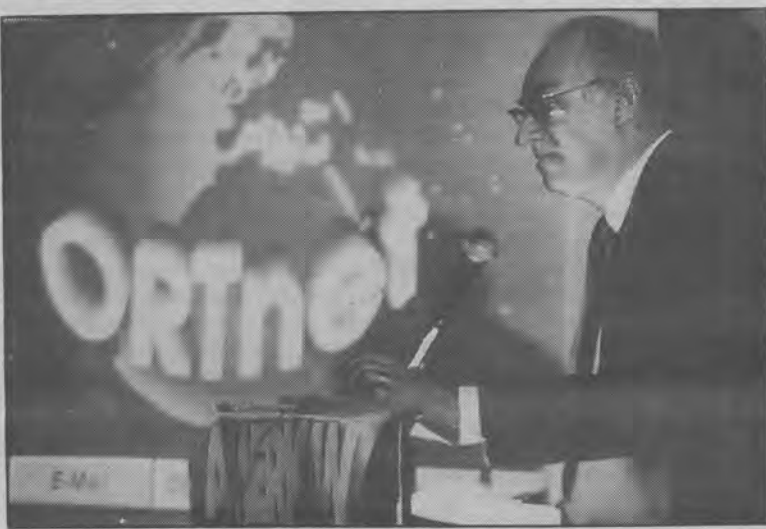
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Michael Shain, Director of the World ORT Union Department of Information Technology in London, explains ORTNet, an interactive, international computer network linking Jewish schools and communities the world over, to delegates at the American ORT National Conference in Atlanta. PHOTO: Richard Lobell.

**Israel's Chief Rabbis
Buck Supreme Court Rulings**

By CYNTHIA MANN
JERUSALEM, (JTA) — For the second time in recent weeks, Israel's chief rabbis have challenged a ruling by the Supreme Court they believe represents an attack on halachah, or Jewish law, as interpreted by the fervently Orthodox.

Chief Rabbis Yisrael Lau and Eliyahu Bakshi-Doron issued a resolution declaring that non-Orthodox Jews should not serve on the country's municipal religious councils.

The declaration flies in the face of a January ruling by the Supreme Court that Reform and Conservative candidates or the councils may not be rejected because of their religious orientations.

The Reform movement termed it a "hysterical reaction" by the Orthodox rabbinical establishment and a step toward the delegitimation of the Orthodox.

The declaration follows another announcement by the chief rabbis that they would not comply with the Supreme Court's recent ruling calling for the rabbinical courts to apply civil law, rather than halachah, to property settlements in divorce cases.

Civil law applies the principle of common property and equally divides marital assets upon divorce, while Jewish law generally awards property to the title holder, who is often the husband.

The chief rabbis said the rabbinical courts would not recognize this deci-

sion because the authority of halachah has supremacy and could not be violated.

Scholars say the court's ruling on the divorce issue was an unprecedented challenge to rabbinical authority in Israel.

The religious councils are funded by the country's Ministry of Religious Affairs and are the only providers of basic religious services to Jewish citizens, including burial and marriage.

Modern Orthodox Rabbi David Hartman called it "a mistake for the rabbinical establishment to set up a confrontational ethos with the Supreme Court."

By requiring the councils to admit Reform and Conservative Jews, the Supreme Court "is not making theological judgment, it's making decision about the rights of citizens to serve on a civic body, he said.

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**Rethinking Approach
To Anti-Semitism**

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of African Americans and found that they could not understand the Jewish concern over Farrakhan.

"Stop acting so frightened," a school teacher told him.

"Don't worry," said a minister. "He can't hurt you."

And they noted, said Siegel, that while City College of New York Professor Leonard Jeffries had attacked Italians during an anti-Semitic speech, and Nation of Islam spokesman Muhammad attacked whites and gays and Catholics, none of those groups felt the need to seek condemnation of the bigotry against them.

The implication of Siegel's survey was that the Jewish reaction could be encouraging the anti-Semitic rhetoric.

"A black family therapist said we make a good target," he said. "We are seen as very powerful, but very scared."

Saperstein said there is a serious tactical question for the Jewish community, of "how not to legitimize and give attention to propagators of hate while not allowing bigotry to be sanctioned by silence."

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Words & Music :
Women

By STEVE COHEN

Women were the subject of every play I saw in the past two weeks. First came *10 By 10: A Minyan of Women*, presented by Theatre Ariel, then *The Sisters Rosensweig*, Wendy Wasserstein's play which is now at the Forrest Theatre in Philadelphia. The *My Fair Lady*, the inaugural

attraction at the restored Media Theater for the Performing Arts, and *Tosca* at the Academy of Music.

Theatre Ariel deserves praise for commissioning and staging ten short, original plays on the subject of Jewish women. The category was broad enough to allow comedy about the dating scene, drama about intermarriage, biblical allegory, even a western melodrama based on Wyatt Earp's marriage to a Jewish dance hall owner.

Some of the concepts were startling: What if God actually phoned Abraham to tell him to sacrifice his son?

Unfortunately, the inspiration of the writing rarely matched the opening ideas. Last year's selection of ten short plays was more substantial. Only one of last year's playwrights was represented again this year. One wonders what those writers have been doing since then.

