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Terror of Liberty

A 1986 file photo of the World Trade Center, rocked February 26 by an explosion that killed at least five people and injured over 1,000. The Statue of Liberty is seen in the foreground. See related stories pages 1 and 8. RNS PHOTO/Reuters.

Law proposed to prohibit Hamas members in US

By JOSEPH POLAKOFF

WASHINGTON (PNR) — Identical measures banning members of HAMAS, an acronym for the Islamic Resistance Movement, from the United States have been introduced in the House of Representatives by freshman Congressman Peter Deutsch, a Florida Democrat, and in the Senate by Senator Alfonse D'Amato, a third-term New York Republican.

"We cannot allow the United States to serve as a base for members of this murderous terrorist organization," D'Amato said. "It is apparent that HAMAS has established an extensive support network in the U.S. to aid its reign of terror in Israel."

The legislation would add any member of HAMAS to the alien exclusion list identical to current U.S. restrictions on the Palestinian Liberation Organization (PLO). Iran's government is reported a major backer of HAMAS and has reportedly agreed to provide HAMAS with \$30 million through 1994.

"We do not meet with the PLO and we should not meet with HAMAS," D'Amato said, noting that only recently American diplomats have ceased meeting with HAMAS members in Jordan. The State Department, acknowledging meetings, has announced HAMAS will be added to its list of terrorist organizations April 1.

The legislation was introduced two days after New York Police Commissioner Raymond Kelly disclosed that a month before the massive bomb explosion February 26 at the World Trade Center, the U.S. Embassy in Algiers was

warned by purported Middle East callers that New York would be the target of a bomb attack unless Israel cancelled its deportation of 400 Palestinians. The callers claimed to represent HAMAS and the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine that is affiliated with the PLO.

On the same day of Kelly's statement March 2, Senator Dennis DeConci (D-Arizona) told the Senate that "as HAMAS has become more violent, it has also become more powerful." He said he has reports HAMAS has replaced Hezbollah as the popular violent arm of the PLO. "As such," he said, "HAMAS is gaining funding and military training from Iran, Syria, Saudi Arabia and Jordan" and its military forces are now being trained in terrorist tactics in Lebanon's infamous Bakaa Valley."

"Most disturbing," DeConcini said, was that "HAMAS is bent on derailing the current Middle East peace talks" and that its ideology is "the liberation of Palestine in its entirety, from the Mediterranean Sea to the Jordan River." He noted a HAMAS paper in 1990 called for the murder of Jews and the burning of their property, stating "every Jew is a settler and it is our obligation to kill him."

While "as a rule" he opposes deportation as a means of law enforcement, DeConcini added Israel's temporary "exclusion" of HAMAS members was a reasonable and warranted reaction to the "disruption and violence" against Israelis. "If they are serious about bringing peace to their region, Israel's Arab neighbors should also take steps to censure the activities of HAMAS."

Bombing arrests point to dangers of fundamentalism

NEW YORK (JTA) — Israeli officials and Jewish organizational leaders are greeting the arrest of a Jordanian citizen of Palestinian origin in connection with last month's World Trade Center bombing with a quiet "I told you so."

Israel has long warned the world about the dangers of Islamic fundamentalism and in recent months even insisted, in the face of much American skepticism, that fundamentalist groups were operating in the United States.

Perhaps now, said Israeli Ambassador to the United Nations Gad Yaacobi, "our warnings at the U.N. and in the media about the dangers of this movement will be received."

The man arrested in connection with the bombing, 25-year-old Mohammed Salameh, is suspected of having fundamentalist ties, perhaps through a New Jersey mosque headed by a fiery Egyptian cleric who openly supports violence in the name of Islam.

Jordanian officials have said Salameh was

born in 1967 in the West Bank town of Bidya, near Nablus, just months after Israel captured the area in the Six-Day War.

It appears that his family at some point moved to Jordan, where they now reside in the city of Zarqa, north of the capital Amman.

The Jordanian government said Salameh left the kingdom in 1987 and has not returned since. U.S. officials said the suspect entered America on a six-month visa in 1988.

Also arrested in connection with the case was Ibrahim el-Gabrowni, a cousin of El Sayyid Nosair, the extremist charged but later acquitted in the New York assassination of the militant Rabbi Meir Kahane. Nosair was jailed after being convicted of lesser offenses.

El-Gabrowni was arrested when trying to stop officers from executing a search warrant in his apartment, formerly occupied by Nosair and also listed by Salameh as his address on his New York driver's license.

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Thurman to take postion as director in Massachusetts

Daniel G. Thurman, executive director of the Milton & Hattie Kutz Home, has announced that he will be leaving the Home at the end of March to assume a similar position in Boston.

Thurman, who came to the Kutz Home in 1976, says that he has mixed feelings about leaving the Home.

"I have enjoyed my years at the Home. It is a wonderful institution with a fantastic staff and the most committed Board. I would love to stay, but family beckons."

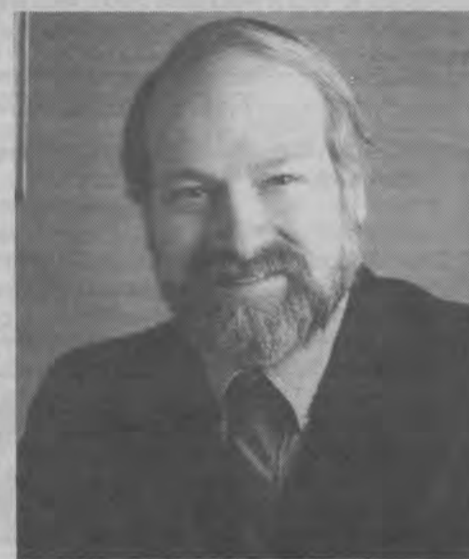
Thurman's mother and mother-in-law, both of whom live in the Boston area, are in poor health.

"My mother is now 88 and Karin's mother 91. There is only so much we can do for them at this distance, and we feel we should be closer."

Both Thurman and his wife, Karin, are originally from Boston.

Before coming to the Kutz Home, he was the assistant director of the Beth Shalom Home of Virginia. Prior to that he worked at the Philadelphia Geriatric Center, and for the Associated Jewish Community Centers of Greater Boston.

"My career has been spent working for non-profit agencies, and this will continue," he says.



Dan Thurman

Goddard House, which he will direct in Boston, is a 143 bed institution with a 150 year history. Originally established as a retirement home for women, it is now a nursing home for both men and women, and is non-sectarian.

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Opinion

Tribute to Dora Eisenstat

GUEST EDITORIAL

By NATHAN BARNETT

The last issue of the Jewish Voice carried the obituary notice of Dora Eisenstat. While it listed many of her awards, and the names of her surviving family members, it could not capture the essence of Dora, nor the significance of her life to the Delaware Jewish community. This will also certainly be inadequate to the task.

Sam, her husband, and Dora were a team, and that's how I think of them — together. They were involved in meaningful leadership roles in almost all the important community events that took place in Delaware for almost three decades. This leadership quality was very important, but there was an equally important quality that both had — the ability to successfully mediate community crisis situations with warmth, tact and skill.



Dora Eisenstat

Dora particularly had the knack of including every Jew who was involved in some aspect of Judaism, as part of her extended family. Her warmth, cordiality and support meant that you tried even harder for her approval, and who could say no to Dora.

The years have slipped away quickly, but images of Dora and Sam remain. I can see them now at the emergency leadership meeting of 1967 prior to the Six Day War, once in 1971 after the surprise attack by Egypt and Syria which resulted in the Yom Kippur War. They were both deeply involved in the fund-raising campaign that followed.

I also recall their support, at Federation Board meeting, for the Wilmington Gratz Hebrew High School and the Albert Einstein Academy, at a time when support for Jewish education was not a high priority for Federations throughout the country. With their help this community took an early positive position in their issue, in spite of many in the community that were opposed to this concept.

Dora is now gone, but she lives on in the hearts of those of us who were privileged to work with her. Here was a rare couple who had the ability to bring the community together and lead them to inspired goals.



Letters to the Editor

The Jewish Voice welcomes signed letters from its readers on subjects of interest to the Jewish Community. For verification purposes, include home address and phone number (day and evening). The more concise a letter is, the less likely it will need to be condensed. A name will be withheld upon request. Send letters typed, double spaced, to The Jewish Voice, 101 Garden of Eden Road, Wilmington, DE 19803.

Somalia situation disturbs Einstein students

EDITOR'S NOTE: As part of the language arts, social studies and cultural curriculum the 3rd and 6th grade students at Albert Einstein Academy must stay aware of world events. The situation in Somalia aroused such outrage and compassion among the students, according to teacher Judith Smith that they wanted to tell the world of their feelings through letters to the editor. Unfortunately, we can only print a few of the many wonderful letters.

EDITOR:

I am writing about the problem in Somalia. I am worried about the disease in Somalia. I mean we are feeding the people but our soldiers should not come in contact with the disease there. Why should the warlords steal the peoples food? Don't they have enough good! Well I am sure the warlords are going to get in trouble.

Sincerely,
Morgan Mcgee-Solomon

EDITOR:

We feel that it's not right to have the Somalians starve to death! But they are being saved by the U.S. Marines. We show gratitude towards the Marines. In our classes we talk about this matter. We show sympathy to the Somalians. I don't understand why these chiefs are fighting for wealth if the refugees don't have any thing to fight over?

Please write back and answer our question. Thank you!!!
Sincerely,
Stefanie Makar
Elana Caplan
3rd Grade

EDITOR:

We think that the Civil War in Somalia is absolutely, positively, terrible. We also think that the bad warlords are partially guilty for the diseases that the Somalians have.

Did you know a U.N. worker got shot? Nathan doesn't think this but I think that we should take care of our country before we take care of theirs. Our country has been in bad condition for a long time also.

Sincerely,
Ryan Kratky
Nathan Blumenfeld

Unity needs to promote unity

EDITOR:

It is with great sadness that I write. I have many important memories of attending civil rights rallies with my Dad when I was in school in Dover. I had hoped to repeat these experiences with Jeremy, my almost thirteen year old son.

I cannot describe to you how alienating the Unity rally was on Saturday (February 27). We did not stay the whole time — Jeremy got tired of sitting. But after the introductions Jeremy asked me why the speakers did not talk about religious unity. He said, "Mom, they talked about everything but religion."

