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ISRAEL MULLS RESPONSE TO BUS BOMBING

By Naomi Segal, JTA

Israel generally reacts swiftly to Palestinian terror attacks, but that was not the case this week.

On Tuesday — a day after 14 people were killed and more than 45 injured when a jeep laden with explosives plowed into a bus near Hadera, in northern Israel — Israel had yet to retaliate.

Defense Minister Benjamin Ben-Eliezer did his best to quash speculation that the United States was pressing Israel to restrain its response, saying Tuesday that Israel would respond when and how it deems right.

Prime Minister Ariel Sharon is under growing pressure to prevent an escalation with the Palestinians as the United States seeks international support, including from moderate Arab countries, for a possible strike against Iraq.

Israel's interior minister, Eli Yishai, confirmed that Israel was taking U.S. interests into account as it

contemplates its next move. "There are those who say that we need to react now and immediately with all power and all force," Yishai told Israel Army Radio on Tuesday. "On the other hand, we could cause difficulties for the Americans. If the Americans attack Iraq, it's in our interest as well as that of the Americans."

On Wednesday, Israeli officials released the names of all those killed in Monday's attack.

They are: Osnat Abramov, 16, of Holon; Staff Sgt. Liat Ben-Ami, 20, of Haifa; Ofra Burger, 56, of Hod Hasharon; Cpl. Ilona Hanukayev, 20, of Hadera; Ashati Indelau, 50, of Hadera; Suad Jaber, 23, of Taiba; Iris Lavi, 68, of Netanya; Sgt.-Maj. Eliezer Moskovitch, 40, of Petach Tikva; Staff Sgt. Nir Nahum, 20, of Carmiel; Sgt. Esther Pisahov, 19, of Givat Olga; Staff Sgt. Aiman Sharuf, 20, of Usfiya; Sergei Shevchuk, 35, of Afula; Anat Shimshon, 34, of Ra'anana; and Cpl. Sharon Tubol, 19, of Arad.

Some 25 people wounded in the attack remained hospitalized Tuesday. Six of them, including a 2-year-old, were listed in serious condition. Israeli officials blame the Palestinian Authority for the bombing. But political sources say the government is unlikely to respond this time by isolating P.A. President Yasser Arafat.

Analysts said Israel seemed unlikely to renew the sort of siege imposed on Arafat's Ramallah headquarters following a Sept. 19 suicide bombing in central Tel Aviv that killed six people and wounded more than 50.

That siege revived popular support for Arafat and badly strained relations with the United States, which was trying to build international support for a possible attack on Iraq.

Following heavy U.S. pressure and criticism, Sharon called off the siege. Commentators then predicted that Arafat could count on a grace period from strong Israeli retaliation for terror attacks, at least until after the Iraqi

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Ayelet, right, daughter of Ofra Burger, weeps at her mother's funeral together with other relatives in the central Israeli town of Hod Hasharon on Tuesday. Burger was killed along with 12 others when a car bomb exploded next to a bus in northern Israel on Monday. The attack was claimed by Islamic Jihad. Credit: Brian Hendler/JTA

ISRAEL: FIRST PERSON PERSPECTIVE

By Marc D. Pevar
Special to the Jewish Voice

To my heart I was a captive. How could I miss the first bar mitzvah in 2,000 years of an Israeli-born relative? Our first evening in Israel was the Shabbat before the bar mitzvah, spent at the Wall in Old-City Jerusalem. Ten days later, our last evening was dining on the 49th floor of Tel Aviv's ultra-modern glass-walled cylindrical skyscraper, the Azrieli Center. Everywhere, we found people engaged in the complexity and normalcy of everyday life. Through these few vignettes of word-pictures, I hope to share with you the spiritual boost, the excitement and deeper understanding aroused in me by this brief reconnection to the soil and people of Israel.

Yeshiva students snake-danced and sang, welcoming Shabbat in the darkening dusk, as white and tan birds swooped and cooed. Along smooth worn stone alleys, pushcarts rumbled with last-minute deliveries of fragrant challah, chicken and wine, while the faithful and curious assembled at the Temple Mount's Western Wall and its plaza (the "Kotel"), spirituality thick as a mist spreading a calming quiet over the emptying streets. Saturday morning, a Sephardic minyan at the Kotel invited me into their Torah



Mazel Tov to Yossi, Tomm and Beth Ofer, cousins of the Pevars.

service. Afterwards, we walked to their Kiddush of cakes, fruit, nuts and wine past the two still-burning Yartzeit candles I had lit late Friday afternoon, the first ever by the Kotel honoring my mother. We left Jerusalem to tour the Galilee region with my American born Israeli aunt and uncle, whose grandson would be bar mitzvah the next Shabbat.

Near Safed, home of both the mystical Kabala and the practical guide to daily life, the Shulchan

Aruch, in secular, mountainside Rosh Pina, twilight found us in a hot-tub overlooking the Golan's extinct volcanoes. Supper was gourmet Austrian goose delicacies, fragrant wine, world-class dark chocolates. In the fertile Jordan valley, by the watery and green Hula bird sanctuary is the Dubrovin farm, where malaria killed scores of dedicated Zionists years ago before they drained the swamps. At Dubrovin, toddlers watched their moms fashion and artistically glaze

pottery in turn-of-the-century stone buildings surrounded by the vanished Zionists' legacy, a plum orchard.

North of Tiberias two Israeli-born cowboys led us on horseback past cacti and drab brush on a stony path far above the Mount of the Beatitudes, the haze shrouded Golan Heights miles away, and in the middle-distance, white clouds reflecting in the Sea of Galilee. Later we luxuriated in a blue-tiled pool at the Tiberias hot mineral water spa, and dined at a kosher Thai-Chinese pagoda restaurant dockside on the placid Galilee.

In weekday Jerusalem, pedestrians filled sidewalks and shops, and traffic swarmed from sunrise until after 10pm. Police cars drove everywhere with their blue and red lights flashing constantly, announcing their presence to appreciative citizens. One evening at our hotel's polished marble banquet hall, four hundred of the black-hat faithful in formal black coats and stunning dresses crowded together for a catered bar mitzvah celebration.

Two shopkeepers in the Old City's ancient Roman market, the Cardo, wistfully remarked that they were seeing more tourists who were Christian than Jewish. In the same breath they wondered why but added: "I understand." A passing stranger said: "Call me James," in a chance

encounter as he asked me for directions. James was visiting Jerusalem's holy sites after disembarking from a ship bringing 250 Olim (Jews "coming up," returning to Israel); he helped gather for three months from the impoverished Ukraine. He volunteered for Ebinezer, an organization funded and staffed by Christians who help return Jews to Israel, working through the Ministry of Immigration.

At the vacant Seven Arches Muslim hotel crowning the Mount of Olives, Arab hucksters tried and tried: "Ride a camel? Ride a donkey? Buy post cards? I have no work. My family is big. Pay me to guide you!" Inside the Mount of Olives' enormous ancient cemetery, pebbles and candles sit on Hebrew engraved stones. An Arab walked past shattered beer glass and abandoned plastic water bottles, offering a guided tour, proclaiming proudly that he was the cemetery's caretaker. With a loaded Uzi in his lap, a young reservist guarded our kosher Italian restaurant. That night, BBC-TV showed the Indonesian Muslim terrorist nightclub bomb carnage.

Viewing the Temple Mount's South Wall from the Mount of Olives, my telephoto lens confirmed reports

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EDITORIAL

Do Jewish - Vote!

Voting is more than just a "right" for America's Jewish citizens-it is a religious obligation. In the teachings of Pirke Avot, we are admonished "Do not separate yourself from the welfare of the community." By voting for the candidates who most closely espouse our views and concerns, we help make our community a better place to live and work.

The democratic process is deeply rooted in ancient Israel. The kings who ruled over our ancestors ruled under the watchful eye of the prophets-guided by the teachings of Torah. If the king violated a law of Torah, his fellow Jews were not compelled to follow him. Indeed, they were encouraged to challenge those leaders who misused their powers or who did not represent the best interests of their people. As American Jews, we should feel doubly proud. We are both **descendants** of a civilization that gave the world the great tradition of democracy and **citizens** of a society that cherishes these

precious ideals.

On November 5th, you have an opportunity to carry on a proud Jewish tradition. Historically, our people have turned out in record numbers to vote for the candidates of their choice. Even though this is not a presidential election year, there are many other important races at stake. Just over the border in Pennsylvania, voters will elect a new governor. In Delaware and in New Jersey, results from the elections for U.S. Senator may change the delicate national balance of party leadership.

In these and other contests, every vote counts. Be accountable on November 5th.

Lynn B. Edelman

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Photo Of The Week



Israeli women assemble gas masks at the Shalom factory in the southern Israeli town of Kiryat Gat. As President Bush pushes for military action against Iraq's Saddam Hussein, the Israeli army's Home Front Command (HFC) continues its drive to update gas masks for its citizens. Credit: Brian Hendler/JTA

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Israel Trip is Unforgettable

My first visit to Israel is something that I will always treasure. In spite of discouraging advice from my family and friends, I continued on with my voyage to the Holy Land. Shortly after arriving in this precious land, I became aware of the sense of impending danger due to the tightened security and cautious nature of the tour guides.

