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Special Analysis: The Rotation Of The Premiers

By DAVID LANDAU

The Peace Process



SHAMIR SWORN IN

JERUSALEM—NEW ISRAELI Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir delivers his inaugural address Oct. 20 to the Knesset after being sworn into office. The Likud party leader will serve as prime minister for 25 months under a power-sharing agreement with the Labor Party that allowed Shimon Peres to serve in the post for the same amount of time. Peres will serve as foreign minister. CREDIT: RNS PHOTO/Wide World

Illuminating Coincidence; Ben-Gurion And Wiesel

Last week marked the centenary of David Ben-Gurion's birth. It was also the week in which Elie Wiesel won the Nobel Peace Prize. The coincidence sheds light on several enduring truths.

Ben-Gurion was one of a handful of political giants who appeared in the middle third of the 20th century and changed history. Hitler, Stalin and Mao Zedong changed it destructively; millions of people died and millions more were enslaved. Churchill, De Gaulle, Roosevelt and Ben-Gurion changed history constructively. In large measure because of them and the decisions they took, millions more had a chance, or a renewed chance, to live in freedom.

In one sense, Ben-Gurion's achievement was most remarkable of all. The others led nations large in territory and population — nations and governments which existed before they came to power. Ben-Gurion needed not only political savvy and strength of character; he also needed a vision. Not alone, but more than any other individual he led the rebirth of a small scattered, powerless people in a state of their own, on ancestral land, speaking once again in daily life a language that for centuries had been confined to the sanctuary. Ben-Gurion's triumph, the triumph of the Jewish people, is unparalleled in history.

So was the destruction of one-third of that people. Wiesel's books do not only document the Holocaust, they testify to it. They insist that, beyond death, the six million will not be silent. To a sometimes hostile, often indifferent world, these works constitute a double vow — we will not be silent, and never again.

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JERUSALEM — Two years ago the pundits here and abroad were predicting, almost to a man, that the government of national unity was a non-starter, a lame duck, bound to collapse no sooner than it set out on its 50-month course.

The differences between major parties were considered too big, the instability of the coalition too built-in, to brook any longevity. The capacity for crises was seen as endemic — and any crisis was thought likely to be fatal.

Now, half-way through the terms, the Prime Ministerial rotation was implemented with remarkably little friction. Those same pundits — having eaten their earlier words as gracefully as possible — are now predicting with renewed self-confidence that the government will last its full statutory term.

"Its weakness is its strength," is one of the now-popular theories.

Each sides' inability to cobble together an alternative, narrow-based coalition is cited as the reason why the myriad crises of the past two years ended in compromise and resolution — and why the inevitable crises of the future will similarly be weathered.

The Real Lesson

The real lesson, however, of these past two years might well be not that the pundits were wrong then, nor that they are right now, but that Israeli politics are in an inherently unpredictable phase following the inconclusive results of the 1981 and the 1984 Knesset elections.

"A week," said former British Premier Harold Wilson, "is a long time in politics." Two whole years in Israel's unity coalition, with the two main partners straining to be rid of each other and of their shotgun marriage, are by that criterion a veritable aeon of mystery and unpredictability.

Even if Shimon Peres and Yitzhak Shamir had pledged to each other their solemn oath to stick together come what may — which they patently have not — external circumstances, beyond their control or influence, could evolve in the months ahead to pull them apart.

Community Calendar

• Nov. 6, 13 and 20 - SHOAH will be shown in three consecutive Thursday evenings, 7-10 p.m. at Springer Intensive Learning Center, 2220 Shipley Rd., Wilmington. \$2.50 for series; \$1 for individual showings.

• Dec. 4 - Happy Hour for Jewish singles, 21-29, 5-8 p.m., Rockwood Room of the Greenery Too in Greenville.

• Dec. 7 - 14 - Numerous community activities at the Jewish Community Center in celebration of Jewish Book Month.

• Dec. 14 - JFD Campaign Kickoff, 6:30 p.m., Brandywine River Museum.

• April 12 - Fiddler on the Roof, sponsored by the Jewish Community at the Grand Opera House.

Call Federation office for details 478-6200.

In the peace process, a significant shift by Jordan would instantly put Labor and Likud into a confrontational posture. Premier Peres, in his valedictory address to the Knesset Oct. 7, said that while he had not managed to lead Israel to the negotiating table, the door to the negotiating room had been opened.

He added that Israel and Jordan, through the United States, were discussing the modalities of an international forum that would ultimately facilitate direct negotiations.

What Peres did not say, in so many words, was that so far King Hussein of Jordan had disappointed both him and U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz in his failure to follow through on his rift with the PLO by entering unequivocally into a peace process with Israel.

But Hussein's equivocation may suddenly end — especially if Peres is able to continue building for the hesitant Hashemite monarch a supportive bastion of moderate Arab opinion.

In this context, Peres' recent visits to Morocco and to Egypt, and the warm public endorsements he elicited from both King Hassan and President Hosni Mubarak, may be encouraging harbingers of an Arab consensus.

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SHOAH

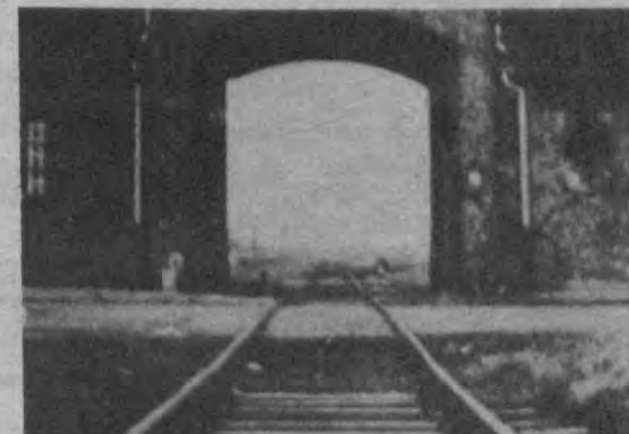
"AN EXTRAORDINARY ACCOMPLISHMENT — unlike any other Holocaust film ever made. This isn't a conventional documentary composed of newsreel footage from the archives. The images of SHOAH prompt no preconditioned responses. SHOAH is a voyage of discovery through memories that because they are contemporary, bring the past back to us with a devastating clarity."

So wrote Vincent Conley in his review of SHOAH for the *New York Times*.

The Delaware Jewish community has a unique opportunity to see this classic film in three parts at Springer Intensive Learning Center Auditorium, 2200 Shipley Road Nov. 6, Nov. 13 and Nov. 20, 7-10 p.m.

To make reservations for the series at a cost of \$2.50, call the Jewish Community Center at 478-5660. Individual showing tickets are \$1 accepted at the door.

Plans are being made to present SHOAH in Newark in late February and early March. The Lower Delaware community may expect to see SHOAH at the beginning of 1987.



Editorial

Jewish Unity: A Call For Cooperation And Mutual Respect

We are a group of lay people active nationally in American Jewish religious life who have been meeting together regularly over the past year. While our respective affiliations reflect the diversity of contemporary Judaism — Orthodoxy, Conservatism, Reform, Reconstructionism — we feel a common sense of Jewishness and an abiding commitment to Jewish unity.

Jews are one people — an extended family — with a common history and a common destiny. As a people, we share a heritage of Torah that has been a blessing to all mankind. We share an ancient calendar with which we mark off the seasons of the year and the years of our lives. Committed to the perpetuation of Judaism, we share responsibility for transmitting our tradition to our children. We share a pride in the contributions of our people in every age and in the rebirth of Israel in our age. And we share the knowledge that anti-Semites do not distinguish one kind of Jew from another. All these are ties that bind us together. From them we derive the imperative that our diversity not be permitted to threaten *ahavat Yisrael*, the love Jews bear for each other.

Unfortunately, a mood of acrimonious discord in contemporary Jewish religious life threatens our cohesiveness as a people. If allowed to continue unchecked, the forces of disunity will surely cripple the central communal institutions of Jewish life, disrupting Jewish philanthropy and weakening our support for Israel and our defense against anti-Semitism. Escalating conflict among Jews may also alienate some to the point of disaffiliation from the community. In time, our differences could split the Jewish people into sects that will not recognize each other as Jewish.

We view these internecine conflicts with great alarm, and believe that they should be tempered and moderated through a series of steps.

There must be a return to civil discourse among Jews. Today there is all too often a meanness and an abrasiveness in the conduct of Jewish religious bodies and leaders toward others in the community with whom they disagree. Constant denunciation hampers communal effectiveness. We must work to lower the decibel level of our internal squabbles, end the name-calling in public and private forums, and promote mutual respect in our dealings with one another.

The various Jewish religious movements must renew a commitment to joint action on a common Jewish agenda, or else our efforts on behalf of *khal Yisrael*, the Jewish people as a whole, will fail. Such an agenda would include solidarity with Israel, support and rescue of oppressed Jews around the world, strengthening Jewish education, maintaining the social welfare of our people, enhancing Jewish family life, participating creatively in Jewish communal and cultural activities, and seeking a more just American society.

To promote understanding among Jews of different religious orientations, the educational programs of each movement should stress not only the beliefs and practices of that movement, but also the factors that unite all Jews and promote mutual respect.

Much of the current divisiveness comes from a relatively small number of vocal individuals who exert a polarizing pressure on their more moderate colleagues. We need to counter this tendency by encouraging and fostering those who promote understanding and cooperation among Jews. Since so much of the acrimony stems from differences over Jewish conversion and divorce procedures, we favor serious consideration of proposals for a national *bet din* with local branches which would deal with these matters in a way acceptable to all Jewish religious movements.

In dealing with the specific issues that threaten Jewish solidarity, a good deal of forbearance and mutual accommodation is necessary. As a general rule, before a movement or organization decides on the substance, scope, announcement and timing of a position or a policy statement, it should consider the effect on fellow Jews and on the unity of the Jewish people.

Having found the process of dialogue between Jews of different religious orientations both stimulating and productive, we urge that similar groups, both rabbinic and lay, be convened in communities across the country. In our experience such dialogue in and of itself engenders mutual understanding, respect and forbearance.

We may define our Jewishness in different ways, but all of us need each other. By acting with greater civility, mutual respect, recognition of what unites us, and simple *ahavat Yisrael*, we shall be doing our share to preserve the continuity and strength of the Jewish people.

—A Statement by Concerned Jewish Laity

LETTERS to the Editor

Guest Editorial Off Base

Dear Editor:

The Oct. 3, 1986 issue of *The Jewish Voice* included an article reprinted from *Forbes* entitled "American Bar Association Makes Disappointing Decision," which was critical of the ABA's "refusal to rescind its year-ago recognition of the Association of Soviet Lawyers." That article is unfair in its remarks about lawyers and about the ABA. Moreover, it ignores the facts that (1) virtually every Jewish organization urged the ABA not to rescind the agreement and (2) the agreement was renegotiated to include a human rights provision.

Certainly, the issue of ABA relations with the ASL is a difficult one, and one on which there is a division within the Jewish community. After careful consideration, however, every major Jewish organization, with the sole exception of the ADL, supported the ABA's decision not to rescind the 1985 "Declaration of Cooperation" with the ASL. Both the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council and the National Conference on Soviet Jewry urged the

ABA not to abrogate the Declaration. The Jewish Federation of Delaware communicated those positions to Delaware's delegates to the ABA convention.

In addition, the article ignores the fact that the agreement with the ASL was renegotiated by the ABA to include a provision that human rights must be included in meetings between American and Soviet lawyers.

