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Action Box Jerusalem Bill

Congressional support grew this week for legislation to move the American embassy in Israel to Jerusalem, while Administration opposition hardened. Thirty-seven senators and 187 representatives have sponsored legislation that would require moving the embassy from Tel Aviv to Israel's capital.

Secretary of State George Shultz in a March 5 letter to key members of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee said that "a move of our embassy would certainly fan Islamic extremism, possibly inciting a wave of violence against our citizens, diplomats and installations in the region."

Sponsors of the H.R. 4877, introduced in the House by Representatives Tom Lantos (D-Calif.) and Benjamin A. Gilman (R-N.Y.), include Delaware Congressman Tom Carper.

Delaware Senator Joe Biden is among the Senate sponsors of S. 2031 introduced by Senator Daniel P. Moynihan (D-N.Y.).

Please write to Senators Biden and Roth and to Congressman Carper to tell them of your support for these bills.

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Washington, D.C. 20515

First Amendment Threatened What The Media Is Saying

Although the school prayer amendment was defeated in the Senate this week, the Jewish Voice feels it is important to take a long hard look at the issues involved.

The Washington Post, March 6

Supporters of the amendment, according to the National Council of Churches, appear to believe that restoring prayer in the public schools would nullify the accumulated ills of the last 20 years in our educational institutions. Discipline and order would be reimposed, drugs and vandalism stamped

out, sexual promiscuity would abate. Even President Reagan's pronouncements on the subject reflect this view of school prayer as a cure-all, a magic solution to the problems of our children, our public institutions, even our nation.

But the amendments now before the Senate wouldn't transform our society or our schools. It is a cop-out to proclaim that a moment or two of organized prayer would inculcate high moral values or make our children ethical, responsible citizens. The amendments are unnecessary,

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Mark Talisman To Address Dinner Of Commitment April 11

Frank Chaiken, chairman of the 1984 JFD Dinner of Commitment, has announced that Mark Talisman, director of the Washington, D.C. Action office of the Council of Jewish Federations will keynote this major Federation event. The dinner will be held on Wednesday evening, April 11 at the Brandywine Country Club beginning at 6 p.m. This will be the culminating event of the 1984 campaign, and it is anticipated that it will set the tone for the final achievement of this year's goal of \$1,250,000 to the Regular campaign and \$250,000 to Project Renewal.

David Singer, General Campaign chairman and Harold May, vice chairman stated, "By a generous and maximum demonstration at this key function, we in the Jewish community will reaffirm our total commitment to human service needs in Israel and



Mark Talisman



Frank Chaiken

to the agency services here in our community."

In commenting on the first appearance of Mark Talisman in our community, Chaiken commented, "Mark is one of the most articulate and dynamic spokesmen on the American Jewish scene today. He will share with our leadership his special expertise and insights into vital Jewish communal issues which impact upon each of us personally in terms of the national and international scene."

Talisman worked on the Washington "Hill" for some 14 years where he served as personal aide to Congressman Vanik and he served as staff manager for numerous bills including the all-important Jackson-Vanik amendment to the Trade Reform Act. Talisman was founder of the John F. Kennedy Institute of Politics Program and also teaches seminars on the Federal legislative process at Harvard University.

Leo Zefter, president of the Jewish Federation, stressed the critical importance of a wide response to the dinner. He said, *tzedakah* is an essential part of our Jewish tradition. In giving generously in accordance with the needs and our ability to meet them, we renew our commitment and responsibility to that tradition from which each of us springs."

Assisting Frank Chaiken on the Dinner of Commitment committee are Dr. Steven Edell, Bennett Epstein, Paul Fine, Dr. Edward Goldenberg, Lawrence Isakoff, Irving Kaufman, Stuart Nemser, Steven Rothschild, Dr. Alan Simkins, Howard Simon, Sanford Solomon, Dr. George Zurkow, and Ted Zutz.

The minimum contribution for the dinner is \$1,000. Reservations can be made through the Federation office, attention of Morris Lapidus, at 478-6200.



TERRORISTS BLOW UP ISRAELI BUS

ASHDOD, ISRAEL - An unidentified 52-year-old woman slumps in the seat of the bus in which she was killed March 7, when a bomb explosion ripped through this bus in Ashdod, just south of Tel Aviv. A Palestinian group claimed responsibility for the attack, which killed three people and left nine others wounded. (RNS Photo).

Neo-Nazi Group Distributes Literature In Newark

Copies of *National Vanguard*, the "newspaper" of the National Alliance, a neo-Hitlerian group, were recently placed under the windshield wipers of cars parked in the Newark Shopping Center. This particular issue, discovered by a member of the Newark Jewish community, contained articles headlined, "Why Must More Marines Die For Israel?", "The Jewish Lobby: How It Works," and "The Power of the Controlled Media."

In their slander sheet they write: "The American people have been told by Mr. Reagan and the other 'conservative' politicians that 'Israel is America's first line of defense against Soviet penetration of the Middle East.' The truth is quite the opposite:

Israel has never taken any action in defense of American interests in the Middle East, and it has been Israel alone which has created every opportunity since the Second World War for the Soviet Union to gain influence in that part of the world."

They continue, "The American people have been told by Mr. Mondale and the other 'liberal' politicians that 'Israel is the only democracy in the Middle East: a bastion of decency and Western values in a sea of medieval autocracy.'...there is hardly a more repressive, illiberal state in the region than Israel. Jews have always promoted liberalism among Gentiles, but they know it for the poison it is and shun it among themselves."

Every Sunday Is Super Sunday

In a quiet of Sunday mornings and in the dark of nights, the Women's Division continues to make follow up phone calls from their Super Sunday

prospects; pictured below are three of Chairwoman Paula Lehrer's hard working volunteers.



Cynthia Kane



Karen Venezky



Ellen Meyer

The "Jewish lobby" is cited as the "most powerful and feared political pressure group in Washington."

The newspaper defines the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith as a watchdog agency, which "attempts to prevent any person who might not approve of an Israel-first policy being elected or appointed to public office in the United States."

Predictably, the "hate sheet" claims that all major electronic and print media is controlled by Jews.

They conclude that "fighting the Jewish lobby is not easy, but it is the duty of every patriot."

The *National Vanguard* distributed in Newark Shopping Center, is one of two publications printed by the National Alliance.

The National Alliance is a small Washington-based neo-Hitlerian group which disseminates a sizable amount of propaganda through the neo-Nazi network in the U.S. It originally sprang from the 1968 Youth for Wallace movement as the "National Youth Alliance," described as "a fighting movement" determined to "liquidate the enemies of the American people." It was originally run behind the scenes by Willis Carto,

the head man at Washington's Liberty Lobby. The organization soon took on Carto's coloration and attitudes — "scientific" racism, "Aryan" anti-Semitism and admiration for Adolf Hitler.

The group subsequently broke with Carto in 1970 and became the "National Alliance." It was reorganized in large part by former members of George Lincoln Rockwell's American Nazi Party. Its leader, William L. Pierce, was a former editor of Rockwell's *National Socialist World* and a leader of the party after Rockwell's death. Pierce has run the National Alliance for the past decade and is editor of its monthly tabloid, *National Vanguard*.

The National Alliance, as an active promulgator of anti-Semitic propaganda, has distributed thousands of copies of a flyer entitled "Who Rules America?" The flyer charges that "Jewish control of the American mass media is the single most important fact of life, not just in America, but in the whole world today."

Readers who discover flyers or other propaganda are urged to contact Bob Kerbel at the Jewish Federation of Delaware, 478-6200.

Delaware Young Leaders Attend D.C. Conference

Six Delaware leaders recently attended the United Jewish Appeal's fourth national Young Leadership Conference March 11-13 in Washington, D.C.

Steven Dombchik stated that the Conference, attended by more than 2,000 young leaders, was inspirational and exhilarating. He felt that the Delaware contingent, consisting of Marjory Stone Levine, Richard Levine, Jane Klinger, Alan Horowitz, Rhoda Dombchik and himself had much more knowledge of the program of Delaware than the representatives of larger cities had of their communities.

Dombchik stated that two of the most stimulating sessions were on "Linking Destinies" and "Dissent Within the American Jewish Community: Public or Private?" In the

former, Senators Rudy Buschwitz of Minnesota and Frank Lautenberg of New Jersey stated that "One can be an active and committed Jew and still take a major role in community, state, national and global arenas." Both are proof of this.

It was felt that dissent is important as a safety valve and as expression of the democratic process, but how and where it is expressed is most important.

Other sessions dealt with domestic social programs and federal budgetary policy, coalition politics, the politicization of American Jewish women, anti-Semitism, the media, Soviet Jewry and the UJA Campaign. At least six sessions focused on various aspects of American foreign policy in Israel and the Middle East.

What The Media Is Saying

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divisive and unwise. They should be rejected once and for all.

The New York Times, March 14, by James Reston, Columnist

The Senate debate on prayer in the public schools is almost enough to make a man give up religion for Lent. It's fairly obvious that as long as we have politicians of the present stamp, we're going to need to pray for deliverance, but why impose it by constitutional amendment on our children in the public schools?... As an old Scotch Calvinist who believes in both prayer and original sin, I doubt the wisdom of the state imposing religious practices on the people.

Nothing is more clear in contemporary history than the tragedy of religious politics.

We see the consequences in Lebanon, fragmented by religious

factions. We see it in Iraq and Iran, now poised for a bloody resolution of their war. It is clear in the ancient struggles of Ireland and the new tribal wars of Africa, and the religious differences between India and Pakistan.

And the irony of all this is that while they pretend to be fighting in the name of religion, they are really fighting for land and political domination.

The New York Times, March 11
By Allda Brill, Resident Scholar at Russell Sage Foundation

We are witnessing a blurring of public conceptions and the private practice of religious freedom.

...In national sample surveys, when we asked whether a community should allow its civic auditorium to be used by Protestants who want to hold

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ON THE OTHER HAND N. Even-Or



The Midrash On Drunks

There are two reasons why this is a good time to talk about drunks. First, we have just finished celebrating the festival of Purim, a minor and lighthearted holiday that we serious Jews don't quite know how to handle. There's a delightful Yiddish saying, for example, that, as a high temperature does not denote serious illness neither is Purim a festival.

