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Foreign aid bill benefits Israel, better for Egypt

By HOWARD ROSENBERG

WASHINGTON (JTA) — The 1991 foreign aid bill, which gained final approval over the weekend in the Senate and House of Representatives, for the first time contains greater monetary benefits for Egypt than for Israel.

It also does not include an amendment contained in the Senate version of the bill that would have barred any U.S. contacts with the Palestine Liberation Organization. The language was stricken in House-Senate negotiations primarily because lawmakers argued it would have been perceived by Iraqi President Saddam Hussein as a sign of U.S. hostility toward the Arab world.

But milder language from previous foreign aid bills was approved, which bars the United States from recognizing or negotiating with the PLO "as long as the PLO does not recognize Israel's right to exist."

As it wrapped up its legislative business, Congress also decided not to block a sale of \$7.3 billion in advanced weaponry to Saudi Arabia. Pro-Israel activists expect the Bush administration to propose as much as \$14 billion in additional arms sales to the Saudis, including F-15 fighter planes, after the new Congress convenes early next year.

To partially offset those sales, the administration has indicated in recent weeks that it will soon send Israel 15 F-15s, 10 CH-53 helicopters and two Patriot missile batteries.

The House of Representatives adopted the foreign aid bill in its final form by a vote of 187-162, and the Senate did so on a voice vote.

President Bush on Sunday stated his intention to sign the foreign aid bill into law, though he is unhappy about the sharp reduction in military aid to El Salvador.

The bill contains \$3 billion in all-grant aid to Israel and \$2.3 billion in aid to Egypt, the same amounts the two countries have received for the last several years. But the bill also forgives Egypt's \$6.7 billion debt to the United States,

without extending that benefit to Israel.

The debt forgiveness is intended as a gesture of appreciation for Egypt's leadership in the U.S.-led initiative against Iraq's invasion of Kuwait. Egypt's fragile economy has been badly hurt by its support of the economic sanctions against Baghdad.

The American Israel Public Affairs Committee did not stake out a position on relieving Egypt's debt, although it wanted Israel to receive similar treatment.

There are new perks for the Jewish state, however. The bill allows Israel to transfer \$200 million of its \$1.2 billion in economic assis-

tance to the \$1.8 billion military aid package it receives. Israel is also designated to receive \$700 million in excess U.S. weaponry being "drawn down" from Western Europe and to have its stockpile of U.S. munitions doubled from \$100 million to \$200 million.

Mark Pelavin, Washington representative of the American Jewish Congress, voiced satisfaction with the House vote, saying, "People's worst fears weren't realized." He added, "There was a great deal of concern whether people were going to be willing to vote for foreign aid in a year in which the budgetary pressures are so great."

A pro-Israel lobbyist argued that the closeness of the vote "reflects the concern over the Egyptian debt forgiveness." But it was unclear whether inclusion of a similar provision for Israel's \$3.7 billion U.S. military debt would have increased the margin of victory or possibly derailed the bill.

The foreign aid bill also contains enough funds to bring 40,000 Soviet Jews to the United States, and the health and human services spending bill contains \$39 million in funding for domestic resettlement. More than \$34 million of those funds will go to the

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JFD board decision will direct entire 'Exodus' amount to Israel

By PAULA BERENGUT

Editor of The Jewish Voice

How to allocate the excess funds raised during the recently completed Operation Exodus Campaign was the subject of an emotional discussion at the October 24 meeting of the Board of Directors of the Jewish Federation of Delaware. Operation Exodus was defined in publicity as "the campaign to rescue and resettle Soviet Jews in Israel." The total amount raised will be sent to Israel.

Federation President William M. Topkis began the discussion with a brief recapitulation of the campaign. Assigned a fair-share portion of \$708,000 by the United Jewish Appeal, the Delaware community raised a total of \$870,000 in pledges payable over three years. Topkis pointed out that after meeting the UJA commitment, subtracting \$70,000 for campaign expenses and leaving \$10,000 which is estimated to be uncollectable, there is an unallocated total of \$82,000.

Topkis explained that the JFD Executive

Board met earlier in the week and discussed three options with regard to the use of the unallocated \$82,000. First, the surplus raised could be added to the commitment total and sent to Israel. The second option would be to keep the surplus in the Delaware Jewish community where, in 1989-90, four local agencies (Jewish Federation, Jewish Family Service, Jewish Community Center and Albert Einstein Academy) faced an unbudgeted net cost of \$60,849 in the resettlement process. The resettlement cost to the local community is expected to be even greater in 1990-91, he noted. The third option offered by Topkis would be to add half of the surplus (\$41,000) to the original commitment and allow the other half to remain in Delaware and be shared by the agencies bearing the resettlement costs.

Topkis, who chaired the Operation Exodus Campaign in Delaware with his wife Judy and Ruth and Sheldon Weinstein, reported that the Executive committee's recommendation was to settle on the third option. "In our regular

annual campaign, we will need \$1.6 million this year for our member agencies to stay even, but last year we didn't even raise the \$1.3 million needed," Topkis said before opening the subject up for discussion. "We don't have the money we need right here in our community," he said, suggesting that the surplus Operation Exodus funds would be helpful for resettlement within Delaware.

Toni P. Young, one of the co-chairs of the Operation Exodus "Celebration of Freedom" event and a JFD vice-president, argued that Operation Exodus was billed as a campaign to rescue Soviet Jews and resettle them in Israel. She said, "There has to be an honesty here. The money should go where we said it would go." The number of Jews arriving in Israel from the Soviet Union is higher than anyone ever expected, she concluded, reminding the board that it is much higher even than when the local Exodus campaign was begun.

Deanne Kattler, who serves on the JFS and JCC boards, said she understood from the outset that excess dollars raised would remain in the community and help the local agencies ease their financial resettlement burdens.

Board members voiced their opinions regarding the dilemma, most acknowledging that there was no clear-cut solution. Comments ranged from he "credibility problem no matter which way we vote" to the fact that there are a number of communities that have decided to keep the excess funds for their own resettlement expenses.

Richard Venezky cautioned the board that they were overlooking an important factor.

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Cabinet endorses finding that Arabs were to blame for Temple Mount riots

By DAVID LANDAU and GIL SEDAN

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Israel's Cabinet on Sunday unanimously endorsed the report of a three-member investigatory panel that placed most of the blame for the October 8 Temple Mount riots on an Arab mob it said was incited by Moslem clergy.

The report singled out for sharp criticism some top-ranking police brass, whom it faulted for failing to foresee trouble on the occasion and for not deploying their forces accordingly.

But while it referred briefly to "uncontrolled" or "indiscriminate" firing by the police, it essentially justified the use of live ammunition in the melee, which left up to 20 Palestinians dead and 150 wounded.

The exact number of fatalities remained uncertain three weeks after the riots. Police put the count at 19 or 20 fatalities, while a Palestinian human rights group that originally counted 21 dead revised its figure to 17 last week.

Whatever the number, the Cabinet was split over whether any of the police commanders should be relieved of their duties or otherwise disciplined for mishandling the situation. But no action has been taken against anyone yet, and chances seemed to be fading Sunday night

that anyone would receive more than the public reprimand contained in the panel's report.

Police Minister Ronni Milo, who must eventually make the decision, told the Cabinet he would seek further consultations before acting.

Milo and possibly Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir are expected to meet separately with the three ranking police officers directly criticized by the commission. They are national Police Inspector General Ya'acov Terner; the southern regional police commander, Raha-mim Comfort; and Arye Bibi, the Jerusalem district commander of police. None has spoken to the news media since the commission's report was issued Friday.

Whatever shortcomings the panel might have found on their part, the three ranking officers and the police in general would seem to have powerful support in the Cabinet.

Housing Minister Ariel Sharon told a radio interviewer that, as far as he was concerned, no "personal conclusions" needed to be drawn from the commission's report. He concurred entirely with its main finding that the Moslems on the Temple Mount instigated the violence.

Transport Minister Moshe Katsav said that, in his opinion, no heads need roll, even though

the panel found serious technical errors on the part of the police.

Health Minister Ehud Olmert was the most vocal among the ministers in insisting that personal blame should be assessed. He said the tragedy could have been avoided if the police had been properly prepared.

But Defense Minister Moshe Arens argued that now is not the proper time to draw "personal conclusions." Sharon agreed with him, as did Finance Minister Yitzhak Moda'i, Agriculture Minister Rafael Eitan and Avner Shaki, the minister of religious affairs. While Shamir offered no opinion, the prime minister is said to oppose any measures against the police.

Policemen's wives demonstrated outside the Prime Minister's Office in support of the police while the Cabinet was in session.

They demanded that nobody be fired or disciplined and that the rules be changed to allow police to shoot to kill in life-threatening situations, instead of first firing a warning shot and then aiming at the legs of their adversaries.

They blamed that procedure for the death of Shalom Charlie Shloush, a 26-year-old police trainee who was one of three Israelis stabbed

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Editorial

Biases in the media shouldn't be tolerated

This editorial has been written before. The incidents change, but unfortunately the point bears repeating.

The media holds Israel to a higher standard than the rest of the world. It always has. And biased reporting following the Sukkot riot on Jerusalem's Temple Mount was extraordinary in its distortion. How many news reports of the incident were evenhanded?

The fact is that although a small group of Jewish zealots had sought to use Sukkot, days of profound Jewish significance, as a pretext for laying the cornerstone for the Third Temple on the Temple Mount, the plan was strictly forbidden by Israel's High Court and was prevented from happening by Israeli police. News of the Court's decision was also published in all of the Arabic newspapers in East Jerusalem in an effort to avoid just the kind of tragedy that nevertheless ensued.

It was also reported from Jerusalem that the size of the stones stockpiled on the Temple Mount and the other kinds of material used during the riot, including knives and incendiary devices, indicated pre-planning by Arab groups. The Arab rioters were exhorted by the *muzzein* in the Arab mosques to attack Jewish worshippers at the Western Wall.

How many reports included these facts? In most news reports of the incident, they were either omitted or buried in the story. The facts that were reported were so biased that the Arab attackers were made to appear as the victims.

Headlines: "Israel kills 19 Arabs," "Bloody Israel" and "Stones vs. Bullets in Israel" failed to convey the fact that thousands of defenseless unarmed worshippers were the victims of unprovoked stoning. Readers and viewers were not told that only after the initial Palestinian attack was it stones versus tear gas, then stones versus rubber bullets, and finally stones versus bullets.

Photographs: Overwhelmingly sympathetic to the Arab side, the *News Journal*, *Philadelphia Inquirer*, *Boston Globe* and *USA Today* used only photographs of wounded Arabs. Televised reports followed more or less the same route. If anything, only occasional glimpses of wounded Israelis were shown.

Reports: NBC reported that the Israelis had carried out a "slaughter." The *Philadelphia Inquirer* called it a "bloodbath." The *New York Times* would only allow that the Palestinians' behavior was "apparently provocative." On Simchat Torah, some newspapers reported that "Jews danced on the site where only days earlier 19 Palestinians were killed." When three unarmed Israelis were stabbed to death by a Palestinian in an act of revenge on October 21, the *News Journal* chose to report it only on the second page.

Editorials: In the rush to draw conclusions, the *Philadelphia Inquirer* blamed "Israel insensitivity" for the violence and urged the United States to respond by reconsidering how much aid it gives to Israel. And an editorial cartoon published in the *Inquirer* portrayed the Israelis at prayer at the Western Wall wearing Nazi-type helmets.

The media fails to acknowledge that since 1967, the State of Israel has taken all necessary steps to assure the safety and openness of Jerusalem's holy sites. The media does not report that, prior to 1967, when the holy sites were under Jordanian jurisdiction, the area was not open to Jews, Jewish sites were desecrated and the Church of the Holy Sepulchre was left to deteriorate (and was subsequently restored by Israel). The media doesn't acknowledge that stones can be just as lethal as bullets. And what the media does not acknowledge, we must.

Historically, the world has made Israel its scapegoat. Letters to the editor and cancelled subscriptions are two effective ways of letting the media know that journalistic sleight of hand, biased reporting and dishonesty will not be tolerated. And whenever necessary, this editorial will have to be written again.



Letters to the Editor

Federation President responds to Exodus criticism

I take this opportunity to respond to Nathan Barnett's letter to the editor published on October 19.

The Federation completely shares with Mr. Barnett both the sense of accomplishment of Operation Exodus and the frustration that only 20 percent of the Jewish families of Delaware made a pledge in spite of the fact that there were numerous articles about Operation Exodus, three mailings to every family in the Jewish community, two major fund raising events and a community rally. While we agree in theory with Mr. Barnett that there is always more fundraising that could and should be done, the reality is that the Jewish Federation of Delaware conducted this special campaign in addition to its regular operations with the available staff and resources. In our modern society the competition for philanthropic dollars is steadily increasing, which leads to increased costs involved in the raising of these dollars. We are pleased to report that the total expenses for this campaign were less than 10 percent of the total raised.

The questions remains: What causes the malaise and apathy? There are many possible reasons. One that Mr. Barnett raised was "intermarriage." I differ with him. Intermarriage is a result of factors not the cause.

It is more than 50 years since the Holocaust and 42 years since the establishment of the State of Israel. We are now facing a generation who did not live through either of these historic events and who have not personally been confronted with discrimination and anti-Semitism. We all have the choice of being Jewish. Who can really interpret what that really means to each individual? What moves people today to act or react? The family system of today is so very different than a generation ago. Where is the extended family? Where is the influence of tradition when we are such a mobile society? There are so many questions and no single answers.

We are concerned about the future of the Jewish community and the role of the Federation. The Federation has begun a long range strategic study attempting to find the approach

to answer some of these concerns.

Mr. Barnett asked how Delaware's campaign results for Operation Exodus compared to other communities our size. Presently, we are in the top 25 percent. This is something we can be very proud of.

Mr. Barnett, who has a great understanding of fundraising, I am sure speaks from the same frustration he has experienced. We share his concerns.

William M. Topkis
President, JFD

American victims of Holocaust sought

I am currently working on a book about American victims of the Holocaust and would like to hear from any survivors who had first-hand knowledge of American citizens, including captured soldiers, in concentration camps. I am also interested in the treatment of American Jewish soldiers in POW camps (in particular Berga) and any eyewitness accounts of their mistreatment or deportation to concentration camps.

The project to collect testimonies is being done in cooperation with the Simon Wiesenthal Center. Send responses to: Dr. Mitchell G. Bard, 8201 Sixteenth St., #408, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

Mitchell G. Bard, Ph.D.
Editor, Near East Report

Voice should not endorse candidates

Although it is a pleasure for me to see a candidate for political office who is both Jewish and a woman, I feel that it is inappropriate for *The Jewish Voice* to suggest that for these reasons alone Michele Medwin is the better choice for State Representative of the Seventh District. I do not mean to imply that Ms. Medwin is in any way unqualified for the job, but rather to remind the Voice of its journalistic responsibility to present unbiased reporting.

Natalie G. Heiman

Editor's Note: As it has in previous election years, *The Jewish Voice* considers the fact that a member of the Jewish community is running for political office to be newsworthy. This political year, Michele Medwin is the only Jewish candidate in Delaware. The article published in the September 28 issue was strictly informational and was not intended as an editorial endorsement of the candidate.

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Op - Ed

War should be waged against the David Dukes

By KENNETH S. STERN

Thank you, David Duke.

A strange sentiment? Perhaps. But David Duke's strong showing in last month's Louisiana primary race for U.S. senator gives those who care about bigotry an opportunity that would not otherwise exist.

Our major political parties — as concerned as they are with bigots hanging their old sheets on the party line — have the instinct to "do the right thing." Vice President Dan Quayle denounced Duke, just as Democratic leaders denounced Gus Savage a few months back, when he indulged in anti-Semitism as a vote-getting tack. But frequently parties speak out only at the last moment. Frequently they do it only when pushed. And, without exception, they do it only in reaction.

The Jewish community's most important contribution in the fight against Duke and all he stands for can occur now, after he has lost. We must help the Republicans and Democrats develop better strategies for dealing with bigots in the years ahead.

David Duke's defeat is not the last of David Duke — it is the beginning. Even though he won 44 percent of the vote statewide, he won a majority in at least two Louisiana Congressional Districts. Some expect him to run for Congress — and win — in 1992.

And David Duke is not alone. There are others copying his mainline strategy. Experts, such as Beth Rickey of the Louisiana Coalition, say that in some parts of the country, race will be a more important factor in elections than party affiliation. She predicts that up to 100 people with David Duke's outlook will campaign nationally on major party tickets in 1992 "unless something is done between now and then."

Are the parties going to take what Rickey says seriously, or are they going to wait once again for last-minute strategies, and damage control? And are they going to realize that this is not a partisan issue? "Republican and Democrat to me means nothing. And if it means something, then we are in trouble," says David Duke.

What should the parties be doing?

First, they should find quiet ways to empower local officials to speak out against racists. It is easier for any person — politicians included — to turn his or her back to bigotry than to decry it. This is especially so when the bigot avoids slurs and buzzwords and adopts an acceptable vocabulary like "equality" and "rights," consciously trying to put a veneer of respectability on his venom.

Local politicians need to be encouraged quietly to challenge the messenger, and not be taken in by the sugarcoated message; they need national direction that says, "You have an obligation to speak out and tell all who will hear that how we treat one another is the most important issue — that even if David Duke has a 'good' position on a particular issue, his neo-Nazi past (he was selling *Mein Kampf* from his legislative office only a year ago) disqualifies him as a person, and as a Republican."

Second, the national parties have an obligation to help define the issues for the press — to help the media report accurately. All during the campaign, party officials could have suggested a sharper focus, and supplied facts. Even in the aftermath of the election, the Republicans and Democrats should speak up.

