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## RAD Pays Tribute To Harold Schoenberg

The members of the Rabbinical Association of Delaware express our sympathy to the family of the late Harold Schoenberg. Mr. Schoenberg's dedication and commitment to the sacred *mitzvah* of Jewish burial over the past 30 years was highly valued by the Jewish community of Delaware.

The tradition of the Schoenberg Memorial Chapel continues because of Alan Schoenberg who, like his father before him, understands the need for this service in our community.

It is our hope and prayer that Delaware Jewry will fully support Alan Schoenberg in order that the *mitzvah* of burying our dead with the deepest respect for the Jewish tradition will continue in our state.

## Super Sunday Sets New Records

A record-breaking total of \$100,000 was raised Sunday, Jan. 27 when the Jewish Federation of Delaware held its annual Super Sunday telethon. This represents a 23% increase over what was raised during Super Sunday '84. Despite snowy weather, more than 150 volunteers came out to contact 1700 contributors. Spearheading this impressive effort were veteran campaigner Judy Levy and Saul Bernstein.

"Exciting," "spirited," and "*ruach*," are words that were used to describe this important telethon which transformed the Bank of Delaware in downtown Wilmington into a hub of activity and excitement. Half of the contributors to the Federation's campaign are contacted for their pledges on Super Sunday, making this event a particularly significant one.

"It was heartwarming to see the cooperation and enthusiasm of the many volunteers," commented



Campaigner training session.

Fran Bernstein who filled in for her husband on Sunday. Levy concurred that Super Sunday had been an exciting and gratifying day.

"A number of people made special Operation Moses pledges over and above their regular gift," noted Levy.

"Our whole way of life is *tzedakah*," added Bernstein, "and it was wonderful seeing that principle in action."

## Lower Delaware

Jewish community leaders from Lower Delaware have actively participated in the state-wide Super Sunday since its inception five years ago. This year, in order to reach a larger group of people, Lower

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## Cost Of Lebanon War Should Not Obscure Accomplishments

So now Israel is getting out of Lebanon just as it said it would when it crossed into Lebanese territory in June 1982. It paid a heavy price for "Operation Peace for Galilee." Over 600 Israeli troops lost their lives in Lebanon, a far higher casualty figure than Prime Minister Menachem

Begin anticipated when he approved the operation.

The tragic cost of the Lebanon war should not obscure its accomplishments. The Palestine Liberation Organization no longer dominates Lebanon. Beirut is no longer the PLO's capital. Most important of all, villages and kibbutzim in northern Israel no longer live under the threat of PLO artillery. The children of northern Israel no longer need to sleep in underground shelters.

Another significant accomplishment of the war is the weakening of the PLO worldwide. Expelled from Beirut, it is no longer the intimidating force that it appeared to be in 1982. This can only enhance the prospects for peace between Israel and its Arab neighbors. It also makes an eventual West Bank agreement more likely.

Of course much more might have been accomplished in Lebanon. In the summer of 1982 it appeared that genuine Lebanese sovereignty might be established over all that small nation. In May 1983 Israel and Lebanon signed a U.S.-brokered agreement which would have provided for Israel's withdrawal from Lebanon and for peace, real peace, between the two countries.

But that was not to be. Syria forced the Lebanese government to scuttle the pact with Israel. It also made it clear that no matter what Israel did, it had no intention of pulling its own troops out of eastern Lebanon. Damascus was determined that Lebanon be its satellite.

Israel plans to leave Lebanon in stages. It will do everything it can to ensure that its departure is not followed by factional fighting — fighting like that which engulfed the Shouf mountains when Israel pulled out of that area in 1983. But there is a clear limit to what Israel can do. Much depends on what the Lebanese government will do and that, tragically, may depend on what the Syrians permit them to do.

Prime Minister Peres and Defense Minister Rabin deserve credit for delivering on their promise. They are pulling out of Lebanon, something that is sorely desired by the Israeli public. The soldiers are coming home and that is good news for Israel.

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**WAR OF NERVES IN LEBANON**  
NEAR THE AWALI RIVER, SOUTHERN LEBANON — Israeli soldiers along the Awali River in southern Lebanon wait by their travel bags for the Israeli helicopter that will pick them up for their furlough. The war with guerrillas has not been a war of constant gunfire, but a perhaps even more debilitating war of nerves, and of waiting. The Lebanese occupation has not been good for the troops' morale. RNS Photo.

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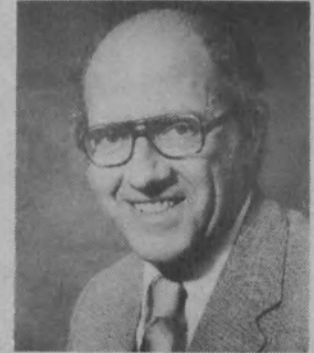
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**Dateline**

**Israel And Wheels**

TEL AVIV, (JTA) – Given the ratio of vehicles to highway miles, Israel is the most heavily travelled country in the world, according to Haim Corfu, the Minister of Transport. There are 820,000 vehicles in Israel and two out of every 10 Israelis own a car, Corfu said. He said he was pleased to report that road accidents declined by five percent in the past year; injuries due to traffic accidents were down by six percent and fatalities by 10 percent. Corfu said that 43 percent of Israelis who apply for drivers licenses fail to pass their road tests.

**Austria To Return Art**

By REINHARD ENGEL

VIENNA, (JTA) – The Committee for Jewish Claims on Austria expressed satisfaction today with the government's promise to restore paintings and other art objects looted by the Nazis to their rightful Jewish owners or their heirs and to use the proceeds of an auction of unclaimed property for the benefit of surviving Jewish persecutees in Austria.

Many looted items were restored to their owners shortly after World War II. But a substantial collection of unclaimed items remains in government hands. Most of these are presently stored in a former monastery in Mauerbach, near Vienna or are on display in State museums.

**Airlift Airline Facing Arab Boycott**

BRUSSELS – Trans European Airways (TEA), the Belgian charter company that airlifted about 7,000 Ethiopian Jews to Israel since last November, is facing an Arab boycott and possible blacklisting by the Arab League.

The airlift, which carried the refugees from Khartoum, Sudan to Tel Aviv, with an obligatory stopover at Brussels, was terminated last month because of the worldwide publicity generated by premature disclosure of the operation in Israel. Diplomatic sources here said a boycott of the airline was recommended at a meeting of the Council of Arab Ambassadors in Brussels this week.

**Israel Develops Non-Toxic Pesticide**

JERUSALEM – Scientists at the Natural Products Laboratory of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem's Department of Organic Chemistry have developed a series of synthetic, dual-action insecticides-herbicides which may possibly replace many of the conventional chemicals in use throughout the world for control of pests and weeds. These materials are non-toxic, potent and stable in air and sunlight.

Called pyrethroids, the new materials are based on compounds found in nature – pyrethrins – present in certain chrysanthemum flowers.

**Austrian Political Storm**

By REINHARD ENGEL

VIENNA, (JTA) – The return to his native country of Austrian-born Nazi war criminal Walter Reder last week following his release from an Italian prison after nearly 40 years' incarceration has touched off the worst political storm in Austria's recent history.

But it is Defense Minister Friedhelm Frischenschlager who is at the center of the turmoil for personally greeting the 69-year-old former SS officer with military honors when he landed on Austrian soil, extending to him what seemed almost a hero's welcome.

Frischenschlager's action has been repudiated by most of his fellow ministers in the Socialist-led coalition government and fiercely condemned by parties across the political spectrum, including members of the Defense Minister's own conservative faction; by organizations of Nazi victims, Jewish and non-Jewish; and by the Jewish community among others. His immediate resignation or dismissal has been demanded.

**Bedouins Welcome Peres**

JERUSALEM, (JTA) – Premier Shimon Peres received an enthusiastic welcome in the Bedouin township of Rahat in the Negev, his first visit to an Arab community since he took office last year.

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**Editorial**

# Brotherhood/ Sisterhood/Peoplehood

The week containing George Washington's birthday, this year it's Feb. 17-23, is traditionally identified as Brotherhood/Sisterhood week. The key sponsor for festivities during the week is the National Conference of Christians and Jews (NCCJ). For 50 years this dedicated organization has fostered better intergroup relations not only between Jew and non-Jew but between Protestants, Catholic, White, Blacks, Hispanics and all other groups that make up pluralistic America.

This year's theme, "America is many, count me in," reminds us that ours is a nation of immigrants built by men and women who came here seeking liberty, opportunity and equality.

Significant efforts have been directed to Delaware teachers and their principals to involve school children in a letter writing campaign to selected state legislators on the meaning this theme has to young students.

Many senators have agreed to respond to each class with personal return letters.

To avoid confusion with auxiliary organizations, special events are now being called "peoplehood" Sabbaths at several local synagogues and temples. The NCCJ is also sponsoring a peoplehood luncheon at which Joan Wachstein will be honored for her many and diverse efforts.

Brotherhood/sisterhood/peoplehood must, obviously, be more than a weekly or monthly event. But it is encouraging to note the many activities that the greater Wilmington community has scheduled to remind us of the importance to be accorded this ideal on a year-round basis.



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## LETTERS to the Editor

Dear Editor,  
Isn't it about time that the *News-Journal* devalued the Frank?

Irving Levitt  
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Dear Editor,

Most of us have read the outraged letters to the editor in our local paper over abortion rights. The temptation is to dismiss them as having no real relevance to our life. However, abortion rights for women, more fully expressed as reproductive freedom of choice has, indeed, a special importance to us as Jews. Reproductive freedom of choice is an issue of religious freedom. I repeat, abortion rights has a definite connection to the larger community issue of religious freedom.

Jewish theology does not equate fetal life with human life. Therefore, the mother's life takes precedence over what she is carrying in utero.

Pro-fetus people believe that conception is the beginning of life, and that the fetus is equal in rights, if not more so, to all other humans. They act as though this belief were fact. And what is more serious is that they take their views, their beliefs and hold them up as "the truth" in meeting after meeting and in the press. They understand and utilize the power of the press to impress!