At any rate, in the talmudic tractate Megillah, the great fourth century Babylonian sage, Rava, says that in celebrating Purim a man is obliged to drink so much wine that he won't be able to differentiate between cursing Haman and blessing Mordecai. While there have been many scholars over the past 1,600 years who have tried to explain away this remark, it remains engraved for all time: Purim is a time to get drunk!

Second, right after Purim we have been reading the portion of Torah that deals with the serious error and subsequent punishment of Aaron's sons, Nadav and Abihu. Nobody is quite sure what precisely it was that Nadav and Abihu did wrong. The text tersely states that they "offered before the Lord strange fire, which he had not commanded them. And there came forth fire from before the Lord, and devoured them, and they died before the Lord." Since this passage is followed by the admonition to Aaron and his remaining sons that they not drink wine or strong drink when they go into the tabernacle, it has been reasoned by many scholars that Nadav and Abihu had been drinking before they made their offering before the Lord. This, coupled with the use of "strange," not sacred, fire was the cause of their demise.

With the exception of Rava's famous comment, the weight of Jewish thinking has been solidly on the side of moderation in drinking habits, but not total abstinence. Wine is an important part of our Friday night service, the *oneg* following Shabbat morning services, Havdalah, the Seder at Passover, and virtually every other celebration in our ritual calendar. This attitude of moderation among Jews has been so pervasive that up to recent times there were few cases of Jews drinking to excess; it was even believed by many to be an ethnic trait. Sadly, this no longer appears to be true, and alcoholism and excessive drinking are now becoming almost as prevalent among Jews as among non-Jews. It is not too surprising that some recent studies indicate moderation to still be the rule among observant Jews; chalk up another one for the "benefits" of assimilation and loss of identity.

One of the strongest cases against drinking and overeating, as well, is made in chapter 23 of our Book of Proverbs, where we are warned: "Be not among the winebibbers, gluttonous eaters of flesh; for the drunkard and the glutton shall come to poverty." What better description of the morning after than, "Who hath wounds

without cause? Who hath redness of eyes? They that tarry long at the wine, they that go to try mixed wine." Has there been a better drawing of Skid Row than, "They have struck me, and I felt it not, they have beaten me, and I knew it not; when shall I awake? I will seek it yet again."

In the Midrash, Leviticus Rabbah, among the comments on the case of Nadav and Abihu is a story of one whom I would call the quintessential tippler: "There was a man who used to drink 12 *xestes* of wine every day. (*Xestes* is a Greek measure of volume

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WHAT'S HAPPENING Kayla Gavish



Coming Home

How many of our congregations in Wilmington can boast of a sanctuary filled with worshippers, both young and old, on the last Shabbat of the summer before an important national holiday?

This is just what I found when I visited Associaçao Religiosa Israelita in Rio de Janeiro at the end of February. Even Rabbi Roberto Graetz seemed surprised that so many of his congregants came to services on this week before Carnival. It is traditionally a time when the "sane" people take their annual vacations.

The vitality of this congregation is in no small measure due to the gifted leadership of its rabbi. Roberto Graetz was born in Buenos Aires and served in a pulpit in that city before moving to Rio about four years ago. He has infused a new spirit into this liberal congregation of 1,200 families. ARI was founded in the early 1940s by European refugees who had made their way to Brazil just prior to World War II.

Central and South America provided a refuge for many Jews who fled Germany just before the outbreak of the war. I suspect that most of them if not all, wanted to go to the United States but in the end were willing to go any place that would take them.

I had the opportunity to talk with a woman about 40 years old who was born in Brazil and whose parents were German refugees. She told me she had spent several years in Boston when she was in her early 20s. She had wanted to remain in the United States. She admitted that she hates Brazil and the Latin American attitude. However she returned to Brazil because her parents are there. She said, "My parents were fortunate

FRANKLY SPEAKING Zev Amiti



Why Must Jews Fight Jews?

The other day, March 17 to be exact, I attended a St. Patrick's Day dinner and listened carefully to an Irish official from northern Ireland who as the principal speaker deplored that over in Ireland, Irish were still attacking and even killing Irish.

Later, I congratulated the speaker and expressed sorrow that Irish were still attacking and even killing Irish in Ireland.

He said to me, "I understand you're Jewish. Tell me, why are Jews still attacking Jews in Israel?"

And then he told me of two stories he had read in a recent issue of the

Jerusalem Post, adding that he is subscriber to the weekend edition of the *Post*. He likes to keep up with the rush of events in one of the other civilized countries of the world, still struggling with the pros and cons of theocracy.

Yes, I had also read the stories he mentioned. One story was particularly sad. It was about two men who had been ordered by the chief Sephardic rabbi of Rishon Lezion to remove the body of a woman who had been buried a year or so ago because, the rabbi said, it had been determined that the buried woman was not Jewish but had married a Jew and had undergone conversion to Judaism not acceptable to Halacha.

Also, according to the *Jerusalem Post*, the body of the woman was later found, dumped in a Moslem cemetery. We are told that this incident has set off a nation-wide furor and that the High Court of Justice of Israel ordered the body to be returned to its original grave.

Frankly, when I first read this story I thought I was reading a yarn from the annals of Puritanical rule in colonial New England in the early 18th century where theocracy at its worst in the United States was practiced.

Also as I read the story of the woman whom rabbis in Israel had decreed was not Jewish, I was impressed with the editorial of the *Jerusalem Post* that the Israeli High Court of Justice had "rapped out an order to reverse the ghoulish deed of the Rishon Lezion body snatchers."

It was also a relief to read that one of the Alignment members of the Knesset, Menachem Hacohen, said the Knesset must beg forgiveness of the woman's family "for the desecration of the grave."

And Yehuda Ben-Meir (National Religious Party) denounced what he called "the grave robbery as an affront to the dignity of the dead and to the values of Judaism."

Also there was Akiva Nof (Likud-Herut) who said that "religious fanatics must be prevented from imposing their barbaric norms upon us and that the anti-religious fanatics must also be stopped from using this crime to launch an all-out war against the noble elements of Jewish tradition."

As I got the story, this poor woman whose body had been exhumed from the Rishon Lezion Jewish Cemetery was born in Rumania, and lived as a Jew in that country, married a Jew and was sent to a Nazi concentration camp.

But this was not good enough for Rabbi Josef Azran of Rishon Lezion who had ordered the body exhumed and buried elsewhere — this poor woman was Jewish enough to have suffered the horrors and indignities of a Nazi concentration prison but not the tranquility of a Jewish cemetery.

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that their brothers and sisters did not perish in the Holocaust. But they all live in different countries... United States, France, England, Israel. I could not in good conscience abandon my parents in Brazil."

My conversation with her recalled a very special report I had heard just two weeks previous in Israel. In fascinating detail an unnamed secret agent reported how Israel is rescuing Jews from distressed communities.

How fortunate there is an Israel today! No longer do families have to be separated nor ride the high seas looking for refuge. Israel is eager and ready to welcome them... and more than that... Israelis are working at great risk to rescue Jews and bring them to Israel. (Please see related editorial, p. 4)

Iranian Jews who were reluctant to leave Iran when the Shah's regime was toppling are now being smuggled out — it's very dangerous work. Using a house-to-house search Israelis brought Jews out of Lebanon in mid-'82 as the war was raging. With Israel's help some Syrian Jews have been able to slip across the border.

I heard a detailed description of the clandestine work that Israelis have carried out to rescue Ethiopian Jews. In the past year 2,200 Ethiopian Jews have been brought to Israel where an absorption program has been set up to help adjust them to Israeli life and modern civilization. While there has been a great deal of criticism that Israel isn't doing enough I can assure you that if you had heard the "off-the-record" account that I did you would be applauding not criticizing Israel.

Jews live in countries all over the globe. Have you ever wondered what brought them there?

Editorial

Israel Supports You, Whether Or Not You Support Her

Reprinted from the *Near East Report*

The news (as reported in the *Jerusalem Post*) that the Israeli government had quietly used its contacts in Argentina to secure the release of Jews imprisoned there by the right-wing junta is worth noting. During the junta's seven years in power, there was a great deal of criticism of Israel for its dealings with the regime. It was argued that Israel should not have any ties with a government that was victimizing Jews and which used anti-Semitism as a policy tool.

Israeli officials responded to the charge with the assurance that it was using its contacts in Buenos Aires to help Argentinian Jews but that its rescue work had to be done without publicity. The fall of the junta and its replacement by a democratic regime allows the true story of Israel's rescue efforts to be told.

According to the *Post*, the Argentinian government would periodically publish lists of those imprisoned for various political "crimes." Under an agreement with Israel, Jews on the list could leave Argentina for Israel—but for no other place. Israel also saved Jews whose names did not appear on the lists but who were being shadowed by security forces. Israel spirited these people to Tel Aviv—and away from the fate of as many as 20,000 political detainees or "desaparecidos"—torture and death.

The *Post* notes that not all the Argentinians saved by Israel were Zionists or even supporters of Israel. Some were leftists who shared the international left's antipathy for the Jewish state. But their politics were of no interest to the Israelis: they were Jews and had to be saved.

The *Post* reports that, in one case, a young Jew rescued by Israel insisted on getting off his Tel Aviv-bound plane while it was on a European stopover. "Shortly afterwards, he approached an Israel embassy in Europe, seeking Israel's help to rescue his gentile wife who had remained in Buenos Aires and had subsequently been kidnapped." She, too, was rescued by the Israelis.

It is an important story because it demonstrates that Israel continues to fulfill its chief mission: protection of its own people and imperiled Jews everywhere. Today few Soviet Jews are permitted to leave the Soviet Union. In recent years, only 10% of those who managed to get out chose Israel as their home. Nevertheless, it is the existence of Israel which makes any Soviet Jewish emigration possible. Every departing Soviet Jew has to sign a pledge that he or she will be going to Israel. It is that pledge which is the ticket to freedom—for those who actually go to Israel and for those who never get any closer to Israel than Brooklyn. Without the Jewish state neither Argentinian nor Soviet Jews would have any sovereign entity looking out for their interests. With Israel, there is hope—and behind it a passport and those "papers" which can mean life or death.

