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This past March, a sculpture by Israeli artist Aharon Bezalel was dedicated in front of the Jewish Community Center. The sculpture honors the memory of more than one million Jewish children who perished in the Holocaust.



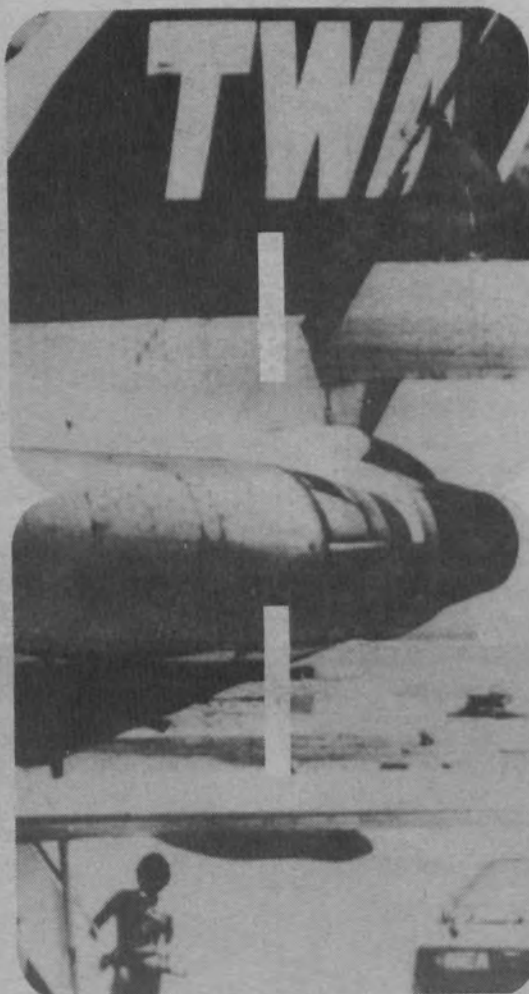
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President Reagan met with Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev in Geneva in November for the first summit conference Mr. Reagan has had with any Soviet leader since assuming the presidency.

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Adas Kodesh Shel Emeth celebrated its 100th anniversary this year. The photo above is the current structure on Washington Street and Torah Drive.



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Shiite fundamentalist extremists hijacked a TWA flight originating in Athens, Greece, in June, and reminded the world again that terrorism is a global scourge against which there is little immunity.

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Cross at military cemetery in Bitburg, West Germany that also contains the graves of several Waffen SS soldiers, Nazi elite guards responsible for many World War II atrocities. President Reagan's decision to visit the cemetery, while in the midst of ceremonies marking the 40th anniversary of the Holocaust, touched off a worldwide controversy.

Martin G. Mand, JFD President,

Karen Moss, Jewish Voice editor, recently interviewed Federation president Martin G. Mand. Their comments follow.

- Q. How do you view your responsibilities as Federation president?**
A. I consider it my principal responsibility to set a new direction and

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tone for the Federation in terms of its role in the community. There's a perception — right or wrong — that the Federation is run by a small group of people that only once a year involves others by having its hand out asking for money. I want to correct this perception, as we do a lot more for the community, and at the same time I want to improve the way we operate in many areas.

- Q. How do you propose to do it?**
A. By getting many, many more people involved in Federation activities — younger people, older people and particularly those not involved in the past. That is, new people, as I believe people, not organizations, make things happen. I want the entire community to feel a part of Federation because in reality the community is the Federation and the Federation is the community.
 In addition, we'll be innovative and experimental in all that we do — that is, trying to do new things, not just standing pat on past successes. We'll have some failures along the way, but, hopefully, we'll learn from such mistakes, and our successes will outnumber our failures.
- Q. What attributes do you look for when selecting individuals?**
A. Competence and responsibility. Many of the people I've asked to serve with me I had not met before, but I had heard that they were very talented, responsible people. Once someone has accepted a position, I let him or her carry the ball. The community is relying on them. Of course, I'm available, if they need me for guidance and assistance. I'm delighted that without exception, everyone who has joined me in this effort meets these criteria.
- Q. What about the perception you mentioned earlier that the Federation is simply an organization with its hand out for money?**
A. I want the Federation to do more things for the community, such as community-wide celebrations, and cultural programs with excellent speakers along with socialization. One idea may be a community-

wide Purim party where families could participate with their children and grandchildren. These functions would not be used for solicitation in any way, but as a way of getting people together.

Alternatively, I would welcome the offering of such programs by our community organizations. In other words, who does what in this area is not important to me — just that it gets done. Ideally, what I'd like to see is a community calendar offering something every day of interest to the community.

- Q. You hope to foster a feeling of community pride and spirit?**
A. Yes, and I'd like our Federation to truly be the Jewish Federation of Delaware. I want to have very active participation by the members of the Newark and Lower Delaware communities. It is for this reason I have asked all committee chairpersons to appoint at least one individual from these communities to serve on their committees. We want and need their input. And I've asked staff to provide support in Newark and Lower Delaware.
- Q. What other goals do you hope to see accomplished during your tenure in office?**



- A.** I have five goals. If I can achieve them, or see us starting down a road where they're going to be accomplished, I'd be very happy.
- Q. What are these five goals?**
A. The first one I've already mentioned: getting many more people involved, particularly for the first time. Second, I'd like to build bridges to everyone with whom the Federation has, or should have, a relationship and bring the message and spirit of the Federation to all. For example, I'd like all the Jewish organizations in Delaware to feel that their activities have the support of the Federation. I called a meeting in October, of the presidents of the 42 Jewish organizations in the state just to talk about such matters.
 I don't want the Federation to

have an adversarial relationship with anyone. As long as community needs are met, and we offer a full range of programs and services to the entire community, I'd be very happy to have other organizations do it. After all, we're all trying to do the same thing, that is, have a vibrant Jewish community.

- Q. Your next goal?**
A. It's very closely related to the first two. Simply put, I want the Federation to be operated in all respects in an open and communicative manner. I want all individuals in our state to have a warm, friendly and comfortable feeling toward our Federation.
- Q. And your fourth goal?**
A. Obviously, raising money is a priority to meet our community's and Israel's needs. For example, we have large deficits being projected by the Kutz Home, there are some structural problems requiring repair with the JCC building, and we have a proposed family campsite to plan and develop. Hillel's growing program under the leadership of Sue Shifron at the University of Delaware requires funds, and the Lower Delaware and Newark communities are actively developing their programs.
- Q. You mentioned the Jewish Community Center, the Kutz Home and Hillel. Are there other local beneficiary agencies that depend in part on the Federation?**
A. Yes, three. Jewish Family Service does a great job in meeting the needs of those it serves. The Albert Einstein Academy; it has had severe financial problems in the past, but happily its present leadership has made significant progress in turning the situation around. Gratz Hebrew High School runs an excellent program for the post bar and bat mitzvah youth in our community.
- Q. How do you intend to raise the necessary funds?**
A. We're attempting many new and innovative ideas; some will work, others may not. We're just trusting that our successes will outnumber

with their Federation is one of my goals.

- Q. And the final goal?**
A. My last goal is to spend community money efficiently. I've asked that studies be undertaken in many areas to determine whether centralization of services would be more cost-effective. One example would be to have centralized book-keeping, payroll and financial services for all our agencies and the synagogues, and other organizations, if they wish to participate. Jay Blumberg has agreed to chair an office operations committee to study this.
 Harold May has agreed to chair our personnel committee which will look at benefit plans of the agencies, which frequently differ, to see if standardization is possible or if we could improve our negotiating position with carriers

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by soliciting bids on a combined basis. The synagogues have also been invited to participate in this study.

- Q. Can you give me some examples of other new efforts you'll be undertaking this year?**
A. I'd be glad to. There are two new efforts which I think have tremendous potential for our community. First, Roberta Woloshin will be chairing a new committee concerned with Jewish youth. The teens in our community don't know each other. They live geographically dispersed, go to different high schools, both public and private, and only know some of the youth that go to their particular synagogue or school. Even there, many of these in the same religious school classes don't see each other after their bar and bat mitzvah. It's important for our future that the youth do things together as often as possible. Roberta's challenge is to lead the effort to make sure we develop a positive youth program for our community's children — one in which they will want to participate.
 Second, and related to the youth program, I've asked the synagogues and our educational agencies to participate in a study of Jewish education. The study committee will be chaired by Richard Levine. We seriously need to look at whether we should have one community school to educate our youth as opposed to each synagogue running its own school. I recognize that it's a controversial subject, but I believe a community school would serve three valuable functions: first, to bring the children together so they get to

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our failures. You can't get away from the fact that we have to raise more money, but I think if we do our other jobs well and have people feel better about the Federation, the Campaign, to a great extent, will take care of itself. As I mentioned, having people feel warmer, friendlier and more comfortable

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know each other; second, to improve the quality of education by combining the skills of the finest and most motivated teachers currently at the separate synagogue schools, and third, to reduce the



costs of our education programs as all the schools are drains on synagogue budgets.