During my visit, I encountered a number of amazing people and unique surroundings. I attended a Succot celebration at the Rachael Ramat Hotel in Jerusalem. The people not only made me feel welcome but

treated me as if I were family. The love and deep appreciation for Israel was reflected in their eyes as well as their actions. On the last day of our trip, we were escorted to the Joseph Store House, a facility that provides food and medical aid to people affected by the horrifying terrorist attacks that continue on a regular basis.

This trip was an experience I will never forget. I look forward to a return trip to our unforgettable Holy Land.

Joanne Lang Szymanski
Wilmington

PARSHA PLACE

Week of October 26

Vayera

Genesis 18:1-22:24

WALKING TOGETHER
Helen T. Cohn

Parents and children often live in separate worlds. No matter how close they may be emotionally, their experiences, friends, and values are generally quite distinct. Our challenge, both as parents and children, is to maintain our bond with one another in the face of different life choices and separate worldviews.

This is one of the many themes of the *Akedah*, the binding of Isaac, which occurs in this week's Torah portion, *Vayera*. This story shows us a parent and child who, on the one hand, hardly communicate with each other and, on the other hand, are connected in the deepest way.

Obedient God's call to offer Isaac as a sacrifice, Abraham gets up early in the morning and prepares for the journey, taking Isaac, two servants, an ass, and wood that he had split for a burnt offering.

During the three days of their journey, Abraham and Isaac seem to walk in silence. The silence between them registers louder than any words they might have exchanged. It is as if the parent and child, although physically together, are traveling in separate worlds.

"Then Isaac said to his father, Abraham, 'Father!' And he answered, *Hineni, v'ni*, 'Yes, my son.'" (Genesis 22:7) Just as Abraham had earlier answered God with *Hineni*, "Here I am!" (Genesis 22:1) so does Abraham now answer his son: *Hineni v'ni*, "Here I am, my son!" Abraham is again fully present: That is what *hineni* means. He is fully present to the demands made by God, and he is equally present for his son when his son calls out to him.

Isaac has only one line in the story. He says: "Here are the firestone and the wood; but where is the sheep for the burnt offering?" (Genesis 22:7) The text does not convey Isaac's tone of voice to us. Is it naive? Nervous? But Isaac is old enough to carry a large bundle of wood; surely, then, he is old enough to protest or even run away. Yet he stays with his father, in spite of whatever apprehensions he might have.

Abraham and Isaac walk together for three days, barely speaking. Yet Abraham shows that he is fully present for his son. And Isaac, by his constant presence at Abraham's side, shows his unwavering trust in his father.

The lesson for us is simple but far-reaching: Tension between parent and child is inevitable. We are separate individuals from separate generations. But, we maintain our bond across this gap by trusting that our parents' actions are in good faith and by continuing to walk by their side. When our children call, we, as parents, maintain our bond with them by responding *Hineni!*, "Here I am, my child!"

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Over 50 attendees gathered to focus their energy and commitment on making the 2003 campaign a success. Mr. Mark Wilf, chairman of major gifts for United Jewish Communities, was the keynote speaker for the evening.

Over \$200,000 was raised for the Annual Campaign prior to the event, which represents

a 20% increase over the previous year.

The Jewish Federation's annual Chai Appreciation event took place on Saturday, October 5, 2002. Dr. and Mrs. Allan Tocker were the chairpersons for the affair held at Winterthur Museum in Wilmington. Over 70 people attended the event to hear keynote speaker Rabbi M. Gary Neuman. It was a compelling evening that will not soon be forgotten.

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Left to right: Buddy Berger, Ken Vecchione and Leonard Kahn



Left to Right: Steven and Rhoda Dombchik, Steven and Miriam Edell, Jack and Marion Jacobs



Left to Right: Chai Event chairs Allan and Iris Tocker with the Chai Event keynote speaker Rabbi M. Gary Neuman and his wife Marissa



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breakdown of the economy in Argentina. We also know that despite our economy, we are still in a position to help others.

Certainly the stock market has been volatile, but we know that investors have to weather these kinds of periods...that investments are a long-term strategy. We need your commitment today - we need to assess and address the needs of our community - good economy or

not.

The stock market will rebound. Our investments will grow again. We have to be optimistic and we have to take care of our people. It's our responsibility and it doesn't lessen with the sound of a bell.

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Media watch from the Israeli Consulate...

Yediot Aharonot, in its second editorial, believes that the Bush administration's "road map" represents a substantial increase over the Oslo Agreement as far as actual US involvement in the minutiae of the peace negotiations is concerned. The editors speculate that Prime Minister Ariel Sharon is keeping quiet about this latest US plan because he believes that the impending war against Saddam Hussein will throw a monkey wrench/spanner into the works.

Ha'aretz writes: "The murder-

ous terror attack at the Karkur Junction on Monday, is only the tip of the iceberg: the constant effort by the terrorists to commit dozens of attacks. Nearly all the attacks are foiled or obstructed on the way to fruition, and the human tendency, understandable but wrong, is to regard the period between attacks that claim many victims as if it is 'quiet.' Israel does not have enough forces, and not enough money, for all the missions: preparing for the Iraqi war, keeping an eye on the northern border,

constant combat against terror, and fighting the lawbreakers on the hills of the West Bank. Some priorities need to be set, according to the measure of danger, regarding who is in danger without protection and the efficacy of the deployment of the units. It is proper to keep protecting the home front as the top priority. Mass terrorist attacks - in addition to the pain and damage they cause - could push this government into hasty offensive action. The security forces must use all means to prevent the

terrorists and those who send them from executing their plans. At the same time, it is important to continue easing the pressure on innocent Palestinians."

The Jerusalem Post writes: "Finance Minister Silvan Shalom returned from London seemingly triumphant. The British credit rating agency Fitch decided to leave intact Israel's long-term foreign currency rating of A-, thereby averting, at least for now, a move that would have harmed Israel's attractiveness to foreign investors

and made it more expensive for the government to raise capital overseas. But don't go reaching for the champagne yet. A careful reading of the statement issued by Fitch reveals that the agency's overall outlook is far from rosy. Citing a sharp rise in the government's budget deficit and in the public debt ratio over the past two years, Fitch lowered Israel's local currency rating which affects domestic markets from A+ to A."

(Eitan Haber wrote today's editorials in Yediot Aharonot.)



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on Wednesday, November 20, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., where Israeli merchandise can be viewed at the Gershman Y, Broad and Pine Sts. On Thursday, November 21st, take Rte. 295 to Cherry Hill, N.J. for the "Mall's" final day. Shop from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. at Temple Emanuel, 1101 Springdale Road

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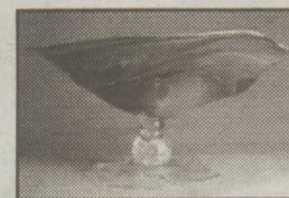
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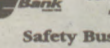
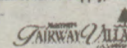
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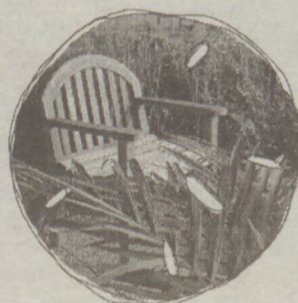
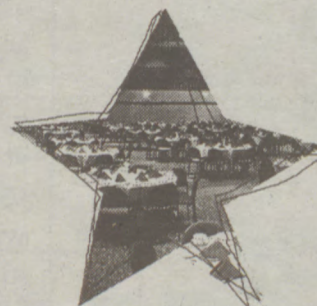
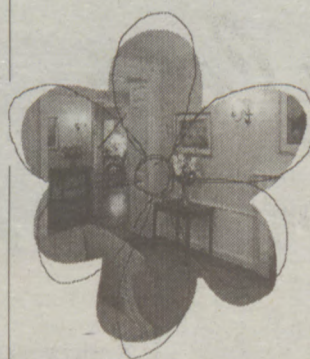


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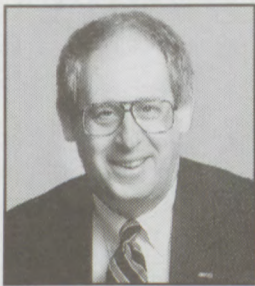
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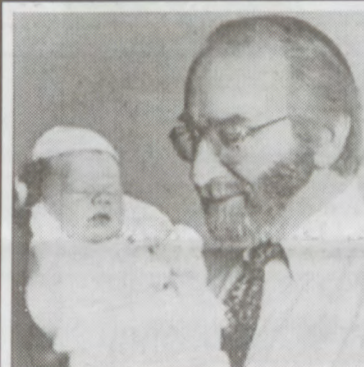
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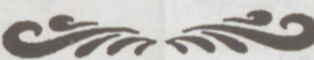