Despite the propagandistic nature of the ASL, the Jewish organizations believed that the ABA was correct in maintaining the opportunity to talk to Soviet lawyers and to include human rights issues on the agenda. It is unfortunate that *The Jewish Voice* would now print an article which suggests that, as a result of availing themselves of that opportunity, "lawyers are held in...low esteem" and the ABA has lost its "moral compass."

Sincerely,
Jack B. Blumenfeld
P.O. Box 1347
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Poland Today

Dear Editor,

I am enclosing a xerox-copy from the authoritative *Encyclopedia Judaica* (Vol. 17, p. 511) about Poland. Please print this article to give the facts about this country. (Italics mine.)

POLAND (see 13:709). The present Jewish population of Poland is approximately 6,000. *In Warsaw there remains only a single synagogue and in the whole country there is no rabbi. The Jewish cemetery in Bialystok was transformed into a public garden, and the authorities are planning to erect a large industrial plant on the site of the Jewish cemetery in Breslau (Wroclaw). The famous Jewish cemetery in Warsaw has been repeatedly desecrated by gangs who stole the marble from the graves, and it is feared that part of it will be liquidated to make way for a railway line.*

The Social and Cultural Society of Jews in Poland has come under the

full control of the Ministry of Interior and almost all of its social functions have been terminated. After the Jewish cooperatives were liquidated, the Polish government began to defray the rather modest budget of the society.

In 1976-77 the Jewish issue again became a motif in the official propaganda campaign which came on the heels of the Polish workers' protest movement against rises in food prices, and the activities of the "Committee for the Defense of the Workers," and dissidents.

The prolonged instability of the situation has resulted in intensified exploitation of the Jewish issue, and the press directly attacked and ridiculed Jewish religion, tradition and customs with the result that Jewish life is compressed into a lifeless framework which, nevertheless, still continues to function.

The Jewish Cultural-Social Commit-

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Time Is Running Out...

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...You can prepay your annual Federation campaign gift for one or more future years. You can deduct this prepayment at 1986 tax rates.

...You can establish a philanthropic fund which can be used in future years to fund your Federation and other charitable gifts and obtain a deduction at 1986 tax rates.

...You can establish a charitable remainder trust with cash, long-term capital gains or other assets. This trust can provide income for yourself and/or spouse for life and entitle you to an income tax deduction at 1986 tax rates.

...You can establish a charitable lead trust which provides Federation with income for a period of years or for the duration of your life. At end of the trust the assets are returned to your or your beneficiary. You obtain an income tax deduction at 1986 tax rates. Special estate tax savings are also possible.

For more information please call Connie Kreshtool, director, Jewish Community of Delaware Endowment Fund (478-6200).

Ben-Gurion And Wiesel—

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The careers of Wiesel the writer and Ben-Gurion the nation builder intersect in this way: It has been said that before the Nazis the Jews of eastern Europe displayed nearly all the attributes of a sovereign people. They had a large population living in geographic proximity. They had their own language — Yiddish — their own religion, their own businesses. They enjoyed a thriving press and a multitude of educational, social and cultural institutions, which they supported themselves.

But even though they had been in Poland, Lithuania, the Ukraine and elsewhere for centuries, sometimes longer than those who ruled the same countries, the Jews of eastern Europe were not sovereign. They had no state, no army, no way to defend themselves, and they perished. Wiesel's work testifies to how they perished. Ben-Gurion's points the way to survival.

Reprinted from the Near East Report.

Rotation Of Premiership—

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Peres, moreover, has made it abundantly clear that he will not permit himself to be stymied by Premier Shamir in his pursuit of these diplomatic overtures, which he launched late in his own terms as premier.

Idea Of An International Forum

Similarly, if the idea of an international forum or conference takes on more concrete and practical form — at the moment it is still the subject of controversy or suspicion in many world chanceries — this could quickly end the Labor-Likud policy-cease-fire which is at the basis of this unity government.

For after all, the government has maintained its existence until now because the two major partners have not been required to address the essentials of the Palestinian issue — on which they are irretrievably divided.

Preparations for an international conference would inevitably bring those differences to the fore, in the form of the question of Palestinian representation.

Peres, at his summit meeting with Mubarak in Alexandria, declared that the Palestinians were a people like any other people. He has said repeatedly that he would accept "authentic Palestinian representatives" as negotiating partners.

This is not a position which the Likud could support if it were removed from the realm of rhetoric and placed squarely in the center of an in-

ternational diplomatic confabulation.

Shamir has been at pains to pour cold water on the notion of an international conference — and seems to have won over at least some in the Reagan Administration to this viewpoint. These American policymakers are less concerned by the Palestinian aspect than by the prospect of the Soviets returning to center-stage in Middle East diplomacy.

The Domestic Front

On the domestic front, relations between Labor and Likud could quickly deteriorate to breaking point if Labor begins to feel that the Likud, holding both the premiership and the key Ministry of Finance, is loosening the reins of austerity and handing out pre-election largess, as it did in 1983-4.

Peres has made it clear — he did so with diplomatic understatement in his Knesset speech — that he and his party take most of the credit for restoring the country to economic stability after inheriting the roller-coaster hyper-inflation of the Likud years.

Still, Labor finds it hard to face the future denied any real say in economic policy-making. This frustration may grow ominously as the Shamir premiership wears on and the next elections loom closer.

Shamir, always canny and patient, has let his ideologues have their say.

As long as Shamir can hold off the incessant challenge (to himself) from Ariel Sharon, his pragmatism should ensure that, on this issue at least, the unity government can continue to hold together.

Gov. Castle Denounces UN Resolution 3379

Delaware Gov. Michael N. Castle recently denounced UN Resolution 3379 equating Zionism with racism. In a strong statement issued Sept. 23 he condemned the resolution, calling it a "perversion of justice, a distortion of the United Nations charter, and a mockery of the democratic ideals of America." He further urged the General Assembly of the United Nations to "immediately repudiate this detestable document."

A world-wide campaign to repudiate UN Resolution 3379 has been underway for more than a year. Among those who have come out forcefully against Resolution 3379 are President Ronald Reagan, the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives and Vernon E. Walters, U.S. Ambassador to the U.N.

People of conscience throughout the free world have recognized this resolution as a distortion of the truth and an attack on democratic values. To culminate this effort, State Governors from around the United States

have issued 32 statements of proclamations denouncing this libelous affront to American sensibilities. Delaware Gov. Michael N. Castle recently took this vitally important step by writing a strong statement in opposition to UN Resolution 3379. He condemns the resolution, calling it a "perversion of justice, a distortion of the United Nations charter, and a mockery of the democratic ideals of America." He further urges the General Assembly of the United Nations to "immediately repudiate this detestable document."

In 1975 the United Nations General Assembly adopted Resolution 3379 equating Zionism with racism. The doctrine is an outright attempt to delegitimize the very existence of the State of Israel and was promoted by an array of dictatorships and repressive regimes seeking to undermine the democratic ideal within the community of nations.

(Gov. Castle's statement is reprinted below.)

MICHAEL N. CASTLE
GOVERNOR



STATE OF DELAWARE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

September 23, 1986

STATEMENT IN OPPOSITION TO UNITED NATIONS RESOLUTION 3379

On November 10, 1975, the United Nations General Assembly adopted the infamous Resolution 3379, equating Zionism with racism.

Americans of conscience, including the President, Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, have unequivocally condemned Resolution 3379 as a perversion of justice, a distortion of the United Nations charter, and a mockery of the democratic ideals of America.

Zionism is a legitimate movement committed to equality, justice, and political democracy. Resolution 3379 is an effort by oppressive regimes to delegitimize the State of Israel, and to provide a distorted justification for terrorism and violent anti-Semitism.

This type of pernicious manipulation of a peaceful international forum can not be tolerated by the moral and free-thinking people of the world. It is with great personal commitment, therefore, that I denounce United Nations Resolution 3379 and urge the General Assembly of the United Nations to recognize these facts and immediately repudiate this detestable document.

Sincerely,

Michael N. Castle

Michael N. Castle
Governor

ISRAEL THROUGH MY EYES

Ze'ev Golin



Thoughts At The End Of Summer

As in America the beginning of the school year means the end of summer for Israel's youth. Throughout the country the casual look of summer is suddenly replaced in one day by the blue or green shirted student uniform. On that very afternoon the book and stationary stores are swamped with restless school children buying the required textbooks and school supplies.

Within the next month ice cream will vanish from many of Israel's small neighborhood groceries. I remember going into a small chassidic run grocery not far from our home, and asking for ice cream. On that 85-degree day after Simchat Torah, the proprietress shook her head, pointed to the disconnected freezer and said, "Iz schoyn vinter, Englishman" (It's already winter, Englishman.)

Yet one can see the practical reasons for the shopkeeper proclaiming Simchat Torah the end of summer. The workers have spent their holiday bonuses: Rosh Hashana in particular brings a flurry of spending for food, drink, clothing and gifts. In the "winter months," the shopkeeper will have to get by supplying the public with its minimum needs. The next great flurry of spending is half a year away at Passover.

This summer of 1986 has brought grief to Israel's Turkish community. One month ago, the seafont promenade in Bat Yam rocked to lively sounds coming from the Turkish cafes and restaurants. Now there is silence as friends and family mourn the 22 victims of the atrocity in Istanbul.

All in all, however, it has been a summer of peace and hope. Peres has gone to Morocco to speak face to face with another Arab leader, who had once given lip service to Israel's destruction. Mubarak seems serious about closer ties. The dream of renewed relations with the Soviet Union and opening to that country's

two million Jews, is moving closer to reality.

In July, inflation ground to a halt. In August, it registered another all-time low. This was due largely to the artificial restraints on wages and prices. Yet signs of real economic stability are in the air; fewer people are panic buying or thinking in dollars. The average credit card billing has gone from once every two weeks to once every one or two months. Soon we will have a card with payment terms similar to those in the United States.

For all this, Israel's per capita income is half of Spain's, one of free Europe's poorest countries. Our awkward blend of blumpling state socialism and anemic private enterprise is something to behold. This misdirected marketing system has snarled the relationship between supply and demand and wages and prices. In a country founded on socialist-Zionist principles, inequality of income is worse than in capitalist America.

Nevertheless, for the first time in over a decade, the average Israeli has confidence in his country's economy. Nurses excepted, there is peace on the labor front. There is hope, however slim, that our bankers, economists and business men will use the "pause" to start constructing a truly efficient and productive economy.

Will the "pause" of summer continue for the foreseeable future? Dare we think of matters such as attracting more immigrants of means and talent, renewing the development of the Negev, and improving the delivery of social services? Is peace and prosperity "just around the corner," or will we be back to square one with economic stability or the threat of war?

In the year 5747, let us hope for the best for Israel, the Jewish people and the world.

were invited to Poland, in connection with the implementation of a plan to establish a Jewish exhibit hall in the former extermination camp at Auschwitz. It was the first time that the authorities in Poland displayed a readiness to permit Israeli institutions to participate in the implementation of the plan, and even to be assisted by the advice of Israeli experts. The Warsaw Institute of Jewish History was also invited to assist in drawing up the plan.

Sincerely,
Rabbi Leonard B. Gewirtz
Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth
Wilmington, DE 19802

Editor's Note: Ziggy Gorson's article on Poland (Sept. 19, 1986) has stirred much controversy and interest in Poland today. Given this interest, we are publishing a review of Remnants: The Last Jews of Poland. Please see page 17.

ON THE OTHER HAND

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The Annual Appeal

We've had the synagogue appeals, the Israel Bond appeal, the Family Campsite appeal, the Federation appeal, and the United Way appeal; not to mention a flock of heart, lung, cancer, etc., medical appeals, a brace or two of alumni appeals and a gaggle of political campaign appeals. I have one more for you, but, unlike the others, it won't cost you a cent. As the people who sell carpets and diamonds say, it's an investment, not an expenditure. And this really is an investment, with big dividends.