We, the Jewish community, know the consequences of religious intolerance. If this nation loses its commitment to religious pluralism, we lose our precious freedom to choose.

Today the issues are abortion and prayer in the schools. Tomorrow it may be our freedom to worship as we choose.

I urge all of us to wake up to the power of the press. Write from your own beliefs. Do not remain idle. The price of freedom is eternal vigilance. Letters to the Editor is the public voice speaking most honestly, most directly. Silence now may compromise our religious freedom in the future.

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## King's Dream Come True

Television news revealed that the Israeli government had airlifted thousands of starving black Jews from the Sudan and Ethiopia to a new home in the holy land. I sat dumbfounded. My logical, well-educated mind would not allow me to believe it was true. My knowledge of history, my understanding of Western culture, the recognition of powerful racism that still pervades our lives, both political and social, told me that this act of compassion and concern could not be occurring. That a nation of white men should care enough about the survival of starving blacks, to literally "take them home with them," took several moments for me to grasp.

For an instant, my mind flashed to the Lincoln Memorial in 1963, and I could hear Martin Luther King, Jr. telling us about his dream. I wanted to scream, "Martin, it's happened. Let me tell you what the Israelis have done."

The Israelis have demonstrated to the world that there is brotherhood of man and that it is not bound to race. So many talk of love, but Israel has acted. It is relatively easy for the wealthy to send their money to feed the hungry of Africa for a few weeks. For Israel, that is not enough. Israel has seen through the immediate problem to its cause and has taken action to break the cycle of starvation by transporting these thousands into a new land where they can build new lives and become self-sufficient. That, in itself, would have been remarkable, but Israel has done more. Israel has taken the Falashas and brought them into their homes.

As no group of people have ever done, the people of Israel have demonstrated that we are our brothers' keepers and that kinship transcends race. A tiny nation of approximately three million people has shown the world clearly that we can live by our loftiest ideals.

As we recall the contribution of Martin Luther King, Jr. on the anniversary of his birth, I am proud to say "Martin, look how well your dream works."

—Marvin S. Arrington

Marvin S. Arrington is president of the Atlanta City Council. This article, which originally appeared in the Jan. 20 Atlanta Journal and Constitution, is reprinted with permission.

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# Super Sunday — Super Success



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## ISRAEL ISSUES Ze'ev Golin



### To Save A People

RISHON LE-ZION — The wraps of secrecy are off on the mission to rescue Ethiopian Jewry: The revelations are chastening to those of us who thought the government was doing next to nothing on the matter. I myself had sneered at the Foreign Ministry's hints that "quiet diplomacy" was doing the trick, yet that was indeed what brought thousands of Ethiopian Jews to Israel.

To date, Israel has taken on the task of transporting, clothing, feeding, housing, and in general socially integrating 10,000 Ethiopian Jews. All of this has been accomplished despite the competing demands from the Lebanese war, the economic crises, Judea and Samaria, and the ongoing political wrangling. It only proves how seriously we take our mission to rescue the endangered of our people.

Only in recent months have I seen signs of the growing presence of Ethiopian Jews in Israel: small groups of soldiers, special absorption centers, and a spate of articles about living and working conditions for this latest of groups to emigrate en masse to the Jewish state.

Because of the need for secrecy, Israel has been necessarily limited in developing adequate means of absorbing the Ethiopian Jews. Schools lack special educational programs, job training is lagging, and living conditions are poor for many of the immigrants. It is not at all certain that there will be an adequate framework for dealing with the inevitable psychological problems arising from cultural shock and the pressures of Israeli life.

High marks must be given to those dedicated employees and volunteers connected to the Jewish agency and the ministries concerned with absorption and social welfare. They have done their best to overcome the lack of funding, bureaucratic apathy, and the language barrier to help the Ethiopian Jews and make them feel at home. Many Israelis have extended home hospitality, as they have traditionally done for new immigrants.

My main concern is that physical rescue may mean the cultural downfall of the Ethiopian Jews. Given western-style clothing upon their arrival, they are quickly exposed to a high-pressure, increasingly technology-oriented society that often demands the sacrifice of the individual. Many of the educational and cultural institutions - with their western biases, lack flexibility in the area of cultural pluralism.

Although they are dealing with a highly traditional population, the religious establishment may be part of this problem. The Mizrahi and Agudat Yisrael rabbis usually have little or no idea of the customs and rituals of Ethiopian Jewry. Given the disadvantages in orientation and expression that plague all immigrant groups vis-a-vis the establishment, it

is no surprise that religious cultural exchange is one-sided. Thus their religious tradition is clearly in danger of being submerged.

Yemenite and North African Jewry had similar problems during their *aliyah* in the 1950s and 60s. They were treated with condescension, made to feel culturally inferior, and were encouraged to abandon their rich religious tradition. The tragedy of Sephardic Jewry in Israel is that their religious traditions were demeaned, and their family-centered way of life sacrificed. Fortunately, Israel has learned much from their experience of absorbing immigrants in the 50s and 60s, and hopefully will not repeat the same mistakes with Ethiopian Jewry.

In the future, the Ethiopian Jews will need a tangible means of preserving and strengthening their cultural identity. Given the demands of Israeli society, one cannot expect them to faithfully recreate the lifestyle of Gondor province. However, the building of cultural centers, the institution of programs for school children, and a better grounding in Ethiopian Jewish culture for educators, social workers, rabbis, and the general public, would contribute greatly toward strengthening identity and cultural pride. In other words, preservation must go hand-in-hand with integration.

## The Prime Minister Sends A Message

Dear UJA Friends,

The relationship between the Jews of the United States and the Jews of Israel is best characterized as a partnership — a most vivid reality of mutual dependence.

Israel's present economic crisis is most severe today. Yet as on so many occasions throughout our nation's history we have united as a country — workers and management, the unions and the government — to restore stability and promise prosperity.

We have slashed the national defense budget and cut educational programs and human needs services. Personally, each wage-earner has already given up 17 percent of his income as producers undertook an equally painful cut in profits... all voluntarily.

Israelis are thus determined to come safely through this period — and we ask that in the spirit of our unprecedented government of national unity, so too the Jewish nation worldwide unite in an equally dramatic manner — reflecting the sense of urgency — in order to help secure the kind of future we expect of our Jewish state.

We need your support so that we can continue helping those in most desperate need — those who cannot wait out the economic crisis — the very old and the very young, the ill and the handicapped, and new immigrants arriving ill and destitute in the Jewish state, thereby helping them now, and promising them a ray of hope for a better future tomorrow.

The UJA, since its first campaign in 1939, has proved its commitment and dedication to the Jewish future. I urge you once again to demonstrate that dedication, and join with us in this all-important endeavor.

Shimon Peres,  
Prime Minister of  
the State of Israel

## ON THE OTHER HAND N. Even-Or



### To Retire Or To Be Renewed

The subject of retirement is a rather popular one in my age group. I've decided that I really don't like the word or the concept behind it. It certainly doesn't describe properly what I want to do.

My dearly beloved Webster's International tells me that to retire is to withdraw from action, to retreat, as in retiring from battle, to recede or appear to do so. Retirement, hence, is a falling back, a retreat. Indeed!!

I guess the critical point is to determine just what it is from which you are retiring. Is it from a job, from a career, or from life? In our essentially materialistic society we tend to become closely identified with our jobs. We say that so-and-so "is" an engineer. His friend "is" an executive. Someone else "is" a Du Pont chemist. The very language reinforces the idea that the work one does defines one's existence.

What, then, happens when the job stops? Does one's existence come to an end too? Unfortunately, this is all too often the case — retirement is a kind of dying. Our identity is blotted out. It really doesn't have to be that way.

Too many of us have willfully extended the curse of Adam. Adam was told that "by the sweat of your face will you eat bread," that he would have to work in order to eat. He was not told that work and work alone

would engulf his life. This extension of the curse is man-made. Have we fashioned our lives only by the curse, and not by the blessing, the blessing that we are created in the image of God? Is there nothing more to life than acquiring and spending, acquiring and spending? Have we made of ourselves little more than economic water closets through which the "good things" of life are flushed? Is that all there is?

And the tragedy of all this is deepened by the regressive character of the material pleasure scale: each added increment of wealth, of things acquired, yields an ever smaller added increment of satisfaction. There is no end to the game; always something more to be had, and to be disappointed in the having, always the deceptive mirage of joys that are never quite there.

Oh, the wonderful opportunities that are before us! We who were born in the 1920's are probably the first generation to have the chance for multiple careers. Our parents, in most cases, lacked the education, the security, the health, the life expectancy to start a second career. So many of them were "old" at ages we no longer consider old. But we have had the choice, and some few of us have taken advantage of it. What a stimulating experience it is to start a new career! And those who have not done so earlier can take the step in the years labelled with the ugly word, "retirement." Instead of a retreat, it can be an advance; instead of an end, a beginning; instead of a fading away, a renaissance, a rebirth.

This rebirth, this new career, whether paid or unpaid, can lengthen the spectrum of our lives, can cause us to rethink the meaning of what we have done and what we can yet do, can lead us to consider who we are and why we are here.

Our Jewish tradition has never demeaned material well-being. We see no merit in poverty, no sanctity in asceticism. But we believe in balance. "Where there is no bread," we are taught, "There is no Torah": To study, to learn, to practice the deeds that make a life of Torah, we need a minimum level of material gain. And we are also taught that, "Where there is no Torah, there is no bread": Without the study, the deeds of Torah, the material possessions have no meaning, no joy.

Most of us in America today have the opportunity to start anew, to learn, to grow, at least once or twice during a lifetime. It may require, probably will require, some economic sacrifice, some change in style of living. What holds us back is timidity, and also habit. It is hard to change the pattern of decades.

Courage! Strike the word "retirement!" Call it "renaissance." And pray, in the words we sing as the Torah is returned to the ark, *chadesh yomeinu, renew our days!*



# 'No Public Duty'

## Writer Must Be Free, Independent, Says Saul Bellow

By JOSEPH AARON

Ask Saul Bellow what point he's trying to make in his novels, and he'll tell you that he can't tell you.