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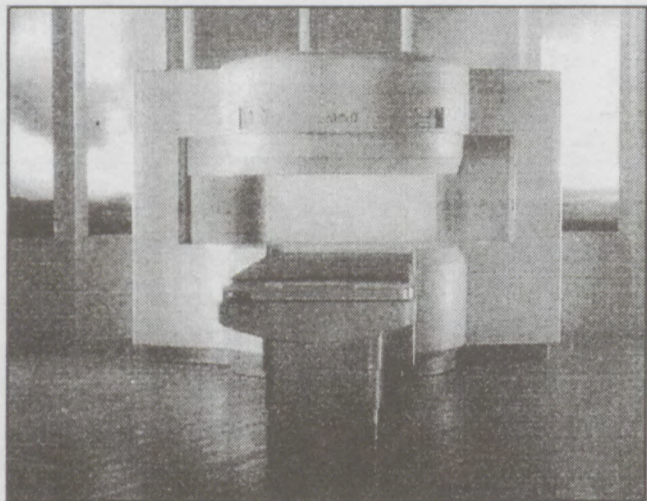
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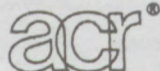
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Panelists Deborah Henley, Vice

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Hazzan Horwitz, a native of St. Louis, Missouri, has had a life-long passion for Jewish Music and Jewish liturgy. A graduate of the H.L. Miller Cantorial School of New York's Jewish Theological Seminary, he also is an accomplished long distance runner. He competed in and finished more than 23 marathons including four runs in the New York City

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Cantor Mandel, a native of Havana, Cuba, taught Spanish and French for many years in Washington, D.C. prior to pursuing the Cantorate. He has performed with the Washington Opera and most recently sang for the 350th anniversary of the oldest synagogue in the Western Hemisphere in Curacao, Netherlands Antilles, at the

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JCC Chanukah Choopla

The Jewish Community Center of Delaware will hold its Annual Chanukah Choopla event on Sunday, November 24, 2002. The gift and craft bazaar features a variety of area merchants and artists who display and sell their goods. The bazaar will open early at 10:00 a.m. and will continue through 3:00 p.m.

Other event highlights include holiday-related games and activities for children and families, plus a wide variety of foods, available at our Kosher Deli. Community leaders will serve as celebrity waiters for this year's event. The deli will be open from 12:00 noon until 3:00 p.m.

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Certain inherited conditions occur more frequently in various ethnic and racial groups than in the general population. In the Jewish population, particularly Ashkenazi Jews, whose ancestors had been in Central or Eastern Europe since the Middle Ages, many of these conditions have been identified.

Medical discoveries have made it possible to offer testing to individuals and couples to determine if their offspring have a chance to be affected with several of these disorders. The following is a description of some of the conditions for which Jews are genetically at risk and resource information.

CANAVAN DISEASE is a progressive neurological disorder with symptoms beginning in infancy. The condition is typically fatal within the first decade although some people survive into their teens or early twenties. There is no cure at the present time. Symptoms include generalized weakness, severe mental retardation, and enlarged head size.

About 1 in 40 Ashkenazi Jews are carriers. Canavan disease is caused by an enzyme deficiency. Enzyme measurement is not reliable for carrier testing. DNA mutation analysis detects about 97% of Ashkenazi Jewish carriers.

Resources:

The Canavan Foundation, 110 Riverside Drive #4F, New York, NY 10024, (212) 873-4640

Toll free: (877) 4-CANAVAN

GAUCHER DISEASE consists of three distinct disorders. Type 1 is most frequent in Ashkenazi Jews. Gaucher disease is caused by an enzyme deficiency. Symptoms include bone and joint pain, fractures and

other orthopedic problems as well as enlargement of the liver and spleen. This condition, including the age of onset, is characterized by marked variability. Some individuals are severely affected as teenagers, while others remain relatively asymptomatic until age 50 or 60. Enzyme replacement therapy for Type 1 is available and has been highly effective in both reducing the severity of some symptoms and reversing others.

The carrier rate in Ashkenazi Jews is about 1 in 10. DNA mutation analysis is the preferred method for carrier testing and detects about 95% of Ashkenazi Jewish carriers.

Resources:

National Gaucher Foundation (NGF)
1140 Rockville Pike, Suite 350
Rockville, MD 20852-3106

Phone: (301) 816-1515

Toll free: (800) 925-8885

Fax: (301) 816-1516

Email: ngf@gaucherdisease.org

Website: www.gaucherdisease.org

The Comprehensive Gaucher Disease Treatment Program - Mount Sinai School of Medicine Department of Human Genetics

One Gustave L. Levy Place, Box 1497,
New York, NY 10029-6574

Phone: (212) 241-0915, (212) 241-9196

Website: <http://www.mssm.edu/gcgc/gaucher/index.html>

FANCONI ANEMIA is a chronic blood disorder. Symptoms include bone marrow failure, short stature and a predisposition to cancers such as leukemia. Some children may have heart, kidney and limb abnormalities. Diagnosis is usually made during child-

hood and life expectancy is about 30 years. Bone marrow transplantation has been used experimentally but there is no standard effective treatment at this time.

The carrier rate in the Ashkenazi Jewish population is about 1 in 90. DNA mutation testing detects about 95% of Ashkenazi Jewish carriers.

Resources:

Fanconi Anemia Research Fund, Inc. (FARF), 1801 Willamette Street, Suite 200,
Eugene, OR 97401

Phone: (800) 828-4891

E-mail: info@fanconi.org

Website: www.fanconi.org

International Fanconi Anemia Registry c/o Dr. Arleen Auerbach, The Rockefeller University, 1230 York Ave., New York, NY 10021

Phone: (212) 327-7533

Email: auerba@mail.rockefeller.edu

Website: <http://www.rockefeller.edu/fanconi/mutate/default.html>

Fanconi Anemia Cell Repository
Department of Medical and Molecular Genetics, L 103 Oregon Health Sciences University, 3181 SW Sam Jackson Park Rd., Portland, OR 97201

Phone: (503) 494-4804

Email: coxba@ohsu.edu

TAY-SACHS disease is a progressive neurological condition that begins during infancy. Deterioration of the central nervous system becomes apparent at about 6 months of age. Symptoms include loss of coordination, blindness, deafness, seizures and severe mental retardation. There is no cure at the present time and average life expectancy is about 3-5 years. A variation,

called "Late-Onset Tay-Sachs disease," affects people in childhood to adulthood and leads to a slower degeneration in the nervous system.

Approximately 1 in 25 Ashkenazi Jews are carriers. Tay-Sachs is caused by an enzyme deficiency. The preferred testing method involves measurement of the enzyme level. The carrier detection rate, using this technique, is about 99%. In some cases, DNA mutation analysis is also used to clarify enzyme results. The DNA carrier detection rate is about 94% in the Ashkenazi Jewish population.

Resources:

National Tay-Sachs & Allied Diseases Association, Inc., 2001 Beacon Street Brighton, MA 02135

Phone: (617) 277-4463

Website: <http://www.ntsad.org>

NTSAD New York Area: 1202 Lexington Avenue #288, New York, NY 10028

Phone: 212-431-0431

Fax: 888-354-4884

Website: <http://www.ntsad-ny.org>

Email: info@ntsad-ny.org

National Foundation for Jewish Genetic Disease, Inc., 250 Park Ave, Suite 1000, New York, NY 10017

Phone: (212) 371-1030

Website: www.nfjgd.org

Late-Onset Tay-Sachs Foundation, 1303 Paper Mill Road, Erdenheim, PA 19038

Phone: 1-215-836-9426

Toll Free: 1-800-672-2022

Website: www.lotsf.org

Email: mpf@bellatlantic.net

Myths and Facts

MYTH

"Israel denies Muslims and Christians free access to their holy sites."

FACT

Since 1967, hundreds of thousands of Muslims and Christians - many from Arab countries that remain in a state of war with Israel - have come to Jerusalem to see their holy places. Arab leaders are free to visit Jerusalem to pray if they wish to, just as Egyptian President Anwar Sadat did at the al-Aksa mosque.

According to Islam, the prophet Muhammad was miraculously transported from Mecca to Jerusalem, and it was from there that he made his ascent to heaven. The Dome of the Rock and the al-Aksa Mosque, both built in the seventh century, made definitive the identification of Jerusalem as the "Remote Place" that is mentioned in the Koran, and thus a holy place after Mecca and Medina. Muslim rights on the Temple Mount, the site of the two shrines, have not been infringed. Although it is the holiest site in Judaism, Israel has left the Temple Mount under the control of Muslim religious authorities.

For Christians, Jerusalem is the place where Jesus lived, preached, died, and was resurrected. While it is the heavenly rather than the earthly Jerusalem that is emphasized by the Church, places mentioned in the New Testament as the sites of Jesus' ministry have drawn pilgrims and devoted worshipers for centuries. Among these sites are the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, the Garden of Gethsemane, the site of the Last Supper, and the Via Dolorosa with the fourteen Stations of the Cross.

The rights of the various Christian churches to custody of the Christian holy places in Jerusalem were defined in the course of the nineteenth century, when Jerusalem was part of the Ottoman Empire. Known as the "status quo arrangement for the Christian holy places in Jerusalem," these rights remained in force during the period of the British Mandate and are still upheld today in Israel.

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MATTER OF OPINION

Should Israel retaliate?

By Avi Davis

There is a story told about Yitzhak Shamir's first encounter with James Baker immediately following the Gulf War. Approaching the Israeli prime minister with his hand outstretched, Baker, not known for his affability, exuded: Mr. Prime Minister, America, owes you a debt of gratitude for your perseverance in not retaliating against Iraq. Shamir looked at the hand then up into Baker's eyes and said tersely: You should know, Mr. Secretary, that being hit by 39 Scud missiles makes a people look at the world in a very different way.

