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Israeli civilians in the Tel Aviv area anxiously reading reports in the evening paper of the fighting in Sinai and the Golan Heights during the first days of the Yom Kippur War, October 1973. WZPS photo.

Ten Years After The Yom Kippur War

By BARBARA SOFER

Editor's Note: Writer Barbara Sofer's personal reflections express the extent to which the memory of October 1973 still accompanies the Israelis as a people and the Israeli as an individual.

Barbara Sofer came on aliyah from Connecticut, in 1971. An English teacher, she is married to a scientist and has four children.

For Israelis the notion that an entire decade has passed since the Yom Kippur War is at least as hard to believe as for Americans above 30 to absorb that 20 years have passed since President Kennedy's assassination. In the same way that Americans still reflect on where they were when they heard the news, the Israeli's images of the traumatic first days of the war are very fresh.

How It Was Then

The synagogues emptying out of fighting-age men, strictly Orthodox Jews driving to battle on the holiest day of the year, the darkness of the streets
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Sallie Topkis Ginns Inducted Into Delaware Women's Hall of Fame

By ZEV AMITI

Sallie Topkis Ginns of Wilmington, the notable woman of valor among Jewish women in Delaware who died in 1976 at the age of 96 years, has been included in the 1983 Delaware Women's Hall of Fame in recognition of the many years she had devoted to innumerable public causes, ranging from American Red Cross activities to women's suffrage.

Mrs. Ginns who married James N. Ginns, in 1899, was known to thousands as "Aunt Sallie." She spent the last years of her life in the Kutz Home and had been acclaimed by the Council of Jewish Women as "the most important Jewish woman in Delaware."

Her name will be included in the Delaware Women's Hall of Fame at special ceremonies in the



Sallie Topkis Ginns

Delaware Community Technical College near Georgetown, Oct. 25.

In many ways, Mrs. Ginns matched the innumerable public service activities contributed by her five brothers, Louis, David, William Charles and Harry.

Mrs. Ginns was born in Odessa, Russia, and was brought to the United States by her parents in 1882. At first, the family lived in Chester, Pa., and later moved to Wilmington, living in a dismal house in Milner's Court between Market and King Streets, and between East Front and East Second Streets.

For a while, the family lived in New Castle, where, oddly enough according to her recollections many years later, she attended a Baptist Sunday School because there were no Jewish families in that town.

It was soon after she and James Ginns were married and lived at the southeast corner of Third and King Streets, she began to take part in Jewish community activities, such as fostering the development of the Young Men's Hebrew Association, along with her parents and brothers. Later, she led the movement for the formation of the Young Women's Hebrew Association and became active in the Beth Emeth congregation.

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Federation Planning/Budgeting Committee To Be Led By Mand And Weinstein

Leo Zeffel, Jewish Federation of Delaware president, has announced the recent appointments of Martin G. Mand as chairman of the Planning/Budgeting Steering committee and Sheldon A. Weinstein as vice-chairman.

In commenting on these appointments, Zeffel stated, "We are most pleased that Mr. Mand and Mr. Weinstein have agreed to accept this most important Federation responsibility. Both of these men have been actively involved in many phases of our Federation work and will bring special expertise and leadership to this key Federation process. We are also most pleased that Gloria Fine, Alfred J. Green, Francia Isakoff, and Jack B. Jacobs have agreed to continue as chairmen of the Task Forces on the Aging, Group Services, Family Services, and Jewish Education, respectively."

The planning/budgeting process was initiated last year under the chairmanship of David J. Singer. The new approach integrates the planning/budgeting process into a single operation with more than 70 lay participants actively involved on these various task forces. In commenting on the program, Mand stated, "Planning is not always easy to do. Too often communities plan only on a crisis, reactive basis. It is our goal to planfully evaluate the short and long range needs of our local community, assess existing programs and to be responsive to the newly emerging needs in such areas as the agency, Jewish education, family life and group service activities."

Mand, vice president of taxes and financial services for the DuPont Company, is no newcomer to community involvement. He currently services on the boards of the Jewish Federation, the First Federal Savings and Loan Association of Wilmington and The National Conference of Christians and Jews. He has served as president of the Milton and Hattie Kutz Home, as a board member of the Jewish Community Center, and as president of Congregation Beth Shalom. Professionally, Mand is affiliated with the National Association of Accountants and Financial Executives Institute. He holds a BS degree in commerce from the University of Virginia and an MBA degree from the University of Delaware.

Sheldon Weinstein is one of the managing partners of Young, Conaway, Stargatt and Taylor.

His community involvement covers a broad spec-
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Martin Mand



Sheldon Weinstein

Women's Chai Division Raises Money, Views Art

The new Women's Chai Division of the Jewish Federation of Delaware raised a total of \$26,350 at their first annual event Wednesday, Oct. 12. The function, entitled "Art in Rittenhouse Square," was an exciting and unusual blend of successful fundraising coupled with the viewing of art collections in two private Rittenhouse Square homes.

At the luncheon at the Barclay Hotel, Jeanette Eichenwald, UJA regional speakers' bureau chairman, spoke of her deep commitment to the Jewish community, and of growing needs and concerns. Eichenwald, a recipient of the George Feldman Young Leadership award, serves on the executive board of the Jewish Federation of Allentown and is also the principal of congregation Kneset Israel religious school in Allentown. Her parents, both Holocaust survivors, were present at the luncheon, making her poignant words that much more piercing. Also attending the luncheon was Barbara Sussman of Allentown. Sussman is the designer of the silver pomegranate pin which was awarded to the Chai Division women, all of whom had made a 1984 campaign pledge of *chai* (\$1,800) or more. Sussman explained that the pomegranate is one of the seven species of fruit brought back by the biblical spies sent into the Promised Land. A beautiful *midrash* also exists concerning the pomegranate: the pomegranate, with its numerous seeds, contains 613 seeds, corresponding to the 613 *mitzvot*.

The women had the opportunity to visit two private Rittenhouse homes filled with outstanding collections of 20th century paintings, sculpture and ceramics. The first apartment contained works by such well-known artists as George Segal, Jasper Johns and Milton Avery, as well as a collection of Japanese woodcuts from Osaka. The second home, a double carriagehouse, contained exceptional pieces by Philip Evergood, Natalia Gontcharova and her husband, Mikhail Larionov and many notable works by Yugoslav artists.

At the Barclay, Francia Isakoff ex-

Federation To Establish Resource Center

The Jewish Federation of Delaware as a central organization of Jewish community activities, receives many publications and information from many sources about events concerning Jews and Jewish communities throughout the world.

For example, the Federation receives constantly up-dated material on Soviet Jewry, Israel and community relations issues. Over 30 American-Jewish newspapers similar to *The Jewish Voice*, report events of local Jewish interests. Also, the Federation subscribes to a world-wide Jewish news-wire service. Publications such as the *Jerusalem Post*, *Jewish Digest*, *Israel Digest*, *Moment Magazine* are available.

In addition, information about films, video cassettes and slide presentations of Jewish interest is also available. The Federation has a



Marjory Stone Levine Margaret H. May
Chai Division Cochairwomen

plained the rationale behind the new Chai Division.

"Chai is life," she said. "We as committed Jews spend many hours striving for goals...striving for life...we must never stop."

"The new Chai Division," she continued, "will set a goal for the rest of the community to strive for. It is our responsibility to set the goal, and then help others attain that goal."

Margaret May cited examples of local needs and local accomplishments. Among the statistics she enumerated were:

Jewish Family Service: 400 families serviced, 75 preventive programs given, 92 young people currently attend the Brandywine Social Club.

The Jewish Community Center: a superb camp season, excellent 52-weeks a year day care program, the unfortunate necessity of a new roof and gym floor for the JCC building.

Milton and Hattie Kutz Home: an 82-bed facility with 82 filled beds, an average resident age of 83, problems with Medicaid payments.

Albert Hebrew High School: 45 youngsters in attendance.

Gatz Hebrew High School: 18 new students, a total of 50 students, Gatz graduates remain active in the Jewish community.

University of Delaware, B'nai B'rith Hillel: 1000 kids belong to Hillel, but they'll soon need a new building when Temple Beth El moves.

Marjory Stone Levine introduced Jeanette Eichenwald, the guest speaker.

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library of hundreds of recent books on Jewish history, many Jewish periodicals such as *Jewish Social Studies*, and the *American Jewish Historical Review* as well as resource material on a wide variety of Jewish interests and subjects.

All of this information is now in the process of being catalogued through the efforts of Samuel Wenzer, who is volunteering his services to organize this information. This material will be distributed to the various committee members involved in the multiplicity of our communal activities and will be available in the very near future to members of the entire Jewish community. For further information, call Bob Kerbel at the Federation office.

An enlightened Jew is a knowledgeable Jew. Please take advantage of this new Federation service.

JEWISH FEDERATION OF DELAWARE 2nd ANNUAL LEADERSHIP RETREAT

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Oberod Center
Centerville, Delaware

Theme of Retreat: Tzedakah: From Generation to Generation

Scholar-in-Residence
Mathilde Brailove
Nationally Known Jewish Communal Leader
Special Guest
Moazia Segal, Project Renewal Director
Jesse Cohen Center, Holon, Israel

Program

Saturday Evening, Nov. 5

A) Keynote Address - The Organized Jewish Community
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B) Israel-Diaspora Relations

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Sunday, Nov. 6 (9 a.m. - 3 p.m.)

1. Responding to Community Needs and Setting Priorities
Panel with local Agency Presidents
2. "What's Happening" on The American Jewish Scene
3. An Israeli Views Diaspora Jewry.
4. Tomorrow - The Next Generation
The Role of Young Leadership
5. Jewish Education - For Whom?

Registration \$12 per person
Including meals

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Mathilde Brailove To Be Guest Speaker At Women's Division Inaugural Dinner

Alene Berkowitz, newly appointed chairwoman of the \$1,000 and over women's Division of the Jewish Federation of Delaware, has announced that the division's annual dinner will be held on Nov. 7 at the Rodney Square Club in Wilmington.

The guest speaker on this special occasion will be Delaware women's good friend, Mathilde Brailove, who last addressed the Women's Division in 1981. Berkowitz stated, "Mathilde is one of the most outstanding community leaders on the American Jewish scene and we are delighted that she has accepted our invitation to join with us again." In addition, a special guest will be present, Moazia Segal, director of Delaware's Project Renewal community, the Jesse Cohen Center in Holon. Segal will share the

exciting progress that has been made at the Jesse Cohen Center in the last few years.