The staging was effective within

the confines of the tiny Studio Five above the Walnut. The acting was uneven, and again here I missed some of the talented actors whom I've seen in previous Theatre Ariel productions.

Perhaps the next great service which this company can perform is to bring these playwrights together in workshop to share ideas and to try to work out the blocks which stand between an original inspiration and a successful stage work.

I was less than fully satisfied at *The Sisters Rosensweig* also. This is the most commercially successful non-musical play of the past two seasons in New York, and it is consistently well-crafted and glib.

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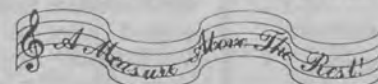
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Another play with a solid story centered around a vivid leading lady is *Tosca*. It was a successful drama by Sardou, turned into an opera by Puccini. The Opera company of Philadelphia's performances were marked by dramatic staging and acting.

Tosca is great theater, with a pre-Sondheim emphasis on torture, sadism, politics and passion. The title role is similar to Mama Rose in *Gypsy*; it's most effective when sung and acted by a brassy, larger-than-life personality like Merman or Midler. The best *Toscas* that I've seen were Maria Callas, Zinka Milanov and Birgit Nilsson. Their big voices soared over the heavy orchestration. Last week's *Tosca* was Diana Soviero, who did a professional job within the limita-

tions of her lighter voice.

The best performance was that of baritone Paolo Gavanelli, elegantly chilling with his evil power masked by his love of fine wines and religious ceremony.

As a postscript, the Radio City Music Hall show at the Merriam was great fun, with no effort to challenge our minds. This is the first time the Rockettes have left their Manhattan home to go on tour. Their history goes back to 1931, when showman Samuel "Roxy" Rothafel introduced them at the new Radio City. The young tenor who sang from the wings while the Rockettes danced on stage was Jan Peerce. From Radio City, Peerce went on to be discovered by Arturo Toscanini and to become a star at the Metropolitan Opera.

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keep the audiences amused. The set is impressive and the acting is outstanding, especially by the unheralded Joan McMurtrey, Caroline Aaron and Charles Chioffi. But I was left with a craving for more meaning in the play, and a desire that these women had more substance in their lives.

What was it about their middle-class Jewish upbringing that alienated them and drove them so far from home? The question is never addressed. *The Sisters Rosensweig* is an old-fashioned play, in the tradition of Broadway before World War Two: set in an elegant London drawing room, full of clever lines and great acting opportunities, but little depth.

On the other hand, the story of *My Fair Lady* is fully developed, with multiple layers of meaning and feeling. George Bernard Shaw's characters, as adapted by Alan Jay Lerner and Frederick Loewe, develop throughout the play and live on in our imaginations after the curtain falls.

In this production at the Media, the musical is presented as written, with no gimmicks and no attempts at interpretation. Unlike the current Broadway revival, there's no unseemly emphasis on a celebrity star. The play's the thing. The singing and acting are competent and the sets are much more than that. Within the expectations of regional theater, this is a satisfying production.

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Born in Wilmington, Delaware, Maura E. Golin began painting as a scholarship student in the children's classes at the Delaware Art Museum. She pursued her interest in art at the University of Pennsylvania where she studied art history, and graduated from the Philadelphia College of Art. She did graduate work at the University of North Carolina.

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Ruth E. Berger, a native of Wilmington, Delaware, graduated from the University of Delaware with degrees in art and education. She studied painting at the Corcoran School of Art in Washington, D.C. and printmaking at Temple University's Tyler School of Fine Arts and the Philadelphia Museum School.

Mrs. Berger has had many solo exhibits and her prints, paintings and fiber arts have been widely shown in galleries and museums in the Philadelphia area.

An artist reception will be held March 12 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Artworks Gallery, 121 East State Street, Kennett Square, PA. Hours: Wednesday through Saturday 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and by appointment. For more information phone: 215/444-6544.