Although perhaps apocryphal, the statement nevertheless speaks volumes about Israel's attitude to the issue of retaliation. No one in Israel needs to be reminded of the frustration of absorbing six weeks of attacks, spending hours locked in dank, lightless bomb shelters, donning gas masks for protection and the feeling that they were paying the price for a war they did not start and for attacks to which they could not respond.

It cannot be too surprising then, that Israel is holding its cards close to its chest when it comes to assur-

ances about its retaliatory intentions. During the Gulf War the first George Bush, according to then Israeli Defense Minister Moshe Arens, did not request, but actually demanded that the Shamir Government not retaliate. Placating Israeli fears, Bush's military men assured Shamir that the Scud missile launchers would be found and destroyed. But the U.S. military, despite its reputed sophistication, was unable to locate even one of the launchers and the Scuds continued to batter the Israeli heartland.

Notwithstanding this catastrophe of reconnaissance, the United States failed, abjectly, to fulfill what it had more or less assured Israel as its primary military objective - the elimination of the Iraqi menace. The Shamir government had accepted the Bush calculation that Saddam Hussein would fall from power and if not removed by internal putsch, then would be delivered by American military intervention. But a decade later Saddam Hussein is not only still in power, but can be found fomenting terrorism in Israel itself through both a network of provocateurs and a system of cash back rewards for homicide bombers.

The Israelis also expected political rewards to follow their willing sacrifices on behalf of the U.S. military campaign. It is forgotten by no one that the last Bush administration was the most unfriendly to Israel since the country's founding. Shamir had virtually become person non grata at the White House. When in 1990, (prior to the Gulf War) James Baker famously admonished the Israelis: call us when you are serious about peace and repeated the identification of settlements as the major obstacle to achieving it, he turned US-Israeli relations into a bitter slogging match between lobbyists. Many in the Israeli political establishment therefore felt certain that compliance with the Bush Administration's demands would win them points in Washington and would convert a cold shoulder into a warm embrace.

But not even this panned out. The first Bush Administration, flush with confidence in its new diplomatic muscle, railroaded an unwilling Shamir into a peace conference in Madrid. The conference was hailed as a diplomatic breakthrough, attended by the President himself. But it was far from achieving anything substantive. While it did bring

the antagonists face to face, it also succeeded in revealing the depth of hatred for Israel (and, if we are to be truthful, for the U.S. itself in the Arab world. In the end, Madrid did nothing to jolt the rejectionist Arab world into acceptance of Israel. And when the party was over, it was Israel who felt left to pay the bill.

It therefore should not be startling that the Israelis are guarded about their likely response to an Iraqi attack. Monday's meeting between Bush and Sharon in which the President made clear his willingness to countenance an Israeli response, was a significant movement in position. But it is still fell short of a vital acknowledgement: That the United States has no better military, political or ideological ally in the Middle East. That the approaching war with Iraq will only be buttressed by the involvement of Israeli intelligence and military advisers who are both familiar with the terrain and skilled in combat against Arab militia. And that without a friendly coalition to protect from disintegration, the United States has no sound tactical reason to exclude Israel from a direct contribution to a military assault.

For allowing such an Israeli

involvement would send a clear message to the Arab world: the balance of power has shifted. No longer will the United States feel beholden to perfidious Middle East oil barons who attest friendship one day and finance terror against US and democratic targets the next. No longer will it feel the need to placate brutal autocracies who decry supposed Israeli human rights abuses while subjecting their own peoples to manifest repression. It might finally acknowledge that the future of the Middle East lies in a quarantine of the region by a quadrilateral military alliance, linking those democratic countries such as Turkey, India, Israel and the United States, who feel most threatened by the export of militant Islam.

Seen in this context, the issue of retaliation is almost irrelevant. The real question remains whether the United States, in the cold light of victory, will be finally jolted, in Shamir's words, into looking at the world in a very different way.

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'Good Morning, Haifa' at 4 a.m.

By Carl Alpert

Haifa - Every Friday afternoon the shrill sound of a siren is heard in the air over Haifa and in many large cities in Israel. It has nothing to do with a bomb alert; it is the warning that the Shabbat is rapidly approaching, and observant citizens should make last minute arrangements for the day of rest and prepare to light candles. Thereafter, the Shabbat quiet, more or less, settles over the town.

In recent months Haifa's residents have become aware of a new sound emanating from a local neighborhood, and resounding throughout the city five times a day, every day. It is not shrill. It is a man's voice singing in modulated tones, in Arabic, and was at once identified as the Muslim muezzin calling members of the faith to prayer.

According to tradition, the function of the muezzin was created in the time of Muhammad to ensure that the faithful, who are expected to pray five times a day, would know when the time had come. Muhammad thought that the human voice was most appropriate to communicate the message, as opposed to a Christian bell or a Jewish horn.

Originally, the muezzin would climb the steps to the top of the minaret of the mosque, and there utter his call. Today loudspeakers are used where necessary, and in large areas, modern electronic amplification. The text, sung in a minor key, is simple:

"Allah is the greatest. I bear witness that there is no god but Allah. I bear witness that Muhammad is the messenger of Allah. Come fast to prayer. Come to success. Prayer is better than sleep (said only before the morning prayer). Allah is the greatest. There is no god but Allah."

Obviously, the muezzin's calls

are intended only for Muslim ears, and heretofore have been confined largely to the neighborhood where numbers of the faithful reside. More recently, however, here in Haifa the volume has been turned up and the muezzin can be clearly heard over most of the city.

The tones are not raucous, but Jews and Christians in many parts of the city complain of the disturbance. "Why do we have to be subjected to their calls to prayer?" they say. Worst of all is the early morning call, around 4 A.M., when the otherwise stillness of the city is broken. Many who suffer from sleep problems find their slumber suddenly disturbed, and it is not always easy to doze off again. Where we live, in an all Jewish neighborhood on Mt. Carmel, the muezzin's call has become a five-time daily fea-

ture. We repeat, it is not unpleasant, except in instances where it is a personal disturbance.

Haifa has a justifiable reputation as a city where, for the most part, Jews and non-Jews live together in relative harmony, at least commercially, if not socially. Jews constitute about 87% of the population, Christians, who are mostly Arabs, about 8%, Muslims, Druzes and others, 5%.

The recent amplification of the muezzin's calls has introduced a disturbing note and has created a great deal of resentment. It was quickly ascertained that the voice came from the small Arab neighborhood of Halissa, and veteran residents have not forgotten that in 1948, when the state of Israel was proclaimed, the mosque in Halissa was utilized by Arab snipers to fire into

the very heart of the Jewish section of the city. Today Halissa is the center of what many consider a deliberate provocation.

Complaints against "the noise" were registered with the mayor, but with no results. Indignant Jewish reaction finally brought a promise that the early morning call, sounded before sunrise, would be muted, though one of the lines of that early text, as noted above, and uttered twice, expresses the view that prayer is better than sleep.

A search on the Internet reveals that Haifa's problem is not unique. The five calls a day, disturbing non-Muslims, is already a cause for violent non-Muslim reaction in other countries, including India and even in non-Muslim neighborhoods of Malaysia. The city of Calcutta imposed a ban on amplification of

the muezzin's call, and Muslim appeals to the courts were rejected, upholding the ban.

Some Christian advocates of good will and multiculturalism have been quick to defend the muezzin. Writes one: "What is the difference between the rooster's early morning call, the neighbor's lawnmower's noise, the early morning traffic or the muezzin's call to prayer?"

Response was not lacking. "Multiculturalism? Try going to Oman or Saudi Arabia and building a church."

Back here in Haifa, we were awakened the other morning at about 4 A.M. by the voice of the muezzin rising to the Carmel from the city below as he intoned his call. It was annoying, but he finally sang us to sleep. We are assured that quiet will soon reign again.

Jews and Education

By E. E. Jaffe

On occasion of the release of information by the United Jewish Committee's National Jewish Population Survey many facts about current American Jewry became known. The survey carried out between August 2000 and August 2001 was the largest demographic study conducted about US Jewry. One aspect of the survey dealt with educational achievement of Jews. As a consequence it was established that 24% of Jews older than 18 years received an education that included a graduate degree compared to 5% for the country as a whole in the same age group. In addition, 55% of all Jewish adults 18 or older earned a bachelor's degree compared to 28% in the same demographic group in the general US population.

Consequently, it is not surprising that US colleges court Jewish students in an effort to boost their rankings. Earlier this year Rabbi David Davis at a meeting of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations in Boston was selling something generally not associated with Judaism: Vanderbilt University. He was openly soliciting and spreading the message that the Nashville, Tennessee institution was looking for Jewish students. Vanderbilt is not the only US University seeking to increase Jewish enrollment. Other schools such as Southern Methodist University (SMU) and Texas Christian University (TCU), the latter affiliated with the Protestant denomination, are also avidly pursuing Jews. TCU has initiated merit scholarships specifically for Jewish students and a lecture series featur-

ing the Nobel Laureate Elie Wiesel and others. The ostensible reason is to promote diversity but an academic upgrade is an expected side benefit. The associate provost of SMU suggests that there appears to be a strong correlation between the quality of the student body and the number of enrolled Jewish students.

