

## Jewish Environmental Documentary to Air on TV

NEW YORK — On Sunday, January 12, 1997, ABC-Television will broadcast a documentary in which some of America's leading Jewish thinkers on the environment discuss and debate their ideas on the intersection of Judaism, the environment, and justice.

The one-hour program — entitled "Visions of Eden: A Jewish Perspective on the Environment" — features a group of Jewish experts in the fields of science, religion and philosophy on a two-day excursion along the Appalachian Trail. During the journey, the group hikes, camps, explores the natural world and considers the implications of Torah and the Jewish tradition for today's environmental debates.

Michal Smart, director of education for the Coalition on the Environment and Jewish Life (COEJL) and the group's leader, says that "the group, which included Conservative, Orthodox and Reform rabbis, as well as Jewish professionals and students, wrestled with the inherent tensions between modern industrial life and our biblical sense of ourselves as guardians of the earth." Over the course of the two days, she added, "this tension made for some heated and interesting discussions."

Dr. Ismar Schorsch, chancellor of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, says of the show: "This program exemplifies the much-discussed rebirth of interest in the stories and wisdom of the first book of the Bible, Genesis. By focusing on the implications of biblical stories for an issue of great urgency — the destruction of our natural world — the program illuminates the relevance of ancient traditions to current debates regarding our role as stewards of the planet."

Participants in the program include Rabbi Gordon Tucker (former dean of the rabbinical school at the Jewish Theological Seminary), Bill McKibben (author of *The End of Nature*), Dr. Mitch Thomashow (Doctoral Program in Environmental Studies at Antioch New England), Rabbi Daniel Swartz (National Religious Partnership for the Environment), Rabbi Tsvi Blanchard (National Jewish Center for Learning and Leadership), Rabbi Everett Gendler (Rabbi Emeritus of Temple Emanuel of the Merrimack Valley), and Michal Smart and Mark Jacobs (COEJL).

The documentary was produced by the Jewish Theological Seminary of America and the Coalition on the Environment and Jewish Life (COEJL) in cooperation with ABC Television. For information about local broadcasting, contact your local ABC-TV affiliate.

## Performing Interfaith Marriages is Up To Individual Rabbis, UAHC Says

By TOM TUGEND

LOS ANGELES (JTA) — The lay leadership of the American Reform Judaism movement has avoided a potential confrontation with its rabbinic arm on the issue of intermarriage.

Some 200 trustees of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations overwhelmingly rejected a resolution that would have urged the Central Conference of American Rabbis to rescind its 23-year-old policy against officiating at interfaith weddings.

The vote on the resolution, introduced by David Belin, an honorary vice chairman of the UAHC board who is from Des Moines, was taken Saturday, December 14, after a day of deliberation on the issue.

In a show of hands, the resolution was defeated by a margin of about 8 to 1.

In practice, while not encouraging mixed marriages, the CCAR has left the question of whether to officiate at interfaith weddings to individuals.

"The efforts of David Belin to force Reform rabbis to perform interfaith marriages has thankfully been thwarted by the vote of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations," said Rabbi Peter Grumbacher of Congrega-

tion Beth Emeth. "The conscience of each member of the Central Conference of American Rabbis on this issue has been, and must continue to be, the sole basis on which a personal decision is reached. Arm twisting by the parent body of the movement or by its constituent members flies in the face of the movement's principles."

It is estimated that close to half of the 1,400 active Reform rabbis in the United States and Canada are willing to officiate at interfaith weddings. The vast majority of them insist on the couple's pledge to maintain a Jewish home and raise their children as Jews.

But during the debate preceding the vote, it became clear that the issue had little to do with wedding ceremonies.

Some participants described the real issue as a turf battle between the Reform movement's lay and rabbinic bodies.

"While the resolution brought forth by Mr. Belin has less to do with interfaith officiating than with 'who is in charge anyway,' this can be seen as a victory for those who act on their conscience, whether the subject is one thing or another," said Rabbi Grumbacher.

The Reform movement has traditionally

maintained a balance of influence between its lay congregational and rabbinic leadership, Rabbi Sheldon Zimmerman, president of Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, said in an interview.

The resolution, if adopted, would have been seen by the rabbis as an infringement of their autonomy and integrity, and would therefore "sever the balance," said Zimmerman, also a past president of the CCAR.

"In terms of economics and power, the lay people are already in control," and passage of the resolution "would be the last straw," Zimmerman said.

Rabbis who officiate at mixed marriages were opposed to the resolution "because they don't want lay people telling them what to think," he said.

Passage of the resolution would have had a severe impact on the morale of future rabbis studying at the Hebrew Union College, Zimmerman added.

During the debate on the resolution, it was noted that an increasing number of Reform congregations will not hire a rabbi who refuses to perform interfaith marriage ceremonies.

(The Jewish Voice staff contributed to this report.)

## Philadelphia Jews to Fight Closing of Israeli Consulate

By STEVE FELDMAN

Jewish Exponent

PHILADELPHIA (JTA) — Philadelphia Jewish leaders have voiced concern about rumors that the Israeli Consulate may be shut down.

The Israeli Foreign Ministry reportedly is considering closing the Philadelphia and San Francisco consulates, as well as 10 embassies around the world.

The ministry is facing a "very serious financial crunch and is looking for ways to cover that," said Rick Black, a spokesman for the Israeli Consulate in Philadelphia.

But he added that rumors about the Philadelphia consulate are "all conjecture" at this point.

Nimrod Barkan, Israel's consul general in San Francisco, would not comment on whether his mission is on the list.

Communal leaders here say they will try to keep the consulate open.

"The news is very disturbing to us," said Michael Belman, president of the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia.

The Philadelphia consulate serves Pennsylvania, southern New Jersey, Delaware, Ohio, West Virginia and Kentucky.

Belman said the region is too big to be

served by the Israeli diplomatic offices in New York or Washington.

Closing the consulate, Belman added, "would be a major problem for relationships with the Jewish community and the non-Jewish community."

Belman said that when he and federation Executive Vice President Howard Charish go in January to Israel, this situation "will be one item on our agenda."

Burt Siegel, executive director of the Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Philadelphia, said closing the consulate "would be a serious mistake."

Not only would it be bad for Philadelphia Jewry, said Siegel, but the closing would also be a bad decision from the Israeli standpoint.

"It is a significant asset to the government of Israel to have consulates," Siegel said.

Judy Wortman, Executive Vice President of the Jewish Federation of Delaware, expressed her concern over the possible closing. In the past several years the Federation has had a very close relationship with the Israeli Consulate. The past Consul General, Eviator Manor, and past Consul Ali Aviador visited here frequently. The Federation plans

to host the new consul General Gideon Samet in January.

(The Jewish Voice and The Jewish Bulletin of Northern California contributed to this report.)

### INSIDE

LOCAL .....	3
EDITORIAL .....	4
OPINION .....	5
PANIM EL PANIM .....	6
ARTS • ENTERTAINMENT • BOOKS .....	13
NACHES .....	14
OBITUARIES .....	14
CALENDAR OF EVENTS .....	15
SYNAGOGUE LIFE .....	12
BUSINESS/PROFESSIONAL DIRECTORY .....	10
DINING AND MORE .....	8
MUSIC AND THEATER .....	9

# THE CHAI AND MITZVOT DIVISION EVENTS WERE A GREAT SUCCESS!

## Special Thanks To The Event Benefactors

(for underwriting Henry Winkler's fee)

Alex. Brown & Sons, Inc.  
Double S Companies  
Miller's Furniture

Carole and Dr. Barry Bakst  
Happy Harry's Inc.  
Anonymous

## and to the Event Sponsors

(for underwriting Mr. Winkler's expenses)

Boscov's

Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Herrmann

Stoltz Realty

### from:

Carole and Dr. Barry Bakst, Chai dinner chairs  
Rona & Mark Caplan, Chai division chairs  
Susan & Sheldon Sandler, Mitzvot event chairs  
Bobbie & Norman Tomases, Mitzvot division chairs  
Cas Anolick, 1997 UJA/Federation Campaign chair  
Leslie Newman, JFD President

Trudi Alexy To Speak

at Federation Shabbat

on January 24, 1997



Modern Marrano Trudi Alexy will bring to Delaware her remarkable story of her return to Judaism after a hasty baptism during the years of the Holocaust. Alexy is an author, a survivor and is an expert on secret Jews.

### Federation Shabbat January 24, 1997 at Congregation Beth Shalom in Wilmington

a Shabbat experience in association with the 1997 UJA/Federation Campaign.

The UJA/Federation Campaign is administered locally by The Jewish Federation of Delaware. At home, in Israel and in 58 countries around the world *no gift touches more lives.*



Jewish Federation of Delaware  
P.O. Box 2193  
Wilmington, DE 19899-2193  
302-427-2100



UJA FEDERATION CAMPAIGN  
For ourselves. For our children. For Israel. Forever.

## If you liked Debbie Friedman, come hear Doug!



1997 UJA-Federation Campaign ☆ Community Event ☆ Family Concert  
Saturday, February 8, 1997 - 7:30 p.m. at Congregation Beth Emeth  
A concert by the Grammy Award winner and Jewish folksinger

### Doug Cotler

Event Chairpersons: Ruth Weinstein and Barbara Yalisove



#### TICKETS:

Adults - \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door  
Children (age 12 and under) - \$5



UJA FEDERATION CAMPAIGN  
For ourselves. For our children. For Israel. Forever.

All are welcome at this concert by this Grammy Award winner, singer/songwriter and cantor. His Jewish-themed pop music is for the whole family to enjoy! For tickets or more information call the Jewish Federation of Delaware at (302)427-2100, or send a check or money order for the ticket(s) amount (along with a note which includes your return address) to:

The Jewish Federation of Delaware  
PO Box 2193  
Wilmington, DE 19899-2193



## ORT Hanukkah Toy Drive Benefits Ronald McDonald House

The Brandywine Chapter of Women's American ORT held a Hanukkah Toy Drive earlier this month in memory of community leader and long-time ORT member Dora Dukart. With minimal publicity, chairperson Wendi Weingartner was able to collect 68 gifts from 24 families and individuals which she hand-delivered to Wilmington's Ronald McDonald House. Prior to the distribution of the gifts, five members of the local ORT chapter gathered with their children in the board room of the Jewish Community Center to wrap the many donated items. Armed with dozens of crayons, the children approached tables which had been covered with long rolls of paper, and before long, the paper was awash in colorful menorahs, dreidels and Macabees as well as disarmingly fanciful designs. Forming an impromptu assembly line, the women quickly wrapped gifts while their children colored yet more paper. In the space of an hour and a half, the paper was decorated and the gifts were wrapped, bagged and loaded into Weingartner's car.

According to Ronald McDonald House Executive Director Judy Taggart, some of the gifts were distributed during Hanukkah and Christmas, and some have been saved for appropriate times in the future.

"Many of the families try to go home for the holidays," said Taggart, "but there are always a few that aren't able to. In those cases we put a gift just outside the child's door on Christmas Eve



L-R: Junior ORT members Aaron Weingartner, Sara Leviton, Rachael Bobman, Noah Moss, Jillian Leviton, Lauren Harad, Anna Moss, Sarah Bobman and Emily Harad display the wrapped presents which were delivered to the Ronald McDonald House in time for Hanukkah.



L-R: Emily Harad, Sarah Bobman, Rachael Bobman, Sara Leviton, Jillian Leviton, Aaron Weingartner and Lauren take a break from wrapping gifts for children at the Ronald McDonald House.

night, so they discover it first thing on Christmas morning."

According to Taggart, January and February are "downer months" to be admitted to a hospital, so she plans to use the extra toys as surprise pick-me-ups during those months.