This Pacesetters event will officially launch the Women's Division's 1984 campaign and will set the tone for the entire community. As we look to 1984, we are confronted with many fiscal responsibilities to our local agencies and to the State of Israel. The future strength and viability of our community depends upon our commitment and generous response to the needs of our fellow Jews. Ms. Berkowitz stated, "we all look forward to the 1984 campaign with much enthusiasm and excitement and the desire to build upon the very successful 1983 Women's Division Campaign, most capably led by Margaret May."



Mathilde Brailove



Alene Berkowitz

FRANKLY SPEAKING Zev Amiti



Little Empathy For Fellow Jews?

In response to an angry letter in *The Jewish Voice* last month by Sidney Maerov about my views regarding Israel and certain phases of the Jewish Federation of Delaware, I am tempted to summon him to a *beth din* to explain why he slyly tars me with the charge of raising "the spectre of anti-Semitism."

I am particularly hurt when he dares to charge me with "little empathy" for my fellow Jews.

First, I am pressed to do something I have never done before in all my past 50 years of writing about the Jewish community of Delaware and my fellow Jews.

I must remind him of some of my undertakings since the early 1930s.

One incident that is not too well known is what happened one night in May of 1948. I was then news director of Radio Station WILM and I remember so well when the beloved late Ben Codor, then executive director of the Jewish Federation of Delaware, came barging into the WILM studio with the news of the establishment of the State of Israel.

Mr. Codor pleaded with me to

undertake, then and there, a special program, devoted to the new state and what it meant for Jews the world over.

Although I did not have authority to do what I did, I ordered the disc jockey then playing musical records, to stop and give me 15 minutes time of my own.

I virtually took over the station, discussed the significance of the new State of Israel and then I capped it all with the playing of "Hatikvah," a recording of which Mr. Codor had brought along.

And as the record played, I look through the studio window and saw Mr. Codor, standing there, tears rolling down his face and he, himself, shaking with excitement.

It was the first time in radio history of Delaware that such a program had been aired to thousands of listeners who had been, otherwise, tuned in to the run-of-the-mill dance music.

Although what I had done, eased out a number of commercials, the station manager and the owner of the station, the late Ewing Hawkins, agreed I had

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WHAT'S HAPPENING Kolya Gavish



Reaching Out

Five years ago Rabbi Alexander Schindler, president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, made news in the national and American-Jewish press with his call for a Jewish outreach program. He declared that "Judaism is a religion of hope and not despair; it insists that man and society are perfectible. Judaism has an enormous amount of wisdom and experience to offer this troubled world, and we Jews ought to be proud to speak about it, frankly, freely and with dignity."

A month or so ago our local *News-Journal* paper carried a story on Jewish outreach. I began reading the article expecting that it would describe the activities of the Reform movement on this issue. I was surprised that the article was mostly about Orthodox groups, such as the Lubavitcher, who are seeking to bring the unaffiliated Jew and the non-Jew to Judaism.

This past weekend the wife of one of Philadelphia's prominent Conservative rabbis told me her husband believes that his conversion classes and his classes teaching Russian immigrants about Judaism are his most

important work.

For the past four years I have been a member of the Task Force on Reform Jewish Outreach which was appointed in response to Rabbi Schindler's call for an outreach program.

In the initial meetings the Task Force learned that there were biblical roots to the concept of Jews seeking to bring others into the Jewish religion. We agreed that while our program would be directed toward letting the world know about the true meaning and religious values of Judaism it would be free from aggressive or evangelical components.

We also felt strongly that our programs should be equally effective in returning the unaffiliated Jew to Judaism as in bringing the non-Jew into Judaism. Our initial focus was to be the non-Jewish partner in mixed marriages and the children of mixed marriages.

Weekend discussions, "Meeting the Needs of the Jews by Choice," were held in various metropolitan areas around the country. These programs afforded converts to Judaism the opportunity to...
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THE RABBI WRITES

Peter H. Grumbacher
Congregation Beth Emeth



The Controversial 'Patrilineality' Resolution

In March of this year, the Central Conference of American Rabbis (Reform) passed a resolution which sparked a serious controversy within the Jewish community here in America and world-wide. The text of the resolution is as follows:

"The CCAR declares that the child of one Jewish parent is under the presumption of Jewish descent. This presumption of the Jewish status of the offspring of any mixed marriage is to be established through appropriate and timely public and formal acts of identification with the Jewish faith and people. The performance of these *mitzvot* serves to commit those who participate in them, both parent and child, to Jewish life."

This resolution, referred to as "patrilineal descent," is best defined as "non-lineal" descent since nowhere is it stated which parent is Jewish and which is non-Jewish. Therefore, it is to be assumed that the intent is active Jewish identification regardless of the accident of birth to either a Jewish mother and a non-Jewish father or a Jewish father and a non-Jewish mother. According to *halachah*, Jewish law, the latter situa-

tion determines that a child is non-Jewish and must formally convert to Judaism.

This resolution radically overturns this requirement. Because of this, we have been attacked not only by the Orthodox and Conservative rabbinate but also by our Progressive colleagues in Israel and other countries outside the North American continent.

The strength of tradition and the historic longevity of the previous requirement for determining Jewish status are matters which cannot be treated lightly. Indeed, the deliberations at the convention in Los Angeles that passed the resolution included passionate speeches by Reform rabbis which advocated maintaining the status quo. It was also pointed out that such resolution would yield "open warfare" between Reform and Orthodox; and in June, the Orthodox rabbinate published "An Open Letter to Reform Jews" in the *New York Times* asking that our laypeople demand that the Reform rabbinate overturn this decision.

Contemporary social conditions brought about the passing of the...
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ON THE OTHER HAND N. Even-Or



A Tale of Six Cities

What is it that Warsaw, Kabul, Sakhalinsk, Helsinki, Beirut and Geneva have in common?

Warsaw is the capital of Poland, in which there rules a government that the Polish people don't want. It is a government imposed on them by the Soviet Union, a government that denies its people the very rights that are guaranteed by their constitution. Warsaw is the capital of a "workers' paradise," in which workers are prevented from choosing their own leaders and expressing their own ideas. From Warsaw comes the "truth," that the union Solidarity is controlled by Zionists and capitalists.

Kabul is the capital of Afghanistan, in which there rules a puppet of the Soviet Union, kept in power by a full Soviet division in continual battle with the resisting Afghan people, who will not submit to the loss of their independence. Soviet response to a United Nations resolution on Afghanistan is to claim that they were invited in by the legitimate elected government.

Sakhalinsk is a city on the southern end of an island off the eastern coast of the USSR, close to the Japanese

island of Hokkaido. When Korean Airlines Flight 007, from New York to Seoul, flew off course over Sakhalinsk, it was shot down, and all on board were lost. For four days the Soviet government denied shooting at the plane, not to mention destroying it. Faced with incontrovertible evidence to the contrary, they finally admitted the shooting and attempted to justify this wanton murder of innocent civilian passengers by claiming the plane was spying on secret Soviet installations in that area. The USSR refuses to accept responsibility for any wrongdoing and refuses to pay any compensation to the victims' families, blaming the whole affair on alleged provocative actions by the United States.

Helsinki is the capital of Finland, where, in 1975, the heads of 36 nations, including the USSR and the U.S., signed an agreement which declared their mutual "respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms." The late Leonid Brezhnev, present that day, had good reason to be pleased with himself. He had obtained in the Helsinki Accords acceptance of the...
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Background Information

Strike Against Economic Policies

By Gil Sedan and Hugh Orgel

JERUSALEM, (JTA) -- About one million wage-earners and salaried workers, virtually the entire labor force of Israel, staged a two-hour strike last week to protest the government's economic policies. The strike, called by Histadrut, was 100 percent effective, inasmuch as it was observed by all branches of labor and professionals regardless of party affiliation.

The economic crisis which precipitated the mass walkout, the largest in Israel's history, continued to create turmoil. The situation topped the agenda at last Sunday's Cabinet meeting where Premier Yitzhak Shamir was having difficulties finding a replacement for Finance Minister Yoram Aridor who resigned last week under heavy pressure from his Cabinet colleagues no less than from the opposition.

The Tel Aviv Stock Exchange remained closed for the seventh consecutive day and there was no indication when trading would be resumed. The mood of the working population was hardly improved when it became apparent that the 20.5 percent cost-of-living increment to be added to their October salaries has already been wiped out by the drastic price hikes instituted by the government.

The consumer price index for September, published Oct. 14, showed a nine percent increase, a record high for that month. During the first two weeks of October, the price of government subsidized food products, fuel and other consumer items rose by 50 percent and the cost of imported goods by 23 percent, equal to the recent devaluation of the Shekel.

Inflation in October is expected to soar to a rate of 16-20 percent, an unprecedented high for a single month. The next cost-of-living increments will not be paid until January 1984. Economists expect the inflation rate for all of 1983 to be as high as 190 percent or even higher. Prices rose by 86.8 percent during the first nine months of the year.

The wildly soaring inflation and the absence, at this time, of any firm government plan to deal with it, set the stage for the strike and gave the trade union federation a chance to show its muscle.

Histadrut Secretary General Yeruham Meshel stressed that the strike was not against Aridor himself but against the Likud government's policies which, he charged, eroded workers' incomes while protecting the interests of the well-to-do who were able to buy foreign currencies with cash raised by the sale of their bank shares.

Civil servants, most factory workers and others struck from 2-4 p.m. Teachers, electrical workers and professionals stopped work for two hours at other times of the day. The railroads, ports and airports, postal services, radio and television were paralyzed for the duration of the walk-out.

The small National Trades Union, founded by Herut, appealed to its members not to strike against the government but its call was largely unheeded. Workers at the port of Ashdod, a stronghold of Likud voters in the last two national elections, struck for the full work day and were joined by the work forces at factories in the Ashdod area who felt that a two-hour stoppage was not sufficient to reflect their protest and anger.

Aridor resigned his office after his plan to link Israel's currency exclusively to the U.S. Dollar created a storm of protests when it was leaked by an aide to the newspaper *Yediot Achronot* last week. The aide, Ezra Sadan, director general of the Finance Ministry, was castigated by Likud for leaking the proposal, apparently before it was brought before Shamir.