"It reminds me of the answer Robert Browning, who was asked what he was trying to say in one of his poems, gave, 'When I wrote it both God and I knew what I meant. Now, only God knows.'"

"Stories are puzzles, so intriguing that everyone can get something out of them. It's not for me to tell anyone the philosophy of a story," added Bellow.

Winner of the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1976, Bellow was willing to talk about the philosophy of what it means to write stories. "A writer," he said, "has no duty to the public. We are not the servants of society. For it is only through our independence and individualism that writers do the most good and remain real writers."

And a real writer Bellow has remained from

*Adventures of Augie March*, to *Herzog*, to *Humboldt's Gift*, to *The Dean's December*, to his most recent book, *Him with His Foot in His Mouth and Other Stories*. All written to please him alone. Though, not just him.

"As a writer, you have to believe that if something has inner meaning for you, it will have inner meaning for the reader. You're not a writer if you don't assume the psychic unity of mankind. You have to assume that what is a magnet for your soul will affect the souls of others or you wouldn't do it. After all, you're not there to be a virtuoso. If you're moved to write something you feel, others will be similarly affected. You become sort of a medium."

Thus, said Bellow, the duty of a writer is "to have your ear to the ground, to be a contemporary historian. Of course, sometimes the train is coming and sometimes it ain't. We have all lived through an enormous number of transformations.

"I remember things that were unmentionable when I was a young man, people in the 1960's suddenly took great pleasure in mentioning. But it's not the job of the writer to keep pace with all that. A long life has taught me some changes disappear and that matters which were very pressing 30 years ago are hard to explain today. It swings back and forth with people being dominated by the tides of public opinion.

"We are not the servants of society. It is only through our independence and individualism that writers do the most good and remain real writers."

—Saul Bellow

"It is for the writer to sit in the middle, feeling bemused and making sure not to be swallowed up."

Bellow said he had decided the middle was the place for him at a time when he didn't really have much of a choice. "The Depression was a considerable help for me. I knew there was no point in preparing myself for any profession since most of the professional people were off making bricks for the WPA. 'The Depression was very liberating since the idea of writing for money never entered my mind.'"

The world of literature has changed drastically since then, Bellow said, to the point

where now "there is no middle ground between being ignored and being a raging celebrity. The public relations machinery is so powerful that I have become a superstar even though I had little interest in it and had no idea it was going to happen."

Bellow said the problem with writers today, most of whom "I do not admire" is that fame and wealth do interest them - and as a result, they "aim to please. Good writers like to please but don't calculate to that end."

One byproduct of celebrity, Bellow said, is that people ask a writer's opinion on all kinds of things. And because he's Jewish and because his only non-fiction book is *To Jerusalem and Back: A Personal Account*, Bellow is often asked about Israel. A subject, he says, on which he is no expert.

"The settlements as a political issue is something beyond a mere writer. I can only describe what is going on. The purpose in my writing *To Jerusalem and Back* was to educate myself - I hadn't understood many things. I still have much homework to do. I haven't made up my

mind on the Israeli army or the Sephardim or the West Bank. I don't have the last word on any of those or even the middle word."

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## Hillel To Offer Collegians Seminars In Israel

Following a successful summer program in Israel, the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundations are offering another set of seminars this year.

Co-sponsored by the United Jewish Appeal and developed with the support of several Israeli organizations, the 1985 program consists of a dozen three-to-seven-week seminars.

The programs are open to undergraduate students in good standing who are between the ages of 18 and 25.

Each seminar has a single theme or focus. For example, the three-week tour, designed

### Lebanon War —

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But will it be good news for Lebanon? Despite all the clamor for Israel's departure, will Lebanon be better off without the presence of the Israeli Defense Forces? That remains to be seen. Israel will be guarding its own security. It will be up to the Lebanese and the United Nations to guard Lebanon's.

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primarily for those who have never visited Israel, gives participants an integrated understanding of and exposure to the modern state. The creation and development of Israel are relived through site visits, tours, and meetings with key personalities.

One of last year's participants, Adam Schlesinger of Columbia University, termed his participation as "without doubt the best move of my entire life."

The Jerusalem and Haifa-based four-week seminars are aimed at exposing students in a total sense to all expressions of a particular theme; pertinent people, places, movements, institutions, events and ideas will be explored as each theme is developed.

One of the Haifa seminars focuses on Arab-Jewish relations. Co-sponsored by the Jewish Arab Center at the University of Haifa, the seminar introduces students to the richness of the cultural, religious and political world of Israel's Arab citizens. The

conflict between Israel and the Arab states and the Palestinian issue also will be studied and participants will visit Arab-villages and meet with Arab residents and leaders.

Similarly, each of the seven-week kibbutz programs places students in a setting where they may experience the totality of life in a cooperative community. In addition, there is a fully integrated cultural and social program, and in the instance of Hebrew Ulpan programs, participants are afforded the opportunity to learn modern Hebrew.

Students may choose to participate in the Kibbutz Ulpan program on either a religious or secular kibbutz.

Scholarship aid is also available.

For applications or additional information, contact Rabbi Sue Shifron at 453-0479.

## Super Sunday —

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Delaware held its own Super Sunday telethon, headquartered at B. Gary Scott Realtors in Dover. The endeavor was a great success according to Bobbie Kotler and Jo Anne Rosenfeld who cochaired the event. Kotler and Rosenfeld have announced a total of \$3,000 in pledges constituting a 23% increase over last year's Super Sunday pledges.

Telethons are being continued after Super Sunday to contact community members who were not reached on Jan. 27.

Super Sunday cochairmen Levy, Bernstein, Kotler and Rosenfeld expressed a special thank you to the Bank of Delaware and to B. Gary Scott for graciously making their facilities available for the day. In addition to the scores of volunteers who made Super Sunday possible (see honor roll of workers on page 5), thanks go to the 13 Gratz students who assisted

## Operation Moses: Stepped Up Absorption

The Delaware Jewish community has been requested to raise \$108,000 for a special national campaign to rescue thousands of Ethiopian Jews and resettle them in Israel. The national campaign hopes to raise \$60 million dollars for this life-saving operation.

Dubbed, "Operation Moses," this vast humanitarian effort represents an opportunity to world Jewry to fulfill its responsibility to this oppressed people. Ethiopia is one of the poorest countries on earth. The devastating famine and drought, which has gained world-wide attention, has been mounting in this country for nearly 10 years. The average life span in Ethiopia is 36 years. The

country suffers from an infant mortality rate of 15 percent. Ethiopian Jews, along with other minority communities, have found themselves among the "poorest of the poor." Jews remaining in the camps are threatened with disease, famine and drought, as well as dangers caused by the internal battles of warring political factions. They live undercover in the camps because discovery of their Jewish identity could lead to imprisonment - or worse.

Once in Israel, the Ethiopian immigrants will be absorbed into the mainstream of Israeli society. The transition from their more than 2000 year old culture to life in modern Israeli society forces a drastic adjustment.

A special 10-month absorption program, double the length of Israel's typical absorption programs, has been established to meet their unique needs.

Paraprofessionals, assigned to families, show them such basics as how water comes out of a faucet, how to purchase food in a supermarket and how to use a refrigerator.

Two to three weeks are allowed for settling in. Then infants begin kindergarten, children are sent to school and adults start at Ulpan.

Around 85 percent of the post-school-age immigrants have never learned to read or write. Special methods have been developed for teaching Hebrew to people who are unaccustomed to using symbols to represent sounds. But the motivation of the Ethiopian Jews is enormous and they are very hard working.

The Ethiopian Jews already settled in Israel are leading proud, productive lives. Others still struggle to adjust. The Israelis have welcomed and continue to welcome this new wave of Ethiopian Jews, at a time when their own economy is in serious trouble.

We ask your help and cooperation in making a special commitment, above your regular annual Federation pledge, to bring new hope, life and dignity to these Jewish brethren.

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## Statement By Harold May, 1985 General Chairman

In order to make our Jewish Community of Delaware more knowledgeable and sensitive to the broad range of services being provided by our local agencies as well as the critical human service needs faced in Israel, we have prepared this special Voice feature supplement which encompasses our programs, current and future needs. Our agencies literally meet the needs of those from "3 to 93." If we, as the Jewish community are to be responsive to these human services needs in 1985, then it is critical that our 1985 goal of \$1,217,000 for the Regular campaign and \$108,000 for the Ethiopian Jewry Emergency Fund be achieved. The growing needs of our youth, elderly and single parents, young adults, etc. can only be met by your continuing and generous support of the 1985 campaign. We have a special opportunity and responsibility to assist the absorption of Ethiopian Jewry who are finding new life and hope in Israel. We are a caring community and I am confident that each of us will respond accordingly when called upon for our individual commitment.

# What would you do if you knew someone with declining health who could not live at home?



Jennie Aronoff, resident at the Kutz Home, enjoys a visit from a small puppy. The Home welcomes visitors of all ages, pets as well as human.

One possibility would be to call The Milton & Hattie Kutz Home (764-7000) where you might receive help either in applying for admission or knowledgeable guidance to other services for older people. While the Home is usually fully occupied, as of this writing there is only a short waiting period for applicants needing nursing care.

The Kutz Home, located at 704 River Road in Northern Wilmington, is an 82-bed skilled nursing facility which enjoys an outstanding reputation for its program of geriatric care. The first nursing home in Delaware to develop a program of psychiatric services for older people, the Home was also one of the first in the state to undertake programs in reality orientation and adult daycare.

In addition to 24-hour-a-day nursing care, the Home provides specialized assistance in physical, occupational and speech therapies, recreational activities and social services. Traditional Jewish customs and kosher dietary laws are observed and Shabbat and holiday services are held in the Home's own synagogue.

Aided by an active and involved Auxiliary (over 500 women and men), the volunteer corps of the Home assists residents in a multitude of ways: leading activities, driving residents to medical appointments away from the Home, and organizing fundraising activities. During the past year, the Auxiliary has funded the purchase of special equipment for use in the care of handicapped residents, and helped with the refurbishing of various areas in the Home.