To attract Jewish students many universities have established Judaic studies and Jewish cultural centers. Blacks and Hispanics have also been targeted primarily to promote diversity and increase opportunity for disadvantaged students. The drive for Jewish students is done primarily with the expectation that academic standards will be given a boost. The president of Vanderbilt University has admitted that attracting Jewish students is an "elite strategy" aimed at lifting

Vanderbilt University to Ivy League status.

This is truly a fortunate turn of events for American Jewry because not too many years ago many schools of higher learning rejected Jewish students in order to fulfill established limiting quotas. Today in America's Ivy League schools about 23% of the student body are Jewish even though Jews comprise only 1.9% of the US population. It is therefore perhaps not surprising that Jews and persons of half Jewish ancestry have been awarded 154 Nobel Prizes over the past 100 years, accounting for 22% of all awarded prizes. In the USA Jews have won 36% of all Nobel Prizes won by Americans. Again, one must consider these figures in the context of the comparatively tiny worldwide Jewish population

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GLOBAL JEWISH NEWS

Canadians rally against anti-Semitism

By Bill Gladstone, JTA

One month after pro-Palestinian demonstrators prevented Benjamin Netanyahu from speaking at Montreal's Concordia University, more than 500 people assembled on another Canadian campus for a forum about the Concordia riot.

The rally came as Nazi-hunter Simon Wiesenthal asked Concordia to reinstate the former Israeli prime minister to speak at the school.

Bob Rae, a former premier of Ontario, was the headline speaker at the rally, which was organized by an interfaith group called Canadians Against Anti-Semitism and filled the largest auditorium at the University of Toronto.

Like the speakers who followed him, Rae linked the Concordia dis-

turbances of Sept. 9 to a growing international climate of hate against Jews and Israel — expressed in union resolutions, divestment campaigns, boycotts of Israeli intellectuals, and pamphlets, posters and pronouncements that appear to meet every definition of hate speech.

Rae, who is not Jewish, called anti-Semitism a "vicious virus" that has not been wiped out in the world.

"There's not exactly a parallel today to Kristallnacht and Hitler," he said. "But when I see a cartoon in a London newspaper of the Israeli prime minister with a big hooked nose, or a cartoon in an Italian newspaper showing an Israeli tank rolling over the baby Jesus" during a military operation in Bethlehem, "I know that we face a particular chal-

lenge that we must take seriously and that we must ask our government to take seriously."

A former leader of the left-leaning New Democratic Party, Rae split from the party earlier this year after its federal foreign affairs critic rushed to Ramallah to embrace Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat and to condemn the alleged "Jenin massacre" on Canadian television.

Rae called on the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation and other media outlets to acknowledge that their broadcasts about the mythical massacre had been in error. Several months ago, U.N. officials concluded that despite numerous Palestinian claims to the contrary, Israel had not carried out a massacre in Jenin's refugee camp during a military oper-

ation there earlier this year.

"Don't jump on every bandwagon every time there's a headline that an atrocity has been committed until the investigation is completed," he urged. "I'm still waiting for someone at the CBC to say, 'We were deceived about Jenin.' Even the United Nations itself got swept up in an investigation."

Newspaper columnist Margaret Wente and Montreal-area member of Parliament Irwin Cotler also addressed the rally.

"Where has the leadership been on campus?" Wente asked.

"Probably the only hate speech that is tolerated now is the hate speech on campus about Israel and about America — and these are linked," she said.

After the Concordia riot, the university administration declared a "cooling-off period" and a moratorium on public events related to the Middle East.

But Wiesenthal has written to Concordia officials from his home in Vienna, urging them to announce immediately their intention to invite Netanyahu back for a second speaking engagement.

"Failure to do so will only embolden those who see violence as the only way to achieve results," Wiesenthal wrote.

University officials indicated they would consider the request, which was hand-delivered to the school by Rabbi Abraham Cooper of the Los Angeles-based Simon Wiesenthal Center.

Reports: Intolerance growing in Russia

By Lev Krichevsky
JTA

There's less tolerance of minorities in Russian society and better monitoring of hate crimes, according to two recently released reports.

Hate crimes increased significantly in most Russian regions in 2001, a report by a Jewish watchdog group says. The 250-page report, Antisemitism, Xenophobia and Religious Persecution in Russia's Regions in 2001, also states that the country's criminal justice system is unable to respond effectively.

The Union of Councils for Jews in the Former Soviet Union prepared the report, released last week in Washington. The Russian version will be released in Moscow next month.

The annual report documented hundreds of hate crimes, incidents of illegal hate speech, acts of xenophobia, anti-Semitism and religious persecution in the majority of Russia's 89 regions.

The report is "twice as big as our previous one, which doesn't only reflect a rise in xenophobia and anti-Semitism but a better monitoring network," said Micah Naftalin, UCSJ's national director.

In the last two years, the UCSJ has built an extensive monitoring ring in Russia's major regions providing regular updates on anti-Semitic manifestations in provinces often overlooked by other groups.

Another new report on Russian anti-Semitism, released recently by the Anti-Defamation League, also reported a rise in anti-Semitic incidents.

According to the ADL's semiannual report on Russia, the first eight months of 2002 saw a slight increase in the number of incidents over the same period in 2001.

In contrast to previous years, ADL said, this year's anti-Semitism in Russia was more violent, in some cases mimicking the methods used by terrorist organizations.

Last summer, a spate of booby-trapped anti-Semitic signs throughout Russia injured at least three people.

Recent opinion polls show that over the last several years Russian society generally has become less tolerant of ethnic minorities. The primary targets of hate and violence are dark-skinned people from

the Caucasus, a fact attributable to their visible presence in Russian cities and Moscow's ongoing war in Chechnya.

Jews and foreign students from developing countries constitute other "risk groups."

"Our greatest concern, however, is not so much the growing number of violent neo-Nazis but the continuing indifference of many municipal police forces to attacks on ethnic and religious minority groups, including Jews,"

Nickolai Butkevich, editor of the UCSJ report, told JTA.

Because many incidents go unreported or are classified as "hooliganism" in an effort by local authorities to downplay hate crimes, Jewish organizations are reluctant to publish the tally of anti-Semitic manifestations in Russia.

"The end result is that the statistics are artificially lowered and look small compared to hate crimes statistics in the U.S. or Europe, where the authorities are much more honest about these problems, giving the impression that the situation in Russia is much better than it actually is," Butkevich said.

The UCSJ generally takes a more militant stance on the issue of anti-Semitism and xenophobia in Russia.

Some of the most important trends highlighted in this report are:

* The most problematic regions are the southern parts of Russia such as Krasnodar, Stavropol, Rostov and Volgograd. Resentment in these areas against recent newcomers from the Caucasus and Central Asia leads to significantly higher support for paramilitary and neo-Nazi groups, who sometimes redirect their hatred away from Muslim immigrants toward Jews and other minorities.

* Islamic fundamentalism has engulfed much of Chechnya and the neighboring republic of Dagestan, and there is a danger that it will spread to other traditionally Muslim regions, putting their Jewish populations in danger. The attempted bombing of the Nalchik synagogue in August is the most recent example of the trend.

* Regional authorities are registering ultranationalist groups, putting into serious question the attitude of local authorities toward Jews and other minorities.

The report documented multiple cases of police indifference toward skinhead attacks against dark-skinned foreign students in some cities, but said police in Moscow and some other cities in central Russia have started to arrest skinheads and put them on trial.

Jewish leaders in Russia all agree that state-sponsored anti-Semitism now belongs to the past. Russian President Vladimir Putin has earned praise from the Jewish community for his repeated statements against xenophobia and nationalist violence.

But UCSJ and some other

human rights groups in Russia criticize the government for paying lip service to the struggle against racism in order to deflect Western criticism, without having any intention of backing up words with action.

Two major umbrella organizations of Russian Jews, the Federation of Jewish Communities and the Russian Jewish Congress, issued statements on anti-Semitism earlier this week.

Both groups gave credit to Putin for speaking out on issues of xenophobia, but demanded that the government do more against anti-

Semitism.

Borukh Gorin, a spokesman for the federation, said his group is now appealing more often to the authorities on issues of anti-Semitism.

"We are doing this not because there is more anti-Semitism but because we see the authorities have begun to fight it," he said.

"After every major anti-Semitic act there is some follow-up from the authorities," Gorin said. That's something that never happened during the rule of former President Boris "Yeltsin, when all our appeals went unanswered."

Controversial German pol faces jail

By Toby Axelrod
JTA

A German politician may end up in jail over irregular funding for a campaign flyer that critics call anti-Semitic.

Jurgen Mollemann resigned Sunday as leader of the Free Democratic Party in his home state of North Rhine-Westphalia after allegations about the flyer surfaced.

Mollemann is facing an investigation over funding for the flyer, which he had printed and distributed to 1 million residents in his home state at a cost of nearly \$1 million.

The controversial flyer, issued days before the Sept. 22 federal elections, described Mollemann as a longtime supporter of both Israel and a Palestinian state.

The flyer then repeated Mollemann's past accusations against Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon and German Jewish leader Michel Friedman.

It criticized Sharon's policies and accused Friedman, a vice president of the Central Council of Jews in Germany, of defending Sharon and trying to label Mollemann "as 'anti-Israeli and anti-Semitic.'"