In summary, I think we could have better education at a lower community cost, and at the same time introduce our kids to each other in a healthy environment. I fully recognize that this idea has some problems, is potentially controversial, and won't be implemented easily. But I'm convinced that people of good will can work together to overcome the problems so as to satisfy everyone's interests so that we can make a better, higher yielding investment in our future. Other communities our size have done it and have proven that it works. All I'm seeking at this time is a thorough study of this matter.

Q. I'd like to know a little bit about your personal background. How did you first get involved in Jewish community work?

A. Through Beth Shalom. I grew up in a Conservative synagogue in Norfolk, Va. I was like most boys; after my bar mitzvah, I wasn't involved very much. When I first moved to Wilmington in 1961 I was a bachelor living in a rented room on 23rd St., three doors away from Rabbi Kraft. My landlady, when she found out I was Jewish, suggested that I meet the rabbi. I did get to know Rabbi Kraft, and subsequently became involved in, and then president of Beth Shalom. During my presidency, I led the effort in 1973 to give women equal rights in our services. I'm very proud of that accomplishment, and feel good to this very day, when I'm in the synagogue and see women participating in our services.

Q. Was it a controversial decision?

A. It was controversial at the time as some members genuinely thought it was the wrong way to go. But it was the board's decision, and to me was an excellent illustration of democracy in action in a community organization. In some ways, I see similarities to my current proposal to have one community school for our youth. It will be no doubt controversial when it is studied.

Q. What activities took place between the presidency of Beth Shalom and the presidency of the Jewish Federation?

A. I got involved in the Kutz Home and served on the board for several years before becoming president in 1980. I served for two years, and enjoyed it very much. The Kutz Home is a very interesting institution, because it has excellent community support and cuts across all lines in our community. It's a very well run institution — a real tribute to Dan Thurman's professionalism and leadership.

Q. Were there any events in your life which influenced your decision to become active in the Jewish community?

A. I can't think of anything particular. My parents and grandparents were involved in some Jewish community work as I grew up, so I had a good example to follow. This is a great country and Jews have freedom and great opportunity. I've been relatively successful and I feel I owe the community something.

Q. Do you have any examples in your life of what it means to be Jewish?

A. Sure, let me tell you about it. After I graduated in 1958 from the University of Virginia, I received a commission in the Navy — courtesy of Naval ROTC — and was sent to Sidi Yahia, Morocco for almost two years. That experience influenced my feelings about being Jewish.

Q. How so?

A. I was the only Jewish officer in the BOQ (Bachelor's Officers Quarters), and in fact, the only Jew on a small base of about 1000 personnel. For two years I spent Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur in my room because there was no synagogue. The Jewish Welfare Board sent me matzoh for Pesach,

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and I held my own seder for my friends in the BOQ.

I had one very special experience in 1958 when President Eisenhower placed the troops in Lebanon. I was sitting in a dental chair getting a wisdom tooth pulled and in came a rabbi from the States. He was on his way to Lebanon to conduct services for the High Holy Days. He travelled over a dirt road from the airport for 25 miles just to see me for a few minutes, because he had

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heard there was one Jew on the base and he wanted to see him.

You really feel your Jewishness when you're the only one. The unique experience of feeling you were the only Jew in the Arab world, albeit on an American base, shaped me more than I realized at the time.

Q. Could you tell us a little more about your personal background?

A. Briefly, I was born and grew up in Norfolk, Va., attended the University of Virginia, received a degree in accounting, went in the Navy for three years and came to work for DuPont in 1961. I've been here ever since. I met my wife, the former Shelly Cohen, at a JCC singles function at the Seller's estate. We have three sons: Greg, Mike and Brian.

Q. How does your family feel about your becoming Federation president?

A. You can't undertake a job like this without the support of your family — and they are very supportive. They have to be if I'm to do the best job for the community that I can. I try to follow three priorities: my family comes first, my job comes second and my community service comes third. That's not to say the time is spent equally, but if I have a conflict, that's the way I usually choose if there's a decision to be made.

Q. You mentioned earlier that you wanted the community to feel warmer toward Federation. Would you care to elaborate on that?

A. I want to see an open and communicative Federation. I've asked the Jewish Voice to run a summary of Federation board actions so the community will know what the board is doing. It's not a secret society. I want people to feel free to call the Federation office, or any officer or board member to register their complaints, make suggestions or simply to get information.

I'm not just speaking of those who are active in the Federation

and agency affairs, but also of those who choose not to participate. I want everyone to feel kindly toward the Federation because of the services we offer them and what we do for the community in general. I'm interested in everyone.

Q. You also said that you want as many people involved in Federation as possible. If someone has never been involved before, would you welcome him or her?

A. Absolutely. We don't ask what someone's prior community experience was, or what his or her campaign pledge is. We want more people involved — especially younger people. The only criteria are competence and responsibility. I welcome also the participation and advice of the older, experienced volunteers to alert me to the pitfalls, but they've already paid their dues over the years. I want the younger people to do the work now to prepare them for future leadership positions. Incidentally, our Young Leadership program, chaired by Stu and Lelaine Nemser, is off to a great start.

Q. Is there anything else that you'd like to mention?

A. Yes. Although we have focused in this interview on the Delaware Jewish community, I want to emphasize that I believe it is critical for the Jews of our State to also participate in the broader community's activities, United Way, for example. I've helped out in several such community organizations and we shouldn't forget this important obligation.

Q. It's been six months since you became president of the Federation. How would you assess this period?

A. I think we're off to an exciting year, and many of the things I've



discussed will become realities in time. The key to this is the many new and talented people who have already become, and hopefully will continue to become, involved. I look forward to their accomplishments with enthusiasm.

Q. Is there any final thought that you wish to convey to the community?

A. Yes — join with me.

LETTERS to the Editor

Dear Editor:

I am writing to you instead of the director of Vacation Planning for Kidspace at the JCC because after speaking to several people, we feel these views should be aired more publicly than a private letter to one person. I am usually not the kind of person to voice my opinions and expect change, but this is one time I feel I should try.

Every year the vacation programs for K-6 graders get more and more unappealing and in some cases inappropriate. Any program that starts after 8:30 automatically costs \$4.50 more than the already higher-than-average-cost of daycare. This is just to put in a normal working day. I suppose there is the choice of getting docked pay for an hour or two to conform to the JCC's schedule, but that seems absurd!

I understand why the programs are as exorbitant as they are in price, but why do we have to entertain the children constantly. Out of all the programs this year, very few were held at the center. And then, most of them were only for private school students. Most of these children would be just as happy staying at the center, playing with their friends, some who they probably haven't seen since camp. How many 8-year-olds enjoyed Winterthur? If you cut the cost, you may make more money by having a better attendance rate. I think you need to make some comparisons as far as programming and cost at other daycare centers' vacation programs.

Along the same lines of leaving Wilmington almost every day; holiday time is not the best time to be out on the highways; weather and road conditions are not at their best, more drivers are DUI on their way home from office parties, etc, and our busses leave Philadelphia around rush hour! I remember one night last year when the busses were an hour and a half late, just because of normal rush hour traffic on the expressway. My children were tired, frustrated and miserable when they got home. This is the JCC of Wilmington, not greater Philadelphia, why is it necessary to transport our children there almost every day just because

they are out of school?

My older child has just about outgrown this program, but both of them decided not to attend any Kidspace programs this year - I have made other arrangements for them. I doubt that I am the only one who feels this way.

Sincerely,
Ronna J. Hochman
Wilmington

The JCC Responds:

The Jewish Community Center thanks Ronna Hochman for expressing her concerns. She has been invited to be a member of the Center's Children's Committee and participate in developing future programs.

All Center programs are planned by both staff and lay committees. Children's Department vacation programs always include in-house activities, even on the days youngsters leave the building for trips.