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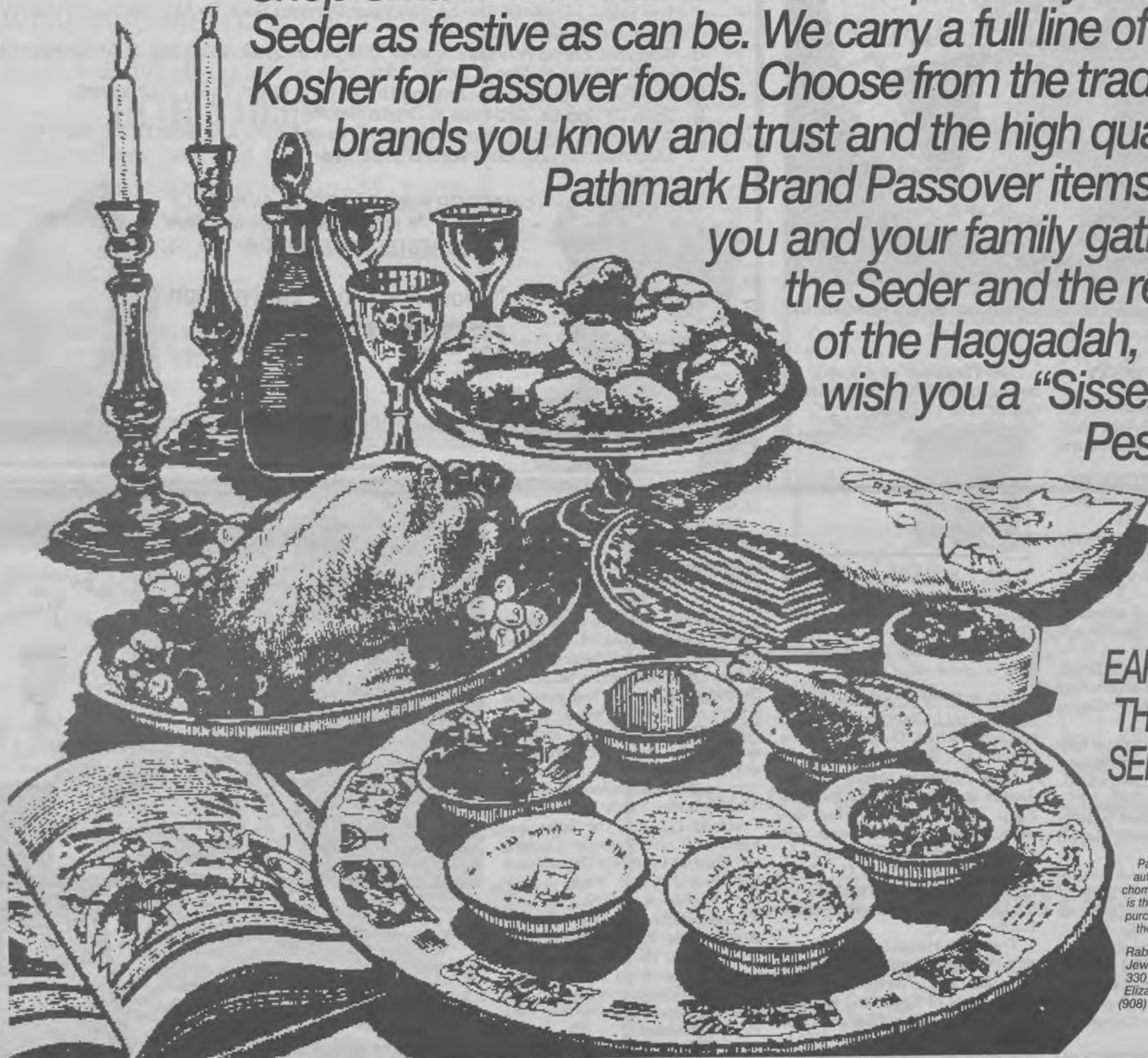
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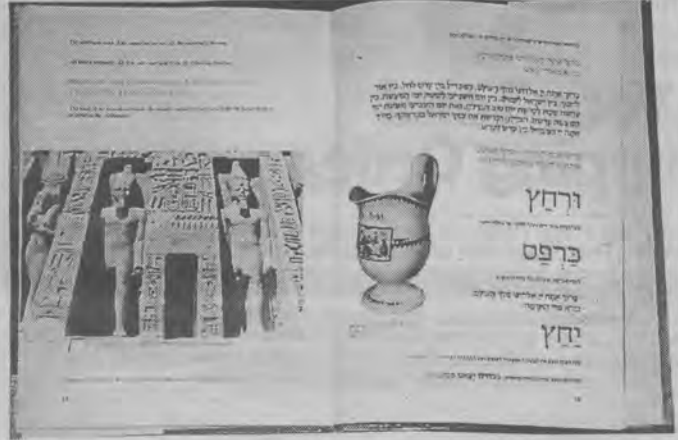
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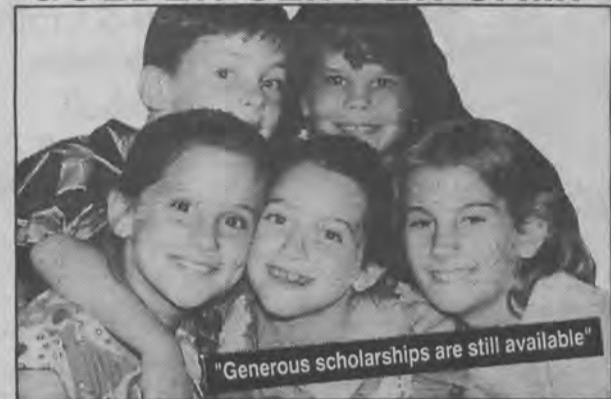
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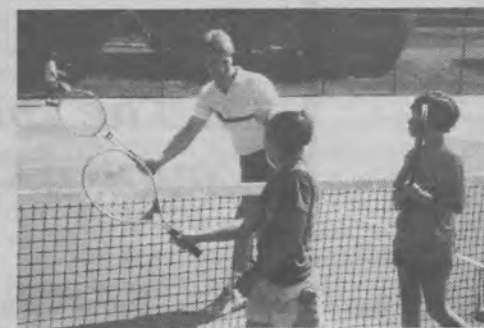
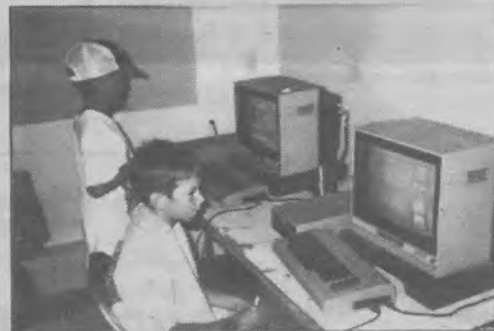
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Saturday _____ 19

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AKSE Men's Club Breakfast Dr.