My appeal? Study — study a Jewish text — learn about this great religion, this unique culture, this way of living, of which we are the heirs and must be the transmitters. Study for joy! Study for identity! Study for survival!

For those who have read this far and are ready to turn the page, I know your objections: I have no time; it's not relevant to my life; it's too difficult and boring; it's too late for me to start; any or all of the above plus a few more I haven't thought of. You are wrong, dead wrong. Jews as individuals, Jews as a people, cannot survive without study. Moreover, our existence as Jews, as a unique people, has little meaning without study.

As for the various reasons for not studying, there are answers to each of them lying right in the texts we should be studying. Let's take them, one by one, beginning with relevance.

The Torah, the Mishnah, the Talmud, the Midrash are far more concerned with life and how to live it than with theology. The problems with which these texts deal are as current as today's newspaper: How much do you pay a contractor who does part of the job and then quits? When is it "right" to put an aged sick parent in a nursing home? What are the limits of your responsibility when a friend leaves something with you for safekeeping? When you go to a wedding, should you compliment the bride on her beauty when she is really homely? This is the stuff of daily living, not esoteric philosophy.

As for the difficulty of study and the lack of time, one of our sages noted almost 2000 years ago that "the time is short and the task is great," but he also urged that while "you are not called upon to complete the work (study), yet you are not free to evade it." None of us can do it all — there is too much even for the quickest and most ambitious — but we can make a beginning and do what is within our capability, a little each day, a little

more each week.

It's too difficult? One of the basic tenets of Judaism is that there are no secret texts, no books reserved for the elite. This is why the great prophet Ezra read the scroll of the Torah in public for all to see and hear, a practice we recall today in our synagogues when we hold up the scroll at the end of the reading for all to see, and chant "Zohr ha-Torah," "this is the Torah." Read Deuteronomy 30:11-14 for the answer to the question of difficulty:

For this commandment which I command thee this day, it is not too hard for thee, neither is it far off. It is not in heaven that thou should say, "Who shall go up for us to heaven and bring it unto us, and make us to hear it, that we may do it?" Neither is it beyond the sea, that thou should say, "Who shall go over the sea for us, and bring it unto us, and make us to hear it, that we may do it?" But the word is very nigh unto thee, in thy mouth, and in thy heart, that thou mayest do it.

As for it being too late to start, the parade example to the contrary is the great Rabbi Akiba, who began his studies at the age of 40, a simple farmer who didn't even know the alphabet, we are told. There is a tale of Akiba, that he came upon a rock in which a hollow had been worn by the slow dripping of water. If water, which is soft, he reasoned, could wear into rock, which is hard, how much more will the strong words of Torah make their impression on the soft tissues of my heart and mind.

The time to begin to study is now, today! The place is the home, the synagogue, the *havurah*, the office, the country club. The resources of our Delaware community are ample, both in books and teachers.

Judaism and the Jewish community of America will not survive by the elimination of prayer in the schools, by symposia and articles on the dangers of intermarriage, by ethnic clubs and social events, by fundraising. And not by bagels and lox and gefilte fish, either. We are here today as Jews because of the countless ones in each generation who kept alive the flame of study, who have been here to remind us WHO we are and WHY we are here. There are such men and women today throughout America, but never enough. Let us, each of us, be among those who, each in his own small way, keeps bright the flame for our children and our children's children.

CORRECTION

As a result of a typographical error in the guest editorial printed in the Oct. 3 issue of the *Jewish Voice*, two sentences were rendered incomprehensible. The correct wording of these sentences is as follows:

We maintain our faith in our community and its willingness to meet a responsibility which everyone in the

community shares. Just as it is a certainty that one cannot build half a pool or half an amphitheater of half a football field, it is a certainty that the community will meet the goal it has set for itself.

Our apologies go to *Voice* readers and to author Irving Morris.

Letter —

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tee is still in existence, as the Jewish Historical Institute and the Jewish Theater. The newspaper *Folksshtime* also continued to appear. The institute received permission to resume publication of the academic journal *Yidishe Bletter* whose publication had ceased several years earlier.

In the latter part of 1977 the Poles took several tactical steps to improve their image with regard to Jewish matters. In October and December 1977 the chairman of the Organization of Former Jewish Partisans and Fighters in Poland (Stefan-Shalom Greik, an Israeli), the chairman of Yad Va-Shem (Dr. Yitzhak Arad), and a representative of kibbutz Lohamei ha-Getta'ot (Zvi Schneir)

Shultz Calls Recent Soviet Gestures Inadequate

The following remarks have been excerpted from a speech given by Secretary of State George Shultz before members of the National Conference on Soviet Jewry earlier this month.

"The Soviets sometimes act as though they're puzzled about our preoccupation with human rights and with the welfare of people who are so far away from us.

"No country founded on the commitment to those rights can remain indifferent to their abuse. Since our very founding, America has borne witness to the idea that these rights are not the privilege of the few, but the sanctuary of all men and women, and we must stand for that and continue to stand for that.

"You all know the recent record in the area of human rights. The Soviets have made several high profile gestures: the release of Natan Schcharansky and his family; the decision to let Yelena Bonner travel to the West; and the resolution of the substantial number of cases of Soviets who have close relatives in the U.S., including several spouses of U.S. citizens.

"Exit permission was granted to a small number of well-known refuseniks; and the Soviets agreed to language in the Geneva Joint Statement on "The importance of resolving humanitarian cases in a spirit of cooperation," a theme repeated by General Secretary Gorbachev in his address to the Party Congress in February.

"Unfortunately, these moves, welcomed in and of themselves, do not reflect any turnaround in the overall human rights situation in the Soviet Union. In some respects, it has clearly worsened over the past year. There is a continuing crackdown on internal dissent. The situation for Soviet Jewry is grim and deteriorating.

"During the first nine months of this year only 631 Soviet Jews were allowed to emigrate. At this rate, fewer than a thousand will leave in 1986, a tragic contrast to the 51,320 people released in 1979.

"The Soviets often claim that all Soviet Jews who wish to leave have already done so. In fact, there are more than 11,000, as you all know, who have applied for emigration and been refused. Many of these refuseniks have been waiting for years in difficult conditions for permission to leave the U.S.S.R.

"Another, conservatively stated, 300,000 or more have taken the first step in the

emigration process by requesting an invitation from abroad, and many, many more — who knows? — have not applied, because they fear harassment, loss of employment, or other forms of persecution that have been visited already on would-be emigres.

"The Soviets need to know that we cannot continue to improve relations with them unless we see significant, sustained progress on human

rights, including the right to emigrate.

"They know that we have widespread, bipartisan support for the cause of Soviet Jewry — in fact, I don't know of any opposition. It isn't just bipartisan support; it's universal — and equally widespread outrage over the low levels of emigration, and continued persecution. They should know that there can be no lasting improvement in our relations as long as Soviet

citizens are deprived in principle of the rights to speak, read, worship and live where they please.

"So our message to the Soviets is simple: Token gestures or short-term lowering of barriers will not suffice. What the American people want to see is a genuine and lasting improvement in the situation of Soviet Jews as part of a broader commitment on the part of the Soviet authorities to allow their

citizens to exercise basic human rights, including freedom of movement.

"So I stand here with you saying, I pledge to you on my own behalf, and I know the president's behalf, that we will always keep after this issue; we will never give up on this issue; that it will have — right up to the top — priority in our discussions, and we will hope and pray with you that we will see a result. That's what counts."

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Letter From Israel

Here we are in Israel. Why are we in Rehovot Israel instead of the comfort and tranquility of Wilmington Delaware? We were and are seeking a living experience which encompasses many things. While in Wilmington, our commitment to Judaism, the Jewish community and family grew stronger. A year in Israel is a logical progression from our last seven years in Wilmington. There are many paths to a fulfilling Jewish life; the one we have chosen is the one in which we live in a value system closely related to our own.

We know that experiencing Israel will give us a lot. We'll be operating within an everyday living framework with which we are "in sync." An example of everyday conflict in life systems is the case of the weekly calendar. In America, the norm is not to have a day of rest on Shabbat (Saturday). In wishing to recognize, even in a modest way, the need for a day of rest, particularly on Saturday, one is forced to be out of step. One can still be secure in his/her identity with Judaism and still feel internal conflicts, not only to life style but to basic identity. In Israel, people celebrate Shabbat in a variety of styles and various observances — but it is observed. There is no work, the stores are not open. With sundown Friday night, one can really feel the arrival of Shabbat.

The Israelis have made a great society for children. The attitude is very caring, the lifestyle independent and safe. Children entertain themselves by playing outside or walking or biking to their activities. Taking children by car is of course, ever present, but the chauffeuring occurs far less often than in the U.S. Taking the bus from Rehovot to Tel Aviv or Jerusalem is safe and easy even for youngsters who speak little Hebrew. We feel our children will function on a higher level of independence and develop more self-reliance. Certainly living in Israel is the advanced course in creative problem solving. By management of their new coping skills within a new culture they will gain confidence, and in some ways a whole new perspective on growing up to be a useful, competent mature adult.

In conjunction with the caring attitude toward children, the attitude toward newcomers is equally positive. Everyone we have met has been friendly. Our children have been "adopted" by neighborhood children, who have been outstanding in their willingness to perform small kindnesses and overall openness to becoming friends. Having a friend for a

child experiencing a new culture is truly invaluable. On another level, adults who were aware of our arrival have gone out of their way to make our first few weeks as easy as possible. Our neighbors in the apartment provided us with a basket of food on the evening we arrived in Israel. We had never met them before. This is just one example in a long list of the numerous warm and friendly gestures we have experienced since we've been here.

We hope especially for our children to get an appreciation for the achievements of present day Israel. Not only are the natural wonders of Israel impressive, but we would like them to see what vision, hard work and brain power can achieve. At the same time, life here is not all roses and idealism. Israel is a modern state with all the problems and pitfalls pertaining thereto — with a couple of extra ones thrown in also. Israel is a country of dichotomies. Is it Western or Eastern? or

both? Is it a socialistic or capitalistic system or both? Is it a religious or secular state, or again is it trying to be both?

But in the end we felt Israel could be discussed and verbally dissected only for a limited period. After that it's a case of diminishing returns. To be understood more fully, the process had to be carried out from the "inside." Perhaps, at some time in the future, our understanding of Israel and Israelis and our efforts on behalf of Israel via

the Weizmann Institute will contribute something to this society, even if its in a very small way.

To sum up Israel so far: Is there any place in the world so dynamic, inefficient, fun, exciting, aggravating, fast or slow as Israel?

Warm Regards,
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Lelaine and Stuart Nemser are in Israel for a year where he is a visiting scientist at the Weizmann Institute. He is also a visiting professor at Technion in Haifa.

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Israel: The 'Eyes' Have It

By ROBERT KERBEL,
JFD Executive
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I've just returned from Israel. Though I have been there on many missions and professional trips, each visit leaves a different impression — implants another image.

This time it was faces and most especially eyes. The sparkling laughing eyes of the children of Jesse Cohen, our Project Renewal neighborhood of Holon; the appreciative eyes of the senior center participants in the same neighborhood which saw younger people come to dance and sing and break bread with them. The eyes of all the people who welcomed us for home hospitality at Jesse Cohen. Our hostess, Yemenite, our host Iranian, and their neighbors from Morocco, Iraq and Tunisia —

some unemployed, others under-employed. Our hostess was 25 years old with two adorable children of one and a half and 7. She works as a maid (her husband is an unemployed truck driver.) Eyes gleaming with pride, she told us that with tuition money provided by Project Renewal she is learning word processing.