For example, Duke's 44 percent showing, his majority among white voters, his ten percent support by African Americans in parts of the state, may be due largely to voter discontent with incumbents, as some post-election stories suggested. But is that story the real story? Voter discontent is a cyclical factor in elections — such as the recent gubernatorial primary in Massachusetts — but it appears even if bigotry does not. People are willing to overlook the fact that David Duke advocated dividing the country into separate regions for races, called the Holocaust a "hoax," and said that people with higher IQ's should be given government loans for having children. They are also willing to look the other way when he says that we fought on the wrong side in World War II and that African Americans are genetically inclined to commit crimes. The fact that all this is overlooked in the name of "voter discontent" should not tell us how strong discontent is. Rather, it should tell us how

easily people are willing to ignore racism in their daily lives and in their institution.

What strategy do the parties have to hammer home this fact — that bigotry should have no place in the political process? And shouldn't a strategy to stress this bipartisan message be as important during the months between elections as at any other time?

Shouldn't the parties be helping such organizations as the Louisiana Coalition Against Racism and Nazism, without which David Duke might have picked up the other 6 percent of the vote he needed to win?

The Coalition pulled together caring people from every community regardless of political affiliation. It documented Duke's history. It prodded the press. It organized. In short, it did all the things that people who are concerned about the confluence of hate and power should be doing. Shouldn't the parties help such groups? Shouldn't the parties lead on this issue, a concern central to all our other freedoms?

Finally, shouldn't the parties have a strategy for the day that a David Duke wins? David Duke may gain a seat in Congress in 1992. Are both parties willing to say that if David Duke wins, that the will of the voters shall be respected, but that Duke will not be tolerated

— that he will be quarantined in the halls of Congress, that he will be off in a corner by himself sitting with his dunce-Klan hat? That no one will sign onto his legislation no matter how good it may be on the environment or any other issue, and that no one will allow him to sign onto their bills?

These are the questions that need consideration now, not in November 1992; and they would be better considered if both major parties had a joint action plan.

Now that "the election of David Duke" is in its dormant phase, the Jewish community should be working hard. The non-profit defense organizations cannot take positions for or against announced candidates during the election process because the tax laws forbid it. We should fight against bigotry in the election process now, not only because we can, but also because now is the most effective time.

Rather than just keeping tabs on the David Dukes of this world, we must help the major parties — who do not want the Dukes in their midst — prepare a more effective approach for combatting bigotry in 1992 and the years beyond.

(Kenneth S. Stern is program specialist on anti-Semitism and extremism for the American Jewish Committee.)

U.S. doubletalk is straining relations

By MORRIS J. AMITAY

It must be someone's law that whenever things look bad — they are certain to get worse. In the aftermath of the Temple Mount incident in Jerusalem U.S.-Israel relations, already strained, got even worse. Secretary of State James Baker's incredible comment that Israel's rejection of the U.N. Security Council resolution might lead to Israel being compared "unjustly, of course" to Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein led one columnist to write "Baker has been accused of being knee-jerk anti-Israel, unjustly, of course." And of course, the White House let it be known to the media that both Baker and Bush (or Bush and Baker) were "livid" with Israel. One can only hope that they are at least equally livid with Saddam Hussein.

As our troops in the Saudi desert settled into their "phony war" routine, a number of diplomatic initiatives were being floated which would basically get Iraq off the hook. Naturally, given their long track record of duplicity and moral cowardice in their Middle East policies, the French are in the forefront of these efforts. And speaking of duplicity and double talk,

there was the recent statement of the Central Council of the PLO stating that "our people stand with brotherly Iraq against the threats of United States invasion and aggression." Then only a few days later the PLO's principal spokesman told the *New York Times* (apparently with a straight face) that the PLO joined in condemning the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait — and that their position on this was "clear."

But what is really becoming clear at this point is that the Bush Administration's resolve in confronting Iraq's aggression is diminishing with each passing day. And simultaneously its ineptitude in dealing with Israel is creating an unnecessary crisis in U.S.-Israel relations. No doubt our Israeli friends are not always as forthcoming or as united as their American supporters would like. However, just as many things in life can often be judged by being compared to something else — compared to all of its neighbors and almost all of the rest of the world, Israel's human rights record stands up very well. And, yes, while Israeli police and soldiers on occasion do overreact to provocations and violence directed at them, the re-

straint they have shown is what is truly remarkable. Supporters of Israel can justifiably be "livid" themselves at an American Secretary of State implying a comparison between Iraq and Israel — his disclaimer notwithstanding. Additionally, when one considers it was Baker's State Department which led Iraq to believe, by word and deed, that it could deal with Kuwait as it wished, it is not too difficult to understand why a *Washington Post* columnist recently called on Baker to take responsibility for the Kuwait invasion and to do the honorable thing and to resign.

While any chance of Baker leaving his office is highly unlikely, given his handling of the U.S.-Israeli relationship, there would be more than a few here in Washington who would not shed too many tears. In the Middle East, however, events often determine policy — and the continuing drama in the desert is yet to be played out.

(Morris J. Amitay is a Washington attorney and former Executive Director of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee.)

Kristallnacht: Confessions and concerns

By ARNO HERZBERG

Whenever the month of November appears on the calendar, I know that days of pain and remembrance wait for me. Hesitant and almost discouraged, I turn the leaves of days passed and pause on the day which seems destined to harbor disasters for our people. It is heart wrenching to remember Nov. 9-10. Too much happened on these days to be glanced over on the pages of history — Kristallnacht, the death of German Jewry in 1938; the United Nations resolution equating Zionism with racism in 1975; and the Berlin Wall coming down in 1989.

With a heavy heart we record these events. The wounds are still fresh and I wonder whether they will ever heal. What happened more than 50 years ago on the Night of the Broken Glass is standing before us in all its ugliness, more vivid than ever.

Germans burning down the synagogues, tearing up the scrolls of our Law, burning prayer books, coming into the houses of Jews to smash their furniture, tearing up their linens, destroying everything in sight, smashing windows of every business owned by a Jew, ransacking merchandise and, in the end, arresting all Jews and shipping them to concen-

tration camps. A gray-haired lady, a child at that time, tells how a Gestapo agent tore her precious doll right out of her arm, smashing the toy against the wall and pushing her to the floor. Those German heroes stopped before nothing.

The good German burghers saw it all. They clapped when the Jewish men were marched through the streets. It was a glorious achievement. Nobody can duplicate it so easily.

But can we forget this? Can I, or shall I, forgive — as President Bush wants me to — what all these good Germans have done? It was a preposterous idea the president advanced in preparation for German unification: I should forgive the Germans that they murdered my father and my mother, wiped out my whole family. He forgot that forgiving is the first step toward forgetting.

In the final analysis, we were all alone 50 years ago, as victims usually are. There were a thousand questions. Did God die in the flames of the synagogues? Did he turn away from the concentration camps? Was the world deaf and blind, closing its borders and leaving us to the hatred of a whole nation?

There were no answers. There was no understanding, not even a feeling word.

Even the Jewish leaders in America at that time were of a peculiar brand. I left Germany in 1938 at the end of September. Somebody sent me to Stephen Wise, the great leader. I tried to inform him about the hardships Jews in Germany had to bear and told him that it was only a matter of weeks before German Jews would be faced with a catastrophe.

His answer: We know everything that is going on in Germany; our American correspondents give us all the details. This was the end of my audience. I left with a bitter taste in my mouth. This was the time when news about the persecution of Jews in Germany appeared in small print on some inside page of American newspapers — if it was printed at all.

There was something unreal in the attitude of people who should have known better. Their judgment was clouded by the ingrained experiences of past times. Events had outpaced them, but they did not know it.

Have times changed now?

Today, a year after the Wall fell on the same date our misfortune took such a turn for the worse, I wonder whether our reaction is adequate.

Kristallnacht was the end of a beginning and

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Parshat Vayerah, November 3

Spiritual extremists

By ORI Z. SOLTES

Special to The Jewish Voice

The Hebrew Bible is, above all, a story of creation and an account of a covenantal relationship between the Creator and those who choose to live their lives in the shadow of that relationship. Uniquely, the Bible focuses most of its text not on physical creation, but on spiritual ordering in which, amazingly, all-powerful God invites humans to participate. This makes the covenant a relationship, and not just a compendium of commands from the powerful to the powerless.

Within this overriding framework, the Torah portion Vayerah begins with the unlikely annunciation to Abraham that he and Sarah will produce a child in extreme old age, and concludes with the Akedah, the near-sacrifice of Isaac. Beginning with natural doubt on the part of Abraham and Sarah, it ends with unnatural faith on the part of Abraham and Isaac.

The portion begins with Abraham as the consummate host. Three absolute strangers pass by, and he treats them as if they were kings — bowing down, washing their feet, setting before them an outstanding repast. The text says, "The Lord appeared...as he (Abraham) sat in the tent door...and he lifted up his eyes and looked, and lo, three men stood..." They are, somehow, God made manifest to Abraham. They ask, "Where is Sarah, your wife?", of whom no mention has been made to them, knowing her name because they are an aspect of the all-knowing God.

This paradoxical God of invisibility appears to Abraham in terms he can comprehend — as three strangers, whom Abraham receives as if God were the visitor. God, who is more apart from us than anything we can imagine, is yet a part of us, as close as our breathing: utterly apart from Abraham, yet always present with him.

When Sarah hears of her impending pregnancy, she laughs. Abraham had also laughed when God had told Abraham that Sarah would bear a son and that his name should be Isaac. When God asks Abraham why Sarah had laughed, He omits any reference to Abraham's age: God's sensitivity to Abraham's masculine feelings is as consummate as Abraham's hostship.

Sarah, who could bear children in old age, is also extremely attractive, the reason Abimelech, King of Gerar, sends for her (believing she is Abraham's sister). This is consistent with the "abnormalcy" element of the patriarch/matriarch situation — and a constant reminder that a revolution in belief is in process: women who are valued in spite of their barrenness; men whose primary strength is spiritual, not physical; and transmission of the covenant, rather than material wealth, to the primary inheritor (who is not the firstborn son).

Sarah steps onto center stage after the birth of Isaac. Ishmael, as older brothers will, picks on Isaac. Sarah's motherly concern demands that Abraham get rid of Hagar and Ishmael. Had Sarah not forced Abraham's hand, it is not clear that Isaac would have received the covenantal birthright. Would Abraham, who had circumcised Ishmael as well as himself, and only with reluctance sent Hagar and Ishmael forth, have favored Isaac over him?

Sarah's action is critical to the survival of the covenant. Why? Hagar is referred to as a ger — one who, dwelling among a people, remains spiritually apart. In terms of the Bible's spiritual imperative, such a person would hardly be able to transmit the covenant. Hagar the Egyptian, who assumes that whatever land she resides in is governed by whatever divine powers are there, evinces no awareness that she is addressed by the God of covenantal relationship, and not simply of fortuitous generosity.

Hagar could not transmit, and her son Ishmael surely would not maintain, the extremity of spiritual commitment often demanded by the covenant. Significantly, Hagar names God "El Roeh," (God of vision), commenting that she has not seen Him — a counterpoint to the beginning the parasha, where Abraham looks up and sees the three strangers who are the terms in which Abraham sees God. Abraham sees, Hagar doesn't.

Yet Abraham fails to see Hagar and Ishmael as Sarah does. Abraham's blindness and Sarah's awareness are a foil for the culmination of the parasha: the Akedah, the consummate example of flawless faith. God says, "Take you son...and offer him...for a burnt offering," and Abraham doesn't hesitate for a moment. He who debated so emphatically regarding the sinning Sodomites — the ultimate anti-hosts — doesn't even say, "Did I hear you correctly?" This debate had revealed Abraham's willingness, and ability, to argue with God, a test of his moral maturity which he had passed with flying colors, and therefore accentuates the significance of his not arguing here.

Abraham is so perfect (tam) in his Faith that, even as, in the normative sense, he knows that he is about to lose Isaac, he knows with a knowledge-beyond-knowledge that God won't take Isaac away. Only such supra-knowledge could account for his utter lack of hesitation.

So Isaac too: whatever one might argue regarding his age or his ignorance, when he is tied up and his father's knife-wielding hand soars above him, we might have expected some outcry. His Faith is also flawless at this moment — a covenantal Faith to which Ishmael could not have acceded.

Sarah, however, does not participate. Abraham never mentions

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Dennis Greenhouse, 7 others, to begin B'nai B'rith exchange program with Germany

By JOSEPH POLAKOFF

Special to The Jewish Voice

WASHINGTON — Eight young American Jews in political affairs will visit Bonn, Berlin, and Dresden from November 11 to 17 in the first of exchange programs for young political leaders in the United States and Germany. German participants will come to the U.S. in 1991.

B'nai B'rith International, which is sponsoring the program in conjunction with the Konrad Adenauer Foundation, said the program's agenda is headed by German-Jewish relations, U.S.-German relations and Israeli-German relations.

The first program's itinerary will feature a visit to a former concentration camp and include meetings with government officials, parliamentary leaders, diplomats, representatives of academia and business, and leaders of the Christian and Jewish communities.

Kent Schiner, B'nai B'rith's president, said the effort is to contribute to greater understanding between young Americans and Germans particularly East Germans who had "never been exposed to Western Jews or democracy. Our goal is to educate them about the Holocaust, Jewish concerns and about Israel."

"Given the tragic history of the years 1933-45, there must always be a special relationship between German and the Jewish people," said Daniel Mariaschin, B'nai B'rith's director of international and public affairs. "We will cooperate in writing Holocaust curricula for new school systems and there is the possibility of the Adenauer Foundation serving as a bridge to communities in Czech-



Dennis Greenhouse

slovakia, Poland, Hungary and throughout Eastern Europe."

The U.S. delegation is led by Texas State Representative Paul Colbert of Houston. Members include Illinois State Representative Lee Preston; Suffolk County, New York, legislator Allan Binder; Dennis Greenhouse, County Executive of New Castle County, Delaware; Leslie Goodman, the Republican National Committee's press secretary; California political consultant Frederic Mass; Steve Perskie, chairman of the New Jersey State Casino Control Commission; and James Goldman, former city councilman in El Paso, Texas.

Jewish Family Service gains reaccreditation

Jewish Family Service of Delaware has just received a Certificate of Accreditation from the Council on Accreditation of Services for Families

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lies and Children, according to an announcement by Arnold Lieberman, Executive Director of the agency, which is located at 101 Garden of Eden Road in Wilmington.

"Accreditation, which is for a four-year period, attests that an agency has met a set of nationally established requirements which help ensure quality service," according to David Shover, Council Executive Director. "Accreditation provides assurance," he said, "that the agency is performing services which the

community needs, conducting its operations effectively and managing its funds wisely."

The procedure involves a detailed examination of the agency's operation which includes a self-study by the agency and a visit by a Council team of reviewers. The latest accreditation is effective through September 30, 1994, and includes the overall operation and the following services: Family and Individual Counseling; Supportive Services to the Elderly; Family Life Education; and Resettlement Services.

The Council, sponsored by the Association of Jewish Family and Children's Agencies, Catholic Charities USA, the Child Welfare League of America, Family Service America, the Lutheran Social Ministry System, the national Committee for Adoption and the National Association of Homes and Services for Children, accredits private voluntary and proprietary agencies, as well as local direct-service public agencies. It accredits over 575 agencies in the United States and Canada, and is the only independent accrediting body providing quality assurance over a broad range of family and children's services.

Revisionist pamphlet distributed on U of D campus

By PAULA BERENGUT
Editor of The Jewish Voice

"The Case for Teaching Holocaust Revisionism in our Colleges and High Schools," a pamphlet that twists established facts regarding the Holocaust and suggests that Bradley R. Smith, Director of the Media Project for the Institute for Historical Review in California, be considered as a speaker on campuses, was distributed last month at the University of Delaware.

The Institute for Historical Review gained wide publicity in 1979 by offering a \$50,000 award to anyone proving that even one Jew had been gassed in Auschwitz.

In the pamphlet, Bradley refers to the "ugly rumor" of the Holocaust story as a fraud and falsehood. He questions eyewitness testimony with regard to the Holocaust and by quoting scholars and experts like Nobel Prize winning author Elie Wiesel out of context, in an attempt to change the meaning of their words and reports.

Not including revisionism in the schools, the pamphlet says, is promoting bad history.

According to Norma Gaines-Price who heads the Campus Climate Task Force of the university's recently established Commission on Cultural

Racist acts on campus appear to be on the rise



Graffiti was sprayed by the University of Delaware's Smith Overpass elevator on October 18, the latest in a series of racist incidents on the Newark campus. (Photo: Allison Graves)

Diversity, the process of determining the source of the pamphlet is being investigated. Gaines-Price said her task force records such incidents. She had forwarded the pamphlet to the university's Office of Minority

Affairs and would also be directing a copy to the Office of the President.

"It is important for the President to be made aware of this type of publication or action whenever it occurs, so that he will understand the magni-

tude of the problem and deal with the intolerance," she said.

Currently, the university has no policy regarding such publications, Gaines-Price noted, although one is being worked on now by several task forces and committees. Similar pamphlets have been handed out on campus before, she said.

While such handouts are offensive, Gaines-Price said, they are opinions and they are protected by the first amendment. They cannot be banned, she added, only discouraged.

But according to a report in the News Journal on October 24, university Faculty Senate President Leslie Goldstein disagrees. The university must walk a fine line between determining what constitutes harassment and what constitutes freedom of expression, Goldstein is quoted as saying.

The News Journal article reports that Goldstein, a political science professor, said that because the university is both a public educational institution and a place of residence for many students, it is able to put limits on speech that might not be acceptable in another setting.

