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LINNAS LOSES BLANKET OF ASYLUM

Eli M. Rosenbaum, left, general counsel of the World Jewish Congress, Menachem Z. Rosensaft, founder of the International Network of the Children of Survivors of the Holocaust, and Brooklyn, N.Y. District Attorney Elizabeth Holtzman speak to reporters outside the Panamanian Embassy in Washington on April 16. The group met with Panamanian Ambassador Dominador Kaiser Bazan to present documents outlining allegations against accused Nazi war criminal Karl Linnas. Panama withdrew its offer to grant asylum to Linnas following a request by Attorney General Edwin Meese 3d who had asked Panama to take Linnas. RNS PHOTO/Wide World

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'Issues Facing The American Jewish Community' Is Theme Of Jewish Federation's Annual Meeting Thursday, May 14, 7:30 p.m. At The JCC

WILMINGTON, Del. — The entire community is invited to the 53rd annual meeting of the Jewish Federation which will be held on Thursday, May 14, 7:30 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center.

The keynote speaker is Shoshana Cardin, president of the Council of Jewish Federations, who will speak on "Issues Facing the American Jewish Community." Cardin is a most knowledgeable, dynamic and outstanding person. She is serving her third term as the first female president of the Council of Jewish Federations. The Council of Jewish Federations is the national association and coordinating body of 200 Jewish Federations in the United States and Canada.

Cardin also serves on the executive committee of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC), The Jewish Agency for Israel, United Israel Appeal and the United Jewish Appeal. Cardin was



Shoshana Cardin

born in Israel and has been extremely active as a volunteer in many community and Jewish organizations. She has been active in women's rights and social welfare issues for more than 20 years. She received her masters degree in planning and administration and received an honorary doctor of humane letters degree at Western Maryland College.

Cardin believes that diversity adds to our strength as a Jewish people. She has expressed concern about the divisiveness among our religious communities and the implications of assimilation, intermarriage and the breakdown of the traditional Jewish family structure. Cardin believes strongly in the unity of the Jewish people but not necessarily in its uniformity.

Refreshments will be served after the meeting.

Irving Levitt On Dover City Council

WILMINGTON, Del. — Irving S. Levitt, citizen-activist and Jewish community leader was elected to Dover City Council by a slim majority last month.

In the Third District, voters gave Levitt 1,241 votes to incumbent Charles L. Witt's 1,155. Voter turnout, during nine hours of damp, wet weather, was 2,530, according to City Clerk William Willis.



Irving Levitt

"I think, principally, people wanted to see a change with some new ideas," Levitt told the *Dover Post*. "I offer a fresh point of view. I'm coming from a different background in public administration."

Levitt worked for the Social Security Administration in New York City and Long Island for many years before moving to Dover as assistant manager of the Dover Social Security office in 1966. Two years later he was promoted to administration assistant in Wilmington and shortly thereafter became the assistant district manager of the Wilmington Social Security office. He recently retired from the Dover and Georgetown Social Security office as district manager.

Levitt told the *Dover Post* that he will made learning the internal workings of city government his first responsibility. He said he is interested in improving recreation opportunities and roads, and is especially supportive of downtown rehabilitation.

"I'll be listening to the people who must have voted for me," he said.

Long active in Jewish affairs, he has served as chairman of the board at Congregation Beth

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Community To Celebrate Israel Independence Day

WILMINGTON, Del.—On the evening of May 4 the Jewish Community Center will be decked out in blue and white to celebrate Israel Independence Day and to honor the memory of David Ben Gurion, its first Prime Minister. The occasion will mark Israel's 39th birthday and the centennial anniversary of Ben Gurion, its founding father.

An exhibit illustrating highlights in the life of Ben Gurion, the pioneer, the kibbutznik, the prime minister the statesman and scholar will be on view. The Society of Israel Philatelists, Wilmington Minion Chapter has prepared a special stamp for the occasion.

Gratz High School students will present an oral history of significant historical events in Israel's development against a backdrop of music and slides.

To put everyone in a festive mood, Hanan Yovel, an Israeli folk singer and composer of Hebrew songs, will perform and lead the audience in group singing.

Since it is birthdays we are celebrating, there will be a birthday cake and light refreshments for everyone. This is a family event — children are welcome.

Come and make this a gala Yom Ha'atzmaut. The program starts at 7:30 and ends at 9:30. Tickets at \$2.50 per person must be purchased in advance at the JCC desk.



David Ben Gurion

Editorial

Towards Statehood

An Excerpt from "Weizmann, Land of the Patriarchs"
By BARNET LITVINOFF

(WZPS) — Immensely frail, Chaim Weizmann rose from his sick-bed and, accompanied by the Jewish Agency expert Eliahu Epstein, travelled to Washington by train. Truman, in no doubt how the visit would be considered in the U.N. lobbies, insisted on absolute privacy, if not secrecy. He and the "old doctor," as he called Weizmann, poured over Epstein's sketch-map of the area and talked for half an hour. That same afternoon, the president telephoned his chief delegate at Lake Success: the southern Negev, with its keyhole to the Red Sea, must be kept within the Jewish State. In return the Arabs were to be compensated with Beersheba and a strip along the Egyptian frontier. The Russians proved agreeable, and the situation was saved. One further week remained before the final vote in the General Assembly, and Weizmann's suite at the Waldorf Astoria now became the nerve-center of the campaign to force the partition motion through.

The list of likely opponents and abstainers was long, and gave the Zionists cause for grave anxiety. To win the required two-thirds majority, some minds had to be changed. The Jews have a way of advertising their international minority status as being a victimizing weakness. In fact it can be a source of strength. Geography and economics locates them strategically in the Diaspora, granting them access to the centers of political decision. Weizmann now manipulated this power as he had long done in public life.

France was under heavy pressure from the Arab world to suppress her instinct to vote for the Jewish State. Her vote was captured from under Arab eyes by an assault from two sides. Bernard Baruch, whose war-time hostility to Weizmann had changed to admiration, advised the French represen-

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Tel Aviv streets, balconies and rooftops are lined with people waiting for the military parade marking one year of Israel's independence, May 4, 1949. WZPS photo.