This all puts the lie to those claims—made by Jews who consider themselves enlightened—that Israel means nothing to them, that it is just another foreign country without special significance. The fact is that Jews may be indifferent to Israel but Israel is not indifferent to them. Whether on the streets of Tel Aviv—or in Paris, Buenos Aires or New York—Jews and their well-being are the special concerns of that State of Israel and are its *raison d'être*.

A Good Jew Is A Growing Jew

By REUVEN KIMELMAN

Editor's Note: Dr. Reuven Kimelman, associate professor of Talmud and Midrash at Brandeis University and chief program associate of the National Jewish Resource Center, will be in Baltimore on March 25 to develop his theme of "learning leaders" with leaders of the Associated Jewish Charities. The following is an excerpt from his recent address at the General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations on this theme. (Reprinted from the Baltimore Jewish Times.)

Who is a good Jew? A good Jew is a growing Jew. Let it not be said that we are doing more and "en-Jewing" it less. The question is not where you are at, but where you are coming from and where you are going. Two Jews on different elevators may be on the same floor. It makes a world of difference, however, whether one is going up and the other coming down.

Loving people entails nurturing their growth. If we in the Federation community care so much for each other that we are willing to declare that "We Are One", then we should encourage each other's growth. We must become a community of Jewish nurturers.

There is no event at which more Jews declare that they are Jews than

upon entering a hospital. Communities should find out when pregnant Jewish women are on the verge of giving birth and mark every Jewish birth. Every new mother should receive, in the hospital, a card from the Federated Jewish community saying: *Baruch Haba L'Klal Yisrael* — Welcome to the universal community of Jewry. In your child's name, we are planting a tree in Israel with the hope that as the tree grows, so will your child's involvement in the mission of Jewry grow."

We do ourselves a disservice by making our first contact a request. We will do ourselves a service by making our first contact an expression of care. Let us proclaim publicly that from the moment of birth we are committed to their growth and are organized to nurture them. This is what it means to say, "We are one and care for one another."

Along with our "Jewish Federation *Baruch HaBa* Greeting Card" we should include all the information Jewish parents need to celebrate the first 30 days of their child. We should explain the nature of a *Bris Milah*, of *Pidyon Haben*, and of various naming ceremonies. The whens and hows of these birth rites should also be provided. Above all, we must become resolute. (Continued to Page 10)

LETTERS to the Editor

To Jewish Community:

I, as a Jewish person, don't think there should be prayers in public schools. Public schools are for everybody. I also don't think there should be Christmas Scenes in public places.

I think that public schools and places are for Americans (meaning all religions).

Please help.

Signed,
Karey Eals
Second Grade Student
Albert Einstein Academy

To Jewish Community:

I don't want prayers in public schools and Christmas scenes in public places. Public schools are not only for Christians. They're for all Americans. If I were in a public school, if there were Christians, and I were a Jew, and the Christians were talking about Christmas, I would feel left out. It would be very uncomfortable.

Please help.

By: Jaime Sobel
Second Grade Student
Albert Einstein Academy

The following is a letter to the editor of *The Dialog* written by Irving Levitt in response to an article they published opposing moving the U.S. Embassy to Jerusalem.

Dear Editor:

I wish to respond to a front page story in the March 2 *Dialog*, opposing the move of the U.S. Embassy in Israel from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem. In your article you state, "Tel Aviv had been Israel's formal capital until July 30, 1980." This is not true.

Permit me to quote from a piece of legislation introduced by Rep. Benjamin A. Gilman (New York - 22nd District) and Rep. Tom Lantos (California - 11th District): "Despite the fact that the State of Israel has declared Jerusalem as its official capital since its Independence Day in 1948, the myth has been perpetrated by eight successive Administrations—each president since Truman, regardless of party, has been heedless of the need to move our embassy to the actual capital."

I wonder if Mr. Filteau is aware that in no other country in the world is the American embassy located outside the administrative capital. Even the American Embassy to communist East Germany is located in East Berlin although the U.S. does not recognize Berlin as the capital of the German Democratic Republic.

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The next issue of *The Jewish Voice* is the special Passover issue which will be published FRIDAY, APRIL 6. The deadline for stories and photos was noon, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23. Material should be sent or brought to the Jewish Voice office at the Jewish Federation of Delaware, 101 Garden of Eden Rd., Wilmington, 19803. All articles must be typed, double spaced.

Leadership Development Group Hears Professor Allen Pollack

An attentive and captivated group at Fran and Sol Bernstein's home heard Dr. Allen Pollack, director of Leadership Development of the Jewish Agency for Israel speak of the role of Israel and the vitality of the present and future of the American Jewish community. Dr. Pollack spoke

of Israel's imperfections but also of its place in the centrality of the Jewish people. He urged each Jew to be involved, to educate himself and others and to be a "light unto all nations" in helping uphold and develop moral and ethical values for all.



Judy Magel



Brad Meiners



Adeline and Gary Holob



Lionell and Nancy Sandell



Fran Bernstein and Beverly Peltz

Letter —

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Fr. J. Bryan Hehir of the U.S. Catholic Conference expressed concern for preserving Jerusalem's international religious character. Ironically, that's exactly what Mayor Teddy Kolek is doing. When Jordan controlled East Jerusalem prior to 1967, Jews as well as Israeli Christians were totally denied access to the "Western Wall." Ancient Jewish cemeteries were desecrated. Only since Israel has occupied East

Jerusalem have Moslems, Christians and Jews all been allowed access to the city which is considered holy by all three denominations.

We support Sen. Moynihan in his efforts to move the U.S. Embassy to where it belongs.

Incidentally, I question the use of the word "formal" when referring to Israel's capital: what is our "informal" capital?

Very truly yours,
Irving Levitt
Chairman
Jewish Community
Relations Committee

Dutch Anti-Semitism Is Increasing

NEW YORK, (JTA) — Sixty anti-Semitic incidents were reported in Holland during 1983, according to a survey conducted by a Dutch Jewish organization. The audit grew out of concern over the growth of religious and racial bigotry that has resulted from the rise of right wing extremist movements there.

West German Brotherhood Week

By David Kantor

BONN, (JTA) — Brotherhood Week, which fosters amicable relations between Christians and Jews, took place in West Germany last week. The principal ceremonies, broadcast on national television, were held in Worms where the first Jewish settlement dates back to Roman times.

They marked, among other things, the 950th anniversary of the first synagogue in Germany, an edifice constructed in 1034. Speakers stressed the need for Germans to outgrow once and for all the anti-Semitism that has ebbed and flowed throughout German history, culminating in the Holocaust.

Ingeborg Drewitz, a West Berlin writer, warned against the current phenomenon of anti-Semitism which she said is sometimes masked as anti-Zionism. Klaus Schuetz, a former West German Ambassador to Israel, criticized the Bonn government's plan to sell arms to "enemies of Israel."

Dateline

Pro-Israel Precedents Set At Prayer Breakfast

By JOSEPH POLAKOFF
LJN Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — Higher attendance records and more pro-Israel precedents were established at the third "national prayer breakfast in honor of Israel" sponsored annually in Washington by Evangelicals claiming to represent fifty million Bible-believing Christians.

Few Jews attended the initial breakfast but Hassidic Jews came last year and again to the latest gathering along with representatives of major national Jewish organizations including the United Jewish Appeal, the Jewish National Fund, the Zionist Organization of America, the America Jewish Committee, and the American-Israel Public Affairs Committee.

Demonstrators Protest Chile's Refusal To Extradite Rauff

NEW YORK, (JTA) — Some 50 persons braved heavy rain and snow yesterday to stage a demonstration outside the midtown Manhattan offices of the Chilean airlines to protest the Chilean government's refusal to extradite Walter Rauff, a Nazi war criminal held responsible for the murder of tens of thousands of Jews during World War II.

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Dole And Rivlin Visit NJCRAC Plenum

By IRV LEVITT
Chairman JCRC

Senator Robert Dole (R-Kansas) flew back to Washington just long enough to tell the NJCRAC (National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council) plenum that the poor, the disabled and Social Security beneficiaries on Medicare will have to make additional sacrifices if the budget deficit is to be reduced.

Dole tried to present a balanced assessment. He admitted that in politically-sensitive Washington, the big PACs (the AMA and the insurance industry) were leaning on his finance committee to avoid hasty actions like plugging glaring tax loopholes or drafting a tax cut for the lower middle class and the poor only.

Dole's solution to

Medicare's economic prognosis (terminally ill by the late 80s) is to press for greater part A & B deductibles and for beneficiaries to pay a greater share of the Part B premium on balance. Doctors were urged to freeze their fee schedules.

While it was assumed that people on more or less fixed income moaned merely because they were asked to pay their fair share of responsibility in bringing down the deficit, Alice M. Rivlin, the former director of the Congressional Budget office suggested that Social Security beneficiaries should skip a cost of living (COLA) increase in 1985 in an effort to promote the common defense at the expense of the general welfare. Rivlin's COLA freeze did not, however, extend to freezing the Medicare premium, nor did it extend to Medicare deductibles. Both Dole and Rivlin posed as reasonable middle of the roaders, which can only make one wonder what the conservatives have in mind shortly after November.

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Amendment —

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a revival meeting, 69% of the public said fine. However, when we asked whether a community should allow its civic auditorium to be used by atheists who want to preach against religion and against God, only 18 percent of the public saw that as a constitutional guarantee.

I should note one other finding in our study — that the more deeply people identified with their own religious beliefs, the more intolerant they were across the entire array of civil liberties, from free speech to gay rights. For me, that means the Reagan Administration's attempts to impose a particular moral or religious standard on society threaten tolerance in America.

The New York Times, March 11

By Martin E. Marty, Professor of the History of Modern Christianity, University of Chicago Divinity School

The Supreme Court decisions of the early 1960s didn't take God out of the schools. In fact the court said then that schools should teach religion, the weight religion has in our culture. Institutionalizing prayer won't do this. It just means we can take care of God in the first minute of the day, while kids are shooting paper wads or grumbling if they aren't praying.

The New York Times, March 11.