Dora Dukart, who died this past spring, founded Delaware's Ronald McDonald House along with her husband, Leonard, on June 7, 1991. Since its inception, the 17-room facility has served over 4500 families of hospitalized children. The Dukarts were among the original 30 McDonald's operators to

found the first Ronald McDonald House in 1974. Delaware's Ronald McDonald House is located on Rockland Road, across the road from A.I. duPont Children's Hospital.

Women's American ORT is a membership based Jewish organization which supports the global ORT network of scientific, technological and vocational schools and programs, helps to strengthen the fabric of Jewish life, and advocates on behalf of quality education, democratic values, human rights and the security of Jewish communities throughout the world.

## Kutz Construction Nears Completion

By **SHELDON WEINSTEIN**  
Kutz Home President

(The following is a letter Sheldon has written to the community.)

Another critical phase in our renovation/expansion project is nearing completion. Our attractive 3,500 square foot Lobby/Visitor Center is in the process of opening. This attractive, expansive, airy and well-lit setting provides an ideal environment for resident/family socialization and quiet reflection.

Our two new wings were fully occupied as of July, 1996. The snack bar adjacent to the Lobby/Visitor Center will "open for business" by no later than next spring. This will provide our residents with additional entertainment facilities. In addition, we have commenced the renovation of two of our existing wings. Upon completion, we anticipate that the transition from "existing" to "new" will be transparent except for our

memory. Every renovated area will be state-of-the-art and as modern and appealing as if it represented initial construction.

The cooperation and spirit of our residents, family members and staff have been remarkable throughout this tedious and complex project. Certainly, although maintained at a minimum, inconveniences do occur. However, looking forward to the yields that our final product will produce has made all of our travail manageable and rewarding. It is support and enthusiasm that continues to make our project so very special. Please stop by soon to visit and explore "our" facility; one that the benevolence of our community has made possible. On a current, demanding and meticulous basis, we are maintaining our construction budget within meaningful and reasonable parameters and we are pleased to continue to represent to the community that we will be sustaining a substantial long-term capital maintenance fund.

## ORT Families Cooked for House Residents

Half a dozen members of the Brandywine Chapter of Women's American ORT took their families to the Ronald McDonald House to cook breakfast for the residents on Christmas morning.

"We wanted to give the staff a break," says breakfast chairperson Wendy Berger. "Most of them celebrate Christmas, and want to be home with their families on Christmas morning."

Many of the ORT volunteers have preschoolers who weren't able to offer much more in the way of assistance than setting tables. "We wanted the kids there anyway," says Berger. "We wanted them to learn at a young age that it's important to do for others who are not as fortunate as we are."

The Ronald McDonald House serves families of children hospitalized at A.I. duPont Children's Hospital and the Medical Center of Delaware.

Most go home. But not all were able to do so.

Breakfast was provided in memory of Dora Dukart, a prominent Jewish community leader and an active member of Women's American ORT who died this past spring. Dukart and her husband, Leonard, founded Delaware's Ronald McDonald House in 1991. They were also among the original 30 McDonald's operators to found the first Ronald McDonald House twenty-two years ago.

Women's American ORT provides quality vocational and technical education to some 250,000 students of all ethnic and religious backgrounds in 52 countries. For further information about Women's American ORT, or to inquire about the local Brandywine Chapter, contact Amy Leviton, president, at 234-2345 or Dorothy Bobman, Membership Vice President, at 610-485-2108.



Clockwise from lower left: Junior ORT members Lauren Harad, Sarah Bobman, Rachael Bobman, Aaron Weingartner and Dorothy Bobman decorate giant rolls of paper to wrap up Hanukkah presents for children at the Delaware Ronald McDonald House.

## Staying Well in the Nineties: A Series of Three Hadassah Programs and Brunches

The Wilmington Chapter of Hadassah will hold a series of three brunches and programs with the theme, "Staying Well in the Nineties" on the first Sunday of January, February, and March. The first brunch features a talk by Alan Tillotson entitled, "Better Health through Natural Medicine." It is scheduled for Sunday, January 5 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at

the home of Judge Charles and Barbara Keil.

Alan Tillotson, DM, MA, Herbalist (AHG), is Director of the Chrysalis Natural Medicine Center. He holds a Master's degree for his work in Asian Medical Systems and a Doctorate for his work in Chinese Meditation. He has been a practicing herbalist for more than

fifteen years and is a professional member of the American Herbalists Guild. He teaches T'ai Chi, Chi Kung and meditation classes and maintains a research library in natural medicine clinical applications from around the world. He is the author of the Handbook of Ayurvedic Medicine and publishes and writes for the Journal of Well Being. He is a reg-

ular speaker at natural medicine conferences and a guest lecturer at the Thomas Jefferson Medical University seminar on alternative medicine.

Reservations are required for the brunch and should be made by December 29 by calling Michele Sands at 478-6391. The cost is \$7 per person.

The second brunch will feature nutritionist Ellen Klevenger Furley who will address the topic, "Eating for a Healthy Heart." It will be held February 2 at the home of Dr. Barry and Carole Bakst. The last brunch will be on March 2 at the home of Jay and Bryna Rappaport. Dr. Craig Sternberg will speak about "Taking the Mystery out of Back Pain."

## EDITORIAL

## VOICE MAIL

## What Would Happen?

At this time of year, most people try to concentrate on doing more. But what happens the rest of the year? Although New Year 1997 is not based on the Jewish calendar, as Americans and as Jews we can certainly strive to fulfill resolutions in the coming year because any opportunity to work on oneself, or for the community, should be taken. Yes, there are many rotten things in this world. Innocent people do suffer. But tikkun olam, repair of the world, cannot be considered as some abstract notion. It is a precept for daily life. Every mitzvah an individual performs affects the entire world.

What would happen if every Jewish person in Delaware decided to do one more Jewish thing than they were accustomed to doing?

What would happen if President Clinton received thousands of letters concerned about economic involvement with China in light of China's disregard for human rights?

What would happen if every Jew listened to and respected every other Jew?

What would happen if Americans lobbied Congress and demanded strong stands against Iran, Afghanistan, and scores of other countries with demonic "leadership"?

What would happen if every Jew, sometime in his life, went to Israel?

What would happen if "welfare reform" was done properly?

What would happen if every Jew gave more tzedakah, since giving the same is really a reduction, every single year?

What would happen if everyone, for one day a year, worked as a hands-on volunteer?

What would happen if everyone having a simcha contributed to Mazon and/or gave the leftover food to a homeless shelter?

What if every Jewish man, woman, and child set a Jewish example?

What would happen?

## Changed View

To the Editor:

There has been a great deal of thought in this community and across the country about the theocratic nature of the Israeli government and the current proposals to reduce further the rights of Progressive Jews in Israel. What is an appropriate response?

My personal opinions as a member of two Reform and two Conservative congregations are as follows:

1) I have very recently changed my view on the right of the American Jewish community to express views about politics in Israel. It now seems to me that American Jews have as much right to oppose injustice in Israel as the American Government has to oppose injustice and tyranny in other countries around the world.

2) Having said that, it is still critical for American Jews to join together to support the Israeli people in ways separate from the current Israeli government. In particular, it is important for us to support our Federations, which have been our central organizing factor for over 60 years, in the ways we have before. It may be trite but still is true, that, "if we don't hang together we shall surely hang separately."

3) I believe that the only effective way to

limit to an appropriate level the power of the tyrannical minority in Israel is to support the Reform and Conservative organizations in Israel. The American Jewish community has never provided anything approaching the financial resources that will be required to develop effective and numerically significant Reform and Conservative congregations in Israel. It is a shocking fact that if every Reform and Conservative family in America contributed to Progressive religious institutions in Israel 1% of the amount of financial support we supply to Federations, it would increase by a factor of ten the amount of money which is now given to the progressive religious institutions. In Israel, just as in the United States, the number and motivation of adherents determines the political weight of any movement. The best way to redress injustice is to provide political weight on the ground.

Finally, I should make clear my belief that the most Orthodox members of Israeli society have every right to speak and practice their beliefs, however, it is not their *exclusive* right.

Sincerely,  
Ben Epstein

Wilmington, Delaware

## No Surprise About Nixon

To the Editor:

Why all the surprise that the release of more of Richard Nixon's infamous tapes, has (Anti-Semitic Remarks) by Nixon? We didn't have to wait for the tapes to be aware of this. When President Johnson appointed Abe Fortas to be Chief Justice in 1968, Nixon, then running against Hubert Humphrey for President, said that a lame duck President shouldn't name the Chief Justice. Fortas was already on the Court as an Associate Justice and, among the charges of conflict of interest against him were that his wife, a tax attorney, was representing Wolfson who was then being investigated for tax evasion. Wolfson was Jewish as well as Fortas's wife being a partner in the law firm of Arnold and Porter. She was the Porter in the firm. If Fortas was good enough to be an Associate Justice, he was good enough to be Chief Justice. We know what kind of Justices Nixon appointed.

This undercurrent Anti-Semitism is nothing new in the United States. During the Civil War Ulysses S. Grant ordered Jews expelled from the territory under his control in twenty-four hours. Only the Great Emancipator Abraham Lincoln rescinded the order. When Grant became President he appointed the first Jew to an important ambassadorship. When Woodrow Wilson named Louis Brandeis to the Supreme Court, again (Anti-Semitism) reared its ugly head, although the real reason that the long fight over the appointment was that Brandeis had fought for the rights of workers against the corporate bosses. Harry Truman made some disparaging remarks toward Jews when he was being pressured to do something to settle the stateless refugees situation and let them emigrate to Palestine after World War II, but he acted quickly when the State of Israel was established in 1948 recognizing it quickly. Eleanor Roosevelt as a young social worker in New York in the early part of the 20th Century made some uncomplimentary

remarks about Jews, but she did many things to help Jews later in life. One notable thing she did was to help establish a Kibbutz, (Near Hightstown, N.J.), now called Roosevelt N.J. to alleviate the desperate conditions in the garment industry in New York, during the Great Depression. She was a guiding light in later years working for many Jewish Causes.

Richard Nixon never changed his stripes. He had a few closet Jews around him one notably William Safire, who now is an apologist for him and says that Nixon wasn't Anti-Semitic. Of course we all know that Henry Kissinger was nominally a Jew. Don't forget that Kissinger wrote his thesis on Metternich the architect of the downfall of Napoleon. After all Napoleon brought the fruits of the French Revolution to the countries that he subdued and emancipated the Jews from the Ghetto a granted them citizenship.

Some people point to Nixon coming to the aid of Israel during the Yom Kippur War, proves he wasn't Anti-Semitic. But did he? He was already embattled with the Watergate Affair. Perhaps Alexander Haig or Kissinger were the ones that ordered the tanks and other military supplies to be airlifted to help the Israelis, but not Nixon. If the same criteria that we now place on public officials had been given to Richard Nixon, he would never have become President in the first place. He believed that all Jews were communists. Don't forget he was a leading member of the House Un American Activities Committee, and used the famous Pumpkin Papers to accuse Alger Hiss of perjury for lying that he wasn't a communist. Whether he was or was not will never be known. He was only convicted of perjury and not being a communist spy. Nixon was an opportunist, that used every chance he had for his ambition and finally it did him in.

Samuel Kagel  
Wilmington, DE

## But Nixon Helped Israel...

To the Editor:

The late President Nixon has a special place in the hearts of Israelis. While his conversations in September 1971 are "sickening," when push came to shove in October 1973

he saved Israel from impending disaster. Therefore, I would have preferred to see your story on page 3 rather than on the front page.