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LETTERS
to the Editor

To the Editor:

The honor that is being accorded to me by the Albert Einstein Academy is greatly appreciated. It is my hope that the affair in my honor will be of help to the Academy, a worthy Jewish Institution.

In the article, in the latest issue of the Jewish Voice, there was a misstatement of fact relative to my activity in the Wilmington Community. I was not one of the founders of the Delaware Region of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, though I was one of the co-founders of the Clergy Dialogue under its auspices.

It has been a great privilege and joy to be active in the community with Congregation Beth Shalom as Rabbi and Rabbi Emeritus for 57 years and for a like number of years with the Jewish and general community.

I am grateful to God that I have been blessed with years and can declare in the words of the Psalmist: "I do believe that I shall yet experience the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living."

Sincerely
Jacob Kraft

To the Editor:

Ever since I was a kid in Wilmington, a long, long time ago, I held a great respect and admiration for the name Keil because the name, Keil, belonged to one of the old and very influential families of the Jewish group in Delaware.

So you can imagine the shivers I experienced recently when I read a letter to the editor of the Jewish Voice, signed by a "Barbara Keil," denouncing me and ordering me excommunicated!

It seems that this particular Barbara Keil was offended by my recent remarks concerning the woman rabbi in Dover who had openly and publicly criticized Rabbi Leonard Gewirtz.

As I read her letter to the editor, I was so shocked that I thought back some 50 years or more when I had received applause from rabbis, teachers, and prominent members of the Jewish community, such as Rabbi Levinger, Rabbi Rezits, Ben Codor, Milton Kutz, Rabbi Geffen, Rabbi Drooz, Rabbi Tavel, Rabbi Kraft, H. Albert Young, former Supreme Court Justice Daniel Herrmann, Philip Cohen, etc.

From where I stand, I resent any public criticism of the venerable rabbi of Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth. Why?

Sincerely,
Bill Frank
(Zev Amity)

Because ever since I was a kid in cheder, I was taught to respect the Orthodox rav.

I was also annoyed with the recent woman rabbi assigned to Dover's Beth Shalom because her public remarks about Rabbi Gewirtz determined the cancellation of a seminar by the rabbinical council on the current question, "Who Is A Jew?"

I expressed my views about this lady rabbi and the controversy in a News-Journal column that aroused the ire of a number of women readers, some of whom sent letters of protest, not to the News-Journal papers but to the Jewish Voice.

I was also dismayed that views were the only ones of its kind. No one seemed to join me in defense of Rabbi Gewirtz. Why?

Anyway, at first the early letters of protest against me by the ladies did not disturb but the Barbara Keil letter did.

So I called her to learn from her what was disturbing her. I was pleased to hear her say she had always been an admirer of my writings over the years and she recognized me as a controversial personality but she added she objected to Jews "airing their dirty linen in public print."

What dirty linen, by the way?

I assumed from what she said she would have preferred that I had expressed my views in the Jewish Voice rather than in the News-Journal papers because, oddly enough, she does not consider the Jewish Voice as "public print." I do, because quite often I have received reaction to my Jewish Voice columns from non-Jews who happen to be subscribers or who see the paper just by chance.

Anyway, I thought that Jews in our century had finally arrived at the point where we were no longer Shah-shah-Yiddin. After the general run of the media, including the popular Jerusalem Post, are filled these days with the so-called "dirty linen of the Jews."

So much for that, but I still stick to my view that we should have had that seminar on the topic of "Who Is A Jew?", a seminar that the lady rabbi in Dover has scuttled because of her open criticism of Rabbi Gewirtz.

Also, as to Barbara Keil, I wish she had expressed her views in more detail in her attack upon me and avoided her self-anointed role as an excommunicator. She said I must "go"; but where?

DEADLINE

The next issue of The Jewish Voice will be published FRIDAY, MAY 15. The deadline for stories and photos is noon, MONDAY, MAY 4. Material should be sent or brought to the Jewish Voice office at the Jewish Federation of Delaware, 101 Garden of Eden Rd., Wilmington, 19803. (302) 478-6200. All articles must be typed, double spaced.

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History's Nightmare — Can It Happen Again?

The Jewish Historical Society of Delaware is presenting "History's Nightmare - Can It Happen Again?" May 20, 7:30 p.m. at the Jewish Com-



Ralph Tomases, 1955

munity Center. The program, a panel discussion moderated by Toni Young, will present Delawareans giving testimony from the perspectives of their experiences during World War II. Panel members include Dorothy Finger and Ann Jaffe, concentration camp survivors; Ursula and Ben Shaw, members of the British Armed Forces, and Ralph Tomases, prisoner of war in Europe. Robert Kerbel, executive vice president of the Jewish Federation of Delaware, will discuss the possibility of this happening again. He will focus on what signs American Jews should be aware of and what American Jews should be doing to prevent a reoccurrence of this horrible period in history.

The Jewish Historical Society is issuing a challenge to those born in the 40s, 50s, 60s and 70s - parents and young adults - to attend this program to learn what must be done to back up the brave words "Never Again."

Admission is free and refreshments will be served.

Nazi War Criminal

By SUSAN BIRNBAUM

NEW YORK, (JTA) — At 8:06 p.m. Monday, April 20, a Czechoslovak airliner left New York with accused Nazi war criminal Karl Linnas aboard. This put the cap on a long-drawn-out procedure to affect the deportation of the man who was commandant of the Tartu, Estonia, concentration camp where over 12,000 men, women and children were murdered during World War II.

Linnas was flown to Prague, and from there to the Soviet Union, following a refusal by the U.S. Supreme Court to stay Linnas' deportation. The high court voted 6-3 against granting the stay. Justices William Brennan, Harry Blackmun and Sandra Day O'Connor registered the dissenting votes in favor of the stay.

Before boarding the plane, the 67-year-old Linnas, a coat covering his handcuffs, shouted to the press: "Tell the American people what they are doing is murder and kidnapping."