Recent comparisons reflect favorably on our services and fees. We offer 11 days of vacation programs; another United Way agency provides only three days of programs. We provide childcare daily from 7:30 a.m. until the start of the program and from the end of the program until 5:30 p.m. at a cost of \$4.50 inclusive; the closest other local United agency which offers vacation programs does not offer childcare at any price. Our average daily cost is comparable to this agency, even though they provide only in-house programming. We will be happy to provide exact figures upon request.

The Center will continue our efforts to provide needed service to every child in a safe, secure, Jewish and fun atmosphere. As of Dec. 16, registration has already surpassed attendance goals. Nonetheless, in light of Mrs. Hochman's suggestions, our Spring KIDSPACE vacation program will offer fewer trips, allowing for reduced daily program fees.

Sincerely,
Gail Budin, Chairperson,
Children's Committee
Irving Kaufman
JCC Executive Director

ON THE OTHER HAND N. Even-Or



Tomb Of The Master Builder

Herod, let's face it, was not a very nice person; but he was a man who knew how to live; knew how to live, that is, when he wasn't murdering all his relatives and associates. He was also the undisputed master builder of ancient Palestine; nobody else even comes in a close second.

Now, this Herod, known as "The Great," was not all that great with his people, despite the fact that he ruled over them for 33 years, from 37 BCE to 4 BCE. To begin with, he was not a member of the popular Hasmonean dynasty (the Maccabees) and was not even a Judean by birth: he was descended from an Idumean family. Despite his great efforts to win popular support with grandiose building projects, including the reconstruction of the Second Temple, he was hated as a Hellenizer and as a vicious murderer. He was, in fact, guilty on both counts.

Herod was not only a master builder, but also a master politician. He held his power through the authority of Rome, and he did everything necessary to keep Rome on his side. His political footwork was so good that, even when he backed the losing side in a conflict, as in the case of his backing Antony against Octavian, he was able to quickly reverse gears and win over the man he had opposed; the peak of Herod's power, in-

terestingly was reached when Octavian was emperor of Rome.

While some of Herod's great construction projects were built to curry favor in Palestine, like the Second Temple construction from which much Herodian stone still survives in the lower courses of the Western Wall; and some, like the great port of Caesarea Maritima, to flatter the Emperor; many of his greatest projects were the result of his pathological paranoia.

Not content just to destroy all enemies and suspected enemies, including every member of the Hasmonean family that he could get his hands on, his own wife, Miriamne, and his two sons, Herod built fortresses all over Palestine as strongholds to which he could escape. Obviously a lover of creature comforts, the palaces he incorporated in each stronghold were far from monastic. Perhaps the most famous of his strongholds is Massada, the fortress in which 1000 zealots held out for three years after the destruction of Jerusalem. A strange twist of fate, isn't it, that this produce of Herod's fear and insecurity would be remembered for the heroism of those who despised him and all he stood for.

A less well known, but truly magnificent fort and palace complex, is Herodion, in the northern end of

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Herodion

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Evelyn Lobel Is New NCCJ Executive Director

Evelyn Lobel, staff associate of the Jewish Federation of Delaware since November 1983, has been named executive director of the Delaware Region National Council of Christians and Jews. She will assume that post Jan. 20.

As Federation staff associate, Lobel has directed the Women's Division and the Women's Campaign and supervised the Jewish Community Relations Committee, comprised of task forces on church-state and interfaith relations, Holocaust activities, Israel and Soviet Jewry. This fall, she also assumed responsibility for the Leadership Development Program, and the Task Force on Youth Services of the Budget and Planning Committee.

Under her guidance, the Women's Campaign raised more than \$200,000 in 1985 — the highest amount ever raised in Delaware by the Women's Campaign during peacetime. She also arranged for the Israeli Consul General Pinchus Gonen to meet with state legislators in Dover, initiating an important precedent. Lobel coordinated Yom Hashoah and Yom Haatz-



Evelyn Lobel

maut programs each year, and assisted with Super Sunday planning and coordination. Most recently, she organized an ecumenical service on behalf of Soviet Jews in Wilmington at the same time that the summit meeting in Geneva between President Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev was taking place.

Lobel, a past recipient of the Braunstein Young Leadership Award, was active in Jewish communal affairs long before she began working for the Federation. She served on the JFD board

of directors from 1973 to 1976, and chaired the Holocaust Education Committee for two years. She helped chair the Young Leadership Development Committee and served on the Israel and Soviet Jewry task forces.

A former teacher, Lobel holds a B.S. in education with honors from the University of Delaware and is a graduate of the Brandeis University Jacob Hiatt Institute in Jerusalem. Prior to working for the Jewish Federation, she was employed by the City of Wilmington in the Department of Finance. She has taught in public schools in Virginia and Delaware, and served as administrator of Temple Beth El and principal of their religious school.

Lobel, a Wilmington resident, has two sons, Kevin, 15, and Ethan 12.

"Evelyn Lobel has been a genuine asset to our staff, and I know she will bring her unique interpersonal and organizational skills to bear as executive director of NCCJ. We'll miss her, and we wish her the best in this challenging new position," commented Robert Kerbel, Federation executive vice president.

Helen Foss Becomes Education Advisor to Gov. Castle

After eight years as director of the Delaware Region National Conference of Christians and Jews, Helen K. Foss recently resigned from that post to become education advisor to Gov. Castle.

Foss was responsible for introducing programming and management which ushered in an entire new era for NCCJ. According to former NCCJ board member Edwin Golin, Foss and her board members initiated innovative programs that generated the enthusiasm and participation of the community at large.

Golin notes, "Foss is blessed with a personality that somehow or other blends intelligence, sensitivity, diligence, diplomacy and management knowhow into an irresistible force. During her administration she used that power to transform NCCJ into a leadership position in both religious and race relations."

Foss, a former school teacher, was a member of the State Task Force on Education for Economic Growth which produced a report last year on the health of Delaware's public schools. Castle, lieutenant governor at the time, chaired the group. Earlier this year she was ap-



Helen K. Foss

pointed to a committee to screen nominations for Delaware judges. Before accepting the position in the governor's office, she chaired the State Board of Education's Desegregation Advisory Committee.

In 1978, the Wilmington Section of the National Council of Jewish Women presented her the Hannah G. Solomon Award.

"My only consolation in her leaving NCCJ," adds Golin, "is that she will apply that same pattern of talents to an equally important responsibility."

A resident of Hockessin, Foss is married and has two children.

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Cooking In Delaware

By SYLVIA F. PANITZ

In a few short days, the year 1985 will become a part of history. It has been a hectic year with famine in Africa; cruise ship terrorists in the Mid-East; earthquakes in Mexico; volcanos in Columbia and the floods in West Virginia. May 1986 bring to you and yours a year of good health, much happiness and peace throughout the world.

It used to be easy to invite some friends over for coffee and cake. However, in spite of all the things that have been invented to make life easier, it seems it has become more complicated to serve refreshments. Now, besides regular coffee there is decaffeinated and international varied flavors of coffee. The same goes for tea. The stores stock regular, decaffeinated plus herbal flavored tea. Even with hot chocolate you have choices to make — regular or sugar free. There are so many kinds of soda that it is impossible to list them all. Milk comes in low-fat, skim, buttermilk, and your regular old fashioned milk. There was a time, many years ago, that most Jewish homes would serve small sugar cubes with which to sweeten the coffee or tea. Now we see all kinds of little

packets containing sugar substitutes put on the table.

Below are some easy to make cakes that you might want to serve with your coffee, milk or tea.

Now that oranges are more plentiful you might want to try the following recipe that comes from the Florida Department of Citrus.

Orange

Chocolate Crunch

2 cups fresh Florida orange sections (about 6 oranges)
 ½ cup Florida orange juice
 2 eggs
 1 tsp. vanilla extract
 ¼ tsp. almond extract
 1½ cups flour
 1 cup sugar
 1 tsp. baking powder
 ½ tsp. baking soda
 ½ tsp. salt
TOPPING
 ½ cup light brown sugar
 1 cup chopped walnuts
 6 ounces semi-sweet chocolate bits

Preheat oven to 350°. Peel and section oranges. Cut sections into small pieces. Combine orange pieces and orange juice. Beat eggs and add oranges and juice mixture, vanilla and almond extracts. Mix well. Sift dry in-

gredients and add all at once. Pour into greased and floured 13 by 9 by 2 baking pan.

Topping: Combine brown sugar, nuts and chocolate bits. Sprinkle on top of cake. Bake for 45 to 50 minutes.