Then Bruce Bridges spoke. He said some important things for all of us to hear. He also said some things that were very alienating. He talked about Palestinians rights but not Jewish rights, not Irish Catholic/Protestant rights, not the rights of the Serbians and Bosnians, not the rights of Soviet Jews or Syrian Jews. Mr. Bridges could have, should have talked about peace in the Middle East, Eastern Europe, Ireland, aid to the hunger-stricken in Somalia, etc. Why did he "single out" the Palestinians? Why is it that Kuwait expelled 100,000 Palestinians after the Gulf War and no "unity group

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Opinion

NJCRAC cannot recommend intervention for Pollard

By DR. LAWRENCE RUBIN,
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The Jonathan Pollard matter has been a personal tragedy for Mr. Pollard, a source of intense pain for his family, and a cause of deep concern for many in the Jewish community. Such concern is reflected in the tenacious work of the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council's Ad Hoc Committee on the Pollard Case. The controversy and emotions surrounding this issue has led this committee to meet more frequently than any other NJCRAC committee in recent years.

One of the more dramatic expressions in recent years of the representative nature of the organized Jewish community took place during the weeks preceding the 1993 Plenary Session of the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council (NJCRAC), and culminated in the debate on the Pollard matter on the plenum floor on February 17.

The outcome of the sober and reasoned debate — a vote by community and national member agencies of the NJCRAC not to intervene in the Pollard case — ought to be viewed as the public-affairs system of the organized Jewish community working at its best.

The NJCRAC Ad Hoc Committee on the Pollard Case was first convened in 1988 with a mandate to engage in fact-finding on any and all allegations of anti-Semitism, discrimination, and civil-rights and civil-liberties abuses resulting out of the fact that Mr. Pollard was a Jew or because he was spying for Israel. The committee was deeply concerned about these allegations and took very seriously its charge.

It scrupulously, doggedly investigated every allegation of injustice — including anti-Semitism — against Jonathan Pollard in this matter. We tracked down every charge. The committee

met with representatives of the Justice Department at its highest levels; with the director and other officials of the Federal Bureau of Prisons; with attorneys for Mr. Pollard, including the conducting of a valuable forum with former Pollard attorney Alan Dershowitz and former U.S. Attorney Joseph diGenova; and with members of the Pollard family. Additionally, there has been extensive correspondence on virtually every aspect of the case between the committee and various of its members and Pollard lawyers.

The NJCRAC committee could not find the anti-Semitism or civil-liberties violations that could appropriately trigger a recommendation for intervention in the case.

Absent a finding of anti-Semitism or civil-rights and civil-liberties violations, the NJCRAC Pollard Committee could not recommend to NJCRAC national and community member agencies that they take a position on, or in any way intervene in, the case. The committee felt that there were legitimate questions in the case — notably that of the plea agreement — that the committee viewed as appropriately before the courts for resolution. The committee supported the review of the Pollard case by the U.S. Supreme Court.

Following the decision in October 1992 of the U.S. Supreme Court not to review *Pollard v. U.S.*, a number of Jewish groups under the NJCRAC umbrella, including two national agencies, responded to the fact that the judicial process had come to an end by articulating support for presidential commutation.

The overwhelming majority of CRCs and federations around the country, however, do not have a position on the Pollard matter. Indeed, many looked to the NJCRAC plenum to clarify a broad community position. A number of communities, and nine NJCRAC national member agencies, have, through their decision-making processes, resolved to stay

out of the case.

With respect to the NJCRAC process, there was a full, open, and thoughtful debate at the NJCRAC plenum in Washington. A range of views on the matter were discussed and debated. A variety of options were presented to plenum delegates. In the end, the delegates voted not to intervene in the case, even to the extent of sending a letter to President Clinton "with a view toward commutation."

Numerous issues related to the case were discussed on the plenum floor. At bottom, the threshold issue for the organized Jewish community was — and is — whether a finding of anti-Semitism could be made. Absent such a finding, most Jewish groups under the NJCRAC umbrella could not justify a policy of intervention in the case. Given the position not to intervene, it should be noted that the NJCRAC has no position for or against commutation of Mr. Pollard's sentence.

One issue that received some attention was that of comparisons between Pollard's sentence and those meted out to others convicted of spying. It was pointed out on the floor of the plenum that such comparisons are inappropriate under our system of justice, because the system is not a "comparative" one.

The quantity and significance of material

compromised in espionage varies from case to case, and each is judged solely in terms of the evidence of that case. For those who nevertheless insist on making comparisons, it should be noted that Mr. Pollard's sentence is not the harshest meted out to spies in recent years. John Walker received a life sentence and Arthur Walker received three life terms plus 40 years.

Additionally, Mr. Pollard, as is standard for anyone receiving a life sentence, will be eligible for parole following the completion of ten years of his sentence, which will be in November 1995. Ironically, sentencing standards provide that Jonathan Pollard will be eligible for parole before an individual who received a sentence exceeding 30 years but less than life.

The NJCRAC is a voluntary system in which we look toward the affiliation of the largest and most representative numbers of people in our communities. The NJCRAC consists of 13 national and 117 community agencies which represent the overwhelming majority of affiliated American Jews. It should be stressed that participation in the Pollard debate included a broad representation of our constituency. On no issue has the workings of this system been more evident than in the process that culminated in the plenum debate and vote on the Pollard matter.

Reflections on America

By NECHEMIA MEYERS

Israel and the problems of the Middle East are not high on the agenda of most Americans, or so it seemed to me during my recent visit to the States.

Even when I told people that I am an Israeli, they usually said "how interesting" and then went on to talk about Bill Clinton or Michael Jackson, the AIDS epidemic or the economic crisis, spiraling medical costs or growing racial tensions.

Only the Jews — and not all of them either — are anxious to hear what is happening in Israel. As regards the peace process, most apparently believe that the Israeli government should make still more concessions to the Palestinians in the interests of a settlement, though there is a small but vociferous minority who argue that Rabin has made too many concessions already.

Opinions about the future of American Jewry itself are even more divided. The optimists include an East Coast Reform rabbi, an old friend of mine who pooh-poohs talk about the imminent demise of the U.S. Jewish community. He argues that the soaring intermarriage rate is roughly counterbalanced by the influx of "Jews by choice" and that Jewish education is actually on the upswing.

"There are," he declares, "ten times as many day school students as there were when I went to a Brooklyn yeshiva in the 40s, and 20 or 30 times as many departments of Jewish studies as there were when I enrolled at the University of Chicago in the 50s."

Most of my other coreligionists, it appears, see little chance for long-term Jewish survival

outside Orthodox circles. Instead — in light of what is happening to their own children, nieces and nephews — many speak of "last-generation Jews."

Will anti-Semitism, perhaps, bring young Jews back into the fold? A New York editor laughed off the question, because, as he sees it, they don't face serious prejudice; all doors are open to them.

A Boston journalist, in contrast, spoke of an increase in anti-Semitic incidents, which, he declared, had caused concern in the community. I myself saw evidence of local anti-Semitism when, soon after my arrival in Boston, I was handed a leaflet purporting to prove that hysteria whipped up by "Jewish-controlled U.S. television" had led America to attack Iraq "in the interests of Israel."

Truth to be told, most American Jews are far more concerned about muggers than they are about anti-Semites, and with good reason. In "The Washington Post," for instance, I saw a full page devoted to the six homicides, four sexual assaults and 242 robberies that had been reported to the local police during the previous week.

Perhaps conditions will improve as a result of Clinton's proposed social reforms, which most American Jews enthusiastically support. They are also hopeful that the fledgling President will be "good for Israel."

While sharing their hopes, a senior Israeli diplomat to whom I spoke isn't ready to draw conclusions.

"Bush and Baker," he recalls, "could be pretty nasty, but they came through in a crunch. It remains to be seen whether Clinton and Cristopher will do the same."

Purim voice mail

By RICHARD HIRSCH

EDITOR'S NOTE: Unfortunately, most of our Purim mail arrived too late for our last issue. The following article is being printed late, nevertheless, in the spirit of Purim. Reprinted from *Sh'ma*, a journal of Jewish responsibility, March 5.

1. Hello...you have reached the office of the Board of Rabbis. If you are Orthodox, press 6-1-3; if you are Conservative, press 1 or 2; if you are Reform, press any button you like; if you are Reconstructionist, press all the buttons. (DING)

Please hold on while I transfer your call...

Hello. You have reached the Orthodox rabbi. The answer to your question is that it is forbidden by the Torah. If you wish to change your affiliation, press 18. (DING)

Hello. You have reached the Conservative rabbi. The answer to your question is that we have ruled that either answer is acceptable to some of us and neither answer is acceptable to all of us. We hope this has been helpful. If you wish to change your affiliation, press 18. (DING)

Hello. You have reached the Reform rabbi. The answer to your question is: if you want to, sure, why not? Who are we to say? If you wish to change affiliation, press 18. (DING)

Hello. You have reached the Reconstructionist rabbi. The answer to your question presumes there is an answer to your question. However, my role is to empower you to answer your own question. To answer your own question, please hang up now. (CLICK)

Quotes of Note

"How would the United States react if within its borders it had a group like Hamas, whose members are trained and incited to kill, an Islamic Resistance Movement whose sole object is to destroy the state?"

Hadassah Magazine, March '93

"Like Hamas, the PLO is ruled by its covenant which dates from 1964, even before the Six-Day War. Its language is perhaps less coarse than that of Hamas, but it seeks the same end: Israel must be destroyed and a Palestinian state built in its place. Beginning with the Balfour Declaration of 1917 and the League of Nations Mandate, everything that led up to the independence of Israel is declared null and void. The covenant tells us there is not — nor was there ever — any historical link between Palestine and the Jewish people. Jews who settled in the country since the Balfour Declaration are not to be allowed to remain. The destruction of Israel is to be achieved by 'armed struggle' — which means terrorism. All this in 33 carefully drafted articles which have never been modified.

Hadassah Magazine, March '93

Unity

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raised an eyebrow? Israel temporarily deports 413 members of a terrorist organization and is condemned?

I heard from other Jews who stayed after we left, that a singer performed who sang only about Jesus. Not the most comfortable feeling for those of us who don't believe in Jesus.

I think the Unity Coalition has a long way to go if it is to promote unity among all the peoples of Newark.

Jews today in Newark received a double

whammy. The Klan does not like us any more than they like the blacks. The Unity rally excluded us.

As a citizen who believes in and is willing to stand up for justice and equality and as a business sponsor of the rally and the Unity Coalition I am concerned about the direction of the Unity Coalition and what it means for future activities. I would appreciate hearing your thoughts.

Gene N. Danneman
Newark

LOCAL

Joint fundraiser

On February 21, Albert Einstein Academy, Hadassah and the National Council of Jewish Women participated in a joint fundraiser that benefitted all three organizations, raising over \$1200.

Sharon Berry and Jean Blumenfeld co-chaired the event, which included the afternoon performance of "The Immigrant" at the Delaware Theatre Company, followed by a reception for the 160 persons participating in the fundraiser as well as the actors.