Marlan L. Palley, Professor of Political Science & International Relations, University of Delaware. Topic: The New Israel? Brunch at 9:30 a.m.

P'H*A*S'E 2 of DE Valley (Jewish Singles 30's, 40's, 50's) "Cash Flow Investing" L.E. Portnoff, CPA, Pres., Integrated Financial Services. 11 a.m. Brunch and discussion at a member's home. Members: \$6; non-members: \$11 (includes membership). Info. and dir., 302-475-3376.

Wednesday _____ 30

JCC Senior Center's Annual Passover Restaurant, 6:00 p.m. Make your life easier... Join family and friends for a delicious Kosher for Passover meal prepared by Traditions (a division of CaterKart Cuisines). Fees are \$8.25/Seniors, \$14.75/Adults and \$6.75/children ages 3-12.

Thursday _____ 31

JCC Senior Center's Passover Third Seder. 11:00 a.m. Rabbi Peter Grumbacher from Temple Beth Emeth will officiate at our Third Seder. We will use the New Union Passover Haggadah. Everyone will have the opportunity to read a passage and participate in group readings. Traditional Passover foods will be served. Advanced reservations are required.

APRIL 1994

Tuesday _____ 5

Young Leadership Cabinet meeting, 7:30 p.m. at the JCC. Program to be announced.

Thursday _____ 7

Yom HaShoah, Community Holocaust Commemoration, Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Congregation, 7 p.m.

Friday _____ 8

Holocaust Day of Remembrance, 12:00 noon, City/Council Chambers.

Sunday _____ 10

AKSE Men's Club Breakfast Second Annual Community-Wide Men's Club Concert featuring the contemporary Jewish sound of TAMID-4-ISRAEL. Concert at A.K.S.E. Social Hall at 7:30 p.m. Prepaid reservations only at A.K.S.E. office commencing February 1, 1994. Brunch at 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday _____ 13

Janice Selekman, chairperson of the U of D Department of Nursing, will speak at the University of Delaware at 12:20 p.m. on "Yes Virginia, There Is Such a Thing as a Jewish Nurse: The Early History of Jewish Women in Nursing." Call (302) 831-8474.

Thursday _____ 14

Dr. Adam Garfinkle, resident scholar at the Foreign Policy Research Institute in Philadelphia and director of the Institute's Middle East Council will speak on the Middle East Peace Initiative. 7:00 p.m. at the JCC. This program is open to the entire community.

Tuesday _____ 19

Jewish Great Books Discussion Group, third Tuesday of every month at the J.C.C., 7:30-9:00 p.m. Where Are We?, L. Fein.

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PANIM EL PANIM

Albert Einstein Academy Purim Carnival Raises Funds For Quake Relief



By DAN WEINTRAUB
Mordechai of the Jewish Voice

Colorful costumes, carnival stations of Purim theme transformed the JCC basketball court into a pint-sized Persian-Jewish Disney World. Jewish day school students had fun and learned the lesson of tzedukah.

A woman with Martian-style antennae on her head explained kids were earning stickers for each carnival game they won. Each sticker represented a small amount of tzedukah for victims of the Los Angeles earthquake. Costumed children wore tzedukah award badges cov-

ered with these stickers. Tzedukah is an important aspect of Purim, the Martian explained. The kids were learning to win for someone other than themselves.

The carnival events included dunk the hamantaschen, spin and win, Vashti's toss, pin the crown on Queen Esther, Mordechai's ring toss, Haman's horror, Queen Esther's hopscotch, strike down Haman and grogger golf. Colorfully costumed paper machete figures created by the students added to the carnival atmosphere. Some children enjoyed mask

decorating at a table filled with material. Others ate fresh hamantaschen pastries.

Kids and teachers alike were dressed in crowns, feathers, capes, costumes and the occasional fez hat. For the day Goldman and Kleinman might have been dressed as Spiderman or Haman, Queen Esther of Mordechai. Under the orchestration of Principal Rabbi Ellen Bernhardt, dressed in a Ringling Brother's clown suit, all the fun went to help some people who were having a difficult time in California.



JCC Annual Passover Restaurant

The Jewish Community Center will hold its Annual Passover Restaurant on Wednesday, March 30, 1994 at 6 p.m. in the Zallea Auditorium of the JCC.

A Kosher for Passover meal prepared by "Traditions", a division of

CaterKart Cuisine's, under the supervision of the Va'ad Hakashruth, will include gefilte fish, chicken florentine, honey glazed carrots, apple sauce, sweet kugel, assorted Passover pastries and hot and cold beverages.

The fees are \$14.75 for adults,

\$8.25 for seniors and \$6.75 for children ages 3 through 12. Advance registration is required by March 25 at the JCC Front Desk. Due to the popularity of this program, no walk-in registration will be accepted. For more information, call the JCC at 478-5660.

NJCRAC Plenum Report

By LISA CAIN
*Chair of YLC
Special To The Jewish Voice*

Every year on President's Day Weekend, hundreds of representatives of various Jewish organizations and Jewish Community Relations Councils (JCRCs) gather to learn, debate and set policy on the relevant community relations issues of the day. This year, I had the opportunity to join two other Delawareans at the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council (NJCRAC) Plenum in New Orleans. Matt Denn, Marla Feldman and I were able to participate in this exciting forum.

