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Soviet Jewry Solidarity Day Held

Last week the Task Force on Soviet Jewry of the Jewish Community Relations Committee of the Jewish Federation of Delaware held a "Day of Solidarity in Support of Soviet Jews." The ecumenical service held Tuesday, Nov. 19 across from Congregation Beth Shalom on 18th Street drew a crowd of over 100 observers and participants. The program chaired by Soviet Jewry Task Force Chairperson Stanley Balick included musical presentations by Robert Weiner and an ecumenical prayer read by Rabbi Peter Grumbacher of Congregation Beth Emeth and Sister Jeanne Cashman director of the Office of Justice and Peace of the Catholic Diocese of Wilmington. Albert Einstein Academy students participated in the program as well as Wendy Weiss who discussed her experience with her Soviet twin. Governor Michael N. Castle read a proclamation and Father Fletcher Lowe of Immanuel Episcopal Church gave the closing benediction. Photographs of the event will be published in the next *Jewish Voice*.

Women's Plea For Soviet Jewry

Women's Plea this year will open with a program at the Jewish Community Center on Dec. 9, at 7:30 p.m. Honorary chairman of the event to show solidarity with Soviet Jews is Senator William Roth, Jr. Senator Roth will speak for a short period on the plight of the Jews in the Soviet Union. Following the senator, the primary address will be given by Jay A. Chesseman, an educator in the Red Clay School District. He is a human rights activist who conducts tours to the Soviet Union for parents and teenagers. He will speak on "What It Means To Be a Jew In The Soviet Union." A question and answer period will follow the address. Information will be available about the refuseniks and means by which we may contact them; and how to contact political figures here in the United States about the victims of human rights abuses in the Soviet Union. Refreshments will be served.

Please do not give up on our brothers and sisters in captivity. Please come out to affirm that you

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Rabbi Kenneth Cohen (left), Congregation Beth Shalom meets with (left to right) Rev. Cynthia Koski, Msgr. Paul Schierse and Sr. Jeanne Cashman on the steps of First and Central Presbyterian Church where the 6th Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service will be held from 12:15 - 1 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 27. The service is sponsored by the Delaware Region NCCJ (National Conference of Christians & Jews) and the Religious Communities of Greater Wilmington.

CJF General Assembly Addresses Key Issues

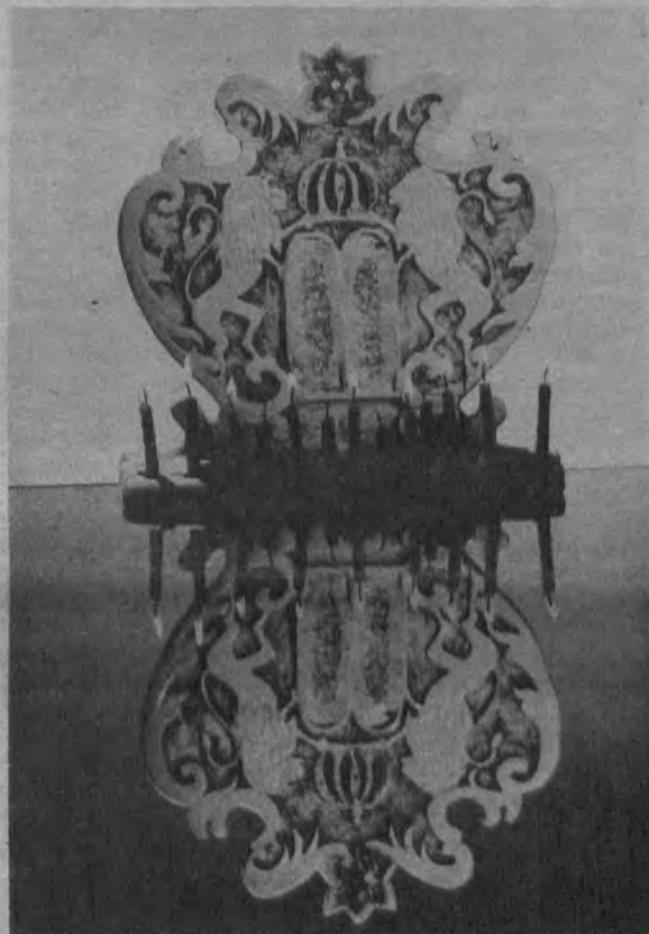
More than a dozen Delawareans attended the Council of Jewish Federations General Assembly earlier this month in Washington, D.C. The attendees were: Martin G. and Shelly Mand, Steven and Rhoda Dombchik (Young Leadership Award Winners), Bernard and Ruth Siegel, Richard A. Levine, Joan Wachstein, Hedvah Campeas Cohen (workshop presenter), Robert and Ruth Kerbel, Evelyn Lobel and Gerald Frim. The General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations - considered by many as the "parliament" of the organized Jewish communities in the United States and Canada - opened its annual conclave Nov. 13 in Washington with a mountainous agenda of over 100 forums and workshops on domestic issues, 25 on Israel-related issues, and about 25 related to other Jewish communities overseas. It was the largest assembly in the CJF's history, with more than 3,000 foremost lay and professional leaders from about 800 large and small communities - from those having a Jewish population of more than 100,000 to those having less than 100.

Highlights from several of the forums follow:

JEWISH POLITICAL COMING OF AGE

North American Jewry has begun to come of age politically. But this development is being accompanied by birth pangs of emerging new percep-

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A Hanukkah menorah by Jerusalem ceramic artist Meira Una. WZPS photo by Shuki Kook.

The Hanukkah Connection And The Womens Plea For Soviet Jewry

Hanukkah, with the first candle lit on Dec. 7, is a time for rejoicing. Rare among Jewish holidays, it carries no aura of solemnity, nor does it impose any special restrictions. During Hanukkah we commemorate the rededication of the Temple and we celebrate our freedom, the freedom to worship as we please which the Maccabees helped to secure for us.

But there are 2,000,000 Jews Living today without freedom - the Jews of the Soviet Union.

Please support the Women's Plea on behalf of Soviet Jewry, and read on to learn about Hanukkah traditions, games and recipes for the family.

Cooking For The Holidays

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What Is Halakkah And Why Is Everyone Talking About It?

Halakkah used to be a rather exotic term reserved for use by those whose lives were deeply immersed in Jewish study and/or observance, but lately it seems to hang on the tips of many tongues. The reason is that the differences among Orthodox, Conservative and Reform Jews now being discussed with considerable heat, and, now and then, even with a little reason, tend to revolve around *halakkah* and how it is to be interpreted and observed. Just what is *halakkah*?

Etymologically, *halakkah* has its root in a Hebrew word meaning "to go" or "to walk." The Torah instructs us repeatedly to walk in God's way. *Halakkah*, then, refers to a way of going through life, and, indeed, the *halakkah* encompasses virtually every possible activity and thought process that an individual can have. The search to understand what specifically was meant by "walking in God's ways" doubtless began when the Torah was given at Sinai, but the first major attempt to codify the oral law, which developed in interpretation of Torah, was probably that of the great Rabbi Akiva in the first and early second centuries of this era. Akiva devoted most of his life to systematizing of the oral law so that it might be available to those who sought to live within the Law of Torah.

Following the work of Akiva, Judah Ha-Nasi (Judah the Prince) gathered scholars around him in the late second and early third centuries for the redaction of the *Mishnah*, really the first comprehensive code of Rabbinic law, the *halakkah*. The *Mishnah*, we know, was in turn commented upon and interpreted in the discussions that make up the *Gemara* (completion). It is this combination of *Mishnah* and *Gemara*, the *Talmud*, that contains the laws of life conduct which constitute *halakkah*.

The problem of working with the *Talmud* as a source of legal reference, as all will attest who have involved themselves in even a minor way in such activities, is that it is a highly convoluted collection of books. The neatly labelled tractates belie the fact that the material on any given subject is scattered throughout the 63 tractates. The *Rambam*, Maimonides, Moses ben Maimon, set himself the task of defining and codifying the law in the most concise manner possible, so that the *halakkah*, "the way," might be available to even the least educated Jew, with everything neatly arranged by subject category. The *Rambam's* great work, the *Mishneh Torah*, often referred to as the *Yad Hazakah*, is the result of this Herculean effort, a monument to his analytical power. In it, he has grouped the *halakkah* under appropriate headings, producing the ruling which emerged from the labyrinthine arguments of the *Talmud*.

Over a century after the *Rambam's* formulation of *halakkah* in the *Mishneh Torah*, a German Jew named Jacob ben Asher sought to bridge the gap between the Spanish and the Franco-German schools of thought with a codification of *halakkah* known as the *Arbaah Turim* (the Four Rows), in which he arranged all the laws under four basic subject headings (compared with the *Rambam's* 14). In contrast to Maimonides, who did not show the sources of his conclusions or how he derived them (thereby making many a future doctoral thesis possible), Jacob ben Asher quotes all his sources and cites the opinions of which his conclusions are based. His work became the standard code of Jewish law, *halakkah*.