From Bobby Miller comes this easy to make Pumpkin Cake. Bobby and her husband Al, have three children and are members of Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth.

Pumpkin Cake

4 eggs
 1½ cups sugar
 2 cups pumpkin (1 lb. can)
 2 cups flour
 ¼ tsp. salt
 1 cup salad oil
 2 tsp. baking powder
 2 tsp. baking soda
 1 tsp. cinnamon
 1 tsp. vanilla
 1 cup nuts
 1 cup raisins

In large bowl use mixer till oil, eggs, and sugar are blended. Add remaining dry ingredients, except nuts and raisins, alternately with the pumpkin. Add vanilla; beat until blended. Stir in nuts and raisins. Bake at 350° in a greased and floured tube pan for 60 to 70 minutes. Test with a toothpick. Cook in pan. It can be topped with powdered sugar or frosting. For Bundt pan set oven at 325°.

From Ralston's Almond Delight cereal comes this loaf cake you might want to try.

Holiday Almond Coffee Loaf

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Hanukkah Program For Delaware Teenagers

It all began back in October when a meeting to discuss Jewish youth activities was called by Roberta Woloshin, chairperson of the JCC Youth Committee and Arlene Bowman, director of children and youth services of the JCC. Also in attendance were Eyal Teiberger, Delaware's Israeli *shaliach*, Gal Shifron, director of Senior and Adult Services of the JCC, Kathy Friedberg, Newark's B'nai B'rith Youth Organization advisor, and Elaine Friedberg, principal of Delaware Gratz Hebrew High School. Plans were made for a Hanukkah *chagigah* to which all Jewish youth would be invited.

The celebration took place on Tuesday evening, Dec. 10. Area teenagers gathered in the auditorium just in time to see Eli Ildys, the torch bearer from the Zionist Organization of America run in with the torch held high and several Gratz student relay runners in Young Maccabee shirts running behind him. Eli had lit his torch from a menorah in Modin, the birthplace of Mattathias and his son Judah, the Maccabee. From there he traveled to Ben Gurion Airport for a special ceremony. Then he flew to the USA, still bearing the torch and relaying it to several east coast cities from New York to Florida.

With the torch, the *shamash* of Delaware's menorah was kindled. Then students from Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth's Bikkurim classes, Beth Shalom's Midrasha classes and Delaware Gratz Hebrew High School participated in the candlelighting ceremony. Each of the eight candles was dedicated to a special Jewish commemoration. Among these were "The Russian Jews," "The Holocaust," "The Rescue for the Ethiopian Jews" and "An Isarel Peace."

After menorah was lit, Z'eev Rivlin, a Masada youth leader from Philadelphia, and his spirited guitar led in the singing of several Hanukkah songs. At one point, the music was so lively that several spectators rose to dance in a circle in the back of the auditorium. Eyal Teiberger who with Arlene Bowman, coordinated the event, said a few words and introduced Eli Ildys who spoke to the group about the ZOA Youth Movement.

Refreshments, prepared by Arlene Davis, religious education director of Beth Shalom, included *soofganiyot* (Israeli doughnuts). Everyone agreed that the evening was a big success.

On Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 10, the fourth night of Hanukkah, a unique holiday experience was held at Congregation Beth Shalom for all children in our area religious schools, Einstein Academy, and the Jewish Community Center. On that day, a young Maccabiah runner, Eli Ildys, carrying a lighted Olympic torch on his journey from New York City to Long Island, Philadelphia and Baltimore, passed through Wilmington and made a stop at the synagogue. Several hundred children participated in the torch run around Brandywine Park and then returned to the synagogue auditorium for Hanukkah refreshments

soofganiyot. An actual candle-lighting ceremony followed by a symbolic candle-lighting ceremony remembering the victory of

the Maccabees, the bravery of the Jews at Masada, the revolt of Bar Kochba, the Holocaust, the martyred Israeli athletes at the 1972 Olympics in Munich, the rescue of Ethiopian Jews, the Russian Jews and the importance of world peace, was held.

Rabbi Kenneth S. Cohen welcomed everyone to Beth Shalom and the students were then addressed by the torch runner and Eyal Teiberger, our community *shaliach*. The video movie, "Lights: A Hanukkah Story," was presented and the program concluded with a sing-a-long of Hanukkah songs led by Ze'ev Rivlin of Philadelphia.

An enjoyable and enlightening day was had by all.



Ze'ev Rivlin leading the participants in Hanukkah songs



Eli Ildys carrying the lit torch from Modin, Israel



Arlene Davis, religious school principal of Congregation Beth Shalom introducing torch runner Eli Ildys

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Bobby

College Student Remembers His Grandmother, His Past

By DAVID L. JAFFE

My maternal grandmother's first and only conversational language was Yiddish, the tongue of pre-war eastern European Jewry. My own knowledge of Yiddish is ridiculously informal; while I am familiar with hundreds of words, I cannot produce one grammatically correct sentence. Still I understood everything my grandmother ever said to me. Perhaps I understood because of her intonation, emphasis or affect. Whatever the reason, I always knew what she meant. Her message was forever something about virtue, piety, or charity. She was endlessly giving something to

someone else while never asking for anything in return. This was a woman who survived the horrors of the Holocaust, losing a son to the Nazis. Yet her faith in her Creator and in people never diminished.

Her courage helped save the lives of many during the war. Every now and then my mother will recall another incident where my grandmother's astuteness and bravery led to the survival of a few more people. Her common sense was evident even in her old age, as she gave sound logical advice to her daughter, my mother. Her name was Chava Swirsky, but we all just called her Bobby because the Yiddish word

for grandmother is *Bubbe* and Bobby was just easier to say.

Coming to her house every Friday afternoon was a treat I and my sisters looked forward to during our childhood. Her kindness and love for her family gave her house a warm, comfortable glow that was all ours. Her sabbath cooking smelled like a dream, and all of the children raced to the overburdened stove for a taste of the cholent, compote, bleen, or any one of a dozen other mouthwatering Jewish foods from eastern Poland. I often wondered if my grandmother's house back in the tiny White Russian village of Kobilnick smelled the same way.

In those days, the meal was cooked on a wood burning stove in a small frame house located in a typical Jewish shtetl, not unlike *Fiddler on the Roof's* Anatevka. But the smell...the smell was the same. I pictured my mother and her siblings running to the large black pots just as I and my sisters did. I saw the same warm glow of love and reverence for the approaching sabbath. I imagined my grandmother as a young woman, the spitting image of my mother today. I envisioned her standing over the mystical sabbath candles, slowly, powerfully, waving her hands thrice in a circular motion, ushering in the Sab-

bath Queen just as she did so many times before my very eyes.

Now, 30 years later, she lived in America. During those 30 years she saw the very worst in man, but she did not lose her faith in man. She had seen her cousins slaughtered, her neighbors shot, her son murdered. But she knew that to give up her faith or her courage was to hand Hitler a victory he came close to achieving. She would not succumb to the self-destructive trap of bitterness. Despite her personal tragedy, she tried to build a family imbued with the spirit of faith, tolerance, and sharing. She was always there to give a stranger a meal or a bed for the night, and she never called attention to the often laborious deeds of charity and self-sacrifice which she performed almost instinctively.

When she came to America, she worked for a living. She was employed by the Orthodox community of Elizabeth, New Jersey to run the ritual Jewish immersion bath or *mikveh*. Everyone knew Bobby as the Mikveh Lady.

I later realized how appropriate the job of running the *mikveh* was for Bobby. Her whole life was devoted to cleansing the spirit. The act of loving people and caring for them cleansed her daily.

Each wrinkle on her old, beautiful face was not an age line but a purity line. Her milky white, thin hair marked the immaculacy of her being. She taught life's secrets to people who did not speak her language because her spirit's tongue was universal. She possessed the key of life, and I wondered how many people she touched with it.

My mother certainly felt her influence. Her love for Bobby was and is everlasting. When Bobby could no longer take care of herself, my mother was there for her, day in and day out for weeks at a time. When a stroke affected part of Bobby's face, making her words totally inaudible, my mother, as if by telepathy understood all. She stayed with Bobby until the last breath went out of my grandmother's delicate, battleworn body. Such devotion is rare.

But is Bobby's spirit being diluted? After all, my mother does not go to the *mikveh*, and none of the children in our family were taught Yiddish, the beautiful but diminishing language. Are we failing her by not doing these things? I hope not. I think we all have a part to play in promoting her goodness and understanding. It's just a different part. One which, I suppose, each of us has to find on his own.