Sincerely yours,  
Jacques Reuben

## THURSDAY NOON DEADLINE

for all articles, advertisements and news for The Jewish Voice

ISSUE	FOCUS	DEADLINE
JAN. 10	Camp Planning	JAN. 2
JAN. 24	Restaurant Guide	JAN. 16
FEB. 7	Health and Fitness	JAN. 30
FEB. 21	Winter Weddings	FEB. 13
MARCH 7	Camp	FEB. 27

All submissions in person for The Jewish Voice due at JFD offices  
300 Delaware Avenue, Suite 920, Wilmington, DE 19801  
By mail: The Jewish Voice, P.O. Box 2193,  
Wilmington, DE 19899-2193  
e-mail: jewishvoic@aol.com

## The JEWISH VOICE

Published semimonthly, and monthly in July and August, by the Jewish Federation of Delaware.

Jordan Sopinsky, Editor

Irv Epstein, Advertising Manager

Judy Wortman, Executive Vice-President, JFD

Daniel H. Weintraub, Esq., Publisher's Representative

Steve Cohen, Entertainment Reporter  
Priscilla Siegal, Community Reporter

Suzanne Cohen, Advertising Sales Intern  
Bonnie Falchuk, Proofreader

Editorial Committee:

Connie Kreshool, Chair; Marilyn Cooper, Matt Denn, Irving Kaufman, Barbara S. Keil, Frances Klein, Ellen S. Meyer, Bobbie Tomases, Karen Venezky.

Business Committee:

Suzanne Grant, Chair; Mark Levitt, David Rosenblatt, Dale Rosenthal, Michael Schwartz, Lawrence I. Zutz.

Editorial opinions expressed in this newspaper are those of the newspaper and not those of any individual or other organization. Signed editorials and letters do not represent the view of the newspaper, but rather express the view of the writer. No material will be accepted by The Jewish Voice which is considered against the best interests of the Jewish community. The Jewish Voice does not guarantee the kashruth of any of its advertisers. Printed material and video tapes sold by our advertisers have not been reviewed by the Jewish Voice, nor are they endorsed in any way by the Jewish Voice.

Member of the American Jewish Press Association and Jewish Telegraphic Agency.  
©1996 The Jewish Voice Printed by Dover Post Company

Periodicals postage paid for The Jewish Voice (USPS-704160) at Wilmington, Delaware. Subscription price: \$10.00. Circulation: 3,200. Mailed to subscribers and contributors to the Jewish Federation of Delaware. POSTMASTER: Send address changes to The Jewish Voice, P.O. Box 2193, Wilmington, DE 19899-2193. (302) 427-2100. The FAX number of The Jewish Voice is (302) 427-2438.  
E-Mail: jewishvoic@aol.com

OPINION

# A Resolution for '97: Spread Seeds



By ELLEN S. MEYER

Editorial Committee Member

Just as the Fourth of July would not be the same without fireworks and Thanksgiving would be lacking without a turkey dinner, I cannot begin a new year without a resolution.

Perhaps it is an indication of my secularization that my resolutions are made as December is ending, not as Rosh Hashanah approaches. And that leads me to my 1997 resolution:

After attending a discussion led by four psychologists on keeping one's children "in the Jewish loop," an AKSE Men's Club brunch discussion, I am going to make an effort to make Judaism *more* a part of my emancipated offsprings' lives.

It's not as if Judaism never plays a part. My children are all in their mid-twenties, yet still receive Hanukkah gifts from us each year. None of my children keep kosher; however, since they were raised in a kosher home, when they come to visit, they are constantly reminded as they reach for a spoon and the appropriate bowl that they are Jewish.

It's the other ways of communication I have to improve. For example, we traditionally "check in" on our kids each Sunday morning. We chat about the week at work and I try to find out as much as I can about the weekend's social activities (a psychological minefield for a Jewish mother). When I wish them a good week to come, I think I'll throw in a "Shabbat

Shalom" — even though Shabbos is several days away. If they react as if Mom is really "losing it," 'cause it's Sunday, I can always switch to e-mailing a "Shabbat Shalom" on Friday morning.

My brood and I regularly discuss the High Holidays as they approach and what all have planned, and months in advance of Pesach I try to get them to come to their grandmother's seder — with some modest success over the years. But, aside from Hanukkah giving, the minor holidays get short shrift. This year I plan to discuss Purim as it approaches; perhaps suggesting they plan a Purim party with friends — both Jewish and non-Jewish — would meet with a positive response. Sukkah will be duly noted. Since my young adult offspring are all apartment dwellers, building a sukkah is not a possibility, but we will discuss ways they might observe the holiday. (G-d forbid, I should suggest services! [But then again, my "track record" along those lines is nothing to brag about!])

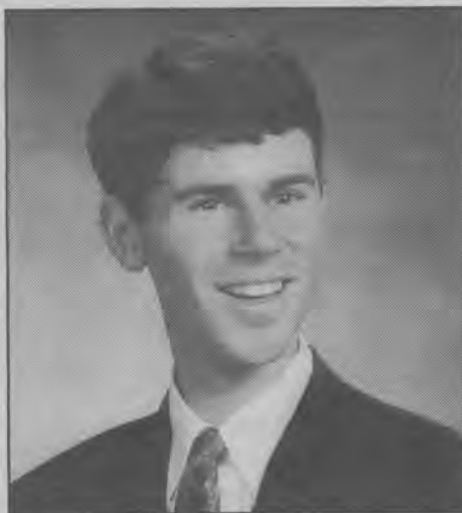
My philosopher-son — the atheist engaged to a female atheist — might enjoy discussions of Maimonides or Martin Buber. (I've got some heavy reading to do before tackling that!) At the very least, I think he'd enjoy watching Bill Moyers' discussion on *Genesis*, if PBS ever

repeats it. Whatever — I'll try to appeal to his love of philosophy with topics tinged with Judaism.

I remember when I was in my 20s. I too had "too many other things on my plate" to make Judaism a big part of my life. However, most of my friends were Jewish, and I primarily dated Jewish boys (knowing full well that I would *never* marry anyone non-Jewish). Well, my children's lives are much more assimilated. My atheist son has few Jewish friends and recognizes no Jewish holiday. His brother and sister are begrudgingly Jewish — about as much as I was at their age — without the dating restrictions and commitment to leading a Jewish life when "settled down." Perhaps if I can reinforce a Jewish calendar in their lives (and the richness of Jewish thinking in their elder brother's thoughts), all will feel just a shade more Jewish — which is a start. As one of the speakers at the "Jewish loop" forum noted, if you spread around enough seeds, some are bound to sprout.

It's ironic that my secular new year's resolution is to help my young adult children feel more Jewish. It might even work for me, and perhaps next year I'll be making my new year's resolutions in the fall — and attending more services during the year.

# The Tapestry of a Community, Functional and Beautiful



By DAVID RAPPAPORT

Special to The Jewish Voice

I write this from a place I never thought I would be — much less spend a year — the former Soviet Union. I am presently working

in a city called Donetsk, located in the eastern portion of the newly-independent nation of Ukraine. The program in which I am participating is called AMITIM, the Hebrew term for "comrades" or "colleagues." The program is a joint Israel-Diaspora project which sends young Israelis and Americans together to work with a Diaspora Jewish community. The project involves numerous parties, including the Atlanta Jewish Federation, the Jewish Agency for Israel, and the Joint Distribution Committee (JDC). This year is the first for AMITIM, which will hopefully not only continue in the coming years but also expand to involve more young Jews and reach a substantial number of communities.

The first portion of our program consisted of a two-month training period in Jerusalem. This training introduced me to the numerous difficulties involved with reaching Jews in the former Soviet Union. Many experts claim that building, or rather rebuilding, Jewish communities in the former Soviet Union is simply impossible due to numerous factors. Large

numbers of Jews, especially the young, are understandably choosing to make aliyah to Israel or come to America, or even Germany. The challenge of AMITIM lies in attempting to recultivate some sort of Jewish community among the people who cannot, or choose not to emigrate. This aim is made significantly more difficult by the nearly complete absence of expressions of Jewish culture during the Soviet regime. In many cases, people simply do not know what to do or when or how to do it. In addition, assimilation is of course widespread; we have, for instance, visited the homes of even Jewish community leaders to find they have intermarried. The aim of AMITIM is to provide a joint American-Israel perspective concerning how Jews can actively integrate Judaism into their lives while building a strong Jewish community here in Donetsk.

To conclude this first article, I offer my general feelings about the first two months of working here in Donetsk, although it is difficult for me to clearly and concisely describe

these feelings, for they comprise a wide spectrum. I have felt tremendous frustration about certain organizational aspects of the program as well as a lack of a clearly defined focus to our activities in Ukraine. My Russian skills are only slowly improving. Yet I have also experienced numerous instances of exhilaration — from connecting with local community leaders in Hebrew to seeing the light of Judaism kindle in the eyes of an elderly man. I have felt tremendous pride in being Jewish — a pride far greater than any I had experienced either in the U.S. or in Israel. I feel that I can better appreciate the need for Jews the world over to use available resources to aid fellow Jews and in so doing maintain a strong, active, international network. Whether praying on Rosh Hashana in Donetsk's small synagogue or accompanying a group of soon-to-be olim to the airport, I have felt a connectedness to the often strong yet sometimes patchy fabric of the world Jewish community. If nothing else, I have re-examined how my own personal strand, small as it may be, fits into the pattern. I can only hope that our AMITIM project — and future improved versions — will encourage members of these communities to likewise re-examine their own role in creating a tapestry which proves to be both functional and beautiful.

(David Rappaport is a 1996 Brown University magna cum laude graduate with a major in ancient studies. He will be attending Jefferson Medical College in the fall of 1997. David is the son of Jay and Bryna Rappaport.)

## Touch Points

Community leaders come together to support the Campaign and touch the lives of many.



### Your contribution helps:

- ☆ the Kutz Home coordinates inter-generational education programs with Albert Einstein Academy and Delaware Gratz to benefit residents and students alike.
- ☆ the Jewish Community Center to provide a Jewish Summer camp experience for 500 campers.
- ☆ Temple Beth El bring informative Jewish speakers to the growing Newark area.



The Jewish Federation of Delaware  
 PO Box 2193  
 Wilmington, DE 19899-2193  
 (302) 427-2100  
 Fax (302) 427-2438  
 E-Mail: Delawarejfd@cjf.noli.com



UJA FEDERATION CAMPAIGN  
 No Gift Touches More Lives





## PANIM EL PANIM

(Face to Face with JFD People)



# Jewish Unity and Pluralism are Focus of Rabbi Danny Allen's Visit

By DAN WEINTRAUB

Director of the Jewish Community Relations Committee

Rabbi Danny Allen, Associate Executive Director of the UJA (United Israel Appeal), came to Delaware recently to address concerns over recognition of non-Orthodox religious movements in Israel and over proposed changes in Israel's Law of Reform. First Allen explained that the majority of dollars which go to Israel from the UJA/Federation Campaign supports the settlement of Olim, new immigrants, often from the former Soviet Union. The Rabbi, who was ordained by the Reform movement, spoke of 61,000 immigrants settled from the former Soviet Union this year with the support of the United Israel Appeal. The United Israel Appeal is the agency which distributes UJA funds to the Jewish Agency for Israel (JAFI) and the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee. Allen said "Moses didn't move this many Jews this fast." A portion of the Jewish Agency for Israel funds goes to grants and allocations for programs including those affiliated with the Reform and Conservative streams of Judaism.

The Law of Return allows automatic citizenship for Diaspora Jews who adhere to any of the branches of Judaism. Proposed changes to the law, if passed, would mean that conversions outside of Israel by the Reform, Conservative or Reconstructionist streams would not be acceptable for purposes of the Law of Return. Leaders of progressive Jewish religious streams have strongly objected to the proposed change since in their view it is tantamount to delegitimizing their movements.

According to Allen, since the earliest days of the modern state of Israel, eligibility of Diaspora Jews for Israeli citizenship has been seen as the providence of not just Israel but also of the world Jewish community.