A recent series of racist incidents on the University of Delaware campus has apparently speeded up the

process of revising the student regulations that deal with hate crimes. The revisions will reportedly address prejudices including those based on sexual orientation, gender, ethnic origin, religion and disability.

On September 5, three black students were sprayed with Mace by a carload of white students on Main Street in Newark after one of the white students shouted "White power!"

On September 15, racial slurs were written on doors, bulletin boards and walls in a student resident hall.

On October 5, a black Cabbage Patch doll was found "lynched" and hanging from a black student's desk.

And on the evening of October 18, anti-Semitic graffiti including a number of swastikas and the words "White Power" were discovered spray painted on four campus buildings. The graffiti was cleaned off the buildings on October 19.

Leslie Goldenberg will serve as 1991 campaign chairman of Women's Division

Womens Division President Judy Topkis has announced that Leslie Goldenberg will serve as Women's Division Campaign Chairperson for the 1991 Campaign.

Goldenberg has been active in the campaign in the last several years and in 1986 served as co-chairperson of the Women's Division campaign.

During the past few weeks Goldenberg has been successful in laying the groundwork for a campaign structure, according to Topkis. Goldenberg says she is "very energized by all the women who have come forward to volunteer for Women's Division." She said the Women's Division leadership is especially interested in recruiting people who have not been involved before.

"Whether a woman is a breadwinner or not, when her voice is counted individually as a voice in support of Israel, it counts in Washington. United States support of Israel is intimately tied to the strength of American Jewry's advocacy for and financial support of Israel," she said.

In addition to Campaign, Goldenberg has volunteered in a variety of community agencies and organizations since she and her family moved to Delaware in 1978. She served as President of National Council of Jewish Women in 1980 and has co-chaired the Kutz Auxiliary Ball and served on the Jewish Family Service Board. She has been a docent at the Delaware Art Museum and donated her time as a CASA (Court-Appointed Special Advocate) in Delaware's Family Court.

Currently Goldenberg divides her time between her position as a travel agent, as a substitute teacher for the Independent School and as the mother of three children, ages 12 through 18.

The Goldenberg family recently returned from a "very rewarding" summer mission to Israel "with renewed spirit and commitment to Israel and Delaware's Jewish commu-



Leslie Goldenberg

nity." Goldenberg said that they all "came away being very proud of who and what we are. We, as Americans, feel free and comfortable in the United States, but we shouldn't take it for granted. If anything happens, Israel is the only place to which Jews can go. Just because we don't physically live there right now, doesn't mean we don't have a responsibility to Israel. We need to have a Jewish State.

"Right now we are experiencing a massive exodus from the USSR to Israel. Russian Jews will be able to live in freedom as Jews but also make choices in their private lives that they never dreamed possible. In this campaign, she said, "we will all persevere in order to make the dreams come true."

For more information regarding

Women's Division and opportunities for involvement, call Lelaine Nemer, Director of Women's Division at the Jewish Federation of Delaware, 478-6200.



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YLC begins year with leadership development session

The Jewish Federation of Delaware Young Leadership Cabinet (YLC) opened its 1990-91 year with an audience of more than 50 young adults on October 16. "The YLC

committees are in full-gear," announced Mark Kuller, YLC Chairman.

The first YLC committee program, sponsored by the Leadership Development

Committee, will feature a presentation on the "Ten Commandments of a Good Meeting" with David Sorkin, JCC Executive Director, as the keynote speaker, Thursday, November 8, at 7:15 p.m., at the Jewish Community Center.

At the October 16 opening reception the theme "We're Building A Puzzle" was introduced by Kuller as a reflection of the organization's concept that every individual and every activity of the YLC is essential to its success. Following the 'Matzo Bowl' game, designed by the YLC to provide a taste of what the organization is all about through a unique Jewish trivia competition, individuals were offered the opportunity to become a member of the YLC by signing-up for one of the four committees. The committees include Community and Political Involvement, Fundraising, Leadership Development and General Programs.

"We were thrilled with the responses," commented Sheryl Fried, YLC Vice-Chairperson. "Not only did everyone seem to enjoy the game and know much of the information, but the program ended with more than 35 people actually filling a piece of the YLC Puzzle and joining the Cabinet."

The Young Leadership Cabinet is a program of the Jewish Federation of Delaware designed to channel young adults into the organized Jewish community (see accompanying YLC Vision/Mission statement).

For more information about the YLC or the November 8 Leadership Development session, contact Seth Bloom, JFD Director of Community Development, at 478-6200.



Above, standing behind the Young Leadership Cabinet's puzzle are (left to right) Mark Kuller, YLC Chairman; Seth Bloom, JFD Director of Community Development; Suzanne Grant, Chairman of the YLC Community and Political Involvement Committee; Sheryl Fried, YLC Vice-Chairman; Susan Kreshtool, Chairman of the General Programs Committee; Debra Kattler, Chairman of Fundraising/Super Sunday; Lori Barbanel, Vice-Chairman of the Leadership Development Committee; Max Rosenberg, Chairman of the Leadership Development Committee; and Frances Ratner, Vice-Chairman of the Community and Political Involvement Committee. Below, the YLC Vision and Mission Statement, developed recently by the YLC, illustrates the goals and objectives of the organization.

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German court fines neo-Nazi

BONN (JTA) — A court in Stuttgart sentences the editor in chief of German Voice, the official organ of the neo-Nazi National Democratic Party, to a suspended six-month sentence and a \$3,000 fine for inciting hatred and racial discrimination.

The accused, Karl-Heinz Vorsatz, refused to repudiate an article he published last January. It claimed that Poles who lived in Germany were responsible for the expulsion and murder of millions of Germans in territory lost to Poland after World War II.

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- agencies, organizations and synagogues are actively supported,
- through leadership training, a cadre of leaders emerge, and
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So that young adults become involved and committed to the Jewish community of Delaware.

First step is taken to repeal 'Zionism is Racism'

UNITED NATIONS (JTA) — Almost 15 years after the United Nations General Assembly passed a resolution equating Zionism with racism, the first official step toward its repeal was taken by Jewish non-governmental agencies affiliated with the United Nations.

A petition submitted October 17 to Assembly President Guido de Marco, Malta's foreign minister, says the resolution "maligned the Jewish people by equating its liberation movement, Zionism, with racism and racial discrimination."

The petition, which will be sent on to member states who can call for repeal in the General Assembly, says, "The time has come for the UN to

cleanse itself of this grotesque libel." Israeli officials said they would not want it taken to a vote until a comfortable majority was assured in the General Assembly.

Several nations that abstained or voted in favor of the resolution in 1975 have indicated their original vote no longer holds true, thus suggesting that the resolution might be able to pass with a slim majority.

"We would like to repeal it as soon as possible, but we are now trying to prepare the ground until we are sure we have a majority. We shouldn't risk another defeat in the General Assembly," said Aaron Yakov, an official at the Israeli mission to the United Nations.

Breakthrough for Reform Jewry

WASHINGTON — The Association of Reform Zionists of America, ARZA, has announced that its Congregation Emet Va'anava in Ramat Gan, Israel, has received a grant of 10,000 shekels — about \$4,000 — from Ramat Gan's municipal minis-

try. It is the first time in Israel's history that a city government has given a major allocation to a Reform congregation, ARZA has reported. The Ramat Gan group was founded in 1962. It is one of 21 Reform congregations in Israel. — Joseph Polakoff.

Hillel at U of D in process of acquiring house

By PAULA BERENGUT
Editor of The Jewish Voice

A major fundraising effort is being planned following the October 29 meeting of the Hillel Advisory Board in an effort to purchase a house for the Jewish student organization, according to Board President Vivian Klaff.

The organization, which has been housed in a small apartment above a store on Main Street since 1985, has made a partial downpayment on a home at 47 West Delaware Avenue in Newark and is currently in the process of raising the remainder of the down payment, Klaff said. He said the purchase price of the house is \$170,000.

Chaired by Frank and Yetta Chaiken, the campaign is being planned to raise the amount needed for the purchase and, depending on the amount raised, either renovations to the existing structure or demolition and rebuilding, Klaff said in a telephone interview.

Klaff said that the amount raised will determine the option chosen.

"Hillel has grown so much lately," said Ruth Kershner, recently-appointed Hillel counselor. She said that the organization has simply outgrown its current building and larger accommodations are required. "We have always been able to accommodate 40 students comfortably for dinner, but this year we have had up to 80 attending our Shabbat dinners," she said.

Besides being larger, the new address is much closer to the campus and student housing. "The current location is good," Kershner noted, "but many students consider it to be a dangerous area at night. Because of fear, there have been students



The new Hillel address will be 47 West Delaware Ave. in Newark

who refused to attend evening events unless they could be escorted."

These sentiments were echoed by Hillel Student Board Secretary Philip Kauffman who added that the closer proximity to campus would afford Hillel a higher visibility by the general student population. "The Black Student Union, for example, has its facility on campus," kauffman explained. "That has allowed them to become a more integral part of campus life."

"The time is ripe for this change," Klaff said. "We have lots of students and we have great leadership. We're having higher attendance more often and we need the house."

The Chaikens have played a key role in Jewish education in Delaware, noted Robert N. Kerbel, Executive Vice President of the Jewish Federation. Mr. Chaiken, he said, was instrumental in the recent establishment of the Judaic Studies program at the University of Delaware.

Hillel 'thriving'

"Hillel at the University of Delaware is a thriving, vibrant Jewish organization," according to its recently appointed director, Ruth Kershner.

Since classes began, Kershner said, students affiliated with Hillel have welcomed freshmen and learned about Israel.

In November, the Hillel student body will concentrate its efforts on community awareness. Plans include continuing a letter-writing campaign to Jewish chaplains serving in the Middle East and sharing a dinner with a Christian student group on campus in an effort to strengthen interfaith relationships, Kershner said. On November 11 Hillel students will attend the Sharansky lecture at the Playhouse in Wilmington, courtesy of the Young Memorial Lecture Fund. On November 27, the organization will co-sponsor a speaker with the Black Student Union. The speaker, Joe Louis Barrows, Jr., will discuss interracial issues, especially as they relate to blacks and Jews on the college campus. At the end of the month, Hillel students will join Kutz Home residents at the Home on November 30 for services and an Oneg Shabbat.

Programs have been designed to create Jewish world and community awareness, Kershner said.



Ruth Kershner

All Hillel programs are open to the entire community. Jewish students who are interested in involvement in the Hillel activities should call the Hillel office at 453-0479.

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Jewish groups protest U.S. pamphlet for troops in Saudi desert

By HOWARD ROSENBERG
WASHINGTON (JTA) — The Defense Department is disregarding democratic values by barring U.S. troops in Saudi Arabia from making pro-Israel or anti-Arab remarks, Jewish groups are charging.

The American Jewish Committee and the Simon Wiesenthal Center wrote letters last week to Defense Secretary Dick Cheney, in response to a report in the November issue of Harper's magazine. Harper's reprinted a chapter from "Customs and Culture," a troop-information pamphlet distributed by the U.S. Central Command to all U.S. armed forces in Saudi Arabia.

A Pentagon spokesman confirmed the pamphlet's existence, but had no immediate response to objections from Jewish circles.

First among the "sensitive subjects" listed that "should be avoided or handled carefully" are "articles

and stories showing U.S.-Israeli ties and friendship." Other taboo subjects are "anti-Arab demonstrations or sentiments in the United States," "the Jewish lobby" and "U.S. intelligence given to Israel."

U.S. personnel are also instructed to not show "films or news clips featuring pro-Zionist actors and actresses (e.g., Barbra Streisand, Liz Taylor)."

"Quite frankly, we are shocked at many of the references in the published list," charged Sholom Comay, AJCommittee president, and David Harris, its new executive vice president. "No one can be under the illusion that our presence in Saudi Arabia is intended to protect a fellow democracy," Comay and Harris wrote, dismissing the kingdom and its Persian Gulf neighbors as "current allies" of the United States.

But "surely, we ought not to ask our soldiers to submerge entirely those

values of tolerance, pluralism and open-mindedness that have made the U.S. a unique democratic society," the letter read.

Among the items in the list to be avoided that the AJCommittee did not object to were "ads for pork or shellfish."

The Wiesenthal Center wrote

Cheney, "It is one thing for the Saudis to have rules governing their own citizens. It is quite another thing for the United States to violate its own principles and beliefs just to kowtow to a racist Saudi policy.

"If this is what the administration means by a new world order, then perhaps we were better off with the

old one," wrote Rabbi Marvin Hier, dean of the center, and Rabbi Abraham Cooper, associate dean.

Steve Shaw, executive director of the Jewish War Veterans of America, concurred with the criticism of the pamphlet. "This catering to Saudi sensitivity is very problematic," he said.

Gulf crisis affects NY Marathon

NEW YORK (JTA) — Repercussions from the current crisis in the Persian Gulf are being felt by businesses, corporations and tourism worldwide. No one is untouched by the present world conflict. Not even the New York City Marathon.

A substantial portion of the 25,000 participants who run the 26.2 miles are foreigners from 80 countries throughout the world.

This year, however, only two Israelis will be running in the Novem-

ber 4 race, a substantial decrease from the usual 30 to 40 Israeli participants. "There are fewer Israeli tourists everywhere now," said Fred Lebow, director of the Marathon. "That means fewer Israeli marathon runners for us." Some of the runners who might otherwise be entered in the race are now serving in the army, Lebow said.

Additionally this year, for the first time in the history of the marathon there are no participants from Iraq

and Kuwait, which Lebow attributes to the Gulf crisis.

For the eighth consecutive year, the marathon will feature an organized morning minyan for the convenience of the Jewish runners competing in the race.

The first "Minyan for Marathoners" was held in 1983, when 26 Jews davened together. The minyan has now become an institution at the marathon, attracting over 100 Jewish worshipers from all over the world under a tent with the Israeli flag flying beside it.

Gratz H.S. registers 23 new students

The Delaware Branch of the Jewish Community High School of Gratz College in Philadelphia has announced that it registered 23 new students for the 5751 school year.

Students who have joined the first year class from Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth are Rena Baruch, Sarah Berengut, Jessica Berlin, Shana Berry, Barbara Eisenberg, Marlene Marzouk, Sean Protas, Lisa Sandell, Todd Schepp and Rachel Weiss. James Levine from Beth Shalom and Cheryl Chazin and Shawn Kotzen from Ohev Shalom complete the roster of new students to the Prozdor class.

Lisa Kopolovic from Beth El in Newark and Keren Ini, who has returned to Gratz after spending a year in Israel, from Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth, have joined the High School II program.

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Jury rules against Skinheads in Oregon case

By TIM SILLS

Portland Jewish Review

PORTLAND, Ore., (JTA) — The ruling last week by an Oregon jury that white supremacist Tom Metzger and his son, John, were responsible for the 1988 murder of an Ethiopian national by Skinheads, has particular meaning to the Jewish community, according to the director of civil rights for the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

Foremost in the mind of Jeffrey Sinensky, who helped represent the plaintiffs in the case, is the crippling effect the decision will have on the anti-Semitic operations of Metzger's organization, White Aryan Resistance.

A Multnomah County Circuit Court jury voted 11-1 to find the Metzgers liable for the murder of Mulugeta Scraw, then assessed \$12.5 million in damages against them, their organization and two of the Skinheads involved in the racially motivated beating death.

The verdict was announced after five hours of deliberation on October 22, following a nine-day trial.

Metzger, a 52-year-old television repairman from Fallbrook, Calif., vowed to appeal, but it is believed doubtful that he can muster the \$5 million required for an appeals bond.

"Metzger obviously doesn't have the \$12 million," Sinensky said regarding the jury's award, "but you can be damn sure we're going to strip him to his underwear. If we have to pull up in a moving van and empty his house, we'll do it. We believe this will shut down his operation."

Although Metzger claims his net assets are less than \$100,000, ADL says his home alone is worth four times that much.

"He'll be too busy trying to ward off the auction of his house to continue as an advocate for racist Skinheads," Sinensky added.

ADL had long hoped for a case against Metzger, but it was not until early last year that compelling evidence was available.

That's when Dave Mazzella, who later testified against the Skinheads convicted for the November 13, 1988 murder of Scraw, called ADL's San

Diego office and said he wanted to talk. Mazzella told ADL that he was an agent provocateur in the killing, under explicit orders from Metzger to do violence to blacks and Jews. "It was miraculous," Sinensky recalls. "Mazzella was the missing link that brought our effort beyond the boundaries of circumstantial evidence. Without him, it would have been difficult to make it fly."

Sinensky has no illusions about the possibility that the victory over the racists will produce a backlash. "Whether or not the Metzgers will strike out as a consequence of the trial is up in the air," he said. "All of ADL's offices are on high alert. We have been targeted for firebombing in the past, and it's certain that many of these people are unstable and violence-prone."

"When I put my name on the complaint, I thought long and hard about it," he said. "But the message had to be sent that extremist individuals will have to consider the consequences of their conduct."

Neither Metzger nor his 22-year-old son were charged criminally in

the case, and state prosecutors said they did not expect to ever file such charges against them.

The Metzger trial is the second successful prosecution of a national racist group for recovery of hate-crime damages. In 1987, the Southern Poverty Law Center, the lead attorney for the plaintiffs in the case against the Metzgers — sued United Klans of America on behalf of the family of a slain black man. The action effectively bankrupted the Klan and has minimized its activity since.

At the trial's outset, some observers expressed concern that successful prosecution on counts alluding to negligent and reckless speech might curtail First Amendment rights. But after the American Civil Liberties Union filed a court brief stating as much, attorneys for the plaintiffs dropped three of the original four claims.