*The Home serves elderly in the community without regard to their ability to pay for this care. However, the portion of older people and families able to pay for nursing home care has been diminishing. A majority of residents in the Home are now either cared for with funding through the Medicaid program or pay only partially for their care in the Home. Because of this situation, the Home operates at a deficit. This deficit historically has been funded by the United Way of Delaware; however, a programmed reduction by the United Way in its funding of the nursing home care has made it necessary that the Federation provide financial assistance to the Home. Continued reductions by the United Way and the fact that Medicaid reimbursement does not cover the actual cost of care in the Home make continued support by the community through the Jewish Federation a necessity.*



Norman Shuman  
Kutz Home  
President



Daniel Thurman  
Kutz Home  
Executive Director



# What would you tell parents who seek a sound Jewish education for their child?

## Albert Einstein Academy

Albert Einstein Academy is Delaware's only Jewish day school. It offers a balanced program of general and Judaic studies for kindergarten through elementary grades. The school was founded in 1968 for the purpose of giving Jewish children an environment in which to learn their heritage and achieve a positive self identity.

In recognition of this worthy goal, AEA has been made a Constituent Agency of the Jewish Federation of Delaware and has received the endorsement of the Rabbinical Association of Delaware.

Because the school is an independent educational institution, its students are members of all the area synagogues and it draws strength from this varied background.

In September of 1984 AEA and the Jewish Community Center joined resources and

merged their respective kindergartens to create a program that would better serve the needs of the community.

The donation of a computer system and the improved financial status of the school offers Albert Einstein Academy a promising future.

*AEA in the current year has made significant strides forward in generating additional operating income from various fundraising activities. In addition, the school has made special efforts to promote increased enrollment.*

*Albert Einstein Academy's policy of providing scholarship assistance to those students who cannot pay full tuition has been maintained. Our own experience shows a growing number of students who need this special scholarship assistance. But we need your help to make it happen.*



Robert Rosen  
AEA President



Judy Goldbaum  
AEA Headmaster

## Delaware Gratz Hebrew High School

Delaware Gratz Hebrew High School is a branch of the prestigious Gratz College of Philadelphia, Pa. Its goals and objectives are to provide a quality secondary Jewish educational experience for the young people of Wilmington and its surrounding communities.

Delaware Gratz offers a five-year program of Jewish studies on a secondary level, with particular emphasis upon Hebrew language and literature and the study of original Hebraic sources. Courses in the High School are transferable for credit to most area high schools and some credits on the senior level are accepted by many colleges and universities throughout the country.

The program of study consists of courses in the following areas: Bible, Hebrew language, Hebrew literature, Jewish literature, Jewish

ethics, history, Jewish issues and Jewish life. Graduates of the five-year program are awarded a high school diploma and are eligible for admission to Gratz College. During the senior year of the program, a seminar in Jewish education is offered. Upon the satisfactory completion of this course of study, the student is certified as a teacher in the primary grades of Jewish supplementary schools.

Gratz provides students with a solid Jewish education as well as providing the background necessary to perform future leadership roles within the Jewish community.

Special courses are also offered to all post-confirmands and 11th or 12th grade students. We are able to provide students with a Jewish educational experience unavailable to them elsewhere in the community.

*Last year at this time, plans for bringing adult Jewish education on a college level right here to Wilmington were just a dream. Now they're a reality. In conjunction with the Jewish Community Center and coordinated by a special committee, the school offered two Gratz College history courses in the fall. Another history course and a comparative religion course began earlier this month.*

*A number of Gratz students don't pay full tuition, and we therefore turn to the community for deficit financing.*

*We are proud of this program and we hope that our community will support its growth and expansion.*



Kenneth Markiewitz  
Gratz President



Elaine Friedberg  
Gratz Principal

### Hillel



Marcel Neuts  
Hillel Advisory  
Board Chairman

College youth, in their critical years of young adulthood, are exposed to missionary and assimilationist trends on many campuses. A vital Jewish presence on campus must be insured, through the B'nai B'rith-Hillel at the University of Delaware's excellent activities.

Currently, there are 1100 Jewish students at the University of Delaware and over 300 are actively involved in Hillel's cultural, religious and social activity programs. In 1985, the Hillel Foundation will be reaching out with additional programming to provide meaningful activities in response to growing needs of our Jewish college youth. Special programs are also being developed in cooperation with Jewish faculty members on campus.



# When Our Members Talk, The JCC Listens!

Responding to your needs is what the Jewish Community Center is all about. Eighty hours each week, 52 weeks each year, your Center provides services to every sphere in the Jewish community.

6 a.m.: The "Early Bird" athletes have arrived to swim, play racquetball or work out in the weight room, enjoying their exercise before going to work.

Our members requested an earlier opening time; the JCC responded!

7 a.m.: The all-night cleaning crew leaves a sparkling building and greets the morning shift, ready to set up for another busy day at the JCC. In come the first smiling, sometimes yawning, faces of our day care children, dropped off by their working moms and dads.

Our members requested all-day Day Care starting at 7 a.m., for "walking ones" and up; your JCC provided that care!

9 a.m.: Our pre-schoolers arrive, ready for a full morning of learning and playing, socializing and enriching their Jewish skills.

Parents wanted an early childhood program with a Jewish *ta'am*; your JCC fills the need!

10 a.m.: The senior adults arrive at the Center, brought by our van service to participate in exercise or dance classes, or perhaps ready to use their knowledge or share their life experiences in one of the many discussion groups co-sponsored by the JCC and JFS.

Our older adults needed opportunities to stimulate their bodies and minds; your JCC set up the program!

11 a.m.: The water is rippling in the pool: "Water Babies" and their moms get a first feel (and taste!) of the wetness. Arthritis patients stretch their aching limbs in the soothing "waves." Lap swimmers race against the clock to add up their miles in the olympic-size lanes. Special groups and individual handicapped clients are assisted by Center member/volunteers and staff in the adaptive aquatics program, using the barrier-free facilities, Hoyer lift and specially-designed entry steps.

Members with special needs wanted full use of the facilities; your JCC designed the programs and spaces!

Noon: The delectable aromas are permeating through the halls, from the upstairs and downstairs kitchens. Lunch is ready for the day care children and the senior adults, each group enjoying the kosher food and the comraderie.

Our members, young and old alike, needed the well-balanced diet in keeping with the Jewish dietary laws; your Center made provision for such service!

2 p.m.: A group of senior adults are playing cards at "their" table in the hallway while the nearby *kibbitzers* are also enjoying the games.

Our members needed a communal space, in a warm and friendly atmosphere, to enjoy their leisurely retirement hours; your JCC said "welcome."

3 p.m.: A college student, working part-time at the Center, drives the van to pick up the kids at Brandywood, Lombardy, Springer, etc., bringing them back for a fun-filled afternoon of crafts, cooking, creative dramatics, gymnastics, piano lessons, gym and swim, snacks, and a safe place in which to do their homework and let off the steam from a hard day at school.

Working parents wanted a warm, caring and secure atmosphere for their children, an alternative to being "latchkey kids"; your Center provided that "second home."

5:30 p.m.: Parents are lined up to pick up their little ones, everyone tired from a day filled with activity. As they walk out, in come the "evening shift" of athletes, ready for a

setting off to determine some exciting new program or decide on an important administrative concern. Members arrive for a lecture on Jewish music, or for a bridge class, or for a discussion group. Adults go back to school for a college-level adult Jewish education class co-sponsored by the JCC and Delaware Gratz. Bodies in hot pink leotards and tights brighten up the auditorium to the rock beat and encouraging instructions of the Jazzercise and Aerobics teachers.

The community needed a central place for every type of activity, to enhance our appreciation of Jewish culture and enjoy the company of their friends; your JCC says "let us set up the classes and programs you want."

10 p.m.: The tired students and athletes are leaving, but even when the halls are empty, save for the sounds of the night crew making the building sparkling again, the echoes of an exciting day linger through the corridors until 6 a.m.

**WHEN OUR MEMBERS TALK, THE JCC LISTENS AND RESPONDS! WITH YOUR SUSTAINED AND INCREASING SUPPORT, ESPECIALLY AS WE PLAN FOR FUTURE GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT, WE WILL CONTINUE TO BE RESPONSIVE TO YOUR NEEDS AND DESIRES.**

*With increased dollars, your Jewish Community Center will be able to provide services to an even greater scope of the Jewish population. There are single parents needing a support system - discussion group program through which to share common concerns. There are young adults looking to socialize with other Jewish young professionals in the non-threatening environment of the Jewish Community Center. There are teens wanting a space of their own to socialize with their friends, plan programs, talk over problems with the staff, or just "hang out." There are certain senior adults requiring specialized day care services in a dignified, yet contained, environment. And there are youngsters who will need a campsite.*

*As we share our unmet needs with the community, we look to the community to respond with even greater financial support. Let's continue to talk and listen to each other.*



I'm all ready for years of fun at JCC Camps!

refreshing swim, a brisk game of racquetball or a good workout on the Keiser Cam machines, followed by a relaxing few minutes in the steam or sauna and an invigorating shower, ready to enjoy the evening.

Our working people need to release the tensions of the day; your JCC says let us set up an individualized program for you!

7:30 p.m.: The teens are finishing their supper at a pizza party before rushing off to Midrasha, Gratz and Bikorim classes. Committee members are walking in, admiring the exciting new show in the Art Gallery before



Nan Lipstein  
JCC President



Irv Kaufman  
JCC Executive Director



# What would you do if you knew of a troubled family needing counselling?



Gilbert Sloan  
JFS President



Arnold Lieberman  
JFS Executive Director

Chances are very good that Jewish Family Service can provide the needed help or direct the people to where it is available. During the year JFS helps many individuals, couples and entire families who are experiencing disruptive situations.