Finally, Joseph Karo, in the 16th century, produced his *Shulhan Arukh* (the Set Table) codification, which is still the standard source to which we refer for *halakkah*. It was enhanced by Moses Isserles, a contemporary of Karo's from Poland, reflecting Ashkenazic custom and practice not included in Karo's abbreviated code.

Despite thoughts to the contrary, *halakkah* is not a frozen system allowing for no new interpretation. Thousands of questions and answers, known as *responsa*, have been produced since the *Shulhan Arukh* was written, the work of *halakhic* scholars, which form a kind of *halakhic* "case law."

According to Rabbi Louis Jacobs, a London scholar who is author of the excellent article on *halakkah* in the new *Encyclopedia Judaica*, "*Halakkah* is the distinctive feature of Judaism as a religion of obedience to the word of God. — The major practical differences between Orthodox and Reform Judaism depend on the different attitudes of these groups to the *halakkah*. Orthodoxy considers the *halakkah*, in its traditional form, to be absolutely binding, whereas Reform, while prepared to be guided by the legal decisions of the past in some areas, rejects the absolute binding force of the traditional *halakkah*. Conservative Judaism adopts a midway position, treating the traditional *halakkah* as binding but feeling freer to interpret it and attempting to preserve the dynamic principle of legal development which, it claims, is typical of the talmudic period."

This is why *halakkah* is so much on the tongue these days among Jews. Whether we are aware of it, or whether we state it explicitly or not, it is the position which each of us takes toward the authority of *halakkah* that determines his stand on such gut questions as conversion, divorce and marriage. And this is because the *halakkah* touches every area of our lives. "It commits the Jew," says author Philip Birnbaum, "to a divine-

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Endowment Fund: Save Now — Next Year May Be Too Late

"As my parents planted for me, so do I plant for my children" Talmud, Ta'anit

Gerald S. Frim, Esq.
JFD Endowment Director

As you may have seen in the news recently, the House of Representatives expects to pass a Tax Reform Bill before the end of this year. That means there will probably be changes in the Federal income Tax laws in 1986. This column will outline President Reagan's proposed changes and how you can take advantages of existing deductions now before their future becomes uncertain.

President Reagan has proposed a number of changes in the Tax laws which will affect tax deductions for charitable giving. The most widespread effect will come from a change in the tax rates. Currently, there are 14 different tax brackets, which vary from 11 to 50 percent. The proposed changes would replace this with only three tax rate brackets, with a maximum tax rate of only 35 percent. This will reduce the tax deduction value of a charitable gift. A reduction from 50 to 35 percent means that for every dollar donated the actual cost to the taxpayer will rise from 50 cents to 65 cents.

Current tax law allows a non-itemizing taxpayer to deduct charitable contributions. The president's proposal would eliminate deductions for non-itemizers.

One other significant change would involve deductions for donations of property with long term capital gains appreciation. Currently, the full fair market value of such property is deductible and no tax is paid on the appreciation. Under the changes, if a

taxpayer is subject to an "alternative minimum tax" some of the long term gain of such property would be taxable income.

Because of the uncertainty of these changes, you may want to consider making a gift to our Jewish community's Endowment Fund before the end of this year. In this way you can take advantage of the higher tax rates and current opportunities for deductions. If your deduction is greater than 50 percent of your total income for cash donations or 30 percent for appreciated property, the excess deduction can be carried over to any of the succeeding five years. Methods of giving may include:

1. Establishing a Personalized Philanthropic Fund from which you may recommend present and future campaign gifts and other approved charitable contributions.
2. Establishing a designated Endowment Fund to be used for gifts to the annual campaign for a specific number of years or in perpetuity. In this way you can perpetuate your campaign gift and save on taxes now.
3. Establishing a designated or restricted Endowment Fund to provide for special needs or innovative new programs.
4. Establishing an Endowment Fund-Affiliated Supporting Foundation to provide for family charitable giving in perpetuity. The relationship with the Endowment Fund will assure continuity of Jewish philanthropy while providing you with important tax savings.

For more information about proposed Tax law changes or endowment giving in general, consult your tax advisor or call me at the JFD office: 478-6200.

Committee Chairpersons Meet

Martin G. Mand, Jewish Federation of Delaware president, convened a meeting of committee chairpersons last month. Brief reports given by each chairperson, enabled everyone present to learn about the broad scope of activities going on within the Federation, as well as to understand how each section fits into the total picture. At the time of the meeting, many of the committees were already well into the planning and development stages. The committees and task forces, and the chairpersons are as follows:

Audit, Bernard Siegel; Budget & Planning, Jack B. Jacobs and Richard Venezky, vice-chair; Aging, Rona Finkelstein; Family Service, Steven Bernhardt; Group Work Services, Irwin Engelson; Jewish Education, Richard A. Levine; National Agency, Bennett Epstein; Youth Services, Roberta Woloshin; Campaign

chairperson 1986, Stephen Herrman; Campaign vice-chairpersons: Dr. Steven Edell, William Topkis, Andrew Miller; Women's Division chairpersons: Jane Goldberg & Leslie Goldenberg; Collections, Carl Cobin; Community Awareness Institute, Joan Spiegelman; Economy Shop, Judy Arenson; Endowment Fund, N. Norman Schutzman and Frank Chaiken, vice-chair; Jewish Community Relations, Jack Blumenfeld and Robert Coonin, vice-chair; Holocaust; Interfaith-Church-State, David Margules; Israel, Dr. Marian Palley; Lower Delaware, Sanford Solomon, Soviet Jewry, Stanley Balick, *Jewish Voice*, Edwin Golin; Leadership Development, Lelaine & Stuart Nemser; Lower Delaware Advisory, Charlotte Zaback; Newark Advisory, Michael Samuels and Jeff Koltenuk, vice-chair; Office Operations, Jay Blumberg; Personnel, Harold May; Property and Maintenance, Joseph Labovsky.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

- Are you retired?
- Do you want to use your abilities?
- Do you want to help make the Jewish community stronger?

If so

The Jewish Federation needs volunteers skilled in the following areas:

- Computer Programmers and Specialists
- Librarians
- Public Relations Professionals
- Typing and Clerical skills

Please call Bob Kerbel at the
Jewish Federation
478-6200

Attorney Alan Molod Conducts Training Institute



Robert Coonin (L) and Dennis Spivak discuss some new approaches to Campaign work.

Alan Molod, a prominent Philadelphia attorney who holds key Jewish leadership positions on the local, regional and national levels, conducted a training institute earlier this month for campaign workers. In the course of the all-morning session he outlined key principles of solicitation and giving, shared several innovative solicitation techniques and provided tried and true as well as novel approaches to specific problems that institute participants raised.

Steven Herrmann, Campaign chairman, launched the institute by giving a brief overview of the projected Campaign schedule. "We want to do better, but we also want the community to have a different feeling," he said. "Giving should come from a feeling of warmth."

An affair for givers of \$2500 and up will be held on Nov. 24, and Herrmann anticipates that this event will bring in half of the funds for the 1986 Campaign. An event for \$1000 plus givers is scheduled for Jan. 12 and Super Sunday will be held on Jan. 19. In February Herrmann hopes to finish the Campaign, and then hold an affair to thank the community.

Herrmann stressed the need for face-to-face solicitation. "On the average, the people we've seen so far have had increases of greater than 43%. People give to people, not only to causes."

CJF General Assembly —

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tions Jews have of themselves in the political process and of the agenda Jews should be setting for themselves on the American political scene to transform their potential power into actual power.

This was the focus of a CJF plenary session dealing with "The Coming of Age of North American Jewry: A Political Affirmation."

The speakers at the session — Kenneth Bialkin, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations and national chairman of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, Howard Friedman, president of the American Jewish Committee, and Theodore Mann, president of the American Jewish Congress — agreed that American Jews are exerting greater power in the political arena because they are learning how to maximize their political participation on diverse issues of vital concern not only to Jews but to all Americans.

As a result, many more Americans are supporting Jews on issues of vital concern to Jews as Jews. "It is not organized support I am talking about," Mann told the almost 3,000 Assembly delegates. "It is simply

Martin G. Mand, JFD president, discussed some of his primary goals with the attendees of the training institute. "I'd like to get more people involved," he said. "Federation, is viewed as being run by a small group of people, and I want to change that perception."

Mand touched upon several other goals, including: operating the Federation in an open, communicative manner to avoid a we/they scenario; avoiding duplication of costs in areas such as office operations, youth activities and education; and raising more money.

Bob Kerbel, JFD executive vice president, presented background on overseas needs to the group. "Our job, which started in 1948, is to provide for the social services needs necessary for successful absorption," Kerbel said. Operation Moses, at a cost of \$60 million, rescued 12,000 Ethiopian Jews, and provided them with clothing and temporary shelter. \$300 million more is needed for housing, jobs and job training to complete their absorption, he said.

The Israeli inflation rate is coming down, commented Kerbel, but to accomplish this, jobs have been cut and are no longer indexed. When that happens, the poor get hurt, noted Kerbel.