Left to right, pictured are Ari Bodnar, Jean Blumenfeld, Sharon Berry, Susan Cherrini and Denise Shurak, committee members for the AEA/Hadassah/NCJW fundraiser.

Thurman

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During his years at the Kutz Home, Thurman was instrumental in developing a psychiatric consultancy program, introducing Reality Orientation for residents with dementia, and setting up an Alzheimer's wing.

"The staff and Board of the Kutz Home have always been willing to innovate, and I think this has put the Home at the forefront of geriatric care in Delaware," said Thurman.

The Home is planning for its future, and will soon be conducting a market demand study in the Jewish community to determine what services people desire and will utilize at the Kutz Home.

In commenting on Thurman's leaving, Donald F. Parsons Jr., president of the Home, said, "We are terribly sorry to see Dan go. He has done a fine job in some difficult times and we are grateful. We wish him well in his new position."

Israeli political leaders visit Delaware

By REBECCA FALKOWSKI

Nine Israelis, as part of a visitation with The American Council of Young Political Leaders, were in Delaware last week en route from Washington, D.C. to New York.

Delaware State Auditor Tom Wagner served as their host during the five day visit in Delaware. Wagner, a member of the non-profit organization, said that the purpose of these exchange trips for young political leaders under the age of 40 is a way for those who plan careers in politics to learn about foreign policy.

"I was amazed to learn about the diversity of the people in Israel which is so similar to our own country," said Wagner. "For example, one of the Israelis was a Muslim, one from England, and one Iranian (Jewish) who said his family left Iran the very day the Shah was overthrown."

Wagner added, "This group is among those who are the first generation of political leaders in Israel who were actually born in Israel."

Wagner said this was different than, for example, the situation in the former Yugoslavia, where the peoples are tribal and have been there for centuries.

"I learned this when I travelled to Austria and Hungary through the Council several years ago," said Wagner, and as an aside, added, "I never thought that the battle in the former Yugoslavia would get so far. I am shocked that Europe is ignoring it."



While in Delaware, the Israeli visitors met with local residents and public officials, including New Castle County Executive Dennis Greenhouse, at the home of Stuart and Toni Young of Wilmington. From left to right, Stuart B. Young, State auditor Tom Wagner, Guy Barzel and Oren Argavan. Photo by Ann Young.

Visiting in Delaware were Oren Argavan, head of the delegation, active in the Information Department and the International Department of the Likud Party; Michal Shwartz, executive assistant and parliamentary assistant to Knesset member Roul Milo; Alon Elroy, City Council member of Natanya; Yuron Ran, member of the Labor Party's Central Committee and Director of the personnel and Administrative Department for the Israel National Oil Com-

pany; Guy M. Barzel, Parliamentary Assistant to Knesset member Amir Perez; Shlomo Biton, political assistant for the Deputy to the Minister of Foreign Affairs; Avi Soliman, Director of the Young Generation Section of the National Religious Party and a teacher; Azadin Amash, chairman of the Local Council of Jeser ElZarka and an educator and lecturer on Arab-Jewish relations and human rights; and Yifat Solat, a member of the Central Council of the Ratz Party.

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NATIONAL • INTERNATIONAL

US plans to invite parties to round of peace talks

By DEBORAH KALB
State News Service

WASHINGTON (JTA) — The United States is planning to invite the parties involved in the Middle East peace process back to the negotiating table for a new round of talks starting in mid-April.

News agencies reported this week that the new round was set to begin April 20. Israel Television reported a starting date of April 19 and said invitations to the talks, co-sponsored

by the United States and Russia, would be sent out Wednesday.

But at the State Department briefing Tuesday, spokesman Richard Boucher would say only that invitations to the peace talks would be issued "soon."

The Clinton administration has been working to inject new momentum into the peace talks, which have been stalled since December, when Israel deported 415 Palestinians to Lebanon.

U.S. officials have said that they

are committed to playing the role of a "full partner" in the process, assuming the parties are committed to serious negotiations.

Over the next few weeks, Clinton is scheduled to meet with Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak.

Rabin arrives in Washington later this week and is scheduled to meet with Clinton next Monday. Mubarak is reportedly planning to meet with Clinton on April 6.



CHRISTOPHER MEETS ISRAELI MILITARY ... MITZPE RAMIN, Israel — United States Secretary of State Warren Christopher walks with Israeli Army Chief Lt. General Ehud Barak and Israeli Army Northern Commander Maj. General Yitzhak Mordechai after he was briefed on the Israeli military position on a ridge overlooking both the Golan Heights and southern Lebanon February 24. RNS PHOTO/Reuters

Espionage case indicates support for Pollard commutation

By JOSEPH POLAKOFF

WASHINGTON (PNR) — Proceedings in an espionage case in the federal district court in Alexandria, Virginia, appear to support the view by many within and outside the American Jewish community that Jonathan Pollard was excessively punished for passing U.S. military documents to Israel.

Pollard is serving a life term in the U.S. penitentiary in Marion, Illinois. Efforts are being made for commuta-

tion by President Clinton for the former U.S. Navy intelligence researcher and analyst to time served in prison since his arrest in November 1985 and subsequent confession to charges of espionage. President Bush had refused to intervene in the case.

In the Alexandria court on February 26, a U.S. citizen, Joseph Garfield Brown, 44, pleaded guilty to one count of illegally obtaining U.S. defense intelligence and passing U.S.

national defense information to officials of the government of the Philippines.

According to documentation in the Alexandria court, in support of the guilty plea, Brown in 1991 obtained classified documents from Virginia Baynes, a Central Intelligence employee in Manila. In May of last year, Baynes pleaded guilty in the Alexandria court to an espionage offense and was sentenced last September to 41 months imprisonment. Baynes

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Hate-crimes penalty bill clears House hurdles

WASHINGTON (JTA)—A House Judiciary panel approved a bill last week that would increase by about a

third the sentences of convicted criminals motivated to commit their crimes by bias against a person's religion,

sexual orientation, race, color, national origin, ethnicity or gender.

The measure is hailed by the bill's backers as a potent weapon in the war against hate crimes. But others question the measure's constitutionality.

Forty-seven states and the District of Columbia have statutes against hate violence, said Jess Hordes, ADL's Washington representative.

"We believe increasing penalties for federal crimes motivated by prejudice will have a deterrent impact — and send the message to both perpetrators and victims that society will not tolerate these odious crimes," he said.

The action in Congress comes against the backdrop of recent Supreme Court decisions regarding hate-crimes laws in several states. The high court agreed in December to review a Wisconsin ruling striking down that state's hate-crimes statute. That legislation is similar to the current House bill.

Last summer the Supreme Court struck down a St. Paul, Minn., ordinance that banned the display of a Nazi swastika or a burning cross. Hordes said supporters of the Wisconsin law and the House bill draw a distinction between their provisions and the provisions of the St. Paul statute.

The St. Paul rule criminalized conduct that showed bias, while Wisconsin's law and the congressional proposal call for stiffer sentences for crimes already on the books, when those crimes are motivated by bigotry.

The House bill, introduced by Rep. Charles Schumer (D-N.Y.), is also supported by the American Jewish Congress, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the Organization of Chinese Americans, the Japanese American Citizens League, the Fraternal Order of Police and other groups.

However, the American Civil Lib-

erties Union and People For the American Way, a liberal government watchdog group, both say the measure has constitutional conflicts. Since evidence concerning the felon's motivation would be heard at sentencing hearings, it would not receive the same beyond-a-reasonable-doubt scrutiny as does the question of whether or not the person committed the crime, People for the American Way contends.

The bill is also too broadly written and, because the concept of "motivation" is so amorphously defined, the measure could end up punishing criminals who, while they may have committed a crime, did not do so solely because of hate for their victim's race, religion or sexual orientation, the ACLU says.

Schumer's bill is identical to a measure passed by the House last year that died in the Senate as part of an omnibus crime package opposed by the Bush administration.

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Israelis accuse United Nations
worker of withholding assistance

By GIL SEDAN

JERUSALEM (JTA)—Israeli politicians are up in arms about an American United Nations worker they claim

did nothing to stop the mob lynching of an Israeli who entered a Gaza Strip refugee camp by mistake last week.

The worker, Catherine Striker of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestinian Refugees, witnessed at least part of the attack in which dozens of Palestinian youths stoned Yehoshua Weissbrod and shot him dead in a brutal murder that has shaken the nation.

Knesset members from both the governing coalition and the opposition are demanding that Striker be fired from her position and expelled from the country.

But UNRWA has defended her action. The agency said in a statement that the mob prevented Striker from approaching Weissbrod's car and that she did try to summon outside help.

Relations have always been sensitive between Israel and UNRWA, the agency created to look after Palestinian refugees and supply them with food, housing, educational and medical services.

Israel allows UNRWA personnel to monitor conditions and run certain operations at refugee camps in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. It also operates at Palestinian refugee camps in Arab countries such as Jordan, Lebanon and Syria.

UNRWA claimed there was not much Striker could have done to save the life of Weissbrod, a gas company employee who mistakenly entered Rafah refugee camp March 2 on his way to conduct business near the

Israeli-Egyptian border.

The initial Israeli version of events is that when Striker arrived on the scene, after the attack had begun, she was told by several people what was going on.

They reportedly asked her to prevent the murder or at the very least summon help. However, according to this testimony, Striker ignored the pleas and drove off without intervening at all.

But a spokesman for UNRWA in Gaza said Sunday that Striker arrived at the scene by chance and noticed an Israeli-licensed car surrounded by a large crowd of people.

"As the official approached, she noticed that there was a motionless body in the car. At this point, she repeatedly tried to get close, but was prevented from doing so by the crowd," the U.N. spokesman said.

"After more unsuccessful attempts to get near, in what was certainly a highly explosive and volatile situation, and many equally futile endeavors to contact the UNRWA headquarters in Gaza town by radio, she sped out to the nearest and safest location, an UNRWA installation 500 meters away, in order to raise alarm over the phone," he said.

Striker returned to the scene after failing to summon help, the spokesmans aid, but it was too late.

Meanwhile, security forces were still looking for the gunmen who shot Weissbrod after the rock-throwing attack. A curfew on the camp remained in effect.

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has cooperated with the U.S. government under the plea agreement, according to a U.S. Department of Justice report.