The Family Counseling and Services to the Aged Programs can help:

- A couple whose marriage is coming apart;
- Parents and children coping with problems of growing up and parenting;
- An elderly widow who feels depressed and isolated;
- Adult children needing help in planning and caring for a frail elderly parent;
- A person who needs a specialized service

and doesn't know where to find it.

In addition to counseling help, JFS also provides the Jewish Family Life Education Program, the Communal Service Program, and the Brandywine Social Club.

The Jewish Family Life Education Program can offer programs to groups of varying sizes and covering a wide range of topics. Some examples include:

Small group "parlor meetings" held in people's homes covering such topics as interdating, intermarriage, single parents, etc.;

Discussion groups with seniors in the JCC program, covering every topic from birth to death;

Programs co-sponsored by synagogues, men's clubs, sisterhoods, or any Jewish organization. The organization selects the topic and gathers the people, and JFLE conducts an enjoyable and educational program.

The Communal Services Program provides:

- Passover baskets to needy Jewish families;
- Monthly visits to Jewish patients in State institutions;
- Help to Jewish transients stranded in Delaware;
- Financial or material aid to a needy local Jewish family;
- The preparation of some meals at the Emmanuel Dining Room.

The Brandywine Social Club helps married or single minimally handicapped adults: by providing a year round program of various activities twice each week; by offering an opportunity to belong to a peer group; by providing experiences in program planning, travel, leadership development, and community awareness under professional guidance; and by offering eligible members the opportunity to compete in Special Olympics in Delaware.

Jewish Family Service meets a broad spectrum of the needs of individuals and families within our Jewish community. These services are made available to everyone at a scaled fee based on ability to pay. Call 478-9411 for information or an appointment.

However, with more funds, more could be done:

The need still exists for foster care in Jewish homes; Some Jewish elderly still require additional services such as home-aides and home delivered meals under Jewish auspices; Much more outreach to Jewish people on the fringes of our community needs to be done. Jewish Family Service is the appropriate agency to help these people and initiate the process of their reinvolvement with the Jewish community.

## Israel's Economy Nears Crisis Point: We Are Asked To Help

Israel's economic crisis is reaching epic proportions. Inflation passed 800% a year, dwarfing all salary cost-of-living adjustments. Food and fuel price-hikes that went into effect

before the recent wage-price freeze drove prices up by an average of 24%.

By the end of 1984, the national debt exceeded \$23.8 billion, requiring debt service equal to a third of national

budget and forcing cuts in all departments.

The situation is complex and, so far, unyielding because any effort to curb one of these trends will fuel the others. Slowing inflation retards growth and promotes unemployment. Remedying the trade deficit with tariffs invites economic retaliation, costs jobs.

It is critical that every member in our community respond with a maximum increased commitment to ensure Israel's future strength and viability. Our dollars go toward human services needs which are crucial to maintain and improve a high quality of life, particularly in the light of current financial uncertainties.

This crisis touches all aspects of life.

Youth Aliyah feels the bite of a beleaguered economy. As inflation eats into purchasing power, vocational training equipment can't be bought for villages and centers. Counseling programs have been reduced, enrichment courses eliminated.

Absorption, also, is impacted by the economic crisis. Despite other pressures, housing, health care and vocational training of Ethiopian immigrants remain top priority. However, feeding, housing and

preparing immigrants for life in Israel is becoming increasingly costly. Many *olim* stay extra months in absorption centers while seeking jobs in a shrinking labor market.

Settlements are affected. In the past five years, *moshavim* lost \$500 million in potential income because production costs soared while competition restricted selling prices abroad. High-tech settlements will make Israel more competitive in world markets, but plans can't be implemented without funds.

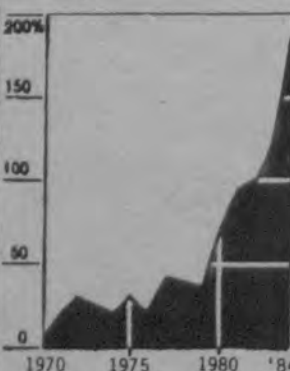
Student aid also suffers. All seven Israeli universities have experienced massive budget cuts, faculty layoffs, program closings, larger classes. Agency scholarship aid is being stretched thin as students struggle to keep up with tuition increases.

It is imperative that we not let Israel's present economic situation result in her taking a step backwards. We have already made tremendous inroads in Youth Aliyah, absorption, education, settlements and other social programs. We are being asked, as are Jews throughout the nation, to do more than ever this year, to enable Israel to provide for her citizens' human services needs, so necessary for a high quality of life.

### The Troubles Confronting the Israeli Economy

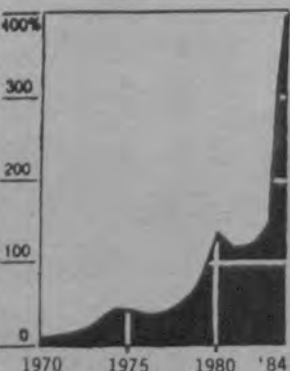
#### Money Supply

Year-to-year change in basic money supply: in percent, 1984 data are for July



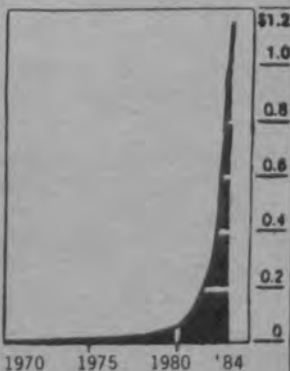
#### Inflation

Year-to-year change in consumer price index: in percent, 1984 data are for August



#### Budget Deficit

Israeli Government deficit, in billions of dollars translated at 435 shekels per dollar



Source: International Monetary Fund

N.Y. Times Oct. 29, 1984





# These Are The Agencies 'At Your Service'

As Jews, we have a commitment to meet the human needs of our fellow Jews in Israel, nationally and locally if we are to maintain viable communities here and abroad. We must continually address ourselves not only to physical survival but to establishing and maintaining a high quality of life. Contributions made to the Jewish Federation of Delaware support a wide range of health, education and welfare services for Jewish men, women and children throughout the world.

This guide, the proverbial "JFD yellow pages," is intended to help you sort your way through the myriad services available to you, in an easy-to-use alphabetical listing. Please tear it out; you may find it very useful in the future. And, as you peruse the guide, remember that the wide spectrum of services available to Jews in Delaware is only available because of your personal support. Give generously in 1985 — Jews in Israel and right here in Delaware depend on it.



Do you have a problem? Need information? Not sure what to do? The following list of services, which are available to you and to your family, can be found at Delaware's Jewish communal agencies. Please locate the service you want and then call the agency listed. They will be glad to hear from you, and are ready and willing to help!



AGENCY		SERVICES	
Albert Einstein Academy (AEA)	478-5026	Adaptive Aquatics for Handicapped	JCC
B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation at University of Delaware	366-8330	Adult Day Activities	JCC, Kutz Home
Brandywine Social Club (BSC)	478-9411	After School Child Care	JCC
Delaware Committee on Soviet Jewry	478-6200	Aliyah Information	JCC
Federation Economy Shop	655-8437	Anti-Semitism and Discrimination	JCRC
Delaware Gratz Hebrew High School	478-5026	Camping Services	JCC
Jewish Community Center (JCC)	478-5860	Children's Groups and Clubs	JCC
Jewish Community Relations Committee	478-6200	Civil Rights and Liberties	JCRC
Jewish Family Service (JFS)	478-9411	Classified Ads	Jewish Voice
Jewish Federation of Delaware (JFD)	478-6200	College Youth Programs	Hillel Foundation
Jewish Voice	478-6200	Community Relations	JCRC
Milton & Hattie Kutz Home	764-7000	Counseling	JFS
		Day Activities for Senior Adults	JCC, Kutz Home
		Day Care (1-5 year olds)	JCC
		Day School	AEA
		Display Ads	Jewish Voice
		Divorce Counseling	JFS
		Family Counseling	JFS
		Financial Aid - Camp	JCC
		Day Care & After School Care	JCC
		Senior Citizens	JCC
		Group Activities	JCC
		Handicapped Young Adults	BSC
		Hebrew Education and Programs	AEA, Gratz
		Historical Information	Jewish Historical Society (JFD)
		Holocaust Education and Information	JCC
		Hot Lunches for Senior Adults	JCC
		Individual Counseling	JFS
		Information and Referral	JFS
		International Jewish Concerns	JCRC
		Israel, Aliyah to	JCC
		Israel Information, Education and Trips	JCC, JFD
		Jewish Education for Children and Adults	AEA, Gratz, JCC
		Jewish Family Life Education	JCC, JFS
		Jewish Holiday Programs	JCC
		Leadership Development	JFD
		Libraries	JCC, JFD
		Lunches for Senior Adults	JCC
		Loans	JFD
		Marital Problems	JFS
		Newspaper	Jewish Voice
		Nursing Home	Kutz Home
		Parent-Child Counseling	JFS
		Physical Fitness	JCC
		Physical Therapy - Handicapped	JCC
		Preschool Programs and Kindergarten	JCC
		Recreational Activities	JCC
		Resale Goods	Federation Economy Shop
		Scholarship Information	AEA, Gratz, JFD
		Senior Adult Programs and Groups	JCC
		Senior Services - Counseling, Information and Referral	JFS
		Single Parent Counseling	JFS
		Singles Groups	JCC
		Social Action Legislation	JCRC
		Social Programs for Adults	JCC
		Soviet Jewry	Delaware Committee on Soviet Jewry
		Special Children, Group Services for	JCC
		Special Adults, Groups Services for	JCC, BSC
		Sports Instruction	JCC
		Summer Camp Scholarship Information	JCC
		Summer Camping for Youth	JCC
		Swimming	JCC
		Transients, Services for	JFS
		Volunteers	JFD
		Young Leadership Development	JFD
		Youth Groups	JCC





## Obituaries

### Albert E. Oxfeld

Albert E. Oxfeld, 70, of 524 W. Holly Oak Road, Penrock, died of cancer Monday, Jan. 21 at Delaware Division.