Stephen Herrmann, Federation Campaign chairman, (L) chats with guest speaker and institute leader, Alan Molod.



Attending the Workers' Training Institute are, standing, L-R: Jane Goldberg, Leslie Goldenberg, Miriam Edell, Gail Budin. Seated, L-R: Sheila Inden, Betty Diznoff.



Alan Molod addresses the institute attendees.

families. Then there are other groups about whom we do not feel comfortable and therefore prefer not to mention at all. These include homosexuals, the Jewish working class, Jewish intellectuals and artists, Jewish communal workers and professional women.

These groups are "at risk," Bubis explained, "because the Jewish community doesn't know what to do with them." Feeling themselves "stigmatized," they frequently move away from the community and are "lost" to it — unaffiliated and assimilated.

"Given that Jewish life is small in number," Bubis said, "we must nurture all those who identify themselves as Jews and make it possible for them to be Jewish." Thus, we must make room for these groups, and, moreover, we must make strategies for them, he said.

The problem for these groups is not one of inadequate Jewish commitment, he explained, but of inadequate connectedness. A potent way of drawing in the unaffiliated, therefore, is by meeting their personal need for connectedness first.

DOMESTIC ISSUES

A call to American Jewry to continue to be active and involved in domestic issues was voiced at a CJF forum featuring Congressman Michael Barnes of Maryland, Jacqueline Levine, NJCRAC chair, and Linda Rogers Kingsbury, director of Citizens to Protest the Constitution.

Congressman Barnes blasted the activities of the New Right, saying that organized right-wing activity has exceeded that of previous decades. Congressman Barnes called upon citizens of all races to challenge the remarks of Lewis Farrakhan, whose

recent address he said sounded like that of a black Adolf Hitler.

Levine gave a 40-year retrospective in which she recalled that in 1945 the biggest debate facing American Jewry was whether or not to support the Zionist ideal of a Jewish State. On the domestic front, anti-Semitism was active and open. She cited college admission quotas, restricted residential areas and lack of statutes regulating employment as examples of discrimination faced then by Jews and other minority groups.

While expressing thanks that "we have come a long way and are now first-class citizens," Levine urged continued vigilance in the areas of church-state, equal opportunity, civil rights and fair immigration practices. She spoke against withdrawal to more narrow concerns and stated that partnership and coalition with other Americans must be sought to maintain the quest for a just society.

"The domestic agenda is unfinished," she stated. "We can't declare victory based on the gains of the past 40 years."

Linda Rogers Kingsbury described the purpose of her organization, created in 1981, as being that of educating and safeguarding the Constitution against a possible Constitutional Convention. Citizens to Protect the Constitution is a coalition of some 60 national organizations, including most major Jewish organizations.

She explained that if two-thirds of the states petition Congress for a Constitutional Convention, Congress is obligated to convene one. Thus far 32 states have passed petitions and her organization has worked vigorously to prevent other states from petitioning for a convention, defeating such measures in nine states last year.

LETTERS to the Editor

To the Editor:

We would like to say a word to people who cancel their trip to Israel after a terrorist (Achille Lauro, etc.) act takes place — why?

We have concluded that it is the best time to go if you fear being a victim.

Because the world media is engaged in reporting the recriminations, brick bats, accusations and blame, screams and outrages, no self-respecting thugs are going to try to get center stage while another play is in progress.

The reason for highjacking, etc. is to focus world attention and publicity for themselves.

We are writing from beautiful Kibbutz Matzuba where our son has lived for almost ten years. It is in the Galilee, in the mountains five minutes from the Lebanese border and overlooking the waves breaking in the Mediterranean five miles away. It is a sight to behold in a country that still overwhelms us with a feeling you get only coming to Israel. Don't keep putting off this fabulous experience 'til you are no longer able to make this trip to Israel. Don't live with regrets.

It's written in the good book when your times is up, time, place, plane, airline, prayers and swears won't mean a thing.

Go when you want to go or you will be a prisoner in your own house.

Tom and Ruth Seidel
205 Harvey Road
Claymont, Del.

Editor's Note: An exciting mission to Israel of interest both to first timers and those who have been before, has been planned by the United Jewish Appeal for the spring of 1986. The UJA Atlantic Seaboard Regional Havarut Mission, from March 6-16 will take its participants from the Golan to the Negev, from the Mediterranean to the Dead Sea, from Jerusalem to Tel Aviv. Mission participants will immerse themselves in Israel, in our heritage and in life in the Jewish homeland, and will travel behind the scenes to the power centers to meet with Israel's decision makers. Participants will visit with Ethiopian Jews, see the successes of Project Renewal and meet Israelis from all walks of life.

A UJA mission provides an ex-

cellent opportunity to see and experience Israel with people who share your values and interests.

An option of a pre-mission to Poland — once the vibrant center of Jewish life in Eastern Europe is also available.

The minimum contribution to the Jewish Federation campaign is \$1000. For further information, contact Bob Kerbel at the Jewish Federation of Delaware, 478-6200.

Dear Editor,

We here, at the University of Duisburg, Western Germany, are trying to write the history of many former Jewish communities in the Lower Rhine Area — with the help of our students. Until today, several studies have been completed, i.e. on the Jewish communities of Moers, Geldern, Issum, Wesel, Oberhausen and Gelsenkirchen.

May we kindly ask you to please publish the following notice (not as an advertisement) which requests further help and information on people from rather small places and small communities.

RHEINBERG

Miss Barbel Otten, Nordwall 122, D-4150 Krefeld (W. Germany), is writing the history of the Jewish community of Rheinberg (near Moers, Lower Rhine Area) and will be grateful for any information concerning people who once lived in Rheinberg or its vicinity (Alpen, Orsoy, Moers, Xanten) or who may know about others originating from R.

Miss Helga Pieper, Papendyk 374 b, D-4150 Krefeld (W. Germany) welcomes any information and help for her study on the Jewish communities in Huls and Kempen, both near Krefeld.

Also, any information pertaining to people formerly of towns and villages in this area (Goch, Geldern, Xanten, Wesel, Dinslaken, Moers, Oberhausen etc.) will be very much welcomed by Dr. Michael Brocke, Judaistik, Universitat Duisburg, D-4100 Duisburg, W. Germany.

Thank you very much for your kind help and for your cooperation.

Yours sincerely,
Dr. Michael Brocke
Fachbereich 1

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Editorials

Why The U.N.?

You didn't have to be Jewish not too long ago to realize the basic problem currently affecting the so-called United Nations, with emphasis on the word, "United."

What is so "united" about that organization? Remember when the prime minister of the State of Israel stepped forward to the podium to address the assembled members of the so-called United Nations on his views of possible peace in the Mid-East and hence in the world?

But even as he started to speak, there was an ominous exodus of delegates from the chamber, representing most of the so-called third world nations and particularly, the Arab nations.

They just refused to stay and listen. They turned their backs on the chief representative of the most powerful, most democratic, nation in the Mid-East.

This is the same so-called "United" Nations that had invited the leading terrorist, Arafat, to speak.

Is this really a "united" organization of nations?

If not, what is it doing in the United States? And why is the United States allowing such an organization to occupy American territory?

Looking back through the years of the United Nations, we can recollect its moments of greatness, particularly when it sanctioned the creation of the State of Israel with the consent of the United States and even Soviet Russia.

But as the years passed, it seems that the term, "United," has deteriorated and it is no longer a united agency but a seriously fractured collection of nations unable to prevent wars or the spread of terrorism and piracy in the air.

According to one Delawarean in the U.S. Senate, William V. Roth, Jr. the United Nations has also become a haven for spies from certain foreign countries which he considers to be a real danger to the U.S.

I don't think we are at the stage of demanding that the United Nations be disbanded or even shoved out of the United States but we are at the stage of demanding that the various nation members return to the status of "United" in the best sense of the word.

And the place to start this is with the various United Nation Associations in the states, such as we have here in Delaware. It is a farce to have a United Nations Association of Delaware that takes no action in demanding the nations really become united for the peace and welfare of the world at large.

United Way Beset And Needs Our Aid

Reprinted from the News-Journal Papers

The United Way is in trouble. This year's campaign was scheduled to end last week, but has been extended because it fell about \$300,000 short of its \$13.3 million.

By this time most of us in Delaware have been asked to give. Many, many of us have responded generously. But many, many more have not.

If the United Way fails to meet its goal then some vital programs will have to be cut back or eliminated.

President Reagan has contended for several years that government should not, can not be the only source of funds for health and social services. He argues that the private sector will respond to fill the gaps left by cut-backs in federal funds.

The United Way touches all of us either directly or indirectly. It doesn't just support programs for the poor — though that is a vitally important part of its mission.

Delaware is enjoying a period of growth and prosperity. Shouldn't increased charitable giving be a natural outgrowth of this? We believe it should and we believe most people in the state share this belief.