Documents that Brown obtained from Baynes included a U.S. Government intelligence report based on

information provided by a covert source concerning the world-wide use of briefcase bombs by Iraqi terrorists. Another was an intelligence report based on information from covert sources listing political officials, including the U.S. ambassador to the Philippines, targeted for assassination by a Philippine terrorist in-

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Briefs

Wiesenthal Center defends Jewish Gazette

PAMYAT, a Russian organization, has taken the Moscow "Jewish Gazette" into court, accusing the Gazette of defamation for branding PAMYAT anti-Semitic. The Jewish Gazette has asked the Simon Wiesenthal Center to aid it in fighting this attempt to cripple the Gazette, and the Wiesenthal Center has, in its own words, "placed the full weight of the center's resources behind the defense of this crucial case." For further information about the case or to contribute to aid the center in defending the Gazette, write to Rabbi Abraham Cooper, Simon Wiesenthal Center, 9760 West Pico Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90013.

Russian Imperial Jewels shine in Israeli exchange

TEL AVIV (JTA) — The Imperial Russian crown jewels, which have never before been shown to the public outside the former Soviet Union, have gone on display at the Israel Diamond Exchange in Ramat Gan. The exhibition, billed as "The Treasures of Russia," comprises 150 rough and cut diamonds and other precious stones, historical objects from the 18th and 19th centuries and a wealth of gold and silver artifacts. The jewelry, on display at the diamond exchange's Harry Oppenheimer Museum, was largely the work of a number of European jewelers who went to the Czarist court to ply their craft. Among them were jewelers of the House of Faberge, original designers of the famed Faberge eggs, which are encrusted with precious stones.

U.S. admits contacts with Hamas, but ending them

WASHINGTON (JTA) — The State Department acknowledged last week that American diplomats have been meeting with members of the Hamas movement and said it was calling a halt to contacts with the Islamic fundamentalist group. Reports had surfaced that Hamas leaders had met in Jordan with a diplomat stationed at the U.S. Embassy there, in what apparently was just one in a series of such meetings. The reports came as something of an embarrassment to the State Department, which had announced last month that it would include Hamas for the first time in its annual report on global terrorism, to be released in April. In response to a reporter's question about contacts with Hamas, State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said at his daily briefing Tuesday that the U.S. Embassy in Amman and other U.S. embassies had maintained in the past "a variety of contacts" to discuss "developments in the Islamic world," especially "political Islam." "Given the current situation," Boucher said, "we have instructed our embassies not to continue those contacts."

Majority of Germans back idea of Jewish president

BONN (JTA) — Fifty-three percent of the German public say they could accept the idea of having a Jewish president of the country, while 40 percent would object, according to a poll published in the weekly magazine Die Woche. A proposal by Die Woche to nominate Ignatz Bubis, chairman of the German Jewish community, for the largely ceremonial post has recently become a matter of public debate, despite Bubis' rejection of the idea. It was Die Woche that two weeks ago launched the idea of Bubis becoming the next president. The idea, the editors wrote, was to help Germany confront its past and show the world how the country has changed immensely. Bubis has said the time is not yet ripe for a Jew to become president of Germany.

First women's prayer group meets in London

LONDON (JTA) — Only the sound of emotional tears disturbed the reverent hush of prayer last weekend as more than 60 women gathered for the first women-only Shabbat service to be sanctioned by Britain's chief rabbi. The historic gathering, at a private house in northwest London, was greeted with delight and not a little relief by the members of the Stanmore Women's Tefillah Group, whose desire for their own service had sparked months of debate within the Orthodox Jewish community here. One participant, visiting from America, where such groups flourish, said she was struck by the confidence the women displayed in conducting the two-hour service. Leaving husbands and sons to attend the normal Shabbat service at Stanmore Synagogue a few yards away, the women embarked on reading the weekly Torah portion from the Chumash, rather than the Torah scroll — one of the conditions sought by the chief rabbi, Jonathan Sacks.

McDonald's in food fight with Israel

JERUSALEM (JTA) — McDonald's has filed an official complaint against Israel for its efforts to prevent the company from importing its own potatoes for franchises slated to open here by the end of next year. The company filed the complaint with the U.S. government on grounds that Israel was obstructing free trade and that Israeli potatoes do not meet the standards for its famous french fries. Israel's Agriculture Ministry has denied the charge, claiming it has been cooperative and will arrange for the chain's brand of potatoes to be grown in Israel.

Holy humongous hamantash, Hadassah!

NEW YORK (JTA) — The Guinness Book of World Records has made it official. Seventeen students at the Hadassah Hotel Management College in Jerusalem have baked the world's largest hamantash. Actually, they put together 1,800 small hamantashen and cemented them together with a sugar, jam and crumb paste. The triangular cookie weighed 550 pounds and included 198 pounds of flour, 350 eggs, 17.6 pounds of poppy seed, 50.6 pounds of margarine. It was 4.5 feet long on each side and 3.5 feet high. The hamantash was split in two, with half going to the children at Hadassah Children's Pavilion on Mt. Scopus, and the rest given to Ethiopian students at a Hadassah preparatory course in Jerusalem. Lawyers from the Guinness Book of World Records approved it as an entry for next year's edition. The problem was not so much how to assemble it, but how to get it out the door, said Wendy Hirschhorn, spokesperson for Hadassah in New York.

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Behind the headlines

Bombing suspect linked to movement throughout Mid East

By GIL SEDAN

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Developments in the investigation of the bombing of New York's World Trade Center point strongly to a conspiracy carried out by militants driven by Islamic fundamentalism, a decades-old movement that has spawned an increasing number of terror groups in recent years.

In Egypt, Moslem terrorists have managed to scare off tourists in a series of attacks that have killed several foreigners.

In Algeria, the government is engaged in a fight for survival against a well-organized and frequently violent Islamic opposition.

In Lebanon, the Hezbollah organization launches Katyusha rocket attacks and guerrilla raids against Israel and its allies in the border security zone.

The list goes on and on.

Turkey suffers from Moslem fundamentalist terrorism; Sudan has already become a Moslem fundamentalist state and training base for militants; and in Morocco, the reign of King Hassan II is threatened by Moslem extremists.

Israel, of course, faces Hamas, the Islamic Resistance Movement, in the Gaza Strip and West Bank, where militants have killed a number of Israeli soldiers in daring attacks during recent months.

But Islamic fundamentalism has also made great inroads among Israeli Arabs by providing basic services to the community and stirring religious awareness. This trend has some experts wondering whether the foundations of future violent rebellion are being laid within Israel proper.

This fear is prompted by the fact that an overarching aim of the Islamic movement is to replace secular political rule with theocratic Islamic rule.

Underpinning the entire movement throughout the Middle East and beyond, drawing on vast financial and political resources, is the theocratic regime of Iran.

The late leader of Iran, Ayatollah Khomeini, would be proud of his current-day ideological disciples, now spread throughout the world, even to secular New York.

Recent developments in the World Trade Center bombing investigation suggest that the prime suspect, Mohammed Salameh, had connections to Islamic fundamentalist groups going back several years.

Salameh, a Jordanian citizen who was born in the West Bank town of Bidya, knew El Sayyid Nosair, the man tried for the assassination of Rabbi Meir Kahane, and visited him in jail. Nosair was acquitted of the killing but convicted of lesser offenses connected to the incident.

Salameh was also an active member of the Al Salam Mosque in Jersey City, N.J., where Nosair worshipped and the extremist Egyptian Sheik Omar Abdel Rahman delivers fiery speeches exhorting his followers to violence in the name of Islam.

A flier for a mosque-sponsored event in the last year included

Salameh's name.

A second suspect arrested in connection with the case, Ibrahim Elgabrowni, is a relative of Nosair's and helped raise funds for his defense.

Elgabrowni also is a senior official of a Brooklyn mosque where Abdel Rahman often preaches on Sundays.

Abdel Rahman is a major leader of Islamic fundamentalism. He stood trial in Egypt for the 1981 assassination of President Anwar Sadat and was acquitted. But he has supported the killing and predicted that Mubarak will meet the same fate.

The new evidence has led American law enforcement agencies to examine possible links with major Middle East terrorist groups.

All this seems to prove the point recently made by the Iranian ayatollah's son, Ahmad Khomeini — that there are clear signs the "Islamic Revolution" is strengthening its influence throughout the world.

Iran's role in encouraging Islamic movements worldwide has been critical, providing help both directly and indirectly.

Iran organizes religious conventions and seminars, assembling religious and political leaders from all over the world, much like Moscow used to organize Communists.

It sends material and financial help to Moslem organizations not only in areas of conflict with the West, but also to the Moslem republics of the former Soviet Union.

In the case of Hezbollah, Iran even provides direct training by Iranian military personnel, as well as equipment and money.

There is no direct chain of command from Teheran to areas of operation such as the Israeli-held territories, Egypt and Lebanon. Each of these areas has created its own, independent Islamic movement, tailored after the specific needs of the local population.

The Sunni Moslems in Egypt and Israel will not accept the authority of the Shi'ite Moslems of Iran, but they look up to them as a model for success.

Israeli among those holding out in Waco

By HUGH ORGEL

TEL AVIV (JTA) — An Israeli is among the members of a religious sect that has been holding a bloody standoff with U.S. federal agents in Waco, Texas.

In an interview with Israeli army radio Saturday, a woman who would not give her name said her son had first become acquainted with Vernon Howell, the leader of the Branch Davidians, when he visited Israel on a fund-raising and membership drive two or three years ago.

Her son fell under the influence of Howell, who uses the name of David Koresh, and followed him back to Texas, the mother said. Her son returned home after a six-month stay but returned to Waco a year ago, she

Hamas regards itself as part of the Moslem Brotherhood movement, operating in the Arab world since its founding in 1928 by Hassan al-Bana in Ismailia, Egypt.

The Moslem Brotherhood believes in correcting social injustice prior to jihad, or holy war, against the infidels.

In some states, such as Jordan, the Brotherhood has entered politics by sponsoring candidates in parliamentary elections. It has walked a thin line between trying to effect change by working within the system and rejecting it altogether.

The Brotherhood has always been active in providing social services to the needy, while at the same time keeping in mind its ultimate goal of replacing the secular regime with the "just rule of Islam."

In the Israeli-administered territories, the Brotherhood has sponsored mainly educational, cultural, religious and social activities. It has built mosques and kindergartens, operated after-school activities for the youth, and supported libraries, medical clinics and charity organizations.

Its umbrella group, Al-Mujama al-Islami, was even officially recognized by the Israeli authorities in 1978.

A crucial change came 11 years later, with the creation of Hamas, the militant branch of the Moslem Brotherhood.

Hamas aspires not only to end Israeli control of the territories, but to bring about the destruction of the State of Israel.

Its leader in the Gaza Strip, Sheik Ahmad Yassin, is serving a life sentence in an Israeli jail for his involvement in the murders of Israeli soldiers.

Another more militant arm of the Brotherhood is the Islamic Jihad movement, which has focused its efforts completely on military resistance, as opposed to social and cultural activities.