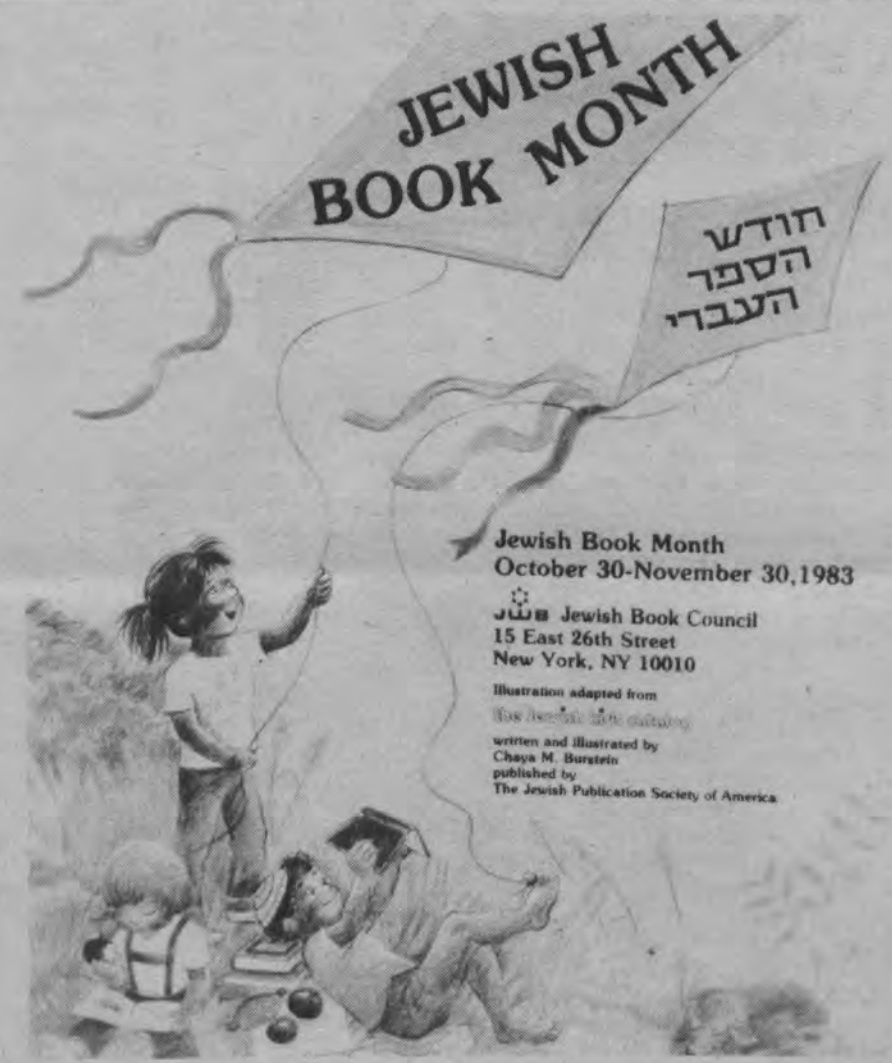
The new premier, who has been trying to cope with the economic crisis almost from the moment he was sworn in, apparently hoped to persuade Deputy Premier David Levy to take the Treasury portfolio. Levy flatly refused and insisted today that his decision was final.

Levy, a potential candidate for the office of Prime Minister in the future, reportedly believes the Treasury post is a death trap for any politician with high ambitions. It has had a higher rate of turnover than any other senior Cabinet portfolio.

As this goes to press, Shamir is under pressure to name a successor to Aridor. He reportedly has narrowed his choice to two Herut colleagues, Yigal Cohen-Orgad, head of the Likud caucus in the Knesset Finance Committee and Haim Kaufman, Deputy Finance Minister. About 150 members of the Herut Central Committee signed a petition over the weekend supporting Kaufman.

But the post is believed likely to go to Cohen-Orgad a political hawk, an economist by training and one of the most vociferous critics of Aridor. Cohen-Orgad seems to have the support of all of Shamir's coalition partners.

Meanwhile, Yaacov Meridor, Minister of Economic Affairs, has indicated that he, too, will resign shortly. He said his decision had nothing to do with Aridor's resignation.



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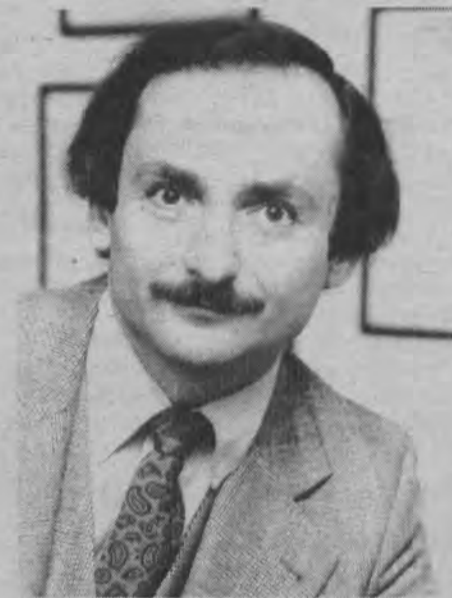
Ransome Of Captives - Our Business

Karl Zukerman, assistant executive vice president of the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society (HIAS) recently reminded us that we are all refugees, or children, grandchildren or great-grandchildren of refugees.

Speaking to a brunch of the Physician's Committee hosted by Dr. Steven and Miriam Edell and at the Leadership Development seminar hosted by Arnold and Gail Budin on Oct. 9, Zukerman shared the problems of Jews in lands of oppression today.

He explained that HIAS has, since 1880, been responsible for the resettlement of Jews from lands of persecution and discrimination to lands of freedom (other than Israel, whose immigration program is the responsibility of the Jewish Agency), however, as he recently reminded the State Department, "we've unfortunately been in the immigration business for over 3,000 years."

The areas of the world which are of greatest concern to HIAS were described: The Soviet Union—where approximately 200,000 Soviet Jews have applied for exit visas and emigration is now down to a trickle—100-125 per month compared to 1979



Karl Zukerman

when the monthly average was more than 4,000. Of particular concern is the official anti-Semitic harassment of those who have applied for exit visas — including imprisonment, banishment to Siberia, house arrests, loss of employment, refusal of admission to universities and social isola-

tion. Zukerman pleaded for continued pressure from Jews and the U.S. Government directed to the Soviets.

The Jews of Ethiopia present a different situation: that of a Marxist government refusing any contact with the Western free world. There are approximately 20,000 Ethiopian Jews who for the most part are illiterate and live in rural villages. They, as well as other Ethiopians, escape a few at a time over very rugged and dangerous terrain and, if successful, arrive in refugee camps in another African country where they live with 500,000 other Ethiopian refugees, primarily Moslems. Most of the Jews are afraid to identify themselves as Jews to the U.N. relief organization. However, through third party sources which cannot be identified, about 100 per month (of the approximately 3,000 in the camps) are being resettled.

Zukerman expressed concern about a number of Central and Latin

American Jewish communities who live under anti-Semitic acts as a way of life but do not see their lives threatened. He parenthetically compared this situation to the German Jews of the 1930s. Zukerman stated that HIAS presently has an active caseload of 3,000. He explained that local Jewish Family Services such as Jewish Family Service of Delaware does the actual resettlement and acculturation process in each community. It is HIAS' responsibility to help the refugee decide where he or she wishes to be resettled and to match this wish with his or her skills and the ability of a particular community to successfully absorb the immigrant. Presently, most of the immigrants are joining other family members who have preceded them.

HIAS is one of our national recipients of funds from the Jewish Federation of Delaware's annual campaign.

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rum. He is currently a member of the Rotary Club, and serves on the boards of the Milton and Hattie Kutz Home and Congregation Beth Shalom. He is also Jewish Federation of Delaware assistant secretary.

Weinstein is a past treasurer of the Jewish Community Center, a past president of Congregation Beth Shalom, and a past member of the

Kutz Home executive committee.

Professionally, he is affiliated with the American Bar Association and the Delaware, Dickinson School of Law and N.Y.U. Graduate School of Law, he has taught real estate courses at Brandywine College and the University of Delaware, and is co-author of a book on Delaware real estate. Weinstein will be entering Wharton Business School at the University of Pennsylvania, in January.

Rabbi Writes—

(Continued from Page 3) resolution which, incidentally, has been the unofficial position of Reform Judaism for at least half a century. Reform congregations (and others as well) have seen a marked increase in the number of applicants for membership where one spouse is non-Jewish. We know the historical reasons for granting Jewish status to their offspring when the mother is Jewish, but we could not deny education and the chance to lead an active Jewish life to those children whose fathers were Jewish and whose mothers were not! How many of these children have gone through intensive Jewish education, through the significant life-cycle passages, through involvement in our Jewish camps and institutions, through beautiful Jewish homes marked by Shabbat and holiday observances, through leadership positions in synagogues, when non-linearity was the "unofficial" position of Reform Judaism?! Just as definite

conditions in the past validated the position that Jewishness could only be determined through the mother, the change in those conditions plus new factors in this second half of the 20th century validate the resolution of the Reform rabbinate today.

There will be few, if any, of my colleagues who will go so far as to declare "non-Jewish" the offspring of a Jewish mother and a non-Jewish father; but it is important to note that the future of our people will be made further secure if all Jews—regardless of any accident of birth—commit themselves to "appropriate and timely public and formal acts of identification with the Jewish faith and people." There is no way we can survive if we take for granted all the treasures of Judaism. Passivity and continued assimilation into the secular chaos around us will be a greater threat to our tomorrow than anything, save anti-Semitism, has been in our past.

What's Happening—

(Continued from Page 3) opportunity to voice their satisfactions and frustrations regarding the conversion process. Their recommendations and suggestions were then included in guidelines prepared and distributed to those responsible for congregational conversion classes. A film, "Choosing Judaism," and an autobiographical account of one woman's journey to Judaism were produced. Both have become valuable resources for potential converts and teachers of conversion classes.

Congregations were urged to organize discussion groups for interfaith couples and to encourage their children to enroll in Jewish education classes. Follow-through programs were designed to meet the special needs of new Jews who seek to become fully integrated into the

Jewish community and yet maintain relationships with their own non-Jewish family and friends.

These are just a few of the programs prepared under the auspices of the Task Force. We see them becoming increasingly important as more and more of our Jewish young people marry out of the faith.

There is yet much to be done. There are the children of interfaith marriages, many of whom are being raised without any religious identity.

There is a need for research data on conversion and intermarriages to learn exactly what is happening (within the American Jewish community.) There is a need for college-level materials which would help create a sense of positive Jewish identification.

In the meantime let's continue to reach out...

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Other Hand —

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Soviet annexation in the 1940s of the Baltic states by force of arms. In return for that legitimization of the illegitimate, he only had to sign an agreement which he had no intention of keeping, an agreement including the rights of separated families to be together in the country of their choice. Ordinarily a humorless man, he must have chuckled inwardly as he solemnly urged that the principles of these declarations for human rights be "put to practical use and make a law of international life not to be breached by anyone." But there is no laughter in the matter for Vladimir Slepak, and Ilya Essas, and Anatoly Scharansky, and Ida Nudel, and the thousands of others waiting, some of them for over a decade, for the opportunity to leave the USSR and join their families.