Recalling the smell of Bobby's kitchen, I also remember another unique smell, not of food, but of her. It was a sweet, pruny scent which, during my grade school years, was only enjoyed when I threw my arms around her and kissed her soft drooping cheeks. On a recent trip home, something surprising yet comforting happened. After years of being without it, that smell saturated my nostrils once again as I went to kiss my mother. At the same time, I noticed my mother's cheeks, with the same soft texture and just a hint of Bobby's droop. There she was, before my eyes. She was not one person, but two-in-one. Perhaps she was three-in-one or a hundred-in-one. I know nothing of my great-grandmother or any other ancestors. But maybe I do. Maybe they all live in my mother and someday will live in me. I don't know. What I do know is that I'm going home more often now.

"Bobby" was written by David Jaffe, son of Edward and Ann Jaffe of Wilmington, for a senior English class at the University of Pennsylvania.

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Margaret, joined by Henry Beckler, vice president of Bank of Delaware, on Feb. 13, will share impressions on what the Chinese people are like, projections for the turnover of Hong Kong, cultural opportunities, view of a commune as well as a firsthand report on meetings with high-level Chinese officials.

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Women's Plea For Soviet Jewry: Luncheon

By CECEIL EHRICH

On Dec. 10, the Sisterhood of Beth Emeth sponsored the second part of an outstanding program on behalf of the Women's Plea for Soviet Jewry. A Russian style luncheon, and outstanding speaker, Rabbi Donald Berlin of Temple Ohev Shalom of Baltimore, and a musical program by Ninya Pollyak, a

Russian pianist, highlighted this memorable day. Approximately 125 women attended.

Rabbi Berlin is a man with the courage of his convictions. He was recently arrested, along with several other rabbis, in Washington, D.C. for congregating within 500 feet in front of a foreign embassy, in this case, the Soviet Embassy. By singing Hebrew songs and teaching Hebrew lessons symbolic of that which Soviet Jews are forbidden to do, the rabbis hoped to call attention to the plight of Soviet refuseniks. They also made a brief statement to the press asking that Soviet Jews be free to practice their religion and free to emigrate and be reunited with families in Israel. This was one of six such demonstrations in Washington, D.C. organized by the Washington D.C. Board of Rabbis. On June 10 the Baltimore Board of Rabbis joined this group. Most of the rabbis have engaged in activities on behalf of Soviet Jews for many years, including visiting the Soviet

Union, and encouraging twinning ceremonies during bar and bat mitzvahs in their synagogues.

Rabbi Berlin strongly believes we must continue our vigil and be aware, and make others aware of the refuseniks and their desire to emigrate from Russia. These Jews are deprived of freedom and their life is hard and oppressive in the USSR.

Berlin said personal visits, if possible, gives them hope and helps them believe we have not forgotten them. Letters to congressmen to keep the issue alive are essential. The number of Jews allowed out of the Soviet Union in 1984 was 896 as compared to over 51,000 in 1970. In a pamphlet distributed to those attending the program, entitled "Trapped in the Soviet Union" Jewish prisoners of conscience and refuseniks are described and depicted. There was also a succinct quote which put the problem into perspective, "If you forget them, the world will forget them."

Rabbi Berlin quoted from *Jews of Silence* by Elie Wiesel, "Their eyes. Let me tell you about their eyes. Eyes that proceeded all else...eyes with truth that burns and is not consumed." Rabbi Berlin spoke eloquently and movingly of his visit to the Soviet Union and of his encounters with some refuseniks. He likened their eyes to those "eyes burning with truth." He saw the pain, the silent suffering, the burden that these eyes carried. He said that we can not, must not, forget them, for he emphasized we are *Kol Yisrael*. We must show them that we in the West still care.

Those who attended these two outstanding programs of the Women's Plea for Soviet Jewry were moved and touched by these men of conscience, by their message, and by the "eyes" of our brothers who look to us for their hope.

Women's Plea: JCC Program

By CECEIL EHRICH

Those who attended the program of the Women's Plea for Soviet Jewry at the Jewish Community Center on Dec. 9 were privileged to hear Jay Cheeseman, a local educator. The program was sponsored by the Sisterhoods of Beth Emeth, Beth Shalom, Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth,

plight. Among the people he has visited and come to care for deeply, are two families from Leningrad. They are good friends and relatives of Igor and Bella Breger who emigrated in 1977 from Russia and who now reside in Wilmington.

Cheeseman has visited Boris and Natasha Vekker and their family nine times and they have become close friends. He has also visited Bella's mother Ida, who now lives in Wilmington, and her sister Masha and her two daughters Lena and Irina. In addition he visited three other families bringing to them friendship and the message that they are not forgotten.

Jay Cheeseman, a non-Jew, is a man of conscience and concern. In spite of personal risk in his travels in the USSR, especially going through Soviet customs, he continues to bring material aid, as well as emotional and spiritual support. Anti-Semitism is a daily part of Soviet life and to be a Jew in Russia carries a heavy burden, Cheeseman observed. He feels although Russia is a beautiful country with amazing people and talent, it is ruled by a system that demands loyalty and one must "play the game." Cheeseman feels it is important for Americans to "experience" the Soviet Union and meet the people. Allowing American students to go to Russia creates an experience that will be with them forever.

Jay Cheeseman stated, "I am a very fortunate person who has met some wonderful people on both sides of the world, and I have helped link them together. It's been a privilege just to help in any way I can." It was also a privilege to hear this unusual and special person speak in a voice loud and clear on behalf of the Soviet refuseniks and their cause. It is a message all people should hear, and Jay Cheeseman is a man willing to carry the plea of these human beings whose voices will not and should not be stilled.



Jay Cheeseman

ORT, National Council of Jewish Women, Jewish Federation staff, and Hadassah. Hadassah also served as the national convenor for Women's Plea for Soviet Jewry.

Cheeseman teaches at Alexis I. DuPont High School in the Red Clay Consolidated School District. He has been a social studies teacher for 20 years. Beginning in 1974, he has taken student groups to the USSR during spring vacations. This spring he has 42 students and 30 parents scheduled to travel to Russia. Since 1978 he has been visiting Jewish and non-Jewish Russian families inside the USSR and has become lasting friends with them and their relatives who have emigrated to the USA. He is a tangible link that binds these families together, bringing hope to the otherwise bleak life of the Soviet refuseniks.

Jay Cheeseman showed slides of the families he visited in Russia. He also played tapes of their voices which showed their steadfast efforts to send love to their families while at the same time emphasizing their



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The Influence Of Albert Einstein Academy On My Jewish Development

By JEANNE AUGENBRAUN

I am a sophomore at the University of Delaware this year and my major right now is biological sciences with a Medical Technology interest. I would not have made it this far unless I had had support from my parents, and the learning experiences from Albert Einstein Academy which was the framework of my well-rounded background.



Jeanne Augenbraun

I attended Albert Einstein academy from nursery school through the eighth grade and I loved the atmosphere and rapport between the teachers and students. The teachers were very caring and experienced and because of this environment a one-to-one relationship was possible in the classroom. The teachers helped me develop an excellent academic as well as social and personal identity. Most of all, they helped me to better understand my Jewish heritage. I am proud when my friends in college ask me about Jewish traditions and I take pleasure in explaining my experiences to them. For example, during Passover last year, a close friend of mine asked me the story behind it. I was happy that I could tell her and share part of the Jewish culture.

However, besides the excellent Jewish background, Albert Einstein provided secular studies that made transitions to college much easier. When I was young, I found school at Albert Einstein challenging and I learned to more fully develop my creative mind and the slow thinking processes through the advanced math and the advanced English courses the school offered to those students who could handle

them. Looking back, I realize I was too young at the time to understand or appreciate the beginning of my formal education. However, now I am grateful for my solid and varied background.

Because of my love and excitement for Albert Einstein Academy, my parents decided that I would continue my education at another Hebrew day school in Philadelphia for the ninth grade. I found that the educational standards there were much lower than that which Albert Einstein Academy had prepared me for and so in 10th grade, I changed schools again. The school was private and I attended an additional Hebrew school at night.

I would like to conclude by thanking my teachers at Albert Einstein Academy for the patience and understanding they displayed with me and my fellow students. I also would like to thank my parents for encouraging me and also Albert Einstein for starting me on my way to a true role in life. To the parents, I would like to remind you that your children are the future, not only of the Jewish people, but of the world, and one could not ask for a better school than Albert Einstein Academy to begin that future.