The Islamic Movement in Israel proper is very similar to the early stages of the Moslem Brotherhood in

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said.

The mother said she had been in regular telephone communication with her son throughout his stay in the compound, up to a day or so before a February 28 raid by U.S. federal agents on the well-fortified complex, which resulted in four of the American agents shot dead.

The woman believes her son was in the compound at the time of the assault. "Since then I have not been able to get through to him," she reported. "Now I am really worried."

Koresh, who says he is Jesus Christ, took the surname to signify descent from King David and affinity with Koresh, or Cyrus, the Persian king who let the exiled Jews return to Israel.

Arts and Entertainment

Words & Music

Show music, opera and drama

By STEVE COHEN

The World Goes 'Round, closing the season at Wilmington's Playhouse Theatre, is one of the best musical reviews I've ever seen. Credit goes partly to the staging and partly to the fact that most of the music is not famous.

Celebrating the compositions of John Kander and Fred Ebb, *The World Goes 'Round* features 30 songs from musicals like *Cabaret*, *Zorba* and *Chicago*, and films like *New York, New York*.

The team is not as well-known as Sondheim or Webber. This makes show a voyage of discovery, an adventure, an exploration.

Highlights included "My Coloring Book," their biggest pop hit from their pre-Broadway years, "Class" from *Chicago*, "When It All Comes True," and "The Grass is Always Greener" from *Woman of the Year*. They are all gems, though unfamiliar to most of the audience.

These are songs that tell stories. Each one has been conceived and choreographed almost as a one-act play. Director Scott Ellis and Tony Award-winning choreographer Susan Stroman are responsible for this fresh and appealing production.

Stroman is a native of Wilmington, and she was welcomed home at a party given by the Playhouse at the Hotel du Pont. She greeted many old friends who remember attending dance classes with her, and then, in 1978, seeing her stage debut in the Playhouse production of *Whoopie*.

Her work as a choreographer dates back to the revival of Kander & Ebb's first musical, *Flora the Red Menace*. She won her Tony last year for creating the dances in *Crazy for You*. Her mother died just before Susan won that award. Her father and sister now live in Newark, Delaware.

One of the five-member cast is Joel Blum, whose father was president of a tiny San Francisco shul. Blum says that he only accepts roles that harmonize with his Jewish ethics, and that he particularly enjoys this review because Ebb's lyrics "are so Jewish in flavor."

La Favorita may have been the favorite of its composer, Gaetano Donizetti, but it surely has not been a favorite of audiences.

Although Enrico Caruso and Antonio Scotti got great reviews when they starred in it at the Metropolitan Opera in 1905, it was not performed again during their lifetimes. The Met revived it in 1978 for Luciano Pavarotti, Sherrill Milnes and Shirley Verrett, and there was a single performance in Philadelphia. Then it disappeared again.

Bravo to the Opera Company of Philadelphia for bringing *La Favorita* back for a series of three performances at the Academy of Music. This is an interesting showpiece for florid, spectacular singing in the Italian "bel canto" tradition.

The singers were all prize-winners in recent Pavarotti Competitions sponsored by the opera company. They handled the difficult technical challenges, and it was good to have a

chance to see and hear this opera again. Andrea Silvestrelli, who also impressed us in last month's *La Boheme*, stood out in the leading bass role. Baritone Gordon Hawkins as the King of Spain also looked and acted well, though his voice was not as well-controlled and as beautiful as Silvestrelli's.

The tenor and mezzo-soprano lovers in the opening-night cast coped well with very demanding vocal writing, but they lacked star quality. For example, tenor Don Dernardini sang his "Spirto gentil" aria with nice shading and phrasing but the climatic high notes just weren't there. There were alternate singers at other performances, which I did not see.

The plot is a melodrama about the son of a monk who falls in love with the mistress (the "favorita") of the king of Spain. It just so happens that the monk's daughter, our hero's sister, is the queen. The tenor hero doesn't understand the mess he's gotten himself into. He has no clue until the final scene, when his lover dies and he goes back to the monastery. Which proves that he's either pretty stupid or else there's been a serious breakdown in brother-sister and father-son communication.

It doesn't matter, because this opera really exists to show off spectacular singing. There was some of that last week. I was about to say that *La Favorita* needs great voices in order to succeed. (And only Silvestrelli's voice was great.) But then I remembered: Given the performance history mentioned earlier, even with Caruso or Pavarotti in the cast, this opera never succeeded as an audience favorite.

Incidentally, conductor Leone Magiera trimmed the score a bit. Some flashy cabaletta music was omitted. If you're going to do a piece like this, go all the way. I would have kept more of the music and shortened the intermissions to allow for it.

Lips Together, Teeth Apart is the latest play by Terrence McNally aside from the musical version of his *Kiss of the Spider Woman* which is about to open on Broadway. (The music for that show, incidentally, is by Kander & Ebb.) His previous stage successes include *The Lisbon Traviata* and *Frankie and Johnnie and the Clair de Lune*. He is a master of what I would call heavy comedy: belly laughs, and gut-wrenching as well.

Philadelphia Theatre Company is presenting *Lips Together, Teeth Apart* in an attractive staging by Christopher Ashley at the Plays and Players Theatre.

The play, originally presented off-Broadway in 1991, is about two couples who spend a July 4 weekend at an oceanfront cottage on Fire Island. Surrounded by gay neighbors, the four characters feel isolated. Surrounded by reminders of death, they feel afraid and angry. They discuss the death by AIDS of one character's brother, they witness a drowning, and they confront the fact that another character is dying of cancer.

According to one of the characters, the title refers to a method for

avoiding teeth-grinding. I sense a second meaning: a switch on the phrase "teeth together, lips apart," which society debutantes learn. It tells them how to keep a smiling facade no matter what emotions they may feel inside.

In the first act, these people are self-absorbed and uncommunicative. As the play develops they slowly begin to open up. A process has begun. Is it too late?

In the end is a growing understanding of prejudice and a plea for tolerance.

Throughout are sprinkled flashes of McNally wit, as the characters discuss Sondheim, Arthur Miller, "Guys and Dolls," the New Jersey turnpike and black-white relations.

Ashley directed a fine piece of ensemble, with good work by actors Ross Bickell, Alma Cuervo, Sarah Peterson and Larry Pine.

I'd like to like the Pennsylvania Opera Theater production of *Rigoletto*, now playing at the Merriam Theater in Philadelphia. This is an ambitious young company led by conductor Barbara Silverstein, and the stage director is the 38-year-old Israeli Micha Hendel. The group is dedicated to opera-as-theater and to innovative approaches to drama. I want to encourage that.

But their version of Verdi's great opera, performed in Silverstein's English translation, disappointed me.

Singers Robert Honeysucker, John Daniecki and Randi Marrazzo are good, especially Honeysucker in the title role, but they are not instinctive actors. More dramatically effective were bass Jose Garcia and mezzo Joyce Campana in supporting roles.

Handel's direction was busy. Too busy, to the point of distraction. I can accept his concept of relating the action to tarot cards, as a symbol of the characters' beliefs in superstition. But I need to believe, first, in the characters as people. "Real flesh and blood," as Verdi used to say. No, I'm not old enough to have met him, but I've read his letters.

Toscanini knew and worked with Verdi, and Robert Merrill told me how Toscanini taught him to sing Verdi; "First, Merrill, be a man!"

Unfortunately, these figures exuded symbolism more than humanity. The worst examples were in the last scene, when Rigoletto roamed the stage rather than holding his stabbed daughter in his arms as a real father would do. Then Gilda got up, trailing an absurd white veil and walked upstage to die, leaving her father far behind.

The last act of *Rigoletto* is such a perfect creation of music drama that this nonsense could not destroy its impact. Tenor Daniecki sang an impressive "Women are devious" ("La donna e mobile"), ironic in view of his character's devious and heartless nature. And Honeysucker closed with a well-sung, heart-rending cry of "I've been cursed forever" ("La maledizione.")

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Synagogue Life

By PRISCILLA W. SIEGEL

The new rabbi for Adas Kodesch comes out of a somewhat nontraditional world for synagogue rabbis.

Colonel Sanford L. Dresin, Chief of the Department of Ministry and Pastoral Care at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, is retiring from the United States Army the first of next year and will assume full time duties as rabbi of Adas Kodesch in time for the High Holidays.

"Having served in the army for 26 years, I really thought I would retire and maybe go into business," says Rabbi Dresin laughingly.

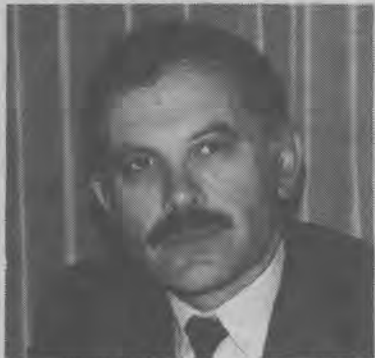
"But, Wilmington with its proximity to New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, and Washington, D.C. was attractive, and after attending services at Adas Kodesch and meeting the congregation I was really excited about the prospect of being its rabbi. I think it's a good 'shidekh'."

Allen Goldberg, president of Adas Kodesch, thinks it's a good "shidekh" too. "We were looking for someone whose experience combined a commitment to traditional Judaism with its appropriate values and an involvement with the secular world. We do, after all, need to function in the greater world as well as the Jewish world."

Rabbi Dresin's background does indeed reflect this dualism. A second generation American, Sanford Dresin was born in Brooklyn in 1942. His upbringing and early education were within the Jewish orthodox tradition. After completing a B.A. in political science from Yeshiva University in

New Adas Kodesch rabbi From Vietnam to Wilmington

1964, he entered Rabbinical College Ch'san Sofer in New York and was ordained in 1967.



Rabbi Sanford L. Dresin

That same year, in the heat of the Vietnam war, Rabbi Dresin joined the army, serving as a chaplain at Ft. Meade, Maryland, and then in 1969, at his request, in Vietnam.

"Though I was not in favor of the war," says Rabbi Dresin, "I felt I should be where I was needed."

Vietnam was a surreal experience. Each day, the rabbi left his relatively comfortable base camp to commute by helicopter to the war. His conviction that he was needed at the battle front was confirmed by the fact that Jewish soldiers braved dangerous conditions to attend services. In addition to officiating at services and providing pastoral counselling, Rabbi Dresin tried to provide other aspects

of Jewishness for his battlefield congregation. He helped develop a kosher combat cookbook, and during Purim, he and a chef attempted hamantaschen.

"I knew nothing about baking," chuckled the Rabbi, "and the hamantaschen were like rocks. It seemed to us that we had more left at the end of the day than when we started. In the end, we tossed hamantaschen from our helicopter, like grenades into the jungle."