Here in Delaware, like elsewhere in the United States, many Jews feel passionately that Israel should not discriminate against progressive Jews in the Diaspora through changes in Israeli law concerning recognition of Diaspora conversions. Some have expressed frustration over how to best influence the Israeli government on this issue. It was suggested in the recent meeting with Allen that letters and telephone calls to Israeli diplomatic representatives would be the most effective means to influence Israeli government policy.

On December 11, 1996, Rabbi Danny Allen told Delaware Jewish leaders that a gift to the UJA/Federation Campaign has no impact on the government's policy on religious pluralism, the legitimacy of non-Orthodox religious streams or the recognition of conversions of Diaspora. Allen explained that the portion of the UJA/Federation Campaign which goes to Israel, goes to people, services and programs, not to the Israeli government which receives no money whatsoever from the UJA/Federation Campaign. Changing a gift to the Campaign would only have an impact on those new immigrants to Israel, needed services and progressive programs, not the Netanyahu government. In fact, according to Allen, if Campaign shortfalls caused program cuts there is little chance that the Israeli government

would pick up the cost of those programs most valued by many U.S. Jews. In addition, any change in a gift to the UJA/Federation Campaign would have a significant impact on our local programs, particularly because about 65% of allocations stay in our community.

Among the programs in Israel funded in part by the UJA/Federation Campaign, is over a million dollars in programs affiliated with the Reform movement. Allen says that the UJA/Federation campaigns provide funding for two-thirds of the Reform movement's programs in Israel, other than those of the Hebrew Union College in Jerusalem.

Other programs supported by the UJA/Federation Campaign include over a million dollars in funding for the Conservative movement's Israel programs. The Conservative movement, called Masorti in Israel, has the same status in Israel as the Reform movement.

Allen stressed that a prerequisite for UJA funding support for Orthodox programs would be that such programs are not working to delegitimize other branches of Judaism such as Reform, Conservative or Reconstructionist movements. He acknowledged that such a prerequisite was not in place some ten years ago but now no UJA dollars support those seeking to delegitimize non-Orthodox Jewish movements.

Rabbi Peter Grumbacher, the spiritual leader of Reform Congregation Beth Emeth, attended the meeting with Rabbi Allen. After the meeting, Grumbacher reflected that "while the Jewish Agency could be more generous in its support of the progressive movement, Reform congregations in the United States certainly have to be willing to monitor the viability of the progressive synagogues and organizations in Israel and better respond to their needs."

Grumbacher seemed to support the suggestion by some that one can be both strongly supportive of the UJA/Federation campaign and at the same time work for greater recognition for Progressive Judaism in Israel. "I think the Reform Jew is obligated to support the UJA/Federation Campaign because of all the resources given to national and specifically local agencies. But the UJA has to also do its share in putting pressure on the political forces in Israel in terms of some of the issues which are coming to the fore that are negatively impacting on the non-Orthodox communities in Israel." Grumbacher added that "So long as there's a relationship between the UJA and the Jewish Agency, which is quasi-governmental, then the UJA can't remain silent."

Rabbi Grumbacher acknowledged the efforts of the Council of Jewish Federations at its 65 General Assembly in Seattle this Fall, at which time the Resolution on Religious Status in Israel was passed. The Resolution urged the Government of Israel and the Knesset "to abstain from amending legislation, or passing any new legislation which would change the current situation regarding recognition of conversions" and not to change "any aspect of the Law of Reform, which is one of the pillars of Jewish identification with the State of Israel in each and every Jewish

community around the world." Rabbi Grumbacher said of this resolution, "I am very pleased and gratified that they did that but despite the strength and influence of CJF, they can't rest on their laurels with one resolution."

The majority of the Delaware Jewish community seems united in the cause of preventing a change in the status quo on religious matters and recognitions of conversions in Israel, if such a change would tend to delegitimize non-Orthodox Judaism or be to the detriment of such progressive streams.

On December 20, 1996 the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council (NJCRAC) moderated a conference call with Eliyahu Ben Elissar, Israel's Ambassador to the United States. The Director of the Jewish Community Relations Committee of the Jewish Federation of Delaware shared with the Ambassador the sense that many Jews in the Delaware community, if given the opportunity to speak to Prime Minister Netanyahu, would urge him to reject a change in the Law of return and ask him to keep the status quo on religious matters so that progressive Jews in the Diaspora are not disenfranchised or delegitimized.

The Israeli Ambassador gave the Director of Delaware's JCRC his assurance that the Law of Return would not be changed and that the status quo would be maintained. "A Jew won't be distinguished from another Jew from any Jewish movement,"

said the Ambassador. Israel will continue to recognize conversions to Judaism in the United States or the rest of the world, he said. Conversions in Israel will continue to require authorization from the Chief Rabbi of Israel. Other communities followed in expressing similar concerns to the Ambassador.

In addition, according to Judy Wortman, Executive Vice President of the Federation, in their addresses to the CJF General Assembly in November, both Prime Minister Netanyahu and Cabinet member Natan Sharansky stated that the Law of Return would not be changed and that non-Orthodox conversions outside of Israel will continue to be recognized.

For more information about the Law of Return or about the UJA/Federation Campaign, call the Jewish Federation of Delaware at (302) 427-2100.

## Candle Lighting

DECEMBER

12/27 — 4:26 pm

JANUARY

1/3 — 4:31 pm

1/10 — 4:38 pm

4/17 — 4:45 pm



## SUBARU OUTBACK

Half Sport Utility. Half Car. All Adventure.

Ever since the first SUV hit the road drivers have been asking for the safety, ride, gas mileage and comfort of a passenger car combined with the performance and versatility of an off-road vehicle. Well, now it's here! Experience the thrill of the Subaru Outback.

*Matt Slap*  
**SUBARU**

Delaware's Exclusive  
Subaru Dealer.

#1 in Subaru Sales in Delaware  
for 16 years running  
255 E. Cleveland Ave.,  
Newark, DE 19711  
302-453-9900



Sportswear • All-Occasion Dresses  
• Suits From Daytime to Black-Tie

Perfect for Bat Mitzvahs

Stevenson Village in Baltimore, MD, 2 min. from 695 off exit 21  
(410) 484-1125 Hours: Mon.-Fri. 11-5; Sat. 10-5; Sun. 12-4

JANUARY 24-FEBRUARY 2, 1997

Presenting

HAVING OUR SAY

The story of a century of American history, family and love. Based on the autobiography of the 100-year old Delany sisters.

*Having Our Say*

The Delany Sisters' First 100 Years

PHONE ORDERS NOW

(302) 656-4401

(800) 338-0881

Tickets from \$29-\$43

THE PLAYHOUSE  
THEATRE

AT THE HOTEL DU PONT

DU PONT BUILDING • WILMINGTON, DE 19801



The National Bestseller Is Now  
America's Best-Loved Play!



**PANIM EL PANIM**  
(Face to Face with JFD People)



# Increase Your Income and Avoid Capital Gains Tax?

## If the Value of Your Stocks Went Up This Year You Can Do Both If You are Fast

By **MARC L. SHANDLER, J.D.**  
Director of the Jewish Community of Delaware Endowment Fund

With the increase in value in the stock market this year, many stockholders have been looking for a way to take advantage of these gains without incurring a tremendous tax burden. Even with December 31st and the end of the 1996 tax year only days away, it is not too late to take advantage of an often overlooked opportunity to both increase your annual income and avoid paying the capital gains tax by creating a Charitable Remainder Trust.

Let's say you own stock that is highly appreciated but yielding little income. If you were to sell the stock in order to reinvest in a higher yield-

ing security, you would have to pay a capital gains tax of about 28%. This would leave you with less than three-quarters of the value of your stock. So much for the appreciation in the value of the stock!

Instead, you can increase your income and avoid paying capital gains tax at all by donating these appreciated stocks to a Charitable Remainder Trust, for the benefit of yourself, your family and, ultimately, for the benefit of a charitable organization, such as the Jewish Federation of Delaware or any of its constituent agencies.

A Charitable Remainder Trust is an irrevocable trust, established by you by the contribution of any assets. It provides for a steady stream of income to its non-charitable ben-

eficiaries (your children, you, and/or your spouse) for a life or a period of years. During this period the assets are invested by the designated trustee. At the end of the term, the principal passes to the designated charitable organization. In addition, the donor receives a sizable income

tax deduction and removes the value of the stock from the donor's estate tax liability after death. Because the trust is a tax exempt entity, it does not recognize capital gains on the sale of the appreciated stocks.

Let's look at the example of Mrs. Katz, 65 years old who owns \$20,000 in stock in Company, Inc., which she bought 10 years ago for \$2,000. It has only a 3% dividend, paying her \$600 in annual income. If Mrs. Katz were to sell her stock she would have to pay approximately \$5,040 in capital gains tax, leaving her only \$14,960 to reinvest. If she doubles her investment return to 6%, she would get \$898 in income.

Instead of selling, Mrs. Katz contributes the stock to a charitable remainder trust, which will pay her an annual income of \$1,200 (6% of the entire \$20,000). There is no capital

gains tax to be paid. Not only does Mrs. Katz receive this income for the rest of her life, but she also receives an income tax deduction of approximately \$9,100! If Mrs. Katz is concerned about taking this asset away from her heirs, she can use this "savings" from her tax deduction to purchase a life insurance policy to fund a payment to her heirs upon her death.

Charitable remainder trusts are a good option for those who are charitably inclined and who have appreciated assets with which they can make a donation.

For further information concerning Charitable Remainder Trusts and other planned giving opportunities, please call Marc L. Shandler, director of the Jewish Community of Delaware Endowment Fund at 427-2100, ext. 19.

**BERGER BROS INC.**  
OFFICE FURNITURE  
— OFFICE SYSTEMS

Call (302) 655-7166

**BERGER BROS INC.**  
Since 1919  
Market at Third Sts., Wilm., DE

Hours: 8:00 to 5:30 Sat. 8:30 to 2:00

**1997 UJA  
FEDERATION  
CAMPAIGN**

CAMPAIGN  
SCHEDULE  
Jan. 24, 1997  
Federation Shabbat  
Feb. 8, 1997  
Community-Wide Event with  
singer Doug Cotler  
Feb. 9, 1997  
Super Sunday

UJA FEDERATION CAMPAIGN  
For ourselves. For our children. For Israel. Forever.

*No gift touches more lives*

Community Campaign  
Administered by the Jewish  
Federation of Delaware

**JANUARY 3 - JANUARY 12, 1997**

*Presenting*

CHRISTOPHER  
**PLUMMER**  
IN  
**BARRYMORE**

Tickets range from \$29-\$43

AT THE HOTEL DU PONT  
DU PONT BUILDING  
WILMINGTON, DE 19801

*"A warm witty and  
wonderfully funny portrait  
of the great classical actor  
John Barrymore"*

**Call (302) 656-4401 or Toll Free (800) 338-0881**

We wish you **HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

**CHRISTIANA BANK & TRUST COMPANY**

YOU ARE  
CORDIALLY INVITED  
TO EXPERIENCE

**DELAWARE BANKING**

*The way it used to be*

PLEASE STOP BY OR  
CALL OUR PERSONAL BANKERS

PRESIDENT

COMPLETE LINE OF  
PERSONAL BANKING SERVICES

**302-421-5800**

GREENVILLE CENTER  
3801 KENNETT PIKE  
GREENVILLE, DE 19807

EQUAL HOUSING  
LENDER

*The First Ladies  
of Real Estate\**

**234-5200**  
1-800-220-5200

JUDY LEVY

EILEEN SCHWARTZ

<p><b>WAY RIDGE LOT 20</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>\$610,000</b></span></p> <p>Large kitchen which opens to a family room with fireplace. Back stairs, first floor den, spacious living room and dining room. Dramatic master bedroom with sitting room! <b>Hotline 2414</b></p>	<p><b>2701 BODINE DRIVE, CHALFONTE</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>\$234,900</b></span></p> <p>This is a dream Regent. It has all new systems and has been totally redecorated. New baths! Move right in. <b>Hotline 5135</b></p>
<p> <b>Patterson Schwartz</b></p> <p><b>531 TERRAPIN LANE, NEWARK</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>\$186,900</b></span></p> <p>Custom built 2 story contemporary on over an acre. 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 baths. Unique floor plan with lots of open space. <b>Hotline 3331</b></p>	<p><b>8 LANTERN LANE, DARTMOUTH WOODS</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>\$138,900</b></span></p> <p>Spacious split in top notch condition with a family room and playroom. Wonderful back yard. <b>Hotline 2519</b></p>

\*Ranking in the TOP FIVE PERCENT of all  
RESIDENTIAL AGENTS IN THE NATION.