The officials at United Way have extended this year's campaign. It is our hope that those who have not yet contributed will make a special effort to pledge whatever they can. The goal of \$13.3 million is realistic. Let's help each other achieve it.

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The Menorah

By CAROL GREEN

The Hanukkah menorah, or candelabrum, is the most prominent symbol of the holiday for it is a reminder of the menorah that once stood in the Temple in Jerusalem. Its eight lights recall the miracle of the oil: when the Maccabees reentered the holy Temple they sought to light the menorah, however they found only one flask of pure olive oil, supply enough for one day. Eager to rededicate the Temple after years of disuse they lit the menorah anyway. Miraculously, the oil continued to burn for eight

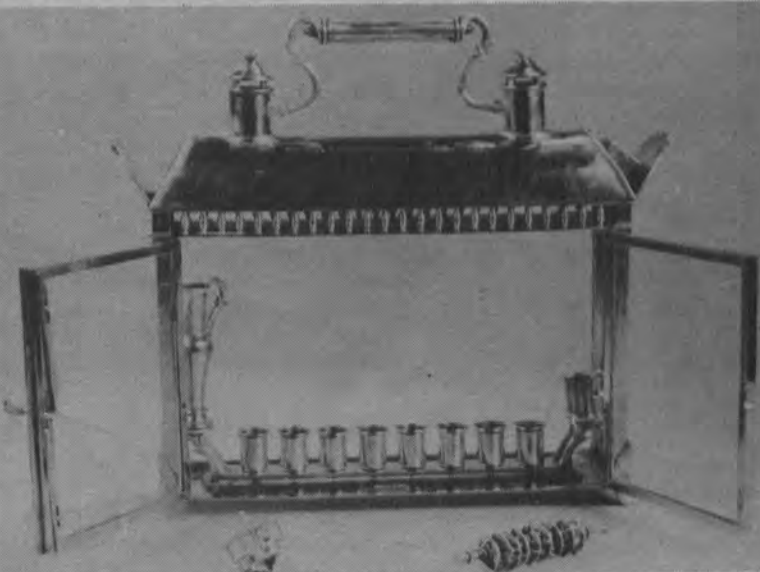
days — long enough for a fresh supply of oil to be pressed. To commemorate the miracle, we add an additional light to the menorah each night of the holiday.

Jewish law does not require that the menorah assume a specific form, only that it have room enough for eight lights plus a *shamash* or servicing light from which the other lights are kindled. Talmudic dictum requires that the menorah be prominently positioned outside the front entrance to the house as a public affirmation of the miracles of the holiday and the cities of ancient Israel were aglow with the lights of these menorahs.

Types of Menorahs

Archaeologists have unearthed long vertical bases onto which the lights were mounted for public display. If, however, anti-Semitism made public display impossible, the menorah went indoors. In Muslim Spain the Jews developed a small portable menorah which was hung inside the house near the door opposite the mezuzah. This portable 'benchtype,' often ornately decorated, later became popular throughout Europe.

Menorah designs reflect the influences of both Jewish tradition and the surrounding



A brass Hanukkah menorah hand-made by 34 year old Dudik Sweid. The menorah, which was inspired by east European chasidic menorot, has glass doors to prevent the flames from being extinguished as the menorah stands in front of the house. To the right of the picture is a brass wick holder and to the left a brass dreidel. Both are made by Sweid and fit into the back of the menorah. WZPS photo by Shuki Kook.

culture. In Spain the backwall or bench of the menorah was often fashioned from Arabic curl patterns while in Italy during the renaissance menorahs were adorned with cherubs, masks and cornucopiae. Jewish decorative motifs such as stars of David, lions of Judah and scenes from the Hanukkah story were universally popular.

Jews have traditionally

been willing to lavish large sums of money on a beautiful menorah. Thus menorahs were carved by the finest Jewish artisans. In Europe menorahs were fashioned from copper, bronze and silver, while the Jewish craftsmen of Morocco and North Africa distinguished themselves with their elegant glazed pottery menorahs.

During the Second World

War Jews exposed themselves to grave danger to be able to kindle the Hanukkah lights. Concentration camp inmates fashioned crude menorahs from raw potatoes, using pieces of fat they had saved from their meager rations as fuel and thread torn from their uniforms as wicks.

In modern Israel the menorah is once again proudly displayed in public. Menorahs are lit in front of all major public buildings and monuments including the Knesset and the mountain top fortress of Massada. The light of Hanukkah is also recalled in a torch relay originating from Modi'im, the home of the Maccabees. On the first night of the holiday the torch is lit in a special ceremony at Modi-im and then is carried by runners throughout Israel to Jerusalem.

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Wilmington/Newark Teachers Attend Conference

By SUZANNE PAUL, Director of Education, Congregation Beth Emeth Religious School

CAJE (Coalition for Alternatives in Jewish Education) come to Philadelphia on Sunday, Nov. 10, with a mini-conference for Jewish educators.

Over the last few years, I have attended CAJE conferences on the national level in Chicago, San Antonio, and Boston. Sunday's conference was a first for this area and was one of a number of mini/regional conference CAJE is encouraging its members to organize so that greater numbers of people can be reached.

Teachers from Beth El in Newark, and from Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth, Beth Shalom, Beth Emeth, and Gratz Hebrew High School boarded a bright yellow school bus on Sunday morning at 7:45 a.m. and headed up to Philadelphia for a day of

workshops, exhibits, and learning that did not get us home again until we left that yellow school bus at 7 p.m. that evening. The bus was provided for us by the Jewish Federation of Delaware.

The conference was well organized and well executed so that the 1000 people attending experienced a minimum of confusion and a maximum of resources. The day was divided into four workshop periods of 1½ hours each, with an afternoon period set aside for a bag-lunch and browsing through the exhibits. There were exhibits of art work, books, learning materials, music, and information of interest to Jewish educators. There were films that were being screened throughout the day and a teachers' center complete with resource material and a "hands on" time to create materials from the models seen in the center.

The workshops (which numbered over 100) included everything from a textual analysis of the *Aleinu* to a discussion of Zionism, and anything and everything you could want in between.

The teacher looking for ideas to use with a class of 3-year-olds came away with a folder full of them; the teacher needing material for teaching the Holocaust to

middle school students found that; the teacher looking for ways to bring the Prophets to life for high school students found it in the workshop called "Prophets: Rebels With a Cause." No one left empty-handed, and no one left without a feeling of invigoration.

The most exciting part of a CAJE conference — mini or maxi — is that teachers get a chance to communicate and

share with others who have the same goals. The barriers of ideological stances are down; and Reform, Orthodox, Conservative, and Reconstructionist educators learn from and with each other.

Sunday, Nov. 10, was a day well spent by the educators of Wilmington and Newark, and their students will be the beneficiaries!



At the Hadassah-Hebrew University Medical Center in Jerusalem, Cissie and Dr. Abraham A. Golden, of Wilmington, are shown a bionic mannikin used for teaching students about heart diseases by Dr. Morris Museri, of the Cardiology Department of Hadassah (right) and formerly of Egypt.

Dr. Golden served as a volunteer in the Department of Anesthesia in the Hadassah Hospital during the Yom Kippur War. Mrs. Golden is past president of the Wilmington Chapter of Hadassah.

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Women's Plea For Soviet Jewry —

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won't forget them. They feel that they can endure anything that the Soviet regime has to throw at them, but they will give up hope if world Jewry forgets them. This program is



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open to the entire Jewish and Christian communities.

Women's Plea will also sponsor a daytime program at 11:30 a.m. Dec. 10, at Congregation Beth Emeth. This is a luncheon occurring at the regular Sisterhood meeting time and all other Jewish women's groups are urged to attend. Retirees and others free to attend in the afternoon are also invited to enjoy the program. The luncheon will be free of charge.

The speaker will be Rabbi Morris Berlin from Con-

gregation Oheb Shalom in Baltimore, Md. Rabbi Berlin is an inspiring speaker who has been to the Soviet Union, met with refuseniks and has many personal thoughts and feelings to communicate to us. He considers it a *mitzvah* to come to Wilmington to address the Women's Plea for Soviet Jewry.

In addition, entertainment will be provided by Ninya Pollyak, who will play a variety of Russian songs on the piano. Information and means to communicate with refuseniks will be available at every table at the luncheon.

Women's Plea for Soviet Jewry in 1985 has been convened nationally by Hadassah. In addition to the Wilmington Chapter of Hadassah, the following organizations have par-



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College, and Hillel advisor at the University of Delaware, and Joan Ellis, advisor of BBYO in Delaware, will speak about these two important programs. Ellis will also discuss her two BBYO trips to Israel.

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Polanski, "you don't know what a *nudnik* I am!"

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A beggar mooched five dollars and raced into a delicatessen for a *bagel* and *lox*. The donor followed him in agrily. "I didn't give you money to throw away on luxuries!" To which the beggar replied: "When I'm broke, I can't afford *lox*. When I have money, you tell me not to spend it on *lox*. So tell me, Mr. Philosopher, when can I eat *lox*?"