Returning to the States in 1970, Rabbi Dresin continued his chaplaincy duties in the U.S. Army and managed to complete requirements for two Master's degrees, one in social psychology from Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, Washington and another in guidance and counseling from Long Island University. He also took a residency in clinical pastoral education at Yale Psychiatric Hospital.

From 1980-84, Rabbi Dresin worked in the Pentagon as Chief of Personnel Actions, with responsibility to develop Army chaplaincy policy. "It's a very intense place," he says — "filled with workaholics."

In 1984, he was overseas again, this time in Korea, wearing two hats — Division Chaplain and CROK (Chief Rabbi of Korea). "Since there was only one synagogue in Korea,"

recalls Rabbi Dresin, "all kinds of visiting dignitaries came through for services."

This overseas assignment was followed by a succession of Stateside assignments, one of which included a year with the National Defense University at Fort McNair in Washington, D.C., with a focus on nuclear weapons from an ethical perspective. According to Rabbi Dresin, this program gave him an understanding of the positive role of nuclear weapons in keeping the peace.

His next tour of duty (1988-91) took him to Heidelberg, Germany as Staff Chaplain with the 7th Medical Command. Germany was a mixed experience.

"It's a beautiful country," reports the rabbi, "and I found a range of attitudes — there are Germans who are anti-Semitic and there are Germans who are thoroughly ashamed of their history. I also learned to appreciate the difference between loyalty and morality. The Germans are rigidly law-abiding people, which is what made the Holocaust possible."

Reflecting back on his years as a U.S. Army chaplain, Rabbi Dresin characterizes much of his work as being in a "high stress environment, involving a lot of counselling, especially marital counselling." He de-

scribes a real sense of community within the military in which many racist and sexist issues have perhaps been faced more successfully than in the civilian sector. But he is opposed to lifting the ban on homosexuals in the military. "Homosexuality is morally wrong — the Bible is very clear on this," says Rabbi Dresin. "Also, soldiers live in very close quarters, and this would create added stress."

Rabbi Dresin is excited about his new career as a pulpit rabbi. "I am honored to have the position held for so long by Rabbi Gewirtz and look forward to working with such a dedicated and well organized congregation. I'm interested in being involved in Federation activities and the JCC, and am very much aware of the large percentage of unaffiliated Jews in the community."

Faith Brown, a longstanding member of Adas Kodesch, is also looking forward to the new rabbi. "He is young, he has high energy, he has a worldly background, and I think he will relate well to the community."

Rabbi Dresin and his wife, Paula Rappoport, a math tutor, are looking for a house within walking distance of the synagogue which will accommodate themselves and the two youngest of their five children.

Rabbi Gewirtz is very positive about his successor and believes he will easily integrate into the community. "Rabbi Dresin is a very affable and friendly chap with a winning way which will surely appeal to the congregation."

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Synagogue Life

Beth Emeth celebrates 20 years with Grumbacher

By PRISCILLA W. SIEGEL

"We are looking forward with great excitement to our March 20 celebration of our rabbi's 20th anniversary with Congregation Beth Emeth. Peter Grumbacher has been a warm friend, a wise counsellor and a complete rabbi for our entire temple family. We wish him many more years of health and success in his continuing leadership of Beth Emeth."

The warmth and affection in the voice of Beth Emeth's president, Larry Isakoff, were unmistakable.

And from Rabbi Grumbacher's perspective, the sentiments about his congregation were similar. "This congregation," says Rabbi Grumbacher, "was always very warm to me and to my family and very open to my personal growth."

Connie Kreshtool, a long standing congregant who interviewed Rabbi Grumbacher for his position at Beth Emeth, has great regard for the rabbi.

"I think," she says, "his success lies in the fact there is no pretension in the way he fulfills his duties. He is a down-to-earth person who makes congregants feel comfortable, and they feel they can trust him. He is an example of the ethical, moral integrity found in Judaism."

Rabbi Grumbacher, freshly ordained from Hebrew Union College of Cincinnati, came to Beth Emeth (a reformed congregation) in 1972 as Assistant Rabbi and Director of Education. In 1976 he became Associate Rabbi and in 1982 was installed as Senior Rabbi of the congregation.

With the support and encouragement of the congregation, Rabbi Grumbacher completed a certificate in pastoral counselling from the Center for Mental Health in New York, and in 1991, he received his MSW from Yeshiva University. It was a lot of time and effort and, according to Rabbi Grumbacher, "very trying on myself and the congregation, but they were very good about it."

Rabbi Grumbacher feels that the formal training in counselling is personally important as he spends considerable time counselling congregants. "It's one of my favorite areas of rabbinic work," remarks the rabbi.

Rabbi Grumbacher has a passionate dedication to his profession and to Judaism. The son of a Holocaust survivor who was imprisoned in Dachau, Peter Grumbacher grew up "sensitized to the idea that the future needs a Jewish presence." He is committed to being a part of maintaining that presence and shaping it.

In 1970, Rabbi Grumbacher travelled to Germany to visit Hechingen and Wiesbaden, his parents' hometowns. The trip made a profound impression. "It gave me a feeling of my roots. Even though I owe a lot to America, the trip gave me the feeling that I am a Jew first — in a way, I had

a real sense of the wandering Jew."

The devotion he has to Judaism is reflected in Rabbi Grumbacher's approach to his synagogue and congregation as he's always looking for ways to expand and enrich the programs at Beth Emeth. He is pleased that Hebrew language instruction is constantly improving in the synagogue Hebrew school and is proud, too, of the implementation of greater equality between boys and girls. During his tenure, Bat-Mitzvah was instituted at Beth Emeth and in June the synagogue is offering its first adult Bat-Mitzvah class to 30 enrollees.

Rabbi Grumbacher also hopes to enrich synagogue services by encouraging more of a singing congregation and is planning a lot of program-

ming in Jewish music during the Jewish music celebration season (between mid-winter and mid-spring).

As a liberal synagogue, Rabbi Grumbacher believes Beth Emeth reflects the profile of American Jewish life, including interfaith couples and Jews by choice. The Outreach Committee is trying to meet contemporary challenges, welcoming those who might feel estranged, but at the same time upholding the principles of Judaism.

"Most mixed married families feel comfortable at Beth Emeth," observes the rabbi, "and we can't neglect cradle Jews."

In addition to his clerical responsibilities, Rabbi Grumbacher has been actively involved with the commu-

nity-at-large, serving as chairperson of the Delaware Interfaith Coalition on Aging and co-chair of the Clergy Dialogue of the Delaware Region of the National Conference of Christians and Jews. For three years, he also chaired the State Human Relations Commission, which "opened my eyes to the challenges and opportunities faced by the State of Delaware."

Rabbi Grumbacher's challenges to himself at Beth Emeth go beyond programs and enrichment. "I would like to see this congregation and community be more generous, both financially and morally to Israel and to world Jewry. I have always felt a personal mission and responsibility

that my expectations have not been met. I think that the individuals in this community do not give as much as they can — in some respects there is a kind of provincialism in their attitudes toward Israel."

The rabbi believes that synagogue affiliation is more important than ever.

"You cannot be a Jew on a desert island," he says emphatically. "Even secular Jews can have their educational and social needs met in the synagogue."

Despite the latest pessimistic Jewish demographic study, Rabbi Grumbacher is optimistic about the

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Adas Kodesch program April 2

The adult education committee of Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth invites the entire community to a special "Learn at AKSE" program to be held Friday evening, April 2.

Kabbalat Shabbat services will begin at 6:10 p.m., followed by a family dinner catered by Zaydie's Place at 7 p.m. and a lecture/discussion by guest speaker, Susan L.F. Isaacs, Ph.D. to begin at 8:15.

The subject of Dr. Isaac's talk is *Jewish Foodways: The Meaning of Meals*. In her work as an ethnographer, Dr. Isaacs examines the different components of expressive behavior within different cultural groups. Food, according to Dr. Isaacs, is a powerful cultural symbol which links us to our ancestors and evokes many memories of nurturing and festive occasions.

Dr. Isaacs will present the cultural significance of food and culinary practices in the Jewish community and will distinguish between varying levels of Kashrut and associated observances and customs. She will include

a discussion of the wide variety of Passover foods and point out differences in cooking and eating habits between the Ashkenazic and Sephardic communities.

Dr. Isaacs holds a Ph.D. in folklore and folklife from the University of Pennsylvania. She is the founder of Jewish folklife, a project which documents change in Jewish traditions reflected in contemporary culture. She is currently on the faculty of the Community College of Philadelphia and is also employed by the Philadelphia Geriatric Center as an ethnographer. Presently, she is conducting a study of the Sephardic community of the Delaware Valley.

Pre-paid reservations for the dinner must be in the AKSE Synagogue office by March 18. Cost: \$10 for adults, \$8 for children under 12.

Babysitting services will be available, during the lecture, by reservation only. Fee: \$3 per child or \$5 per family.

Hadassah Holiday House Tour

The Wilmington Chapter of Hadassah will hold its second annual Jewish holiday house tour on Sunday, March 28, from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Participants may visit five homes in which they will see holiday displays and taste typical holiday foods. The homes are located in Weldin Park, Chalfonte, and Devon.

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Kraft foundation features author

The Rabbi Jacob Kraft Educational Foundation of Congregation Beth Shalom will feature author and storyteller Carol Snyder, Sunday, March 28.

Snyder was born and raised in Brooklyn, New York, and graduated from Brooklyn College with a degree in elementary education. She taught third grade in Brooklyn for a year, and later taught children with learning and emotional problems in New Jersey.

Her first book, *IKE AND MAMA AND THE ONCE-A-YEAR SUIT*, was published in 1978. Snyder followed with three more books featuring Ike and his indomitable grandmother. These warm and humorous stories of Jewish family life in the Bronx around 1918 were carefully researched and thoughtfully presented, and make "each and every resident of 136th Street someone any child would like to know." *IKE AND MAMA AND THE BLOCK WEDDING*, Mrs. Snyder's second book, was voted the recipient of the 1979 Association of Jewish Libraries Book Award for the year's outstanding contribution to the field of Jewish literature for children and young people.

The evening will begin with a Spaghetti Supper beginning at 5:15 p.m. at \$2.00 for adults and \$1.00 for children followed by storytelling at 6:30 p.m.

Reservations for the dinner can be made by sending a check made payable to: Congregation Beth Shalom, 18th Street & Baynard Boulevard, Wilmington, DE 19802.

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Annual Passover Restaurant at JCC

The Jewish Community Center of Wilmington will be holding its Annual Passover Restaurant on Thurs-

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The fees are \$14.75 for adults, \$8.25 for seniors and \$6.75 for children ages 3 through 12. Advance registration is required by April 2 at the JCC Front Desk. Due to the popularity of this program, no walk-in registration will be accepted. For more information, call the JCC at 478-5660.