(In Moscow, Soviet Foreign Ministry spokesman Gennady Gerasimov said that Linnas may be allowed to appeal his 1962 Soviet death sentence.)

Charges Against Linnas

Linnas was sentenced to death in absentia in the Soviet Union in 1962 for wartime atrocities. Since 1951, Linnas lived quietly in Greenlawn, Long Island. He was granted U.S. citizenship in 1960, after concealing his wartime activities upon entering the country under the Displaced Persons Act of 1948.

Linnas was charged by the U.S. Justice Department of directing firing squads at prisoners kneeling before pits that served as mass graves, and of personally shooting camp inmates.

Following investigations by the Justice Department's Office of

Karl Linnas Is Deported

Special Investigations (OSI), Linnas was stripped of his citizenship in July 1981 by U.S. District Court in Westbury, L.I., a decision he appealed numerous times through several courts. He was ordered deported on May 29, 1983. After losing a bid to the Board of Immigration Appeal, he took his case to the Supreme Court, which refused four times since last December to hear his appeal.

Representatives of Jewish organizations blamed U.S. Attorney General Edwin Meese for refusing to sign off on the deportation papers. Linnas was represented by former U.S. Attorney General Ramsey Clark.

There had been charges in some quarters that Soviet evidence used in the Linnas case may have been fabricated, but FBI experts and the courts which examined the evidence verified its authenticity, Elan Steinberg, World Jewish Congress executive, pointed out.

"There has never been one instance when a document (in a war crimes matter) supplied by the Soviet Union has been fabricated or forged," Steinberg said. He added that the OSI and the WJC had requested the documents, the Soviets never offered them voluntarily. Last week, Linnas came within hours of receiving political asylum from Panama, which retracted its offer after the swift intercession of the World Jewish Congress and other leading Jewish legal activists, including Menachem Rosensaft, chairman of the International Network of Children of Jewish Holocaust Survivors, and Brooklyn District Attorney Elizabeth Holtzman, who as a Congresswoman authored legislation for the deportation of Nazi war criminals.

WJC officials, who learned during the first Passover seder last month of the decision by Meese to deport Linnas to Panama, immediately con-

tacted Panamanian officials in the U.S., as well as members of the Panama Jewish community. The next day, WJC general counsel Eli Rosensaft, together with Holtzman and Rosensaft, flew to Washington to meet with officials at the Panamanian Embassy.

The following day, the Panamanian Embassy announced that the deportation plans would be delayed, and later that day the Panamanian Consul General in New York issued a second statement saying that Linnas' request for asylum had been denied. This brought to 17 the number of countries that rejected Linnas' bid for asylum.

Flurry of Last-Minute Appeals

According to Rosensaft and Rosensaft, Linnas' lawyers went through a flurry of last-minute appeals. They first tried to block his deportation a final time in U.S. District Court in Washington D.C. before Judge Thomas Hogan.

Turned down, they appealed to a three-judge panel of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia and were again refused, and Monday night, while Linnas was already on the plane, minutes before departure, a final appeal for a stay made to Chief Justice William Rehnquist was denied, bringing Linnas' total court appearances to 13.

"He has gotten every possible benefit of due process of law," said Rosensaft, a sentiment echoed by Holtzman, who said, "Karl Linnas has had more than due process. He's exhausted the entire justice system."

Within moments of hearing of Linnas' deportation, a Holocaust survivor, Ernest Zelig, president of B'nai Zion, notified the Jewish Telegraphic Agency of his satisfaction on the case's outcome, saying, "I am grateful at the Supreme Court's decision to deport the convicted Nazi war

criminal, Karl Linnas. He has received due process, something he denied his 12,000 innocent victims at the Tartu concentration camp."

'Better Late Than Never'

Benjamin Meed, president of the American Gathering and Federation of Jewish Holocaust Survivors, who was preparing to mention the case at a commemoration in New York of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising, said, "Thank God. I think we should be proud of the action of our government. It's not enough, and it's quite late, but better late than never. I would say that this will probably encourage further actions against Nazi war criminals in the United States."

"This is not a question of vengeance; it's a question of going through the judicial process. The books of the U.S. should remain open, so that we can't say that we did not take action against known war criminals, Nazi collaborators and Nazi murderers." Meed praised the "devotion" of OSI director Neal Sher in seeing through the process.

Rosensaft said he was "glad it's over. I feel relief. I don't feel any joy, I certainly don't feel a sense of victory, but a sense of having done the very least and perhaps the only thing we can do for Linnas' victims and for all the other victims of the Holocaust, which is to bring their killers to justice. We can't bring them back to life, we can't make their agony and their suffering any less."

"The only thing we can do for them is to make sure that their murderers are brought to justice and are not able to live out their days in freedom knowing they have gotten away with it. We talk a great deal about keeping alive the flame of remembrance. But we never forget that that particular flame cannot exist without the flame of justice."

ISRAEL THROUGH MY EYES

Ze'ev Golin



The Trial

About eight years ago, I listened to Halina Preston, of blessed memory, tell the story of how she survived the Holocaust in Lvov. A young Christian of Ukrainian origin stood up and questioned her about the feelings of Jews toward his people. If I remember correctly, Halina suggested that they meet and discuss the matter at length.

I do not know if the young Ukrainian American ever took her up on her suggestion. In light of the trial of John Demjanjuk, charged with being "Ivan the Terrible" or Treblinka, I wonder if he is still interested in any dialogue. What would Halina Preston say about this latest chapter in Jewish-Ukrainian relations?

Activists who allege to speak for the Ukrainian people claim that the Demjanjuk trial is a plot to discredit Ukrainian nationalism. They say that Russia has concocted phony evidence against the accused, and that Israel is doing the Communists' work through a show trial. Some, in denouncing Israel, have gone so far as to justify some of the more heinous pogroms against our people.

The game of playing Jew against Ukrainian is an old one; played by various rulers of Poland and Russia. The rules of the game as played from Warsaw, St. Petersburg, and Moscow are: oppress the rebellious Ukrainians and make them think the Jews are to blame.