By John E. Sexton, Professor of Law and First Amendment Scholar, New York University Law School

In the Nativity scene case, the Court looked at whether Pawtucket's creche posed a real danger of the establishment of a state church. But for the Court to put the constitutional question that way ignores the fact that the framers of the Constitution's religion clauses feared any action that placed the imprimatur of the state on a particular religion.

The state should accommodate religion where religion is burdened by state action. But we should not confuse such legitimate accommodation with the marshaling of the organs of state power on behalf of religious belief. Religious commitment imposed by the state is democratically unsound and theologically vacuous.

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Perspective On A Revolting Act

The clandestine exhumation of a woman's body from a Rishon Lezion cemetery has been deplored by all, from the orthodox to the secular in Israel. But, while none will defend the act and the manner in which it was performed, it is important to understand that the problem did not begin with the disinterment.

Burial practices have always been a matter of critical concern to Jews. The first organization established in a Jewish community has traditionally been the *hevra kadisha*, the burial society. Before a synagogue was built, a Jewish cemetery was prepared. The obligation to arrange for the burial of a Jewish stranger who has died in a community is so great that even a *Kohen* is permitted to carry it out. When a Jewish community is too small or too poor to have its own cemetery, it must arrange for a separated section of a non-Jewish member of a Jewish congregation, a gentile counted in a *minyan*, so it is not possible to have a non-Jew buried in a Jewish cemetery.

One has a lifetime to anticipate and to take actions to preclude such traumas as were precipitated in Rishon Lezion. It could have been no secret to anyone in Rishon Lezion that the administration of a Jewish cemetery following *halacha*, Jewish law, would not permit the burial of a non-Jew or one not converted according to

halacha. The choice should have been made long before death — a *halachic* conversion or arrangement for burial elsewhere. Tragically, neither choice was made, leading to the ugliness which we find so revolting.

Among the many conclusions that can be drawn from this incident there are two that are nonsense: the conclusion that absolutely nothing was wrong with the burial to begin with; and the conclusion that all orthodox, or ultra-orthodox, Jews are crazy barbarians. Restraint and understanding are called for, and, fortunately, that has been the predominant response in Israel. The newspaper of the National Religious Part, *Hatzofeh*, for example, has said of the two men arrested, "taking the law into their own hands and perpetrating irregular acts, is doing a disservice to the issues they seek to serve." The Israel High Court has ruled that the body must be replaced; the authorities concerned have obeyed the order; and no rabbi, national or in Rishon Lezion, has balked at the order, notwithstanding its conflict with *halacha*.

Editors Note:
Because of the broad interest expressed in this event in both the U.S. and Israel, we've invited Rabbi Leonard B. Gewirtz to write a fuller exposition of this matter in the next issue of the Voice.

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Dover Weekend Symposium: 'An Orphan In History'

By LINDA G. FLISS
 Congregation Beth Shalom in Dover, has been presented with a grant from the Delaware Humanities Forum to fund a community-wide symposium entitled "An Orphan in History." The program takes place on the weekend of March 30 through April 1 at Congregation Beth Shalom. The guest speakers will be Paul and Rachel Cowan.

Mr. Cowan is presently a journalist for the *Village Voice*, and has written three books: *The Making of an Unamerican*, *The Tribes of America*, and *An Orphan in History*. Mrs. Cowan is a jour-

nalist, freelance photographer, and is the author of *Growing Up Yanqui*, telling of her experiences as a Peace Corps worker in Ecuador. Both have served as Peace Corps workers and were civil rights and anti-war activists. In his most recent book, *An Orphan in History*, Cowan sights the importance of tracing his family roots, and making his ethnic-cultural background a meaningful part of his life. Incidentally, this book was on the *Times* best seller list, and can be found in your local book stores and libraries.

Four scholars from the humanities have been chosen

as panelists to respond to the Cowans. They will provide the necessary balance for the audience, and broaden the viewpoint of the discussions. Specifically we will be addressing ourselves to the following issues: confronting one's past, examining the influence of social institutions, analyzing the history of

assimilation, reviewing the role of religion in developing the value system, and confronting the question of personal identity.

Please mark your calendars and reserve this weekend, so you can participate in this enriching program. For more information contact Linda Brown, pro-

gram chairman, at 678-0372.

Committee members responsible for organizing "An Orphan in History" symposium are: Linda Brown, Linda Fliss, Glenna Gordon, Phyllis Levitt, Charlotte Zaback, Helen Flamm, Aleta Kane, Marty Ruane, Rabbi Jacob Rosner, and Becky Halpern.

Kutz Home Seder

The public is cordially invited to attend Passover services at the synagogue of The Milton & Hattie Kutz Home,

704 River Road in Wilmington. Led by Reverend Samuel Mandelberg, services will be held at the following times: April 17 and 18, - 8:30 a.m.; April 23 - 8:30 a.m.; April 24 - 8:30 a.m. (Yiskor at 9:45 a.m.)

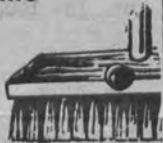
Services are held throughout the year in the synagogue at the Home with spiritual leadership and assistance provided by Ben Shapiro and Reverend Mandelberg.

For further information on religious observances at The Milton & Hattie Kutz Home, call the Home at 764-7000.

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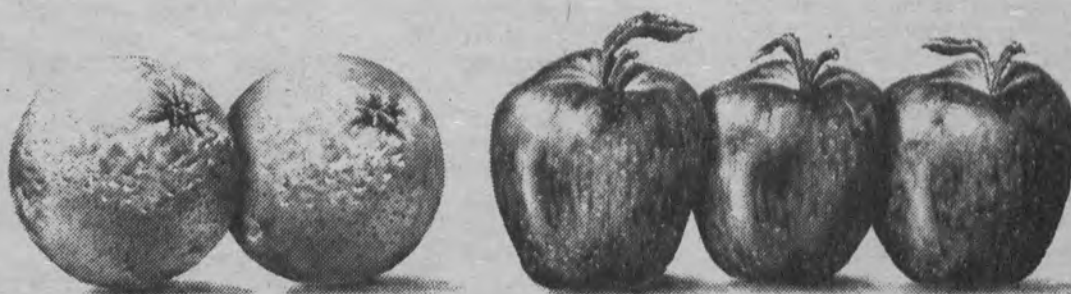
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Group Is Told How To Add Life, Not Just Years

From THE MORNING NEWS, March 10, 1984
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By JANE HARRIMAN

In the Japanese fable, a very old woman allows herself to be led up the mountain and abandoned to die. An old man refuses to go and his son has to murder him.

Dr. J. Pierre Loebel, a British psychiatrist working at the University of Washington in Seattle, related the story he read in a book by French writer Simone de Beauvoir, and then explained the moral "We all share the same ultimate fate. The question is how do we go, how do we help our patients to go."

Loebel was the main speaker at a symposium Thursday on "New Help for Old Problems: Assisting the Elderly and Their Families with Depression, Alzheimer's and Other Disorders." It was sponsored by the Department of Psychiatry at the Wilmington Medical Center and the Auxiliary of the Milton and Hattie Kutz Home and

was held at the Kutz home in Bellefonte.

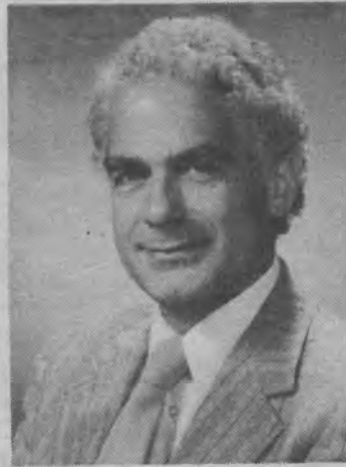
Loebel believes that there are ways society, families, and those who care for the elderly can "add life to the years and not merely years to the life."

Those over 80 now comprise the fastest-growing segment of the U.S. population, Loebel said, and about 10 percent of them have problems with thinking and memory. With the much larger younger population, those in their 60s, the percent affected is lower, 2.8 percent, but in all, he estimated that such problems affect about four million Americans, and of those 1.5 million are severely demented.

One in four American families have a "senile" older member, and for every senile older person in a nursing home, there are between seven and 10 who are cared for at home, he said. "We're talking political clout."

There is a huge imbalance, he said, between what these diseases cost the country and in what the country spends for research on them.

It's popular now to call any



Dr. J. Pierre Loebel

mental impairment that afflicts an older person Alzheimer's disease. "We are grossly overworking the term... it is not an easily made diagnosis."

In fact, the only infallible diagnosis now is by examining brain tissue, obtained either by a biopsy or from an autopsy. If the patient has Alzheimer's, cells will have undergone characteristic tangling. Most cases are diagnosed by eliminating other conditions that could cause similar symptoms, Loebel said, ranging from drug and alcohol problems to depression or poor nutrition. These, unlike Alzheimer's, can be treated, making crucial the need for a good diagnosis.

Dr. David E. Raskin, director of psychiatry at the medical center echoed Loebel when he told the audience of about 250 not to let a doctor "...use the word (Alzheimer's) without explaining.. find out what he's done to eliminate the other 30 or 40 diseases."

Depression, Loebel said, is often considered a normal reaction to the losses of old age, but depressed older people need a good medical and psychiatric evaluation.

A quick screening test for depression which Loebel and his colleagues are trying involves saying words such as "tree" to the patient, who raises her hand as soon as it has evoked a happy memory.

The memories themselves are not important, but rather how long it takes the patient to get one. That time, is measured. The test is then repeated, but this time, the patient raises her hand when she has an unhappy memory.

"In people mentally healthy, happy memories come more quickly. In the depressed, unhappy memories are much more accessible."

When a patient's problem is reliably diagnosed as Alzheimer's, Loebel said, family members should first read *The 36 Hour Day* a book by Nancy L. Mace and Peter V. Rabins, M.D., that describes "a behavioral management approach" they

can use in relating to the patient.

Second, there are medications that can be tried, he said. Hydergine, one of the most commonly prescribed medicines, "does help when you use it early enough, and long enough and in high enough doses...it's a subtle improvement. Not a memory improvement, but it improves alertness." He and colleagues are giving patients a doses at least six times the normal, and finding it has no ill effects.