Naches**Fridovich-Keil**

Doctors Mark Keil and Judy Fridovich-Keil of Atlanta, Georgia, announce the birth of their son, David Fridovich-Keil, on February 17.

He is the grandson of Judge and Mrs. Charles K. Keil of Wilmington and Dr. and Mrs. Irwin Fridovich of Durham, North Carolina. He is the great-grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Isadore N. Silverman of Wilmington.

Mandel

Zoltan and Stella Mandel of Wilmington announce the birth of their granddaughter, Sarah Elizabeth, on March 6.

She is the daughter of Steven and Elizabeth Mandel of East Windsor, New Jersey.

Business**Friedberg Nachlis**

Debra Friedberg Nachlis has been named as an assistant to the executive director of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo, responsible for community relations and leadership development.

Nachlis is currently a senior campaign associate for the Philadelphia Federation, where she has been on staff since 1985.

A native of Wilmington, Nachlis is a graduate of the University of Delaware and holds a Master of Arts in Jewish Communal Service from Brandeis University. She has served as co-president of the Jewish Communal Professionals Association of Greater Philadelphia and as a board member of the national Association of Jewish Communal Service Personnel. In 1991 she was vice-president of Brandeis University's Hornstein Alumni Association.

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Sunday 14

Craft Show sponsored by Newark Chapter of Hadassah, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., at Aetna Fire Hall, Rt. 273 across from Newark Post Office & Dannemann Fabric Store. Admission free. For more information call 239-2270.

Young Jewish Adults of Delaware YHAD Jazz Brunch at 11 a.m. at Cavanaugh's Restaurant, 703 N. Market Street, Wilmington. Here is an opportunity to network with a diverse group of Jewish Singles (ages 35-55) for educational and entertaining events, who also share a number of values, interests and concerns. For inclusion on mailing list, information and reservations, call Barbara (302) 475-3376 or Harriette (302) 654-3626.

The Children's Center of the Jewish Community Center Third Annual Flea Market from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Items to be sold include toys, books, children's clothing and household items. A silent auction will also be held. All proceeds will benefit the Children's Center. For more information, call Jane Hormadaly at 478-5660.

Sunday 21

Cantors Institute Alumni Association will sponsor a concert in honor of faculty member Miriam Gideon at the Jewish Theological Seminar of America, Broadway & 122nd St. in Manhattan, beginning at 4 p.m. Concert consists entirely of music by Dr. Gideon, long acknowledged as one of America's foremost woman composers. Performers include tenor Constantine Cassolis, soprano Renee Coleson, pianists Dennis Helfrich and Walter Hilse, and the Cantors Institute Chorus under the direction of Jo Ann Rice. Admission is \$10.00 and is tax deductible; tickets available at the door. For further information, contact the Cantors Institute at (212) 678-8000.

Monday 22

Sisterhood of Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth general meeting at 7:30 p.m. The slate of nominated candidates

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25. During World War II he researched diseases that threatened the health of U.S. forces in the Pacific. He developed a vaccine against Japanese encephalitis that was given to 70,000 American soldiers preparing to invade Japan. He held the rank of a lieutenant-colonel. His grave is in the U.S. military cemetery in Arlington, Virginia.

for positions in Sisterhood for the coming year 93/94 will be announced. Helen Bryant of the Academy of Lifelong Learning will be the guest speaker, beginning her presentation at 8 p.m. and will discuss the Life of Bess Truman. Refreshments will be served. Anyone planning to attend should call Rhonda (475-0573) or Vivian (478-7250). Everyone is welcome.

Thursday 25

Jewish Community Center of Wilmington - Newly Retired or Soon to be Retired Program, 7:30 p.m. Explore the idea of retirement, time management and personal growth during one of the most exciting periods in our lives. Led by Myrna Ryder, Director of Family Life Education at Jewish Family Service. Pre-registration at the JCC Front Desk required by March 22. For more information, contact Sharon Richman at 478-5660.

Women's American ORT Brandywine Chapter at large membership tea for new and prospective members at Sandy McBride's house, 2618 Pin Oak Drive, The Timbers, Wilmington. Anyone interested in attending or in joining ORT, contact Shelley Stein at 478-8974.

Saturday 27

Jewish Community Center, Wilmington, Belt Cafe, 8 to 11 p.m. in celebration of Jewish Music Season, Israeli Dancing with Michelle Wiener and Middle Eastern Desserts will be served. Cost is \$9 per person in advance and \$12 per person at the door. Tickets available at the JCC Front Desk. This program is being co-sponsored by the Young Jewish Adults of Delaware and the JCC Adult Cultural Arts Committee. For more information, contact Sharon Richman at 478-5660.

Wednesday 31

Jewish Community Center - New York Day Trip, depart at 8:00 a.m. "A Bite of the Big Apple," a bus trip to New York City. The day is open for visiting museums, galleries, shopping, attending plays or any activity of your choice. The cost is \$42 for members and \$52 for non-members. Make your advance reservations at the JCC Front Desk. For more information, call Amalia Snyderman at 478-5660.

Ongoing

Lower East Side Tenement Museum, 97 Orchard Street, New York City, walking tours include Peddler's Pack: A Jewish Heritage Tour. Chartered in 1988, the Tenement Museum seeks to promote tolerance and historical perspective through the presentation and interpretation of immigrant experiences on Manhattan's Lower East Side, a gateway to America. For dates and times call 212-431-0233.

National Museum of American Jewish History, 55 N. 5th Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 215-923-3811 exhibit: "The American Jewish Experience." Reopening of the Museum's permanent exhibition with new artifacts about Jewish settlement in this country from 1654 to present.

National Museum of American Jewish History, 55 N. 5th Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 215-923-5984, exhibit through March

15: "From Saloniaka to Curacao: A Sephardic Odyssey." Prepared by Gratz College focusing on the archives of Isaac Emmanuel (1899-1972), a Sephardic scholar and rabbi who authored works on the history of the Jewish communities of Curaca, the Caribbean, and his native Salnika, Greece.

Young Jewish Adults of Delaware coed Volleyball on Wednesdays in the Wilmington Jewish Community Center gym beginning at 6 p.m. Games are non-competitive. Admission is \$1 for JCC members, \$2 for non-members. Call Mike Schenk for more information: (215) 558-3781.

Jewish Community Center of Wilmington Art Gallery - Art Exhibition in observance of Yom Hashoah. The Gallery will feature an art contest by students of the Philadelphia High School for Creative and Performing Arts. Contest is sponsored

by the Auerback Central Agency for Jewish Education, the Memorial Committee for the Six Million Jewish Martyrs and Gratz College. For more information, contact Sharon Richman at 478-5660.

Ohev Shalom Players will present Li'l Abner, a musical comedy, on March 20 and March 27 at 8 p.m., March 21 and March 28 at 2 p.m. at Ohev Shalom Synagogue, 2 Chester Road, Wallingford, Pennsylvania. For ticket information call 874-1465.

Reservations for Guys & Dolls accepted for the Wednesday, April 28 performance of Frank Loesser's musical tribute to gamblers and their dolls at the Martin Beck Theatre in New York City. Bus leaves the Jewish Community Center of Wilmington at 7:30 a.m. Cultural Caravan fees are \$102 for JCC members, \$115 for non members. For more information and reservations call the JCC at 478-5660.

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Obituaries

Fanny F. Levinson

Fanny F. Levinson, 101, of Milford St., died at home March 4 of respiratory failure.

Mrs. Levinson was the last survivor of 10 children. She immigrated to the United States from the Ukraine at age 15.

After her first husband, Isador Levitsky, died in 1920, she opened a grocery store in her home on Fifth Street in Salem, N.J. She operated the store until 1935.

Her second husband, Frank, died in 1960. Surviving are a daughter, Dorothy L. Sinner of Milford, and a daughter and son-in-law, Ellan J. and Benjamin Orkin, with whom she lived for 21 years.

Instead of flowers, the family suggests contributions for a memorial plaque at Oheb Shalom Synagogue, Salem, New Jersey, in care of the synagogue.

Abraham Schwab

Abraham Schwab, 91, formerly of B'nai B'rith House, Claymont, died March 3, of a stroke in The Kutz Home, his residence since April.

Mr. Schwab sold candy and cigarettes to "every mom-and-pop store on the East Side" of Wilmington, he said in a 1992 interview.

He enjoyed painting. One of his works had hung in the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York in an exhibit of art by seniors.

Mr. Schwab played golf into his 80s.

He was a member of Machzikey Hadas Congregation and Montefiore Mutual Benefit Society.

He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Margaret; a son, Ralph of Wilmington; a daughter, Judith Polak of Los Angeles; two brothers, Max of San Jose, California; and Jack of Scottsdale, Arizona; a sister, Hilda Leventhal of Los Angeles; five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Instead of flowers, the family suggests contributions to Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Congregation, Wilmington.

Dorothy Zagha

Dorothy Zagha, 70, of Claymont, died March 7 of emphysema in Community Hospital, Chester, Pennsylvania.

Mrs. Zagha was a homemaker. She was born in Springfield, Mass.

She was a member of Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Congregation, Deborah Heart and Lung Foundation, and the Order of the Golden Chain.

Her husband, Samuel, died in 1987. She is survived by three daughters, Ellen Ellis of Newark; Lois Maddix of Sutton, West Virginia; and June Hargreaves of Aberdeen, Scotland; two sisters, Marian Shotsberg of Fort Myers, Florida; and Annie Cornblum of Columbia, South Carolina; and three grandchildren.

Instead of flowers, the family suggests contributions to Delaware Lung Association, 1021 Gilpin Ave., Wilmington 19806.

Bessie W. Handelman

Bessie W. Handelman, 90, of Claymont, died March 5 in Foulk Manor South.

Mrs. Handelman, a native of London, England, had been a secretary for Du Pont Co., for 10 years. She was secretary at Wilmington Senior Center and was secretary for B'nai B'rith House Tenants Association for many years.

She was a member of Congregation Beth Shalom and a past president of its Sisterhood; Hadassah and Machzikey Hadas Congregation.

Her husband, Israel, died in 1959. She is survived by two sons, Howard M. of Wilmington, and Millard K. of West Palm Beach, Florida; two daughters, Bernice H. Tomases of Wilmington, and Ilene E. Bunin of Wynnewood, Pennsylvania; eight grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and a great-great-granddaughter.

Instead of flowers, the family suggests contributions to Jeanne F. Handelman Memorial Fund, National Council of Jewish Women, in care of Jean Blumenfeld, 732 Taunton Road, Tavistock, Wilmington, or to charity.