Or the faces and large, beautiful, dark eyes of the Ethiopians at the Absorption Center in Hadera. The confused eyes of the elders — confused that they are no longer in control — the blind eyes of a 14-year-old who came to Israel with severe eye disease or the others with lung and intestinal diseases, some caused by malnutrition. Tuberculosis and dysentery are "new" diseases with which Israel is coping. The Ethiopian

Jews are an exotic looking people, sturdy, strong and regal, learning to live in a new culture. They are amazed at light switches, toilets, stoves, steps, elevators — all of these are new "toys" to experience. As all new immigrants everywhere, the children are learning quickly and the older generation at a much slower pace.

The rugged faces and sharp eyes and trim physiques of the *kibbutzniks* at Sde-Boker, Ben-Gurion's last home, who proudly showed us their products and then shared their problems — lack of funds, need for a library, cultural center, sports complex, modern equipment for their cellophane-type factory — and the first item on their agenda is to build a synagogue — a synagogue on a secular kibbutz — so that their children (150 of them) can learn about Judaism in a liberal Jewish environment which has alternatives.

The happy faces of the severely retarded and physically handicapped young adults living in a kibbutz atmosphere at Kfar Raphael near Beersheva in the Negev learning how to live as a family and sharing all work and responsibilities caused a lump in all our throats.

And then the thousands of young, glistening, happy eyes on Ben Yehuda Street Mall in Jerusalem. Every shade of skin, eye and hair color. Israeli soldiers, American college students, teen-agers from all over Jerusalem laughing, walking, singing, eating ice cream, pizza and *felafel*.

There is more — so much more — but what does it all



The Western Wall, Old City of Jerusalem

mean? That the Israelis, no matter what the economic, military or political problems are alive and well.

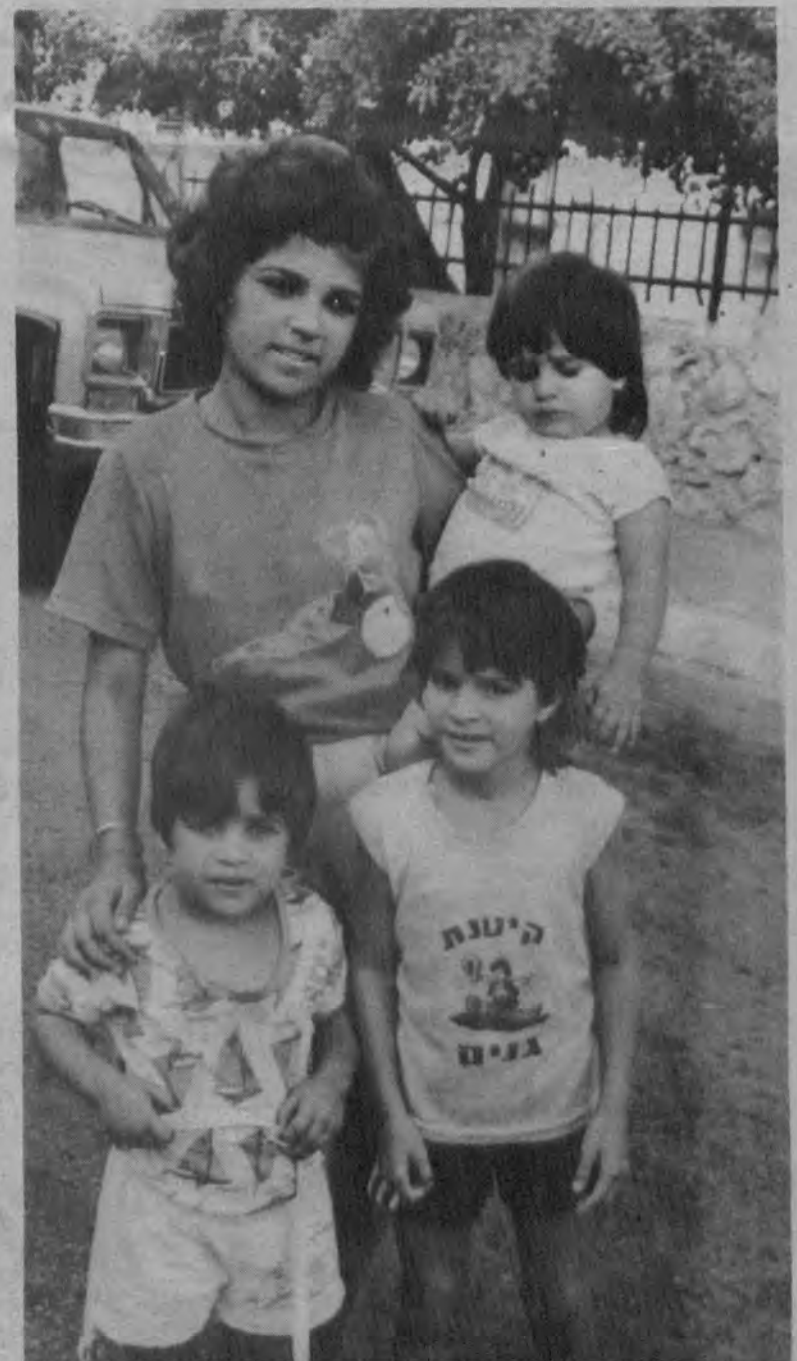
People, originally from 80 different countries, speaking 120 different languages or dialects are in Israel by choice to develop its future (our guide was from Chile, and our UJA Israeli liaison a lovely woman from India).

All the Israelis we met, no matter what concerns they expressed, had one request in common — Come to Israel — as a tourist, a student, a temporary worker, or to live — but come.

Anyone who desires information on missions to Israel should contact Bob Kerbel, the author of this article, at 478-6200.



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Was Columbus Jewish? Simon Wiesenthal Thinks So

By SOL H. MARSHALL
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Sails of Hope: The Secret Mission of Christopher Columbus. By Simon Wiesenthal. Translated from German by Richard and Clara Winston. Macmillan. New York. Out of print.

Celebration of Columbus Day, marking the birthday of the discoverer of the Western Hemisphere, fell this year on Yom Kippur. Yet, Jewish ser-

vices probably made no mention of Columbus, whose feats changed the course of history — and perhaps the Jewish people.

Simon Wiesenthal, noted researcher and investigator whose principal mission has been to locate Nazi criminals, turned his attention more than two decades ago to the question of why Christopher Columbus set out on his important westward journey on

Aug. 3, 1492, the date set for Jews to be expelled from Spain.

Wiesenthal thought it more than coincidence. He checked out all possible sources, including academic materials which had been proven as fact, as well as myths and rumors that had been recorded in various forms. He visited Spain to inspect original documents and verify copies of old manuscripts.

Wiesenthal noted that Spain of 1492 was at the height of the Inquisition. Jews were being forcibly converted, and the *conversos* were tortured and killed because they were not religious enough.

Jews and Marranos (Jews masquerading as Christians) supported Columbus' plans to explore the western seas. Apparently the support of King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella was not financial, but only royal permission.

The money for the venture came mostly from a Marrano, Luis de Santangel, who was so close to the king that he held a special warrant guaranteeing him and his descendants protection from the Inquisition.

The explorer's quest for a royal charter was furthered by people high in the government who had Jewish blood and whose support could have led them into great peril. Why did they persist?

Wiesenthal submits that other countries also were insecure havens for Jews, so Jews looked further. They supposed that in "the Indies" there were lands populated by descendants of the 10 lost tribes of Israel, where safety and security could be found.

Wiesenthal presents information in two areas. First, he recounts the legends and myths about the wanderings of the early Hebrews, how they settled and were influential in a number of nations and maintained their religion and traditions.

He postulates that the stories of Benjamin of Tudela and other travelers gave Jews confidence that there were places on earth where they could be safe from persecution.

The other area centers on Columbus. Wiesenthal concludes that Columbus was more than a weaver, like his father, and a cabin boy and ordinary seaman later on. Columbus had a command of foreign languages including Hebrew and was well-versed in history, geography, the Bible and cartography, the latter which was a field dominated at the time by Jews.

Columbus found his way quickly into Marrano and Jewish circles in Italy, Portugal and Spain. It is common

knowledge that he had a Hebrew translator on his vessel, the Santa Maria. Why did he feel that he needed this language if not to speak to the natives of lands he would find? Also, Wiesenthal lists a number of seamen known to have been Marranos or who had names of Jewish derivation.

Both Spain and Italy claim to be Columbus' native land. Wiesenthal believes that historians of both countries disavow conflicting testimony and perhaps destroyed evidence that he was Jewish in order to move freely in the higher social and political circles of Italy, Portugal and Spain.

On-the-spot research and discussions with historians still revealed some discrepancies, and Wiesenthal is objective enough to point them out. His conclu-

sion, however, is that Columbus was Jewish. His search for the Indies was more to find a homeland for the Jews of Spain than for fabled riches. That was the plum he held out to Ferdinand and Isabella to gain their support.

While the exploration did not provide a haven for Jews of his day, it did lead the way to the discovery of continents which centuries later provided shelter for thousands of Jews fleeing from the Holocaust in Europe.

This book was published in 1972 in German by a Swiss firm, and translated into English for Macmillan in 1973. It is out of print, and available only in libraries, accidentally in garage sales, or through specialist book dealers.

Sol. H. Marshall of Los Angeles regularly reviews books for the JTA.

Correction

An article about Ellen Schall published in the Oct. 3 issue of the *Jewish Voice* neglected to mention that her father, Edward W. Schall, was president of the Jewish Federation of Delaware from 1965 to 1968. We apologize for the inadvertent omission.

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By PRISCILLA W. SIEGEL
Special to the *Jewish Voice*

"There is but one key to the present and that is the past." These words of Max Muller, the philologist, may aptly be applied to the current exhibition at the Metropolitan Museum of Art "The Treasures of the Holy Land." This exhibition consisting of about 200 ancient objects from the Israel Museum in Jerusalem was, for me, particularly memorable. Like many Jews, I cannot even trace my personal ancestry back further than one, or at most, two generations. While our shallow roots seem irretrievably buried, it is exciting to see our deeper roots uncovered.

The objects in the "Holy Lane" exhibition were carefully selected, representing, according to the curators of the Israel Museum, the "quintessence" of that museum's collection. Arranged chronologically, and grouped into seven time periods, we can follow, from the 11th millennium B.C. to the 7th century A.D., the history and progress of civilization in the corner of the Mediterranean world we know as the "Holy Land." We witness, through the artifacts, the beginning efforts of humankind to explain, control and document a little understood and often frightening world. As we browse through the centuries, the increasing sophistication of workmanship, iconography, and diversity of materials become apparent. By the time we reach the 7th

century religious doctrines have become codified, and international influences incorporated into the indigenous arts and crafts of the region.

The exhibition was designed to emphasize the aesthetic aspect of the artifacts, an emphasis readily apparent. But the combination of a collection of objects of high aesthetic quality and historical and cultural significance adds up to a particularly rewarding experience.

Though all the objects are noteworthy there were some that were especially poignant as reflections of the need to explain and perhaps placate the great unknown. From the neolithic period, was a seated fullbodied female figurine of clay. Probably a forerunner of later similar mother goddess figures, she surely was meant to ensure fertility. A shrine from the Canaanite period composed of 10 basalt stelae and a seated male statue is a mysterious and evocative composition, with a sense of reverie and supplication so strong that I felt my presence was intrusive. And while the Israelite period is characterized by great architectural projects and city planning and engineering, this period also left a rich legacy of ivory, pottery, bronze and stone artifacts. A small, ivory modelled head of a young woman with elongated eyes, well proportioned nose and softly smiling mouth reminds us that ancient standards for feminine beauty are still with us.