The seventeenth century Chmielnicki riots resulted when Poland's landowners decided to employ a handful of visible Jewish tax collectors in Ukrainian districts. The nineteenth and twentieth century pogroms were directed at impoverished Jewish stallkeepers and artisans, whom the greedy Czars said were sucking the peasants dry. Stalin directed, and deputies such as Leonid Brezhnev implemented, the murder of five million Ukrainians. "Jewish Commissairs" somehow got the credit.

Now John Demjanjuk is being made a martyr for the cause of Ukrainian nationalism. The Jews, clutching phony documents from the U.S.S.R. are of course to blame. This is utter nonsense, a product of the imagination of those who want to believe that Jews are the root of all evil.

The United States government saw evidence against Demjanjuk. Their experts thought it real enough to recommend his deportation. It is certainly hard to believe that those who have testified so powerfully and convincingly were fathered in Moscow for a tutorial session.

Only two countries had the right to demand custody: Demjanjuk's native Ukraine, currently under Soviet rule, or Israel, which by right can and should try crimes against the Jewish people.

Some trial Demjanjuk would have had in Soviet ruled territory! The judge would have summarily dismissed any evidence contrary to his guilt. The state-appointed defense attorney would have publicly apologized for taking his case. The whole affair would have been a quick prelude to a hanging.

In Israel, the accused is given the full due process acceptable to all truly democratic societies. Chief defense attorney O'Connor is given full reign to test the memories of the prosecution's witnesses. A Jewish Israeli, Yoram Sheftel, is giving a spirited defense of the accused despite the obvious risks.

There are many who are shocked to see their hardworking neighbors stripped of their citizenship and deported. They consider it an assault on their ethnic group's rights and honor. They blindly refuse to realize the magnitude of the crimes their neighbors committed in service to the Nazis.

I would not be happy to have such a person as a neighbor, no matter how hardworking or churchgoing he may be. As an Israeli, I'm not particularly proud to have as countrymen individuals who have committed or plotted acts of terror against the Arabs. Much less could I stomach association with someone responsible for helping to cruelly murder 800,000 men, women, and children.

Like Halina Preston, I hope we Jews someday can conduct a free and meaningful dialogue with our old neighbors the Ukrainians. These days we could learn something from an ethnic group that holds steadfastly to its religion, customs, language, and group identity. Unfortunately this day seems far away; the old poison is still in the air.

ON THE OTHER HAND

N. Even-Or



Tal

Dew is the stuff that poets write about: "Chaste as the morning dew;" "Dew and glory, love and truth."

But in the Middle East, where our tradition was born, where our patriarchs walked, dew was the stuff of survival in an arid climate with little or no rain for over half of the year. Isaac blessed both Jacob and Esau with the prayer that God might give them "of the dew of the earth." When Moses, before his death, blessed the tribes of Israel, his blessing upon the tribe of Joseph was "for the precious things of heaven, for the dew." And when Gideon asked for a sign from God that He would save Israel by his, Gideon's, hand, it is written in the Book of Judges: "Behold, I will put a fleece of wool on the threshing floor; if there be dew on the fleece only, and it be dry on all the ground, then I shall know that Thou wilt save Israel by my hand, and Thou has spoken. And it was so, for he rose up early on the morrow, and pressed the fleece together, and wrung dew out of the fleece, a bowlful of water."

So critical was dew (*tal*, in Hebrew) in the lives of the ancient Israelites, that they included a prayer for dew in the *Amidah* prayers. The *Amidah* is the series of benedictions at the heart of each of the prayer services, morning, afternoon, evening, and the additional service on Shabbat and festivals. It has always been considered so much the heart of our liturgy that it is referred to in the Talmud and THE prayer, *tefilah*. It is said once by each congregant privately and then repeated by the representative of the congregation, often the cantor, on behalf of those who, because of illness or some other reason, are not able to recite the benedictions personally.

On the first day of Pesach, the *Amidah* of the *Musaf* (additional) service is introduced with the ark opened, by the chanting of a series of poetic prayers in alphabetic acrostic, prayers for God to bless us in the coming months with dew. In these poetic verses dew is referred to as *that which makes the herbs of the valley exultant anew, that sweet dew which is the symbol of coming rebirth. Every cleft of Thy footstool is yearn-*

ing for dew, we pray, and every meadow, each field, is athirst for dew. We close with these words:

*For Thou art the Lord our God
Who makes the wind to blow and
the dew to fall,
For blessing and not disaster,
Amen.
For life and not for death, Amen.
For plenty and not for famine,
Amen.*

While in Ashkenazic services the prayer for *Tal* is said only on the first day of Pesach, the Sephardic services include a prayer for dew in every *Amidah* from Pesach to Shemini Atzeret, the last day of Sukkot, when we insert the prayer for rain in its stead. Clearly dew is more important to those living in the arid climates of North Africa and the Middle East than those originating in Europe, with its more generous rainfall.

Modern research, including that in Israel, downplays the value of dew in plant growth, and much prefers the techniques of irrigation, particularly drip irrigation, which is so highly efficient in water utilization. But we must remember that the ancients of our people had none of these engineered sources available to them. For about seven months of the year there was little or no rain, and dew was the source they had to depend on. It is in historic remembrance of the importance of dew to our people, perhaps, that has led congregations in Israel, Reform and Conservative as well as Orthodox, to adopt the Sephardic custom of including the prayer for *Tal* from Pesach to Shemini Atzeret.

But more important than historic memory, is the reminder that, in one way or another, we are all today, as in days past, dependent on God's bounty for staying on the survival side of that thin line between life and death. That with all our bravado and posturing in the glories of our science and technology, we are indeed frail creatures, ever in need of the warmth and the rain and the dew and the nourishment of our souls that comes only from the heavens above.

Perhaps that is why, in the waning years of the 20th century, we still pray for dew.

Large Group Of Soviet Jews Arrive In U.S. In Time For Passover

New York, NY—Eighty one Soviet Jews, the largest single group of Soviet refugees to arrive in the United States in five years, were able to enjoy a real seder with family members this Passover for what may be the first time in their lives.