Mr. Oxfeld owned and operated Algy's Fishing & Hunting Supply Co. at 100 S. Union St. for 16 years. He retired in 1983. He had earlier been a salesman at Al's Sporting Goods on Market Street. He served with the Army in North Africa, Italy, Japan and the Philippines during World War II.

He is survived by his wife, Anne E.; a son, Eric J. of Chantilly, Va.; a daughter, Phyllis C. Sysak of Houston, Texas; three brothers, Jack of Rockville, Md., Frank of Philadelphia and Herbert of Arlington, Va.; and two grandchildren.

Services were held Wednesday, Jan. 23 in the Schoenberg Memorial Chapel, 519 Philadelphia Pike, Penny Hill.

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

In memoriam, the family suggests contributions to the Jewish Community Center's Senior Center, 101 Garden of Eden Road, Talleyville, Wilmington 19803.

### Solomon Kopolovic

Solomon Kopolovic, 76, of 39th Street, died of apparent heart failure Wednesday, Jan. 23 in St. Francis Hospital.

Mr. Kopolovic retired about seven years ago as a machine operator for Allied Corrugated Box Co. in Wilmington. He was a member of Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Congregation.

He is survived by his wife, Esther; two sons, Peter of Newark, and George of Jerusalem, Israel; a daughter, Judy Berlin of Weldin Park; and eight grandchildren.

Services were held Friday, Jan. 25 in the Schoenberg Memorial Chapel, 519 Philadelphia Pike, Penny Hill.

Interment was in the Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth section of the Jewish Community Cemetery, Foulk Road.

In memoriam, the family suggests contributions to the Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Congregation, Washington Boulevard and Torah Drive, Wilmington 18902.

### Edith E. Rosen

Edith E. Rosen, 74, a resident of the Kutz Home, River Road, died Sunday, Jan. 27 in Riverside Hospital of respiratory failure. She was a former resident of the Electra Arms Apartments and Creston Place.

Mrs. Rosen, a nurse at the Delaware Division in the late 1960s, retired in 1975. She was a graduate of Newark Beth Israel Hospital, Newark, N.J., and had lived in Wilmington for 50 years.

She was a member of the Golden Agers of the Jewish Community Center, the Senior Citizens of the Jewish Community Center and Congregation Beth Emeth. She was former secretary of the Electra Arms Tenants Council.

Her husband, Morris, died in 1965. She is survived by a son, Warner S.; a daughter, Rhona L. Levy of Flanders, N.J.; and three grandchildren.

Services were held Monday, Jan. 28 in Schoenberg Memorial Chapel, 519 Philadelphia Pike.

Interment was in the Beth Emeth Memorial Park, Du Pont Road.

In memoriam, the family suggests contributions to Congregation Beth Emeth, Lea Boulevard, Wilmington 19809, or the Delaware Association for Retarded Citizens, Rosemont Avenue and Bowers Street, Wilmington 19801.

### Minnie Cutler

Minnie Cutler, 90, of the Kutz Home, 704 River Road, formerly of Brandywine Hills, died Tuesday, Jan. 29 in Riverside Hospital.

Mrs. Cutler was born in Russia and moved to the United States as a young girl.

Her husband, Isaac, died in Sept., 1984. Surviving are three daughters, Evelyn Laiken of Brandywine Hills, Miriam Steinberg of Toronto, and Jeannette Kall of Willow Grove, Pa.; five grand-

children and four great-grandchildren.

Graveside services were held Thursday, Jan. 31 in Har Zion Cemetery, Glenolden, Pa.

In memoriam, the family suggests contributions to charity.

### Samuel Snyder

Samuel Snyder, 78, of North Miami Beach, formerly of Wilmington, Del., died Friday, Feb. 1 from complications of a stroke in Miami General Hospital.

Mr. Snyder moved to Florida from Wilmington about 36 years ago. He retired in 1983 after more than 15 years as manager of a men's shop in the Marco Polo Hotel.

He is survived by his wife, Cecelia; a daughter, Janice Botwin of Cherry Hill, N.J.; a sister, Beatrice Snyder of Boston, Mass.; a stepbrother, Irving Zetlin of Wilmington; and two grandchildren.

Services were held Sunday, Feb. 3 in Platt Memorial Chapel, 2001 Hadfield-Berlin Road, Cherry Hill, N.J.

Interment was in Crescent Burial Park, Pennsauken, N.J.

## Mame-Loshn In Philadelphia

Exploring the role of language in defining and reflecting cultural patterns, an acclaimed 1979 documentary, *Yiddish: The Mame-Loshn*, will be screened Monday, Feb. 11, 1 p.m. at the National Museum of American Jewish History, Independence Mall East.

The presentation will be the first in the Museum's second annual "Monday Movies at the Museum" lunchtime film and discussion series.

An informal discussion will follow the screening. Also included in the series are *Chicken Soup and The Bakery* (Feb. 18), *Number Our Days* (Feb. 25), *Yudi and The Street* (Mar. 4), a second showing of *Yiddish: The Mame-Loshn* (Mar. 11), *Raanah: A World of Our Own* (Mar. 18), *Number Our Days* (Mar. 25) and *West of Hester Street* (Apr. 1).

Admission is \$1 plus Museum admission: \$1.50 for adults, \$1.25 for students and senior adults, free for Museum members. For reservations or further information about the Monday Movies at the Museum series, call (215) 923-3811.

## Social Work Scholarships Available Through FEREP

Full tuition scholarships for study at selected graduate programs of social work and Jewish communal service are now available through the Federation Executive Recruitment and Education Program (FEREP) of the national Council of Jewish Federations.

FEREP is a career track program which recruits individuals with executive promise into the Federation field, provides scholarships for training, and offers ongoing career guidance and placement services following graduation.

For further information, contact Ellen Deutsch Quint, personnel consultant, Council of Jewish Federations, 575 Lexington Ave., New York, N.Y., 10022; (212) 751-1311.

Local inquiries may be directed to Bob Kerbel at the Jewish Federation of Delaware, 478-6200.



JERUSALEM -- Gerard Daniel, president of the World Union for Progressive Judaism, who has announced that the worldwide Reform movement has established an international commission that will seek to find ways of peaceful coexistence with "modern and moderate Orthodox Jews" in Israel and the United States while rejecting attacks from "extremists on the right."

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## Cultural Caravan 'Before The Dawn'

This is the most important Jewish theatrical event of the season! The remarkable play set in Kiev in 1941, will make you proud of your heritage. Joseph Stein, who adapted "Fiddler on the Roof" for the stage has created this exciting drama.

It is the story of two families, one Jewish, one non-Jewish, and of the love and friendship that develops between the two on the eve of the Babi Yar Massacre.

It is a positive story of Soviet Jews who, while shuddering in the face of the unknown tomorrow, still have the courage to banter and laugh. It will touch your heart, as no other drama has!

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A recital featuring the winners of the Jewish Community Center contest for Young Musicians will be held at the JCC, 101 Garden of Eden Road, Wilmington, on Sunday, March 3 at 7:30 p.m. At the conclusion of the recital an awards presentation ceremony will be held.

Tickets are \$3 for general admission, \$2 for senior citizens and students. Reservations may be made in advance by phoning the JCC at 478-5660. Tickets are also available at the Center or may be purchased at the door the evening of the recital.

The Jewish Community Center's Contest for Young Musicians is co-sponsored by the JCC and the Delaware State Arts Council.

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### Lenny's Funny Farm II

Monday, March 11, 7:30 p.m.

Participants in Lenny's Funny Farm II were very enthusiastic and can't wait for their harvest. Planning for the major planting season, which begins March 24 and 25 will be done on March 11.

FEE: Free/M \$3/NM  
Instructor: Lenny Lipstein  
Advance registration required.

### Freedom From Smoking Clinic

The Health and Fitness Department will offer a freedom from smoking clinic conducted by the Delaware Lung Association.

The program is scheduled to begin on Tuesday, March 19, 1984 from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and will run for seven sessions. The fee is \$15 for Center members and \$20 for non-members. A minimum of 12 participants is required to conduct the clinic.

Please call the Health and Fitness Department at 478-5660, to register. Don't miss this unique program designed to help you kick the habit!!!

## WINTER

### RACQUETBALL TOURNAMENT

Beginning Monday, Feb. 18, the Health and Fitness Department will sponsor a winter racquetball tournament.

Registration for the tournament is currently being accepted at the Health and Fitness Desk. Entry fees are \$2 for members and \$4 for non-members. This entry fee does not include the cost of court rental fees. Registration deadline is Wednesday, Feb. 13, at 6 p.m.

The tournament will offer divisions in: Men's A, Men's B, Women's B and Senior Adults (over 55). Prizes will be awarded to the top two finishers in each division.

For further information, contact Jerry Oravitz in the Health and Fitness Department, at 478-5660.

### 'Bubbalonian Encounter'

Child abuse, and more specifically sexual abuse, has never been a pleasant topic. Even when statistics show an alarming rise in the incidence of this type of abuse, some people would rather ignore it and hope it will just go away.

But child abuse never just goes away. Every child has the right to grow up free from sexual exploitation. Abuse may be preventable if children are shown how to protect themselves in possibly dangerous and ambiguous situations.

The "Bubbalonian Encounter" is a lively, sensitive, and humorous film about touch - both good and bad. It is an ideal vehicle for presenting accurate and important information to children and their parents in a delightful and non-threatening manner in order to prevent sexual abuse. A short question and answer session will follow the film presentation.

The program is FREE and open to the public. It is presented by the JCC in cooperation with the Division of Services for Children, Youth and Their Families. For more information, please contact Susan Dowdell, health and fitness director at 478-5660.



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## If It's Summer It Could Be Israel!

TEENAGERS... Would you like to more than just tour Israel? Would you like to get directly involved with adventure, engage in history, live with and enjoy the people of Israel? Then plan to discover Israel during the summer of '85 with a trip sponsored by the JCC.

PARENTS... If you have a young man or young woman, ages 15 to 18, this is a six-week experience that can't and shouldn't be missed!