Again, I had a sense of an inner spirit — as though she was smiling at some secret, and smiling at us across the centuries.

The final period represented in the exhibition, the late Roman and Byzantine, includes a 6th century mosaic pavement which depicts a synagogue facade and a Torah shrine, and was presumably meant to evoke the Second Temple of Jerusalem. The mosaic is a document, not only of 6th C. synagogue decoration, but also of ancient Jewish ritual objects and synagogue architecture.

"Treasures from the Holy Land" is not a glamorous, glitzy production. It is quiet and contemplative, and provides, for many of us, a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to study this collection from the Israel Museum. The selection of objects — utilitarian, religious, aesthetic — the organization of the artifacts, and the explanatory notes make it an informative, easy to follow and provocative exhibition. The awareness that three major contemporary religions and much of contemporary thought were born in this Mediterranean region gives added excitement to the show.

The exhibition will be at the Metropolitan Museum through Jan. 4, 1987, and the catalog (paper \$19.95, cloth \$29.95) is well written and illustrated. Tickets at \$4.50, which includes admission to the museum, may be purchased at the museum or through Ticketron.

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Cooking In Delaware

By SYLVIA F. PANITZ

Apples are one of the few fruits that are available year round. Prices of apples seem to soar in the summer months and the selection is not as great. However, in late September and early October the new crop arrives and the cost is considerably lower. The apple is the most valuable of all fruits grown on trees and it is more widely grown than any other fruit. Apple trees grow every where except in the very hottest and coldest regions of the world. There are 18 varieties that make up about 95% of the apples produced in the United States. Some of the by products of apples are apple juice, apples cider and ap-

plesauce.

There are various expressions containing the word apple that have become part of our speech. For example we say "it is as American as apple pie;" the "apple of his eye;" "an apple for the teacher" and "an apple a day will keep the doctor away." Contrary to popular belief that Eve made Adam eat an apple from the Tree of Knowledge, my daughter was quick to point out to me that the Bible does not mention apple but states that it was "forbidden fruit."

The apple is also part of our Rosh Hashana meal as we dip apples in home. On Simchat Torah the kids are usually given apples. I remember as

a child my father would take me to *shul* in East Baltimore on Simchat Torah. I was given a Simchat Torah flag and on the end of the stick was put in an apple. Then a Hanukkah type candle (they were always orange colored in those days) was stuck in the core of the apple and the candle was lit. Now the thought of kids marching around with lit candles makes me shudder!

APPLE POUND CAKE

- 3 cups unsifted flour
- 1 tsp. baking soda
- 1 tsp. salt
- ½ tsp. ground cinnamon
- ½ tsp. ground nutmeg

- ½ cup corn oil
- 2 cups sugar
- 3 eggs
- 2 tsp. vanilla
- 2 cups finely chopped pared apples
- 1 cup chopped pecans
- ½ cup raisins

Combine flour, baking soda, salt, cinnamon and nutmeg; set aside. In a large bowl of electric mixer beat together oil, sugar, eggs and vanilla until thoroughly combined. Gradually beat in flour mixture until smooth. Fold in chopped apple, pecans and raisins. Turn into greased and floured 10 inch pan. Bake at 325° for 1 hour and 15 minutes or until cake tester in center comes out clean. Cool cake in pan for 10 minutes. Remove from pan and after it is completely cool store in an airtight container.

APPLESAUCE CAKE

- 2¼ cups all purpose flour
- 1½ cups applesauce
- 1¼ cups sugar
- ¾ cups shortening
- ½ cup milk
- 2 eggs
- 2 tsp. baking soda
- 1 tsp. ground cinnamon
- ½ tsp. cloves
- ½ tsp. ground nutmeg
- ½ tsp. salt
- 1 cup raisins
- ¾ cup chopped walnuts
- Powdered sugar

In large mixer bowl combine all ingredients except

raisins, walnuts and powdered sugar. Blend well, scraping bowl constantly. Beat at high speed for 3 minutes, scraping bowl occasionally. Stir in raisins and walnuts. Pour batter into greased and floured 9x13 inch baking pan. Bake at 350° for 40 minutes or until tester in center comes out clean. Cool cake in pan. When cooled sprinkle with powdered sugar.

APPLE-TUNA TOSS

- 1 medium head lettuce, torn in bite size pieces
- 2 cups diced unpeeled apple
- 1 11 ounce can mandarin oranges, drained
- 1 6½ or 7 ounce can tuna, drained and broken in chunks
- ½ cup coarsely chopped walnuts
- ½ cup mayonnaise
- 2 tsp. soy sauce
- 1 tsp. lemon juice

In a large salad bowl combine first 5 ingredients. Combine mayonnaise, soy sauce and lemon juice; mix well. Toss dressing lightly with salad mixture.

ENJOY!

CORRECTION

In the last issue of the *Jewish Voice* two ingredients were inadvertently omitted from the honey cake. There should have been 2½ cups of flour and 1 tsp. baking soda listed in the recipe. This cake can be frozen.

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Not A Pretty Picture

By Arnold Lieberman,
Executive Director



In the last issue of *The Voice*, I encouraged people to seek help at our agency regardless of their lifestyle. This was a most sincere statement since we do offer our services to anyone in need of help. However, helping people with problems is only a part of our service to the community.

We also feel a responsibility to "strengthen and preserve Jewish family life" through programs that are educational and hopefully may be preventative. Since we are the "family agency" in our community, we also try to keep people informed about the state of the family in our community and our country.

Shortly after I wrote the last *Voice* article, a feature

article appeared on the front page of *The Wall Street Journal*, entitled "Deceptive Picture: If You See Families Staging a Comeback, It's Probably a Mirage." This article indicated that "Experts predict a continuation of changes in lifestyles, and departures now represent 75% of the norm." Authorities in the field were quoted as saying that fewer and fewer American families conform to traditional stereotypes. Families are more diverse and less stable now than ever before.

More children are born to unmarried mothers (21.5% of all births in 1985); more childhood years are spent in fatherless families (60% of all

children born in 1986 will spend at least part of their childhood in a single-parent family); people marry later (median age at first marriage in 1985 had risen to 25.5 years for men and 23.3 years for women - all-time highs); people are quicker to divorce (half of marriages in 1986 will probably end in divorce) and almost one-fourth of all households are now occupied by just one person.

The specialists all agree that the current situation isn't going to be reversed any time soon. The only debate among experts is whether the economic, social and cultural upheavals that have beset the American family have begun to ease or whether still further upheaval lies ahead.

Although the Jewish family doesn't necessarily reflect the same figures, it has also moved into the many variations of family life. Jews along with non-Jews now face the vast increase in the number of different family roles each individual may go through. As recently as about 30 years ago, most men and women lived with parents until marriage, then had

children and continued living with the same spouse until widowed. Now, after living with their parents, they live alone, cohabitate with another adult, perhaps marry, have children, divorce, live alone, remarry,

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Dear Rachel

Dear Rachel,

I would like to convey to you a story that I find most disturbing. That is because it directly concerns me. I am Roman Catholic. For over a year, I have been dating a Jewish girl from the Wilmington area, and we love each other very, very much. We have plans to get married once our respective educations are completed. It seems very simple, despite our difference religiously, but there is an obstacle. Her parents are avid Jews. They make trips to Israel annually and do go to temple. Not being an extremely religious person, it doesn't bother me that the girl that I love is of a different faith. To me, some things take priority. After all, she bleeds red, as I do.

It still remains to the fact that her parents are prejudiced against me because I am

Roman Catholic. This has caused much heartache and pain between my girlfriend and me, and her with her parents. She is caught in the middle and I truly resent that. I am ignored by her father completely when I am staying at her house for the weekend. He has ripped the phone out of her room's jack so that I cannot call into her room. He has thrown many tantrums when I leave the house.

Is his crazy behavior caused by religion? After all, the man truly does not know me, but already condemns me. From what I'm told, this is not typical Jewish behavior. I've always known the Jewish people to be kind and friendly. Is there really that much tension between Catholics and Jews? It would be wrong for me to bring a whole race into one man's specifications.

I just want my feelings to be known to the people of his race. I want to be heard.

At the time this letter was written, my girlfriend has moved out of her house. She is with her grandmother. She got fed up and decided her sanity is worth more. I can't help her very well from Boston.

My appeal to all Jewish parents is that please don't do this to your children. You could lose them completely. If you truly love your child, then respect the choice that he/she makes, despite that other person's faith. You never know... that person could be the kindest, warmest human being in the world... the kind you'd want your child to marry. Racism should never taint love, especially by parents that are supposed to stand beside you, not against you. You see, I'm a firm believer that love has no religion, for it was present the day God created the earth and there were only two people, with no religion but very much in love. Before you go to pass judgment on your child's choice of mate, on the basis of religion, think of the painful consequences of potentially losing that child. It is too late for my girlfriend's father, sadly enough. But we will let no man put us under... for indeed,... true love conquers all.

Washington College Student

Although humans of all types bleed red, Jews are not a race. Judaism is a religion and a culture, and people of all races practice it. Your fiancée's parents evidently feel that this religion is very important to them as a family, and they would like their daughter to perpetuate Jewish values, beliefs and practices in her own marriage. By choosing not to form a traditional Jewish family, they may feel she is rejecting them. Thus her father's behavior does not necessarily reflect Catholic-Jewish relationships (which have been quite positive since Vatican II), but a human sense of frustration, anger and upset at a rejection of the central values of their lives. Perhaps your fiancée's father is overreacting; perhaps there is more to the situation than you choose to share in this letter. Nevertheless, it is important for you to know that there is no such thing as "typical Jewish behavior;" what you are witnessing is a "typical" human being reacting to a perceived threat. Similarly, kindness and friendliness are generic human characteristics you will find among Jews, Catholics and Aleuts.

Love, as you so eloquently put it, has no religion. On a

day-to-day basis, however, love is often expressed in concrete terms. All people celebrate holidays, mark life cycle events, eat, raise children, etc. The specific way they do these things is determined by their cultures, including religion. As you form your own family, these things will assume increased importance in your own lives. You and your fiancée have a lot to talk about even with her father out of the picture.

Your warning about the potential loss of their child is all too real to many Jewish parents. They feel that they may have to choose between losing their child and losing their 5,000-year-old heritage. Faced with such a choice, it is easy to overreact. I would suggest that anyone faced with such a dilemma take the time to discuss it with a professional (counselor, rabbi, etc.) who can help find more comfortable ways of dealing with the situation. I also invite our readers who have dealt with similar situations to send in your ideas.

Rachel

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Dear Student,

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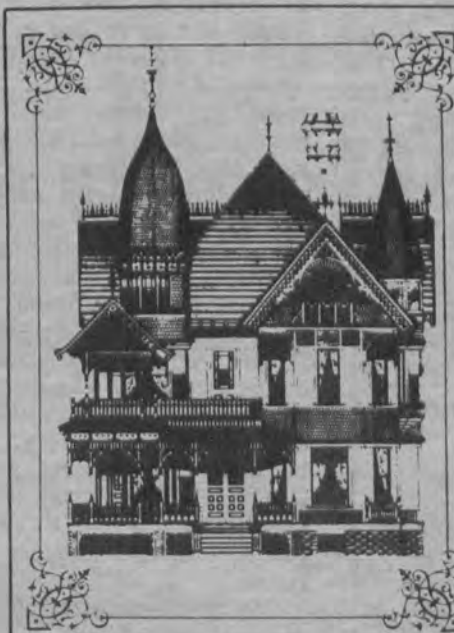
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Organizations in the News

Volunteers For Israel — Israel Wants You

The Volunteers for Israel program, which began in 1983, has allowed 3600 foreigners between ages 18 and 65, and mostly Americans, to work at Israel's army bases performing non-combat duties for a month or more. This is a 23-day program, year round. There are two-week programs during the months of November to March, 1987. Those volunteers over age 60 are required to take an EKG.