Sidney D. Bernstein

Sidney D. Bernstein, 77, of Wilmington, died February 17.

He was married to the late Jean Bernstein. He is survived by three sons, Joseph M. of Devon, Allen R. of Hockessin, and Henry G. of Forestville, California; a brother, Bernard of N. Miami, Florida; a sister, Rose Gross of Pompano Beach, Florida; and three grandchildren.

Instead of flowers, the family suggests contributions to the Kutz Home, 704 River Road, Wilmington, DE 19809.

Albert Sabin dies, developed vaccine

By **JOSEPH POLAKOFF**

WASHINGTON (PNR) — Physician and scientist Albert Sabin, who died at age 86 of congestive heart failure on March 3 at Georgetown University Medical Center, has been memorialized by President Clinton and world public health authorities as a hero in the service of preventive medicine by his successful research

against polio.

A summer epidemic for decades in America that mainly infected children with paralysis and often death but also adults — one of whose victims was President Franklin D. Roosevelt in mid-life — polio has almost disappeared as a result of Sabin's oral vaccine and the injected vaccine developed years earlier by Dr. Jonas Salk at the University of Pittsburgh.

The effectiveness of the medical pioneering by these two Jewish research geniuses has been noted in statistics that show 21,269 cases were reported in 1952 at the height of the scourge in the United States but a decade later the number had dropped to only 893 by the vaccine developed by Salk and quickly put to use. At present the risk is about one case in 2.5 million according to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta.

President Clinton called Sabin "one of the great heroes of American medicine." Hiroshi Nakajima, director-general of the World Health Organization, said he is "one of the great pioneers of medical research in our century." The WHO expects that by the year 2000 polio, the shortened name of poliomyelitis, will be eliminated. Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala said, "There isn't a child born in the world that doesn't profit from his vaccine."

Sabin did most of his polio research at the University of Cincinnati where he worked for 30 years. Before his vaccine was licensed by the

U.S. Public Health Service for use against three strains of polio, mass use of it was made four years earlier in the Soviet Union, Mexico, Czechoslovakia and Singapore.

Reporting on the differences between the Sabin and Salk vaccines, the International Herald Tribune reported "where the Salk (killed-virus) vaccine had to be given by injection and required later booster shots to insure long-term immunity, the Sabin (live-virus) vaccine could be taken by mouth and provided lifetime protection against polio.

Sabin developed vaccines against other diseases and researched possible connection between cancer and virus. While approaching his 80th year, he worked to prevent diseases affecting children, including a vaccine against measles. He authored more than 375 papers in his field.

Intensely devoted to Israel's welfare, Sabin was president of the Weizmann Institute 1970-72 and a member of its board of governors from 1965 to the day of his death. He also was a member of Hebrew University's board of governors during those same 28 years.

Born in Bialystok, Poland, Sabin came with his family to the United States in 1920. Learning English in six weeks with two cousins as tutors that enabled him to enter high school in Paterson, N.J., he tried studying dentistry at an uncle's urging who was a dentist but gave it up for medicine, winning a medical degree at New York University in 1931 at age

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Arrest

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Another development in the case came Friday, when investigators discovered large quantities of materials used for bomb-making in a locker at a New Jersey self-storage facility rented out by Salameh.

Both Nosair and Salameh were known to have worshipped at the Al Salam Mosque in Jersey City, where the Islamic fundamentalist Sheik Omar Abdel Rahman delivers impas-

sioned sermons advocating, among other things, the violent overthrow of the Egyptian government.

Rahman was tried and acquitted in Egypt for involvement in the assassination of President Anwar Sadat. U.S. officials have sought to deport him from his country.

Israeli officials and Jewish organizational leaders, in initial reactions to fast-breaking developments in the bombing investigation, reiterated their past warnings about Islamic fundamentalism and hinted that America,

and the world, might now better understand Israel's own struggle against militant fundamentalism in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Ambassador Yaacobi recalled that during the U.N. debate over Israel's deportation of 415 Islamic fundamentalist activists to Lebanon last December, he warned of the threat posed by the group to the Middle East peace process and to the West in general.

Former Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, visiting New York

last week, said: "I'm not surprised there are some signs that there is some involvement of Moslem fundamentalist movement in this outrageous act in New York. This movement is very dangerous to peace and stability, especially in the Middle East."

Shamir added: "Whether it's the Palestine Liberation Organization or (the Islamic fundamentalist group) Hamas, I don't see a great deal of difference between them. Both want to see the elimination of Israel. They will not succeed."

Grumbacher

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future of American Jewry, but it will take work.

"I am optimistic, though I don't think we can close our eyes to the problems. We have to fight the obvious challenges of assimilation and

mixed marriage to ensure a Jewish future. I will do everything I can within Beth Emeth to make that a reality. Judaism will survive because we have values that will create a better world. Our values which include respect for all people have

sustained us for five thousand years."

Beth Emeth looks back with affection and forward with optimism to a continuing relationship with Rabbi Grumbacher as it extends its best wishes to the rabbi, his wife Suzanne and their three children on this 20th

anniversary celebration.

EDITOR'S NOTE: The celebration for Rabbi Grumbacher's anniversary will begin at 7:30 p.m. For more information call Susan Cobin at 478-9593 or Cheryl Jacobs at 764-2240.

Pollard

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urgent group. The compromise of these documents threatened U.S. national defense interests by, among other things, exposing critical covert sources, and endangering the lives of sources and U.S. Government officials, according to the report.

Brown was lured to the United States for his arrest in December by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Two FBI agents, one posing as a CIA martial arts expert, met with Brown and offered him a position as a martial arts instructor for the CIA. Brown was reportedly once a martial arts instructor in Manila. Arrangements were made for Brown to come to Virginia ostensibly for training related to that job. When Brown arrived at Dulles International Airport last December 27 he was taken into custody.

In contrast to the extensive space and time devoted by print and electronic media to the Pollard case that was heard in Washington, the Alexandria proceedings across the Potomac River from Washington apparently received scant attention. The Washington Post reported it in three paragraphs on Page Five in Section B, February 28.

Besides the palpable difference in

penalties between the Alexandria case and Pollard's a Middle East element is conspicuous in both. Pollard's transmittals were intended to assist the staunchest U.S. ally in the Middle East that is hopeful of expansion of its harbor facilities in Haifa to repair the largest warships in the U.S. Navy's fleet in the Mediterranean. Brown provided information regarding Iraq to the Philippines that has refused to renew arrangements for U.S. use of naval and air bases there.

A factor in the Pollard case was believed to be the outlook of Arab military sources. Pollard's transmittals were understood to include information about Arab strength.

Another factor is the classified memorandum on the Pollard case given to federal authorities in Washington by former Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger. While a report in a section of the Jewish news media reported he has changed his view, a Jewish associate made known Weinberger had said he would not object to easing of Pollard's sentence.

Fundamentalism

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the territories, concentrating on social services, rather than political activities. But the movement's years of social work and support for infrastructure projects, such as paving roads in Arab villages, have borne political fruit.

The movement now controls five municipalities in Israel, including Umm el-Fahm, the second-largest Arab town in Israel, after Nazareth, with a population of 25,000.

The movement's leaders, such as the mayor of Umm el-Fahm, Sheik Raed Salah Mahajneh, often express their views on political issues. They have, for example, spearheaded a campaign for the return of the Palestinians deported by Israel to Lebanon.

But they have refrained from taking direct part in Israeli politics. Despite their growing public influence, they have so far chosen not to form a political party and run candidates in the general elections.

Among the more moderate fundamentalist leaders is Sheik Abdullah Nimer Darwish. Darwish has said that if he lived in Egypt, he would have pushed to create an Islamic state. But since he lives in Israel, he realizes that goal is unattainable.

"Islam has a ladder of priorities," he said recently. "On the land of Palestine, there is the land and there are human beings, that's me and you. Land has no soul. God has created us from the land and given us spirit.

"Do I prefer land to human beings, or would I rather share the land and put an end to bloodshed? I prefer to share and wait patiently for Judgment Day."

But as Moslem fundamentalists spill blood in violent attacks across the world, Darwish's comments sound like a voice in the wilderness.

Obituary

Warsaw ghetto pediatrician

By SUSAN BIRNBAUM

NEW YORK (JTA) — Dr. Adina Blady Swajger, a pediatrician who treated the children of the Warsaw Ghetto, died February 18 in Lodz, Poland. She was 75 years old and lived in Warsaw.

Swajger, who wrote an account of her experiences in the book "I Remember Nothing More: The Warsaw Children's Hospital and the Jewish Resistance," died of pancreatic cancer, according to Jerzy Warman, a friend of hers in New York.

Swajger fled the ghetto after the Nazis shut down the children's hospital. She was able to pass as a non-Jew with false identification papers and worked with the resistance until the war's end, hiding Jews in safe houses.

She did not speak of her experiences until her retirement and her account was first published in an underground publication of the Solidarity movement in the 1980s.

Her wartime experience was especially painful because, faced with the choice of having to send sick people to the death camps, she instead administered lethal doses of morphine, something that haunted her until she died.

Swajger wrote in her book "I Remember Nothing More" (Pantheon Books, New York, 1990): "For 40 years after the war I was a doctor. I believe, I really believe, that one is a doctor in order to save life, anywhere and at any time.

"For 40 years, I have never departed from this view.

"But somewhere underneath, I thought that I had no right to carry out my profession. After all, one does not start one's work as a doctor by leading people not to life but to death.

"And I have lived with this knowledge to this day.

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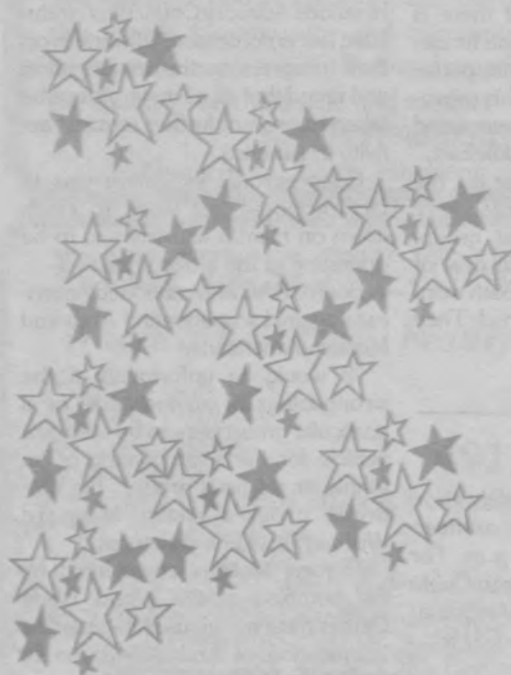
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