Beirut is the devastated capital of Lebanon, once the showplace center for Middle East banking and trade. The fragile government of President Gemayel attempts to gain control of the country in the presence of warring factions of Christians, Druze and Muslims, and a Soviet backed Syrian army that refuses to leave Lebanon, refuses even to recognize that a Lebanese government exists. It is now reported that there are 7,000 Soviet men in Syria, some of them probably over the border into Lebanon. They are manning the most advanced ground-to-air and air-to-air missiles in the Soviet arsenal, weapons never before located outside of Soviet territory, not even in the Warsaw pact countries. These missiles bring into range not only

Israel, Jordan and Saudi Arabia, but also U.S. bases in Turkey and much of our Sixth Fleet. They threaten the continued flow of oil to the western nations from the Persian Gulf. And Moscow says that the U.S. and its Zionist partner are seeking the permanent partition of Lebanon.

What is it that these five cities have in common? They all symbolize the meaningless nature of any agreement made with the Soviet Union when such an agreement ceases to be of value to the Soviets. They symbolize the USSR's resort to naked power when it suits its purposes, independent of international law or world opinion. They symbolize the terrible risk of assuming performance by the Soviet government under any agreement entered into with it.

Which brings us to the sixth city in our list, Geneva, where negotiations are underway with the Soviet Union for the reduction of strategic arms. People throughout the world, on both sides, yearn for peace. While not all those who march and demonstrate are free of cynical ulterior motive, there is a genuine and broadly based horror of nuclear war, a horror that only a madman could fail to share. How does one negotiate with an adversary whose record of past agreements is that of the Soviets? What reliance can be based on any element not subject to complete verification? What evidence is there that the USSR has given up its goal of continued expansion, of moving in at the first sign of weakness? On what can we depend, except God's protection and our own strength of hand?

Sallie Topkis Ginns —

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She became a Jewish pioneer in the movement for the constitutional amendment that guaranteed women the right to vote.

It was then that she worked with Mabel Vernon, the nationally known Delaware crusader for women's rights, and Florence Bayard Hilles, the Delaware chairperson for women's civil rights.

Mrs. Ginns often participated in demonstrations, particularly in Washington along with women from all parts of the country.

One of her quaintest stories was about the time she planned to accompany a women's rights demonstration in the nation's capital. Her husband pleaded with her not to provoke the authorities or police there.

"I want you to promise me not to picket the White House," Mr. Ginns asked her. "I don't want you to be arrested and sent to jail along with the other women."

Mrs. Ginns promised she would not do that and particularly would not allow herself to be shackled to the White House fence where so many suffragettes invoked police action.

However, when she arrived in Washington on that occasion, she was asked to picket the Capitol.

"I figured I could do that and still keep my promise to James," Mrs. Ginns recalled. "He said for me to keep away from the White House but he didn't mention the Capitol. So I

picketed the Capitol but fortunately, I was not arrested."

When the 18th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was adopted, banning the sale and manufacture of liquor and beer, Mrs. Ginns was wholly in favor of it until she was appalled by the way the Prohibition laws were being openly violated, ignored by police and many so-called upright citizens.

She then became a strong advocate against the 18th Amendment which was repealed 50 years ago.

Mrs. Ginns was one of the founders and first president of the Wilmington chapter of the National Council of Jewish Women. She also became one of the leading volunteers with the Delaware chapter of the American Red Cross for which she was duly honored.

She was also extremely active in the Americanization programs in the 1920s and 1930s, helping hundreds of immigrants achieve the coveted status of American citizenship.

In her later years, when most elderly persons seek the quiet life of the rocking chair, Mrs. Ginns undertook painting and became quite a skilled artist.

When and if a Delaware Jewish Hall of Fame is established, the name of Sallie Topkis Ginns must surely be placed up in the head of the list. Her life's work, achievements, and dedication not only to Delaware Jewry but the community in general, must never be forgotten by the new generations.

Palestine On Lebanese Maps

JERUSALEM *Israel Today* — Maps of the Middle East used in schools throughout Lebanon omit the word Israel and have "Palestine" in its place, reports the Israeli daily *Ha'aretz*.

A new shipment of maps was recently distributed to the Lebanese school system. The maps, a gift from the UNICEF organization, originally included Israel. But the Lebanese Ministry of Education suspended distribution of the maps until the word "Palestine" could be added in place of Israel.

Positive U.S.-Israeli Relationship 'Back In Harness'

LONDON, (JTA) — The traditionally positive relationship between the United States and Israel is "back in harness" and the strains over President Reagan's September 1982 peace initiative and the war in Lebanon are now over, Julius Berman, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, said here last week.

Berman presented his assessment to a plenary session of the Board of Deputies of British Jews during which he traced the evolution of the U.S.-Israeli relations during the Reagan Administration. He said the U.S. now realizes the invalidity of its initial hope that the so-called moderate Saudi Arabia, together with Jordan, would act as the catalyst towards a Middle East peace settlement.

Russian Emigrants Consider Israel

NEW YORK (JTA) — Up to 300 Russian emigrants to the U.S. and Canada will leave for Israel on Dec. 5 to explore living conditions and job opportunities in that country, according to Moshe Shechter, director of the Israel Aliyah Center. The pilot trip, coordinated by the Aliyah Center and Tour Va'aleh, would be the largest such tour of Russian Jews to Israel ever organized. The tour is unsubsidized and will be paid for by the participants themselves, Shechter said.

Hamburg Urged To Preserve Former Concentration Camp

BONN (JTA) — More than 10,000 persons, including leading West German political figures and academicians, Nazi victims and groups and individuals from Israel, the United States and other countries are urging the City State of Hamburg to preserve the former concentration camp at Neuengamme as a memorial and warning to future generations.

An appeal, bearing the signatures, among others, of some 400 former inmates of Neuengamme which was used by the Nazis for slave labor, was presented to Hamburg Mayor Klaus Von Dohnanyi. The appeal notes that from 1938-1945, 106,000 persons were held at Neuengamme of whom 55,000 perished, mainly because of inhumane living and working conditions.

Dateline

12-Year Sentence Imposed On Begun Is Condemned

(JTA) — Israelis, American Jews and others from all walks of life angrily condemned the maximum sentence imposed on Soviet Jewish activist Iosif Begun by a court in Vladimir last Friday after a three day trial.

Begun, a 51-year-old engineer and unofficial teacher of Hebrew in Moscow — where such activity is banned — was sentenced to seven years imprisonment to be followed by five years of internal exile. He had been charged with "anti-Soviet" activities.

The Arab Takes The Car Out Every Morning

By Eli Danon, *Ma'Ariv*

Businesspeople in the Tel Aviv area with contacts in the underworld who are afraid of having explosives planted in their cars are now paying out thousands of shekels a month to workers — usually Arab — who turn up every morning to collect the car keys and go for a drive to check that everything is all right and the car is not boobytrapped.

The number of prosperous businessmen who are in trouble with the underworld and are availing themselves of this system has been increasing recently. The police call this phenomenon the "little Arab system".

More Than 1 1/2 Billion Dollars To Be Invested In The West Bank By 1986

By Avraham Dishon, *Mammon*

Over 62 billion shekels — reckoned at the rate of exchange of 40 shekels to the dollar of a few months ago — are to be invested by the State of Israel in the West Bank by 1986. In today's terms, following devaluation, that means over 90 billion shekels, or one-and-a-half billion dollars: to be exact, 1.55 billion U.S. dollars.

The gigantic sums that are being siphoned into this area have been earmarked by the government to make good its undertaking that within three years there be 100,000 Jews living in the West Bank. This figure now seems over-ambitious, and it is doubtful whether the government will achieve it — scarcely more than 5,000 Jewish families are living in the West Bank today.

According to the plan, the total investment in what is called the "development programme" is about 150 billion shekels (adjusted to the new rate of exchange) out of which "only" about 93 billion is national investment, with the rest to be invested by private entrepreneurs. That is a huge sum by any reckoning — almost five times greater than the cuts the Treasury is proposing to make in the defence system as a whole and the IDF, and almost two-and-a-half times more than all the cuts the Treasury wanted to make in the national economy.

Jews Targeted In Soviet Mail Interception

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Rep. Benjamin A. Gilman (N.Y.-22nd District), following the testimony of 12 witnesses before the House Subcommittee on Postal Operations, last week stated that "there is widespread, new escalation in Soviet interception of international mail — and Jewish groups are most severely hit by the blockade."

Gilman, whose investigation over the past six months has yielded some 1,600 exhibits, said that further hearings are needed on the issue and that he fears that the mail interception may be the tip-off to a "cold, new era in international relations."

"We heard testimony that

proves personal letters are being intercepted and that return receipts are being methodically signed by Soviet agents," Gilman said.

Among the exhibits which Congressman Gilman cited were:

1. 150 certifications of delivery with seven sets of signatures, which lead investigators to believe that mail to Soviet prison camp inmates is being intercepted, tampered with, certified as delivered and then returned to senders in the United States and 12 other countries;

2. A signed certification of delivery to a prison camp inmate, who died three years before the Soviets claimed he

received his mail;

3. Over 1,000 exhibits that show Soviets are evading indemnity payments by using false statements on why parcels and letters are not delivered to a number of ethnic groups in the Soviet Union;

4. The banning of such children's classics as *The Ugly Duckling*, *Sleeping Beauty*, and *Pinocchio*, and others, simply because they are printed in Hebrew; and

5. Surcharges by the Soviets are extremely high for intercepted and return packages with the United States Postal Service acting as "tax collector" for the exorbitant Soviet charges.

Chai Division —

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Eichenwald began her talk noting that that morning, Israel was once again on the front page of most newspapers. This time, the headlines read "Shamir Devalues Israeli Currency."

Discussing Project Renewal, Eichenwald said, "Project Renewal is a program which creates a partnership between Israel and the rest of world Jewry."

"The recent exodus of lower socio-economic people into Israel has created an 'other Israel.' We must help the 'other Israel' out of the cycle of poverty.

"The program, which began in 1978, is a hand to hand process. We help the people of one particular town to build their own lives and become self-sufficient. According to the Maimonides, this is the highest form of charity. With Project Renewal, we are responsible for a Jewish life - we give disadvantaged Israelis the opportunity to become part of the

mainstream."