Consider an itinerary that includes: visiting all major cities (Jerusalem, Elat, Tel Aviv, Haifa) \* home hospitality with an Israeli family \* exploring and hiking Masada \* spending a weekend on a Moshav and exploring the Negev and the Galilee \* an experience in an Israel field school \* special seminars on Jewish identity, the Holocaust and the Diaspora \* and many more adventures.

Teens in grades 10 to 12 are eligible for this program. Acceptance is based upon an interview with a JCC staff person. Unfortunately spaces are limited and will be reviewed upon a first come basis.

A pre-program of parent-teen orientations, teen sleepovers and trips are provided. These programs are important. They introduce the history and geography to the group, and give the young people the opportunity to get to know one another.

The JCC of Southern New Jersey in cooperation with the JCC of Delaware Valley (Trenton) and the JCC of Wilmington, Del. are sponsoring the program. Travel dates are from July 7 to Aug. 15. The cost to members is \$2210 (\$2110 early bird by March 1) the cost to non-members is \$2310 (\$2210 early bird by March 1).

Two mature and knowledgeable leaders as well as an Israeli leader, a *madrich*, will be responsible for the tour.

Make an early decision. The summer of '85 could be one never to be forgotten. Call Arlene Bowman, 478-5660, for more information.

## Teen Fitness Club

A class in Cam II and Universal weight training is being offered for high school students, grades nine - 12. Classes will begin on Saturday, March 2, (3-3:45 p.m.) and Wednesday, March 6, (4-4:45 p.m.)

Registration fee for the four week session is only \$6.

The class will provide instruction in the proper techniques on the Keiser Cam II and the Universal Exercise Equipment. The program can be geared for specific training for individualized sports (basketball, baseball, softball, etc.)

Emphasis will be placed on flexibility, strength and muscle tone. Whether you want to prepare for the upcoming spring sports schedule or just improve overall muscle strength and tone, this program is for you!!!

This class will be instructed by Jerry Oravitz, who is the JCC's new assistant health and fitness director.

Registration is currently being accepted at the Health and Fitness Office. Registration deadline is Wednesday, Feb. 27.

For more information, please contact Jerry at 478-5660, extension: #37.



# Jews-By-Choice: The Next Frontier

Rabbi Peter H. Grumbacher  
*Editor's Note: The following article is based upon a talk given by Rabbi Grumbacher at a Hadassah meeting. One of the members of the Jewish Voice Editorial Committee requested that we reprint it here.*

The matter of conversion to Judaism is one which, years ago, had little meaning to most people. Today, however,

there are many Jews-by-choice and the heightened interest emerges because many are members of our families and active in the Jewish community, in synagogues and in the agencies and organizations in which all of us play a role. The increase in inter-faith marriages makes conversion to Judaism something so many of us "wish" would precede the

weddings of our sons and daughters, for once a conversion takes place, the marriage is no longer a mixed marriage. The increasing rate of assimilation along with everything I just stated leads me to refer to Jews-by-choice as the "next frontier." We simply must come to grips with the problems and potential of this phenomenon because we have no immigrants from distant lands to replace the Jews we are losing; Jews-by-choice will have a significant place in our community as their numbers increase.

The local rabbis who have created "introduction to Judaism" classes - now in their third year - have worked with a number of candidates toward their conversion. The numbers of potential Jews-by-choice and the incredible amount of time it takes in creatively dealing with each person made it imperative to cooperate so that at least from an academic perspective the significant material could be covered in a class environment. Each Jew-by-choice has his or her sponsoring rabbi with whom he or she meets to discuss more personal issues, and whose requirements must be met before the actual conversion takes place. The classes, con-

ducted over a six-month period, rotate between the synagogues, with special programs taking place during the course of the six-months. These special programs deal with problems associated with the process of conversion, and the meaning of *tzedakah* as manifest in the structure of the Jewish Federation. The rabbis are grateful to Jewish Family Service and the Jewish Federation of Delaware for assisting us in these most important dimensions of the "Introduction to Judaism" course.

Becoming a Jew means more than reading books, attending classes, and sharing ideas. It means more than having future in-laws or spouses who "would prefer" the non-Jew to convert. It means more than leaving a church for a synagogue. The Jew-by-choice must be supported by the entire community in his or her decision. It must be fully understood that a great sacrifice is being made by a person willing to embrace Judaism. There is the distinct possibility of being alienated from the family of birth. In addition, in too many cases the enthusiastic Jew-by-choice is met by cradle-Jews who are apathetic and unmotivated,

who cannot understand the excitement of the convert, and who have the potential for causing deep resentment and anger to well-up in the Jew-by-choice. For this reason we ask that "significant others" in the life of the Jew-by-choice join the candidate at classes. This should be a shared journey, one in which both partners (and the family of the cradle-Jew) can begin anew the excitement of Jewish self-discovery.

Who should convert? Certainly not anyone who holds to a deeply-rooted religious faith. That might sound strange but, indeed, a person who believes strongly in the tenets of, let us say, Christianity cannot be a Jew. Judaism simply does not believe in Jesus as Messiah. Unless someone has had personal doubts about the foundations of his or her faith one can neither expect that individual to reject those beliefs, nor can we expect that regardless of a convenient ceremony will the person really consider him or herself a Jew. This happens to be an extremely difficult thing for cradle-Jews to accept, but it must be kept in mind if Jews-by-choice are to reflect the concepts of Judaism.

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# Jews-By-Choice —

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There are, however, many who do convert to Judaism and who find in our faith and our People everything they have been searching for. I recall one woman I met who introduced herself at a meeting in this fashion, "I am (name), and I have always been a Jew even though I was born to Episcopalian parents."

What she was saying was that her religion of birth left her with many questions. Her value-foundation was "Jewish" and until she discovered that her beliefs were contained in Judaism she felt unfulfilled. She became an active Jew-by-choice.

Within that phrase do we find a problem, however, Rabbis from all the movements within Judaism have shared a concern about the connection between the Jew-by-choice and the broader Jewish community. In no other religion is the idea of "peoplehood" stressed as it is with us. Our bonds with Israel - the State and *k'lal Yisrael* - are very often beyond academic discussion. On an intellectual level, the concept of *Am Yisrael*, the People of Israel (regardless where they dwell), makes sense. Emotionally, however, it is another case. That is one reason why the rabbis participating in Delaware's pro-

gram insist on the assistance of the Jewish Federation of Delaware; in each of the three years, the class has met on Garden of Eden Road so that the Jews-by-choice might realize the presence of the JFD, the JCC, the Einstein Academy, and the Jewish Family Service. Hopefully with a compassionate and understanding Jewish family with whom the Jew-by-choice will associate either through marriage or through friendship, the process of appreciating the importance of *tzedakah* will become part of the life of the convert.

There has surfaced another problem with respect to the Jew-by-choice. There have been cases when the dissolution of a marriage has resulted in the convert rejecting Judaism, where children might even be exposed to the religion of the non-Jewish grandparents, the former religion of the Jew-by-choice. One can see how important it is, therefore, for the matter of conversion to be taken very seriously. We do not force someone to make this decision. All the support systems of the Jew-by-choice - particularly the family and the synagogue - must work together from the beginning to firmly root the convert to all aspects of Judaism. The Jewish spouse, *in particular*, must realize the implications of conversion and create a Jewish family that celebrates Jewishly, worships Jewishly, and commemorates life-cycles Jewishly even before the birth of children. It is wonderful to see the fruits of the "new frontier" when all embrace the potential found within our faith and our heritage.



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A famous astronomer told the sisterhood that, as he calculated, in four or five billion years the sun could possibly burn out. In a panic an elderly voice in the back of the room, "How many years?" "Four or five billion years." "Oh thank goodness," came the voice, "I thought you said million."

"Doctor," the little Jewish man said, "I hope I really am sick. I'd hate to feel this way if I am healthy."

After much coaxing from her daughter, an elderly woman finally visited a gynecologist for a check-up. The doctor said, "Mrs. Gross, please

step behind the curtain and take off your clothes. I want to examine you." Shocked, she said, "I should take off all my clothes?" "That's right." "Listen, doctor, does your mother know that from this you make a living?"

A Hasidic rabbi from New York was visiting a small town in Georgia. A number of children started following him around and staring and pointing at him. Finally he turned to them and said, "Whatsa matter, you kids never saw a yankee?"

Two immigrants met and were complaining about medical costs. One man commented, "I've spent over \$500 for medicine and doctors last month." The other man answered, "Ach, in the old country for that kind of money you could be sick for two years."

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Bible 24, taught by Adi Milstein, deals with Nevi in Rishonim, from David to the destruction of the Temple including an intensive study of selected chapters in the books of Melichim I and II. Emphasis is given to the events and personalities that helped to shape the character and the fate of the Jewish people.

Bible 22, taught by Gladys Gewirtz, reviews the current weekly Torah portion. A detailed analysis of each Parasha gives attention to its structure, value-context, and its potential contribution to the enrichment of the life of the modern Jew.

Jewish issues 24 taught by Jack Vinokur concerns itself with two major topics: One is "Israel" in which students study Zionism and contemporary Israel with such concerns as Israel-Arab relations, Israeli culture, people, government and religious groups. The course objective is to awaken the students' sense of identity with Israel and the desire to visit there. The other major topic is the "Holocaust" which uses a variety of media and specially selected literature to help the students to understand this tragic period in Jewish history.

Finally, Jewish life 22, taught by Gladys Gewirtz, introduces the students to the *Siddur*, using a variety of prayers and analyzing them in depth.

The above schedule for our second year students is indeed a well-rounded and comprehensive program. It affords an excellent Jewish educational opportunity to all its participants.