"As the trial progressed, we felt more and more comfortable simply proving the key element — that the Metzgers acted with intent to provoke violence," said Sinensky. "We felt good about putting our chips

there and not confusing the jury with other charges. It was simply a matter of good trial advocacy."

Sinensky was joined in the case by another ADL attorney, Richard Shevitz, but neither made court presentations during the trial.

The majority of the plaintiffs' case was delivered by Morris Dees, director of the Southern Poverty Law Center, with brief appearances by the Seraw family's Oregon counsel, Elden Rosenthal. The low profile was intentional.

"We didn't want the jury seeing Tom and John Metzger over at one table alone — no attorney to help them — and the plaintiff's table stacked with a half-dozen attorneys," said Sinensky. "Once we knew the defendants were going pro se (defending oneself without the aid of an attorney), we made a decision to let Mr. Dees carry the bulk of the presentation."

Both Dees and ADL provided their services free of charge. "Certainly it cost SPLC and ourselves a lot of money," Sinensky noted. "But we feel vindicated by the results."

ADL welcomes indictment of Oklahoma Skinheads

SAN FRANCISCO (JTA) — The indictment last week of six neo-Nazi Skinheads in Tulsa, Okla., has been welcomed by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, which concluded a three-day meeting of its national executive committee here Saturday.

The indictments, served for intimidation of minorities, were announced by U.S. Assistant Attorney General John Dunne, who addressed ADL's Civil Rights Committee at a luncheon here last Thursday.

Dunne, who heads the Justice Department's Civil Rights Division, spoke about the growth of the Skinhead movement in America. He enumerated a spate of violent crimes committed by Skinheads, who are active in at least 100 American cities. There are now 200 white supremacist groups in existence throughout the United States, he said.

In a statement, ADL National Chairman Melvin Salberg said the latest indictments reaffirm "the fact that the Bush Administration continues to vigorously prosecute the perpetrators of hate crimes. This consistent and aggressive prosecution is the most effective way to curb their propensity for violence. We hope these indictments will contribute to the demise of the racist Skinhead phenomenon."

As an example of the proliferation of hate-group activities, Dunne cited a rise of 75 percent in hate crimes in Los Angeles last year, the highest level in 10 years. "Today we have a new public enemy No. 1: that growing mob who commit crimes of hatred, tearing deep holes in the fabric that binds our society together," he said.

He spoke of the Justice Department's success winning a conviction or guilty plea in every hate crime it has prosecuted so far this year and told the ADL delegates he appreciated "the activities of groups such as yours."

ADL leaders met last year with Attorney General Dick Thornburgh to discuss the activities of hate groups, particularly Skinheads. They urged him to establish within the Justice Department a Skinhead Task Force to deal with the problem of the violent youths, who espouse a neo-Nazi credo and sometimes don Nazi garb.

ADL cautions, however, that not all Skinheads are racists. Some youths who have adopted the shaved-head look and admire punk rock are in fact anti-racist.

Extremists

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to Sarah what he is about to do. Sarah, who placed Isaac in the path of the Akedah-covenant moment in overcoming Abraham's blindness, is kept in the dark. No doubt Abraham fears her objection. Indeed, Sarah and Abraham never see each other again. After the Akedah, Abraham returns and dwells in Beersheba. The next parashah opens with Sarah's death — in Hebron — where "Abraham came to mourn for Sarah, and to weep for her." The text says no more.

Appropriately. Abraham, Sarah, Isaac and those who follow them are part of a drama and a revolution in which their roles are both human and bigger than human. They are spiritual extremists like the extremist God of the covenant, paradoxical aspects of a continuously paradoxical situation. The untouchably distant, constantly near God is echoed in these creatures so like us and so beyond our grasp; chosen and choosing to bear the responsibility of struggling with God to forge spiritual order in a chaotic universe.

Ori Z. Soltes teaches at the Cleveland College of Jewish Studies, and lectures at the Smithsonian and the Art Institute of Chicago on a variety of topics in art, history, Bible and mysticism.

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Racist 'Liberty Lobby' expanding with new radio outlets, ADL says

By DEBRA NUSSBAUM

NEW YORK, Oct. 25 (JTA) — LibertyLobby, one of the wealthiest and most active anti-Semitic organizations in this country, has recently strengthened its public voice by acquiring new radio outlets, and may soon be boosted by a multimillion-dollar bequest; according to the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith. ADL's new report, "Liberty Lobby: Network of Hate," reports that the organization is broadcasting bigotry and extremism to millions of people through a network of satellite-transmitted radio programs.

This updated information was released during the League's National Executive Committee meeting last week at San Francisco's Grand Hyatt-Union Square.

Liberty Lobby, based in Washington, has gained access to 147 radio stations throughout the United States by purchasing the Sun Radio Network of Tampa, Fla., in December 1989. Programs distributed by Sun include familiar consumer-oriented call-in shows; however, approximately 45 of Sun's affiliates have now added Radio Free America to their regular programming schedules, the ADL report notes.

Since July 1988, Liberty Lobby has also owned roughly a half interest in the Kayla Satellite Broadcasting Network of Richmond Center, Wisc., which sends radio programs to satellite dish owners throughout North America. Kayla programming now includes a daily two-hour Liberty Lobby talk show called Radio Free America.

Liberty Lobby's outreach has expanded overseas as well, according to ADL. Radio Free America is now carried on shortwave radio to Europe, South America, India and the Middle East by World Wide Christian Radio, a 100,000-watt station in Nashville.

Furthermore, before the end of this year, several million dollars through a multimillion dollar bequest could strengthen Liberty Lobby's reach even further.

An elderly American woman who died in Geneva in 1985 disowned her relatives and left her \$35 million-

plus estate to a friend, Liberty Lobby founder Willis Carto, and to two Carto-related organizations, the League for the Survival of Freedom and the Institute for Historical Review, which denies that the Holocaust existed. (See article page ??)

Liberty Lobby presently claims to have an annual budget of \$4 million and 25,000 members. Its primary publication, *The Spotlight*, has a circulation of 100,000.

The weekly tabloid projects an image of respectability by highlighting issues of interest to political conservatives, according to ADL.

In 1990, according to the report, the Liberty Lobby, led by Carto, launched mini-crusades against proposed tax increases, trade agreements with the Soviet Union, gun control, gay rights and the welfare system.

The group tries to position itself as an innocuous "conservative lobby" with a patriotic agenda, but has been rejected by some of this country's

leading conservative commentators, including William Buckley Jr. and R. Emmett Tyrell Jr., editor in chief of *The American Spectator*.

Liberty Lobby serves a central role in the loose federation of hate groups, as a clearing house for information, according to Alan Schwartz, research director at ADL and editor of the report. *The Spotlight* is used as "a bulletin board" by these groups to announce upcoming rallies and events.

"With the new developments, Liberty Lobby's potential for influencing the uninformed seems to be growing," Schwartz said.

"They've been skillful in promoting their ideology through several avenues, including *The Spotlight*, which has a pretty broad audience for anti-Semitic and viciously anti-Israeli material," Schwartz noted. "The prospect of the additional number of people they will reach through their radio network is a definite cause for significant concern."

Revisionist arraigned in Massachusetts

By STEVE ROSENBERG

The Jewish Advocate

BOSTON (JTA) — Fred Leuchter, a builder of execution systems and Holocaust revisionist, has been arraigned in Malden District Court on charges of practicing engineering without a license. The charge stems from his self-proclaimed scientific authority, which has been used extensively by neo-Nazis to bolster their arguments that the Holocaust never occurred.

The 47-year-old businessman pleaded not guilty October 23 and was released on his personal recognition. A pretrial conference was set for December 11.

If convicted, the Malden resident could face a fine of \$500 and up to three months in prison. His credibility as a witness for Holocaust revisionists would also be damaged.

Leuchter holds a bachelor's degree in history, but never attended an

engineering school or took a license examination in Massachusetts in the field he claims expertise.

Leuchter left the courthouse protected by policemen and followed by TV cameras and reporters as dozens of Holocaust survivors standing in the drizzling rain, shouted "Lies!" and waved signs reading "We Bear Witness." As he passed them, Leuchter denied he was an anti-Semite.

Nazi-hunter Beate Klarsfeld, who helped initiate the action against Leuchter, came here from France to stand outside the Malden court.

Klarsfeld explained that Leuchter could not be sued for false research and defamation but could be brought to court for falsifying his professional credentials.

Shelly Shapiro, director of Holocaust Survivors and Friends in Pursuit of Justice, plans to publish a report refuting Leuchter's writings in November.

Senate blocks housing proposal for Israel

By JOSEPH POLAKOFF

Special To The Jewish Voice

WASHINGTON — The Senate has overwhelmingly rejected attempts to impose a requirement on Israel to report to Congress every 180 days its activities on settlements and to halt direct transfer to Israel of \$700 million in weapons from U.S. military stocks because of Iraqi threats.

Both proposals failed during debate on foreign aid legislation for the fiscal year that started October 1 as the 101st Congress moved towards adjournment. The House has adopted a two-year aid program that includes the 1991 fiscal year but it does not

contain provisions enacted by the Senate. A House-Senate conference must iron out the differences and resubmit the bill to both chambers for approval before sending it to President Bush for signing into law.

Senators Robert Byrd of West Virginia, the Senate's former Democratic leader, and Robert Dole of Kansas, the president Republican leader, pressed for the reporting formula on Israel in the wake of the dispute between the Shamir and Bush governments on the use of loans derived by Israel from the \$400 million U.S. guarantee of credits for construction of housing for Soviet

Jews.

Dole and Byrd contended, much on the order of Secretary of State James Baker's view, that Israel is precluded from construction of dwellings beyond the "green line," meaning East Jerusalem, Gaza, the West Bank and the Golan Heights. Byrd suggested that the letter of Foreign Minister David Levy to Baker suggested such a position. Dole, who earlier this year sought a reduction of five percent in outlays for Israel and other countries, said "with the fungibility of dollars" that Israel receives "almost all U.S. aid has some indirect relevance to that issue" of settlements.

However, Senator Bob Kasten (R-Wis), the co-manager of the Senate's foreign aid measure, declared he would set aside the Dole-Byrd pro-

posal and Pennsylvania Republican Senators Arlen Specter and John Heinz also strongly opposed it. Both pointed out that Israel has said it would make full accounting of what is used of the \$400 million guarantee and therefore the Dole-Byrd proposal was unnecessary.

Kasten declared the proposal "is unnecessary, inflammatory and could be counter-productive especially in light of events in the Persian Gulf and the shared U.S.-Israel goal of focusing the world's attention on Iraqi terrorism and Iraq's aggression." Senator Charles Grassley (R-Iowa) reminded the Senate that last March 22 it had declared undivided Jerusalem as Israel's capital.

Specter said, "This resolution can be read no other way than to join in a critical comment about the State of

Israel by the U.S. Senate." Heinz said consideration of the proposal "at this time" is a "grave mistake." Voting against it were conservative Republicans including Senators Alan Simpson of Wyoming, Jesse Helms of North Carolina, and William Armstrong of Colorado. Besides Byrd and Dole, supporting their measure was Democrat David Pryor (D-Ark), Jake Garn (R-Utah), James Jeffords (R-Vt), Nancy Kassebaum (R-Kans), James McClure (R-Idaho), and Malcolm Wallop (R-Wyo).

After the Senate by a voice vote adopted the weapons for Israel proposed by Senators Kasten and Daniel Inouye (D-Hawaii), Byrd demanded a roll call vote. He was the only one to oppose the measure. The 98 other senators present voted for it.

40,000 Soviet Jews to come to U.S. as refugees during 1991 fiscal year

By HOWARD ROSENBERG

WASHINGTON (JTA) — President Bush has authorized the admission of 50,000 Soviet emigres to the United States as refugees during the new fiscal year, which began October 1. Of that total, 40,000 are expected to be Soviet Jews. All of them will receive federal assistance covering transportation and initial resettlement costs.

By contrast, in the last fiscal year, 10,000 of the 50,000 "refugee slots" were not funded by the U.S. government. As a result, private Jewish groups had to provide complete funding for the transmigration of 8,000 Soviet Jews.

U.S. Jewish groups sought and obtained full funding for those costs during the 1991 fiscal year. But they did not seek an increase in the 50,000 Soviet refugee quota, so as not to divert to the United States emigres who might otherwise settle in Israel.

The Jewish groups did not want to jeopardize the current level of refugee admissions from other countries by requesting an increase in the Soviet quota.

Overall, Bush increased from 125,000 to 131,000 the number of refugees who will be admitted worldwide this fiscal year. They are granted entry if they demonstrate a "well-

founded fear of persecution."

Officials at the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society, which helps Soviet Jews seeking entry to the United States, said the U.S. refugee processing system implemented in the Soviet Union this past year is working well in that about 95 percent of Soviet Jews seeking refugee status have been granted it so far in 1990.

But HIAS officials also note that hundreds of thousands of Soviet Jews would like to emigrate to the United States, but cannot for the foreseeable future because of the 50,000 ceiling. Of the 40,000 Soviet Jews to enter the United States during the 1991 fiscal year, nearly 20,000 already have been interviewed by the Justice Department's Immigration and Naturalization Service.

Priority is being given to those with immediate family in the United States, said Deborah Mark, special assistant to the executive director of HIAS, Karl Zukerman. Soviet Jewish families already in the United States cannot expect aunts and uncles to be able to immigrate here for at least two to three years, Mark said.

But to facilitate the process, Soviet families here should pay in advance for their relatives' airplane tickets, because there is a shortage of tickets available in rubles, the Soviet cur-

rency, Mark explained.

Another benefit to buying tickets here is that there is a 25 percent discount offered by airlines flying from the Soviet Union for tickets purchased in dollars.

By prepaying tickets, families also will not have to take out U.S. government loans to pay for transportation, which would theoretically free up U.S. refugee funds that could be spent on resettling them once they arrive in the United States, Mark said.

Zukerman said HIAS is not seeking to open an office in the Soviet Union and will rely instead on contacts with U.S. immigration officials, periodic staff visits and telephone hook-ups to Soviet Jews.

Wave of arson after Oct. 8 riots

TEL AVIV (JTA) — A wave of arson attacks has taken a heavy toll on forests, nature reserves and grazing fields throughout Israel, the Jewish National Fund announced October 21.

Some 600 acres of natural forest and brush, including 200-year-old oak trees, have been destroyed by 30 fires of suspicious origin since Palestinian nationalist leaders exhorted their followers to burn Israel property in the wake of the October 8 riots on the Temple Mount in Jerusalem.

"During recent days, cases of arson have been carried out in a systematic and preplanned manner, which has encumbered firefighting efforts and caused severe damage to fauna and flora," said an announcement issued by JNF.

Firefighting efforts have been impeded by severe heat and strong wind, conditions of the Sharav desert wind.

The attacks on vegetation are similar to suspicious fires that broke out after the Palestinian uprising erupted in December 1987.

This time, however, a "new phenomenon" is present: simultaneous fires set at night in a number of places and along a defined route, JNF said.

In Wadi Ara, a fire was set in a JNF forest, and arsonists built stone roadblocks to impede firefighters' access, according to JNF. The arsonists also chopped down areas of green trees.

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Office opened in Moscow by USCJ to monitor Soviet emigration

By DAVID FRIEDMAN
WASHINGTON (JTA) — An office to monitor Soviet emigration and human rights practices has been opened in Moscow, the Union of Councils for Soviet Jews has announced. The Moscow Bureau on Exit, Human Rights and Rules of Law in the USSR was opened Monday as a joint venture of the Union of Councils and the Moscow-based Public Committee on Exit and Entrance and Other Human Rights.

"We are excited to be the first Western human rights organization to open an office in Moscow," David Waksberg, the union's vice president, said at the opening ceremony. He said that the center will provide direct assistance to prisoners of conscience, refuseniks and Soviet Jews fleeing anti-Semitism as well as provide resettlement information for those emigrating to the United States and Israel.

The center opens at a time when the Union of Councils is urging a revival of the grass-roots efforts in the American Jewish community on behalf of Jews in the Soviet Union.

"We in the Jewish community have been complacent because the immigration figures are high," said Pamela Cohen, the group's president. Cohen said that because Jewish emigration figures have gone from tiny numbers to "twice what we had hoped," the Bush administration and Congress believe American Jews are no longer concerned about human rights in the USSR.

Cohen spoke here last week to some 70 people, representing Soviet Jewry councils around the country, who were last week to attend the

organization's annual leadership conference.

The conference focused on reviving the grass-roots movement to press the human rights agenda at the next meeting of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe. The meeting, which will take place in Paris in November, will be attended by President Bush, Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev and the leaders of the other countries in the CSCE.

The CSCE has been the forum for discussion of the 1975 Helsinki Accords. But Micah Naftalin, national director of the Union of Councils, said the CSCE has been recently concentrating on security and economics, two of the three baskets of the Helsinki Accords, and barely mentioning the third, human rights.

This was most evident when the CSCE foreign ministers met in New York earlier this month and only British Foreign Secretary Dennis Hurd stressed human rights, Naftalin said.

He added that the Union of Councils was not only concerned that there "has been a general lowering of voice on human rights," but that non-governmental organizations like the Union of Councils have been frozen out of the process. "Suddenly we are out in the cold," he said.

It was the non-governmental organizations that fueled the human rights movement and got the CSCE to deal with the issue, Naftalin pointed out.

The change in focus is due partly to the success of the Helsinki process, which inspired the democratic movement in Eastern Europe, Naftalin said. He noted that the Paris

meeting is aimed at building the "architecture for a new Europe" in which democratization and free elections will be the focus.

"Gone (from the CSCE agenda) is anti-Semitism, gone is psychiatric abuse, gone is political prisoners," as well as continued barriers to emigration, Naftalin said.