The Albert Einstein Academy held its fifth annual honoree cocktail party on Sunday, Nov. 24, at the home of Dr. Russell and Susan Labowitz. The affair, which helped raise a considerable amount of money for the school, honored Dr. Barrie Weisman and Dr. Gershon Klein as founders of AEA.

The well-attended event was highlighted by a talk by Rabbi Leonard Gewirtz of Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Congregation and presentations of plaques by Judy Goldbaum, principal of AEA. Rabbi Gewirtz praised the honorees for their commitment to Jewish education and their foresight in founding AEA. Goldbaum presented them with a plaque dedicating a room at the school in their honor as well as individual plaques commemorating their achievement.

AEA opened its doors in 1970 after two years of planning with Dr. Barrie Weisman as its first president. Weisman, a native of Philadelphia, received his medical degree from Thomas Jefferson University and practiced in Wilmington with Family Practice Associates from 1965 to 1975. He is a diplomate of the American Board of Family Medicine and the American Board of Allergy and Immunology. While he lived in Wilmington, he was a member of Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth.

In 1975, Weisman and his family moved to Pawtucket, Rhode Island, where he works with the Rhode Island Group Health Association. Weisman and his wife, Annette, have four children: Lisa, Aaron, Evan, and Abigail. The family belongs to Congregation Ohave Shalom.

Dr. Gershon Klein, a native of Wilmington, served as the second president of AEA. He received his medical degree from Hahnemann University and has practiced pediatrics in Newark since 1969. He is a senior attending pediatrician

at the Medical Center of Delaware and for the past 20 years has been a member of the Delaware Army National Guard. Klein holds the rank of Colonel and now serves in the position of State Surgeon.

He also was the Commander of the 116th MASH Unit.

Klein and his wife, Goldie have three children: Philip, Sandra, and Ted. They belong to Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Congregation.



The two recent AEA honorees: Dr. Barrie Weisman (left) and Dr. Gershon Klein

AEA Answers Questions

This is our second installment of questions most often raised by the community.

Question: Frankly, we are not particularly observant in our home. We are afraid that attendance at a Hebrew day school would bring about a clash of values.

Answer: The child's values are affected by the school he attends, but so are they by his home and by the particular synagogue with which his parents are affiliated. While a Hebrew day school expects to give its pupils a full education, Jewish as well as general, it is not likely that children will emerge with values with which their parents could not live.

The day school affords a maximum Jewish education. Moreover, the Hebrew instruction is offered during "prime time" in the morning or early afternoon, not in the interstices of a child's leisure hours.

The day school at its best provides a positive atmosphere of Jewish life in which dichotomy of living in two civilizations is eased at least for a few hours a day (this dichotomy is especially painful for the Jewish child during the Christmas and Easter seasons). The day school child comes to view his

secular studies and his Hebrew instruction as an organic whole instead of two disparate parts.

Question: Is the Hebrew day school consistent with the American ideal of public education?

Answer: From its earliest days the American educational system has been characterized by private schools which initially were the only form of education and later continued to prosper along side the public school system. The private school is able to maintain high standards of academic excellence and particularly those under religious auspices continue to contribute unique values to the fabric of American society. Schools like Andover, Exeter, and St. Paul send their graduates to top colleges and from there to leading positions in the country. The American Jewish community today possesses the necessary wealth, prestige and influence to create Jewish counterparts on the primary and secondary levels to these outstanding schools. We have equalled our non-Jewish neighbor in the luxuriance of our hotels and country clubs, can we not also emulate them in high quality of our private schools?

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Community Efforts

By Arnold Lieberman,
Executive Director



Article II of the JFS By-Laws states "The purpose of this corporation is primarily to preserve and strengthen Jewish family life and to prevent individual and family breakdown." This is followed by six sentences that spell out how we accomplish our stated purpose.

In addition to describing who we serve and the services we provide, it states "participating in community efforts related to the well-being of the family through social service programs." As is the case regarding the other five areas, we also take the community activity charge very seriously.

During this past year, both board and staff members participated in a wide range of activities within both the Jewish community and the larger general community.

Members of our board served on various task forces of the Jewish Federation, which are attempting to identify unmet service needs within the Delaware Jewish community. Staff members served on such groups as the Delaware Interfaith Coalition

on Aging and the Wilmington Civil Rights Commission, both of which are concerned with the availability of needed services for various groups in the general community.

The most significant activity in this whole area occurred early in 1985 with the formation of the "Family and Children's Coalition." Our agency, along with Catholic Social Service, Children's Bureau, Family Service Delaware, and Delaware Guidance Services for Youth and Children formed a coalition in order to maximize our efforts in support of adequate services for children and families in Delaware.

The coalition employed a part-time legislative representative and is represented by the executive director and at least one board member of each of the five member agencies. During its first year of operation, the coalition became known through direct meetings with State Department secretaries and their representatives, legislators, the Joint Finance Committee and Governor Castle. The unity of the five agencies with their combined staffs, boards and clients represents a strong voice for children and families in our state. It has also been a most effective vehicle for JFS to meet our responsibility to participate in community efforts related to the well-being of the family.

Anyone wishing to discuss any legislative issue relating to children or families may feel free to call me at 478-9411.

Dear Rachel,
Since everyone knows that a lot of homosexuals are Jewish, I was wondering whether there are Jews with AIDS, and if there are, how should we behave toward them? I don't know any homosexuals personally, you understand, but I just wanted to know.

Curious

Dear Curious,
Don't be so sure you don't know any gay men (the preferred term). One out of every 10 people of all human groups is homosexual, and that's a substantial number of people. However, few people advertise their sexual orientation, whatever it may be.

As to how you should

Dear Rachel

behave toward people with AIDS, I would suggest that you offer them the compassion and assistance you would extend toward anyone with a life-threatening illness. The mitzvah of bikkur holim (visiting the sick) is especially important, because AIDS patients are often isolated by others who fear catching the disease. In fact, AIDS is not readily contagious. You can safely shake hands, sit on the bed, or hug an AIDS patient. That human contact can be very important for a patient's morale.

Another way you can help is through financial assistance. Many AIDS victims lose their jobs or are hospitalized for periods of time, and can use

some practical help. With the number of AIDS cases doubling every year, AIDS is a cause for concern for all of us. It is not, however, cause for panic. Jews have been the victims of public panics about diseases such as the Black Plague, and so must be extra careful not to inflict this hysteria on others. If you have questions, call the AIDS National Hotline 1-800-342-AIDS or contact the Division of Public Health at (302) 736-4745.

Rachel

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Chuckles

Five men were playing poker at Latski's apartment... when Latski leaped to his feet, crying, "Your're cheating! Bleifeld, you are a cheater!"

"Hey, Latski!" cried one player.

"That's a terrible accusation," said another.

"How do you know he's cheating..." asked the third.

"Because he just discarded a seven!" cried Latski. "The hand I dealt him was a pair of fours, a six, jack, and nine!"

Mrs. Flugelman hurried to the door of her son's room. "Bernie! Bernie! It's late. Get up!"

Her son sleepily grumbled, "I don' wanna get up."

Mrs. Flugelman flung the door open. "Bernie! You have to get up—wash, dress, eat, go to school!"

Bernie said, "I don' wanna go to school."

"Bernie! His mother recoiled in horror. "What's gotten into you... All of a sudden you don't want to go to school...!"

"I hate school!" said Bernie. "The teachers hate me.

The kids call me 'Four-eyes.' They make fun of the way I talk! They throw spitballs at me! They put nails on my chair. They—"

"Bernie, stop that at once! You—must—go—to—school!"

"Why..."

"For two reasons: First, your're forty-six years old—"

"Oh, ma..."

"—And second, you're the principal!"

Greenblatt: In January, my wife asked me—in addition to the household expenses—for eighty dollars. In February, she asked for ninety dollars. In March, again with ninety!

Hoffman: Migod, Nathan! What does she do with all that money...

Greenblatt: Who knows?.. I never give her a penny.

Joe: You want to see Star Wars tomorrow?

Minnie: Yeh! If, *alevay* we're still alive.

Joe: So if we're not, we'll go Wednesday.

Minnie: *Alevay*.

Blessing A New Month: What Does It Mean?