### Community Calendar

- 2/9 Hadassah/Newark Ch. Beer & Pizza Night  
BBW Bowling Party 9 p.m.
- 2/10 JCC Snowball Run 9-2  
JFD Leadership Program 7:30 p.m.  
Beth Emeth Brotherhood Program & Breakfast
- 2/11 Hadassah/Wilm. Ch. Gr. Mtgs. 12 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.
- 2/12 Beth Emeth Cong. Bd. Mtg. 8 p.m.  
Beth Emeth Sisthd. Gen. Mtg. 12 noon  
BBW/Hadassah Bowling 9:15 a.m.  
Beth Shalom Cong. Bd. Mtg. 7:30 p.m.
- 2/13 BBW Bd. Mtg. 8 p.m.  
JCC Young Musician's Contest - All Day
- 2/14 JCC Young Musician's Contest - All Day  
Kutz Home Aux. Bd. Mtg. 10 a.m.
- 2/17 JCC Singles Pool Party 2 p.m.  
Beth Emeth Brotherhood Program & Breakfast  
AKSE Men's Club Brotherhood Program & Breakfast 9 a.m.  
AKSE Men's Club Fundraiser 7:30 p.m.
- 2/18 Hadassah/Wilm. Ch. Bd. Mtg. 8 p.m.
- 2/19 Beth Emeth Sisthd. Eve. Mtg. 7:30 p.m.  
BBW/Hadassah Bowling 9:15 a.m.
- 2/20 Hadassah/Newark Ch. Gen. Mtg. 7:30 p.m.  
NCJW Bd. Mtg. 9:15 a.m.
- 2/21 JFD Bd. Mtg. 8 p.m.  
ORT Gen. Mtg. 1 p.m.

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## 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.

### Serving Many Individuals

By Arnold Lieberman,  
Executive Director



The nature of our work is such that each case is certainly unique, as is every individual and family. Beyond that, when a person is suffering or hurting, we each feel that we are the only person in such dire straits. Truthfully, we don't care how many others are experiencing similar pain, we want relief from what we are suffering.

When we are over the crisis, it may help to realize that we are not unique in our suffering. Others suffer, if not identical, at least similar pain.

For those who used our Family Counseling or Aged Services during the past year, as well as for those who did not, I offer our numbers for 1984.

Our Family Counseling Program served 245 different families and our Aged Services Program served 287 different families. The 532 cases were served through 1,639 in-person and 2,199 telephone contacts.

Sixty percent of the counseling cases and 80% of the aged cases were Jewish. Overall, 67% of our cases were Jewish. One-fourth of all cases had received prior service from JFS. In our counseling program, 42% were intact families. In our aged program 75% of all clients were widowed.

In April, we initiated our evening counseling hours, and 111 interviews were held in 1984. This represented one-fourth of all interviews held in

our office. Twenty one different families were seen in the evening.

The most apparent trends in 1984 were a leveling off of the counseling program (10% decrease in cases; 16% increase in in-person contacts; and 25% decrease in phone contacts); and an increase in services to the aged (9% increase in cases; 17% increase in in-person contacts; and 5% increase in phone contacts). The aged cases received many more contacts per case and the vast majority of interviews are held out of the office, necessitating travel time.

In 1984 we again sent questionnaires to clients who terminated service. This gave us figures representing the past five years. Among the 42% who responded in the last five years, 62% were "very satisfied" and 28% were "satisfied" with the agency services they received. Regarding how they felt they got along with their counselor, 68% were "very satisfied" and 23% were "satisfied"; 3% were "somewhat dissatisfied" and 6% reported "no feelings."

The bottom line question was "How do you feel agency services influenced the changes that you reported?" Fifty five percent said "helped a great deal;" 31% said "helped some;" 9% said "made no difference" and 5% didn't answer the question.

These responses reassure us that for the most part, clients are satisfied with and feel the service we provide is helpful. Our goal is to continue to generate such responses, which is due in no small part to our treating each client with the respect due to an individual.

### Dear Rachel

Dear Rachel,

My problem probably sounds silly to you, compared to the people who come to see you at your office with life or death problems, but it really is bothering me. The man I am dating (it seems stupid to say people our age are "boyfriend and girlfriend") seems to be a chameleon. He becomes exactly like the company he is in. When we are in a social situation with our (mostly Jewish) friends, he is warm towards me, and funny, and friendly, and outgoing, and I like what I see. In a social situation with people from work (mostly non-Jewish), he puts me down or keeps me at a distance, and tells obnoxious jokes and drinks too much. Should I try to help him, or learn to live with him for his good qualities? Remember that good, single Jewish men are hard to come by and I really care for the slob. Thank you in advance for your advice.

Anxiously Awaiting  
Your Answer

Dear Anxious,

Can this relationship be saved? Only you can know the answer to that question. Since you care for the man, talk to him about his behavior. He may not be aware of what he

is doing. Explore the source of the problem: is he uncomfortable with you? with himself? with being a Jew in a non-Jewish environment? His response will give you a good barometer for the future of your relationship.

If no answers are forthcoming, or if he cannot modify his behavior, he will need counseling before he is ready to handle a serious relationship with anyone. If he shapes up, then you really have found the proverbial "nice Jewish man." Enjoy him.

Rachel

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### AEA Students Service

On Jan. 18, the students of Albert Einstein Academy conducted the Friday night service at Keshet Israel Synagogue in West Chester, Pa.

The children, under the direction of Eta Knepler and support of Rabbi Mac Portal, did an outstanding job.

### Kindergarten Open House

Albert Einstein Academy and the Jewish Community Center will be holding an open house for parents eligible to enter kindergarten in September. This is an opportunity to learn about the kindergarten program, see the materials, and meet the teacher. Both a full day and a half day program are being offered.

The open house will be held at Albert Einstein Academy 101 Garden of Eden Road, Wilmington, at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 20.

During the service, Rabbi Portal explained to the congregation the meanings of different prayers and how important it was for Jewish children to include them as an integral part of their lives. He emphasized the need for children to live and feel their religious heritage and ideals.

It was evident that the children feel at ease in the synagogue and that the parents were filled with pride and satisfaction from seeing their children participate in the service.

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## Beth El News

**BEER AND BEEF PARTY**  
The Men's Club of Temple Beth El is sponsoring a beef and beer party on Saturday, Feb. 16, at 8 p.m. Guests will feast on roast beef and meatball sandwiches while they quench their thirsts with an endless flow of beer and soft drinks. Live music will be provided by The Ramps. Tickets are \$12.50 per person and may be obtained from Gene Kelly or at the temple office.

**MEN'S CLUB MEETING**  
Jim Kane of the Delaware Criminal Justice Planning Commission will be guest speaker at the next Men's Club meeting at Temple Beth El. Kane will speak on the causes and prevention of juvenile delinquency. The program will be preceded by a sumptuous breakfast of bagels and lox. Breakfast will be served at 9:30 a.m. The meeting will be on Sunday, Feb. 24.

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## Organizations in the News

### Lunch And Learn At Beth Shalom

The pre-school lunch and learn class at Congregation Beth Shalom has become the "in-place" to be for 30 3 and 4-year-olds in our community every Thursday afternoon. Amira Silber and Arlene Davis, teachers of the class, are applying the learning of Hebrew to the interests of the children. These units include the child's immediate environment—in the home, the school and his small community. They are exposed to stories, games, songs and dances all in Hebrew. The holiday of Hanukkah was experienced through songs, Hebrew vocabulary games and a party for parents and students. They were recently the guests of the Brandywine Zoo where all the animals' names were learned in Hebrew. Presently, the children are learning about Shabbat and Havdalah and will complete this unit with a visit to the sanctuary with Rabbi Kenneth Cohen.

We are delighted to be able to offer this program to the entire community and welcome any inquiries, 654-4462.

### B'nai B'rith Women

B'nai B'rith Women of Delaware will hold their next meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 12, 8 p.m., at the B'nai B'rith House, 8000 Society Drive.

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Robert Wheeler, director of the pharmacology department of the Wilmington Medical Center, will speak about abuse of prescription drugs by senior citizens.

This is a most important and timely topic. Recently, the news program, "20/20," aired an alarming report that showed while some seniors abuse drugs unknowingly, others "forget" to tell their doctors all the medications they are taking, and still others "share" their medicines with friends.

Can anything be done to help prevent this from happening? If so—What?

You certainly do not have to be a senior citizen to be concerned about this problem. Those of us who are not probably have parents, or perhaps, grandparents who are.

Don't miss what should be a most informative evening.

### Valentine Bouquets

Each potential volunteer who calls the Volunteer Clearinghouse at 575-0152 receives a personal interview. Twelve volunteer interviewers are responsible for conducting the interviews and making the referrals and placements at the appropriate agencies. The Clearinghouse extends "hearts off" to the following people for their conscientious and devoted service:

Andrea Balick, Gene Danneman, Cathy Ford, Chris Fraser, Bonnie Haines, Lynda Hastings, Adrienne Koltenuk, Gail May, Barbara Roisman, Surry Scheerer, Denise Stevens, Karin Tunnell.

## AKSE Sisterhood

AKSE Sisterhood invites you on Monday March 4 at 7:30 p.m. for an evening filled with culinary delights. The American Heart Association will present creative approaches to food preparation which are healthy, appetizing and appealing. Paid up sisterhood members are welcomed free of charge. For all other guests the fee is \$1. Light refreshments will be provided.

### Beth Emeth Sisterhood Sabbath

A special Shabbat service which was conceived, planned, written and will be conducted by a group of Sisterhood members, will be held at Congregation Beth Emeth on Friday evening, Feb. 15, at 8 p.m. Millie Lapidus is chairing this special event, "A Tribute to

Eleanor Roosevelt," whose life and legacy will be examined during this commemoration of the 100th anniversary of her birth. The Wilmington community is cordially invited. An Oneg Shabbat will be held.

## Newark Hadassah

The Feb. 20 Hadassah meeting will feature the 12-member dance troupe from Adas Kodesh Shel Emeth, Wilmington, performing a variety of dances including Hasidic, modern Israeli and Yemenite dances. The dancers are men and women of all ages from the Wilmington and Philadelphia area who have performed around the state from Temple Beth Shalom in Dover to the city of Wilmington's Waterfest summer festival.

Plan to attend this exciting program. The business meeting starts promptly at 7:30 p.m. at Temple Beth El, Possum Park Road, Newark. Call Carol Barnett at 994-6908 for more information.



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