To reverse the trend to neglect human rights, the Union of Councils is urging its members to raise the issue in their localities and with their representatives in Congress.

Mark Kotlyar, a recent immigrant to Los Angeles from Kiev, has joined the Union of Councils and will be pressing the issue in speeches across the country. The 42-year-old Kotlyar was active in pleading the refusenik

cause with thousands of visitors to the Soviet Union. Among those with whom he met were Secretary of State James Baker and British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher.

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Soviet Jews stage rent protest in Israel

JERUSALEM (JTA) — A group of Soviet immigrants last week stormed the offices of Simcha Dinitz, the chairman of the Jewish Agency Executive, to protest what they called the high rents at the absorption centers in which they have been living for months, some of them for years.

The protest was timed to coincide with the meeting of the Jewish Agency Board of Governors, which discusses budgetary matters.

Dinitz was out of his office at the time, touring housing projects in southern Israel with board members and Construction and Housing Minister Ariel Sharon.

Uri Gordon, head of the Jewish

Agency's Immigration Department, responding to the demonstrators' protest, said rents at the absorption centers were still low compared to private market rentals. He accused Natan Sharansky's Zionist Forum of initiating the noisy demonstration "to promote his own interests."

Sharansky, the former prisoner of Zion, was freed in February 1986 after nine years in prisons and labor camps and allowed to go to Israel, where he rejoined his wife, Avital. Since his aliyah, Sharansky has become a dauntless activist for Soviet Jews in Israel, and a founder of the Soviet Jewry Zionist Forum, which advocates Soviet Jews' rights in Israel.

Israel tourism down 50%

TEL AVIV (JTA) — Immigrants are pouring into Israel in record numbers, but tourists are staying away in droves.

The Hotel Association said recently that tourism was down by 50 percent in September and that some 2,000 hotel employees were dismissed.

A severe blow was a Swiss Foreign Office advisory last month warning Swiss nationals not to travel to the Middle East for the time being.

Switzerland has been one of the biggest sources of European visitors to Israel. An Israel Food Festival, an annual tourist promotion event to have opened in Lausanne last month, was canceled.

But more than 111,000 immi-

grants have arrived in Israel so far this year, the vast majority from the Soviet Union, and at least 70,000 more are expected by the year's end.

Those figures were provided October 22 by Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir to the Knesset's Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee. But an aliyah of nearly 200,000 could be a mixed blessing, given the perilous state of the Israeli economy.

The Bank of Israel, the country's central bank, has disclosed that inflation doubled during the second quarter and is now running at a 23 percent annual rate.

Olim arriving in the weeks ahead may find a country paralyzed in many sectors by labor strife.

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Throughout American history, voluntary organizations have been formed to work for the improvement of society by helping individuals in need. Voluntary organizations have also helped maintain an open pluralistic system in America. The complexity of today's society has brought significant changes to voluntary organizations and volunteers. In recent years, volunteers who have come from emerging groups are eager to contribute to society and want to have a voice in the improvement of their communities.

Voluntary organizations in Wilmington provide needed services in health, welfare, character and leadership building to this community. For this reason, the United Way believes that a program of leadership development for policy and decision-making for volunteers is needed to strengthen agencies and improve their effectiveness in meeting community needs, according to David Sorkin, JCC Executive Director. In an effort to maximize the effectiveness of these voluntary agencies and their staffs, the United Way is offering the BOARDWALK training series which is scheduled to begin in January 1991.

The Jewish Community Center will be represented by Cindy Imber, Marilyn Levin, Judy Mellen and Sorkin. These individuals will be attending various training sessions and workshops which will enable board members and key administrative staff to:

- Promote volunteer participation in non-profit organizations throughout local communities.
- Increase volunteer and staff understanding of their community, its environment, systems, resources and values.
- Assist board members and staff to

clarify their respective roles, and achieve effective volunteer/staff partnerships.

-Strengthen the management skills of voluntary organization boards, board members and staff. The BOARDWALK program will serve as an on-going training resource for agencies, board members and staff and is designed to empower agencies and volunteers to efficiently meet the needs of the entire community.

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Healthsmart program

The Visiting Nurses Association of Delaware will be hosting a Healthsmart Program on Monday, November 12, at 12:45 p.m. at the JCC Senior Center.

Joan Nelson, R.N., who serves as the Health Educator for the Visiting Nurses Association will present a special program entitled, "Blood Pressure and You."

This program is free of charge and open to the entire community. For additional information, contact Ray Freshman, Senior Center Coordinator at the JCC.

Shabbat program involves pre-school, daycare children

The sounds of Shabbat fill the air every Friday morning at 11:00 a.m. when children in the pre-school and day-care classes gather in the lobby of the Jewish Community Center for Kabbalat Shabbat, the Sabbath welcome. The children are accompanied by the entire early childhood staff and joined by many parents, grandparents, members of the Senior Center and JCC Staff.

Feri Tehrani, Judaic Enrichment Specialist of the Early Childhood Services Department, arranges the Shabbat symbols on the white Shabbat tablecloth, and, led by Jane Hormadaly, Director of The Early Childhood Services Department, along with Tehrani, the children chant the blessings over the candles, grape juice and challah. Then, the fun begins as the children sing such Shabbat songs as "Avoda", "We're a Family",

Free flu shots offered

The Public Health Nurse will administer flu and pneumonia shots at the JCC Senior Center on Wednesday, November 28, starting at 9:30 a.m. All seniors are eligible. Reservations may be made by calling Sara Berman at 478-5660. There is no fee for this service, but a donation is suggested.

Opportunities for involvement

The survival of the Jewish community depends directly on its ability to identify, train and develop future leaders, according to David Sorkin, Executive Director of the JCC. Historically, JCC's have been committed to leadership development. Many men and women took their first leadership step into Jewish communal activity through membership on a Center committee, he said.

Sorkin explains that the Wilmington Jewish Community Center's committee structure is divided into two different categories: Administrative Committees and Program Committees. These committees provide the grass-roots level of activity that keeps the Center moving by motivating its membership, planning viable and exciting programs and recommending policies to the Board of Directors, he says.

The following program committees are currently involved at the JCC: Program Steering Committee; Parents and Teachers Association (PTA); Early Childhood Services Committee; Children's Committee; Day Camp Committee; Teen Committee; Young Jewish Adults of Delaware; Senior Center Site Council; Special Events Committee; Recreational Services Committee; Family Campus Committee and the Adult Committee with sub-committees working on such areas as Lectures, Forums and Classes, Special Events, Art Gallery, and Trips.

The following administrative committees have been established at the

JCC: Day Care Scholarship Fund Committee; Budget and Finance Committee; Audit Committee; Personnel and Benefits Committee; Office Systems and Computerization Committee; Board and Committee Leadership Development Committee; Building and Grounds Committee; Membership Committee; Legal Advisory Committee; Medical Advisory Committee.

The JCC committees are chaired or co-chaired by a member of the Board of Directors or other appointed individuals, with assistance from any or all of the following: Board members, interested parties, participants and representatives from other affiliated organizations.

Committee responsibilities include assisting staff in shaping programs, acting as a liaison between program and board, supporting Center programs, activities and fundraising efforts, developing and approving departmental budgets and monitoring programs to ensure that they are effective and responsive to the needs of the membership and community.

All of the program and administrative committees listed above are currently in full operation at the Wilmington JCC. Although some of the committees are at full capacity, there are still numerous committees that have spaces available and community members are encouraged to get involved at the JCC and serve on a committee that reflects the interest(s) of the individual, Sorkin notes. For more information on committee opportunities at the JCC, contact Sorkin, 478-5660.

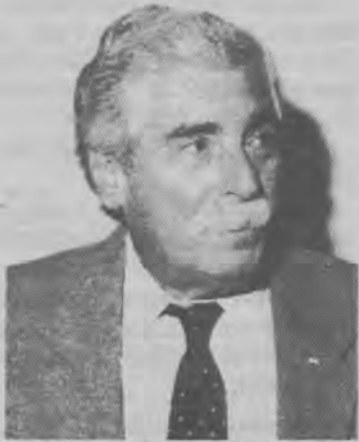
Bake and rummage sale planned

The Wilmington JCC pre-school and day-care will hold its first annual bake sale and rummage sale on Sunday, November 18, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. All proceeds will benefit the education programs and help to purchase several pieces of play equipment for the pre-school and day-care department.

Items to be sold include toys, clothing, furniture and household items. For further information or to make a donation, contact the Child and Family Division at 478-5660.

Jewish Family Service

Best kept secret in town



By **ARNOLD LIEBERMAN**
Executive Director
Jewish Family Service of DE

Jewish Family Service agencies in several cities, especially those with smaller Jewish populations, have been referred to as "the best kept secret in town." When this issue is discussed in more detail, it isn't always clear if the "secret" refers to the existence of the agency or the services it provides to the community. It also isn't always clear whether this is the result of inadequate public relations or effective observance of confidentiality.

We frequently tackle this issue regarding our agency and our own community, and we also do not always reach agreement. My best-educated theory is that the Jewish population of Delaware, and even a

good part of the general population of New Castle County, are aware that there is a Jewish Family Service in Delaware. Through our regular features in *The Jewish Voice*, our public service announcements on all the local radio stations and our affiliation with the United Way of Delaware, many people see and hear our name.

Whether or not most people know what we do and what services we provide is the real question to be considered. Even more critical is the question of whether people who know we are here but don't know what we do, will take the trouble to find out. Some people do, since our favorite phone calls begin with "I don't know if I'm calling the right place, or if you can help me, but here's my problem." We receive a fair amount of such calls, but would like to get more. In 1990, we will serve about 2,500

different people through our various services, and about 1,600, or 65 percent, will be Jewish. For our Family Counseling and Aged Services, which will serve about 1,500 people, the largest single source of referral is by friends or relatives, many of whom are former clients of the agency themselves. Because of the personal nature of many of the problems that bring people to our agency, we know that very few people will speak openly about their involvement with Jewish Family Service. However, the good news is that when they meet someone who is experiencing similar problems, they seem to be willing to tell them about Jewish Family Service.

We clearly recognize our responsibility to do everything we can to assure that as many people as possible know about what we do and how we can help. We take every opportunity to promote the agency and the services we offer. Human nature is such that most people are not tuned in to prevention. When things are going well, people do not want to think about what they would do if things went badly. Yet we keep repeating our message in the hope that when the time comes that people need help, the words "Jewish Family Service" will come into their minds, and they will pick up the phone and dial 478-9411.

Dear Rachel,

This is a very painful letter to write. I am sending it to you as a form of penitence for me as a parent at the appropriate time and season. The facts: my son is a brilliant student at an ivy league college. He has always felt — and his mother and I encouraged it — that he should reach for the top. Academic excellence is what we valued above almost anything else. Then we received a call from the Dean of Students that my son, who has a 3.9 grade point average, was caught cheating on an exam. He will fail the course and will have to repeat it in the spring. His graduation may be delayed. My wife and I flew out to school to fight for our son. We talked to our lawyer about legal options and getting him due process.

I walked into the Dean's office ready to demolish him. When he finally got a chance to talk, he explained that our son would most likely have a fast-track career in whatever field he chose. In view of the recent scandals on Wall Street and in the banking world, our son would be at risk for really serious consequences if he felt he could get away with cheating in the workplace he is soon to enter. A repeated course or delayed graduation would be a small price to pay to avoid a lifetime of regrets.

We talked for more than an hour. We left the office realizing that we, as parents, had been given one last opportunity to teach our son to be a *mensch*. We went back to my son's dorm and laid out the facts as we saw them. My son was angry with us for not standing up for him. For all his brilliance, it will take time for him to grow in this new direction. I am willing to give him whatever time it takes.

We took ethical behavior as a given and we were wrong. If this letter helps one other parent recognize the need for teaching children about ethical behavior and consequences, it will have been worth it. Thank you, in advance, for printing it.

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Dear Dad,

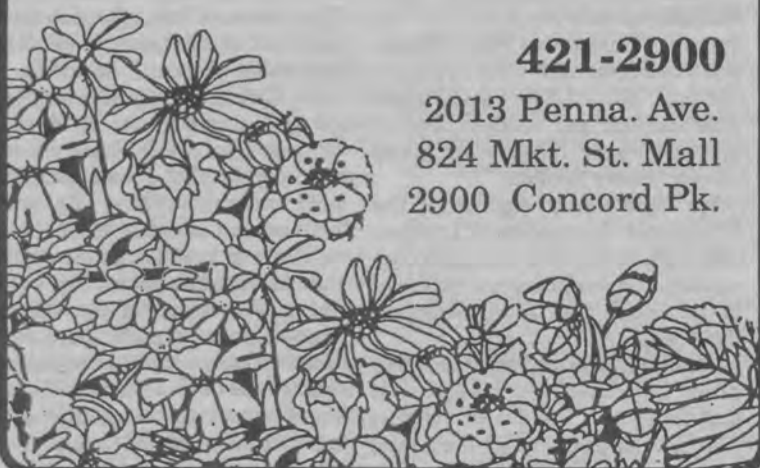
Our rabbis said, "Shtika K'hodaa" — remaining silent in the face of unacceptable behavior is tantamount to condoning it. The fact that you took the time to share this difficult experience with others tells me that your son will have a good role model in his own struggles to become a *mensch*.

Rachel

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Obituaries

Rose Emma Guberman
Rose Emma Guberman, 90, of
704 River Road, died October
17.

Mrs. Guberman was the widow
of Louis Guberman. She is sur-
vived by a son, Marvin Guberman
of Dewey Beach; a sister, Sophie
Jacobs of Plantation, Florida;
three granddaughters, Shelly,
Tracy and Wendy; and two great-
grandchildren.

Arrangements were made by
the Schoenberg Memorial
Chapel.

In lieu of flowers, the family
suggests contributions to the Kutz
Home, 704 River Road, Wilming-
ton.

Nancy Goldenberg Allman

Nancy Goldenberg Allman, 86,
formerly of Pennrock, Holly Oak,
died October 21 of heart failure
in Valley View Retirement Cen-
ter, Van Nuys, Calif.

Mrs. Allman had owned
Goldenberg's Army & Navy
Store, Second and Market streets,
Wilmington. She moved to Cali-
fornia about a year ago.

Her husband, Samuel, died in
1978. She is survived by two
sons, Leonard of Port St. Lucie,
Fla., and Allan of Encino, Calif.;
three grandchildren, three great-
grandchildren, and two great-
great-grandchildren.

Rose Zimmerman
Rose Zimmerman, 86, of The

Kutz Home, 704 River Road,
Brandywine Hundred, died there
October 19 of heart failure.

Mrs. Zimmerman had been a
homemaker.

Her husband, Nathan, died in
1962. She is survived by a sister,
Lillian Ginsberg of New York City.

Rose Arsht

Rose Arsht, 75, of 205 Murphy
Road, Fairfax, died October 25
of heart failure at Wilmington
Hospital, where she had been a
patient.

Mrs. Arsht retired in 1980 as
an accountant for James
McCloskey Insurance Agency,
Wilmington. Earlier, she was an
accountant at Jack & Jill Juvenile
Furniture, Wilmington.

She was a member of Congre-
gation Beth Shalom; and a former
member of Women's American
Organization for Rehabilitation
and Training. She was a
former Girl Scout leader at
Temple Beth Emeth.

She is survived by her hus-
band, Harold; a son, Dr. Richard
D. of Edenridge; a daughter, Ellen
Louise Chausz of Stamford,
Conn.; and two grandchildren.

Instead of flowers, the family
suggests contributions to Congre-
gation Beth Shalom, Wilming-
ton.

Mary Levitt Swinger

Mary Levitt Swinger, 83, of
401 Ocean Drive, Miami Beach,
Fla., died October 23 of heart

failure in Mount Sinai Medical
Center, Miami Beach, where she
had been a patient.

Mrs. Swinger, a dressmaker at
Bloom Dress Co., New York, for
35 years, retired in 1969. She
was a member of Congregation
Beth Shalom, Wilmington.

She is survived by her hus-
band, Lewis.

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the Schoenberg Memorial
Chapel.

Instead of flowers, the family
suggests contributions to Heart
Research at Children's Hospital
of Philadelphia.

Selma Sonia Golin

Selma Sonia Golin, 90, of
1403 Shallcross Ave., Wilming-
ton, died October 19 at Tilton
Terrace Nursing Home, Wilming-
ton, where she had been a pa-
tient.

Mrs. Golin was a vice president
of Delaware Novelty Co. for 10
years, until her retirement in
1945.

She was a member of Congre-
gation Beth Emeth and Hadas-
sah.

Her husband, Louis, died in
1974. Surviving are a son, Edwin
of Brandywine Hills; a daughter,
Mildred Salus of Wilmington; four
grandchildren and 11 great-
grandchildren.

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Sephardic Jews must be active NY rabbi urges at convention

By ELIZABETH BERNSTEIN
CHICAGO (JTA) — The jellyfish
and the shark. One symbolizes pas-
sivity, the other activism.

The two are metaphors for the
conflicting philosophies that polarize
the Sephardic mind and threaten the
survival of Sephardic culture to this
day, according to Rabbi Marc Angel,
in his address at the American
Sephardic Federation's 1990 annual
convention held here earlier this
year. Angel, who is rabbi of Shearith
Israel, the historic Spanish and Por-
tuguese Synagogue in New York,

said the two aspects can be seen
through the examples of two Sephar-
dic sages.

Rabbi Eliezer Papo was a teacher,
a mystic and a writer, who believed
completely in the goodness of God
and in fate. According to him, Jews
were supposed to work hard for a
living, even though God predeter-
mines whether they are going to be
successful.

As Angel noted, Papo's philoso-
phy was one of acceptance and
passivity. He believed that Jews must
accept what God has willed for them
and "float like jellyfish where the sea
covers them."