The new immigrants, long-denied the freedom to practice their religion openly, arrived at Kennedy International Airport in New York from Rome on April 8. Also on the flight were 11 Iranian and six Rumanian

refugees. (Thirty three Iranians additionally arrived at the airport that day aboard flights from Vienna.)

The refugees, some of whom have been separated from close relatives for up to 11 years, have all been assisted by HIAS, the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society. HIAS President, Robert L. Israeloff, joined the friends and relatives greeting the new arrivals at the airport. HIAS staff were on hand to provide the agency's traditional port reception services, which

include guiding and assisting the newcomers through immigration, customs and health screenings, as well as ensuring that family members are reunited.

Israeloff, commenting on the latest group of arrivals, said he was "cautiously optimistic" that this could signal the beginning of a new wave of Jewish emigration from the Soviet Union.

Already there is much optimism being voiced over signs that the Soviet

government may permit a large number of Jews to leave the country in the near future. Only 914 Jews were allowed to exit the USSR last year. During the first three months of 1987, 704 have already been permitted to leave the Soviet Union.

HIAS is the international migration agency of the organized Jewish community. HIAS is a beneficiary of the United Jewish Appeal/Federation of greater New York and Jewish federations across the country.

Anti-Semitic Slogans Deface Cherry Hill Club

By INGA SAFFRON

Vandals covered the main building of a predominantly Jewish country club in Cherry Hill with anti-Semitic slogans and obscenities last month, and then returned Easter morning to paint a large swastika on the golf course grass, the club's manager said yesterday.

"This is anti-Semitic terrorism," said Robert Sierra, general manager of the 400-member Woodcrest Country Club.

He arrived at the main clubhouse at 7 a.m. Saturday to find it defaced with slogans, swastikas, obscene words and drawings, all in red, black and purple paint. A black swastika, measuring 10-by-20 feet, was also found Saturday on the grass near the 13th hole and a second, fresh swastika was discovered at the 10th hole yesterday morning.

Although offensive graffiti has been found at the country club before, this attack was far more extensive, said Philip Slipyan, president of the club's board of directors. The graffiti was splashed over most of the clubhouse exterior, on windows, doors and the sidewalk,

a parked car and sections of the 300-acre golf course green.

"We feel total indignation, frustration and anger," said Slipyan, a Cherry Hill doctor. "We feel that this kind of thing is repugnant, not just for us but for any ethnic group."

The country club, located at Evesham Avenue and Haddonfield-Berlin Road, is offering a \$1,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the vandals, Slipyan said.

According to Cherry Hill Police Chief Robert Tonczynyn, police have a lead in the case, but he would not say whether there is a suspect. People convicted in New Jersey of racist or ethnically inspired vandalism can receive up to five years in jail and a \$5,000 fine.

Sierra said that a police patrol car made a routine swing through the country club about 2 a.m. Saturday and found nothing amiss. Club employees discovered the vandalism at 6:30 a.m. The pattern was repeated the next day, when vandals defaced the green at the 10th hole.

Members of Cherry Hill's Jewish community were particularly angered and upset by the timing of the attacks, which occurred between Good Friday and Easter and during the Jewish holiday of Passover.

"For centuries, Good Friday was chosen for greatest attacks on Jews in Europe," said Alan Respler, executive director of the Jewish Community Relations Council of South Jersey, an umbrella organization based in Cherry Hill.

Sierra said the attack was the main subject of conversation at the country club, which hosted a golf tournament yesterday. "Our members are wondering when this is going to end," he said. "Not just at our club but worldwide. When is anti-Semitism going to end?"

About 90 percent of the club's members, who are drawn from South Jersey and Philadelphia, are Jewish.

Cherry Hill Mayor Maria Barnaby Greenwald said yesterday that she was troubled by the vandalism calling it, "a terrible, sad thing."

The country club's hardcore golfers, who arrived Saturday for a pre-breakfast game, were among the first to see the anti-Semitic slogans on the clubhouse walls. Dark green table cloths were later hung over the offensive remarks, like funeral bunting.

While the management was able to remove or paint over some of the obscenities dur-

ing the weekend, Sierra said, the country club will have to sandblast the remainder from the clubhouse's flagstone walls.

As for the swastikas imprinted on the golf greens, Sierra said, "We'll just have to wait for the grass to grow. We've already taken one pass with the mowers."

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The Cutting Edge

Shabbos Rebbe Uses Words, Not Rocks

By EDWIN BLACK

Down a narrow alley-street veining through Mea Shearim, inside a small battered door and through a dark passageway on the right, there is a tiny room one man calls home. Old shoes, stacks of talmudic studies, encrusted tins of yogurt, a desk and a cot cramp the tiny space. Here is the home of the "Shabbos rebbe."

Thought by many secular Israelis to be a crazy man, he can be seen standing each Saturday morning on the highway island at the entrance to Jerusalem. From morning until night he holds up his sign: "Shabbat is G'd's day—it is forbidden to profane it." And as hundreds of motorists drive by, the yellow-robed, long-bearded Chasid shakes his finger and yells: "Shabbos! Shabbos!"

It is an exhausting task. He takes it very seriously, and he uses as much body language as possible to convey his argument: "Walk, do not drive, on Shabbat." Sometimes, as he grows weary, he rests on the small chair he brings with him. People laugh at him, jeer at him, pretend not to notice. But the message of the Shab-

bos rebbe is one that may be far more important than the apparent ravings of a crazy man.

The rebbe has a name—Yaacov Mayer Yacubson. He is a sixth-generation Israeli, "more than 60 years of age," who spent the early years of his life teaching Talmud to children. Twenty years ago he witnessed a miracle.

"It was the miracle of the Six-Day War," says Rabbi Yacubson with his hand pointing up and shaking. "I say a *miracle*, because we must not honor the Israeli army. This was a miracle from God.

The miracle Yacubson refers to was not the conquest of land nor even the liberation of Jerusalem. "No," he says, "it was the sudden atmosphere of repentance that came to Israel. People that weren't religious became religious.