The third thing that can be done for Alzheimer's patients is psychosocial, finding a "comfort zone" in which the patient's assets can be maximized.

Other Hand —

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equal to just under a quart). One day he had drunk only 11 xestes. He lay down, but sleep did not come to him. he got up and went to the innkeeper and said to him, "Sell me on xestes." The latter answered him, "I shall not open for you because it is dark, and I am afraid on account of the watchmen." The man raised his eyes and saw a hole in the door, so he said to the innkeeper, "Give me some through this hole; you pour out from within, and I shall

drink from without." He did it for him. The man drank lying down in front of the door. The watchman who passed by thought him to be a thief, and beat him and wounded him." The Midrash presents this an illustration of Proverbs 23, "Who hath wounds without cause?" Our 12 xestes tippler was not, in fact, a thief, but he was beaten as one because he tarried too long at the wine.

Somewhere in all this there must be a lesson for Senator Richard Cordrey and Colonel Daniel Simpson. Maybe it's that they should study Midrash. It wouldn't hurt.

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The group discussions will be based on the book *Women's Reality* by Anne Wilson Shaef, available at Bookland in the Branmar Plaza. (Call first to make sure it is in stock: 475-6511). We suggest that you give yourself at least one week to read the book in advance of the first group session.

There will be three sessions: Thursday, May 3, 10 and 17, from 7:30-9 p.m. Group size is limited to 12 participants. There is no fee and the series is open to the public, but advance registration is required. Call the Center at 478-5660 by April 26.

The discussion leader is Yvette Rudnitsky, LSW, of the Jewish Family Service staff. This series is part of the Jewish Community Center's Jewish Family Life Education series and is co-sponsored by the JCC and the Jewish Family Service.

Baking Basics

Acquire the secrets of baking for fun! On May 3, we'll review how to follow a recipe to yield perfect results and see how even the most complicated-sounding recipes can come out perfectly if we think and plan ahead. We'll prepare an apple cake to put our theories to the test.

On May 10, we'll learn to make two types of pastry: American pie crust and Viennese *meurbeteig*. We'll make them both by hand and by machine and will fill them with cream or fruit.

May 17 will be a chocoholics delight as we prepare chocolate fondue (and truffles), mousse, and chocolate genoise.

On May 24, find out Bubbah's secrets by preparing *teiglach*, *knish bread* and *mohn* (poppyseed) cookies.

The instructor will be Bebe Sklut. The course will run for four sessions on Thursday evenings from 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. from May 3 - May 24. The cost is \$28 for Center members and \$40 for non-members. Classes may also be taken on a per-class basis, in which case the cost is \$8 for Center members and \$12 for non-members per session. Call 478-5660 to register by April 20.

JCC Day Camp Early Bird Deadline is MARCH 30!

A Practical Short Course In Jewish Genealogy

Unearth your family's roots! Session 1 on May 3 will help history come alive as you find out how to track down your long-lost cousins. The course will make you aware of the sources of help available to you, defining the importance of record keeping and interviewing techniques.

Session II on May 24 will delve into available resources, including those of the National Archives, libraries, state and local historical societies, etc. The instructor, Barney Kantar, will be available to discuss individual needs.

Session III on June 14 will focus on additional resources and continued workshop time with the instructor.

The course will be held on three Thursdays: May 3, May 24, and June 14, allowing time between meetings for participants to work on projects. Class will meet from 7:30 - 9 p.m. The cost for members is \$10 for the three sessions, and \$15 for non-members. Please call 478-5660 to register by April 20.

Street-Proofing Your Children

It is 6 p.m. and your child was supposed to be home at 5. What do you do?

Your child is walking home from school and a man drives up and offers him/her candy and a ride home. Are you confident your child would refuse?

On Sunday, April 1, from 1-3 p.m., the JCC Children and Youth and Early Childhood Departments, in conjunction with the State of Delaware Child Protective Services, Parents Anonymous of Delaware, Inc., Child, Inc., and the Wilmington Police Department will present a workshop dealing with abuse against children.

This program comes at a time when we are becoming increasingly aware of the magnitude of crimes perpetrated against children, both in the home and on the street. Our street-proofing program will provide parents with the skills and knowledge necessary to teach children non-alarmist, practical and realistic strategies that will keep them safe from assault and crime.

The workshop will utilize a film and a panel discussion, moderated by Bill Montgomery, director of Prevention and Volunteer Services of the Division of Child Protective Services. Panelists include Susan Radecki, superintendent of the New Castle County Intra-Family Sexual Abuse Unit; Joann Kassees, program coordinator of Parents Anonymous; Pat Gercke, director of Child, Inc.; and a representative from the Wilmington Police Department.

"Street Proofing Your Children" is the first in a series of state-wide events to be held as part of National Child Abuse Prevention Month. Please call 478-5660 to reserve your place now: the workshop is free and is open to the public. Children will participate in gym activities during the program.

A Trip Down Memory Lane: 'Vagabond Stars'

The Temple University Hillel Theatre Project will perform the 1981-82 Off Broadway hit revue, "Vagabond Stars" at the Jewish Community Center on Sunday, April 1 at 3 p.m. First produced at New York's Jewish Repertory Theatre, "Vagabond Stars" portrays the Jewish immigrant experience as it was seen through the songs and skits of the Yiddish theatre of the day. "Vagabond Stars" examines an important era in Jewish and American theatre history: The Yiddish Broadway of Second Avenue.

The Temple Hillel Theatre Project was founded in 1982 under the auspices of the Jewish Campus Activities Board of Philadelphia, and Temple Hillel. Last season, the project won the B'nai B'rith National Haber Award for excellence in programming. Directed by Deborah Baer Quinn and starring student actors from Pennsylvania and New Jersey, the production is an ideal program for any cross-generational audience. "Vagabond Stars" is performed in English.

Ticket are \$3 for adults, and \$1.50 for senior citizens, students and children. Call 478-5660 now to reserve your seat, as space is limited.

Lecture And Film Series Continues

The "Jew in the Non-Jewish World" films and lecture series will continue, examining the following topics during the next three weeks:

Wednesday, March 28: Nineteenth Century Western European Jews and the Impact on New Freedoms.

Wednesday, April 4: Nineteenth Century Eastern European Jews and the Absence of Freedoms (Film: "Fiddler on the Roof").

The series is partly funded by a grant from the Delaware Humanities Forum and is free and open to the public. Guest lecturer Irene G. Shur will welcome questions and comments following each lecture.



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Passover Restaurant And Building Closings

The Jewish Community Center will be open for lunch and dinner on Wednesday, April 18, serving Passover foods in our Passover Restaurant. The Center kitchen will be kashered for Passover under the supervision of Rabbi Leonard Gewirtz and Jack Goldstein, *mashgiach*, and the community Va-ad Kashrut Committee.

Except for the passover Restaurant, the building will be closed to regular activities until 7 p.m. on Wednesday, April 18.

The building will be closed for the holiday as follows:

Monday, April 16 - Closed at 4 p.m.

Tuesday, April - Closed

Wednesday, April 18 - Open at 7 p.m.

Monday, April 23 - Closed

Tuesday, April 24 - Open at 7 p.m.

Exhibit And Reception For Artist Of International Renown

On Sunday, April 8 from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. there will be a champagne brunch reception to meet international artist Guillaume Azoulay. Azoulay's prints will be available for purchase, many at pre-publisher prices, and he will also be available to sign a moderately priced poster which has been specially designed for the Wilmington JCC exhibit.

Azoulay's works are included in the private collections of President Reagan, King Hassan II of Morocco, President Mitterand of France and the late President Sadat of Egypt, among others. His work is also to be found in the L'ouvre.

Azoulay's etchings will be on display at the JCC through the month of April.

Cultural Caravan

You won't want to miss "Sunday in the Park with George", Broadway's newest musical starring Mandy Patinkin, of "Yentl" and "Evita" fame, plus delightful Bernadette Peters. Music and lyrics are by Stephen Sondheim - what a threesome! The word is out and it's spectacular! Join us on Wednesday, May 16. We will depart at 8 a.m.

Orchestra seats are \$65 for Center members, and \$75 for non-members. Bus seats only are \$25 for Center members and \$30 for non-members. Call 478-5660 for reservations now - space is limited.

WE DID IT! We've scheduled another trip to "The Rink" starring Chita Rivera and Liza Minnelli. We were fortunate to secure a limited additional number of tickets to see this hit show on Wednesday, June 27. We will depart at 8 a.m. to see these two magical stars in a memorable show!

Cost for members is \$60 and for non-members, \$70. Bus seats only are \$25. Call 478-5660 immediately for your reservations.

Gratz Students Visit Kutz Home

By ETHAN COOPERSON
Last month, Adi Milstein's Gratz Jewish community class visited the Kutz Home as part of their study of Jewish organizations. The purpose of the visit was for the members of the class to

observe how the Home functions, as well as to meet and entertain its residents.

Upon first entering the Kutz Home, the students were impressed by its neatness and cleanliness; the Home obviously is well taken care of.

This, combined with the Home's pleasant surroundings, makes it a welcome place for visitors.

The class's entertainment program included two Jewish-oriented songs sung by the group and two individual instrumental pieces. After the performance, the students greeted the residents, and both groups were eager to learn about each other's organizations. Some individuals among the elderly were especially enthusiastic in becoming acquainted with their younger guests. The students were surprised at how easily the age gap was bridged in forming pleasant, yet all too brief, relationships.

After the performance, the students received a brief description of life in the Kutz Home from a volunteer. Then they were given a guided tour of the building, and got to see its outdoor paths and fields.

The group paid a special visit to a woman in her room who had been ill and unable to be at the performance. The last highlight of the visit was meeting "Shiksala," the Kutz Home guinea pig, and the woman who takes care of her. She enjoyed telling the class about her pet and how she

takes care of Shiksala.

In conclusion, it can be said that Adi Milstein's class greatly enjoyed their visit and the enthusiasm the Kutz Home residents showed for them. "I never thought older people were that fun to be around," said one student. Indeed they were.

AEA News

This has been a busy winter for our students.