On the other hand, Rabbi Yehuda
Alkali, a student of Papo's, arrived at
a very different philosophy of life.
"Rabbi Alkali believed that Jews must
be active," said Angel. "He preached
that Jews must not wait for the
Messiah to save them, that God would
nohelp them unless they took the
initiative."

Alkali used the example of Noah:
God did not save Noah until he built
the ark. "Thus, it was Rabbi Alkali's
belief that Jews must swim as sharks,
not float like jellyfish," said Angel,
who observed that "modern Sephar-
dic history is filled with many
revolutionary thinkers."

He cited Grace Aguilar of the
Portuguese Synagogue of London,
who early in the 19th century recog-
nized that women were not respected
in the Jewish faith and picketed on
their behalf.

There was also the Moroccan rabbi
Eliahu Ben-Amozegh, who believed
that Judaism is a universal religion
with laws applying to all humanity,

and Rabbi Benzion Uziel, who died in
the 1950s, convinced that "God did
not give us the Torah on Mount Sinai
to have us hide the fact that we are
Jews and live in a ghetto away from
the rest of the world.

"All of these revolutionary think-
ers shared a great pathos," Angel
said. "They were extremely frustrated
at trying to do something that the
public did not understand at the time.
Each put their life on the line and
suffered because of their beliefs."

Angel, the first Sephardic rabbi to
become president of the Rabbinical
Council of America, believes that
while Sephardic Jews would fight to
retain their long tradition, "many
Sephardim today are content to dress
like Ashkenazim and to follow their
customs and join their clubs and
synagogues," he said.

"This Sephardic model of passivity
is no longer acceptable because it
sends out a message that Sephardim
are not good, that they have nothing
to teach," the New York rabbi said.
"The failure of this culture to thrive
rests squarely on the shoulders of the
Sephardim of today," he added.

Dr. Carlos Rizowy, former direc-
tor of international studies at
Chicago's Roosevelt University, told
the delegates that Jews must spend
more energy identifying what unites
them rather than what divides them.

"The exodus of both Sephardim
and Ashkenazim from the Soviet
Union, the rescue of the Jews of
Ethiopia, the rise of anti-Semitism in
Eastern Europe and the unfinished
story of the Jews in the Arab coun-
tries have made our people come
together," Rizowy said.

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Likud government survives no-confidence motion

By DAVID LANDAU
JERUSALEM (JTA) — Israel's government barely survived a challenge on the Knesset floor, October 22, as a no-confidence motion introduced by the Labor Party was defeated 53-51, with two abstentions. The two-vote margin was unexpectedly slim and a severe embarrassment to the Likud government, which relies on a shaky 62-58 parliamentary majority to rule.

The Labor Party motion was initiated to challenge the government's handling of the Temple Mount riots three weeks ago and the recent deterioration of relations with the United States.

The government nearly came to grief when four members of the Orthodox Agudat Yisrael party, whose votes floor managers apparently had relied upon, did not cast them as expected.

Agudah has remained outside the government but is reportedly close to joining the Likud regime.

Nevertheless, Agudah's Moshe Feldman and Menahem Porush voted against the government. Shmuel Halpert abstained, while another member was out sick.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's regime was rescued by another Orthodox party, Shas, which had threatened to bolt the coalition but decided over the weekend to support it.

Four of the five Shas members cast their votes for the government despite anger over the continuing police investigation of their colleague, Interior Minister Arye Deri, for alleged financial improprieties. The fifth, Arieh Gamliel, absented himself.

The far-right Moledet party split its two votes. Rehavam Ze'evi voted against the government when his

name was called, while his colleague, Yair Sprinzak, whose name came later in the roll call, abstained.

It was Moledet's intention to pun-

ish the coalition but not bring about its downfall. Moledet, which would expel all Arabs from the administered territories, considers Likud's

policies too soft.

Several other no-confidence motions submitted by left-wing factions were defeated by wide margins.

16 Jews on Life magazine list of 100 most important Americans

By DEBRA NUSSBAUM
NEW YORK (JTA) — Bet you didn't know that Robert Allan Zimmerman from Duluth, Minn., is one of the most important Americans of this century.

Zimmerman even beat out such luminaries as John Kennedy, Justice Louis Brandeis and Greta Garbo for a place on *Life* magazine's list of "The 100 Most Important Americans of the 20th Century."

Zimmerman, better known to most as Bob Dylan, is hailed by *Life* as being the "electric minstrel of times that were a-changin'." He's in good company, listed alongside great minds like Albert Einstein and J. Robert Oppenheimer.

Of *Life*'s list of 100, 16 are Jews. That's quite a few notables, considering that at best, Jews account for only three percent of this country's population.

Rabbi Arthur Hertzberg, historian and author, was not surprised. "This list is not unprecedented," he said. "If you had looked at a similar list in the 1920s, from Polish, German, or French culture, you would also have seen an outsized proportion of Jews. Jews have been part of the urban educated class because education has been the way that Jews have gotten 'in' to society, much like Asians are doing right now in this country," Hertzberg explained.

Steven Cohen, a professor of sociology at Queens College, pointed out that a feeling of insecurity within

American society as a whole has spurred Jews to success.

This has led to an "overrepresentation in groups of elites," he said. "One-third of multi-millionaires are Jews, and Jews are 40 to 50 percent of elites in professions such as medicine, law and the media," he noted.

The creation of the motion-picture studios, for example, was founded mostly by Jews: Paramount, by Adolph Zukor; MGM, by Louis Mayer; Twentieth Century-Fox, by William Fox; Warner Brothers, by Albert Sam, Jack and Harry Warner; Columbia, by Harry Cohen; and Universal, by Carl Laemmle. This can be credited to the fact that the industry didn't exist before — it was not something from which Jews could be excluded, Hertzberg pointed out, because they started it themselves.

Life magazine explained how they compiled, out of an original roster of 536 names, their list of 100 Americans, native-born or naturalized. "The people we are calling important are not necessarily great — in fact, a couple might be on our list of villains," *Life* writes in its special issue just published. "Rather, their importance is measured by their influences: How would our lives have been different had these people not lived?"

Besides Bob Dylan, *Life*'s list includes:

*Leonard Bernstein, who paid for his own piano lessons and fought his Russian immigrant parents to follow

his musical dream. He joins Richard Rodgers and Irving Berlin (born Israel Baline in Russia) as the other musicians on the list.

*Albert Einstein, whose theory of relativity led to the atomic bomb. Einstein wrote it in 1905, while working as a \$675-a-year patent clerk in Switzerland.

*Abraham Flexner, the educator who brought about a complete reformation of the American medical education system, and founded the Institute for Advanced Study at Princeton, N.J., in 1930.

*Betty Friedan, born Betty Goldstein, one of 12 women on the list. She realized that "in seeking identity through home and husband, women lost themselves." Friedan gave "the problem that has no name," as she called it, a name with her revolutionary 1963 book "The Feminine Mystique." Three years later, she went on to become the founding president of the National Organization for Women.

*Milton Friedman, who believes in economies untethered by government restrictions. The Nobel Prize-winning economist, who was an advisor to President Reagan, is opposed to Social Security, welfare and Medicare, instead favoring the notion that the private sector should take care of society's problems.

*William Levitt, who in the years following World War II mass-produced row after row of concrete and wood boxes on what had been Long Island potato fields. Levitt's approach allowed GIs to move into a \$6,900 Cape Cod-style home in Levittown for \$65 a month, no money down. Now the 83-year-old developer has plans for Florida.

*Louis Mayer, who built the first movie studio on big names showcased in even bigger pictures. By 1937, he was America's highest-salaried employee, earning almost \$1.3 million.

*J. Robert Oppenheimer, who oversaw the development of the world's first atom bomb. After he witnessed its detonation, he became an ardent advocate of nuclear arms control.

*William Paley, who created a \$4.6 billion entertainment empire built on CBS by mastering mass-audience comedy, variety and quiz shows, and balancing them with more serious news programming.

*Jonas Salk, who created a vaccine derived from monkey kidney tissue in 1955 and ended the polio scourge that had killed a million Americans since the turn of the century. The 75-year-old scientist is now testing an AIDS vaccine in a study due to be completed in 1994.

*Alfred Stieglitz, who made Georgia O'Keefe his model and his wife, and turned photography, a 19th-century technological phenomenon, into a 20th-century art form. Also on the list in the field of photography is Edwin Land, who made picture taking an immediately gratifying art form by creating the world's first instant camera.

*Walter Winchell, who had started out as a vaudeville hooper before making high society's private life a public show for the masses in his daily newspaper column and weekly radio show.

Mandela angers Australian Jews with anti-Israel rhetoric

SYDNEY, Australia (JTA) — Nelson Mandela's harsh attack on Israel at the start of his three-day visit to Australia has angered and alienated Australian Jewry.

The deputy president of the African National Congress likened Israel to a "terrorist state" and reiterated his often expressed solidarity with the Palestine Liberation Organization at a news conference on his arrival in Canberra on Tuesday.

"We identify with them because we do not believe it is right for the Israeli government to suppress basic human rights in the conquered territories," Mandela declared. He accused Israel of "slaughtering defenseless, innocent Arabs."

In response, the New South Wales Jewish Board of Deputies withdrew from an ecumenical service at which Mandela will be honored.

The Executive Council of Australian Jewry, the umbrella body of Australian Jewish organizations, announced it had no plans to participate in any functions honoring the anti-apartheid leader.

Mandela's remarks seemed likely

to shatter the delicate truce he reached with the American Jewish leaders he met in Geneva on June 10, shortly before his visit to the United States.

On that occasion, Mandela said he was sorry if any of his past statements on Israel had offended Jews. He said he hoped to visit Israel soon and looked forward to good relations between Israel and the new democratic state that would soon emerge in South Africa. The Geneva meeting, described as "warm, friendly and cordial," was credited with averting protest demonstrations against Mandela by American Jewish groups during his U.S. tour.

Yet in the United States, where he received a hero's welcome, Mandela dismayed Jews sympathetic to his anti-apartheid caused by public references to PLO leader Yasir Arafat as a "comrade in arms."

He told the Australian news media, "We agree with the United Nations that international disputes should be settled by peaceful means. The belligerent attitude which is adopted by the Israeli government is to us unacceptable."

Ex-Nazi in U.S. denaturalized

By SUSAN BIRNBAUM
NEW YORK (JTA) — A former Waffen SS officer who served at three subcamps of the Mauthausen death camp during World War II gave up his U.S. citizenship last week, rather than face denaturalization proceedings.

Martin Zultner, 79, a former resident of Chicago who has lived since 1975 in Salzburg, Austria, voluntarily renounced his citizenship at the U.S. Consulate there on October 23. He will be barred from entering the United States.

His action enabled the Justice Department to conclude the fastest denaturalization proceeding it has ever undertaken, according to Eli Rosenbaum, principal deputy director of the department's Office of Special Investigations.

"We consider this is a big victory for us," said Rosenbaum, who conducted an interview with Zultner in May in Salzburg, during which he admitted his wartime activities.

Zultner is the 33rd former Nazi to have lost his American citizenship. Of these, 29 have been removed from the United States.

An ethnic German born in Romania, he in fact agreed to give up his citizenship in August, shortly after the Justice Department filed suit to denaturalize him. But U.S. regulations governing such cases require that certain steps be taken before the renunciation is accepted.

Zultner admitted that as a corporal in the Waffen SS between August 1943 and April 1945, he had served as administrative aide to SS supervisors and camp commandants at the Schwechat, Floridsdorf and Modling concentration camps.

He confessed to assigning armed guards to escort prisoners to slave labor locations and issued rifles to SS guards at the camps. He also admitted concealing his SS service when he applied in 1949 for a visa to enter the United States. Zultner immigrated to the United States from Salzburg in 1950.

Among the war crimes he admitted taking part in was "the infamous death march from Modling to Mauthausen in April 1945," said OSI Director Neal Sher. Hundreds of prisoners were shot to death during that march, he said.

300 member all-Soviet chapter of Hadassah

NEW YORK (JTA) — Not too long ago, when newly arrived Soviet Jewish women were invited to join the San Francisco chapter of Hadassah, they were convinced the offer was a KGB plot.

Today, however, the first ever all-Soviet Hadassah chapter has reached over 300 members and is being used as a model by another Hadassah chapter to be launched next year in Boston.

"The group has absolutely transformed its members," says founder Elaine Henderson, the group's only non-Russian speaking member. When the women first came to the United States, Henderson said, "besides being suspicious, they had no understanding of our language and customs, and no knowledge of Judaism."

The Soviet women desperately needed a bridge between the two cultures, and they found it with the

help of Eve Naftaly, a 94-year-old Soviet Jew who arrived in the United States after World War II.

With Naftaly's help, the Russian women were able to overcome the language barrier and were provided with a role model of someone who had succeeded in adjusting to life in the United States.

By participating in group discussions and learning to vote for what they want, the women have learned firsthand how democracy works. "For the first time in their lives," says Naftaly, "their individual voices count. They see that they can make a difference. Perhaps most importantly, they've learned that they can be successful and accomplish goals they set for themselves.

"When they first arrived here, most of these women didn't believe that they could get the food they needed to put dinner on the table, let alone help others," Naftaly said.

Half billion Chinese watch 'Genocide'

LOS ANGELES (JTA) — An estimated half-billion Chinese viewers watched the Simon Wiesenthal Center's Academy Award-winning documentary "Genocide" when it was broadcast here for the first time on September 17 on two of China Television's national and regional networks.

The airing was arranged by Rabbi Abraham Cooper, associate dean of the center, during a visit to Beijing in July.

Cooper thanked the Chinese authorities, saying "the Wiesenthal Center is deeply grateful for the unprecedented opportunity to bring the legacy of the Holocaust into the homes of the people of China.

"We see this as an important first step in helping China gain a better understanding of contemporary Jewish concerns through the lessons of our past," Cooper added.

The consul general of China, Ambassador Ma Yuzhen, said, "This event shows that the Chinese government and her people, who also had similar experiences during the war, have retained fresh memory of the tragic past and have displayed deep sympathy for the Jewish people."

Announcements/Events

Naches

Brodkin - Weiss

Dr. Abby Brodtkin and Lyle Paul Weiss were married on September 15 at the Twelve Caesars in Philadelphia, Rabbi Shalom Novoseller of Overbrook and Cantor Andrew Salzer of Wilmington officiated.

Abby is the daughter of Phoebe Brodtkin of Merion, Pennsylvania, and the late Samuel Brodtkin. She is a graduate of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine and practices ear, nose and throat surgery in Bala Cynwyd and Norristown. Lyle is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Brown of Wilmington and the late Dr. Sheldon W. Weiss. He is a graduate of the University of Delaware and is employed by TWA. He holds a Commercial Pilot's License.

The couple is residing in Plymouth Meeting, Pennsylvania.

Edell

Steven L. Edell, M.D., Chairman of the Department of Radiology at Riverside Hospital, was recently named as a fellow of the American College of Radiology during ceremonies at the ACR annual meeting in Nashville, TN. Selected for his outstanding contributions to the field of radiology, Edell was named as one of 131 new fellows by the College's Board of Chancellors.

Fellowships in the College are awarded for significant scientific or clinical research in the field of radiology, or significant contributions to its literature. Criteria for selection also include performance of outstanding service as a teacher of radiology, service to organized medicine and an outstanding reputation among colleagues and the local community as a result of long term superior service.

ACR is a national organization serving more than 20,000 radiologists, radiation oncologists and radiological physicists, with programs focusing on the practice of radiology and the delivery of comprehensive radiologic health services.

Freed

Carol Freed of Wilmington won the Delaware Women's Golf Association's 28th Annual Championship held recently at the Shawnee Country Club in Milford, Delaware. Charlotte Balick, of Wilmington, won second place in that tournament.

Weiss

Dr. and Mrs. Robert Weiss of Salinas, California, announce the birth of their children, Seth David and Lauren Rachel. Robert is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Brown and the late Dr. Sheldon W. Weiss. June is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Irving Fisher of Schuylkillhaven, Pa.

Rabbi David Wolpe to lecture



David J. Wolpe

Rabbi David Wolpe will be the guest lecturer on Thursday, November 15, at 7:30 p.m. at the JCC when he will discuss his book, "The Healer Of Shattered Hearts." For many modern Jews, genuine faith in God is at best an embarrassment — something unattainable or perhaps simply irrelevant, according to Wolpe. Conceding that God was once the fulcrum of Judaism, many now feel more comfortable with Jewish culture and history than with belief, he maintains. The result is not only ignorance, but also a profound alienation that Rabbi Wolpe describes as a needless "gulf of vision between the modern seeker and the tradition."

Dipping often into the wellspring of poetic imagery and thought found in the Midrash, or Talmudic legends, Wolpe illuminates an image of the

faith of the Rabbis and explores how this can be translated in our own time, helping us to find a Jewish God who cherishes our existence and welcomes the dialogue that comes through prayer.

"The Healer Of Shattered Hearts" is a rare and moving work based on the Talmudic tradition. It balances inspiration and information in a style that is both scholarly and accessible, compassionate and humane, according to reviews.

A graduate of the University of Pennsylvania and the University of Judaism, Wolpe was ordained as a Conservative rabbi by the Jewish Theological Seminary in 1987. He is the director of the Ostrow Library at the University of Judaism in Los Angeles, which houses one of the largest Judaica collections in the country. He is also the editor of Midrash for the Conservative movement's Torah commentary.

The program is being sponsored by Congregation Beth Shalom with co-sponsorship of the JCC, Beth Emeth and Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth. There is no charge and the lecture is open to the public.