"This revealed to me that it was this generation that would bring the *Meshiach*. The Torah has predicted it. It has all been predicted."

Key to the Messiah's arrival, in Yacubson's view, is the prophecy that if the Jews will observe two consecutive Shabbatot, the Messiah will come. Yacubson quit his job, allowed his task to "come into my heart" and became the Shabbos rebbe, working to prepare the way.

His only arguments are moral. Long ago he decided against the tactic of throwing rocks at the windshields of passing vehicles. "Rocks are unclean on Shabbat," explains the rebbe, "so it is forbidden to touch them, let alone throw them on Shabbat. But I would not throw rocks even if it were not Shabbos. The people must want to keep the Sabbath willingly. It must not be imposed upon them. So I yell 'Shabbos' to explain what they are doing wrong—not to force them into anything."

Yacubson understands that his tactics stand out in present-day Jerusalem, where violence and intolerance are becoming ways of life for those of different lifestyles and backgrounds—Arab and Jew, Orthodox and Reform, religious and secular.

"It is forbidden to force people," observes the rebbe. "I was once at a demonstration when people began throwing rocks at cars. I was against both the police who protected the motorists and the people here in Mea Shearim who threw the rocks. With one hand, I shook a finger and warned them not

to drive on the Sabbath, and with the other, I shook at the ones throwing and told them to stop."

The Shabbos rebbe hopes to set his own example, standing alone against Jews from both sides who profane the Sabbath—literally a voice crying in the wilderness in the Judean hills at the gates of Jerusalem. He only appears mad. Until you listen. Implicit in his peaceful scolding of the secular who drive is a rejection of the pious who elevated violence to a Sabbath ritual in the Torah's name. "Remember, the path of the Torah is peaceful," he says.

And indeed, the Shabbos rebbe's protest is one of passivity, even of desperation. On one recent Saturday, as he was waving frantically at cars speeding by, a secular Jew stopped at the light and rolled down his window.

"It is forbidden to drive on the Sabbath," the rebbe admonished. "Are you a Jew? I think you are. So then, why do you drive?"

The secular Jew tried to explain, and the rebbe began pulling at his sleeve, "Please come with me. Leave your car here," pleaded the rebbe. "Don't even move it. Leave it in the middle of the street. Come up to my house. I will feed you coffee and cake, and tell you stories of wondrous things about to come. In a few hours, the sun will set and you can go back to your car."

The secular Jew politely declined, even as traffic began backing up behind him, and placed the car in gear. The rebbe's last words were barely heard as the motorist pulled away, and the exhaust filled the air. But in the rear-view mirror, the form of the rebbe could clearly be seen, a finger pointing upward and waving.

It has been this way for 20 years, Yacubson peaceably imploring Sabbath motorists to turn off their engines and rest. How many has he persuaded in those 20 years? With a broad smile, the Shabbos rebbe brags, "Two!"

In one instance, a taxi driver felt guilty, parked his car on the side, spent some time talking with the rebbe and then walked home. Another time, the rebbe noticed a man about to get into his car. he raced over and appealed to him not to turn the key. "I finally convinced him. He did not drive that Shabbos."

"He is coming," promises the Shabbos rebbe. "When? I cannot give dates. But in our lifetime! Soon, I tell you, very soon."

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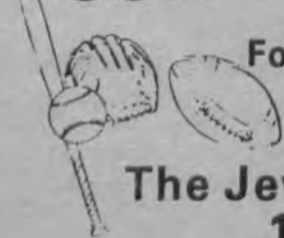
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Robin Kaufman is the chairperson for the 17-member planning committee. If you would like to find out more information about this vibrant group, if you're interested in being a part of the planning committee, or if you would like to be added to the growing mailing list, please call Seth Bloom at the Jewish Federation of Delaware, 478-6200.

Community Calendar

- May 3- Albert Einstein Academy Cocktail Party honoring Rabbi Jacob Kraft, Bellevue-in-the-Park. 3:30 p.m..
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- May 20- "History's Nightmare - Can It Happen Again?" Panel discussion showcasing testimonies of Delawareans, JCC, 7:30 p.m.

Call Federation office for details 478-6200.

Towards Statehood—

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tative that American aid to his country might be withdrawn in the event of a negative stand. The vote was due to be taken on Nov. 26. The evening before, Weizmann telephoned a Zionist friend in Paris, Marc Jarblum, to transmit a message to Leon Blum, now at the end of his political and physical tether. This said: "France's decision to abstain from voting has caused painful dismay here, and above all to the five-million strong Jewish community. For the first time, the two Great Powers are in agreement, the entire plan. If the French government destroyed the Jewish people's last hope, it would bear a frightful responsibility."

It was midnight in Paris. But Blum could not ignore the plea. He had the message conveyed to President Vicent Auriol, as well as to the premier, Paul Ramadier, and the foreign minister, George Bidault. France succumbed.

Less difficult to persuade were those Central American republics whose economic life-blood depended on the United Fruit Company, for this corporation was owned by the Zionist Samuel Zemurray. The Philippines were won over when detective work tracked down an American Jew in London who had been physician and friend to the president in Manila. It was rumoured in the lobbies that Liberia was moved to a

change of heart on a hint from the Firestone Rubber Company.

Passage of the resolution was still not assured, when the Arab states requested more time and Thanksgiving Day intervened. Unexpectedly, the Jews found themselves with three days grace to continue their canvass. In this interval they won over Greece, Belgium and New Zealand. Nov. 29 was Saturday, and Jews with religious scruples sought rabbinical dispensation to travel on the Sabbath to witness the denouement.

Emotionally and physically spent, Weizmann remained in his bedroom while the

Levitt—

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Sholom, Dover, and has chaired both the Dover and Delaware branches of the Jewish Community Relations Committee. He has served on the Jewish Voice Committee and the Jewish Committee on Aging, is active in the Jewish Federation campaign and has served on the Federation board since 1975.

He has also served the city of Dover as consumer advocate. An artist, he has been involved with the Dover Art League and Great Books.