The issues addressed included such domestic issues as Black/Jewish Relations, Public Education, Welfare Reform, Healthcare Reform, Religion in the Schools, the Legislative Agenda and Immigration. Jewish Continuity concerns of leadership development and facilitating connec-

tions to unaffiliated Jews were also confronted. Of course, issues concerning Israel were covered. The caliber of the speakers was excellent — Itamar Rabinovitch (Ambassador from Israel), Benjamin Netanyahu (Leader of Likud), Abe Foxman (Executive Director-ADL) and Muhammed Sacirbey (Ambassador from Bosnia); to name a few.

We also had the opportunity to meet Jewish community relations leaders from throughout the country. From large urban areas like Los Angeles, San Francisco and Houston to smaller communities like Hartford and Flint — we were able to learn from each others experiences and share ideas. This interaction was as valuable to me as the challenging schedule of presentations, workshops and task forces.

The NJCRAC Plenum is a continuation of a tremendous history of social action by the Jewish commu-

nity. Our traditions of tzedakah and tikkun ha-alam are being carried on by many committed and thoughtful individuals — both volunteer and professional — who are actively participating in their communities.

For those interested in the activities of our JCRC, please contact Marla Feldman at the Jewish Federation of Delaware, 478-6200.

Open House

Albert Einstein Academy, the Jewish Day School in Delaware serving students in Delaware and Southeastern Pennsylvania, will hold an admissions open house on Thursday, March 17, 1994 from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. Parents are invited to come, meet the principal and teachers, tour the school, and see our classes in session. The Albert Einstein Academy is located in the Jewish Community Center Complex, 101 Garden of Eden Road, Wilmington, Delaware. Please call 478-5026 with any questions or for more information.

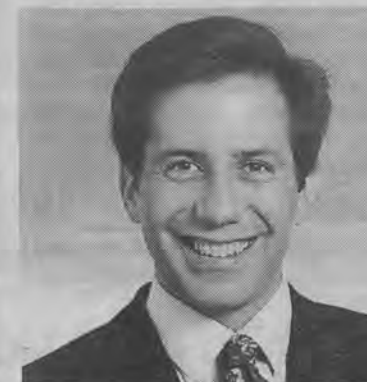
First State News Director At JCC

Who decides what is news? Mike Sigman, News Director for First State News will be our guest speaker for our second lecture series on March 23rd. Throughout his career, Mike has been involved in deciding what is news and he will discuss that responsibility with us.

The cost is \$2.50 for members and \$4.00 for non-members. Lunch will be served at 12:00 noon and the presentation will begin at 12:45 p.m. The deadline for registration is March

18. Please call the JCC Front Desk at 478-05660 for reservations.

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PANIM EL PANIM

Foreign Policy Expert To Address JCRC Event

The Jewish Community Relations Committee of the Jewish Federation of Delaware invite you to join us for a very special evening on Yom HaAtzma'ut.

Dr. Adam Garfinkle, Director of the Middle East Council of the Foreign Policy Research Institute, Thurs-

day, April 14, 1994, 7:00 p.m., Jewish Community Center.

Dr. Garfinkle will bring us the most current information on the Middle East Peace initiative and share his insights regarding the prospects for a real and lasting peace in the Middle East.

Don't miss this opportunity!!

Dr. Adam Garfinkle is a resident scholar at the Foreign Policy Research Institute in Philadelphia and director of the Institute's Middle East Council. He has taught Middle East politics at the University of Pennsylvania and Haverford College and is the author of numerous books and essays on the Middle East, international politics and foreign policy. Previously he worked as an aide to Alexander Haig and Senator Henry Jackson and as a consultant for several U.S. government agencies.

Camp JCC Experiences Jewish Holidays

By MICHAEL GROSSMAN
MA, MSW
Youth, Family and Camping Services Director

The Jewish Community Center of Wilmington's Camp JCC will be emphasizing Jewish folklore and the Jewish holidays this summer. With the High Holy Days starting on the evening of Labor Day, the school year will not have even begun. Camp JCC will use the summer weeks to prepare for the holidays.

"A Journey Through Jewish Folklore" is the overall theme for the summer. Much of Jewish folklore focuses on the holidays and that will be the starting point for preparations. The staff will work with the

campers through music, drama, and art to weave together their own folktales, celebrating the richness of Jewish culture, tradition and history.

Additionally, plans are being made to bring the *Shofar Factory* to camp, where campers learn the ancient art of making Shofars. As part of their outdoors experience, campers will build and camp in their own Sukkot. And what would holiday preparations be without cooking and eating traditional foods?

Often overlooked during the summer is Tisha B'Av (the Ninth of Av), which commemorates the destruction of both Temples as well as other Jewish tragedies. It is important that campers learn that one can be sad

about past events yet still be joyful about being Jewish. Camp JCC dampens the spirit for a day for Tisha B'Av in mid-July.

Coordinating all of these activities, the Camp JCC Judaics Specialist works with the other specialists, unit heads, and counselors to develop the theme and carry it throughout the camp season. Campers will also have regularly scheduled Judaics periods as part of their camp week.