The leaflet also urged voters to support Mollemann by voting for the Free Democrats.

Mollemann, who long has expressed sympathy for Palestinian suicide bombers, roiled Germany earlier this year when he said Friedman helped provoke anti-Semitism by his manner and behavior.

In September, facing allegations that his anti-Israel, pro-Palestinian positions were responsible for the Free Democrats' poor electoral showing in the national elections, Mollemann resigned as the party's national vice president.

Following the allegations, Mollemann has only a matter of days to reveal the names of contributors who helped fund the flyer. If he fails to comply, he may face a jail term of up to three years.

To some, the campaign finance scandal is secondary to the uproar caused by the fliers themselves, which led the leader of the Free Democrats, Guido Westerwelle, to distance himself from Mollemann in the last days of the election campaign.

Journalist Henryk Broder, who reprinted Mollemann's flyer on his Web site, wrote that no other world conflict would serve the politician's purposes as well as the Mideast conflict, "because there have to be Jews there in order to make" Mollemann's "blood boil."

Investigators say the account set up to fund the flyer contains mostly anonymous donations, which is illegal according to laws governing political parties.

If the sources of funding are not revealed, the funds must be turned over to the president of the lower house of Parliament, Wolfgang Thierse.

Mollemann, who is recovering from a heart problem in the Canary Islands, criticized his party leaders but gave no hint of when or if he would clear up the mystery of the donors.

He accused Westerwelle and party treasurer Gunter Rexrodt of seeking his downfall rather than caring for the future of the party. Rexrodt told the German Press Agency that the bank account for the flyers had contained some \$800,000, mostly from anonymous donors.

Of some 145 donor signatures, only a few could be deciphered. The 11 individuals who have been reached have denied that they made contributions.

Rexrodt also said a prosecutor in North Rhine-Westphalia would soon announce the results of a judicial investigation into the case.

Meanwhile, the honorary chairman of the Free Democrats, Otto Graf Lambsdorff, made a reference to Mollemann's past expressions of sympathy for Palestinian terrorists, calling him a suicide bomber against his party and his own ambitions.

Lambsdorff, who was the government representative in negotiations to provide reparations to Nazi-era slave and forced laborers, also told a radio station that Mollemann has "used every chance he got to blow himself up politically."

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JEWISH ARTS AND CULTURE

Koufax, the subject of new bio

By Peter Ephross
JTA

As a kid, Jane Leavy was an anomaly — a Jewish baseball fan who didn't root for Sandy Koufax.

Blame her grandmother, who lived around the corner from Yankee Stadium and bought Leavy her first baseball glove.

"She was the woman who supported, with her grandmotherly tolerance, my infatuation with baseball," Leavy says.

In fact, Leavy says she snuck her glove into High Holiday services and prayed that Koufax, pitching for the Dodgers, wouldn't hurt the Yankees if the two teams met in the World Series.

During the past few years, Leavy, a longtime sportswriter, learned a lot more about Koufax — originally signed as "the great Jewish hope" by the Dodgers when they were still playing in heavily Jewish Brooklyn — as she researched a biography of him.

But "Sandy Koufax: A Lefty's Legacy," isn't a typical biography.

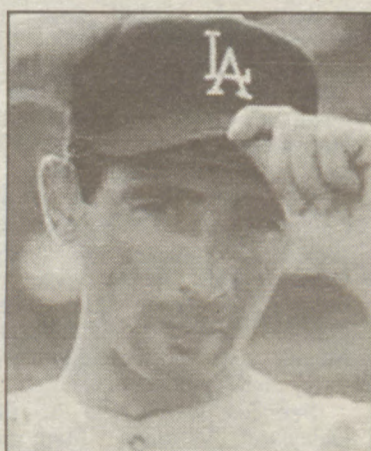
Leavy, a longtime sports writer

who lives in Washington, details the outlines of Koufax's life — his childhood in Brooklyn and nearby Long Island; his mediocre early years with the Dodgers, as he struggled to control his wild pitching; and his outstanding five years between 1961 and 1966, when he had five of the greatest years any baseball pitcher has ever enjoyed before retiring because of a sore arm.

As part of her novel approach to the craft of biography, Leavy alternates chapters of Koufax's life with an inning-by-inning description of Koufax's perfect game in 1965, as told by fellow players, fans and friends.

But as she crafts the biography, Leavy makes it clear that she is as interested in the light that Koufax's life sheds on U.S. history in the 1950s and 1960s — as a Jewish athlete emerges as one of America's greatest sports heroes.

Indeed, Leavy goes beyond the famous Yom Kippur story — when Koufax refused to pitch in the first game of the 1965 World Series



Sandy Koufax

because it would have forced him to pitch before sundown on the Jewish calendar's holiest day — to explore Koufax's Jewishness.

Koufax, who was raised by his stepfather, mostly grew up in a Brooklyn milieu where "you were Jewish because you were from Brooklyn," said Gloria Marshak Weissberg, a classmate of Koufax's at Lafayette High School.

"The schools closed on the holidays because the teachers were all Jewish. You were Jewish by osmosis."

During his career, Koufax encountered a lot of anti-Semitism. In one incident, Koufax and the Dodgers were stuck in a bus in Miami with no air conditioning.

As Carl Erskine, a fellow Dodgers pitcher, told the story to Leavy, the players "were moaning and mumbling, and Billy Herman was one of our coaches, who was a Hall of Famer. And after a while, he yells out, real loud, 'You can give this damn town back to the Jews.' And Sandy's sitting right across the aisle, you know? And all of us are, 'Oh Billy.' So after a few minutes of silence, Sandy, in a real soft voice, says, 'Now, Billy, you know we've already got it.'"

Like slugger Hank Greenberg in the 1930s and 1940s and Shawn Green, a contemporary Jewish star for the Dodgers — "by honoring his tradition and acknowledging his tradition, while not really discussing it, he certainly enhanced and made

it easier for other people to identify themselves proudly as Jews. And at the same time, he broadened the cultural image of what a Jew is," Leavy says of Koufax.

His staunch resolve in the face of anti-Semitism is typical of the portrayal of Koufax that comes through in the book — as a man of quiet dignity and modesty.

In the biography, Leavy refuses to discuss much of Koufax's personal life, including his two failed marriages.

"There's a certain level of dignity that he comported himself with, and I thought it behooved me" to uphold his privacy, she says.

And even before she began writing the book, Leavy realized that Koufax had affected her.

While covering the U.S. Open tennis tournament on Yom Kippur in 1983, Leavy realized she had learned more from Koufax than she had previously thought. Although working on deadline, she walked out of the press box — and hasn't worked on Yom Kippur since.

Israel mulls response to bus bombing

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crisis plays out.

Monday's attack came as Israel, urged on by U.S. officials, was making efforts to ease hardships on the Palestinian population and seeking ways to advance the diplomatic process.

In the days before the attack, Israel had been lifting curfews imposed over the past few months on Palestinian population centers in the West Bank to prevent terrorists from infiltrating Israel.

Israeli police said the explosives-packed jeep apparently came from the Jenin area, three days after Israeli troops pulled out of the city and lifted its curfew.

Defense Minister Benjamin Ben-Eliezer recently said that Israel's

dilemma is that as soon as it eases restrictions on the Palestinian populace, terrorists exploit the situation to carry out attacks.

Despite expectations, Israel did not reimpose blanket curfews across the West Bank in the wake of the latest bus bombing.

On Tuesday, the Israel Defense Force lifted curfews in Jenin, Ramallah and Nablus, but imposed them in Kalkilya and Tulkarm, according to Israel Radio. There were no curfews in Hebron and Bethlehem, the report said.

The military wing of Islamic Jihad claimed responsibility for Monday's attack, saying it was revenge for the killing of eight Palestinians during clashes in the Gaza Strip last week.

Foreign Minister Shimon Peres

blamed the Palestinian Authority for the attack, saying it is doing nothing to fight terrorism.

"We know it may be impossible to prevent all acts of terror, but the least we expect is that the Palestinians really show an effort to stop it even if they did not organize it," Peres told Reuters television from Luxembourg, where he met with E.U. foreign ministers on Monday.

Public Security Minister Uzi Landau, who advocates hitting hard at the terrorist infrastructure, said the attack should surprise no one. He called on Israel to step up its pressure on all Palestinian terrorist centers.

"We have to look for all the terrorist infrastructures in all the Palestinian cities," Landau was

quoted as saying by Army Radio. President Bush condemned the bombing, calling it another reminder of the importance of achieving peace and halting terrorism.

The attack came as the assistant U.S. secretary of state, William Burns, was holding talks in the region on ways to revive the diplomatic process.

Israeli officials charged that the attack was aimed at undermining the mission by Burns, who was due to arrive in Israel on Wednesday.

According to reports, the No. 841 Egged bus had stopped to pick up passengers at Karkur junction when the jeep pulled alongside and blew up. The massive fire that engulfed the bus hampered rescue efforts. Witnesses spoke of watch-

ing helplessly as people inside were burned alive.

Guy Yechiel, a witness, said he was traveling with a friend when he heard the explosion.

"It was huge, like something I'd never heard before," he told Israel's Channel Two Television. "We ran over to help the wounded. I saw a soldier lying on the ground, his hands were fluttering. I grabbed them and asked him, is he okay, does he need something. And then he just died."