Touching on the topic of anti-Semitism, Eichenwald noted that it seems to be intellectually embarrassing to discuss anti-Semitism in the United States where Jews are accepted into all areas of life.

Sharing her personal life with the women present, she admitted to a childhood filled with piercing screams in the middle of the night. Her father's nightmares often harked back to the days when he was an inmate at Dachau and Buchenwald. Jeanette Eichenwald's mother is also a survivor.

In a stirring speech, made yet more powerful because of her parents' presence in the room, Eichenwald declared:

"I make a pledge to my parents for their not forgotten suffering and for their courage...I will not be the mother, grandmother, aunt...of anyone who has to suffer because they believe in the faith of our ancestors..."

"I can fulfill this pledge, because I am a Zionist. Israel is a triumph of spirit and mind. As long as this land is

ours, never again will our people experience such horror."

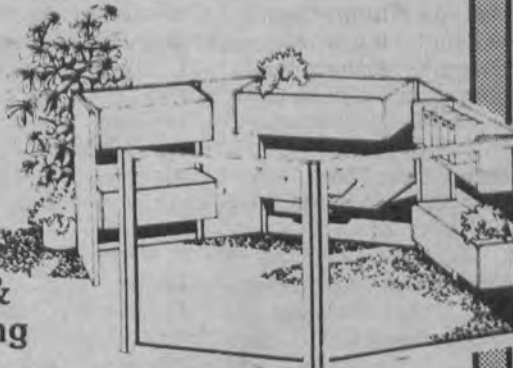
Eichenwald said she was never the same again after visiting Israel. "I felt, all at the same time, the suffering of Jews in the past, the pride of Jews in the present and the hope of Jews for the future."

"The rabbis say that when you die, you will be asked four questions," she concluded. "Were you a righteous person? Did you study? Did you leave someone behind who cares about Judaism as much as you do? And, were you a dreamer - did you reach for a better world?"

Following Eichenwald's talk, a very personal and moving card calling session took place as some of the women described what they had seen in Israel, and contrasted it with what is available to us in Delaware. One of the more poignant comments was made by a participant reflecting on her visit to Maalot: "How would I feel sending my child into a bomb shelter for day care?"

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The Ten Best Books of 5743

By SOL MARSHALL

Finding 10 men for *amayan* may seem to be a difficult task in some situations. And choosing 10 books as the "best" for a year may seem to be relatively simple. However, scanning literally hundreds of books, leafing through many of them, beginning to read some, and then, finally, to read (and study) those which captivate me, is not a simple task at all.

The following 10 could very well fit into the average Jewish family's book case. They present an interesting cross-section of Jewish literature today - fiction and non-fiction, reporting and philosophy, humor and stark realism, aspects of history, something for children and something for adults.

Judge for yourself. They are listed alphabetically by author.

The Jewish Quest. Essays on Basic Concepts of Jewish Theology. By Rabbi Jacob B. Agus. Ktav, New York. The rabbi emeritus of Baltimore's Beth El Congregation has always been concerned with Jewish self-image. In these essays he is concerned with the Jewish aspects of religious thought, so that we can move comfortably into ecumenical discussions. He sees closer connections with other religions in the years just ahead, and study of these essays can be helpful for

those people participating in these movements.

The Jewish Kids Catalog. Written and Illustrated by Chaya M. Burstein. Jewish Publication Society, Philadelphia. Delightful successor to *The First, Second, and Third Jewish Catalogs*. Designed for children ages eight and up. Weaves together three threads - information, activity, and involvement - which will make both children and parents happy.

Martin Buber's Life and Work: The Middle Years, 1923-1945. By Maurice Friedman. E.P. Dutton, New York. The first volume of Friedman's study of Buber broke new ground in understanding the great philosopher. In this second volume he highlights Buber's years of thoughtful creativity, leadership of German Jewry against the Nazis, his work as a Zionist during the Second World War, and his rise to international stature and recognition.

Franz Kafka: The Complete Stories. Edited by Nahum N. Glatzer, with a new foreword by John Updike Schocken Books, New York. All of the writings except for three novels of "the last holy writer," as Updike terms him. His religious fervor, his simplicity and the intensity of his vision are linked with his fantasies in this beautiful edition which marks the centennial of Kafka's birth.

Critical Issues of the Holocaust. Edited by Alex Grobman and Daniel Landes. Simon Weisenthal Center, Los Angeles, and Rossell Books, Chappaqua New York. The 40 studies summarize various aspects of the Holocaust, but these specific issues have general implications for students of psychology and sociology who are concerned with the meaning of life in the world today.

Haven. The Unknown Story of 1,000 World War II Refugees. By Ruth Gruber. Coward-McCann, New York. President Franklin Delano Roosevelt sent Ruth Gruber to Europe in 1944 to shepherd 1,000 refugees to America. Most of them were Jewish, but there were also Protestants, Greek Orthodox and Roman Catholics, gathered up from 18 countries. The inside political story as well as their trials and tribulations en route and in the internment camp is an interesting story never before revealed.

Schindler's List. By Thomas Keneally. Simon and Schuster, New York. A different kind of a Holocaust story. The well-documented account of the German Catholic - entrepreneur and industrialist, man about town and womanizer - who saved hundreds of Jews from death. He browbeat and bribed top Nazi military and political leaders. He was successful right down to the day of liberation. I am waiting for the movie.

Jews and Money: The Myths and the Reality. By Gerald Krefetz. Ticknor & Fields, New York. The myths that Krefetz debunk are that Jews control banks, industries and the media; and that they conspire together for nefarious purposes. The truth is that they do have a higher standard of living and earn more money individually than do other ethnic groups - and they should not be ashamed of that. But another reality is that there is a growing poor Jewish population. If you have contact with people who must be educated on money/ethnic matters, read this book.

Going All the Way: Christian Warlords, Israeli Adventurers, and the War in Lebanon. By Jonathan C. Randal. If you want to know what "the other side" thinks about Israel's "Peace for the Galilee" sortie into Lebanon, here it is. Randal is a long-time observer of the politics and in-fighting which has characterized Lebanon for decades. He may have an impartial view of the Christian-Muslim conflicts, but he sees the Israelis as complete interlopers. Required reading (Continued to Page 10)

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For a contribution of \$100 of more per couple the evening will begin with a champagne supper at 7 p.m. Catered by Sil Snyder (the fabulous caterer of Expo). At 9 p.m. they will join other guests who will be paying \$20 per person to dance to a band by Eddie Davis in the auditorium or relax at the piano bar while viewing slides of the JCC's past 13 years.

At 9:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. we'll of-

fer two different comedians. The shows will set the right mood for our fabulous revue at 11:30 p.m. "Then and Now" will feature JCC members reliving the past 13 years and informing us about what is happening now at the JCC. There will also be surprise entertainment happening in the lobby.

A fitting finale to our Gala will be an ice cream parlor catered by the famous Hillary's of Philadelphia.

So, get out your best bar mitzvah clothes, gather your friends and join us in "Puttin' On The Ritz!" Call the JCC at 478-5660 and make your reservations for tickets.

Lynn Bellak Greenberg Art Exhibit

An exhibit titled "Passionate Primitives" by Lynn Bellak Greenberg will be seen at the JCC Gallery starting Nov. 1 to Nov. 30.

Lynn attended the University of Delaware. She has had two shows at Ware Gallery, as well as being accepted into juried shows at Delaware

Art Museum, the Chester County Art Association and the Delaware Council of Contemporary Art. She is a member of the Council of Delaware artists.

A meet the artist reception will be held Nov. 6 from 2 to 4 p.m. The community is invited.

Kids Friendship Clubs Now Forming

Who says camp ends in the summer? Join your friends for new experiences, develop new skills and friendships, experiment with ideas and imagination, gain an appreciation and understanding of your Jewish heritage through holiday celebrations. Where? In Club 23 or Club 45, of course! Both clubs provide social after-school enjoyment while promoting friendship and teamwork as well.

Club 23, meets Mondays and Wednesdays 4-5:30 p.m. Nov. 14, Nov. 16, Dec. 5, Dec. 7. The cost for four sessions is \$12.

Club 45 meets Tuesday and Thursday 4-5:30 p.m. Nov. 15, Nov. 17, Dec.

6, Dec. 8. The cost for four sessions is \$12. Transportation from Brandywood, Lancashire and Lombardy schools to the JCC Club activities is .75 cents per child per afternoon. All families of children enrolled in the Afterschool Club programs are invited to celebrate Hanukkah together on Friday, Dec. 2. From 5:30-7:30 p.m. The Children's Department will hold a Hanukkah-Shabbat dinner at the cost of \$4 per adult, \$2 per child.

Registration for Club 23 and Club 45 activities, transportation to the JCC, and Dec. 2 Hanukkah-Shabbat dinner is being taken now. Call Arlene F. Bowman at 478-5660 for further information.



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Transportation Available For Children's Jewish Theater

Bus transportation from the JCC at 12:45 p.m. to return at 2:30 p.m. will be available on Sunday, Nov. 13 for the performance of "The Tale of Chelm" at Temple Beth Emeth. The cost of transportation will be \$1 per child. Registration is limited.

The "Tale of Chelm," is being brought to Wilmington by Adas Kodesh Shel Emeth, Albert Einstein Academy, the Jewish Community Center, Temple Beth Emeth, Temple Beth Shalom and Temple Beth El of

Newark. It is a hand, rod and finger puppet show based on the story of the "Village of Chelm" from Jewish Folklore. It is performed by the J.M.J. Puppet Company of Philadelphia, Pa., a professional touring puppet troupe composed of Jerry and Joann Whartenby. The program is free. All children, first through seventh graders, are invited to attend this light comedy about the Shlemile family, which will begin at 1:15 p.m., Nov. 13.



Center Cultural Caravans

EXHIBIT OF JEWISH ARTIFACTS at Smithsonian Museum Sunday, Nov. 20 Depart noon

Take this opportunity to see these artifacts of the Jews of the Holocaust, preserved by the Nazis at the Prague State Museum in Czechoslovakia. After 15 years of negotiations, the Czech government has agreed to allow approximately 350 of the relics of European Jewish culture - both religious and secular items - to go on display outside of Prague for the first time.

Spend an afternoon at your leisure in Washington at the Smithsonian's regular exhibits, or have a late lunch or early dinner in one of the many restaurants surrounding the museum. The Jewish Community Center has been fortunate to arrange a viewing of the exhibit after regular hours, so as to avoid the crowds. We will return to Wilmington at approximately 9 p.m.

The trip is sponsored by the Delaware Jewish Historical Society and the Jewish Community Center, and is open to everyone.