Camp JCC is the only Jewish camping program in Delaware. It serves the Jewish Communities of Delaware, Southeastern Pennsylvania, and Northern Maryland. Bus service is available throughout Wilmington as well as from sites in Dover, Newark, Bear, Wallingford, and West Chester. (More sites will be added if needed.) For more information, please call Michael Grossman, JCC Youth, Family and Camping Services Director at (302) 478-5660.

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Jewish Women Were Subject Of Lubavitch Lunch

By CELIA GANS

Featured speaker Shimona Tzukernik, developer and coordinator of the Lubavitch Torah-Spondence Course who lives with her Russian-Israeli husband and 21-month old son in Crown Heights, assured a group of 50 women on February 20, at a buffet luncheon in the JCC Auditorium, that being "Totally Jewish in a Totally Modern World" is a process of bringing together our secular or bodily selves and our spiritual selves - or souls - through Torah and *Yiddishkeit*.

"Where do we go to find our own spiritual path?" asked Tzukernik. We go within ourselves: we are each *am haaretz*, men of the earth, and each of us can make things grow and flourish; each of us contains all that is precious within ourselves and within our Jewish tradition.

In describing the beginnings of her own lifetime journey to becoming "totally Jewish," Tzukernik, currently a teacher in the *Beis Rivka* community school, a freelance author and an expert on the development of study skills, recounted her experiences growing up in Johannesburg, South Africa. At about age 15, she said, she recognized that "I (her soul) was starving." So she participated in South African politics and involved herself with Eastern philosophy, but found no answers. Until she began to study Torah. Through her teacher and her studies, she began to overcome and see beyond her preconceptions about Judaism and *Yiddishkeit*.

Being a woman, asserted

Tzukernik, is a process of change and discovery, of "each of us finding our own letter in the Torah, of discovering our own soul, and of using our personal light to illuminate our own world, and the worlds of those who surround us.

Following her remarks, a panel of three women discussed part of their own journeys toward being totally Jewish. For Toni Grossman, a Baltimore native, being totally Jewish began in childhood when - despite her parents more secular orientation - she practiced traditional Judaism. She completed a degree in Jewish Studies at Baltimore Hebrew School, has completed courses toward her masters in the field, spent a year in Israel on a Youth Aliah, and has taught Hebrew School in many communities, including the 1993-94 year as a kindergarten teacher at Albert Einstein Academy. When she and her husband Michael - currently JCC's Youth, Family and Camp Director - were in Minneapolis, they joined a modern Orthodox congregation. It was, notes Grossman, "evolution." The Grossman family - including their 6 1/2 month old son, live in Green Acres, where Michael walks to Chabad House services.

Nechama Arbeter, a one of four daughters of a Conservative suburban Philadelphia family, found herself - as a student at the University of Delaware - reading more and more about Judaism and becoming more and more observant. After several years, she reevaluated her life, and is currently attending *Machon Chana*, a Lubavitch women's semi-

nary for *bal tshuva* in Crown Heights. Her parents, she admits, were initially concerned about their 2nd oldest daughter's path, but are "becoming more supportive."

The third panel member, Barbara Kurin, currently a teacher with the infants program at the JCC, is a convert to Judaism. Her first conversion, about 5 years ago, was with a Conservative rabbi. She is currently undertaking a second conversion with an Orthodox rabbi. It was her son, she says, who challenged her, when he returned from kindergarten and announced that he "didn't want to be Jewish." By making her home the focus of her family's spiritual life, Kurin, her husband (who had stopped being involved in Judaism after his *bar mitzvah*), her 11 year old son and 7 year old daughter have returned to the joys of Judaism.



Shimona Tzukernik

Yom HaShoah Holocaust Commemoration



Keynote Address by
Helga Newmark

followed by small group discussions and a Ceremony of Remembrance

Thursday, April 7, 1994
7:00 p.m.

Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth

Ms. Newmark is a concentration camp survivor from Holland. She was a childhood friend of Margot and Ann Frank. Currently, she is a third year rabbinical student at the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in New York.

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OBITUARIES

NORMAN N. CHERNEKOFF

Norman N. Cherekoff, 61, of 718 W. Birchtree Lane, Greentree, Claymont, died February 19 of kidney failure at home.

Mr. Cherekoff was founder and president of Penny Express, Wilmington. At one time, his business was the carrier for J.C. Penney Co. at Prices Corner. He retired in 1990 after 28 years. His daughter and son now run the business.

He was born in Philadelphia and moved to Delaware in 1967.

He was a member of a Philadelphia Masonic Lodge, Delaware Motor Transport Association and New Castle County Chamber of Commerce.

He is survived by his wife, Gladys Cherekoff; a son, Scott of North Wilmington; a daughter, Polly Cherekoff-Kreisher of Wilmington, and his son-in-law, Alan Kreisher, who helped care for him; three brothers, Jacob of Oaklyn, N.J., Joseph of Green Acres and Irving of Ashbourne Hills; three sisters, Sara Silver of Ventnor, N.J., and Rae Honigman and Mickey Weiss, both of Philadelphia.

Instead of flowers, the family suggests contributions to Kidney Center of Delaware County, Crozer-Chester Medical Center, Box II, Suite 120, Upland, Pa. 19013.