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The top's Yiddish name, dreidl, comes from the German 'dreihn' or to turn over. The game symbolically recalls the turn of events when Judah Maccabee and his small rag tag army defeated

the mighty Greek empire. On the dreidl are carved the Hebrew letters which form an acrostic for the phrase "a great miracle happened there," or in Israel, "here." These letters simultaneously indicate the players next move in the game. So in-

herent a part of Chanukah was this festival game that concentration camp inmates carved dreidls from their wooden shoes.

Like much else in today's world, dreidls are now made from plastic, there are menorot which use electric light and supermarkets which stock ready to use frozen latkes. But the spirit remains and the Maccabean story of Jewish revival and victory of the few over the many is as timely today as ever before.

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Once these needs are identified, we will also develop programs (some possibly long range) to address them. Because the committee is aimed at the entire Jewish community in Newark, I seek participation from both members and non-members of Temple Beth El. If you are interested in serving on this committee please contact Mike Samuels, chairman, at 368-9492.

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Cooking In Wilmington

By Sylvia F. Panitz

With this issue of the *Jewish Voice* a new cooking column begins. These recipes will come from you, our readers, your family, friends and neighbors. The recipes will not be pre-tested. The ingredients should be kosher. If you would like to share your recipes please call me at 478-4726.

Now that Thanksgiving has passed and the college kids have headed back for their last few weeks of the semester, the next family holiday is Hanukkah. This year the first candle is lit on the evening of Saturday, Dec. 7 and the eighth and final candle is lit on Saturday evening, Dec. 14.

Every family seems to celebrate Hanukkah in their own way. The only real requirement is the lighting of the candles in the Hanukkah menorah and saying the blessings. When our children were in Hebrew School we bought each one their own menorah. They still light their own candles and each say the blessings. When I was growing up (my kids would say it was in the Dark Ages) my father would get silver dollars and give them as Hanukkah gelt. There were no big fancy packages to unwrap - just gelt.

Celina G. Riebman has provided us with a *parve* menorah cake to serve your family and friends. Celina and her husband Ronald have three daughters and are ac-

tive members of Beth Shalom.

Menorah Cake

- 3 c. flour
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 4 tsp. baking powder
- 3/4 c. oil
- 1 1/2 c. sugar
- 3 eggs, separated
- 1 1/2 tsp. vanilla
- 1 c. orange juice

Sift flour, salt, and baking powder. Blend oil and sugar. Add 3 egg yolks and vanilla. Beat until puffy with air. Add flour and 1 cup orange juice alternately, about 1/3 at a time, starting and ending with flour. Beat until smooth each time. Beat egg whites until stiff but not dry. Fold into mixture. Bake in 13 x 9 x 2 inch greased pan, lined with paper and greased again. Bake in moderate oven, 350 degrees, for one hour. Turn out, strip off paper, cool, and then frost top with white icing.

Tint some icing a golden yellow, outline a menorah on frosted cake with pastry tube.

With frosting, make eight cups to serve as candle holders. Insert eight candles in the cups and light at serving time.

Latkes are the traditional food for Hanukkah. Potato latkes are probably the favorite but they can also be made with eggplant, zucchini, cheese and sour cream. For those super busy people, Pathmark sells packages of frozen potato latkes and they have the O certification. In Israel *sofganiyot* or jelly doughnuts are a favorite at Hanukkah.

Potato Latkes

- 3 medium potatoes
- 3 tablespoons flour
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 small onion
- 2 eggs
- dash of pepper
- oil for frying

Scrub the potatoes and cut out any dark spots. Grate potatoes in to a large bowl.

Peel the onion and grate it into the bowl. Add the flour, eggs, salt, and pepper. Mix well. Heat the oil in the frying pan till it sizzles. Drop heaping tablespoons of the mixture into the oil. Flatten with the spoon and fry at medium

heat till both sides are golden brown. Mix the batter in the bowl from time to time as you work. Drain the latkes on plates. Serve with applesauce or sour cream.

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Our second year at 64 East Main Street is off to a very good start. We are currently boasting a membership of over 275 students, the highest in Hillel's history. This is an increase of 20% over last year's membership. New, creative programming has been instrumental for this positive membership response. During the summer, all 1,200 Jewish students at the University of Delaware received an invitation to join Hillel. Included in this mailing was an introduction to Hillel's new Haver program. Freshmen were given the opportunity to ease into campus life with the help of a Big Brother or Big Sister; an upperclassman familiar with the "ins and outs" of Newark's campus. Seventy-five freshmen took advantage of this offer.

By the start of classes, many new programs geared to the religious needs of Hillel students were introduced:

-Weekly Kabbalat Shabbat service. At least a minyan from the beginning with a steady increase of regular participants.

-Bi-weekly Shabbat dinner. Students are able to enjoy a home-cooked meal. The 25-30 students attending make the Hillel office their home-away-from-home.

-Weekly Talmud class. During this student-initiated



Rabbi Sue Shifron

program taught by the Hillel rabbi, a small but dedicated group of students are exploring the Talmudic laws pertaining to Passover

-Break-the-fast. At the conclusion of Yom Kippur, Hillel sponsored a break-the-fast which was attended by close to 200 students.

In addition to these new programs, Hillel has continued to sponsor a variety of

social and cultural programs. These events have been well received with (in many cases) participation of over 100 students. Bagel brunches, special event nights, trips are a vital part of our social agenda. Since the beginning of classes our students have had the opportunity to go to a Phillies game, to visit the Baltimore Inner Harbor, to learn how to make bagels and to meet with a fine group of young men and women at these various events.

Sue Shifron, Hillel rabbi, has had her time increased from last year's one-half time commitment to this year's three-quarter time. This time increase has enabled the Hillel office to offer longer hours for interested students. Office hours are from 11:30 to 8 p.m. every Monday and Wednesday and from 11:30 to 3:30 p.m. every Friday. Hillel is offering students a home away from home... and all are welcome!

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tortilla like pancake made from fried meal, is quite popular. In the Ashkenazi communities the pancake batter is made from grated potatoes and the dish is call latkes and eaten together with apple sauce or sour cream. In Israel, the entire nation snacks on sufganiot, fried jelly donuts, either of the home made variety or ones bought on street corner stands.

Many Jewish communities have a tradition of eating dairy products to recall the bravery of Judith. According to Jewish apocrypha the beautiful Judith, reputedly a member of the Hasmonean (Maccabee) family, invited the enemy general Holofernes to a banquet. Judith insisted on feeding him only dairy products and when he grew thirsty she gave him wine to quench his thirst until he fell into a drunken stupor, whereupon she proceeded to stab him to death.

In some Sephardic communities the seventh day of Chanukah is observed as a special womens' feast honoring Judith. In North Africa women and girls would fill the synagogue where they withdrew the Torah scrolls from the Ark and kissed them. In a special service they then recited prayers and blessings invoking God's protection of women, after which they returned home and ate cheese dishes and engaged in song and dance. The women of Hebron also set aside the seventh day of Chanukah to celebrate and eat dairy delicacies.

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AKSE Religious School

SCHOOL HANDBOOK

Pertinent information about the Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Religious School has been compiled and streamlined into a handy reference booklet for parents and students. Each family with a child at the AKSE School will receive a handbook in early December.

We invite families with young children not yet attending religious school classes to call Helen Gordon, AKSE school administrator, at 762-2705 for information about the handbook and about the school.

CENTENNIAL NOTEBOOKS

At the beginning of the school year, each student in the "Bet" through "Heh" grades of the A.K.S.E. Talmud Torah was presented with a three-ring notebook imprinted with the Congregation's centennial emblem. This was a special gift in honor of the 100th anniversary of Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth. Even though the anniversary year has ended, each student entering the "Bet" Class for the next three years will receive this "centennial" notebook in honor of the 5745-1985 school year.

GIMEL CLASS PARTICIPATION

Students of the Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Gimel class will participate in Friday evening services on Dec. 6, family night, at 7:30 p.m. Teachers of the Gimel class are Faith Brown and Ann Jaffe. Everyone is invited to attend the service and the Oneg Shabbat immediately following services. The Oneg Shabbat is being hosted by Sisterhood in honor of the 16 Gimel class students.

CHANUKAH PROGRAM

The Talmud Torah and Pre-Aleph classes of the religious school will present a Hanukkah program for students, their families and friends on Sunday morning, Dec. 15, from 9:30-11 a.m. Everyone is

cordially invited to come and enjoy this Hanukkah celebration in the social hall auditorium.

Beth El Religious School

FACULTY

Temple Beth El's faculty has many new faces this year. Wendy Rittberg, a product of the Beth El religious school, is the new kindergarten teacher. For the first time in the synagogue's history, the kindergarteners and first graders were divided into two separate classes due to the large 5-year-old enrollment.