**Call  
429-7379**

# Dining and More

SAVE ON YOUR NEXT DINING EXPERIENCE  
(Good Sunday through Friday)

**\$5 OFF** LUNCH FOR TWO

**\$10 OFF** DINNER FOR TWO

**PICCIOTTI'S**  
RESTAURANT

The Place for Steaks in Wilmington

3001 Lancaster Ave., Wilmington • 652-3563  
Major charge cards welcomed. Not valid with any other offer or Holidays. Offer expires 1/30/97 • J.V.

VISIT OUR NEW ADDITION (with a Piano Bar Fri. & Sat.)



**TiraMisu**  
RISTORANTE

ROMAN ITALIAN JEWISH CUISINE

We Suggest Timely GIFT CERTIFICATES

**VALET PARKING AVAILABLE**

528 South 5th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19147  
For Reservations Call: (215) 925-3335  
Open 7 Days A Week For Dinner, Weekdays For Lunch

CELEBRATE NEW YEAR'S EVE WITH US. RESERVE NOW!

## WHY THE FOX POINT GRILL?



- ★ New American Cuisine From Game to Gourmet
- ★ All Breads and Pastries Baked on Premises
- ★ Easy Access from I-495 - I-95 or Downtown
- ★ Plenty of Parking

**RESERVE NOW**  
for  
**NEW YEAR'S EVE**  
Special  
Price-Fixed  
Menu

Serving Lunch Mon.-Fri. 11:30-2:30  
Dinner Daily 4:30 p.m.-10 p.m.

321 E. Lea Blvd. Wilmington, Del. (302) 762-5655

## Vincente's

Fine Northern Italian Cuisine  
Veal, Steak, Seafood, Lamb  
Home of the "Walking Menu"

Visit our new location  
Independence Mall  
1601 Concord Pike  
Wilmington, Delaware 19803

Chef Vincent J. Mancari  
Chef Daniel Mancari  
Chef George Keenan  
Chef Valerie Smook

Serving Lunch M-F 11-4  
Dinner M-Sat. 4 to 10  
**(302) 652-5142**

**RESERVATIONS**  
**SUGGESTED FOR NEW YEAR'S EVE**



**IL PORTICO**  
1519 walnut street  
philadelphia  
pennsylvania 19102  
215 / 587 / 7000

Lunch M to F 12 to 3  
Dinner M to Th 5 to 11  
F & S 5 to 12  
Sun 3 to 10  
Valet Parking at dinner

**CUCINA TOSCANA**  
**RISTORANTE ITALIANO**  
FOR NEW YEAR'S EVE RESERVATIONS,  
CALL NOW.

## New Castle Farmers Market

Come out for a day of family fun and shopping bargains  
**DON'T MISS DELAWARE'S BIGGEST & BEST FARMERS MARKET & FLEA MARKET**

Voted Best of Delaware  
FRI. & SAT. 10 A.M.-10 P.M.  
SUNDAY 10 A.M.-6 P.M.  
Rt. 13 (across from Wilmington Airport)  
New Castle, DE 328-4101



WING WAH CHINESE FOOD

• Fine Cantonese Cuisine  
• Special Family Dinners  
• Exotic Cocktails Served At Both Locations

• ORDERS FILLED TO TAKE OUT  
RESERVATIONS FOR PARTIES AND MEETINGS  
• LUNCHEONS, RECEPTIONS

**CALL AHEAD FOR TAKE-OUT ORDERS**

WILM.-TALLEYVILLE • 3901 CONCORD PIKE  
**478-9500**  
MON THRU THURS 11:30 AM-10 PM • FRI & SAT 11:30 AM-11 PM  
SUNDAY & HOLIDAYS 12 NOON-10 PM

NEWARK • CHESTNUT HILL PLAZA  
**738-7681**  
TUES THRU THURS 11:30 AM-10 PM • FRI & SAT 11:30 AM-11 PM  
SUNDAY 12 NOON-10 PM • CLOSED MONDAY





# Music and Theatre

## The Perfect Mix



### EDDIE DAVIS ORCHESTRA

SUPERB VOCALS,  
DYNAMIC HORNS,  
HOT RHYTHM SECTION

BALA EXECUTIVE COMMONS  
11 BALA AVENUE  
BALA CYNWYD, PA 19004  
610-664-8553

## ENTIRELY SOPHIE



Sophie Tucker - She's BIGGER & Better Than ever!

March 7 - 16, 1997

Recreated on stage in this new revue-sical, you will hear the choice selection of the spicy night club songs that made Sophie Tucker famous. Hear her belting *Darktown Strutter's Ball*, the hilarious *The Older They Get, The Younger They Want 'em*, and her famous signature song, *Some Of These Days*, and the original version of *My Yiddishe Mama*.



PRE-THEATRE BUFFET  
AVAILABLE IN  
FOR DINNER  
RESERVATIONS  
CALL (302) 594-3100



prices range from \$39 - \$47

Call (302) 656-4401 or Toll Free (800) 338-0881

## CHRISTOPHER PLUMMER IN BARRYMORE

### BARRYMORE

January 3-12, 1997

An intimate portrait of the legendary actor, John Barrymore, starring Christopher Plummer.  
\$29 to \$43

CALL (302) 656-4401  
TOLL FREE (800) 338-0881



AT THE HOTEL DU PONT  
DU PONT BUILDING  
WILMINGTON, DE 19801



## BRUCE FAGAN ENSEMBLE

Music for  
X-ers to Boomers

Band/Deejay  
Packages

1-800-FAGAN-11

Ask About "Stressbusters!"



## A Most Uncommonly Entertaining Dance Band

Classical to Contemporary,  
Big Band to Broadway,  
Motown to Top 40 and more . . .  
*The Right Touch for All Occasions.*



610-296-2626

Elegant! Energetic! Exciting!

## Sid Miller ORCHESTRA



The best in traditional and contemporary music played with excellence, authenticity and enthusiasm.

CALL (215) 389-7750

11 BALA AVE., BALA CYNWYD, PA 19004

## All The Best Bands Drive In From Philly!



- Weddings
- Parties
- Corporate
- Banquets
- Bar & Bat Mitzvahs

We Specialize in BAND/D.J. PARTIES

Call: 1-800-776-6220

Delaware's  
Favorite  
Party Band!



Marc Shaw  
& Orchestra



Authorized Ticket Agency  
For The Delaware Valley

## B & B tickettown

Tickets available to special events at...  
THE SPECTRUM, CORE STATES CENTER, FLYERS,  
SIXERS, AND CONCERTS

322 NINTH ST. PLAZA • WILMINGTON, DE 19801  
TELEPHONE: (302) 656-9797 OR (610) 459-3283  
TERRY SKLAR

# Business & Professional Directory

## INTERNET

- INSTRUCTION
- HOME PAGES

Marc Pevar

**610-444-1157**



**Barbara K. Levy**  
Realtor

Licensed Broker in DE, PA, MD

"A satisfied client is my #1 priority"

Phone: (302) 529-2626

(302) 475-6786

EMAIL:

BLEVY78108@AOL.COM



## PHILIP BERGER

Weichert "Presidents" & "Ambassadors" Club

**Weichert,®**  
Realtors

OFF.: 302-478-3800 • RES.: 302-764-8384  
Professional, competent, "enthusiastic"  
real estate service since 1969



ASK FOR A LIST OF REFERENCES.



The Jyo Patel International Network

By appointment only VIP Services (302) 478-8400 Fax (302) 478-8424  
F-Mail 73163.2644@compuserve.com

**WELCOME ABOARD TRAVEL INC.**

**Incenco International USA**

■ Business Consultants ■ Mentor ■ Incentive House  
1806 Jaybee Road, Wilmington, Delaware USA 19803

## WHY REPLACE KITCHEN CABINETS?? REFINISH OR REFACE INSTEAD!!

"Serving All Of New Castle County" **AMERICAN** "Over 20 Years Experience"

## CABINET REFINISHING

A DIVISION OF AMERICAN FURNITURE REFINISHING

NEWARK, PIKE CREEK,  
HOCKESSIN & VICINITY

WILMINGTON, CLAYMONT,  
TALLEYVILLE & VICINITY

**738-5005 | 888-1919**

## NEED AN ELECTRICIAN

Call us, we would be pleased to answer all of your questions. Electrical services in your Home, Office, Store and Factory.

You will sleep better at night when you know it's wired right.

**DELCOLLO ELECTRIC INC.**

Dependable Service Since 1975 • Licensed & Insured  
Call 994-3400



**JUDITH B. GILBERT**  
SALES REPRESENTATIVE

TRANSAMERICA  
OCCIDENTAL LIFE

FIXED and  
VARIABLE  
ANNUITIES  
SECOND-TO-DIE  
INSURANCE  
LONG TERM CARE

Bellevue Park Corp. Center  
300 Bellevue Parkway  
Suite 190  
Wilmington, DE 19809-3704

(302) 798-3771  
(800) 633-8584 toll free



**DANIEL W. FINK, D.D.S.**  
FAMILY DENTISTRY

TALLEYVILLE TOWNE SHOPPES  
3650 SILVERSIDE ROAD  
WILMINGTON, DE 19810

TELEPHONE  
(302) 479-7111

(302) 998-2060

KELMAN CHIROPRACTIC  
CENTER, P.A.



MICHAEL P. KELMAN, D.C.  
3722 Old Capitol Trail  
Wilmington, Delaware 19808

Family Practice of Chiropractic

For that business problem that  
keeps you awake sometimes ...

McBride Shopa  
& company

- BUSINESS CONSULTING
- STRATEGIC PLANNING
- OPERATIONAL REVIEWS
- ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURING
- BUSINESS PROCESS IMPROVEMENTS
- ENTREPRENEURIAL CONSULTING
- INTERNATIONAL NETWORK

Call our management consultants at

Tel: (302) 656-6500

Fax: (302) 656-8024

## BAYSHORE

THE 9 'PEOPLE MOVER'

FORD  
EXPEDITION



NEW FOR '97

WE SPECIALIZE IN COMMERCIAL FORD AND MITSUBISHI TRUCKS!

Call Sandye or Jerry  
Turnauer for  
personal service.

SALES HOURS:  
Mon.-Fri. 7:30am-9pm; Sat. 7:30am-5pm  
SERVICE HOURS:  
Mon.-Fri. 7am-MIDNIGHT; Sat. 7:30am-4pm

Route 13 & I-495, New Castle, DE  
(302) 656-3160

<http://www.ford.com/dealers/bayshore>

## The JEWISH VOICE

NOW  
ACCEPTS



and



FOR ADVERTISING  
ONLY

## Computer Instruction

Providing personal instruction in your home or office, on your own computer, at your convenience.

- Learn Programs
- Use the Internet
- Beginners
- Kids' Lessons
- Windows 95
- Systems
- Upgrades
- PC or Mac

Sign up now for  
winter lessons!



Learning to feel at home  
with your computer.