Levitt will be sworn in along with the other new council members and incumbents at the council's first May meeting, Monday, May 11.

General Assembly voted. A retinue of faithfuls constantly travelled back and forth to bring him the progress of the struggle. Suddenly, all was quiet in his suite. Weisgal, Shertok, all the others, had gone off to Flushing Meadow and he was left alone with Vera (his wife) at last. For the first time in those historic weeks something snapped in the old man. He broke down and sobbed.

The spasm endured barely a few moments, and by the time he recovered the General Assembly had done its work, and Chaim Weizmann was head in everything but name of what was already virtually an independent sovereign Jewish State — restored after nineteen centuries of hope and prayer.



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Behind The Headlines

A Conference In Search Of Participants

By DAVID FRIEDMAN

WASHINGTON (JTA) — The move for an international conference as a means of bringing about negotiations between Israel and the Arab countries, particularly Jordan, seems to have received a new spurt of life in recent weeks.

But there seems as little chance of it actually coming about as it did when King Hussein of Jordan first proposed it in Washington last year in order to provide him with an "umbrella" for negotiations with Israel.

This would be true even if there was no split in Israel's national unity government between Labor and Likud over the issue. Foreign Minister Shimon Peres was in Europe last month promoting the idea, while Premier Yitzhak Shamir reiterated his firm opposition to such a conference.

This situation could change if the Soviet Union were to restore diplomatic relations with Israel, broken since the 1967 Six-Day War.

Hussein has demanded that the international conference include the five permanent members of the United Nations Security Council, two of whom, the Soviet Union and the People's Republic of China, do not have diplomatic relations with Israel.

The Soviet Factor

Both the Reagan Administration and Israel have rejected Soviet participation until Moscow restores diplomatic ties with Israel.

Although China is rarely mentioned in this context, it too would have to open relations with Israel before it could participate in an international conference.

The Soviet Union, which has joined the effort pressing for an international conference, apparently sees it as a way for Moscow to be dealt into the Middle East peace process. The Kremlin has been dropping hints about restoring relations and the increased Jewish emigration from the USSR may also have something to do with this.

Shultz, after his meetings with Shamir earlier this year and with Jordanian Prime Minister Zeid Rifai last month, stressed that the U.S. was willing to explore an international conference as a means of bringing about direct negotiations, but not as a substitute for it. Shultz said direct negotiations were needed to reach an agreement between Israel and a Jordanian-Palestinian delegation and Israel and Syria.

Rifai, in his comments after meeting with Shultz, seemed to be moving away from Jordan's willingness to discuss just the West Bank and Gaza. "We're not talking about peace between Jordan and Israel," he said. "We're talking about a comprehensive settlement of the Arab-Israeli problem."

He explained this included negotiations about the Golan Heights, south Lebanon as well as the Palestinian problem, which he said was "at

the core of the Middle East conflict."

Former President Carter, during his recent Mideast visit, also called for an international conference to reach a comprehensive settlement. The Carter Administration was moving to an international conference with the Soviet Union in 1977 when Egyptian President Anwar Sadat made his historic visit to Jerusalem which eventually led to direct negotiations between Israel and Egypt and the Egyptian-Israeli Peace Treaty.

Carter also said that in his talks with Syrian President Hafex Assad, the Syrian leader expressed a willingness to attend such a conference, a change from his earlier opposition.

When Israeli Ambassador Neir Rosenne was asked about this, he pointed to former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger's experience in 1974. As Kissinger relates it in his memoirs, he and Assad had a long talk in which they finally agreed about a proposed Geneva conference, but when Kissinger asked about a preference of dates, Assad replied it didn't matter since Syria would not attend.

There is some suspicion that Assad's change of heart may have more to do with the Soviet desire to be part of the Mideast peace process than any Syrian desire for negotiations.

Issue Of Palestinian Representation

Even if a mode for an international conference could be found, there is still the question of who represents the Palestinians. Israel, and this includes both Labor and Likud, rejects any negotiations with the Palestine Liberation Organization.

The U.S. rejects any dealings with the PLO until it accepts UN Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338 and recognizes Israel's right to exist. Even Carter accepts this position though he said that since leaving the presidency he has felt free to meet with members of the PLO.

Journalists May Protect Sources

Israeli High Court Landmark Decision

By HUGH ORGEL

TEL AVIV, (JTA)—The Supreme Court issued a landmark decision upholding the right of journalists to protect their sources of information, except in the most serious cases of wrong-doing.

Supreme Court President Justice Meir Shamgar ruled last week that a journalist must reveal his sources only if a crime carrying a five-year maximum sentence or a lesser crime with grave consequences, was involved. He said in the case of a serious civil crime, disclosure would be required only if it was essential in the interests of justice.

The ruling was on the case of two journalists, Ben-Zion Citrin and Yifat Nevo, who appealed to the high court

against a demand by the Israel Bar Association's disciplinary tribunal that they reveal the sources of published information in the trial of two lawyers charged with violating the Bar's code of ethics.

The tribunal wanted the journalists to disclose whether the information they published originated with the accused lawyers. The case was the first to come before the Supreme Court questioning a journalist's right to protect his sources.

Shamgar stated in his decision that a democracy can exist only if it recognizes the right to gather and publish information. "The right to gather information includes the need to protect the sources of that information," he said.

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'Out Of The Mud'

By WENDY ELLIMAN

JERUSALEM — On a cold and windy night, a young soldier angrily splashed his way through the mud of a sodden Galilee hillside. Pushing aside a dripping tent flap, he raged at the man inside: "I've spent my whole life trying to get out of the mud! You promised you'd help me. If this is what you call help, I don't want it. You can keep the paratroopers wings!"

The target of this outburst was Avi Naor of Youth Aliyah, who had been urgently summoned to camp by the soldier's commanding officer. "I couldn't calm the boy that night," says Naor. "He'd been training hard and he was exhausted. It wasn't the time to remind him that he was 'back in the mud,' as he put it, to get out of it forever. Once he was dry and rested, he decided to stay the officers' training course. He made it, too. Today, four years later, he's a paratroop commander."