On Feb. 14 we celebrated our first annual "Hat Day." The children either borrowed or designed hats for themselves, and wore them in the hat parade. During the previous week, all the staff wore different kinds of headgear, some old, some conventional, and some very unusual like the hat from China that could be taken apart and turned into a hand fan.

During the week of March 5, our students took part in the "Newspapers in Educa-

tion" program. The students learned many new things about the uses of a newspaper, for example how to make and read graphs for math class using the information from the paper.

Barbara Mitchell, local author of books for children, visited our school on two separate occasions and worked with the children who wrote their own stories.

Our Purim celebration included classroom booths, costumes, songs and skits.

Coming up this spring is Kite Day at the end of March and Twin Day in April.

Growing Jew —

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ed to celebrate the birth of a girl at least as much as we celebrate the birth of a boy.

Every new parent as well as every new arrival to the community should get a list of all the organizations and synagogues in the city, showing that we represent *Klal Yisrael*. Thus we convey the message that Federation is that vehicle for promoting Jewish citizenship which seeks to maximize the involvement of all aspects of the Jewish community. However you choose to express your Jewishness, we commit ourselves to nurturing your Jewish growth. We represent *Klal Yisrael*.

It is clear that learning-centered activities are the heart of Judaism and that the interaction of Judaism with contemporaneity enables Jewish life to pulsate with creativity. Indeed, it has been argued that the Torah has kept Jewry alive—even more than Jewry has kept alive the Torah. The priorities of the present are life and Torah, because they are the guarantors of the future.

As a source of vitality, regular dosages of Torah are prescribed to meet minimum

daily adult requirements. Children need concentrated dosages as an antidote to cultural deprivation. Just as nutritional deficiency has its physical symptoms, so cultural deprivation has its spiritual symptoms. As bodily handicaps impair the full expression of physical activity, so spiritual handicaps impair the full expression of Jewish life.

Since intensive quality education is a Jewish imperative, it behooves the Jewish community to ascertain the most effective means of insuring for all such an education, whether it be supplementary education, summer camps, missions to Israel, day schools—the full panoply of educational enterprises should be available to all. Former Chief Justice Earl Warren, in the decision of *Brown vs. the Board of Education*, said it best, "In these days it is doubtful that any child may reasonably be expected to succeed in life if he is denied the opportunity of an education. Such an education where the state (read the Federated Jewish community) has undertaken to provide it, is a right which must be available to all on equal terms."

We cannot allow Jewish life

to fall below the spiritual poverty line. As Jewish life becomes politically, communally and religiously more complex, increased direction will be demanded of its leaders. We should remember that we've become what we are in large part because of two strands in our history: public commitment to excellence in education, and a commitment to public leadership which is properly educated. While Jewish learning is desirable for prominence it should not be a prerequisite. Any project of the Federation must be inclusive, not exclusive.

We do not say that a leader has to be a learned Jew. We do say a leader should be a learning Jew. Contemporary Jewish life coalesces behind four core concerns: support of Israel, support of Judaism, support of World Jewry, and support of Jewish needs. The changing nature of Jewish life requires a leadership growing Jewishly to represent adequately these concerns. Leadership succeeds by interpreting the agenda of the community and by getting Jews to act on it. The more leaders serve as role models, the greater the potential for success.

Siyyum Ha-Torah - dedication and completion of a Torah scroll - is a rare and thrilling privilege in the lifetime of any Jew. Congregation Beth Shalom, 18th and Baynard Boulevard, will be the recipient of a Sefer Torah, donated through the generosity of Rae Gibstein, in memory of her children, Miriam and Norman. While the gift of the Torah is being made by one person, Rae Gibstein is permitting the congregation and Jewish community to participate and share in this joyous event.

"To inscribe a Sefer Torah is a sacred *mitzvah* every Jew should perform at least once in his life." So states the Talmud. Consequently, when a Torah scroll is donated, every Jewish person in the community is given the chance to take an active part in its completion.

The festivities begin with a

procession carrying the new scroll. The Torah is placed on the reading lectern under a flower-draped *chupa* (wedding canopy), and the ceremony of completing the writing of the Torah begins. Many of its letters were purposely left unfinished by the scribe (*sofer*). The donor is called to the Torah by his/her Hebrew name. He touches the quill, which the scribe will subsequently use to complete the letters in the chosen portion. The same procedure is repeated for each donor, thus symbolically inscribing each person's portion in God's book. Now and for all eternity each participant has symbolically written in the very text of the Holy Law.

Sunday, May 6 is the date of Beth Shalom's *Siyyum Ha-Torah*. Call the synagogue office to reserve a time for you and your family.

Friends

By IDA R. SUGARMAN,
Kutz Home resident

Having written on a lot of subjects I am now going to give my views in having friends.

You know the saying goes as follows: you can pick your friends but not your relations. A real, true friend is worth more than money can buy.

I happen to be very, very lucky in my friends. Believing that to have a friend one has to be one too. You find out who your true friends are soon. For example, try confiding in a person you think you can trust. After a time, if the incident doesn't come back to you, then you can count him or her as a friend. Relations are there to give you advice, suggestions, etc. but not always ready to help personally. When you have a

true friend to whom you can tell things to, your heart's desire, then you are most fortunate.

I have some friends whom I can tell everything in a confidential way. They have never repeated to anybody what was told to them. Through the years we have found out what we really mean to each other. This is what I call being true-blue.

Nowadays, when the whole world is in such turmoil it is certainly worth its weight in gold to be able to sit down and discuss problems. Having such true friends, I am very, very, lucky to be sure.

I hope you out there have also been as fortunate God bless all friends with good health and wisdom for many years to come.

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Eugenia Zukerman Attends Delaware Hadassah Reception



At the reception, Judy Arenson, Chapter president (L) and Karen Venezky, vice president, Northern Seaboard region (R) chat with Eugenia Zukerman.

Eugenia Zukerman, flutist and active Hadassah member, charmed the Grand Opera House audience Saturday night, March 10 with her wit, her delightfully personable manner and of course, her lyrical flute playing.

Immediately following the concert, the Grand's elegant adjoining reception rooms were filled to capacity with Hadassah members and their guests attending a "meet-the-artist" reception.

According to Karen Venezky, vice president, Northern Seaboard Region of Hadassah, Hadassah has built and continues to maintain the finest medical complex in the Middle East: Hadassah Medical Organization. Hadassah has also established vocational schools and guidance centers throughout Israel and sponsors the largest Zionist Youth movement in the United States. In addition, Hadassah has been a pioneer in the youth Aliyah movement. Since its inception 50 years ago, Hadassah's Youth Aliyah has rescued, resettled and rehabilitated over 225,000 children. Now Youth Aliyah serves Israeli youth from deprived socio-economic backgrounds.

Venezky quoted from a recent *New York Times* article which called Hadassah "the quintessential service organization."

Those who are familiar

with Hadassah have probably seen the piece of literature sent to renew members. The cover of the brochure features the photographs of four well-known Hadassah members with the words, "some of man's greatest achievers have been women." One of the women pictured is Eugenia Zukerman.

Zukerman has also recently recorded commercials for Hadassah. In one television spot she plays the flute and then says, "No, I haven't got

time for an encore! I have a date with Hadassah!"

"The arts endlessly tell us that the human spirit is capable of overcoming anything," noted Zukerman at the Grand Opera House reception.

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Wishing lots of nachas to STUART AND RUTH SKLUT of Northwood who gave birth to a daughter, Stephannie Lynn March 3. The proud grandparents are Ruth and Morton Sklut.

Spring is here and so are weddings and engagements.

LINDA M. GALPERIN daughter of Fay and Saul Galperin of Green Acres wed Bruce Ira Stark in Adath Israel Synagogue, Merion, Pa., on Feb. 19.

PHYLLIS HIRSHOUT daughter of Sylvia and Francis Hirshout of Brandywood is marrying Roy Peacock at the Hotel DuPont Sunday March 25.

A wedding is planned for JOHN ENGEL son of Ethel and Sid Engel of Graylyn Crest of Phyllis Smith in New Jersey on April 14.

CYNTHIA A. RICH, daughter of Nathan and Zelda Rich will wed LARRY A. WEINER, son of Jack and

Adele Weiner at Beth Shalom March 25.

Sandy and Marvin Solomon have announced the engagement of their daughter JOY FELICE SOLOMON to Ronald B. Klein. They plan to marry in November.

DONALD L. KEIL son of Dr. and Mrs. Leonard Herson of Ridgewood and the late Millard Keil just got engaged to Peggy Burke. A June wedding is planned.

Winners of AEA contest

Hats off to AEA Contest, held last month, showed how creative our children can be. All the hats were marvelous. The winners of the hat contest were: prettiest YAFFA MEINERS who wore a pink bonnet with flowers; funniest WILEY HALL who wore a top hat with rabbits; oldest JEFFREY MONTAG who wore an original mouseketeer hat; original ERIC CONNOR who wore a black felt hat with animals called Noah's Ark; and professional ERICA EDELL who wore a farmer's hat. BARBARA FENSKE, the secretary at AEA received a special award for her unusual "Me" hat.

A star is born.

RENA M. MAEROV had an excellent review for her role in "Hold Me" presented at the University Theatre's production in Newark's Mitchell Hall.

Interesting tidbits
IMRICH AND KATHY

GRESHLER are hosting an 80th birthday party at the Hotel duPont March 24. Relatives and friends from all over the world will be joining them in the celebration.

LILLIAN BALICK, author of the new book *The Delaware Symphony: Origins the First Fifty Years*, presented the first copy to Alfred duPont Dent at a special ceremony held on the grand Opera House stage.

Special honors

LIBBY ZURKOW has recently won an award for top 10

Frankly Speaking —

(Continued from Page 3)

And then there was the story about the uproar, led by a rabbi in Petah Tikva on a Saturday morning, protesting the opening of a cafe in that town on the Sabbath.

The rabbi was arrested in what the *Jerusalem Post* called "escalation in violence."

I'd like to know how this rabbi can explain away the use of his tactics on the Sabbath. It would seem to me bad enough to have a cafe opened on Shabbat but to have a rabbi lead an assault on the Sabbath, it is something that boggles the mind. Maybe Reb Nissan Finkelstein can find some justification for all this in an obscure corner of the Talmud and explain it all to me.