The method used in Monday's attack was similar to a June 5 bus bombing on the same road, in which a car bomb blew up beside a bus near Megiddo junction, killing 17 people.

Islamic Jihad also claimed responsibility for that attack.

Israel: first person perspective

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that the wall now bulges five-feet out of shape, threatening to collapse. First the Muslim holy-site caretaker organization, the Waqaf, denied the bulge. Later they said it had been there years before the Waqaf hollowed out Solomon's Stables to build an underground mosque. Finally, they said Jews created the bulge as an excuse to visit the Temple Mount. We watched as Jordanian stonemasons inspected so they could recommend how to fix the ancient wall.

In Abou Ghosh, a peaceful Israeli Muslim Arab town near Jerusalem, we ate lamb kabob, humus and pita, just downhill from the Elvis Inn's life-size statues of the crooner. They sell post cards of Elvis at the Wall wearing a Tallis. I heard that his mother was Jewish, so, Halachically speaking, so would be Elvis! That night, CNN's European channel started reporting random sniper killings that grew to include children, women and men day after day near Washington D.C.

On our second Shabbat in Israel, more than one hundred informally dressed congregants of a Progressive minyan celebrated my Sabra nephew's bar mitzvah in a public school's spacious and balconied lobby at Meveserit. On Friday night, an open window framed modern Jerusalem shining in the setting sun. Across the street was the absorption center that launched my Aunt and Uncle into Israeli society 30 years ago, now housing Ethiopian Olim. Saturday morning, after his D'var Torah, my cousin glowingly congratulated her son. Last, in English she thanked us: "...for coming all the way to Israel to represent my American family." Overcome by memory and more, she broke out sobbing uncontrollably. My aunt and uncle had visited Israel to celebrate her bat mitzvah, as did my parents for her wedding! Now we were there for her son's bar mitzvah as time blurred and life continued.

A hotel clerk explained how a suicide bomber slipped while boarding a bus. A sympathetic driver and a medic rushed to help, saw

wires and the bulging shirt, held him down, shouted for the passengers to flee, then ran separate ways before the bomber exploded himself to in a grotesquely perverse attempt to enter Paradise. Home in the USA, friends said they had worried about our safety and asked: "Was it safe in Israel?" Well, I don't know. Some Christians must think it is safe, because they still visit, and they still fund and support the Ingathering of Jews from around the world. Was I safer in Israel or in the USA? I had to think about it.

In just thirteen months I had witnessed via the media 9-11, a failed airline shoe-bomber, anthrax shutting-down Congress and the Postal Service, anti-Semitic killings beatings and burnings and swastikas throughout Europe, arson and shootings at synagogues in Key West and Los Angeles, a Tunisian synagogue suicide truck bombing, a Washington D.C. area serial sniper, the Bali night club slaughter, the Abu Dhabi oil tanker attack, Marines bombed in Indonesia, and more.

Is it safer in the USA than in Israel? Unlike the forgiving shopkeepers, unlike my Israeli relatives, unlike so many Israelis who said: "Americans are afraid to come, I understand," I do not understand. Instead, I recall how Europe's Jews in the 1930's reasoned: "If we stay home in Germany, Austria, France, Poland, Belgium ... here we will be safe." Safe, I suppose, like a cold-war era school child crouching under a desk during an atomic bomb attack safety drill.

Could it be that by staying home and avoiding Israel by the millions, Jews are doing to Israel what Israel's enemies could not since 1948? Perhaps one by one, each Jew who avoids visiting Israel is choking Israel's economy, weakening and isolating Israel? One by

one, could Jews themselves be undermining the only place that welcomes Jews unconditionally, the only place where anti-Semitism will not arise to destroy Jews?

I have faith that millions of more American Jews, one by one, will awaken to the lovely peace of Shabbat as it spreads like a calming mantle over the land of our inheritance. What other place is there on Earth more compelling for a Jew to live or visit than Israel? How liberating it is to shake off our hobbling fears and worries, and trusting in G-d, do what we know in our hearts is right! G-d willing, my wife and I will attend our next Sabra relative's bar mitzvah in one and one-half years. To my heart I am a willing captive of Israel, our inheritance.

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MILESTONES

In Memoriam

BRILL

Blema (Binky) K. Brill, 86, died on October 6. A resident of Wilmington since 1919, Mrs. Brill was a trailblazer-graduating from college and continuing on to graduate school where she earned a masters degree in Psychology. Her training lead to a distinguished career in educational testing and counseling in Washington D.C. and Wilmington.

Her husband, Leroy A. Brill, Esq., died nearly three years ago. The couple had no children but were devoted to their nephews, Stephen and Richard Hermann and their children. Graveside services were held on October 8.

Contributions in her memory would be appreciated to the Kutz Home, 704 River road, Wilmington, DE 19809.

HAREVAN

Dr. Tamara Kern Harevan died October 18. She was Unidel Professor of Family Studies at the University of Delaware. Her expertise in the fields of family history, the life course and aging earned her international recognition as an author and presenter. Graveside services were held in the

North Cemetery of Hampton, CT. Contributions in her memory may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

REDLUS

Grace Redlus, nee Willey, died October 13. She was preceded in death by her husband of 58 years, Robert and her brother, Norman Willey. She will be greatly missed by her children; Carolyn and Stanley Kraftsow, Jill Landing and Jacob and Lisa Redlus; brothers, Sam and William Willey; sisters, Ruth Sweetman, Rena Peters, Mary Scott, Kathleen Cain and Bonnie Collins; brother-in-law Jack Redlus; sisters-in-law, Marion Carroll and her husband, John and Evelyn Sitzer and her husband, Saul. Mrs. Redlus will also be missed by her seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

The family requests that contributions in her memory be made to the Parkinson's Charity of the donor's choice.

SCHIFF

Seymour "Sy" Schiff of Hockessin died October 18. A native of Brooklyn, New York, he attended City College of New York and the famed Juliard Music

Institute. Mr. Schiff played in numerous bands throughout the years. While serving in the United States Army Air Force, he was a member of several Army bands. His military service cultivated a life-long interest in military history.

Mr. Schiff is survived by his devoted wife, Irene Setz Schiff; his sons, Brian of Alexandria, VA and David of Lake Jackson, TX; his brother, Herbert and sisters, Helen Gordon and Ruby Soloff, all of Miami; two grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Services were held at the Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Bear. Contributions in his memory would be appreciated to the Alzheimer's Association, 2306 Kirkwood Highway, Wilmington, DE 19805.

Expression of Sympathy

The Board of Directors and staff of the Jewish Federation of Delaware mourn the passing of Alfred Lerner on October 23, 2002.

Mr. Lerner, chairman and chief executive officer of MBNA, distinguished himself for his exemplary achievements in the business world and for his enormous contributions to philanthropic organizations.

*May his memory be a blessing
to his family and friends.*

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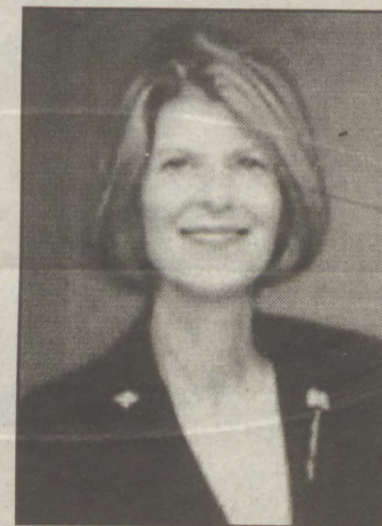
Local woman reelected to Board of Directors

The Honorable Councilwoman Karen Venezky of Newark, Delaware, has been reelected to the Board of Directors of the Hadassah Foundation. The Foundation, established with a \$10 million permanent endowment fund, is dedicated to refocusing the priorities of the Jewish community through innovative and creative funding for women and girls in the United States and Israel.

Venezky is coordinator of the newly formed Leadership, Education, Training Division, and a member of the National Board and Executive Committee. She has served Hadassah as a national vice president, as coordinator of the Research and Development Division and the Communications Division, as a chair of the Strategic

Planning Department, and as a member of the Hadassah Medical Organization board.

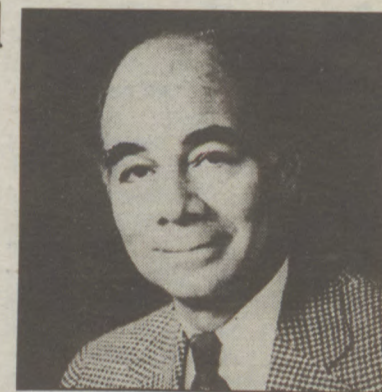
As a member of the seven person New Castle County Council, Venezky is chair of the Council Public Safety Committee, founder and chair of the County Tree Commission, and founder and chair of the New Castle County Small Business Commission. She has served on the Board of Directors of the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society, the Board of Directors of the Jewish Federation of Delaware, the Public Relations Committee of the American Cancer Society, the Board of the Domestic Violence Project, the Grand Opera House Board and the Delaware Performing Arts Board.