Computer Friendly™

Instruction Training Consulting  
Tony Greif (302) 428-6077



PANIM EL PANIM  
(Face to Face with JFD People)



# Modern Marrano to Speak at Federation Shabbat on January 24

By DAN WEINTRAUB  
Special to The Jewish Voice

Trudi Alexy will bring to Delaware her remarkable story of her return to Judaism after a hasty baptism during the years of the Holocaust when it was difficult to live as a Jew in Europe. On January 24 and 25, 1997 at Congregation Beth Shalom in Wilmington, Trudi Alexy will be the featured guest at the Federation Shabbat, a Shabbat experience in association with the 1997 UJA/Federation Campaign. Alexy is an author, a survivor and is an expert on secret Jews.

In the years of the Holocaust, Trudi Alexy had her spiritual identity yanked away. Her assimilated Czech parents fled to France and eventu-

ally Spain as baptized Catholics, like the medieval Marranos, before finally emigrating to the U.S. As a child, hiding in Spain as a secret Jew, Alexy never imagined that her experience would link her with so many thousands of persecuted Jews who shared a similar experience.

Fifty years later, Alexy embarked on a four year quest to discover why Fascist Franco Spain rescued thousands of un-baptized Jews during World War II. Alexy interviewed people on three continents including Nazi-fleeing refugees, operatives of the life-sustaining American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, and the freedom fighter who escorted writer/critic Walter Benjamin into Spain. She also interviewed the de-

vout Catholic Spaniard of Jewish ancestry who took Spanish children to Israel in order to dispel ancient prejudices, the Orthodox Jewish family that ran a successful rescue operation in Tangier with the help of the Spanish Red Cross and finally King Juan Carlos and Queen Sofia, among many others. Alexy discovered many present-day Crypto Jews still alive under a Christian cover, afraid to be found out, like their medieval ancestors, including some in the southwestern United States.

Alexy emotionally connected with the Marranos and reclaimed her lost Jewish identity. Her adventure is described in her book, *The Mezuzah in The Madonna's Foot*. She will certainly speak of her adventure on

January 24, 1997 at the Federation Shabbat at Congregation Beth Shalom in Wilmington. Completing Federation Shabbat will be a seudah shlishit (third meal of Shabbat) and Havdallah service. That will also be

held at Beth Shalom at 4:00 p.m. on Jan. 25. The community will have another opportunity to ask questions of Ms. Alexy and to engage in dialogue at that time. This Shabbat experience is connected to the 1997 UJA/Federation Campaign which is administered locally by the Jewish Federation of Delaware. No reservations are required and all are welcome for this special experience. At home, in Israel, and in 58 countries around the world, *no gift touches more lives.*

## JFS: Computerized

Six years ago, the vision of JFS expressed by the Board of Directors included the possibility of computerizing its office. Among the staff, there was great excitement, but also a bit of trepidation. No one on the staff was computer literate. The task of becoming literate was significant, as 30% of a clinical social worker's time is encompassed in paperwork.

Three years ago, Dr. Ben Hollander, a local radiologist and a member of the Board, donated three 486 computers. Two social workers and the office manager began learning the full extent of utilization.

This year, the Board completed its newest strategic plan: taking the agency into the next millennium. Their vision included not the hopes but the reality of computerization.

That reality has happened. The Rotary Club in North

Wilmington donated two Pentium computers with software. Jeff Drowos, president of the Rotary, stated that the Rotary will always try to accommodate the needs of non-profit agencies when possible. Tillman Stevens of Computable Computers, Inc. and a member of the Rotary, provided and delivered the actual equipment. In addition, United Way donated a computer to JFS to be used in the office at the B'nai B'rith House.

Completing JFS's transition into computerization, Bruce Friedman, Director of Information Technology of Info Systems Inc., provided over 60 hours of individual training for the entire staff. His organization also provided additional computers, software and technical advice.

Welcome to the new millennium.

## JCC Camp Registration Underway

By now, everyone should have received the 1997 Camp JCC brochure in the mail. "It's amazing, but before you know it, we'll be back in the summer sun creating *A Summer to Remember*," stated Artie Allen, Camp Director.

"We have added specialty camp programs for our younger campers and more specialty camps for older campers. We truly have something for everyone this summer! We are interested in ensuring that every camper has a wonderful summer at

Camp JCC and have strived as staff and committee members to offer the most comprehensive camp program in the area," he added.

Camp JCC always fills up quickly. Please give your child the opportunity to share *A Summer to Remember* at camp. For further information, please call Artie Allen at (302) 478-5660.

http://www.jewsforjudaism.org

### THE JEWISH RESPONSE TO MISSIONARIES

To strengthen Jews against the growing Christian missionary threat. JEWIS FOR JUDAISM, North America's full-time counter-missionary organization, is now offering the following books and tapes at excellent prices that include postage and handling.

- THE REAL MESSIAH - A Jewish Response to... \$7  
Missionaries by Rabbi Aryeh Kaplan (106 Pgs.)
- JEWIS & JEWISH CHRISTIANITY... \$6  
By David Berger & Michael Wyschogrod (71 Pgs.)
- THE JEW & THE CHRISTIAN MISSIONARY... \$17  
In Depth Biblical Refutations by Gerald Sejal (311 Pgs.)
- WHAT EVERY JEW SHOULD KNOW ABOUT... \$8  
MISSIONARIES - Expose by Rabbi Bentzion Kravitz (Tape)
- HOW TO ANSWER A CHRISTIAN MISSIONARY... \$8  
Step By Step Refutations by Rabbi Michael Skobac (Tape)
- JEWIS FOR JUDAISM COUNTER-MISSIONARY... \$54  
SURVIVAL SEMINAR - By Rabbi Michael Skobac (12 Tapes)
- JEWIS FOR JUDAISM'S COUNTER-MISSIONARY HANDBOOK... \$9  
By Rabbi Kravitz... (FREE with any purchase)

CALL TO ARRANGE FOR A DYNAMIC SPEAKER OR A CONSULTATION WITH AN EXPERT COUNSELOR.

Send check to: JEWIS FOR JUDAISM, P.O. Box 963, Skokie, IL 60076-0963 Phone Orders: (416) 789-2851  
Chicago (708) 418-1874 • Toronto (416) 789-2851 • New York (212) 633-2125 • Baltimore (410) 602-0276 • Washington (301) 497-5494 • Los Angeles (310) 854-3381

## Newport Furniture

### Wood Cedar Chest Boxes - Oak

100% U.S.A. Hand Made

Made of wood composites and cedar (with cedar lining). The aged cedar wood has developed a rich basecoat color. Chests have suppressed-metal double hinges, and are 42"X18"X20" in high gloss.

FULLY WARRANTED.

For Orders & Detailed Information

Phone: 302-999-8225

FAX: 302-999-8225

## Newport Furniture

420 E. Ayre St., Newport, DE 19804

REPAIRING • HAND-STRIPPING  
REFINISHING • CUSTOM UPHOLSTERY 36% OFF

Residential or Commercial

Call for FREE ESTIMATE



### CAMP MOSHAVA

It's What Judaism Is All About!

Camp Moshava provides your child with a unique camping experience. Located near Bel Air, Maryland, the Camp's kibbutz-like, Zionist atmosphere offers a host of activities, programs and scouting events.

From arts and crafts to Hebrew singing and dancing, to a full sports program, campers grow physically, emotionally and intellectually.

Camp Moshava is truly an adventure in creative Jewish camping!

Habonum Dror Camp Moshava  
FOR MORE INFORMATION  
301/593-7533 • 800-454-2205

- ACA Accredited Camp
- Israeli/Judaic culture
- Informal Hebrew education program
- Arts and crafts
- Nature study
- Sports - basketball, baseball, etc.
- Swimming - 2 pools
- Boating on lake
- Campfires
- Overnights and outings
- Shabbat observance
- Kosher kitchen
- College-age trained counselors

### It's Who You Know.

## NETWORK PERSONNEL

BARRY SCHLECKER, PRESIDENT

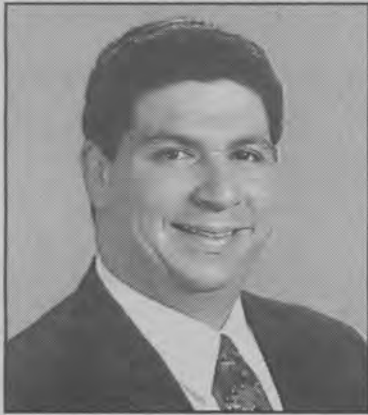
The Fastest Growing Personnel Service in Delaware!

Wilmington: 656-5555 Newark: 832-2222

SYNAGOGUE LIFE

The Rabbi Writes:

The Season of Peace and Goodwill -- Yeah Right!



By Rabbi LAWRENCE MALINGER

Throughout this entire holiday season, we hear the messages of peace and goodwill among all members of humanity. It is a very lovely and sentimental thought that is often quickly forgotten after the holiday season has come to a close. For many generations, we Jews have been proud of the fact that we have brought de-

centy and kindness into the world. When others were callous to the poor, we Jews extended compassion. When others lusted for blood, we pursued peace. When others became intoxicated and beat their spouses, we remained sober and treated our spouses with care and respect. All other peoples could look to the Jew as a role model of ethics and morals. We were to be God's *or lagoyim* — a light unto the nations. Unfortunately this year, it seems that this message has been lost, especially in the Jewish community.

According to our tradition, there are six hundred and thirteen mitzvot found in the Torah. Granted, in today's world, no one observes all 613 commandments. Hundreds of the laws deal with purity and impurity, and animal sacrifices. The Haffetz Hayyim, an Eastern European rabbinic sage, computed that fewer than three hundred mitzvot are still practiced today. However, one of the mitzvot that we are to uphold

is taught in Leviticus 19:16, "do not go about as a talebearer among your people." This basic principle forbids saying anything negative about another person, even if it is true, unless the person to whom one is speaking or writing has a legitimate need for this information.

In the Talmud, the rabbis elaborated further on this biblical verse, arguing that destroying another's name is akin to murder (Arakin 15b), and like murder, the deed is irrevocable. So, what are members of the Jewish community doing today? They are bad-mouthing one another. Orthodoxy is complaining about liberal Judaism and Jews in the Reform, conservative and Reconstructionist movements are concerned about religious political control in Israel and throughout the Jewish community. Each movement perceives their ideology as the only authentic expression of Judaism, or as one of several legitimate models of Jewish living. Throughout our history, many have cried out that in the name of "K'lal

Yisrael — Jewish unity," we must become unified with one another. This concept has only existed in theory, never in reality in our history.

Today, we have reached a new state of crisis. Since there is growing virulent denominational conflict among all streams of Judaism, many people are going to suffer and feel that Judaism has turned its back on them. There has been talk among members of our community that feel since the religious leadership in Israel does not support all streams of Judaism, then we must no longer support Israel. Furthermore, any appeal for Israel should be ignored. This is wrong!

The Jewish Federation of Delaware, in its annual campaign, solicits funds to support all of the agencies and people here in Delaware. In conjunction with their campaign, a joint United Jewish Appeal is also held. Based on the current years allocations, of every dollar donated, 33.72 cents goes to Israel, primarily to assist with resettlement. Money is also allocated to Reform, Conservative, and American Orthodox movements within Israel. None of the funds collected go to the very movements who decry other Jewish groups. So, if you are thinking of not contributing to the campaign, you

will send only a small cry to Israel. However, you will hear a loud wail here at home. Your funds help support many social agencies in our community, Jewish education for our children and adults, community events for both the Jewish and non-Jewish community, child-care for needy families, and much more.