Incidentally, oddly enough, the name of the cafe where all the trouble took place is Gan Eden! Can you imagine? Where was the serpent?

Editors Note:

Because of the broad interest expressed in this event in both the U.S. and Israel, we've invited Rabbi Leonard B. Gewirtz to write a fuller exposition of this matter in the next issue of the Voice.

production in real estate.

ERNIE SEITZ was selected as one of the two from Delaware to officiate at the Olympics in Los Angeles in July.

JUDITH GOLDBAUM, was nominated to the executive board of National B'nai B'rith Women in Washington D.C.

There are groups for just about everyone. One for singles up to 35 years old is called The Young Professionals, 35-65 singles are The Mingles, and over 65 are our great VIP's. The Young Leadership Group of the Jewish Federation involves young singles and couples. There are also all kinds of activities at the JCC and through the various temples. Get involved. Call and join.

Do You Know Any Newcomers?

If you know of any newcomers to the community, please give us a call. We'd like to send them our "Shalom" brochure, and to welcome them to town. Drop us a note with the name(s) or give us a call. Thanks.

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Jewish Family Service Offers 'Introduction To Jewish Life'

Have you ever sat down to eat lunch with relatives, taken a bit out of your pastrami on rye, looked at the Levy's ad saying "You don't have to be Jewish..." and wondered what it means to be Jewish? Many of us have grown up unquestionably Jewish by virtue of fate; others have joined the community through marriage. Yet many of us have not had the opportunity to learn much about Jewish tradition and Judaism. Sometimes a holiday or family event motivates us to learn more. Sometimes it is a child's innocent question that triggers the need to look for answers. Whatever your reason for wanting to know more, Jewish Family Service invites you to join in an "Introduction to Jewish Life," a four part series beginning Thursday, April 5 at 8 p.m.



"Introduction to Jewish Life," led by Bob Gluck of the JFS staff, will discuss the many ways we have of being Jewish. The group will discuss the basic ingredients of Jewish identity, holidays and celebrations, and life cycle events. The focus of the group will be your own questions, and concerns which arise when making choices about Jewish life.

Passover is a time when we join our family and friends to affirm our Jewishness, whether or not we celebrate the full Seder ritual. One of the features of the Passover Seder is the asking of the four questions: "Why is this night different than any other night?" This is a way of wondering and attempting to explain why we celebrate as Jews, and even more basically, why we are Jewish. With Passover season coming soon, it is a fitting time to talk, learn and ask questions about Judaism. Join us for a look at these questions. The group is offered at no charge. For information and registration call the JFS office at 478-9411.

Jewish Family Service of Delaware

Jewish Family Service is a constituent agency of the Jewish Federation of Delaware and a member agency of the United Way of Delaware.

How Does Counseling Help?

By Arnold Lieberman,
Executive Director



By offering evening hours every Wednesday, beginning April 3, Jewish Family Service is attempting to make our counseling services available to as many people as we can possibly serve. Yet being aware that one has a problem and that service is available does not always mean the person will receive the help they need.

Some people are reluctant to seek counseling help because they do not know what counseling means or how it can help. It is obviously difficult to describe something in generalities when each counselor, each client, and each situation may be unique. However, I would offer the following information so one may have a general idea of what to expect.

All counseling help at Jewish Family Service is offered in the framework of an objective, non-judgmental, yet humane atmosphere. The client's feelings are elicited and accepted without any judgement on the part of the counselor. Only if the client expresses a dissatisfaction and desire to modify his feelings does this become a goal of the counseling. Of course, most people who seek help are unhappy and looking for changes. The point is that in counseling, the counselor does not do for you, but rather helps you to do what you wish to do. After all, it is your life and only you have the right to decide what to do with it.

Under stress, most of us have difficulty thinking clearly. An upset person will often claim, "I don't know what I want or I have no idea what to do." In most cases, the counselor's skill can be used to help the client work through what he really wants

to do and sort out the possible ways of accomplishing it.

Another common cause of anxiety is seeking an answer to the question, "What is the right thing to do?" The counselor must help the person to realize that in most cases there is no one "right" answer. The goal is to help the client sort out the possibilities, choose what feels right to him, and be prepared to deal with the consequences of his decision.

When more than one person is involved, the area of relationships must be explored. Whether it is husband/wife, parent/child, siblings, or friends, much can be done to improve understanding and pave the way for behavior designed to enhance the satisfaction of both parties. In many cases, the client must be helped to understand that in any relationship, something is going on between two or more people, but each one remains an individual. One cannot effectively relate to others without accepting that any spouse, parent, or child is also an individual in his or her own right.

The counseling relationship stresses respect of the dignity of each individual, and any help is offered within that framework. The person in trouble often does not feel good about himself, and this is reflected in the way he acts toward himself and others. It is essential to restore this feeling if one is to be mobilized to work through any difficult situation.

These few brief examples are aspects of the counselor/client relationship through which help is offered at Jewish Family Service. If you feel we can help, please call us at 478-9411.

Dear Rachel

Dear Rachel,

My husband and I have been married for six months. It is a second marriage for both of us, but thank G-d there were no children involved on either side. I have had, and still have, very high hopes for us. We have both made mistakes in the past, and I know now that I married much too young. And his 'ex' seems to have been a spoiled brat.

My problem is this. My husband refuses to set up a joint checking or savings account. He is deathly afraid that if we have a fight, I will clean out the account like she did toward the end of their marriage. I find this business of "I'll pay the mortgage and you pay the food bills" humiliating, but I can't get him to stop. He'll pick up the check in restaurants if we eat out with other people, but I have to pay if we are alone. It seems so silly, but he sometimes makes me feel that he doesn't even see me he is so busy reacting to HER. What can I say to him? Don't suggest counseling because he refuses to go.

Shaken Spouse

Dear Spouse,

The Talmud says, "When a divorced man marries a divorced woman, there are four minds in bed." Show this saying to your husband some time when he is in a good mood. It can get a serious discussion off to a light-hearted, humorous start.

In any marriage, the first year is a struggle to develop a new lifestyle to match the needs and aspirations of the new couple. Each partner brings different expectations about married life, based on the examples set by his or her parents. A second marriage is even more complex. Each partner brings along both the expectations and the scars of the first marriage, like so much additional baggage.

Explain how you feel to your husband. Try to help him become conscious of why he is reacting to certain situations (like money) as he is. If you can do it - with or without counseling - your marriage can fulfill the high hopes you have for it.

Rachel

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Obituaries

Lillian April

Lillian April, wife of the late Morris April, died March 3. Mrs. April, nee Lillian Horovitz, was born in Carmel, N.J. in 1894. Her father was a Jewish pioneer who came to Carmel from Rumania as part of Baron DeHirsch's experiment in farming in South Jersey.

Her husband came from Russia with his family as part of the same experiment.

She was graduated from the Jewish Hospital (now Einstein Medical Center-Northern) School of Nursing in 1917. She worked as a visiting nurse in Philadelphia for several years before returning to Carmel.

She dedicated her life to her family and good deeds. She was a lifelong member of Congregation Beth Hillel of Carmel and was instrumental in having the building placed on the "National Historic Register."

She is survived by a son, Leon April of Vineland, N.J.; three daughters, Dr. Miriam April and Josephine Fisher of Narberth, Pa. and Marlene Ornston of Wilmington; 10 grandchildren and seven great-grand children.

Interment was in Chesed Shel Emeth Cemetery in Carmel, N.J.

In memoriam the family suggests contributions to your favorite charity.

Norma R. Robbins

Norma R. Robbins, 67, of 31 S. Dickens Road, Ashbourne Hills, died March 9, of a heart attack, in the Delaware Division.

Mrs. Robbins was a member of Congregation Beth Shalom.

She is survived by her husband, Norman R. Robbins; four sons, Robert of Dover, Mark of Medford Lakes, N.J., Byran of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., and David at home; five daughters, Joyce Charney of Brooklyn, N.Y., Sandra Goldstein of Rochester, N.Y., Rene Robbins of Queens, N.Y., Ilene Heine and Sherry Robbins, both of Seattle; a brother, Leon Marks of

Philadelphia; a twin sister, Betty Pecovsky of Chambersburg, Pa.; and eight grandchildren.

Funeral services were held from the Schoenberg Memorial Chapel March 12. 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 & Baynard Blvd., Wilmington, Del. 19802.

Isaac Levy

Isaac Levy, 93, of 220 W. Mowry St., Chester, Pa., died of natural causes at Crozer-Chester Medical Center, Upland.

Mr. Levy owned and operated Levy's Furniture, 2500 W. Third St., for more than 50 years. He sold the store a few years ago. He also worked with his son-in-law, Robert Nichols, at Hardware By Nichols, now Nichols True Value Hardware, in Fairfax Shopping Center, near Wilmington, Del.

He was a member of Ohev Sholom Synagogue, Wallingford, B'nai B'rith and the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars, both in Chester. He was an Army veteran of World War I.

He is survived by a daughter, Freema Nichols of Wallingford; two sisters, Yetta Cohen and Sara Hadler, both of Philadelphia; and two grandsons.

In memoriam the family suggests contributions to charity.

Abraham J. Matas

Abraham J. Matas, co-founder of Rudnick and Matas auctioneers in Wilmington, died of a heart attack March 15 in the Delaware Division.

Mr. Matas 75, of 1908 N. Broom St., retired in 1982 after 25 years as a partner and auctioneer at Rudnick and Matas. He co-founded the firm with Joseph Rudnick in the early 1960s. The company is now Rudnick Associates. He also worked as a self-employed realtor in the Wilmington area for over 30 years.

A New York native, he was a graduate of St. John's University in New York. He

was a member of the Committee of 100 and the Brandywine Country Club. He was a member of Temple Beth Emeth.

He is survived by his wife, the former Eleanor Bernhardt; a son, Alan of Wilmington; and a daughter, Marjorie Matas of Los Angeles.

Services were held March 18 at Temple Beth Emeth, 300 Lea Blvd.

Interment was in Beth Emeth Memorial Park, Dupont Road.