Last summer, in a Shabbat service at Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth, my friend, Otto Heitlinger, asked permission to say a few words before the chanting of the Rosh Hodesch prayer that was to be read that day, as it is read on each Shabbat that comes before the beginning of a new month in our Jewish calendar. His brief words enhanced for all of us the meaning of this piece of our liturgy. Behind each of the prayers in our Siddur are a thousand, a million, stories. Would that each of us could hear at least one.

N. Even-Or

After I left home as a young man, my father, until he passed away, never omitted to call or contact me, wherever I was travelling, toward the end of the Jewish month. His message was always this: "Bueble, (young boy), this coming Shabbos is Rosh Hodesch Benschen." His wording was always the same, even when I had passed my 50th year. In fact I never resented this reminder.

Surely he was unaware, that by picking just this particular event in our Jewish calendar, he created my special admiration, almost fascination for this part of that special Shabbat service.

I believe we Jews are the only people who pray for the good in the coming new month every 28 days. In fact, on the Shabbat preceding the start of a new month, we interrupt the joyous morning service after the reading of the Torah, and in a serious, almost somber mood, we recite this special *Yehi Rozon* prayer.

It was written about 1300, and it could have just as well been written yesterday. Very simply, we pray for life, peace, health, success in our doings and many more human wishes, which we ask G-d to grant us in the new month. We ask for the fulfillment of many of our dreams. So you see, the wishes of the Jews some 700 years ago, have not changed. This gives special value to that prayer; it is human, it is sacred, it is concerning every person, religious or not. Take the trouble to read its English translation, if you are not familiar with it. I almost compare it, of course in miniature, if you will, with our holy "Unsane Tokev" prayer on our high Holidays; there we pray for a year, here just for a month to come.

If you ever attend this short

special prayer service in a big synagogue, you must feel the impact of an extraordinary appeal to one's innermost feelings. Somehow this is a personal prayer, the Jew praying to his G-d all by himself. Orthodox Jews cover their head with the *tallis*, to shut out the surrounding world and be alone with G-d.

World events concerning Jews, wars, catastrophes, etc., will always heighten the sincerity and deepness of this prayer. I remember too well in England at the outbreak of World War II, how the synagogues on that special Shabbat day, were filled to capacity, when Jews were seeking G-d's help more than usual, to bring peace and an end to the air attacks. Each word of the *Yehi Rozon* had extra meaning; the cantor, who recites the prayer loudly, after each congregant has said it silently, often broke down, while singing it in that whining tone ordered for that occasion.

Anyhow, who would refuse to pray specially for health, life and peace? Peace not only in the military sense, but also peace within us, that godly great asset in life.

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Obituaries

Fred Lewkowirtz

Fred Lewkowirtz, 48, of 115 N. Buffalo Ave., formerly of Four Seasons, Newark, Del., died of a heart attack Tuesday, Dec. 10 in Atlantic City Medical Center.

Mr. Lewkowirtz had been a salesman for Littman Jewelers in Cumberland Mall in Vineland since 1983. He previously had worked for Littman Jewelers in Christiana Mall, Stanton, Del., and for Gordon's Jewelers, Prices Corner, Wilmington, Del.

He is survived by his wife, the former Barbara Jay; three sons, Allan at home, Leonard and David, both of Wilmington; a daughter, Michele Lewkowirtz at home; his mother, Else Lewkowirtz of Margate City; two brothers, Bernd of Margate

City and Harry of New Castle, Del.; two sisters, Inge Fixler of Margate City and Eva Bierig of Vineland; and a step-granddaughter.

Services and burial were held in Pleasantville.

Barbara Cossoy

Barbara A. Cossoy, 54, who founded the physical therapy program at the University of Delaware in 1974, died Sunday, Dec. 15.

Miss Cossoy of 4107 Golfview Drive, Cavalier Country Club Apartments, had a master's degree in physical therapy education and had been an associate professor and director of the physical therapy program at UD since 1974.

As director she was concerned about job opportunities for physical therapists and conscientiously followed up on program graduates and their efforts in the job market, said Dr. Helen P. Gouldner, dean of the University's College of Arts and Science.

Before her UD program directorship, Miss Cossoy had been an assistant professor at the University of Pittsburgh and an assistant director of the Department of Physical Therapy.

She was active in the faculty senate for the College of Arts and Science since coming to the university. She served as president after being elected senator at large, and later vice president.

She served on the State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners and was past president of the Delaware Physical Therapy Association.

Graveside services for Miss Cossoy were held in Rodef Shalom Cemetery, U.S. 40, Atlantic City, N.J.

There will be a memorial service on Jan. 14 at the University of Delaware, Newark campus.

Other Hand —

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the Judean Wilderness. It is the only one of his fortresses to bear his name, and it was built to commemorate his crucial victory over Mattathias Antigonus, the last of the Maccabean kings, in a battle that brought Herod to the throne of Palestine because of his support of Rome. Herodion, known to the Romans as Herodium, is a few miles east of Bethlehem and eight miles south of Jerusalem, rising over 200 feet above the barren wilderness that surrounds it.

Herodion was built on a hill of bedrock. Two concentric cylinders, about 200 feet in diameter and 90 feet tall were apparently first constructed on the bedrock, with four towers set into the cylinders, one at each point of the compass. Then earth fill was piled up against the outer cylinder wall to form a gigantic truncated cone which can be seen all the way from Jerusalem on a clear day. The space between the cylinders was used for storage and to garrison the soldiers that guarded the king and his retinue. One luxurious set of palace apartments was set within the center of the cylinder. A second was in the eastern

tower, where the royal family probably moved to get better breezes in the hot summer of the Judean Desert.

But that wasn't all. Outside the main cylindrical structure, Herod had a lower palace constructed with a huge pool and garden complex nearby. Now this was not just an Olympic-sized pool for doing laps; it was so big that it had a round pavilion built in the middle of it, to which Herod and his guests would repair in small sail boats! That, indeed, was a pool for a king! As I said, Herod was a man who knew how to live well!

For many years, archeologists have attempted to locate Herod's tomb in the huge 45 acre palace complex, because the famous turn-coat historian, Josephus, says the king was buried in Herodion. Thus far, the search has been fruitless. Recently, the Israeli archeologist, Ehud Netzer, has advanced the

theory that Herod was buried in a monumental building in lower Herodion at the end of a long flat concourse near the pavilion. The concourse, which was previously thought to be a race course, Netzer now believes to have been constructed for the funeral procession described by Josephus, that brought Herod to his tomb. Attempts to confirm this theory by excavation have not yet been successful, but efforts continue.

Unfortunately, Herodion is not all ancient history. Just two years ago a young Israeli guarding the excavation was murdered by a group of Fatah PLO terrorists, who stabbed him nearly 100 times in what appears to have been some kind of ritual initiation rite. In their orgy of hate-filled lust they wounded themselves with the knives and were apprehended. Senseless murder did not end with the Master Builder of Palestine.

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Tuesday, Dec. 15

9 p.m. JCC New Year's Eve Party

Sunday, Jan. 5

1:30 p.m. JCC/AEA Parenting Series

Wednesday, Jan. 8

7:30 p.m. JCC Film

Saturday, Jan. 11

7:30 p.m. Art Auction, Cong. Beth Shalom

Friday, Jan. 17

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Beth Emeth Religious School

Religious Education Week at Beth Emeth was held from Dec. 7 through Dec. 15 and was a busy one. It coincided, not by chance, with Hanukkah. The root word for DEDICATION (*Hanukkah*) and the root word for EDUCATION (*cheenuch*) are the same. Hanukkah brings light to the wintry darkness, and education brings light to the world.

Our week began with a full-day Shabbaton centered around Hanukkah for our eighth and ninth graders on Shabbat, Dec. 7. The day concluded with a Havdalah Service and the lighting of the first Hanukkah light. On Sunday, Dec. 8, our religious school students gathered with their parents for the symbolic lighting of the full eight candles on our temple hanukkah in the chapel. Following this, the students saw a film while their parents had a chance to meet with the faculty at an open house.

Tuesday found us celebrating the fourth Hanukkah light with a program at Beth Shalom, which included a Maccabian runner carrying a torch that had been lit in Modin (the source of the Hanukkah story) and a film and refreshments.

Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 11 and 12, our Hebrew

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Organizations in the News

Beth Shalom Art Auction

Congregation Beth Shalom cordially invites the public to an art auction on Saturday, Jan. 11. Presented in conjunction with the Fine Arts Gallery of Ardmore, Pa., the auction will be preceded by a wine and cheese preview. The preview will begin at 7:30 p.m., the auction at 8:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5 per person at the door, \$4 if bought in advance. Contact Leslie Koralek, 478-2024, or the synagogue office, 654-4462.