The cost is \$22. Call the JCC at 478-5660 to register now.

ISRAELI FESTIVAL AT HARRAH Sunday, Nov. 27

Join us on this special day and enjoy the Israeli entertainment and cultural exhibits, as well as an Israeli Shuk, or market, with a wide assortment of

jewelry, arts and crafts, food, and fashion from Israel. There will be a drawing for a free trip to Israel. Everyone will receive \$10 in coins and a \$5. food certificate.

We will leave from the JCC at 8:15 a.m. and arrive at Harrah's in Atlantic City at 10:15 a.m. We will depart for Wilmington promptly at 4:15 p.m.

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Frankly Speaking —

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done the proper community service.

Pray, Mr. Maerov, was this a lack of empathy for my fellow Jews?

This is the first time this incident has been made public.

Later, I also became the first (non-paid) secretary of the beginning of the Wilmington Round Table of the National Conference of Christians and Jews and as such, I fought a real anti-Semitic *mamzer*, Bryant Bowlers, who was organizing a tremendous campaign against Jews and blacks in southern Delaware.

And for days and weeks, I was personally attacked by phone calls, warnings, and letters from anti-Semites in southern Delaware who objected to the Supreme Court decision that threw out the segregated public schools.

I worked steadfastly with Ben Codor and the then very active Jewish Community Relations Council, when the Jewish Federation of Delaware headquarters were in a house on East Seventh Street, near King.

I also remember the time when I dashed down to Washington, D.C., to attend a press conference in the White House, called by President Carter. I settled myself near his chair and when the floor was opened for questions, I pushed myself in front for the first question. I got President Carter to issue a statement in favor of Israel and against the way Soviets were treating Jews in Russia.

Was that a lack of empathy, Mr. Maerov? Or was I raising "a spectre of anti-Semitism"?

I was one of the earliest recipients of awards from the Wilmington lodge, B'nai B'rith and the National Council of Christians and Jews for my news reporting and col-

umn writing about anti-Semitism. Did that reflect my "lack of empathy for fellow Jews?"

In 1959 and 1960, I made special trips to the State of Israel, one of them involved publicizing Rassco, the Israeli agency devoted to home building for Israeli families.

When I returned, I must have spoken to more than two dozen church and civic groups, showing hundreds of slides of Israel and life in Israel, all at my own expense, particularly speaking at Christian churches.

Did that show a lack of empathy for my fellow Jews?

In 1974, I made a trip to Egypt, Lebanon, Jordan and even Syria to find out what the Arab world was saying about Israel. We were "entertained" in Cairo by the high command of the Egyptian army, in Lebanon by leaders of the PLO (!) and officials of Syria, and I reported what they were saying about Israel and during those conferences I had the gall to refute their charges and wrote columns against their charges.

Still fresh in my memory is one Friday night in Cairo when I sought out a synagogue to gain information in order to write about the plight of Jews still living in that city. But we were subjected to bombs and gun fire and were rescued by Egyptian police.

I recall how angry some of the PLO in Beirut were with my counter-charges to their accusations that we are all "fed with Zionist propaganda."

I also, at my own expense, visited Israel after the 1967 Six Day War and came back, again with slide shows and lectures, to raise money for a children's hospital in Jerusalem that had fallen

upon sad financial times.

Unfortunately, the late Dr. Alfred Shands of the Nemours Hospital near Wilmington, who had urged me to undertake that project, is not alive now to verify this.

That was also the time when I dodged angry Arab stones in Hebron so that I could visit the Machphela and write about it.

I also was a co-founder of the Jewish Historical Society, along with Rabbi David Gefen of Beth Shalom, and helped to revive our almost forgotten history of Delaware Jewry.

I have been writing on Jewish issues in Delaware since the 1930s, first with the *Y Recorder* of the Jewish Community Center and later with *The Jewish Voice* but this is the first time I have been accused of lack of empathy with my fellow Jews and raising "the spectre of anti-Semitism."

When I spent two journalistic tours in Vietnam for the *News-Journal* papers in 1966 and 1968, I singled out for special stories the efforts of the Jewish chaplains in the U.S. armed forces in serving the needs of Jewish soldiers.

I shiver, just to think of it all, how I was attending a Shabbat service on the eighth floor of the Rex Hotel in Saigon in 1968 when all of a sudden a bomb crashed in and I helped to quiet the excitement.

"Lack of empathy, Mr. Maerov?"

Anyway, I am not as bad as

Best Books —

(Continued from Page 8) for an understanding of the arguments that are put forth in many media worldwide.

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some Jews in Israel who, according to the Jerusalem Post, have castigated Ariel Sharon, Jews like Chaim Herzog, for example, the current president of Israel who has written in his book, *The Arab-Israeli Wars* about Sharon:

"Few, if any of his superior officers, have a good word to say about him as far as his human relations or his integrity were concerned. He has been accused of insubordination and dishonesty."

Can Mr. Maerov say that President Herzog is guilty of shaming another Jew and hence, "may not share in the

world to come?"

Or what about the ultra-religious Jews who recently placed a full page ad in the *New York Times* smearing those Jews who have different opinions on the question of "Who is a Jew?" As I used to chant when I was a boy and used to be chased by Irish Catholics on the east side of Wilmington: "Sticks and stones may harm my bones but names will never harm me."

And that applies to Mr. Maerov, may he continue to have good health and share in the world to come.

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The Strength Of The Jewish Community—The Volunteer

By BOB KERBEL

I wonder how many of us have ever contemplated what the Jewish community of Delaware, the United States, and the world would be without the hundreds of thousands of Jewish men and women and youth who give of their expertise, abilities, leadership, time and energy, contributions and gifts to make the Jewish community what it is. Such organizations as our synagogues, Hadassah, B'nai B'rith men and women, National Council of Jewish Women, ORT, JWV, Pioneer Women, American Jewish Committee to mention just a few as well as our Jewish Community Center, Kutz Home, Jewish Family Service, Albert Einstein Academy, Hillel Foundation, Gratz Hebrew High School and Federation perpetuate the vitality of our Jewish life because of the role, commitment and participation of volunteers.

Every one of these organizations was founded by volunteers, is led by volunteers and is financed by volunteers.

It has been said that a primary purpose of any group of Jews is to ensure the well being of every Jew - *B'rit Averut*: The covenant that the responsibility of one Jew is for the well being of another. The second primary purpose of a Jew is to insure

the physical, cultural and spiritual continuity of the Jewish people and Jewish religion.

Who are these non-paid community-minded individuals? They are retired people and young professional men and women with full time positions, they are the youth who volunteer for Jewish and community causes; they are rich and poor; they are single, widowed, divorced and married, the well and ill, young homemakers and career change women - they are you. A rough estimate is that 15% of the Jewish population are active volunteers which is a far higher percentage than that of the larger, non-Jewish community.

How can we count the hundreds of meetings that take place: early morning to late in the night, Sunday through Friday (ending before Shabbat). The Delaware Jewish community calendar lists 92 major meetings just for the month of October, not to mention the myriad of committees which also function and every one of these meetings have as an underlying goal the healthy perpetuation of the Jewish people - all perform an act of *tzedakah* - involving support of Jewish education and day schools, homes for the aged, programs in the State of Israel and overseas, work for the

protection of Jewish rights and the rights of all individuals everywhere and for serving Jews in trouble - all Jews carry mutual responsibility - the *minyana* of our gathering for prayer in our obligation - the support of our synagogues and temples, our duty.

The volunteer -- the "tzedakah transmitter" to some extent has changed: The young career women and those who have reentered the world of the employed are more the usual than the exception. Different and added pressures are placed upon them for their *tzedakah* time. As our mature adults grow older their volunteering may often mean the provision of community transportation for them.

Everything indicates that the number of volunteers have not diminished but the tasks they perform and the amount of time available has changed.

The role of the volunteer is as diverse as the tasks they are performing and the organization or institution they serve. Volunteers as members of boards, set policy, as committee members, make recommendations; as presidents of organizations, act as unpaid staff - implementing decisions.

Many volunteers are recognized by the community by means of testimonials, awards, plaques, letters of commendation, etc. There are, however, many unsung heroes and heroines whose services to the Jewish community have not always been recognized. They can be found in every synagogue, every organization and every agency.

Together with the professional "partner," our Jewish community will be assured of a creative Jewish survival. In order to appropriately recognize these "special" people, the *Jewish Voice* will inaugurate a new and innovative column in the near future to focus on these communal leaders. Organizations will be invited to submit to us their choices for this new column.

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 I, too, want breakfast and a menu. גם אני רוצה ארוחת בוקר ותפריט.
 Surely! כודאי!
 Here is water. הנה מים.
 Here is a napkin and a menu. הנה מפית והנה תפריט.
 What do you wish to have first, Madam? מה רוצה הגברת ראשונה?
 Please give me grapefruit juice. בבקשה לתת לי מיץ אשכולית.
 And for you, Sir? ולאדוני?
 I want orange juice. אני רוצה מיץ תפוזים.

(Many of our readers found last week's column difficult to read, so we have enlarged the print and are reprinting the column above.)

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By **ARNOLD LIEBERMAN**
Executive Director

Since much of the service that we provide is confidential and since many people do not openly discuss their personal problems, the role of the Jewish Family Service is not as well known in our community as it should be.

Our agency has existed in various forms to continuously serve the Jewish community, since 1889. From the original "Hebrew Aid Association," the agency was known as "Hebrew Charities Association," "Jewish Welfare Association," and "Jewish Welfare Society" before adopting its present title in 1960.

The name changes have clearly reflected the changes in the emphasis of the service provided. The focus moved from exclusively providing financial and material aid through volunteers to primarily a counseling service manned by professionals.

Despite the change in focus, Jewish Family Service has always been a service for the community and supported by the community. The board of directors rosters through the years reflect the "Who's Who" of the committed and dedicated members of our Jewish community.

Our current operation is supported by a board of directors consisting of 26 members of our community. The Jewish Federation of Delaware, the United Way of Delaware, the B'nai B'rith, and the Kutz Foundation have all provided ongoing support to our agency and countless community volunteers have helped us in various ways.

This wide lay support has backed our professional staff and enabled them to provide a broad range of services to the people of our Delaware community.

During the year, we have provided counseling services to individuals, couples, and total families. We have helped children and adults of all ages, and particularly the elderly and their families. By the end of the year our counseling services will have reached about 350 Jewish families and 150 non-Jewish families.