Sandy Klein and Sue Turnauer are welcome additions to our Hebrew program. Jon Gann and Diane Forschirm, students at the University of Delaware, are teaching history. Roz Breslouer, a new member to Beth El with her family, is the Gimmel Hebrew teacher. Bill Metzker is sharing the role of Confirmation teacher with Rabbi Ira Schiffer. Helene Cuomo has added Israeli dancing to

our curriculum as our new dance instructor. Familiar returnees are Phyllis Friedman, first grade; Ann Greenstein, second grade; Susan Pevar, fifth and seventh grade history; and Ricki Cohen, music.

HANUKKAH ASSEMBLY

At 9:30 a.m. on Nov. 24 there was a religious school assembly. Each class made a short presentation to welcome the holiday of Hanukkah. Also on Nov. 24 was a Hanukkah Bazaar featuring books, gifts, craft-ware, Tupperware, and Hanukkah items.

Beth Emeth Religious School

The Library Committee and the Religious School of Congregation Beth Emeth held a book fair in celebration of Jewish Book Month Sunday, Nov. 24, from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Marcia Sloan, the Library chairperson, coordinated the Book Fair, which featured books from Kids Paperbacks

on Concord Pike of Jewish interest for children, teens, and adults.

Beth Shalom Religious School

CONSECRATION

On Friday evening, Dec. 14, at 8 p.m., as part of the regular Friday evening services, the Aleph class will be consecrated to their study of Judaism and to a life of Torah. A cantata written and directed by Arlene Davis, Aleph class teacher and educational director, will be presented by the class.

Ronald Riebman, president of the Congregation, Solomon Peltz, vice president in charge of education for the Congregation and Beverly Peltz, chairperson of the Beth Shalom PTA will present the class with Torahs, Siddurim and consecration certificates. In addition, each child will receive a piece of honey cake, symbolic of the sweetness of the Torah.

Members of the class are: Eric Bell, Lynn Cherrin, Joel

Dukart, Jesse Croach, Aaron Krasowitz, Jill Levin, Jamie Levine, David Lipman, Dina Marshall, Stephen McDonald, Paul Perreault and Deborah Rosen.

Following the service, an Oneg Shabbat sponsored by the PTA and the Sisterhood will be given in honor of the class and their families.

KEREN AMI

Each year several students are elected to membership in the Keren Ami Council. Their responsibility lies in selecting recipients for the *tzedakah* donated by all the children. Last year our students made donations to Tay Sachs, Jewish Braille Institute, American Association for Ethiopian Jews, Simon Weisenthal Center, Jewish Federation of Delaware, Jewish Family Service of Delaware, Diskin Orphan Home, American Red Magen David (Israeli Red Cross), Kehillat Hayovel (our sister congregation in Israel), Chabad Rehab in Israel, Telshe Yeshiva, General Israel Orphans Home for Girls, Geshet Foundation, United Negro College Fund, (Continued to Page 15)



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BIRTHS

Anne and David Alden of Birmingham, Mich. recently gave birth to their second son, Peter Harris Alden. Local grandparents are Ceceil and Fred Ehrlich.

Beverly and Howard Hoffman are grandparents of a new baby girl, Rachel Alise Mennies, born Nov. 13 to Janet and Richard Mennies of Strafford, Pa.

Nancy and Allen Goldfeder just gave birth to a daughter, Holly.

A son was recently born to Shirley and Stuart Drowos.

Dana and Neal Levitsky recently gave birth to a daughter.

Sandy and Howard Berg are grandparents of a new baby boy.

Cheryl and Ralph Jacobs have just given birth to a daughter.

ENGAGEMENTS

Shifrah L. Drukker, daughter of Harriet and Alexander Drukker, is engaged to Lt. Martin A. Markiewitz, son of Leona and Kenneth Markiewitz. Miss Drukker is a graduate of the University of Delaware and is employed as an assistant program manager in the marketing department at

Continental American Life Insurance Co. Lt. Markiewitz, an engineering graduate of Cornell University, is presently stationed as a production officer with the U.S. Navy in Patuxent River, Md. A fall 1986 wedding is planned.

Anita Gettner, daughter of Helen and Marvin Gettner of Lexington, Mass, is engaged to Benjamin Taub, son of Sandy and Sylvan Taub. A summer wedding is planned.

WEDDINGS

Lee Kanofsky, son of Jaqueline and Alan Kanofsky of Claymont, was married to Susan Goldbaum, daughter of Joy and Russell Goldbaum of Haverhill, Mass. on Sept. 29 in Andover, Mass. The couple will live in Arlington, Mass.

Audrey Douek and Elliott Katz, both of Wilmington, were married Sept. 5 at Congregation Beth Emeth.

Susan Shaffer of Wilmington and Gerald E. Deitch of Chadds Ford were married Nov. 23 in Philadelphia. The bride, who is assistant executive director of the Jewish Community Center, is the daughter of Fannie and the late William Shaffer of

Philadelphia. The groom, a patent attorney with the Dupont Company, is the son of Ethel and Nathan Deitch of Overbrook Hills, Philadelphia, Pa.

Allison Hasson of Monsey, N.Y. and Larry K. Miller of New York City, were married Nov. 10 at Temple Emmanuel, NYC by Rabbi Posner. The groom is the son of Doris and Joseph Miller of Brandywine Hills, and the bride is the daughter of Dorothy and Harold Hasson of Monsey, N.Y.

MAZEL TOV

Ralph Tomases of Wilmington was recently appointed to the Delaware State Board of Dental Examiners.

Bernadine Z. Paulshock of Wilmington recently received the Trailblazer Award from the Delaware Alliance of Professional Women. Dr. Paulshock, senior associate program director in the Wilmington Medical Center's Department of Family Practice, was the first woman to become an intern at the Medical Center in the 1950s. She was honored for her work as physician, teacher, administrator, author, editor, wife and mother. She is editor of the *Delaware Medical*

Journal and a trustee of the Medical Society of Delaware.

Edmond H. Jacobs of Andrews, Dickinson & Pinkstone-Sachs Realty Division, has been selected as the 1985 Realtor of the Year by the New Castle County Board of Realtors Jacobs has served as the chairman of numerous NCCBOR, Delaware Association of Realtors (DAR) and National Association of Realtors (NAR) committees. He is currently the State Realtors Political Action Committee director and he serves on the NAR subcommittee on taxation.

Robert B. Coonin of Wilmington, has been elected to serve as vice-president of Pinemere Camp Association, Middle Atlantic Council, JWB.

Stephen Gunzenhauser of Wilmington, music director of the Delaware Symphony, will perform a special concert for the National Republican Governor's Conference. The concert takes place Dec. 9 in the Grand Opera House. Also, his first record album is now available in Delaware. Gunzenhauser conducted the Gulbenkian Orchestra of Portugal and pianist, Sequeira Costa, in an all Schumann program.

Joan Wachstein of Wilmington, Delaware, was reelected to a two-year term on the board of directors of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods at its recent convention in Los Angeles, Calif. The National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods bands together more than 100,000 women in 640 sisterhoods throughout the United States and Canada. It is the women's agency of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, central body of Reform Judaism.

Wachstein has served as president of the Sisterhood of Congregation Beth Emeth and presently serves as president of the Kutz Home Auxiliary and treasurer of the Jewish Federation of Delaware.

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Beth Shalom —

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National Institute on the Holocaust, Foundation for Conservative Judaism in Israel and A.L.Y.N.-American Society for Handicapped Children in Israel.

The money collected to date this year has been designated to the Kutz Home, General Israel Orphans Home for Girls and Diskin Orphan Home in Israel.

HANUKKAH HAPPENINGS

On Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 10, the third day of Hanukkah, a unique Hanukkah experience for all Hebrew School children will be held at Congregation Beth Shalom. On that day, a young Maccabiah runner, carrying a lighted Olympic torch on his journey from New York City to Long Island, Philadelphia and Baltimore will pass through Wilmington and make a stop at our school. Our children will participate in the torch run and parade around Brandywine Park, followed by a candlelighting ceremony, an address to the students by the torch runner, a video movie showing the film, "Lights," (a Hanukkah story) and will conclude with Hanukkah songs and treats *soofganiyot*. All students from Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth, Beth Emeth, Beth El and Albert Einstein Academy and children of the JCC will join together at Beth Shalom for this special program.

Please note: Our entire Primary and Elementary Departments will meet on Tuesday, Dec. 10, 3:45-5:45. There will be no classes on Monday, Dec. 9. Parents are cordially invited to join us for the festivities.

PRE-SCHOOL LUNCH AND LEARN

Our children's Lunch and Learn is off to what we anticipate will be its second banner year. Thirty 3- and 4-year olds enrolled in our class taught by Arlene Davis and Phyllis Kazinoff, have already learned about Joseph and his coat of many colors, made their own placemats of Joseph coats, have learned all the fruits and colors in Hebrew and are about to begin a Shabbat unit. The lunches they bring can only be referred to as "indescribably delicious" and the vigor with which they dig in can only be matched by the vigor they bring to the class. We look forward to an enlightening and enjoyable year for all.