NCCJ lunchtime series

"Religious Perspectives," a discussion series co-sponsored by the Delaware Region, National Conference of Christians and Jews and First and central Presbyterian Church, will be held in the DuVal Room of the Church building at 1101 N. Market Street. The noon hour series, running for four consecutive Wednesdays, began on October 24.

Protestant, Catholic, Jewish, Islamic, Greek Orthodox and Unitarian Universalist clergy will facilitate an exploration of religious beliefs on a variety of relevant topics. The sessions began with a discussion of "How do we relate to God? How does God relate to us?" led by Rev. Edee C. Fenimore and Rabbi Herbert Yoskowitz. On October 31, Monsignor Paul

Schierse and Imam Muhammad Sa-laam guided a consideration of "What does morality mean?" On November 7, Rev. Louise Robeck and Rev. William Lane will facilitate an exploration of "How do I develop a spiritual life?" The series concludes on November 14 with the topic "What happens when I die?", presented by Rev. Jerry Rassias and Rabbi David Kaplan.

The series is free and open to the public. Participants are welcome to bring a bag lunch. Coffee and tea will be provided.

For more information, call the Delaware Region, NCCJ office at 655-0039 or the Church office at 654-5371.

Chabad lunch hour series

Chabad-Lubavitch of Delaware will continue its Lunch 'n' Learn program for Jewish legal professionals on Wednesday, November 14. Rabbi Shmuel Kaplan of Baltimore is the featured speaker and the title of his talk will be "Majority Rule - A Jewish Perspective." The program will take place in the law offices of Skadden Arps, One Rodney Square at 12:30 p.m.

Kaplan was born in London, England, where he received his early education. He continued his studies in the Rabbinical College of America in New Jersey, and then in the Rabbinical College of Australia in Melbourne. In 1972 he received his ordination in the Lubavitch Yeshiva of Brooklyn, and pursued post-rabbinic studies at the Lubavitch Re-

search Center in New York. He has contributed articles to various Jewish legal publications and journals and recently co-edited "Kovets HaShluchim."

Kaplan is currently the director of Chabad in Maryland. He is a part time faculty member at the University of Baltimore and the University of Maryland. He is the host of "Awake, Alive and Jewish," a weekly radio show in Washington, D.C.

"This is a great opportunity for an understanding and insight to our Jewish legal system," according to David Margules, chairperson of the program.

For reservations or more information, call Director of Chabad-Lubavitch of DE.

Over 200 attend Forget-Me-Not

Over 200 people gathered in the Gold Ballroom of the Hotel du Pont on October 13 to benefit The Milton & Hattie Kutz Home. This annual event is sponsored by the Auxiliary on behalf of the Home's residents. Contributions help to defray the costs of ongoing operations and renovations to the physical plant.

During the past year, all of the day rooms have been redecorated. The improvements are meant to make these facilities more pleasant for both the residents and their guests to use.

This year's Forget-Me-Not Ball was chaired by Ethel Parsons and Jean Blumenfeld. The dinner dance featured the Harriet Fay Orchestra. Vocalist Jodi Pearlman, a Newark High School senior, provided after dinner entertainment.

Einstein adult Hebrew classes

Albert Einstein Academy is offering Hebrew classes for adults who want to learn or improve Hebrew reading skills. Two levels will be taught.

A beginners' class will begin on Tuesday, November 13, from 10:15 to 10:45 a.m. Beginners will learn to read Hebrew while learning the Friday evening service. Cost for the book is \$6.95.

The intermediate class will be held on Wednesdays beginning November 14 from noon to 12:30 p.m. The first task of this class will be to read the Birkat Hamazon (grace after meals).

For more information or to register for either class, call Eleanor Weinglass at 478-5026.

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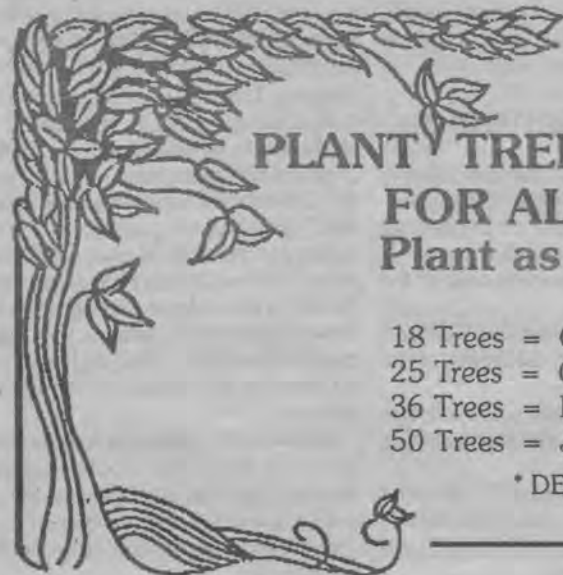
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YJAD November calendar

The Young Jewish Adults of Delaware (for singles, twenties and thirties) has planned several activities for November. Call the JCC at 478-5660 to be included on the mailing list for the group's monthly newsletter.

On Tuesday, November 6, the YJAD will have an "Election Day Drop-In" at Stanley's Tavern, Foulk and Grubb Roads, in North Wilmington, between 7:30 p.m. and 10 p.m. There will be no cover charge and no reservation is required. Contact Flo Rosenblum at 328-4145 for more information.

On Wednesday, November 7, 14, 21 and 28, the YJAD will play coed volleyball in the JCC gymnasium beginning at 6 p.m. Games are non-competitive and there is a \$1 fee for those who are not members of the JCC. For more information, call Scott Sweren at 633-0891.

On Sunday, November 11, the YJAD will sponsor a "Bagel & Bowl" at Holiday Lanes in Claymont. Bagels and orange juice will be served at 11:30 a.m.; bowling will begin at 12:30 p.m. The cost is \$7 and reservations are required by November 8. To reserve, call Mike Schenk at 475-4981.

On Thursday, November 15, at 7:15 p.m., the YJAD will hold its Chavurah discussion at a member's home. The topic will be "How to be married in a year." Chavurah is a gathering of 15 to 20 people for a friendly and stimulating discussion of current topics. For more information and directions, call Mike at 368-1982.

Dial-A-Torah-Thought

Chabad-Lubavitch of Delaware has announced the start of a new educational project — "Dial-a-Torah-Thought."

"Ever intent in communicating Jewish education, and based on the increasing popularity of Dial-a-Jewish-Story, we expect that this new Chabad project is going to be a success," said Rabbi Chuni Vogel, Director of Chabad-Lubavitch.

Every week from Wednesday evening through Friday afternoon, in

preparation of the Shabbat, a concise and insightful thought on the weekly Torah portion can be heard by dialing 478-1312, Vogel said. "All you need is a phone and a few minutes, and you can have a short but thoughtful class at your own convenience any time, anyplace; before or between meetings, etc."

Sponsorship and dedication of Torah thoughts are available. For more information call the Chabad office at 478-4400.

DE Jewish War Veterans plan Veterans Day event

The Jewish War Veterans, Department of Delaware, together with the State Veterans Commission and other military, veterans and civic groups, will sponsor the annual Veterans Day observance. Ceremonies will be held at the Delaware Memorial Twin Bridge Plaza at 10:30 a.m. on November 11. In the event of rain, the observance will be moved indoors to the Maintenance Building. The public is invited.

The A.I. Dupont High School Band will perform, with Marie Palmer as vocalist. The U.S. Marine Corps Color Guard will parade the Colors and conduct the Honor Volley ceremony.

Cantor Norman Swerling, Department Chaplain, will give invocation. A Veterans Day prayer will be of-

fered by Chaplain Theodore Stainman, USAF, Dover Air Force Base. The benediction will be given by Monsignor Paul J. Schierse of St. Joseph's on the Brandywine. Col. Arthur G. Ericson, USAF, will deliver the Veterans Day Address.

Each participating veteran, civic and military group will present a floral tribute memorializing those who fell in the service of our country. The U.S. Forces now deployed in Operation Desert Shield will be remembered in a special tribute.

Howard Levy is the Veterans Day Committee Chairman and Elmer Saxton, Advisor to Commemorative Affairs, and Israel Weiner, Commander, JWV Department of Delaware, are in charge of arrangements.

Hadassah theater party

The Wilmington Section of the National Council of Jewish Women will hold its November 14 meeting at the home of Ari Bodnar, 2609 Deepwood Drive, Chalfonte, in Wilmington. There will be an open board meeting followed by lunch at 11:30 a.m. and a program entitled "Dependent Care and Family Leave" at 12:30.

The speaker will be Katharine Pearson, Public Policy Chair of the American Association of University Women - Wilmington Section. Pearson was active in trying to get a family leave bill passed in the Delaware Legislature last year. Currently, she is active in the Dependent Care Issues Committee of the Agenda for Delaware Women. In addition to speaking on dependent care, Pearson will also discuss a program jointly sponsored by the Older Womens

League (OWL) and AAUW called "When Some Day Comes - Your Time to Care." This program prepares women for care-giving.

Luncheon will be served at 11:30 a.m. and the program will begin at 12:30 p.m. There is no charge for this program and it is open to the entire community. To reserve, call Ari Bodnar at 479-9655.

ORT meeting

The Ort Brandywine Chapter's November Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 13, at 7:30 p.m. At this meeting, upcoming programs will be planned. For more information, call Debby at 475-9505. The meeting is open to the entire community.

Jewish Book Month speaker

Dr. Stanley Nash, Professor of Hebrew Literature at the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, New York, will be the Rosenthal Library Fund speaker in honor of Jewish Book Month on Friday, November 9, at 8 p.m., at Congregation Beth Emeth.

His subject will reflect the fact that the date is the commemoration of Kristallnacht, the Night of Shattered Glass, the evening the synagogues of Germany were burned to the ground in 1938. Nash will speak on "S.Y. Agnon's Resurrection of Memory in the Aftermath of the Holocaust."

The Rosenthal Library Fund was established by Mr. and Mrs. Murray Rosenthal and Mr. Rosenthal's sister, Claire Rosenthal, to encourage the reading of books of Jewish interest. Mr. Rosenthal, of blessed memory, was deeply involved in the pursuit of education for all people, particularly through the Jewish Chautauqua Society of the National Federation of Temple Brotherhoods. Mrs. Rosenthal and Claire Rosenthal continue to support these efforts realizing the importance of Torah for our People, according to Beth Emeth Rabbi Peter H. Grumbacher.

Nash, cantorial soloist at Temple Beth El in Newark, Delaware, for a few High Holyday seasons, is the author of *In Search of Hebraism: Shai Hurwitz and His Polemics in the Hebrew Press*, as well as numerous other articles. Ordained by the Jewish Theological Seminary, he holds a Ph.D from Columbia University. Nash has taught in numerous

universities in the United States, England and Israel.

The entire community is invited to attend.

Sisterhood speaker

In observance of Jewish Book Month, the Sisterhood of Congregation Beth Emeth, at its November 13 meeting, will have as its speaker Sue Paul, who will discuss books of Jewish content relating to "Jewish Women in History." Audience participation will be encouraged in a question and answer session after the talk. Luncheon will be served at 11:30 a.m. For reservations, call Carole Bernstein at 475-6259, before November 9.



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Kutz Auxiliary

The Auxiliary of the Milton and Hatti Kutz Home will hold a Board Meeting on Thursday, November 8, at 10 a.m. at The Kutz Home, 704 River Road, Wilmington.

Board President Jack B. Jacobs will speak on the current state of and future plans for the Home. Call the Kutz Home at 764-7000 if you plan to attend.

AKSE bazaar

The Sisterhood and Men's Club of Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth has announced that its Holiday Bazaar will be held on Sunday, November 18, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. A variety of gift items will be presented by various vendors. Lunch will also be available to be purchased and eaten at the Bazaar.

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NCJW November meeting

The Wilmington Chapter of Hadassah will hold a theater party and gala reception at the Delaware Theater Company on Sunday afternoon, December 2, at 2 p.m. The play will be *Oil City Symphony* by Mike Craver, Debra Monk, Mark Hardwick, and Mary Murfitt. It is a musical comedy dealing with four eccentric alumni at a high school reunion.

The cost is \$18 per person or \$36 per couple. Season ticketholders to

the Delaware Theater Company can exchange their tickets for this performance by calling 594-1100 and paying \$7 per person to Hadassah. To reserve seats, mail a check to Marcia Adato, 2402 Kingman Drive, Wilmington, DE 19810. A limited number of tickets is available.

The co-chairmen of this event are Marcia Spivack and Pearl Bregman. The funds raised will go toward Hadassah's quota for cancer research.

Chabad adult education series

Chabad-Lubavitch has announced the start of a new adult-education series to begin Wednesday evening, November 7, at the JCC. The series, "The World of Prayer," will deal with the philosophical as well as the practical dimensions of prayer. Topics to be discussed include: How can we pray? Why do we pray, Does God need our prayer?, Can we change or affect the Divine plan? and Struc-

tured prayer as opposed to spontaneous prayer. The classes and discussions led by Rabbi Chuni Vogel, Director of Chabad-Lubavitch of Delaware, are open to the community and no religious background is necessary.

"One of the most basic functions of a Jew and religion is prayer. But if it is to have any meaning at all, it has

to be well understood," says Rabbi Chuni Vogel. "Knowing the hows and whys of *davening* is knowing the how and why of being a Jew."

The classes are a community service of Chabad-Lubavitch and there is no charge. To register or for more information call the JCC at 478-5660 or the Chabad office at 478-4400.

Cabinet

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to death by a Palestinian laborer in Jerusalem's Baka neighborhood on October 21.

Political observers said Sunday that whatever pressure there might have been to dismiss or take disciplinary action against some top police officers has eased, because world opinion seems largely to reject the conclusions of the Israeli investigation.

According to these observers, government circles thought a report that cracked down on the police and recommended dismissals would blunt the U.N. Security Council's anger at Israel for rejecting its two resolutions urging the Jerusalem government to receive and cooperate with a U.N. fact-finding mission to investigate the Oct. 8 events.

But since the report did not urge such action, there would be little gain to a crackdown, the observers said.

The commission, appointed by Shamir on October 10, was headed by reserve Gen. Zvi Zamir, a former chief of Mossad, Israel's top secret intelligence agency.

Its other members were Haim Kubersky, a former director general of the Interior Ministry, and Ya'acov Ne'eman, former director general of the Finance Ministry. They did not have the power to subpoena witnesses, nor were their recommendations to be binding.

Judged by its content, their report seemed to rely heavily on the testimony of members of the security forces.

The panel apparently attached little importance to the testimony of the few Arab who appeared before it, including Palestinian nationalist leader Faisal Hussein and Sheikh Mohammad Sa'id el-Jamal, the deputy mufti of Jerusalem. Both were jailed immediately after the riots and released last week with no charges brought against them.

The commission said that many of those on

the Temple Mount at the time of the riots refused to testify, including members of the Moslem Supreme Council.

In New York, American Jewish organizational leaders praised the report and said it attested to the strength of Israel's democracy. Typical was the statement released Friday by Seymour Reich, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, an umbrella body that represents 46 national Jewish organizations in the United States.

"The report of the Zamir commission reaffirms once again Israel's distinction as a strong, vibrant democracy that does not shrink from self-examination and self criticism. The honesty and candor of the report give the lie to Israel's critics and enemies," Reich said.

"In particular, the report reflects shame on the United Nations Security Council, which rushed to judgment without taking into account the basic facts — that a unprovoked, vicious attack against peaceful Jewish worshippers at the Western Wall, launched by Palestinian supporters of Iraq and the PLO, and incited by fanatical Moslem fundamentalists calling for 'jihad,' or holy war, caused a melee that led, tragically, to deaths and injuries," said Reich.

A statement by Arden Shenker, chairman of the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council, lauded "the timeliness and credibility of the report issued today by the Zamir commission."

"The thorough and serious manner in which the Zamir commission fulfilled its mandate underscores, once again, the vitality of Israeli democracy," Shenker said.

Among the panel's main findings were that:

- The religious leaders who incited the Moslem worshippers on the Temple Mount are principally to blame for the tragedy.

program with Israel, which is entering the second phase of development.

The Arrow was conceived in the mid-1980s to protect Israel's largest cities against incoming, Soviet-made SS-21 or Scud missiles based in Iraq and Syria.

To continue the program next spring, the United States and Israel still need to negotiate a memorandum of understanding that lays out technology sharing, cost sharing and security arrangements.

The defense bill also calls for the United States to place 4.5 million barrels of oil in Israel, which the president could certify for Israeli use at any time.

Foreign aid

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40,000 Jewish refugees, as long as Jewish community federations agree to match the amount dollar for dollar.

The foreign aid bill also directs the Immigration and Naturalization Service to grant Soviet Jews and other minorities a presumption of eligibility for refugee status for the next two years, on the basis that they still face a "well-founded fear of persecution."

In other legislative action, Congress adopted the 1991 defense appropriations bill, which allows the United States to spend as much as \$50 million on its joint anti-tactical missile

Exodus

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"Everyone who gave money to this campaign gave it for Israel. The important issue here is need. Every day 1,000 to 3,000 immigrants arrive in Israel — not only from Russia, but in a quieter immigration from South America," he said. "For us to keep \$41,000 here, we are saying that we put our priority on things other than saving Jewish life," he added.

"There is no way that Israel can squeeze the money from other sources," Venezky said, "but we can. And for us to take money that we can squeeze from other places is morally wrong."

Bernard Siegel reminded the group that one of the themes of the campaign was that "We

have a second chance." Because of the fact that immigration policy in the U.S. severely limits the number of Soviet Jews who can come here and forces the burden on Israel, "We have to give the money to Israel. We have to," he said.

When put to a vote, the decision was 12 to nine (with two abstentions) to send the entire amount — \$790,000 — to Israel.