All the members of the Rabbinical Association of Delaware, try to compromise and understand one another. While we may not always agree on all aspects of Jewish law, we do listen and respect one another. The Delaware Jewish community can be the *or lagoyim* — the light unto the nations. We can lead by example. In the upcoming 1997 Jewish Federation of Delaware campaign, support the Jewish community and Jews all over and show the world that Jews can lead the way side by side. Only then, can we fulfill the mitzvah of no *lashon here* — no malicious speech about one another. Then perhaps, we can carry the season of peace and goodwill with us throughout the entire year.

(Rabbi Malinger is the chair of the Rabbinical Association of Delaware and the Asst. Rabbi/Dir. of Education at Reform Congregation Beth Emeth).

SHE SURVIVED THE HOLOCAUST. NOW SHE JUST NEEDS TO SURVIVE THE WAIT FOR HOME CARE.



She survived the Holocaust. Now, it's just a matter of surviving the wait for home care. A fixed income and a broken hip emptied her bank account. Medicare takes care of doctors, but little else. She can't face the next six months in a nursing home. She won't. Yet making even the simplest meal is becoming a huge chore. Your community provides daily home health care. Fifty hours of in-home services to an elderly Jewish woman is \$150.



Jewish Federation of Delaware  
P.O. Box 2193  
Wilmington, DE 19899-2193  
302-427-2100



UJA FEDERATION CAMPAIGN

For ourselves. For our children. For Israel. Forever.

joel h. shoulson

the only second generation fully approved full-time, professional

מוהל (mohel)

serving your community since 1951

1-800-700-JOEL (5635)

610-896-7750

please call for videotape and information



Harry David Zutz Insurance, Inc.

Committed to Creative Insurance and Risk Management Solutions for More Than 50 Years

Complete insurance coverage and underwriting facilities for:  
• Business and Personal Insurance  
• Marine • Surety bonds  
Specialists in unusual risks



Professional Liability Insurance, Inc.  
an affiliate of Harry David Zutz Insurance, Inc.

Comprehensive coverage for professionals of all disciplines

300 Delaware Avenue  
P.O. Box 2287  
Wilmington, DE 19899

Branch Office:  
#1 Seething Lane  
London, EC3N 4NH  
England  
Phone: 071-962-2003

(302) 658-8000

ARTS • ENTERTAINMENT • BOOKS

Words & Music:

Jewish Soul Music

By STEVE COHEN  
Jewish Voice Entertainment Reporter

Two different genres of Jewish music grabbed our attention this week — the songs of Doug Cotler and the traditions of klezmer.

One of the best compact disks of the year is *Live From the Fiddler's House*, a follow up to last year's pairing of Itzhak Perlman with some of the world's best klezmer bands (both on EMI Angel.) Taped just before the performance at Mann Music Center that I reviewed last summer, it is identical to that concert in its enthusiasm and camaraderie.

But klezmer is not the only authentic Jewish soul music. In fact, there'll be none of it played at a Hassidic wedding because klezmer lyrics make no mention of G-d's name; the songs are secular and many religious Jews are not happy with the recent emphasis on klezmer.

These critics prefer religiously inspired songs, such as those composed and sung by Debbie Friedman and Doug Cotler. The last issue of the *Jewish Voice* announced an upcoming concert here by Cotler and said "if you liked Debbie Friedman..." Two new recordings by him show us the similarities and differences between them.

Compared to Friedman, Cotler's style is more "pop," and closer to a mainstream commercial sound. His arrangements and production — he won a Grammy Award for *Flashdance* — are thoroughly professional and easy to hum. He tends to use mainly the English language and less Hebrew than Friedman. Cotler's own attractive vocal sound is similar to Barry Manilow's.

*Whispers in the Wind* is a solid collection of Cotler-composed songs. The title song and "Turn It" are two of his best, demonstrating his commitment to Jewish tradition. "Night Sounds" is an evening *kavanah* meditation, a nice mood-setting piece. Cotler's *It's Amazing* is a good family tape with songs aimed at children. "Cowboy Purim" is the cutest of these.

While klezmer is European and Friedman blends liturgical, Israeli and folk sources, Cotler's melodies are mainly based on traditional synagogue chant assimilated into American adult contemporary pop style.

Jewish viewers may have avoided the recent Hallmark television musical, *Mrs. Santa Claus*. Understandably so, based on its title. But if you are one of those who did, you missed a major work with Jewish content by an important Jewish songwriter, Jerry Herman, with a script by Mark Saltzman and Robert Friedman. Herman, the creator of *Milk and Honey* (about Israel), *Hello Dolly* and *Mame*, has returned to his Jewish roots during what may be the last stage of his life.

This is the first musical in many years by this major figure in the history of American music. It contains sympathetic Jewish characters and a great production number about the Lower East Side called "Welcome to the World of Avenue A" (Herman rhymes it with "oy vay.") in the great strutting tradition of the title songs of *Hello Dolly* and *Mame*.

Near the end, Herman rises to a declaration that sounds as eloquent as Rodgers & Hammerstein in *Carousel*: "When you're no longer kids/

and you have kids of your own/you'll remember that somebody said to you when you were small..."

In his just-published autobiography, *Showtune*, Herman reveals that he has AIDS and has been unemployed for a decade because of his illness. With this book and this musical, Herman is at the top of his form. Let's hope it's not the end of his career. He's part of the great tradition of American songwriters who happen to be Jewish — the Gershwins, Rodgers, Berlin, Kern, Weill, etc. And — unlike most of them — Herman has written about Jewish people. His contribution to our culture should not be overlooked.

One of the other icons of that legacy, Ira Gershwin, is being honored by the American Musical Theatre Festival on the centennial of his birth December 28-31. Wilmingtonian Ben Levit, artistic chief of AMTF, directs this musical celebration entitled *Fascinating Rhythms* at the Bellevue Hotel in Philadelphia. You'll be pleasantly surprised to hear how many great songs Ira Gershwin wrote after the death of his brother George.

The Delaware Theatre Company's current offering of *Twelfth Night* is the first Shakespeare play ever to be produced by the Wilmington group. Artistic Director Cleveland Morris did the staging of this romantic comedy. I don't know why Morris waited so long; he has a great flair for innovative business that seems to be consanguine with Shakespeare's intentions. With thunder, lightning, music and water fountains, the Delaware *Twelfth Night* is great entertainment.

And speaking of water shows, there's lots of fun to be had at Longwood Gardens, which is displaying colorful flowering plants even in the middle of winter, along with its famed fountains. The tricks to providing such color in winter: radically prune the plants during the summer and starve them of water and food, then give them the proper temperature, humidity and nutrition now.

Longwood Gardens' annual Hanukkah celebration this month featured the AKids Dance Group and the Harokdim Dance Group from Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth of Wilmington. During 1997, Mary Woodmansee Green — an active member of our Jewish community — will conduct concerts by the Kennett Square Symphony at Longwood Gardens.

Start Something Brewing At The Office



Take-A-Break and The Coffee Beanery now bring the finest coffees from around the world right into your office.

Great for client meetings, special occasions or a special treat for your employees. A treat they will appreciate and you can afford.

For Coffee Beanery coffee in your office, call

**TAKE-A-BREAK**  
Food & Refreshment Services  
(302) 658-8571

EXPLORE RETIREMENT OPTIONS

Affordable Rental Retirement Apartments



Join us for a tour of our one and two bedroom apartments complete with full kitchens, washers & dryers, 24 hour security and no entry fee. Call our Marketing Office today to schedule your tour.

(302) 798-3500



**Captain's Deck**

A RENTAL RETIREMENT COMMUNITY

7807 Governor Printz Blvd. \* Claymont, DE 19703

THE ROBINO RETIREMENT COMMUNITIES  
CAPTAIN'S DECK Southpark Terrace

**Time is running out!**

Reap year-end tax savings by "giving away" highly appreciated shares.

When you gift your appreciated stock or mutual fund shares to the Jewish Federation of Delaware before year's end, you pay absolutely no capital gains tax AND receive other tax and financial advantages.

USE YOUR SHARES TO...

- Pay your J.E.D. pledge.
- Open a Philanthropic Fund.  
*You receive a 1996 tax deduction for your shares and retain the right to recommend charitable gifts from your fund in future years.*
- Create a Charitable Remainder Trust.  
*You receive a lifetime income stream while you obtain a sizeable 1996 tax deduction.*



For information on how you can get the most value for your appreciated shares, please call

**MARC L. SHANDLER,**  
DIRECTOR OF ENDOWMENT  
(302) 427-2100, EXT. 19

## ARTS • ENTERTAINMENT • BOOKS

## Doug Cotler Talks About the Peach Tree



(The following is a first person account by Grammy award winner, Jewish folksinger Doug Cotler on the story behind his well known song "Standing On The Shoulders.")

As a child I listened to my father. Literally. He was a cantor. And everything I learned about singing in the synagogue, I learned from him.

But he died suddenly and unexpectedly 22 years ago; he was only 58. It was a shock that left me with an enormous emptiness of unresolved questions, anxiety, and pain.

At the funeral, my two brothers and I planted a tree near the grave, just outside the cemetery, where it would get watered, but not mowed. It was a peach tree, my dad's favorite. That year, however, the gardeners planted hedges, and strange to say, the small tree was obscured ... and we forgot about it.

Years went by. We married, moved away, and came back to the cemetery only occasionally.

Then several years ago, my brothers and I came back on Dad's Yahrzeit to spend the afternoon sitting on the grass. It was a beautiful summer day, and we were talking about beginnings and passages, reminiscing, connecting loose ends ... facing the dark and trying to lighten it. But we were distracted by the explorations of a boy,

maybe 10 or 11 years old, who had come with his family to a different section of the cemetery. He passed by us, squeezed through the now sizable hedge, and discovered the peach tree.

To our surprise and amazement, not only had it survived the years, it had flourished, bloomed and fruited. It had become a Tree of Life.

He jumped up, grabbed a ripe fruit. And as he enjoyed the peach, we watched in silence. Then I laughed aloud. We had passed something wonderful on to that boy ... something that had come from any father. The boy did not know me, and he was not even born



when my father died and that tree had been planted. Nonetheless he

was standing on my shoulders ... as I had on my father's ... as we all have done.

I picked up my guitar and began to play for my long-dead father. Some songs take years to write, others take minutes. This one took both.

Doug Cotler will perform in Delaware on Saturday, February 8, 1997 at Congregation Beth Emeth at 7:30 p.m. for the UJA/Federation Campaign Community Event Family Concert. Cotler is a cantor and recording artist. Tickets are \$10 for adults in advance (\$12 at the door) and children's tickets cost \$5. For tickets or information call the Jewish Federation of Delaware at (302) 427-2100.

## Schoenberg Memorial Chapels



In the hallowed tradition of our faith...

a dignified setting with reverence for customs and observances in strict accord with family wishes.

519 Philadelphia Pike  
762-0334

CREATE A LASTING MEMORY  
Plant Trees in Israel

A Circle of Trees	\$100
A Ring of 5 Trees	\$50
Individual Tree	\$10

A Living Link to the  
Land of Israel

CALL (302) 655-5995  
MARYLAND/DELAWARE REGION  
4 Reservoir Circle, Baltimore, MD 21208



ALAN GOLD

BOB GOLD

B. Reibstein Memorials  
Art Monument Company

1603 Jessup St.  
Wilm, DE 19802  
(302) 575-1450

Since  
1895

1869 Cottman Ave  
Philadelphia, PA 19111  
(215) 725-2200

Delaware's Only Jewish Owned and Operated Monument Dealer  
Manufacturing and Showroom in Delaware

## OBITUARIES

## MARY G. COHEN

Mary G. Cohen, 91, died Friday, Nov. 29, 1996, at her home in Pompano Beach, Fla. She was born in Valkevsk, Grodno Gubernia (Russia) and emigrated to Kingston, Ont. Canada at age 7. She moved to Rochester, New York in 1920 where she worked for Eastman Kodak Co.