MIDRASHA

On Sunday, Nov. 24, the students in our Junior High Department attended a lecture at the JCC on "Teenage Sexuality" which featured Dr. Sol Gordon, professor of child and family studies at Syracuse University and director of the Institute of

Family Research and Education. Students had the opportunity to express their concerns in a comfortable environment among their peers and receive guidance which was sensible, practical and religiously/ethically sensitive.

CAMP RAMAH VISITATION

Norman Einhorn, counselor at Camp Ramah in the Poconos, will be visiting Beth Shalom on Tuesday, Dec. 17, at 4 p.m. At that time he will explain the Ramah program as well as show slides of the camp in "action"

to the school children.

Parents are cordially invited to join their children to learn more about this unique camping experience.

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Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 18 and 19 - Parent/Teacher Conferences
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Albert Einstein Academy Cocktail Party

Albert Einstein academy is holding its fifth annual cocktail party in honor of Dr. Barrie Weisman and Dr. Gershon Klein. Weisman and Klein are being honored as founders of Albert Einstein Academy. The affair, which will benefit A.E.A., will be held Sunday, Nov. 24 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the home of Dr. Russell and Susan Labowitz.

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Obituaries

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Joseph William Braiger, 85, formerly of Chalfonte, Wilmington, Del., died Tuesday, Oct. 29 in Halendale Nursing Home, Hollywood, Fla.

Mr. Braiger, who emigrated to the United States in 1909 from Gomel, Russia, was former president of Braiger's Jewelers Inc., formerly at 413 Market St. He retired and moved to Florida in 1963. He was a veteran of

the 12th Cavalry, and fought in Mexican border skirmishes.

He was past president and a life member of B'nai B'rith Lodge 470. He was a lifelong member of Congregation Beth Shalom, where he served on the board of directors. He was an avid wildlife and landscape painter.

His wife of 55 years, Pauline Klein, died in 1980.

He is survived by a son, Ar-

mand Justin of New York; two daughters, Leonore Ruth Spinell of Cleveland and Faith Adele Wooters of North Miami, Fla.; seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Services were held Sunday, Nov. 3 in Congregation Beth Shalom, 18th Street and Baynard Boulevard.

Interment was in the Beth Shalom Section of the Jewish Community Cemetery, Foulk Road.

In memoriam the family suggests contributions to charity.

Bessie Schagrin

Bessie Schagrin, 84, formerly Chateau Orleans apartments and Foulk Manor nursing home, died Thursday, Nov. 7 in the Kutz Home, where she had been a resident for three months.

Mrs. Schagrin was a member of Congregation Beth Shalom and its Sisterhood, Hadassah, the Jewish Community Center, the Jewish Federation of Delaware, and the Kutz Home Auxiliary.

Her husband, Dr. Sydney Schagrin, D.D.S., died in 1978.

She is survived by two sons, Dr. Morton of Fredonia, N.Y., and Edward of North Attleboro, Mass.; three brothers, Benjamin of New Castle, Morris of Wilmington and Harry Cohen of Miami, and five grandchildren.

Services were held Sunday, Nov. 10 in Schoenberg Memorial Chapel, 519 Philadelphia Pike.

Interment was in the Beth Shalom section of the Jewish Community Cemetery on Foulk Road.

In memoriam the family suggests contributions to Congregation Beth Shalom, 18th Street and Baynard Boulevard, Wilmington 19802, or to the Milton and Hattie

Kutz Home, 704 River Road, Wilmington 19809.

Matthe Slap

Matthew Slap, 64, who founded many car dealerships in Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware, died Saturday, Nov. 16 in University of Pennsylvania Hospital. He had suffered from emphysema.

Mr. Slap, who dubbed himself "The Prince of Wheels," ran car dealerships for more than 30 years. He ran the largest Chevrolet franchise in Philadelphia when he retired in 1981.

Early that year his daughter, Eve Slap Marshall, founded Matt Slap Subaru Inc. on Cleveland Avenue in Newark, Del.

Mr. Slap was a past vice chairman of the National Chevrolet Dealers Council, and a member of the National Automotive Dealers Association, the Pennsylvania Dealers Association and the Philadelphia Dealers Ad Council.

Surviving, in addition to his daughter, are his wife, Henrietta; two sons, Albert and Dave Slap; another daughter, Alison Tress; a sister, Posey Silberman; and

four grandchildren.

Services and burial were Monday, Nov. 18 in Philadelphia.

Edith Aarons

Edith Aarons, 67, of Brandywine Hundred Apartments, 402 Foulk Road, died Monday, Nov. 18 in Christiana Hospital.

Mrs. Aarons and her late husband, Lester, were the proprietors of The House of Gifts, Talleyville Shopping Center, until he died in 1979. She later worked for Wall & Ochs opticians in Concord Mall and for Suburban Fashions Ltd. in Branman Shopping Center.

Mrs. Aarons was a member of Kutz Home, Congregation Beth Emeth and its sisterhood.

She is survived by a sister, Mary L. Kravitz, with whom she lived.

Services were held Nov. 19 in Schoenberg Memorial Chapel, 519 Philadelphia Pike.

In memoriam the family suggests contributions to Congregation Beth Emeth, 300 W. Lea Blvd., Wilmington 19802; or to Delaware Hospice, Suite 100, Ridgely Building, 3509 Silverside Road, Wilmington 19810.

Student Knesset At Gratz

The 1985-86 school year promises to be an exciting one for the students at Delaware Gratz Hebrew high School. Not only have there been innovations in the course of study, but also an active program of extra-curricular social and educational activities has been planned.

Some of these include *kinnus*, which is a weekend retreat in the Pocono Mountains dealing with a special theme concerning Jewish life.

Another is an inter-high school conference which deals with a controversial topic and helps students to understand how Jewish law relates and responds to it.

Delaware students are also encouraged to attend dances in Philadelphia and to march with Gratz in the Israel Independence Day Parade.

Gratz students have elected a "Knesset" for the current year. Members of this body will help to plan special assemblies, holiday celebrations and other social events.

Andrea Jacobs is president of the Knesset. Other members are Jonathan Deitch and Diane Tucker from High School III and IV; Johanna Goldlust and Lynn Miller from High School II; Monica Bernstein and Joel Simon from High School I; and Jeffrey Green and Laura Gilbert from the Prozdor class.

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Returning Home

By Arnold Lieberman,
Executive Director



The mobility of our society over the past several years has created various stresses on families. Parents, children, siblings, and other relatives may be separated by thousands of miles and perhaps only see each other once or twice a year.

This situation has resulted in family members of all ages growing up and living their lives without any real sense of "family." The support, security, and sense of belonging that results from being part of an extended family is denied to many people.

A particular aspect of this phenomenon is becoming increasingly apparent to agencies such as ours. Many people who retired to Sun Belt areas when they were in their mid-60s are now returning to where their children are living. The main reason for such moves is that these people need the support of their grown children due to problems of advancing age, declining health, and inability to live independently.

Whether or not a person is returning to a community in which they had lived previously, it requires a significant adjustment after an absence of so many years. In fact, returning to where you spent your earlier years as a vigorous independent adult can be quite depressing to an elderly, debilitated person.

A great adjustment is also required by the adult children

who are taking on the heavy responsibility of planning and carrying out the care of their parents. In addition to seeing their parents as dependent on them, in many cases it involves reestablishing a relationship after very little contact for several years.

Some people are able to handle these situations by themselves, but most families will require various forms of support. Although there are a great many resources available that can be helpful, each situation must be assessed to determine just what is needed.

There are generally four areas of service available: long-term residential care, such as the Kutz Home or other homes for the aged; short-term residential care, such as hospitals or nursing homes; day or respite care for daytime only or over a weekend; and in-home services, which enable the person to remain at home.

Jewish Family Service provides assessments, planning, counseling, and a range of supportive services to both the elderly person and the family. In addition to the above individual services, ongoing support groups for children serving as caretakers could also be arranged.

If you find yourself in such a situation, it could be to your advantage to talk to one of our counselors at JFS. Call us at 478-9411.

Dear Rachel

Dear Rachel,

My only daughter is getting married next year, to a boy who seems to love her very much. As soon as they announced their engagement, I called up my future *machataineste* (in-laws, ed.) and invited them to dinner. The dinner was a disaster. His parents were absolutely *prust* (boorish, ed.). They had no manners, were rude to us, and insisted their son should have a big wedding, to be paid for with our money, of course. My future son-in-law blushed, and told his parents that he and my daughter had not yet decided what kind of wedding to have. My daughter agreed, and then changed the subject.

My question is, how can I let my daughter marry into such a family? I always dreamed our family would grow to include the *machataineste* when my daughter married. I see no place for such *prust* people in our family, and I wouldn't want my future grandchildren involved with them either. Would it be wrong of me to say something to my daughter now, before it is too late? I value your advice, Rachel, and will be guided by it.