Topkis concluded by reminding the board that their vote would mean that the annual campaign would have to raise more and he said he expected those around the table to set an example for the rest of the Jewish community by increasing their pledges to the annual campaign.

•The police commanders failed in not deploying a large force, which would have deterred the rioters.

•The General Security Service (Shin Bet) did not give police advance intelligence warning of the explosiveness of the situation.

•The use of live ammunition by police who stormed the Temple Mount was justified, but there was "uncontrolled use of live fire."

While much of the report was devoted to the failure of police intelligence and therefore inadequate preparedness, relatively little attention was given to the painful question of whether live bullets had been necessary.

The only section dealing with that subject states that in order to rescue soldiers trapped in the police station on the Temple Mount, the "use of fire — rubber bullets, tear gas and the live ammunition — in the face of the stone-throwers was unavoidable."

But in other sectors, "only those policemen

who were attacked and whose life was in danger had full justification to open fire," the report said. "The use of live ammunition was done without a thorough control by the commanders," it concluded.

The committee rejected criticism by some police officers that the deployment of the paramilitary border police on the Temple Mount inflamed the emotions of the Moslem worshippers there.

On the contrary, the report reserved its warmest praise for the border police officer in charge of the Old City, Deputy Commander Shlomi Ka'atabi.

According to the panel, had the 37-year-old Ka'atabi worried about the sensibilities of the Moslem worshippers and failed to deploy his forces on the Temple Mount, he "would have exposed more than 20,000 (Jewish) worshippers in the Western Wall to unprecedented grave danger."

Israeli parties discuss police sanctions

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Police Minister Ronni Milo is consulting with his Likud party and its coalition partners about whether to take disciplinary action against the top officers responsible for handling the bloody October 8 riots on the Temple Mount.

Milo met Monday with national Police Chief Ya'acov Ternor, one of the three ranking officers named in an investigatory commission's report on the riots, in which at least 17 Arabs were fatally shot by Israeli police.

But speculation in the political community is that Ternor will not be asked to resign.

The National Religious Party reportedly told Milo it opposed any dismissals from the force. But Likud circles seem to favor measures against two other senior officers singled out for criticism. They argue that to do nothing would fly in the face of the report.

Rahamim Comfort, commander of police for the southern district, may be asked to take early retirement, these circles said. Arye Bibi, the Jerusalem area police chief, would be reassigned elsewhere.

Ternor has set up a police study team headed by Asaf Hefetz to recommend security measures in the volatile Temple Mount area. One measure reported to be under consideration is the erection of a wire mesh fence on top of the Western Wall, to protect Jewish worshippers

from stones thrown from the Temple Mount.

Meanwhile, the Israeli human rights group Betsalem offered strong criticism Monday of the commission's report, which was released last Friday and unanimously endorsed by the Cabinet on Sunday.

The report places most blame for the rioting on an Arab mob it says was incited by Moslem clergy. While it criticizes several high-ranking police officers for mishandling the situation, it justifies the use of live ammunition against Arab rock-throwers.

Betsalem, so far the only Israeli group to dissent from the official view, faulted the commission for failing to mention the Arab version of events, whether or not it accepted them. It noted that the panel, appointed by Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir on October 10, lacked statutory powers and could not subpoena witnesses. As a result, most Arabs refused to testify, and the testimony of the few who did appear was ignored.

It also criticized the report for failing to deal adequately with what it considers the central issue, the use of live ammunition by the police. While the report does refer to "uncontrolled" or "indiscriminate" firing, the commission found the use of live bullets by police who stormed the Temple Mount to have been justified.

Kristallnacht

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it was, at the same time, the beginning of an inglorious end. The Wall torn down was the end of a post-war era that reminded the Germans what they have done to Jews and to others, but it might also be the beginning of an end to remembering the past.

After all, those who perpetrated the evil are still alive and want to forget what they did. Those who were born after the war were never told about the misdeeds of their fathers. History books used in German high schools devote hardly any space to the Holocaust. Sure, the Germans are eager to learn. They learned to adapt themselves from the republican regime to Hitler's Reich, and then again from the depth of base human behavior to the benefits of the post-war world.

In the East, they had even more hurdles to overcome. They turned from the Third Reich

to communism and now again they have to switch from communism to values of the West. And we are told that everything is alright with those moral acrobatics. It is hard to believe. We only have to point to the desecration of Jewish cemeteries, which continues in East and West Germany unabated with perpetrators "unknown." German efficiency does not apply to these cases.

Jews have always believed that Woodrow Wilson once said, that it is possible "to reduce political interest to moral principle." It has been a standard fare for preachers and their lies. But the real world is different, and with the Germans on their own, Kristallnacht and the break in the Berlin Wall, all on the same day, can hardly be reconciled. The Germans will celebrate. We can only mournfully remember. (Arno Herzberg was JTA bureau chief in Berlin in the 1930s.)

Cultural Calendar

LOCAL

Former Soviet Jewish refusenik Natan Sharansky will deliver the fourth annual Ann B. and H. Albert Young Memorial Lecture on Sunday, November 11. Contributors to the Operation Exodus campaign will receive tickets to this lecture. For more information, call the Jewish Federation of Delaware at 478-6200.

Dr. David Geffen, former Wilmington rabbi and current resident of Jerusalem, will be the visiting scholar of the Jewish Historical Society from November 4 through 8. Geffen, a founder of the Jewish Historical Society of Delaware, will speak on a variety of topics in seven public talks at the Historical Society of Delaware, Congregation Beth Shalom and the Jewish Community Center. (See The Jewish Voice, September 28 issue for schedule.)

PHILADELPHIA

"The Lucky Star," a film starring Rod Steiger, Lou Jacobi and Louise Fletcher, will open the Jewish Film Festival at the Gershman YMHA at Broad and Pine Streets in Philadelphia. The first of six films to be shown this season, "The Lucky Star" will be shown on Saturday, November 10, at 8 p.m., and Sunday, November 12, at 3 p.m. Other films to be shown through April include "Frontier" on December 8 and 9, "The Outside Chance of Maximilian Glick" on January 12 and 13, "Avanti Popolo" on February 9 and 10, "Reunion" on March 9 and 10 and "The Rose Garden" on April 20 and 21. Tickets for Saturday evenings are \$12.50 for the opening and \$7.50 for all others; \$5.50 for Sunday matinees.

"The Puppermaster of Lodz," a puppet show at the Wilma Theater, uses puppets to take the audience into the lives of the ordinary people who perished in the Holocaust. The show will continue through November 11.

"The Invisible Thread," a photographic exhibition, explores the varied lives of contemporary American Jewish women at the National Museum of American Jewish History. Through photographs and quotes from personal interviews, the exhibition reveals the connecting link — the invisible thread — uniting Jewish women of all backgrounds and degrees of ritual observance in a shared sense of Jewish identity.

NEW YORK

New York artist Jeffrey Schrier uses the tools and techniques of high technology to create images from his personal and cultural history in "Ancient Walls in the Century of Electronic Light," an exhibition of Laser Montage Prints and Sculpture at the Yeshiva University Museum in New York. Schrier juxtaposes images from ancient and modern Jewish history to create montages that incorporate fabric, computer generated graphics, metallic paint and other materials while combining historical and religious icons with photographs of family members and images from his dreams. The exhibit will run through March 1991.

Forms abstract kinetic glass sculptures inspired by Jewish themes will be on view at the Yeshiva University Museum through January 1991. The sculptures, by New York artist Sidney Cash, are accompanied by Hebrew letter painted drawings that document the artist's progression from experimentation with Hebrew calligraphy to glass sculpture interpreting Hebrew letters.

"The Sephardic Journey: 1492-1992," an exhibit which chronicles the history and lives of Jewish communities throughout the world whose members are descendants of Spanish and Portuguese Jews, will be on display at the Yeshiva University Museum for two years beginning November 20. The exhibit will include more than a thousand religious and cultural objects, photographs, paintings and costumes, commemorating the 500th anniversary of the expulsion of Jews from Spain during the Inquisition.

WASHINGTON, D.C.

The role of the National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW) in accomplishing social reform in America will be highlighted in a new exhibit at the Smithsonian's Museum of American History. "From Parlor to Politics: Women and Reform in America, 1890-1925," features NCJW's efforts in the area of social welfare. The exhibit will continue indefinitely.

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Review

A loving look at the past

Review By
MORRIE WARSHAWSKI

Special to The Jewish Voice

The pull and tug of personal history on an artist's psyche is much like the effect of the moon on the earth's tides. An artist can either pay full attention to it and steer a course that flows with the tide in and out of home port, or head for the open seas and hope to bathe in the moon's cool light while evading its effects where shore and water meet.

Barry Levinson may be best known as the director of the mega-hit *Rain Man*, and of the popular Robin Williams showcase *Good Morning, Vietnam*. But there is another more interesting side to Levinson's filmmaking career that has its roots deep in his own family background and Jewish upbringing in Baltimore. That strain of work rests with two feisty films, *Diner* and *Tin Men*, that are now joined by Levinson's newest and most personal film *Avalon* (Rated PG).

In *Avalon* Levinson abandons his earlier attention to a compressed time-frame and a condensed story, in favor of a broader story with mythic overtones that cover a long period in one family's history. Sam Krichinsky, played brilliantly by Armin Mueller-Stahl (*Music Box* and *Angry Harvest*), comes to America from the Old Country in 1914. He ends up in Baltimore on the 4th of July and, as he says many times in the film, "It was the most beautiful place I had seen in my entire life."

Levinson makes his themes clear early in the film: the role of remembrance in binding and defining a family, the meaning of America to generations of immigrants and their offspring, and the effect of modern commerce and technology on personal relations.

Sam joins his four brothers in the paperhanging business. He marries an attractive but kvelling Eva (Joan Plowright) and has a son, Jules (Aidan Quinn), who changes his last name to "Kaye." Sam discovers this on the



The Krichinsky family, stars of the recently released "Avalon," are shown engrossed in the new phenomenon — television. From left to right, they are played by Armin Mueller-Stahl, Joan Plowright, Elizabeth Perkins, Elijah Wood and Aidan Quinn.

same night that he finds out Jules has eloped with Ann (Elizabeth Perkins). Sam can accept the marriage but the name change upsets him greatly. "Who said names are supposed to be easy to say? What are you, a candy bar?" Sam yells at his son.

Levinson follows the steady disintegration of the extended family over a series of Thanksgiving dinners. The famous Jewish character actor, Lou Jacobi, plays Sam's older brother Gabriel. When Sam allows the turkey to be carved before Gabriel shows up typically late at the dinner, this small act of disrespect severs their ties forever.

Jules and his cousin, Izzy, become business partners who follow a dizzying and erratic trajectory that begins with a small television store and ends with a large discount warehouse. Their new-found fortune allows them to move to the suburbs, away from their aunts and uncles, and into a world that sacrifices the unobtrusive companionship of radio for the evasive interference of television.

Visually and thematically Levinson follows a path carved by Stephen

Spielberg. The cinematography is precise and lush with many scenes bathed in a warm glow of light. In fact, the cinematography was accomplished by one of Spielberg's favorite directors of photography, Allen Daviau. Levinson also spends a great deal of time, and many of the film's best moments, in classic Spielberg territory watching action through the eyes of Sam's grandson Michael, engagingly acted by Elijah Wood.

Avalon is clearly Levinson's most personal film to-date, and a loving paean to the past. Anyone who hails from an immigrant family and can look back over the last four decades, will watch this movie with many moments of clear recognition. They might also take heed of Sam's comment toward the end of the film, "If I had known things would no longer be, I would have tried to remember better."

(Morrie Warshawski writes frequently about culture and the arts for publications throughout the US and Canada from his home in St. Louis.)

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7:00 p.m. - Free to the Community

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Sunday, November 18

"Jews of Turkey"

11:30 a.m. - Community Brunch
12:15 p.m. - Guest Speaker: Lisa Hostein

Lisa Hostein is the Managing Editor of the Philadelphia Jewish Exponent. She will offer a lecture/slide presentation highlighting interesting aspects and composition of the Jewish community of Turkey.

Ms. Hostein recently won the Smolar Award for Excellence in North American Jewish Journalism in the Human Interest category for her two part series on the private lives of Turkish Jewish community and the declining image Turkey is trying to revive with the help of Israel and American Jewry.

The community brunch is \$ 5.00 per person and advance registration is required by calling the JCC at (302) 478-5660.

Sunday, December 2



11:30 a.m. - Free to the Community

Max Rosenfeld

"The Role of Yiddish in Jewish Humor"

Max Rosenfeld, Yiddish Folklorist and author, returns to the Wilmington JCC to add to our celebration of Jewish Book Month! Last year Mr. Rosenfeld delighted the audience with his presentation of the Works of Sholem Aleichem. This year, he will enchant us with his interruption of "The Role of Yiddish in Jewish Humor". Coffee and cake will be served.

Sunday, November 18



2:00 p.m. - Free to the Community

Deborah M. Bash

Jerusalem's Best Buys: The Traveler's Shopping Guide to the Holy City

Jerusalem is a vibrant, exotic city with many things to see and do. Ms. Bash will guide us through the treasures of one of the Middle East's major shopping paradises. We will learn how to select authentic Judaica and be directed to the city's finest craftsmen and artisans. A slide presentation will be included.

Sunday, December 2



3:00 p.m. - Free to the Community

Mordechai Rosenstein

Slide and Lecture Presentation and Art Exhibition

The Hebrew alphabet is the essence of the art of Mordechai Rosenstein. His works of art are done mostly in bold colors. He will offer a slide and lecture presentation of his works and master art techniques. Rosenstein's artwork will also be available for purchase in the JCC Art Gallery from November 1 through December 30.

Thursday, November 28



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"Children of the Book"

Jewish Folktales for Children and Ice Cream Social
1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

Deborah Baer Quinn, artistic director of Theatre Ariel, an Anglo-Jewish Theatre Company and faculty member of the Walnut Street Theatre School will present a delightful entertaining hour of Jewish folktales for Children. Children will be asked to participate in the dramatization of the folktales and a special Ice Cream Social will follow, Cost \$ 1.00 for adults, Free for Children.

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November 15 - December 9

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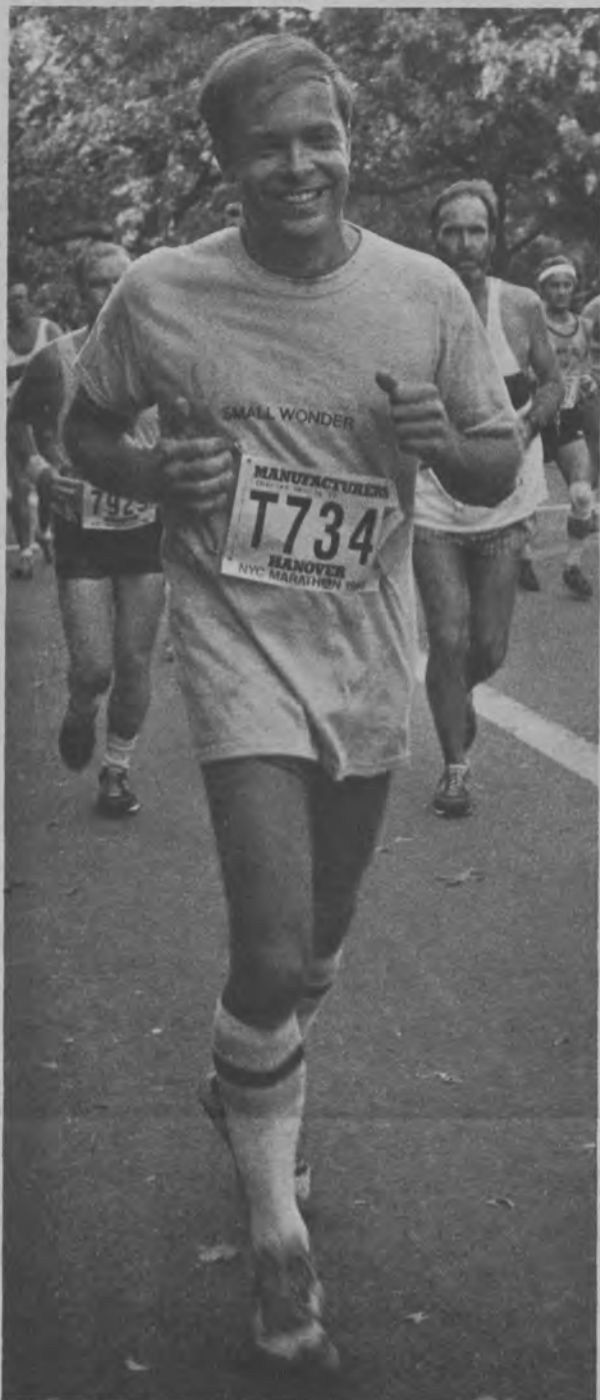
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New York Marathon, 1985.



Charlie playing basketball with his twins.

A native Delawarean, Charlie is a graduate of Brandywine High School and Wesley College. A Phi Beta Kappa, magna cum laude graduate of Penn State, Charlie Oberly attended the University of Virginia Law School. After law school, Charlie was selected as a federal law clerk and worked in private practice. He served eight years as a prosecutor before being elected Attorney General. As a prosecutor, he gained notoriety by obtaining convictions in several difficult, but highly publicized homicide cases.

In addition to his duties as Attorney General, Charlie Oberly raises his three children, teaches criminal law at the University of Delaware and is the founder and co-editor of the Delaware Law Monthly. Charlie Oberly is also active in Naamans Little League as an assistant coach. An avid local runner, Charlie has run in various local races.



Charlie Oberly with his children, Kim, 23, and twins Kristi-Lyn and Michael, 11.

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