The work is an eight-hour day, Sunday through Thursday, with Friday work ending in the morning to prepare for Shabbat, when there is no work. At that time volunteers may leave the base to visit friends or relatives. Whenever possible, arrangements are made for a stay with an Israeli family.

This program is designed to help Israel with a shortage of manpower. The volunteer pay only a partially subsidized air fare. The round-trip airline ticket is good for 180 days.

For more information, contact Volunteers for Israel, 40 Worth Street, Room 710, New York NY 10013, 212-608-4848.

AKSE Sisterhood Art Auction

The Sisterhood of Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth will hold an art exhibit and auction conducted by European-American Art of Farmingdale, N.Y. on Sunday evening, Nov. 9 at Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Synagogue, Wash. Blvd. & Torah Drive. The exhibit will feature original oils, lithographs, etchings, watercolors, etc. by many famous name artists. You may preview the exhibit at 7:30 p.m.; the auction will begin at 8 p.m.

A deli supper will be served at 6:30 p.m. prior to the exhibit for a donation of \$9 per person. Reservations are re-

quired by Nov. 3. Please call 475-7008.

Those interested only in attending the exhibit and auction may do so for the nominal charge of \$3.50 per person.

A door prize will be offered as well as a free catalog and a free lithograph. Major charge cards will be accepted for your art purchases. Proceeds to benefit AKSE Sisterhood.

ORT Breakfast

The Brandywine Chapter of Women's American ORT cordially invites all members to our paid-up membership breakfast on Wednesday morning, Nov. 19, at 9:15 a.m. at the Jewish Community Center. The meeting will be highlighted by a seminar entitled, "Dress for Success," presented by Casual Corners. Make your reservation now by calling Miriam Scherer at 475-0747. Babysitting will be available by reservation only. Please join us for food, fun, and fashion!!

NCJW Meeting

The general meeting of the National Council of Jewish Women will take place on Nov. 19. The program will focus on changes in the Jewish family. Today, only 1/4 of all families in America are of the traditional style — mother, father, and children living together — and Jewish family statistics are approaching this national figure. Alternate lifestyles becoming prevalent include singles, divorced people, unwed mothers, gays, and unmarried couples living together. No matter what lifestyle one has, help is available for any problem. The Jewish Family Service will help directly or indirectly in a caring, effective, and non-judgmental way. Arnold Lieberman, executive director of JFS, and Leslie Newman, vice-president of the board of JFS, will present a program of what the Jewish Family Service has to offer in a world of changing Jewish families. The meeting will start at 9:30 a.m. and will be held at the home of Laura Ciporin, 3223 Coachman Road.

B'nai B'rith Project For The Blind

A new service is being offered by members of the Wilmington Lodge #470, B'nai B'rith, to blind and visually impaired individuals in the community.

The lodge is seeking volunteer drivers from among its members and the general community who will commit themselves to driving blind people who need this service for medical appointments, grocery shopping, hairdresser appointments and many other regularly scheduled appointments. Volunteers will also have the opportunity to serve on call if not on a regular basis.

Many visually impaired people, particularly senior citizens, live independently and cannot call on family, friends or neighbors for this service. Many times a blind person may live with family, who may be unable to provide this type of transportation.

Volunteers may select their own time schedules as well as the amount of time they wish to give to the program. The program will be coordinated through the office of the Delaware Association for the blind, who will make the assignments.

Any member of the community who wishes to join the B'nai B'rith lodge in meeting this urgent community need is asked to call Morris Levenberg at 762-1323 or 571-2550 or Gene Wolinsky at 655-2223.

Hadassah Fashion Show

After its premiere in Jerusalem, the Hadassah fashion show is now touring the United States and will arrive in Wilmington on Thursday, Nov. 6. It will be presented at the Wilmington Chapter of Hadassah's Youth Aliyah luncheon and fashion show at noon at the Brandywine Country Club. This year the event also will benefit Hadassah's Israel Education Services project.

Fashion students at the Hadassah - Seligberg/Brandeis Comprehensive High School created these fashions. The collection is entitled "Jerusalem of Gold" and includes 30 outfits. The fashions are grouped into segments—Gates of the City, Jerusalem by Day, Mea Shearim, Rechavia, Oriental Community, Two Faces of Jerusalem, and The Kings of Israel.

Contributions to attend are as follows: Chai, Chai,

Chaiest — \$18, \$36, \$72 plus the luncheon cost of \$10. Please call Eleanor Falk (478-7628), Evelyn Laiken (764-5556) or Pearl Saltzman (762-2353) to make your reservation.

The fashion show took a full year to plan and execute. It is the proud work of 50 fashion department students aged 15 to 18, including one boy, guided by four teachers (themselves graduates of the school) and the department head who has worked on Hadassah fashion shows for 30 years.

The Seligsberg School, the Hadassah Community College, and Hadassah Vocational Guidance Institute form the Hadassah Israel Education Services (HIES). It plays a special educational role in Jerusalem, providing for students who may be artistic but not strong in traditional academic subjects. Rather than ending their education prematurely, these young people are encouraged to grow, and many of the "late bloomers" have become some of Israel's most commercially creative people.

Each year HIES reaches more than 20,000 Israelis, over 1,000 of them Hadassah's college and high school students. The two-year community college offers courses in computer sciences, dental technology, specialized photography, and medical technology.

Torah Fund Luncheon

Beth Shalom Sisterhood will hold its annual Torah Fund luncheon at Beth Shalom Congregation on Wednesday, Nov. 5. The day will begin at 10:30 a.m. for coffee, cake, and registration. At 11 a.m., Rabbi Paul Kerbel of Congregation Nevey Shalom in Bowie, Maryland will speak on "What Kind Of Job Is This for a Jewish Boy?" Rabbi Kerbel is a 1985 graduate of the Rabbinical School of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America and a graduate of its Joint Program with Columbia University. He is the son of Ruth and Bob Kerbel of Wilmington.

The monies from The Torah Fund-Residence Halls Campaign help maintain and support The Jewish Theological Seminary of America. This year Beth Shalom is very proud to announce that two talented young women whose families are members of Beth Shalom are attending the Seminary. Shari Preston, daughter of George Preston and the late Halina Wind Preston is a graduate student at the Teachers' Institute. In addition, Shelly Weiner,

daughter of Dr. Ben and Ruth Weiner, is currently studying at the Cantorial School.

A delicious sit-down luncheon will be served at noon. Co-chairpersons, Celina Rieberman and Judy Ehrenfeld, have planned a very special day. For reservations call Celina at 478-3565 or Judy at 764-2681. If you can't attend, you can still support the Campaign by sending a check payable to Beth Shalom Sisterhood Torah Fund, c/o Judith Ehrenfeld, 620 W. 28th Street, Wilmington, DE. 19802.

Beth Emeth Garage Sale

Nov. 12 and 13, Wednesday and Thursday from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. are the dates of the garage sale of the Sisterhood Congregation Beth Emeth. Located in the auditorium, items for sale will include clothing for all the family, household goods and appliances, costume jewelry, toys, books, games, etc. A special feature will be large-sized women's clothing!

Shalom Singles Bowling

The Shalom Singles will be sponsoring a bowling party on Sunday, Nov. 16, at the Holiday Lanes, 2105 Philadelphia Pike, Claymont. Festivities will begin at 2 p.m. and will include a social hour and bowling (at a discount!) All Jewish singles are invited to come. Reservations are requested. Please call Joan Zinman at 762-4039 or Sid Silverman at 478-5307.

Beth Emeth Sisterhood

Christine M. Harker, executive director of the Delaware Council on Crime and Justice, (DCCJ), will be the featured speaker at the Nov. 11 meeting of the Congregation Beth Emeth Sisterhood, at noon. Harker will discuss the various problems of the criminal justice system, particularly as it deals with women offenders. DCCJ is one of several organizations cooperating in the "Best Foot Forward" program at the Women's Correctional Institution. She comes well-experienced in her profession, having been appointed by Gov. Sherman Tribbit and retained by Gov. Pierre Dupont, as executive director of the Delaware Criminal Justice Planning Commission (DCJPC), during the period 1976-81. For complimentary child-sitting and luncheon reservations, please call Carole Bernstein at 475-6259.

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Organizations in the News

Beth El Breakfast Program

Jack Blumenfeld, chairman of the Delaware branch of the Jewish Community Relations Committee, will speak at the next Temple Beth El Sunday breakfast program Nov. 16 at the synagogue. Breakfast at 9:30 a.m. will be followed at 10:35 a.m. by Blumenfeld's presentation and a question/answer discussion. The synagogue is located at 301 Possum Park Rd., Newark.

Jack Blumenfeld is an attorney in private practice in Wilmington, who volunteers his services to Delaware's JCRC.

He will address such issues as:

How can Jews respond effectively when public institutions discriminate or are insensitive to our religious concerns? If we encounter outright bigotry or anti-Semitism can we fight back through the courts? If the problem is a school test that was scheduled to fall on Rosh Hashana, or a company training seminar that is held on Passover, what then?

The Jewish Community Relations Committee of Delaware is an advocate for the full range of problems that Jews encounter. By going through the JCRC we can respond effectively, avoid creating ill will, and get the job done without getting involved personally with people we have to work with afterwards.

Blumenfeld will discuss specific cases and explain what can be done when religious interests are threatened or ignored. These sorts of problems are usually heightened around the holiday season. Get some pointers, and learn what the JCRC has done in years past to protect our interests.

Beth El Adult Education

Temple Beth El's adult education program is offering a variety of classes. Beginner's Hebrew meets every Monday evening from 7-8 p.m. Continuing Hebrew (intermediate) is held on Tuesday evenings from 7-8 p.m. for those who are already familiar with the language. Rabbi Ira Schiffer is teaching A Course in Modern Jewish History on

Tuesday evenings at 8 p.m. This class meets about twice a month. You may call the office for a schedule of times.

In addition to these classes, Beth El offers special programs such as Friday Night Forums, a new vital issues series, and our regular Saturday Torah study group.

Interested persons may still register by calling the temple office at 366-8330.

Newark Hadassah Art Auction

The Newark Chapter of Hadassah will hold their annual art auction on Sunday, Nov. 9, 1986, at Temple Beth El, on Possum Park Road in Newark, Delaware. Miss Delaware, Lori Ann Scott, and Governor Mike Castle are the featured guest auctioneers. Preview of art work begins at 6 p.m. and the auction begins at 7 p.m. Inexpensive framed and matted art work by artists such as Agam and Boulanger is featured.

Hadassah, an international organization of over 350,000 members, supports the Hadassah medical complex in Israel, world renowned for

cancer and heart research.

Tickets to the art auction are \$3 and can be purchased at the door. Refreshments and door prizes are available. For more information, call 994-6908.

Speaker To Discuss Impact Of Terrorism

TSVI Grosswald, a captain in the Israel Army Reserves, will speak at a brunch jointly sponsored by Beth Shalom Men's Club and B'nai Brith Lodge #470. The brunch will be held at Temple Beth Shalom, 18th and Baynard Blvd. on Sunday, Nov. 9 at 10 a.m.