DOROTHY PLATT FINESMITH
Dorothy Platt Finesmith, 67, of

4301 Washington St., Brandywine Hills, Wilmington, died March 6 of cancer in Christiana Hospital.

Mrs. Finesmith taught general equivalency diploma courses to adults in the Wilmington area, retiring in 1988 after 22 years.

She was a member of Congregation Beth Emeth, Wilmington, and Jewish Community Center, Talleyville; a life member of Hadassah; and volunteered in admissions and with visiting patients at Delaware Division of Wilmington Medical Center.

She is survived by her husband, Samuel J. Finesmith; two sons, Loren T. of Bellevue and Robin A. of Silver Spring, Md.; a daughter, Tina H. Finesmith of New Orleans; a sister, Edith Friedman of Cinnaminson, N.J.; and a granddaughter.

A service will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday in Congregation Beth Emeth, 300 W. Lea Blvd., Wilmington, with burial in Jewish Community Cemetery, Brandywine Hundred. Shiva will be observed at 7 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday in the home of Bertha Tanzer, 4405 Tennyson Road, Brandywine Hills, Wilmington.

Instead of flowers, the family suggests contributions to American Cancer Society, New Castle; or Jewish Federation of Delaware, Talleyville.

ALBERT LICHTMAN

Albert Lichtman, 78, of 3506 Society Drive, Claymont, died February 14 of pneumonia in Riverside Hospital.

Mr. Lichtman was district manager at Jack Lang clothing store in

Wilmington, retiring in 1974.

He is survived by his wife, Risa Lichtman; a son, Neil Young of California; a daughter, Gayle Newman of Chicago; four grandchildren and two great-grandsons.

Instead of flowers, the family suggests contributions to American Heart Association, Newark or Multiple Sclerosis Society, Wilmington.

ROSE SHAPIRO—February 19, 1994, Rose (Berkowitz), wife of the late Samuel of Philadelphia, mother of Albert Shapiro of Owings Mills, Md. and Bella S. Granite of Chadds Ford, Pa., also survived by 4 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren. Contributions in her memory may be made to Na'amat USA.

BONITA FINE WEISS—On January 14, 1994, Bonita Fine Weiss of Claymont, DE, Sister of Marlene Michael of San Francisco, CA, daughter of Morris and Lola Fine of Akron, OH, aunt of Monica Rosengold, Guida of Neptune City, NJ.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests contributions to Aids committee, 5th flr 601 Dela. Ave., Wilm., DE 19801.

B'nai B'rith Seeks New Members

According to a press release from Wilmington B'nai B'rith Lodge 470, "Wilmington B'nai B'rith Lodge 470 welcomes both men and women to take advantage of a unique opportunity to be equal members of the formerly all-male organization. Husbands, wives, significant others and singles are all encouraged to become "Charter" members. We value your input and participation in our contemporary "co-ed" Lodge."

Those who join now will be included in the induction of new members at an upcoming brunch. For more information, call Judy and Len Seltzer, 478-4885, or Art Samuelsohn, 475-2430.

GEORGE W. WEINER

George W. Weiner of Marydel, Delaware, died Sunday, February 13, 1994, at Kent General Hospital of heart failure. He was 77.

Mr. Weiner was the owner/operator of the silk screen manufacturing and design studio called Model Al Studio in Marydel and the owner of the Marydel Ranch since 1965.

He was an Army veteran of World War II.

Mr. Weiner was preceded in death by his wife, Freda Weiner, in 1956.

He is survived by a son, Sheldon Weiner of Marydel, DE, and two brothers, Sam Winiger and Frank Winiger, both of Ft. Lauderdale, Florida.

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Sunday 24

A.K.S.E. Men's Club Breakfast. Dr. Marian L. Palley, Professor of Political Science and International Relations, University of Delaware. Topic: The New Israel? 9:30 a.m.

MAY 1994

Wednesday 11

1994 Public Discussion Series Friends of Planned Parenthood. 7:30 p.m. Dr. Harvey Fineberg, Dean, Harvard School of Public Health, "Reproductive Health Challenges for the New Health Care System". Co-Sponsors: Agenda for Delaware Women, University of Delaware Women's Studies Program, University of Delaware Office of Women's Affairs. Cost: Free to the public. For \$50.00 per person per dinner (\$15 for students) or \$100 for the Series (\$30 for students), attendees are invited to join the Friends of

Planned Parenthood Public Discussion Group for dinner with one or more of the speakers. For more information call Planned Parenthood of Delaware at (302) 655-7296.

Tuesday 19

Jewish Great Books Discussion Group, third Tuesday of every month at the J.C.C., 7:30-9:00 p.m. *Wasteland*, J. Sinclair.

Sunday 22

A.K.S.E. Men's Club Breakfast and Speaker, Centennial Room, A.K.S.E., 9:30 a.m.

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Sunday 12

A.K.S.E. Men's Club Breakfast and Speaker, Social Hall, A.K.S.E., 9:30 a.m.