Our Jewish Family Life Education programs will reach a widespread audience in the Wilmington, Newark, and Dover areas this year. Every synagogue, the Jewish Community Center and the Albert Einstein Academy as well as many other Jewish organizations have co-sponsored these educational programs. By the year's end, we will have provided about 75 programs to about 1,300 people.

Our Brandywine Social Club recently celebrated its 10th anniversary of providing year round therapeutic socialization experiences to handicapped young adults. This unique group now has close to 100 active members and has received state and national recognition.

Along with the varied professional services described above, we continue the tradition of many years duration of community volunteers helping their less fortunate neighbors. Jewish Family Service provides regular and holiday visits to Jewish patients in state institutions; holiday foods and gifts for those unable to provide their own; assistance to Jewish transients in need of help; and the preparation and serving of some meals through the Emmanuel Dining Room.

The services we provide will help over 2,000 different members of our community during 1983. A follow-up questionnaire is mailed to all clients, who received ongoing service from Jewish Family Service, to elicit their reactions to our agency. The recurring theme of the reactions is "you were there when we needed you and we don't know what we would have done if you weren't there." This seems to be the answer to why so many people put so much effort into Jewish Family Service.



Dear Rachel

Dear Rachel,

Please print this letter for me, because I can't talk to my children, they are afraid to listen. But I know they read your column because I heard them talk about it.

I am 78 years old and I have lived my life. I'm not afraid to die. I get around and do things although not as much as I used to. I'm afraid that some day I'll get sick and be alone and helpless in the house and nobody will find me for days.

This they won't talk about because they say I'm fine, I'll live to be a hundred.

My kids call but if there is no answer they figure I'm out and don't call again maybe for a day or two. It's true, I often am.

Please understand, it's not dying I worry about, even though that's what bothers them. Tell them to please call me often, especially if they don't get an answer.

Bless you, Rachel, and thanks.

Insecure Grandmother
Dear Grandmother,

The telephone works both ways. Why don't you arrange to call one of your children at a certain time each day, perhaps early morning or late evening. That way everyone will be sure you are all right, and it only takes a minute of everyone's time.

Rachel

Send letters to "Rachel, c/o Jewish Family Service, 101 Garden of Eden Rd., Wilmington, DE 19803." Names and details will be altered in published letters to protect your privacy.

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Obituaries

Charles Rubin

Charles Rubin, 54, of 312 Spring Hill Avenue, Hillcrest, died Oct. 8 of a massive coronary at the Delaware Division.

Mr. Rubin retired earlier this year after working 29 years as a clinical social worker at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Elsmere. He was a member of Cong. Beth Shalom.

He is survived by his wife, Cheryl P. Rubin; two sons, Kurt of Los Altos, Calif., and Greg Schiff at home; four daughters, Amy Rubin of Durham, N.H., Laurie Rubin of New York City, Marta Rubin of Alexandria, Va., and Stephanie Schiff, also at home; his mother, Molly Rubin and a sister, Barbara

Weingrad-Nelson, both of Philadelphia.

Funeral services were held Oct. 10 at the Schoenberg Memorial Chapel.

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

Shiva was observed at the residence.

In memoriam the family suggests contributions to the Congregation Beth Shalom, 18th and Baynard Blvd. Wilmington, Del. 19802 or the Delaware Heart Association, 4-C Trolley Square, Wilmington, Del. 19806.

Fred Rosenthal

Fred Rosenthal, 64, of 4918 N. Raintree Court, Pepper Ridge, died Oct. 12 of heart

disease in the Delaware Division.

Mr. Rosenthal retired two years ago after working as a self employed advertising salesman in the area. Before that, he sold promotional advertising for Purcell Productions in New York.

He is survived by his wife, Patricia McCarthy Rosenthal.

Services were held Sunday Oct. 16 from the Schoenberg Memorial Chapel.

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

In memoriam the family suggests contributions to the Delaware Heart Association, 4C Trolley Square, Wilmington, Del. 19806.

Adele Topkis Gerson

Adele Topkis Gerson, 76, of 229 Presidential Drive, Greenville Place, Greenville, died of a stroke Oct. 17 at St. Francis Hospital.

A member of one of Delaware's oldest Jewish families, Mrs. Gerson was born in Pottstown, Pa. Her parents, Harry and Rachael Topkis, moved to Delaware when she was an infant. Her father was president of the Delaware Hardware Co.

She was active in Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America Inc., the Sisterhood of the Temple and various civic organizations.

She is survived by her husband, retired inventor Samuel L. Gerson, and a sister, Sylvia Winheld, of Vineland, N.J.

Services were held Oct. 19 at the Chandler Funeral Home, 2506 Concord Pike.

Burial was in Beth Emeth Memorial Park.

Instead of flowers, the family suggests contributions to a favorite charity.



Photos And Paintings Depict Soviet Jewish Immigration To America

"Soviet Jewish Life in America: Two Perspectives," two exhibitions focusing on aspects of the contemporary Soviet Jewish immigration to America, opened on Sunday, Oct. 16 at the National Museum of American Jewish History, Independence Mall East, 55 N. 5th St. The exhibitions, "Odessa by the Sea," a photo-documentary of the Russian Jews of Brighton Beach by Carl Glassman, and "Odyssey of Freedom," paintings and works on paper by Tanya Kornfeld, will be shown through Jan. 29.

Juxtaposing a social documentary of a transplanted community with a highly personal tale of individual growth and creativity, both exhibitions provide insights into the current Soviet immigrant experience in this country. The exhibitions are supplemented by audio-visual presentations with the artists and with artifacts from the earlier wave of Russian immigration at the turn of the century.

Both exhibitions are open to the public during regular Museum hours: Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, noon to 5 p.m.

Admission is \$1.50 for adults, \$1.25 for students and senior adults, \$1 for children.

"Soviet Jewish Life in America: Two Perspectives" has been planned in cooperation with the Balch Institute for Ethnic Studies which is showing a complementary exhibition, "Culture Shock: Soviet Jews in Philadelphia," through Nov. 19.

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Beth Emeth News

INTRO TO TALMUD

"Setting the Tone: an Introduction to Talmud" will be the topic of an introductory mini-course given by Rabbi David Wortman at Congregation Beth Emeth on three Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. in November and two Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. in December. The November meetings will be held on Nov. 2, Nov. 9 and Nov. 30. The December meeting will be held on Dec. 7 and Dec. 14.

It has been said that it is impossible to understand Judaism or the Jews themselves - their system of beliefs and practices or their miraculous survival through 20 centuries of exile - without a basic understanding of the Talmud. Rabbi Wortman is a Talmud scholar and a dynamic speaker. The introductory mini-course will include: The Rabbinic Process of Elucidating the Elusive; Tractate *B'rachot* (Prayers, benedictions); *Pirke Avot* (Ethics, philosophy, sayings); Emerging Issues (Medical ethics, legal matters, the status of women and other topics selected by the class).

Members of the community are invited to attend this very informative series of lectures.

ARZA SHABBAT

Members of the entire community are invited to attend an ARZA Shabbat at Congregation Beth Emeth on Friday, October 28, 1983. Uri Huppert, an Israeli civil rights activist, will speak on "Civil Rights For All in Israel" following the 8 p.m. services. Huppert has been a Jerusalem lawyer for more than 20 years and has been involved in many cases dealing with Jewish pluralism in Israel. He has been a national leader of the League against Religious Coercion, the Jerusalem Liberal Movement for Civil Rights and the In-

dependent Liberals. He is a past national chairman of the Movement for Civil Rights in Israel and has served on the City Council of Jerusalem.

NCJW Public Affairs Luncheon

National Council of Jewish Women, Wilmington section, will hold its annual public affairs luncheon on Wednesday, Oct. 26, at the Mendenhall Inn. Cocktail hour begins at 11:30 a.m., followed by luncheon at noon. The featured speaker will be Phyllis Shepard, state coordinator for the National Organization for Women (NOW). Her topic will be "Political Action: Who Needs It?" The public is cordially invited to attend. For ticket price and further information, contact Gloria Frankel at 764-3390 by Oct. 21.

Newark Hadassah - Sisterhood Meeting

The Newark Chapter of Hadassah will hold a joint meeting with Sisterhood of Temple Beth El on Wednesday Nov. 9 at 7:30 p.m. at the temple. The speaker will be David Mandelbaum, Ph.D. psychologist from the Tressler Human Growth Center. His topic will be "Transitional Stages In Marriage." Questions and discussion will be welcome. For further information, please call Gail May, 368-2950 or Carol Barnett, 366-7799.

Beth Shalom Sisterhood

Beth Shalom Sisterhood will hold its annual paid-up membership dinner on Tuesday, Nov. 1 at 6:30 p.m. at Congregation Beth Shalom, 18th St. and Baynard Blvd.

The Rose Valley Chorus of Media, Pa. will sing and perform tunes from Gilbert and Sullivan and a variety of Broadway hit shows.

All new members will be honored.

Husbands and guests are welcome to attend the evening for a \$5 donation.

For reservations, please phone Meryl Rimes at 478-5367, Elaine Morganstein at 478-8667, or Julie Kleiner at 478-7775.

Organizations in the News

AKSE Folk Fest

The Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Congregation will present a Folk Fest on Saturday evening, Nov. 19, 7:30 p.m. at the synagogue, Washington Blvd. and Torah Dr., with Rita Rosenbloom as featured performer. Rosenbloom is well-known in the Delaware Valley area as an accomplished folk-song artist. Accompanying herself on the guitar, she sings songs of an international flavor in Hebrew, Yiddish and English, and encourages audience participation.

Rosenbloom has performed for a number of years as a soloist and also as a member of "L'Chayim Dancers and Singers." She has been featured in many area synagogues, coffee houses and community events. She has appeared on several TV programs and has been heard regularly on the Barry Reisman radio program.

Rosenbloom teaches music in several Philadelphia-area Hebrew schools and synagogues.

Also participating on the Folk Fest program will be the popular AKSE Dance Group



Rita Rosenbloom

under the direction of Faith Brown, and the young dancers, Harokdim, under the direction of Harriet Ainsbinder. There will be refreshments and drinks available, and parties of ten may reserve tables by calling the synagogue office, 762-2705.

Tickets may be purchased or reserved at the office and are \$4 for adults, and \$3 for children 12 and under, in advance sales. At the door, tickets will be \$5 and \$4.