Grosswald, an expert on terrorism, was the lone Israel army spokesman in Beirut and Sidon, Lebanon during portions of operation peace for the Galilee.

His subject will be "the impact of terrorism on America, Israel and the Middle East." Reservations are requested. For further information or reservations please call Jeff Drowos 478-1329, Jerry Turnauer 571-1168, or Joel Lipman 478-4159. There is a \$3 donation for brunch.

New Member Shabbat

Congregation Beth Emeth, 300 Lea Blvd., will hold a special Shabbat service honoring all new members on Friday, Nov. 7 at 8 p.m. The new members will participate in the service which has been prepared by Rabbi Grumbacher. Potential members are welcome to attend. Services will be followed by an oneg Shabbat honoring all of the new members. Free babysitting will be available. For further information call 764-2393.

BBW Career Group

B'nai B'rith Women's Career Group and the Jewish Community Center will co-sponsor a program about teenagers on Thursday, Nov. 6 at the JCC beginning at 8 p.m. Pat Gerke from Child Inc. will speak on "How to Cope with Your Teenagers." This program could be important even if your children are still small or if you have older children living at home.

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Book Review

Remnants: The Last Jews Of Poland

Remnants: The Last Jews of Poland. By Malgorzata Neizebitowska; photographs by Tomasz Tomaszewski; translated by William Brand and Hanna Dobosiewicz, Friendly Press, 401 Park Avenue South, New York, NY 10016. 272 pages. \$35.00
Reviewed by David M. Szonyi

There has been a Jewish community in Poland for almost 900 years, since the time of the First Crusade. By 1939, Polish Jewry numbered 3-1/2 million; after the Holocaust — all six of the major death camps were located in Poland — there were one-tenth that number. A series of pogroms in 1945-46 reduced the number to 250,000, which shrank dramatically following mass emigrations in 1957 (following governmental liberation) and, particularly, 1968 (following a government-sponsored campaign of anti-Semitism.)

Today, there are approximately 5,000 Jews left in

Poland, of whom only about one-third belong to the organized community. Although it witnessed a bar mitzvah in 1985, Polish Jewry has had no rabbi, cantor, or ritual slaughterer for many years. It is a haunted community, haunted by its great history and the unassimilable horror of its immediate past.

This book, the product of five years of work, is a remarkable journalistic-photographic portrait of the Jews who remain. A non-Jewish husband-and-wife team who were active in the Solidarity movement, Niezabitowska and Tomaszewski first became interested in Polish Jewry's radiant-terrible past and miniscule present in 1968, and began working on this book in 1981, following Solidarity's suppression.

In their wanderings throughout the country, they encountered considerable fear, mistrust and cynicism.

"Leave my corpse alone. You are young, Write about the living," one man in Lublin told her. More often than not, however, their subjects, appreciating the couple's interest and persistence, opened up to them. Many articulate the pain of being part of a tiny, dying community; some declare their commitment to preserving the religious or secular Yiddish culture that was. Perhaps most moving is Symon Szurmiej, director of the Jewish Theatre, who told Neizebitowska, "I am a prosthesis because, in fact, I am not here. I do not exist ... I am already on the other side. I have only one passion left: to protect the flame that has survived."

The couple does encounter the Warsaw Jewish Circle, a kind of *havurah* of a dozen or so young people who have become passionately interested in their heritage, maintain Jewish observance and even organized an underground "Jewish Flying University." While many of their parents' odysseys were from religious homes to a commitment to communism, their children courageously have traveled in the reverse direction, a far lonelier journey. Niezabitowska and Tomaszewski also introduce us to Mateuz Kos, a teenager who, amid the utilitarian, atheist and cynical society that is contemporary Poland, has become a *ba'al teshuvah* (newly observant Jew). As such, he is a symbol of commitment in a community more characterized by fear and assimilation.

For the most part, however, the small Polish Jewish community feels, understandably, dwarfed by the past (there is about one Jewish cemetery for every 10 Jews in Poland). Yet the past, the rich world of pre-Holocaust Polish Jewry — Hasidism, Yiddish culture, the Bund, the Zionist move-

ment and so much else — "seems as distant as the ancient Etruscans do from the present day inhabitants of Rome."

Given that the community seems ineluctably destined to disappear, Neizebitowska and Tomaszewski have done a magnificent job, in what is clearly a labor of love, of recording its last years. Tomaszewski's color photographs, which are interspersed throughout the text, are expressive and evocative.

Unfortunately, because of its price and bulk, *Remnants* is in danger of being relegated to a coffee table book. That would be a great shame, for it is an enormously moving, superb synthesis of journalism and photography. One can only hope that Niezabitowska's

presence in this country this academic year (on a Meinan Fellowship at Harvard) and the exhibition of Tomaszewski's photographs (currently at the International Center for Photography in New York) will help *Remnants* receive the exposure it deserves — and that the publisher will produce a significantly less expensive paperback edition.

David M. Szonyi works with troubled adolescents and their families for Tri-Agency Services, an agency of the Jewish Board of Family and Children's Services. He is editor of *The Holocaust: An Annotated Bibliography and Resource Guide* (Ktav, 1985).

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Remnants

The Last Jews of Poland



Written by Malgorzata Niezabitowska • Photographed by Tomasz Tomaszewski

Rosh Hashana Services In Warsaw

JERUSALEM — The first Israelis of diplomatic rank posted to Warsaw in nearly 20 years attended Rosh Hashana services there earlier this month, to the delight of the local Jewish community, according to a report from the Polish capital published in *Davar*.

The diplomats, Alex Ben-Zvi and David Koren, will head the Israeli interests office to be opened in Warsaw shortly. They and their families were applauded by about 130 other worshippers attending the service, which was conducted by a cantor from Jerusalem, Benyamin Glickman.

The services were also attended by Israelis working on the former Israel Embassy building at 24 Kashevitzky Street, which will house the interests section. The building has been vacant since Poland broke diplomatic relations with Israel in 1967 and in need of repairs.

Heavy security surrounded the synagogue, according to the *Davar* report. The Jewish community had requested it after the attack on an Istanbul synagogue by Arab terrorists last month. The Polish authorities provided uniformed police and plainclothesmen who wore black skullcaps whenever they entered the synagogue.

The synagogue was built several years ago with government assistance. The Jewish population of Poland is estimated at some 5,000, but only about 200 still attend prayer services. There has been no Jewish wedding for years.

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Tel Aviv will host the first Israel-America Trade Week Nov. 16-20, which marks the first anniversary of the U.S. - Israel Free Trade Area Agreement. The conference will bring together American and Israeli business and government leaders to assess recent developments in bilateral trade and identify opportunities for expanded commercial ties between the two countries.

Foreign trade investment have long been key elements of Israel's social, industrial and commercial development. The level of overseas interest in the potential for profitable business with Israel has now increased considerably due to the following:

1. FTA AGREEMENT

The U.S.-Israel Free Trade Area Agreement is now being phased over a ten year period which began on September 1, 1985 and is opening a broad new range of commercial opportunities in both trade and

investment. In conjunction with the 1975 European Economic Community - Israel Free Trade Area Agreement and preferential access agreements with nine other industrialized nations, this arrangement makes Israel unique as an off-shore location of production-for-export and marketing ventures and an advantageous source of price-competitive imports. With foreign sales of goods and services now in excess of \$10 billion annually, Israel is already ranked among the world's leading export nations on a per capita basis. At the same time, it constitutes a major target market in its own right, with yearly imports currently approaching \$15 billion.

2. TECHNOLOGICAL INNOVATION

In 1986, Israel became the third country to sign an agreement with the U.S. providing for institutionalized participation in the Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI or

'Star Wars' program). Israel's science-based industries enjoy an international reputation, and more than half of the present manufactured goods consist of innovative products, systems and processes. About 50 percent of all industrial R&D projects supported officially result in commercially viable products - a rate of success that is considerably higher than that in the U.S. or Western Europe.

3. BUSINESS CLIMATE

With the establishment in 1985 of the Prime Minister's Task Force for Operation Independence, Israel launched a major international campaign to intensify the involvement of foreign industrialists and investors in all productive sectors of the nation's economy and, thereby, accelerate the attainment of economic independence. At the same time, Israel's package of investment incentives has been substantially modified in order to provide greater leverage and flexibility. As a result, Israel of-

fers an even more attractive and receptive business climate for overseas participation through subsidiary, joint venture and financing operations in manufacturing, marketing, R&D real estate development, tourism and other fields.

The Israel-America Chamber of Commerce and

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Congregation Beth Emeth's Evening Sisterhood meeting will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 18 at 7:30 p.m. in the Temple's lounge. Celia Schwartz, an avid reader, will give a review on the novel *Accidental Tourist* by Anne Tyler. She has done many book reviews in the past and to quote her is "an experienced reader."

Accidental Tourist is a very touching book and Anne Tyler's insight into human nature is extremely interesting and different. Anne Tyler, a well known author, has written many books set in the Baltimore area. Some of her other books are *Dinner At The Homesick Restaurant* and *Celestial Navigation*. Reviews in the newspaper has listed *Accidental Tourist* as one of Anne Tyler's best novels.

Please try to read the book before the meeting, as there will be an open discussion after the review. However, even if you cannot read the book before hand, there is enough material to allow you to join in the discussion. The meeting is open to the public. Come and bring a friend. Coffee and cake will be served afterward.

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JV Teen Page

Israel: A Memorable Experience

By F. JOSEPH DEVRIES

Every year thousands of teenage Jews travel east to visit the homeland of their religion, Israel. Whether they go with their family or on one of the various youth organization tours, they enjoy an incredible experience.

JERUSALEM

What is Jerusalem like? An amazing mixture of old worlds and new exist in the Holy City. The Wailing Wall, the Dome of the Rock, the Arab Market, and the Jewish Quarter were all interesting sights, packed with intricate

details including coke and ice cream vendors, pizza galleries and jewelry stores. The invasion of the Western World, however, goes only so far, for instance, where can you get a burger, shake and fries in Israel? McDavid's! The Jewish outlook has not deteriorated. Although this all may seem rather humorous, there is a very serious side of Jerusalem too.

The feeling one gets while standing at the Wailing Wall, or walking through Meah Shearim (the most orthodox Jews dwell here) were two experiences I'll never forget.

Looking For A Fun And Rewarding Experience?

The After-School program at the JCC has almost 40 children enrolled. They're picked up after school by a van, given snack, and are provided with homework help and supervision. Any teen who would be interested in volunteering his/her services should contact Arlene Bowman at 478-5660.

Community Service credit is available.

Monica Bernstein, author of the article above, is a sophomore at Brandywine High School and is in her third year at Gratz Hebrew High School. She is the daughter of Frances and Saul Bernstein of Wilmington.

THE KIBBUTZ

It's 5 a.m., time to wake up and go to work. Picking peanuts, planting tea plants, weeding avocado orchards, and baling hay were some of the daily tasks we were expected to perform on the kibbutz. You may wonder how I could want to go back to a kibbutz where I must wake up at 5 a.m. and work until 8 a.m., eat a breakfast of cottage cheese and vegetables, go to work again until noon, and then eat a lunch almost identical to the breakfast. This, believe it or not, was great fun. I soon found my body in shape, with toned muscle and minimal fat. I had become accustomed to eating no red meat, chocolate or candy, and willing to do heavy labor.