Sunday 22

A.K.S.E. Men's Club sponsored

Ongoing

Thirty-nine original ketubbot, dating back to 1640, will be on display January 11 through March 15 at UJA-Federation headquarters, 130 East 59th Street in Manhattan. Exhibit hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Admission is free. For further information, please call (212) 836-1874. **February through May, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.** Prints in Progress Seminars. The community-based children's art organization has adopted the theme of "Bridges & Boundaries: Two Peoples Face to Face" as one of the themes of its after-school programs. The programs serve students ages 6 to 18. Workshops explore the African-American and Jewish-American

cultures by focusing on textile artists (including Miriam Shapiro and Faith Ringold). Classes experiment with fabric printing techniques and complete a group textile project. Registration and info: 928-0206.

On Wednesdays in March, the YJAD will play coed volleyball inside the JCC Gymnasium. Games run from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and are non-competitive. Cost is \$2 (\$1 for JCC members). Contact Mike Schenk at (610) 558-3781.

Sister In Art — an exhibit featuring the paintings, etchings and fiber art of sisters Maura E. Golin and Ruth E. Berger — will be on display through April 2nd at Artworks, Fine Arts and Crafts Gallery, 121 East State Street, Kennett Square, PA. Hours: Wednesday to Saturday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and by appointment. For information call 215/444-6544.

VOICE BOX

"We condemn it with the same intensity with which we condemn similar crimes committed against members of our own community."

—Khalil Jahshan, executive director, of the National association of Arab Americans condemning last week's shootings of Chasidic youths in New York last week which were allegedly committed by a Lebanese national

(Arab Americans) "told me that what moved them deeply was to receive from the friends they had made in the Jewish community, during this effort called Builders for Peace, heartfelt expressions of condolence and sorrow, to reach out to them and to lift up their hearts."

—United States Vice President Al Gore speaking in the wake of the Hebron incident.

"You are not partners in the Zionist enterprise. You are a foreign implant. You are an errant weed. Sensible Judaism spits you out. You placed yourself outside Jewish Law. You are a shame on Zionism and an embarrassment to Judaism."

—Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin condemning Hebron murderer Dr. Baruch Goldstein and like-minded extremists before the Knesset.

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Airtime? Arsenio 'Gives It Up' For Farrakhan Without Challenge

By TOM TUGEND

LOS ANGELES (JTA) — Louis Farrakhan, basking in the spotlight of national attention, used the platform of a late-night television show to repeat his well-worn (erroneous) charges that Jews had controlled the African slave trade, while rejecting the label of a "black Hitler."

Appearing on the syndicated Arsenio Hall Show on Friday, days after being featured on the cover of Time magazine, the Nation of Islam leader shelved most of his histrionics in favor of a modulated delivery heard over some 160 TV stations across the country.

Farrakhan's appearance on the show had been opposed by Jewish defense agencies, gay groups and even numerous black viewers — including actress Whoopi Goldberg — as a clearly nervous Hall, as host of the show, acknowledged.

Despite such opposition, Hall declared at the beginning of the taped program, "I've got to do what I've got to do," to the applause of the audience.

The ADL and the Simon Wiesenthal Center had protested the Farrakhan appearance, and their spokesmen were invited by Hall and his producer to pose taped questions to Farrakhan. Both organizations rejected the invitation.

"If they wanted to be fair, they would have given us 15 minutes, or even equal time with Farrakhan," said Rabbi Marvin Hier, dean of The

Wiesenthal Center.

Hier described the program itself as "a complete infomercial," with Farrakhan as guest of honor and Hall as master of ceremonies.

David Lehrer, the regional ADL director in Los Angeles, also declined to participate but provided the producer with background information on Farrakhan. Lehrer said the program was marked by "incredibly obsequious interviewing."

A request by this reporter to attend the show's taping was denied.

On the day preceding the program, the ADL took out a full-page advertisement in Variety, the show business trade publication, citing 14 quotations from Farrakhan's speeches attacking whites, Jews, Christians, the pope, gays and lesbians. The ad was co-signed by the Catholic League for Religious and Human Rights and two gay organizations.

In a related action, 20 students from the California College Republicans picketed outside the Paramount Studio in Hollywood, where the show is produced. The Republican students have announced a letter-writing campaign targeting the show's major advertisers.

"As always, I feel a strong responsibility to not only use my late-night arena for entertainment, but also as a vehicle to open dialogue as we strive for peace and harmony in America," Hall claimed in a prepared statement.

Liv Ullmann's Film 'Sofie' In Philadelphia

Sofie, the directorial debut of renowned actress Liv Ullmann will be screened as the March offering of Jewish Film Festival 13 at the Charles and Elizabeth Gershman YM & YWHA Branch, Jewish Community Centers of Greater Philadelphia, Broad and Pine Sts., Saturday, March 12, 8 pm.; Sunday, March 13, 2 p.m. and Monday, March 14, 7 p.m.

Sofie is a journey through the life of a Jewish woman as a daughter, wife and mother as viewed within the warm but closed boundaries of a loving family circle in late 19th Century Copenhagen.

The film, which is slowly and beautifully paced, invokes the style of Ingmar Bergman for whom Ullmann has starred many times and presents a memorable portrayal by Karen-Lise Mynster as Sofie.

Speaking following the Saturday evening and Sunday afternoon screenings will be Molly Haskell, well known film critic and reviewer. She has worked as theater critic for *Village Voice*, *New York Magazine* and *Esquire*. She has also been a regular reviewer on "All Things Considered" for National Public Radio.

Tickets for *Sofie* are \$8.50 for Saturday evening and \$6.50 for Sunday afternoon and Monday evening.

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