Possible Out-law

Dear Out-law,

The last thing you want to do is blind your daughter to the real issues by making her feel defensive toward her future mate and in-laws. If you let her discover for herself whatever flaws exist in their characters, she will be in the best position to decide if this is what she wants for her future. Your best bet is to help her explore her feelings when she comments on their rude behavior. Let her draw her own conclusions.

However, please be aware that somewhere along the line your future son-in-law acquired both tact and beautiful manners. In spite of his blush - an involuntary sign of embarrassment - your future son-in-law maneuvered his way out of a sticky situation. He refrained from humiliating both his parents and his hosts. He placed the decision of what kind of wedding to have right where it belongs, with himself and his fiancée. And your daughter followed through beautifully.

Keep an open mind; your daughter may have chosen better than you know.

Rachel

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Organizations in the News

Mid-Life Singles Group Forming

Congregation Beth Shalom of Wilmington, Delaware, is extending an open invitation to all area Jewish single men and women, age 50 plus, to participate in a newly formed organization to be known as the "Mid-Life Singles."

The group will be chaired by Betty Wexler-Rosen. A meeting time will be announced later, to formulate plans for social events. Anyone interested in joining may call Betty after 6 p.m. at (302) 478-5838, Zeldia Clocic, at (302) 798-3220, or Helen Pottock, at (302) 798-2092, to sign up.

Young Professionals Group

The Young Professionals Group would like to invite all Jewish singles in their 20s and 30s to the following December activities:

Bowling & Pizza — Dec. 1 at 2 p.m. at Silverside Lanes, Rt. 202 next to the Holiday Inn.

Pot Luck Supper — Dec. 14 at 6 p.m. at Mike Stape's House, 601 Greenhill Ave. Wilmington, Del. (302) 571-0728. Please call Mike by the 13th to let him know what you want to bring and also if you need directions.

Volunteering at Kutz Home — Dec. 25; followed by a pay-as-you-go dinner. For further information call Amy (215) 565-0740.

New Jewish Singles Group Is Launched

A "great" happening took place on Sunday, Nov. 10. After many months of preparation, a Jewish singles group was initiated at Beth Shalom. Thanks to the support of all area synagogues, including Ohev Shalom in Wallingford, Pa., lists were compiled and calls were made by Garee Lisansky, who personally called each and every person. As a result, more than 80 singles attended a get-together/get acquainted brunch. Enthusiasm was high and plans for future events were made: singles Shabbat, Friday, Nov. 22 at Congregation Beth Emeth, 300 Lea Blvd., at 8 p.m. wine & cheese party, on Sunday, Nov. 24 from 6-10 p.m.

A dance is scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 14. For details, or add names to this actively growing list of singles, call Garee Lisansky at 764-5651.

Bringing Judaism Home: Ethics And Ideals For Living

Customs, ceremonies and holiday celebrations are one way to enrich your home life. Explore another dimension in bringing Judaism home: ethics and ideals for everyday living. This workshop is for anyone who wants to bring more Jewish expression to his or her home life. Explore traditional, modern and innovative ways to incorporate Jewishness into your family.

This workshop, the second in a series of Family Life Education programs, is taking place Monday, Dec. 16, at

7:30 p.m. at Temple Beth El, 301 Possum Park Road, Newark (366-8330). The discussion will be led by Hedy Compeas-Cohen, LCSW, of Jewish Family Service.

"Bringing Judaism Home" is a community outreach workshop sponsored by the Newark Committee of the Jewish Federation of Delaware. It is part of a larger effort to enable individuals and families to become more comfortable with Judaism and Jewish practice. Come join us!

B'nai B'rith Holds Dinner For 50-Year And New Members

Wilmington B'nai B'rith Lodge #470 will honor its 50-year members and its new members at a dinner on Dec. 12 at the Wilmington Hilton in Claymont. A special address will be given by the new Israeli Consul General David Ben-Dov.

New 50-year members to be honored are Ben D. Cohen, Benjamin Cohen, Hyman Cohen, Julius Segal, and Leon

Wapner. New Lodge members to be inducted are Gary Aber, Lawrence Albert, Alan C. Blum, Harry A. Blum, Ronald E. Blum, Michael Greenberg, David Gostin, Alex Montag, Jerry Rabinowitz and Steven G. Schneider.

Lodge members who need information about the dinner can call Lu Dorfman at 475-2391.

Folk Fest At AKSE

The Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Congregation will begin its one hundred and first year with its fifth annual folk fest on Dec. 14, 1985 at 8 p.m. with two international stars - Shoshanna Ron, talented and charming singer, and Boris Veksler, gifted and exciting accordionist.

Shoshanna Ron, has appeared throughout Israel and Europe and has been acclaimed for her beautiful voice and unique interpretations. She was born in Poland and was raised in Russia and Israel. At an early age she displayed her extraordinary talent. After settling in Israel,

she served in the Israeli army and continued her musical career. She has won numerous awards and has performed on radio and the concert stage.

In the United States she has appeared as actress-singer with the Ben Bonus troupe, and has performed on Broadway, at the Lincoln Center, and has appeared with Jan Peerce, Carol Channing, Alan King and many others. Her interpretations hold everyone spellbound!

Boris Veksler, who will share the program with Shoshanna Ron, is a talented musician whose solo instru-

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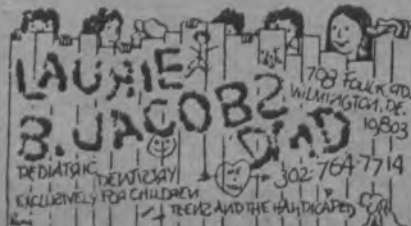
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This event has always been a great way to celebrate this joyous holiday with friends. Reservations are being taken by: Eleanor Mannis, 478-7205; Marion Zimmerman, 656-9070; Rhonda Lehr, 475-0573.

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Beth Emeth New Member Shabbat

New members of Congregation Beth Emeth will be honored during Shabbat services on Friday, Dec. 6th starting at 8 p.m. New members will participate in a special service written by Rabbi Grumbacher. The Oneg Shabbat in honor of new and potential members will be hosted by the membership committee.

Jewish War Veterans

The Jewish War Veterans of the United States, since 1896 and throughout America's development, must still defend themselves against the slander of Anti-Semites who continue spread the lie that the Jews have

never shared in the Armed Forces of their country.

Thousands of Jews have died in combat for their country and thousands more have been awarded combat medals for the performance of their duty in the time of war.

In Delaware, we should be proud to have a Jewish War Veterans Group, to be able to carry on the purpose of the Jewish Veterans.

The Jewish War Veterans, Dept. of Delaware, recently participated with the other Veterans groups in the signing of the proclamation declaring Veterans week, in addition, the participation by a large number of our members in the ceremonies held at the Veterans monument at the Delaware River Memorial Bridge on Veteran's Day, Nov. 11.

All Jewish Veterans of Delaware owe it to themselves to be included in our group. Stand up and be counted. You will feel proud to belong. The annual dues is \$20.

Applications can be had by calling — Is. Weiner — 764-2120 or Sam Geller — 764-0636.

There will be a regular meeting of the Jewish War Veterans at the Presidential Apartments Social Hall, 2000 Society Drive, Claymont, Del. on Monday, Nov. 25, at 8:30 p.m.

Refreshments will be served.

Please wear caps, those who have them.

AKSE —

(Continued from Page 18) ment is the accordion. He was born in Russia where he received his musical training, winning many prizes - among them the prestigious Stalin Prize. He emigrated to Israel and has been an international performer, charming audiences everywhere with his unique and versatile presentations.

Saturday, Dec. 14 is a wonderful opportunity to hear these two fine artists and to celebrate the Hanukkah festival. Tables of 10 may be reserved by calling the AKSE office, 762-2705. Advance admission is \$6 ; \$7 at the door. Refreshments are included. Do come and join the celebration.

Watch Out Walt!



By STEVE LEIBOWITZ

Walt Disney, watch out. A made-in-Jerusalem animated film has just been completed and will soon appear on top television stations across the U.S.

Gesher-Jerusalem Productions are the cartoon makers who are scheduled to become the first Israeli animators to break into the American markets. The feature production, their first, is *Lights*, a 28-minute, fully animated telling

of the Hanukkah story. It's slated for broadcast in time for this year's candle lighting.

Lights is the most ambitious production turned out by the young Israeli animation industry. It took two years to complete.

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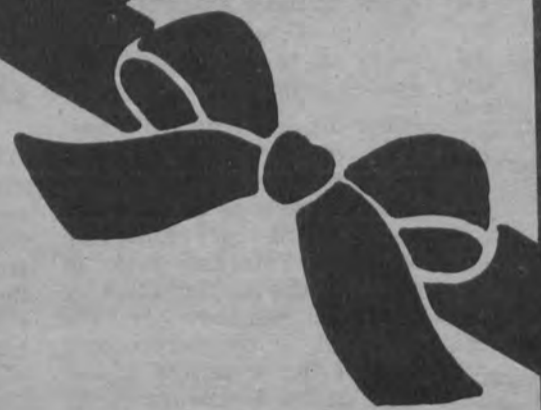
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