These experiences were just some of the many events that I shared with my friends on a six week NFTY (North American Federation of Temple Youth) tour. We also visited many other cities, deserts and historical sites. We were surrounded by Jews. Whether they were Reform, Conservative, or Orthodox did not matter. All that really

mattered was the Jewishness of it all — a feeling that can be experienced to the fullest degree only in Israel. With this I conclude, knowing that someday I will return to the magnificent homeland of my people. I hope that all Jews visit Israel sometime in their life, for it is my feeling that for a person to truly know and

understand this experience he must live it! Next year in Jerusalem!

F. Joseph DeVries, the son of Mary and Frederick DeVries of Chadds Ford, Pa. is a senior at Unionville High School in Pennsylvania. He also plays the lead role in the school play "The Jury Room."

Harlan Tenenbaum Elected To International AZA

Harlan Tenenbaum of Wilmington AZA was elected to serve as international vice president for AZA, the boy's component of the B'nai B'rith Youth Organization, at the BBYO International Convention held in August. This is the first time a member of Central Region East has been elected to serve on the international level. In his new duties, Harlan is responsible for membership as well as coordination of the 1987 International Convention which attracts more than 400 participants from all over the world. In addition, Harlan

also serves as regional vice president, and last year served as regional moreh in charge of membership. He participated in BBYO's International Kallah and International Leadership Training Conference this past summer at B'nai B'rith Perlman Camp in Starlight, Pa. His many accomplishments show his strong dedication and commitment to Judaism, leadership and BBYO.

Harlan, the son of Leah and Joel Tennenbaum of Wilmington, is a senior at Brandywine High School.



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Eyal is involved with a number of programs in this community: programs in Israel for teenagers and college students; the celebration of Jewish holidays with an Israeli dimension; programs of interest to community youth, students at the University of Delaware, adults and senior citizens; and lectures on Israeli culture at synagogue schools. He also addresses groups regarding topics relating to Israel.



Shaliach Eyal Tiberger and his family.

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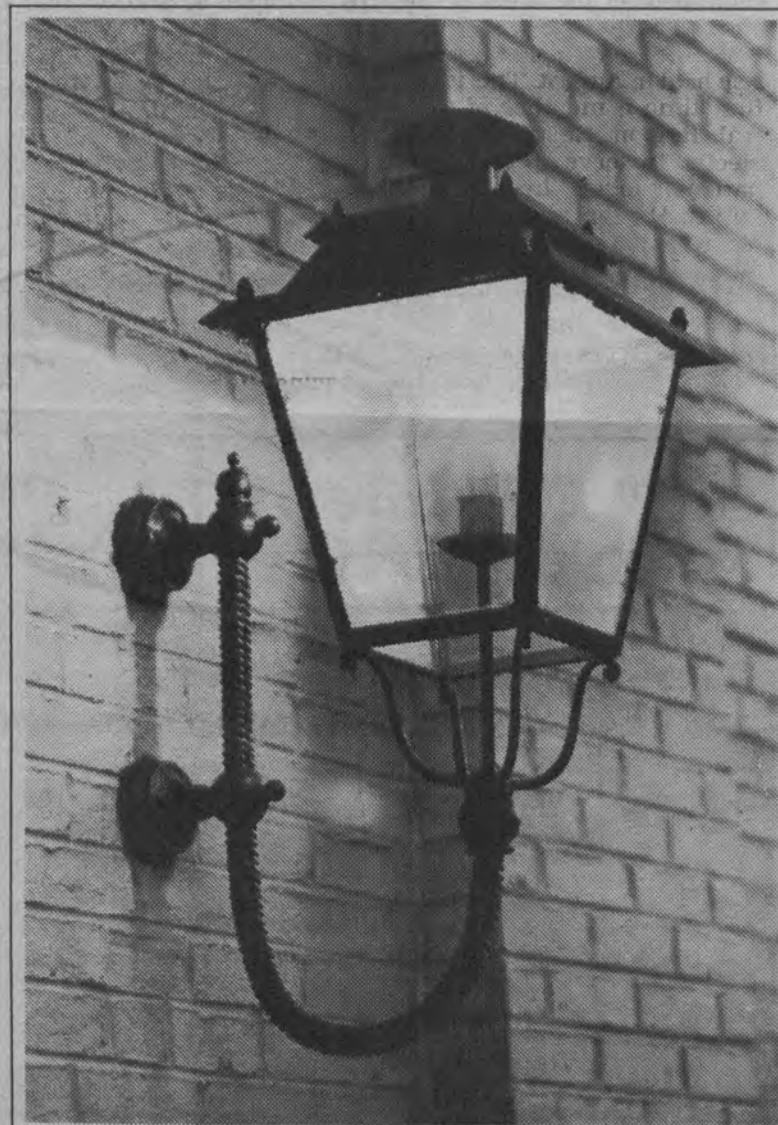
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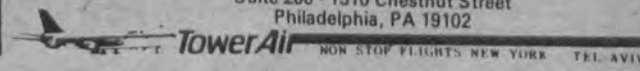
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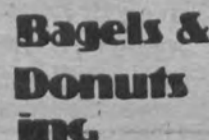
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Einstein Board Welcomes Roselee Redelheim

The Board of Directors of the Albert Einstein Academy met in September for their first board meeting commencing the 1986/87 school year. This meeting was a special event for the board since it was also the first session attended by the new principal, Roselee Redelheim.

Redelheim expressed her thanks to the entire Jewish community for the support they have extended. She then presented her first report to

the Board. Some of the highlights were:

- The JCC and AEA are continuing their joint kindergarten class, giving the community a choice of full or half-day sessions. Jackie Deitch, Early Childhood director for the Jewish Community Center, and Roselee Redelheim are continuing joint efforts to improve upon what is already rated to be a superior program.

- The highly qualified and

motivated staff, consisting of new as well as returning teachers, met in August to "put the school in shape" and plan curriculum.

- PTA will be working closely with Roselee Redelheim in planning and supporting many innovative and exciting programs.

- Albert Einstein Academy looks forward to an outstanding year and the entire community is invited to visit and see for itself.

International Saul Bellow Scholar To Speak At The U. of D.

Sarah Blacher Cohen, internationally known Saul Bellow scholar and professor of English at the State University of New York at Albany, will talk on "Saul Bellow's Chicago Humor" 4 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 6 at the University of Delaware. The talk will be held in room 110 of Memorial Hall, located on Route 896 south on the University of Delaware cam-

pus in Newark. The lecture is sponsored by the department of English and is free and open to the public.

Dr. Cohen has received many distinguished awards, among them a Fulbright Distinguished Professorship to Yugoslavia during the Fall of 1981 and an excellence in teaching award from SUNY at Albany in 1984.

Cohen has written

numerous articles on American literature and is the author of *Saul Bellow's Enigmatic Laughter* and her forthcoming book, *Jewish Wry: Essays on Jewish Humor*. She is the editor of *Comic Relief: Humor in Contemporary American Literature* and *From Hester Street to Hollywood: The Jewish American Stage and Screen*.

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Obituaries

Leo Mellen

Leon Mellon, 84, of 4800 Hillcrest Lane, died Wednesday Oct. 1 in Wilmington (Del.) Hospital.

Mr. Mellen was a lawyer in Detroit from 1926 until retiring in 1967. He also had interests in the meat and produce business.

His wife, Alice, died in 1985. He is survived by a son, David, of Green Acres, Wilmington; a brother, Morris of Oak Park, Mich; and a sister, Sylvia Avrin of Southfield, Mich.

Services in Ira Kaufman Chapel, Southfield, Fla.

Interment was in Machpelah Cemetery, Ferndale, Mich.

In memoriam the family suggests contributions to the Jewish Community Center, Family Campus, 101 Garden of Eden Road, Talleyville, Del. 19803.

Sylvia Stone

Sylvia "Bobbie" Stone, 68, of 5210 Zelzah Ave., Encino, Calif. died Saturday Oct. 4 in the Medical Center of Tarzana Hospital.

Mrs. Stone was a homemaker and a member of Temple Judeah, Tarzana.

Her husband, Harry died in 1976. She is survived by two daughters, Gloria Stone Nadel of Encino and Marjory Stone Levine of Westover Hills, Wilmington, Del.; a brother, Irvin L. Roodman of Encino; a sister, Helen Steiner of St. Louis; and five grandchildren.

Services were at Herman Rindskopf Funeral Home, St. Louis.

Interment was in United Hebrew Temple Cemetery, St. Louis.

Instead of flowers, the family suggest contributions to the Jewish Federation of

Delaware, Family Campus, 101 Garden of Eden Road, Wilmington, Del. 19803.

Esther Lebowitz

Esther Lebowitz, 85, formerly of Philadelphia, died Saturday Oct. 4 in the Kutz Home, 704 River Road, her residence for seven years.

Mrs. Lebowitz was a homemaker. After graduation from Pottstown (Pa.) High School in 1919, she was a stenographer for several years for Sears, Roebuck & Co. in Philadelphia.

She was a former member of the American Red Cross and served as a Gray Lady during World War II. She was a former member of Mercy of Truth Temple in Pottstown and Vida Lodge in Philadelphia.

Her husband, Benjamin, died in 1980. She is survived by two daughters, Lita Kofler of Wilmington and Doris Rosenblatt of Hockessin; a brother, Harold Kline of New York; a sister, Helen Schwartz of Pottstown; and six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Graveside services in the Jewish Community Cemetery, Foulk Road.

Gussie Jabloner

Gussie Jabloner, 88, of 704 River Road died Oct. 9.

She was predeceased by her husband, Matthew.

She is survived by a son, Harold of New Castle; three sisters, Tessie Wagner and Sue Bouria both of Queens,

N.Y. and Ruth Chasin of California; and three grandchildren.

Graveside services were in Wellwood Cemetery, Pinelawn, N.Y.

In memoriam the family suggests contributions to the Kutz Home, 704 River Rd., Wilm., DE 19809. Arrangements were by Schoenberg Memorial Chapel.

Ray Grace Miller

Ray Grace Miller, 87, of the Kutz Home, 704 River Road, died Tuesday in the home. She was formerly of Du Pont Boulevard, Minquadale.

Mrs. Miller was a member of Eastern Star, the Delaware Link of the Order of the Golden Chain Hadassah, Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Congregation and its Sisterhood.

Her husband, Smauel Miller, died in 1958. She is survived by three sons, Seymour of Lynfield, Aaron of Wilmington Manor and Irvin of Ambler, Pa.; two daughters, Gloria Gross of Chalfonte and Carmella Iorii of Pleasant Hills; a brother, George Fishman, and a sister, Selma Moshinsky, both of Philadelphia; eight grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Services were in Schoenberg Memorial Chapel, 519 Philadelphia Pike.

Interment was in the Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth section of the Jewish Community

Cemetery on Foulk Road.

In memoriam, the family suggests contributions to the Milton & Hattie Kutz Home, 704 River Road, Wilmington 19809.

Victoria Rose

Victoria Rose, 87, of 1107 Grinnell Road, Green Acres, died Tuesday Oct. 21 in Leader Nursing & Rehabilitation Center, 700 Foulk Road.

Mrs. Rose was a member of Congregation Beth Emeth.

Her husband, Abraham, died in 1985. She is survived by a daughter, Pat Jablow of Green Acres; two grandsons and a great-grandson.

Services were in Congregation Beth Emeth, 300 W. Lea Blvd. Burial will be in the Montefiore Section of the Jewish Community Cemetery on Foulk Road. Shiva will be observed at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Jablow, 1107 Grinnell Road, Green Acres.

Instead of flowers, the family suggests contributions to the Congregation Beth Emeth Scholarship Fund, 300 W. Lea Blvd., Wilmington 19802.



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