Honorable Councilwoman
Karen Venezky

Edell cited for expertise in ultrasound

Dr. Steven L. Edell, medical director of the Women's Imaging Center of Delaware, is the only Delaware physician to be included in the "List of Experts 2002-2003" prepared by the American Institute of Ultrasound in Medicine (AIUM). Dr. Edell was selected for his expertise in obstetrics-gynecology, breast and abdominal ultrasound. AIUM is an organization of over 9500 physicians who specialize in ultrasound.



Dr. Steven L. Edell

Arts festival returns to South Jersey

The Festival of Arts, Books, and Culture returns for its 13th year to the Katz Jewish Community Center, 1301 Springdale Road, Cherry Hill. Scheduled for Sunday, Nov. 10th through Sunday Nov. 17th, which will feature family events, entertainers, a documentary film, art workshops and presentations by popular authors.

This year's headliner will be "HERITAGE: Symphonic Suite with Narration." 53 members of the Philadelphia Orchestra will per-

form a musical rendition of the history of the Jewish People based on the Emmy Award winning score of the PBS TV series "Civilization and the Jews".

Comedienne Wendy Liebman, American Comedy Award winner will perform during the Festival which also will feature a screening of "Promises".

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"The Feminine Mystique and Art of Aging" is the focus of a program geared for women in their 40s and 50s. Created and presented by Dr. Alison Kursh, the workshop will be held on Wednesday, October 30th 1:30 to 4:00 p.m. at the Brandywine Country Club. The cost is \$35 per person and includes light refreshments. Advance registration is required at the JCC Front Desk. For additional information, please call Ivy Harlev at 302-478-5660, ext. 204.

HADASSAH PRE-SCHOOL PROGRAM COMING TO WILMINGTON

Al Galgalim: Training Wheels, a Jewish family education program created by Hadassah, is coming to Wilmington. This nine-session program for pre-school age children (2-5) and their parents or grandparents, builds Jewish identity through celebrations of Shabbat and the annual cycle of Jewish holidays. The Wilmington Chapter of Hadassah is now recruiting participants for the program to be held at Congregation Beth Emeth beginning in January, 2003. For more information please call or email Judy Arenson at (302) 652-8755 or judyarenson@earthlink.net.

A SHLOMO SHABBOS AT AKSE

Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Cantor Joel Kessler will lead a special Shabbat service featuring the music of Shlomo Carlebach on Friday, November 15, 6:00 p.m. The community is invited to attend. For more information, please call AKSE at 302-762-2705.

GUEST AUTHOR VISITS JCC
Alan Morinis, author of *Climbing Jacob's Ladder: One Man's Rediscovery of a Jewish Spiritual Tradition*, will speak about his spiritual journey back to Judaism on Monday, November 4, 7:15 p.m. at

the Delaware JCC. The program is free of charge and open to the community by advance registration. Please call Ivy Harlev at 302-478-5660 for additional information.

VOLUNTEER FOR THE UJC GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Share in the excitement of the United Jewish Communities General Assembly-the world's largest annual gathering of Jewish community leaders. Become a volunteer at this year's GA, November 20-22nd in Center City, Philadelphia. You'll meet diplomats, organization leaders and Jewish scholars from around the world. By volunteering, you are allowed access to any open meeting or program during your "off duty" hours, will be invited to attend a special Delegates' Reception at the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts, will receive discount coupons to area restaurants, museums and theaters and will be able to visit the Vendor's Marketplace featuring arts, crafts, Judaica and Jewish-related services. The GA is accessible to SEPTA's Market East-the Gallery Station. You will receive a \$10 voucher to subsidize your transportation costs for each day you volunteer (redeemable after the conference is over). To register, please call Sheila Krinsky at the Jewish Federation of Delaware, 427-2100, ext. 15.

CAREER WORKSHOP AT NEWARK JCC

Explore new careers or reinvent your current job at a Tuesday, October 29th workshop. The program begins at 7 p.m. and is offered at a cost of \$10 per person for Newark JCC members and \$13 per person for non-members. Call 302-368-1673 to register.

AKSE SLATES SILENT AUCTION

Mark your calendars for Saturday, November 2nd, 7 p.m. when Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth offers a silent auction of art,

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BETH EMETH HOLDS USED, NOT ABUSED SALE

The Sisterhood of Congregation Beth Emeth in Wilmington will host its annual Used But Not Abused Sale on Wednesday, November 6th from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Thursday, November 7th from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. For more information, please call the synagogue at 764-2393.

CAJE SPONSORS CONTEST FOR YOUNG WRITERS

Young adult writers, ages 18 to 35, may compete for cash prizes in the 13th annual David Dornstein Memorial Creative Writing Contest for Young Adult Writers sponsored by the Coalition for the Advancement of Jewish Education (CAJE). Entries of short stories on

Jewish themes are being accepted now through December 31st. Manuscripts should be typed double-spaced and mailed to: CAJE/Dornstein Contest, 261 West 35th Street, Floor 12 A, New York, New York 10001

JFS HELPS SEPARATED AND DIVORCING FAMILIES

Jewish Family Service will offer Healing Hearts, a Family Court mandated program for parents and children engaged in separation or divorce. The program will be held from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. in JFS' Wilmington Office, 101 Garden of Eden Road on November 6 and 13 and again on December 4 and December 11. For additional information, please call Lynne Brown at 478-9411.

SCHOLARSHIP AID FOR ISRAEL STUDIES

Scholarship applications are now available for the 2003-04 academic year for those planning to spend the

year studying in Israel. The Alisa Flatow Memorial Scholarship Fund was established by the family of the late Alisa Flatow, an American student studying in Israel, who was killed in a terrorist attack in Kfar Darom on April 9, 1995.

Applications are available on-line at www.alisafund.org. They should be downloaded from the website and typed or completed in a word processor format.

HILLEL LAUNCHES LUNCH AND LEARNS

On Tuesday, October 29th, University of Delaware Philosophy Professor David Silver will present "Different Jewish Views of the Torah" as part of the University of Delaware Hillel's Lunch and Learn series. The program will be held at the Hillel Student Center, 47 West Delaware Avenue at 12:30 p.m. A kosher deli lunch will be served. For additional information, please call 453-0479.

Jews and Education

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of 0.23%, and the relatively small American Jewish population. If one limits the analysis to Nobel Awards for Chemistry, Physics, Medicine and Economics, the percentage of Jewish winners rises to 25% worldwide and to 38% in the USA. These are exceptional achievements.

In light of the fact that Israel, the Jewish State, is currently battling Palestinians and in a manner of speaking defending itself against the world of Islam, a similar com-

parison based on winners of Nobel prizes is quite instructive. The Muslim population of the world stands at about 1.2 billion people or 19.6% of the world population. Muslims have won 8 Nobel Prizes. This compares with 154 prizes won by Jews whose world population stands at 14.1 million. In effect, the recognized significant contributions in the many spheres of endeavor for the betterment of mankind stands at the equivalent of one Jew's contribution to those of 1655 Muslims.

These staggering differences in recognition of Jews by Nobel Prizes vs. the worldwide population in general Muslims in particular show the dedication of Jews to education and the improvement of the human condition on this planet. Jews have passed on the drive for intellectual achievement through education from generation to generation beginning in biblical times. It has been given justified recognition by Nobel Prizes in a variety of important fields of endeavor.



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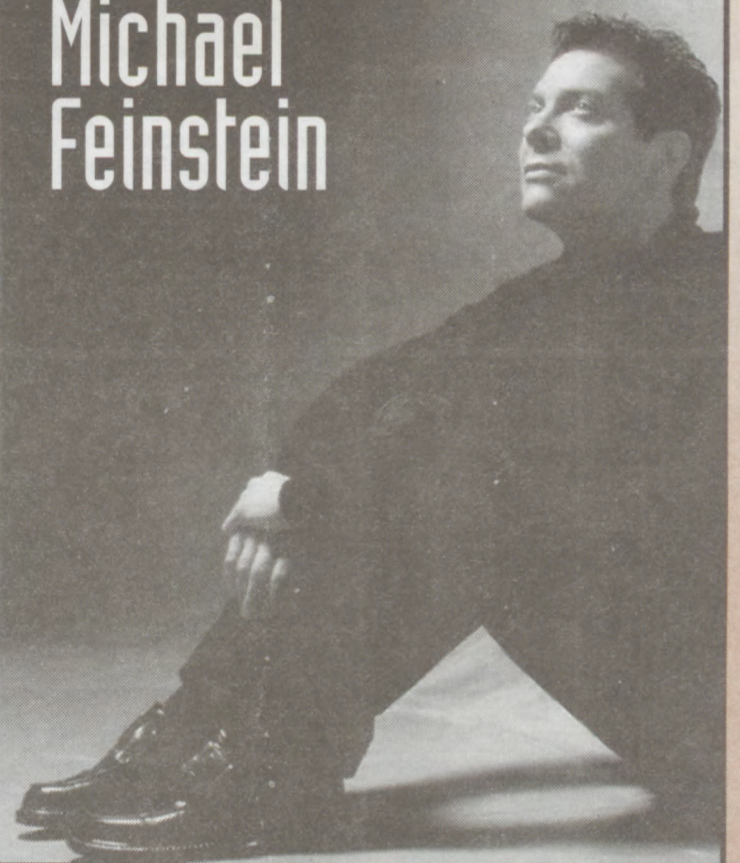
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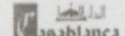
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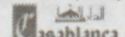
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