AKSE Religious School News

Students of Faith Brown's aleph class at Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth religious school were consecrated at Friday Evening Services on Oct. 14. Each student received a miniature Torah and a slice of honey cake to symbolize the sweetness of studying Torah. Students of the aleph class are: Alex Berry, Edina Buzgon, Harold Buzgon, Suzanne Eskenazi, Adam Gerson, Joshua Handler, Marissa Holob, Keren Ini, Jeffrey Kahn, Laura Kupferman, Oren Milstein, Nathan Pinson, Amy Rabinowitz, Violet Reuben, Elizabeth Schepp, Debbie Schloss, Mark Silver, Abby Sipress, Scott Snyder, Meredith Vinokur and Matthew Yaakovian.

Parents and teachers of AKSE religious school will meet on Monday evening, Nov. 7, 1983. Gladys Gewirtz, faculty advisor and curriculum consultant of the Talmud Torah and pre-aleph departments of the religious school, will present the overall curriculum. The individual classroom teachers will discuss the subjects being taught in each classroom at each grade level. Methods of achieving maximum cooperation among students, parents and school will be discussed.

Camp scholarship winners Joel Simon, Kurt Kruger, Keith Kruger, Scott Kupferman and Aaron Handler will speak to the parents about their month at Camp Moshava.

Anyone may attend the luncheon who makes any of the following contributions: benefactor - \$75, godmother - \$100, healer - \$150. Larger donations will be gratefully accepted. Also, there will be a \$10 plate money charge.

To make a reservation, call any of the following: Marcia Shepard - 478-3263, Judy Arenson - 478-1423, Lelaine Nemser - 656-0412.

If you are unable to attend but wish to show your support, you may send your donation to: Barbara Reitzes, 1012 Weldin Circle, Wilmington, DE 19803.

Anyone who has made the cancer research contribution of \$250 may attend this luncheon for the plate money only.

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Wilmington Hadassah News

LIFE MEMBERSHIP RECEPTION AT HOME OF GLORIA AND PAUL FINE

A life membership reception will be held to honor the Wilmington Chapter of Hadassah's life members as well as those who are paying toward a life membership. There are now 200 life members, and they encourage their annual members to consider becoming life members.

This reception will take place on Thursday evening, Nov. 10, at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Gloria and Paul Fine in Montchanin. The speaker will be Yetta Chaiken.

To become a life member, contact Celina Rieberman, 478-3565 or one of these group life membership chairmen: Mardian Berman, 478-4395; Dora Eisenstat, 652-7649, or Zeldia Rich, 762-0437. Remember, life members receive no more annual dues bills! And please consider honoring a woman or women in your family with a life membership. The cost is \$175. For those who have already paid this year's dues, simply deduct the \$15 you've already paid.

HADASSAH TO HOLD MT. SCOPUS LUNCHEON

The Wilmington Chapter of Hadassah will hold its Mt. Scopus luncheon on Thursday, Nov. 3, at 11:30 a.m. at the University and Whist Club. The speaker will be Elizabeth Miller Jenkins, R.N., M.S., who will speak on her trip to Israel, giving us her impressions of the country.

Anyone may attend the luncheon who makes any of the following contributions: benefactor - \$75, godmother - \$100, healer - \$150. Larger donations will be gratefully accepted. Also, there will be a \$10 plate money charge.

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Jewish Roots Run Deep In Curacao

The oldest synagogue in continuous use in the Western Hemisphere is not in New York, Boston, Baltimore or even Philadelphia. This hemisphere's oldest *shul* — and its oldest cemetery — are both located in Curacao, a picturesque Caribbean island less than 40 miles off the coast of Venezuela.

The attitude toward Jewish residents and visitors on Curacao has been markedly warm and hospitable for centuries. As early as 1651, Sephardic Jews from Holland crossed the Atlantic to establish a Congregation on Curacao. These early arrivals were soon joined by other Jews from Portugal and Brazil, seeking refuge from the horrors and persecution of the Inquisition.

Some of the settlers began their new lives as farmers on the island's interior, while others became merchants in Willemstad, the capital city of Curacao.

In 1732, the island's Jewish community built Mikve Israel-Emanuel, reminiscent of the old Portuguese synagogue in Amsterdam with its pastel yellow facade and gabled roof. At the time American colonists were rallying to the cause of independence, more than 2,000 Jews — a population larger than that in all 13 colonies combined — had already made Curacao their home.

Mikve Israel's courtyard is paved in Spanish tiles, and leads the visitor to an impressive entrance decorated with massive mahogany doors and richly carved panelling. Inside, the feeling of an ancient Israelite encampment is evoked, with the

tabernacle in the center and soft, white sand carpeting the floor from one end of the temple to the other. According to some, the interior recalls God's promise to Abraham to multiply his seed as the sands of the sea, while others suggest its purpose is to simply muffle the sound of footsteps.

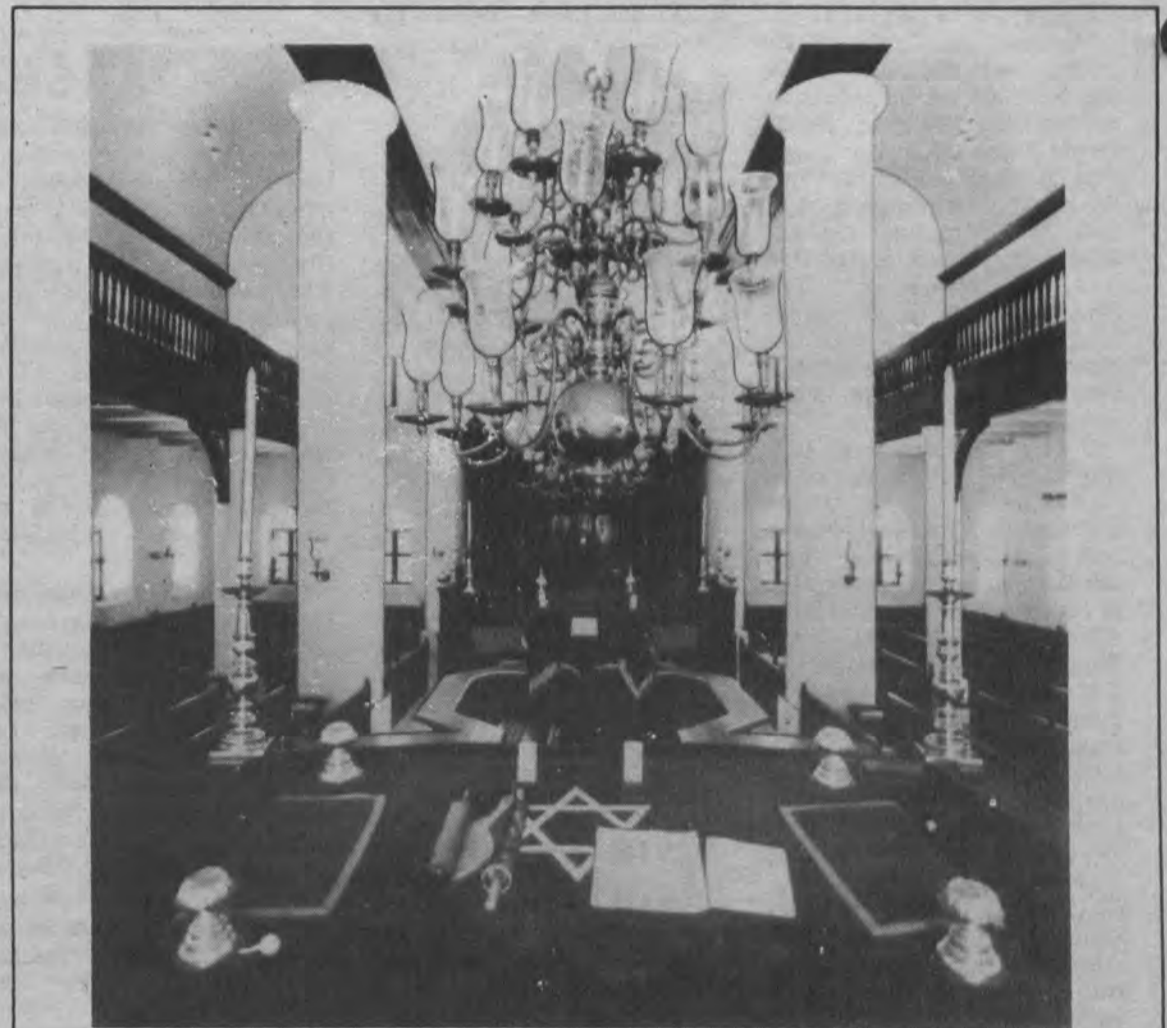
Contrasting with the simplicity of the sand-covered floor are the antique brass chandeliers suspended from the synagogue's lofty ceiling, and the sterling silver ornamentation adorning the ritual appointments.

Outside in a corner of the courtyard is the Jewish Cultural Museum, which houses a priceless collection of ritual objects and memorabilia from Curacao's Jewish community.

Occupying two restored 18th century houses — one of which was the original rabbi's residence — the museum exhibits the synagogue's original *mikvah* (the ritual purification bath), which was unearthed in the courtyard during extensive restoration. Also featured are 17th and 18th century silver, a collection of ancient prayer books and a 100-year-old Seder table setting.

Lining the patio outside the Jewish Cultural Museum are replicas of tombs from Beth Haim cemetery. Dating as far back as 1659, it is the oldest Jewish burial ground in the Western Hemisphere.

Visitors are welcome to tour Mikve Israel — the synagogue, cultural museum and historic cemetery — mornings between 8:45 and 11:45, and afternoons between 2 and 5 o'clock. Shabbat services are conducted on Friday



WILLEMSTAD, Curacao — Mikve Israel-Emanuel Synagogue is the oldest Jewish synagogue in continuous use in the Western Hemisphere. It covers most of a square block in the center of the Punda, and is considered an architectural masterpiece and a major tourist attraction.

evening and Saturday morning in English and Hebrew, with portions in Spanish, Portuguese, Dutch and Papiamentu, the island's official language.

In addition to gaining a new and fascinating perspective on their religious heritage, Jewish visitors can relax on Curacao's 38 sun-drenched beaches; shop in the island's many duty-free stores, where such items as china, crystal, jewelry and linens are available at bargain prices; or seek Lady Luck at the island's exciting casinos, which feature blackjack, roulette, craps, Baccarat and hundreds of slot machines.

Curacao also offers a wide array of first-rate sporting activities, including scuba

diving, snorkeling and skin diving in crystal-clear Caribbean waters, windsurfing, deep sea fishing, horseback riding, golf and tennis. For the perfect end to a wonderful day, Curacao offers a glittering nightlife and many fine restaurants featuring inter-

national and island cuisine.

To make a visit to Curacao even more pleasurable, the island tourism board has created "Dutch Treat" packages, featuring bargain rates and discounts, which are now available through local travel agents.

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