In memoriam the family suggests contributions to a favorite charity.

Albert Schlecker

Albert Schlecker, 77, of 30 W. 41st St., died March 17 of a stroke in Riverside Hospital.

Mr. Schlecker retired in 1973 after three years as a salesman for Wilmington Dry Goods. For many years he was owner and operator of grocery stores at Ninth and Lombard streets and at Second and Jefferson streets.

He was a member of the Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Congregation and the Montefiore Mutal Benefit Society.

His wife, Edith, died in 1981. He is survived by his son, Barry, and his daughter, Fern E. Campbell, both of Wilmington; a sister, Molly Fine of Los Angeles, and four grandchildren.

Services were held March 19 at Schoenberg Memorial Chapel, 519 Philadelphia Pike.

Interment was in the Montefiore Section of the Jewish Community Cemetery.

In memoriam the family suggests contributions to the Wilmington SPCA, Delaware, 7, Stanton 19804, or to the Brandywine Zoo, Wilmington 19801.



PASTOR MARTIN NIEMOLLER DIES AT AGE 92
WIESBADEN, WEST GERMANY - The Rev. Martin Niemoller, above, the German churchman who led the resistance movement to Hitler's regime, died in Wiesbaden, West Germany, March 6, at the age of 92. The Lutheran pastor was confined in Nazi concentration camps from 1937 until 1945. He was president of the Evangelical Church of Hesse and Nassau from 1947 until 1964, and served as one of six presidents of the World Council of Churches, 1961-68. He is pictured here at the WCC's Third Assembly in 1961. An outspoken opponent of nuclear weapons for West Germany, Niemoller often came under criticism when his views were used for propaganda purposes by Communist regimes. He was a vocal critic of U.S. military involvement in Vietnam. In 1967, he was awarded the Soviet Union's Lenin Peace Prize. (RNS Photo).

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YPG Events

Young Professionals Group will sponsor a concert and dance party on Saturday, March 31, beginning at 8 p.m. The dance party will be held at Temple Beth Emeth at 300 Lea Blvd., Wilmington, featuring live entertainment by the Bottomz-Up Band. Admission is \$4 and covers all refreshments. For more information and directions, please call Sue 475-0840, Lynn 475-3435, or Rich 358-2969.

Young Professionals Group is a group for Jewish Singles in their 20s and 30s. The group is non-profit and sponsored by Congregation Beth Emeth, in Wilmington, DE.

Wilmington Hadassah

DISCOVER YOUR COLORS

On Monday evening, April 2, at 7:30 p.m., the Shalom Group of the Wilmington Chapter of Hadassah will present color consultant Naomi Owensby. She will explain color analysis and help you to discover your color season. By knowing which colors suit you best, you will be able to determine what makeup and hair tones most enhance your beauty. Knowing your colors can increase your appreciation for who you really are and can be.

The group will meet for this evening at the home of Marion Zimmerman, 906 Barley Drive, Barley Mill Court, Greenville (656-9070). All Hadassah members and friends are cordially invited.

FASHION SHOW

Mark Thursday, April 5, as a very special date not to be missed. The Wilmington Chapter of Hadassah will be celebrating 50 years of Youth Aliyah with a luncheon and fashion show in the Ballroom of the Du Pont Country Club. It will begin at 11:45 a.m.

Fashions and accessories will be provided by "The Little Door" of Greenville. Hair styles will be done by Phil from "All About Hair" and makeup will be done by "i" Natural Cosmetics.

Come and see a preview of this year's spring fashions, and support a worthwhile cause at the same time. Remember, there are socially, emotionally, and financially deprived children in

Israel who are counting on our help.

COMMUNITY SEDER

The Wilmington Chapter of Hadassah is sponsoring its first annual community Passover seder on Tuesday evening, April 17, at 6:30 p.m. at Gamiel's Restaurant, 13 East 7th Street in Wilmington.

Reservations are \$15.50 per adult and \$10.50 per child under 10 years of age. Reservations must be in by Monday, April 9, with your check. Please make checks payable to Wilmington Chapter of Hadassah, and mail them to: Molly G. Lipschultz, 2511 Raven Road, Chalfonte, Wilmington, Del. 19810.

The Mingles

The Mingles, a social group of Jewish single men and women over age 45, invites area single people to a "good time" social evening. Champagne, cold drinks, snacks, coffee and cake will be available.

The charge is \$3.50 per person.

The party will be held in the home of Renee Chirtel, 2118 Westminster Drive, Holiday Hills, Wilmington, on Sunday, April 1 at 8 p.m. Call 475-3309 for information and directions.

Newark Hadassah

GARAGE SALE

The Newark Chapter of Hadassah is holding its annual new and gently used sale on April 8 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. in the parking lot of Dannemann Fabrics, 400 Ogletown Road, Newark. (Raindate is April 15). It's a gigantic garage sale that bargain hunters won't want to miss.

The chapter is still accepting contributions from area merchants as well as items (such as used furniture, appliances, dishes and glassware, clothes, books, toys, etc.) from people of the community. If you have any contributions to be picked up please call Helene Cuomo at 731-7526.

MEETING

The Newark Chapter of Hadassah will hold their next meeting on Monday April 2 at Temple Beth El, Newark. Susanna Lee, principal of Margaret S. Sterck School for the Hearing Impaired will speak on hearing impairment in children and services provided by the school.

Social hour begins at 7:30 p.m. Margaret Lee will speak at 8 p.m. and a business meeting will follow. For further information, please call Gail May at 368-2950 or Carol Barnett at 366-7799.

Organizations in the News

Healing With A Gift Of Love

This year's "Gift of Love" event of the B'nai B'rith Women of Delaware will be a luncheon at the DuPont Country Club on Wednesday, March 28 at noon. All proceeds from "Gift of Love" are used to support the B'nai B'rith Women's Children's Home in Israel.

Betty K. Shapiro, of Washington, D.C., past international president of B'nai B'rith Women will be the guest speaker.

The Home is a resident treatment center for emotionally disturbed boys ages 8 to 14. When people ask the Home's director, Yechezkiel Cohen, what techniques are used for the astonishing 70 percent recovery rate with severely disturbed children, he answers "Love." And they don't know how to handle that because in most institutions love is not a recognized treatment. Because of the unusual love therapy record of success, the Home has attracted



Betty K. Shapiro

the attention of professionals around the world.

Beautiful Children's Home Certificates will be issued in all giving categories. Minimum contribution to attend is \$15. Plate charge is \$8.

Arrangements are being made by Rhoda Dombchik and Barbara B. Keil. The public is welcome. For reservations call Susan Goodhart, 475-4032, or Rose Harwitz, 798-9081.

Interfaith Seder

Lelaine Nemser is chairwoman of the interfaith seder to be presented by the Sisterhood of Temple Beth Emeth, on April 11, at 7:30 p.m., at the Temple auditorium. Invitations have been sent to principals and teachers of religious schools affiliated with area churches. A platter of Passover foods used during the seder will be placed at each setting, so that

the participants of this model seder may better understand the symbolism of the Passover seder, as conducted by Rabbi Peter H. Grumbacher. He will be available to answer questions from the guests, as will Sisterhood members who will be seated at each table in the auditorium. Passover refreshments will also be served, after the service.

Jews In China? Why, Of Course!

A delightful musical, "The Jews of K'aifengfu," written by Billie and Edward Stern, with music by Samuel Adler and directed by talented Congregation Beth Emeth member, Joan Lubitz, will be presented on Saturday, April 7 at 7 p.m. at Temple Beth Emeth. It will relate the story of a group of Jews of the Second Century, BCE, in the province of K'aifengfu, China, and how they rebuilt a new Temple after their previous one was washed away by the overflow of the Yellow River.

They had a peaceful life in this land of "orchid leaves" and "cinnamon blossoms," escaping the persecutions of other countries. They acclimated themselves here, finding a way of life as fine as their own, speaking Chinese, and arraying themselves in Chinese robes; but they prayed in Hebrew at home and lived by the Torah.

But life is not easy - so please attend the performance and see how the Jews of K'aifengfu overcame an obstacle to dedicate their

new Temple through the wisdom of an elderly, clear-thinking rabbi.

This will be the first dinner theatre proudly presented by the Living Judaism Committee, a cultural group of Beth Emeth. There will be an exotic Chinese dinner prepared by Beth Emeth member, Barbara Myers, who excels in international cuisine.

Please send paid reservations by March 28, to Betty Chambers, 1 Windsor Rd., Wilmington, Del. 19809. Make checks out to Beth Emeth at \$15 per person; there will be a cash bar. For information, call the temple office, 764-2393.

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NCJW Discusses 'Suddenly Single'

Fifty percent of marriages in the United States end in divorce. Wives outlive husbands by eight years. But life goes on. How? These facts have a tremendous impact on women. This timely topic will be discussed over coffee at the Jewish Community Center library/lounge on Wednesday, March 28 at 9:30 a.m.

To help us gain insight into this aspect of a woman's life, these women will share their expertise and perspective with us.

•**Marie Bifferato:** A lawyer with Howard M. Berg & Associates who specializes in plaintiff and defense litigation in the areas of domestic law and estates. Much of her work finds her in Family Court where she deals with the laws affecting children, child support, and child custody.

•**Marjory Stone Levine:** A partner in the law firm of Measley & Levine P.A., she knows that finances can be overwhelming should you find yourself "suddenly single." She will discuss what steps you can take now to become more knowledgeable in assuring your financial stability.

•**Yvette Rudnitsky:** She serves as the state coordinator for NOW, and is involved as Jewish Family Life educator at Jewish Family Service. Delaware's Domestic Code, which has a great effect on women, is now being revised. We will hear about what is good in the code and where the changes need to occur.

•**Ginger Weiss:** As a field representative with Rockwell Associates, this woman is aware of the many changes taking place in the insurance industry which affect women. Insurance is an area often overlooked as an issue of concern to women.

We can stick our heads in the sand and hope this topic will go away, or we can educate ourselves, so that should we find ourselves "suddenly single," life will go on as smoothly as possible.

Join us! Wednesday - March 28 - 9:30 a.m. at the JCC library/lounge.

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