Beth Shalom Sisterhood

Beth Shalom Sisterhood will hold its paid up membership dinner on Tuesday, Jan. 7 at 6:30 p.m. at congregation Beth Shalom, 18th and Baynard Blvd.

The Israeli dancers from Adas Kodesh Shel Emeth will entertain the group.

Call Felicia Tannenbaum 478-9012 or Leslie Koralek 478-2024 for reservations by Jan. 3. Admission will be current paid membership. Guests are welcome.

Febrary In Israel

Rabbi Peter H. Grumbacher of Congregation Beth Emeth is leading a tour to Israel from Sunday, Feb. 16 through Sunday, March 2. There is still room for additional people and if you are interested you must speak to the rabbi immediately. The cost of this deluxe tour is \$1684 per person (plus an additional \$280 if you are rooming as a single). Our hotels will include the Hilton in Tel Aviv, the Plaza in Jerusalem and the Dan Carmel in Haifa. We shall be visiting wonderful and interesting places in Israel - from the Galil in the North to the Negev in the South - with special emphasis on Jerusalem where we will be staying for eight nights.

The deadline is now, so if you are in the mood for one of the most exciting experiences of a lifetime call Rabbi Grumbacher at 764-2393 or 764-8050 today.

Book Review At AKSE

At Shabbat services on Friday night, Jan. 10, Nisson Finkelstein will review the novel, *The Fifth Son* by Elie Wiesel.

Wiesel, the foremost chronicler of the Holocaust, received the grand prize for literature in Paris for this novel.

The evening promises to be both stimulating and thought-provoking, as the reviewer and the congregation discuss the significant Jewish issues raised by Wiesel. Everyone is welcome.

Jewish

War Veterans

The Department of Delaware - Harry Fineman Post #525 - Nathan Balick Post #747 - Arthur Blatman Post # 767 will hold a joint Sunday breakfast program with the men's club of Temple Beth Emeth - at the Temple Beth Emeth, Lea Blvd. & Washington Sts. on Sunday morning - Jan. 5 at 9:15 a.m.

Members and their wives and the auxiliary are invited to attend. The guest speaker will be Karen Peterson - president of the New Castle County Council.

All members please wear JWV caps, if available. There will be no charge.

Mid-Life Singles Group

The first social function of The Mid-Life Singles Group will take place on Sunday afternoon, Jan. 26, at Congregation Beth Shalom, 18th and Baynard Boulevard, Wilmington. A champagne concert is planned, featuring The Diamond State Concert Band who will present a program of favorite tunes from the best of Broadway. Refreshments will be served. The social hour begins at 1:30 p.m., followed by the concert at 2:30 p.m. New members are invited to attend. Please RSVP by calling: Betty - 478-5838; Helen - 798-2092; Zeld - 798-3220; Renee - 475-3309.

Area Singles Happening

The Delaware County Dynamic Singles Group is staging a happening for all area singles 45 and up. The party will be held Sunday, Jan. 12, 8:30 p.m. at Congregation Ohev Shalom, 2 Chester Rd., Wallingford, Pa.

A popular television and nightclub entertainer who has appeared on the David Letterman Show will perform, followed by live music for dancing by Harvey Mann. Refreshments will be served.

The admission price is \$4 per person, and reservations are not necessary. For further information, call Phyllis, (215) 872-7948 or Sylvia, (215) 876-0407.

BBW Career Group

The career interest group of B'nai B'rith Women will hold its third meeting on Sunday, Jan. 12 at 11 a.m. at the home of Beverly Peltz, 3219 Coachman Road, Surrey Park. The group gives the working women an opportunity to see old friends and meet new ones as well as learn about topics that would interest the woman in the work force.

Nancy Blumberg C.P.A., tax manager for Simon, Master, and Sidlow, P.A., will be the speaker for the January meeting. She will speak on "What is Financial Planning?" touching on topics such as "How does it affect me?, Does everyone need financial planning?, To whom do I turn for financial planning?" There will be time for questions and answers.

A pot luck brunch will be served. Call Gila Lipman 478-4159 for reservations.

Volunteers Needed For Green Circle Program

Green Circle is seeking more helping hands to guide elementary school students as they become more aware of their feelings, their individual uniqueness, and their attitudes and actions in our complex society.

Can you or someone you know help? If so, you are invited to attend an orientation from 9:15-11:15 Thursday, Jan. 23, at Trinity Episcopal Church, 11th and N. Adams Streets (I-95 and Delaware Ave. exit).

Green Circle is the elementary school portion of the STRIVE Youth Program

sponsored by the Delaware Region NCCJ (National Conference of Christians and Jews). It is a non-profit, non-sectarian educational program.

For further information - and to reserve free babysitting services during the meeting - call Kathie Stamm at 655-1061.

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Curacao Jewish Festival Combines Culture And Caribbean Vacation

NEW YORK, NY — The 1986 Curacao Jewish Festival offers the opportunity to combine a joyous cultural renewal with one of the most historic Jewish communities in the western hemisphere and a fun-filled vacation at the height of the Caribbean winter season.

This unique program, to be conducted Jan. 5 through 23, was organized by the Curacao Tourist Board in cooperation with five national Jewish organizations, the government of Curacao and the island's Jewish community.

The focal points of this inaugural festival will be religious services and a reception hosted by the Curacao Jewish Community at the Mikve-Israel Synagogue, oldest in the western hemisphere, and a gala Jewish Festival Banquet during which a joint presentation will be made by the participating American Jewish organizations to the Curacao government in recognition of its enlightened relationship with World Jewry. These events will be conducted twice during the course of the Curacao Jewish Festival (Jan. 10 and 11; Jan. 17 and 18) to enable all guests to participate in these special

ceremonies.

Jewish roots run deep in Curacao. As early as 1651, Sephardic Jews from Holland crossed the Atlantic to

establish a congregation on Curacao. These early arrivals were soon joined by other Jews from Portugal and Brazil seeking refuge from

the persecution of the Inquisition. In an atmosphere of temperance and mutual respect, the Jews of Curacao became an active and prosperous community.

In 1732, the island's Jewish Community built Mikve Israel-Emanuel, reminiscent of the old Portugese synagogue in Amsterdam with its pastel yellow facade and gabled roof. It remains the oldest synagogue in continuous use in the Western Hemisphere. Its Spanish tiled courtyard, rich mahogany doors and carved panelling, white sand temple floor and antique brass chandeliers suspended from the lofty ceiling provides a setting as breathtaking as it is reverential.

For information on the Curacao Jewish Festival, contact the Curacao Tourist Board, 400 Madison Ave., NY 10017, tel. 212/751-8266 or any of the following participating organizations: B'nai B'rith 212/490-2500; B'nai Zion 212/725-1211; National Council of Jewish Women 212/532-1740, ext. 258; Union of American Hebrew Congregations 212/249-0100, ext. 451; United Synagogue of America 212/563-2370.



Mikve-Israel Synagogue in Willemstad, Curacao, founded in 1732 and the oldest Jewish synagogue in continuous use in the Western Hemisphere. A highlight of the 1986 Curacao Jewish Festival, Jan. 5-23, will be Friday night services and a reception hosted by the Curacao Jewish community.

department students and their parents participated in a candlelighting for Hanukkah led by the dalet classes. The parents were then invited to meet with the teachers for an open house.

Wednesday; Dec. 11, also saw our Hanukkah pre-school party for 3, 4, and 5 year olds and their parents.

The culmination of the week was the Faculty/Cadet Aide Recognition Shabbat on Friday, Dec. 13. Our faculty participated in the service, and special recognition was given to Edith Sklut, our wonderful, dedicated and caring administrative assistant. The Oneg Shabbat was given by the Religious Education Committee in honor of the faculty and cadet aides.

We all appreciate the efforts of so many families to bake for the Oneg Shabbat, and of Gail Budin and Marcia Rosenberg who organized the lovely honor for the faculty.

As the week ended, our Sisterhood served our Sunday School students the traditional treat of *latkes* and applesauce on Sunday, Dec. 15. Our classes also had a chance to play a special Hanukkah game developed by the late Rabbi Henry Tavel. Lotte Tavel was kind enough was kind enough to share the game with us.

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