In 1926 she married Irving Cohen, now deceased. They operated movie theaters in Corning, Hornell, Dunkirk and Buffalo, New York.

From 1926 to 1930 they lived in Corning, New York; they lived in Hornell, New York until 1940 when they moved to Buffalo for one year. From 1941-1951 they lived in Rochester, New York, returning to Buffalo where they resided in Amherst.

Mrs. Cohen moved to Florida in 1975 but maintained a summer home in Buffalo until 1995.



An Israeli school child, planting saplings in the Jerusalem Forest on Tu b'Shevat.

She was a life member of Hadassah, National Council of Jewish Women, Brandeis University Women's Committee and Women of Reform Judaism. She also belonged to the Albright-Knox Art Gallery, Palm Aire Friends of the Fort Lauderdale Art Museum, and served as President of the Buffalo tent of the Variety Club Women's Division.

Surviving are a daughter, Jacqueline Paul of Wilmington, Del.; a son, Macy J. Cohen of Tamarac, Fla.; three sisters, Betty Gossin, Anne Powers and Julie Freedland, all of Rochester; 11 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

## STELLA KVOKA

Stella Kvoka, 83, of Plymouth, Pa., died Friday, December 13 of heart failure in Wilkes-Barre Mercy Hospital. Mrs. Kvoka was a homemaker.

Survivors include husband, John; sons, Jack of Wilkes-Barre and Robert of Wilmington; daughter, Audrey Katz of Talleyville, Del.; sister, Adele Vestyck of Hudson; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Contributions may be made to Hadassah, in care of Ruth Goodman, 2806 Bodine Drive, Chalfonte, Wilmington 19810.

## SAMUEL SHORE

Samuel Shore, 90, of B'nai B'rith House, 8306 Society Drive, Claymont, died Thursday in the Kutz Home, Bellefonte.

Mr. Shore owned Sam's Men's store at Third and Market streets, Wilmington, for many years. He was a member of Montefiore Mutual Benefit Society. His wife, Fay, died in 1987.

Survivors include: daughter,

Marlene Cobin of Claymont; brother, Theodore of Miami; a grandson.

Contributions may be made to The Kutz Home Auxiliary, 704 River Road, Bellefonte 19809.

## SARAH WEINSTEIN

Sarah Weinstein, 86, of 1912 Marsh Road, Wilmington, died Friday, December 13 at Christiana Hospital.

Mrs. Weinstein was a homemaker. She was a member of Congregation Beth Shalom and its sisterhood. She was a former member of Hadassah and Deborah Heart and Lung Foundation.

Survivors include husband of 64 years, Albert; son, Sheldon A. of Wilmington; brothers, Willard Brown of Oreland, Pa., and Leonard Brown of Plymouth Meeting, Pa.; three grandchildren.

Contributions may be made to the Kutz Home, Jewish Federation of Delaware, or Chabad House, all in Wilmington.

NACHES  
Sneiderman  
Birth

Rabbi Eliezer and Roni Sarah Sneiderman proudly announce the birth of their son, Chaim Tzvi Hirsh, on Wednesday, December 18. The grandparents, Albert and Allegra Elkaim from Montreal, Marshall and Lynne Sneiderman from Bethesda, MD, and Ann Ivory from San Francisco, joined Rachi, Chava, and Sruli in welcoming their brother.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**"Times and Seasons" Two Speakers Slotted for for Intermarrieds AKSE Brunch January 12**

Rabbi Laurence P. Malinge will again offer the course "The Times and the Seasons: A Jewish Perspective for Interfaith Couples," at Congregation Beth Emeth, beginning on Jan. 9. This series of seven weekly sessions, prepared by the UAHC, is part of the synagogue's Outreach Program. It covers a wide range of topics of interest to intermarrieds or couples seriously contemplating intermarriage. It offers a comfortable, non-judgmental environment for the participants to explore personal concerns and expectations.

Course objectives are to promote open communication between partners, to create a forum in which couples can learn from the experiences of others in the group, to clarify major teachings of Judaism so that both partners can understand their connection to this faith, and to assure the couples of their acceptance by the Reform Jewish community.

These discussions have successfully provided participants the opportunity to explore the impact of religious tradition on their lives.

Topics of the sessions include establishment of a Jewish identity in the home, the Holocaust and Israel, ritual and life-cycle events, extended-family issues, and holiday celebrations.

The structure of the program, limited to eight couples, is a series of two-hour workshops on seven consecutive Thursdays, followed by a Shabbat dinner eight days later. The sessions take two hours each and will be held from 7 to 9 p.m., starting Thursday, Jan. 9. Interested couples may call Bob or Beverly Friedberg, at (302) 764-4277, or Congregation Beth Emeth at (302) 764-2393, about registering.

There is a nominal fee of \$50/couple for this course.

Mark your calendars for Sunday, January 12, 1996 at 11:00 a.m. and plan to come to a delicious dairy brunch co-sponsored by the AKSE Sisterhood and the AKSE Education Committee. Following brunch we will present two speakers, Dr. Vivian Z. Klaff and Marilyn Cooper.

Dr. Klaff's topic is "Have the Wandering Jews now become the Wandering Jews? A story of Jewish Continuity in America." The talk will briefly cover the immigration history of Jews into the United States and will focus on the importance of internal migration as a variable in the conflict between assimilation and continuity in the American Jewish community. The material used is from Dr. Klaff's forthcoming book, *Jews and non-Jews: a Socio-Demographic Profile*, based on the 1990 National Jewish Population Survey and data from the U.S. Bureau of the Census. Dr. Klaff is a professor in the Department of Sociology and

Criminal Justice at the University of Delaware.

Marilyn Cooper will be presenting a slide presentation on "The Historical Preservation of Our Jewish Roots in America: How Neighborhood Demolition Led to Jewish Revitalization for a Community." Marilyn will show slides of art works projects that she initiated and coordinated: a fiber mural constructed by a recent immigration group and its sequel, an artist's five panel mural commemorating the history of a long vanished ethnic neighborhood. She will talk about how these art works were the inspiration for the documentation of and the renewed interest in the American Jewish past in that community.

Marilyn, a teacher of the Aleph Class at Adas Kodesch, has been involved with community development and proposal writing for over fifteen years. While residing in the state of Wisconsin, she served as a consultant

as well as a proposal writer for the State of Wisconsin Technical College System, the Southeast Asian Community, the Bayview Foundation and Community Center as well as the City of Madison and the Dane County arts Committees. She has also taught children, adolescents and adults in a variety of settings and subject areas. Her particular areas of interest include economic development, community development and arts and arts education as they involve ethnic and linguistic minorities.

The AKSE Speaker Brunch is open to the public. Advance reservations are greatly appreciated. For advance reservations please send a check for \$5.50 made payable to ASKE Sisterhood. Checks can be left at the office or sent to Sharon Berry, 2615 Pennington Drive, Wilmington, DE 19810. The deadline for advance reservations is January 3. Payment at the door will be \$6.00. For more information call 475-0650.

JANUARY

Tuesday \_\_\_\_\_ 21

The Sisterhood of Congregation Beth Emeth invites the community to view the film, "Half the Kingdom" in the Temple Lounge at 12:30 p.m. Yvette Rudnitzky will lead a discussion of women's role in Judaism. Coffee and cookies will be served. For reservations call Betty Chambers, 764-0168.

Ongoing

Every other Wednesday - "Empowering Workshops for the Elderly" at the B'nai B'rith House with Barbara Cohen, MSW. Call JFS, 478-9411 for more information.

An exposition of Oral Torah, Mondays, 7 p.m. Rambam; Brochos a beginners intro to talmud study, Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m. Mishnah; Explore the fabric of creation, Thursday, 7:00 p.m. Mysticism. In addition to classes we will be offering "Torah to go." Call

Advertise in The Jewish Voice

to arrange a class at your convenience either on an ongoing basis or a one shot deal, at Chabad in Newark, 455-1800. Young Jewish Adults of Delaware (YJAD's) co-ed, non-competitive volleyball league continues every Wednesday night from 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

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

IMMEDIATE F/T EMPLOYMENT SOUGHT

... by Delaware Jewish adult (home 25 minutes from c/c Philadelphia). Current/previous retail sales work; also, 20+ years interviewing, coordinating groups/individuals, writing for diverse public and news media using WP, MSWord and Excel. Have own health benefits; modest salary (not commission) acceptable for reliable schedule, hours performing any reasonable inside work.

Attn.: JES  
P.O. Box 456,  
Claymont, DE 19703  
(302)798-4830

ISRAEL BONDS

For sale, reinvestment and redemption information call:

1-800-752-5671

ADVERTISE IN The JEWISH VOICE CLASSIFIED SECTION

(FAX NO. 427-2438)  
ALL CLASSIFIED ADS WILL HAVE AN APPROPRIATE HEADING AND BE BOXED AS SHOWN:

Actual Size  
1 col x 1 inch  
(\$8.75)

Actual Size  
1 col x 1-1/2 inch  
(\$13.25)

Actual Size  
1 col x 2 inches  
(\$17.50)

To Place A Classified Ad,  
Phone 427-2100  
Ask For Irv

K

THE KUTZ HOME

Caring for our elders with the reverence they deserve

- Medicare and Medicaid certified
- 24-hour skilled nursing care
- Physical rehabilitation services
- Beauty parlor
- Kosher meals and snacks
- Sabbath and holiday services

Please call Sheila Mensch at (302) 764-7000

The Milton & Hattie Kutz Home, Inc.  
704 River Road • Wilmington, DE 19809

ANSWER THE CALL...

EVERY GIFT COUNTS!

SUPER SUNDAY '97

February 9, 1997

http://www.mentormail.com/supersunday97/

# “Finally, A Managed Care Medicare Plan That Gives Me The Freedom To Use Out-Of-Network Doctors And Hospitals, Without A Referral!”

## Introducing the U.S. Healthcare Golden Choice™ Medicare Plan option.

Our new Golden Choice Medicare Plan option gives members more flexibility to visit doctors or hospitals outside the network, without a referral. With this option, members share the cost of the out-of-network care through a deductible and coinsurance.\*

With the Golden Choice Medicare Plan option, you may opt to remain in the network. When you do, your benefits are the same as the standard U.S. Healthcare Golden Medicare Plan™ with no deductibles or coinsurance and virtually no paperwork.

You'll be impressed by the size of our network as well as the quality. In all U.S. Healthcare® markets combined, we have over 54,000 family doctors and specialists and 440 hospitals. What it all adds up to is choice. In- or out-of-network, the choice is yours.

U.S. Healthcare is holding free informational meetings in your neighborhood. Call 1-800-856-2700 for a list of meetings and more information.

**Call for a personal appointment or to reserve space at an upcoming meeting:**

**1-800-856-2700**



Don't miss out! Make plans to attend one of the following U.S. Healthcare Golden Medicare Plan meetings to be held this month.

**Newark**  
**Christiana Hilton**  
 100 Continental Drive  
 Tuesday, January 7, 11:00 a.m.  
 Tuesday, January 7, 3:00 p.m.  
 Tuesday, January 7, 6:30 p.m.

**Wilmington**  
**Hercules Country Club**  
 Route 48 & Hercules Road  
 Tuesday, January 7, 10:00 a.m.

**Wilmington**  
**Perkins Restaurant—Wilmington**  
 1900 Maryland Avenue  
*Refreshments served*  
 Thursday, January 9, 9:30 a.m.

Open to Medicare-eligible individuals living in the state of Delaware. U.S. Healthcare Medicare has continuous open enrollment.

\*You may also need to file claim forms. You must continue to pay your Medicare Part B premium. Current U.S. Healthcare members: see your member handbook for specific exclusions, limitations and copayments. Member precertification is required for out-of-network hospitalization and certain other services. A federally qualified HMO with a Medicare contract. © 1996 U.S. Healthcare® Inc.