That young man is a graduate of one of Israel's 250 Youth Aliyah schools — a 50-year-old educational network, largely funded by the United Jewish Appeal/Federation Campaign through the Jewish Agency.

Created to rescue and rehabilitate traumatized children from Holocaust Europe, Youth Aliyah today cares mainly for Israeli youngsters born into socially, economically or culturally disadvantaged homes.

"Three or four years in Youth Aliyah helps turn life around for these youngsters," says Naor. "But it can't always shake the stigma of an underprivileged start. When our kids go on to do their Israel Defense Forces service, both they and the IDF assume they're fit only for the lower ranks of the less glamorous units. This of course becomes self-fulfilling."

The IDF is a major social force in Israel, notes Uri Gordon, the Youth Aliyah department head. "Every fit youngster in the country serves, and only the best and the brightest qualify for the top positions. They become, in turn, candidates for the best civilian jobs after demobilization."

So, eight years ago, Youth Aliyah launched a support program to help selected graduates enter and complete officer training courses. Limited at first to boys, it was extended to girls in the fall of 1986.



Youth Aliyah graduates are achieving success in officers core of the Israel Defense Forces thanks to UJA/Federation aided special program.

"We believed that helping some of our kids achieve their potential in the IDF would have a ripple effect far beyond the individuals involved," says Naor. "Within Youth Aliyah itself, they would be a symbol for younger students, showing that it is possible for kids like them to succeed within the

system. And on a national level, a kid from a disadvantaged neighborhood who commands a crack unit is an instant hero in his home community — displacing local gang leaders as role models." Around 50 Youth Aliyah candidates are selected each year. Two weeks of lectures, training and orientation aim

to give the youngsters a firm foothold before joining other officer candidates.

Motivation is reinforced during training at a weekend seminar, but otherwise no favoritism is shown the Youth Aliyah trainees. The whole point is that they succeed on merit, not because of special treatment.

The boys program is an undisputed success, according to both Youth Aliyah and IDF evaluation teams. Of the 400 Youth Aliyah youngsters who have completed the course, 40 percent have become officers, and other 36 percent other command positions — far higher than average.

The three-month-old program for girls, however, is still at the teething problem stage. "Beginnings are hard," Naor said. "We sent recruitment letters to 35 girls: one signed up, and of these four have made officer."

Part of the reason, he believes, is a strongly anti-feminist outlook among the girls who "don't want to appear smarter than the boys" by qualifying for higher ranks. Part is that the women's course is very tough. But part is clearly because the program is new.

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Delaware Teen, College Student Discuss Their Unique Israel Experiences

High School Study Program In Israel

By **DEBBIE KERBEL**
 Ever since I began my Jewish education 14 years ago I've learned about Israel. I thought I'd seen all the pictures and knew most of the



Debbie Kerbel (center) with her parents, Bob and Ruth Kerbel, in Israel.

history. I was definitely wrong.

Three weeks ago I returned from the Alexander Muss High School in Israel (HSI) at Hod Hadassim, Israel. HSI was more than a teen tour, it was an academic experience. I spent three days a week in an intense history class. My teacher, Yossi Katz, who made aliyah ten years ago, made the history of the Jews come alive. When we weren't in classes we were on *tiyulim* or field trips seeing the places where the history took place. Among our most favorite *tiyulim* were Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, the Negev and the Golan Heights. During the eight weeks I was in Israel I was also continuing my American studies such as math, science, and language with the help of tutors provid-

ed by HSI and received credit at my high school, Concord.

HSI is in an ideal location. My campus of HSI is located in Hadassim, which is half way between Tel Aviv and Haifa. Hadassim is a school for 1000 Israeli students, 500 of whom live on campus. This gave us a great opportunity to socialize with Israeli students as well as other foreign students.

Our free weekends were a grand opportunity to explore the country even further. Many people visited friends or relatives in the country while others visited kibbutzim or cities we didn't see on field trips.

My experience in Israel is one I will never forget. I have gained a love for the country and it's people and have come to realize that it is the home



Social hall at Hod Hadassim

for all Jews.

If you are interested in the Alexander Muss High School in Israel please feel free to call me at 478-5577 with your

questions.

Debbie Kerbel, a junior at Concord High School, attends Gratz High School and is a member of USY and BBYO.

Israel From A Different Vantage Point

By **ANN GELB**

Although this was my third time in Israel I knew that this trip was to be different. This was to be an educational experience, it consisted of 120 students from various universities throughout the country. Each student was there to learn about our country and bring this knowledge back to their university.

While in Israel we did

everything possible in a 10-day period. We traveled as north as the Upper Galilee and as south as Arad. We visited religious sites, historical sites, and various other spots.

When I found to be the most interesting, was meeting the people who lived and worked in this country — the people that made it what it is today.

The time we spent in the north we stayed on a *kibbutz* and this enabled us to interact with the *kibbutzniks*, especially the teenagers. While sitting in a *kibbutz* pub on New Year's eve I realized to myself that this is what I came to Israel for. Here I was with three Israelis discussing their way of life as compared to our way of life — this is where the education began for me.

While in Jerusalem we visited Kiryat Ekson, the American University's Project Renewal neighborhood. We were greeted by children, many of them Ethiopians. We walked around the neighborhood looking in on the children's dance class, art class and the elderly ladies' choir group. During our tour we saw the "houses" that these people lived in. These consisted of one room shacks that housed entire families and behind these shacks were the houses that the families themselves were building. The children then invited us to their recreation center, dedicated in our honor. The

center is a bombshelter that they decorated with streamers and drawings by the children. It's ironic that out of something so ugly and scary as a bombshelter came a place filled with laughter and joy. It was here that we danced with the people that lived here until late into the night.

The following day we visited the Military Cemetery to pay tribute to the young men who fell defending *Eretz Yisrael*. As I walked through the cemetery I noticed that there were not men buried there but boys; the headstones were of boys 18 and 19 years old. At one of these stones was an elderly lady. She was sitting by it, cleaning it, fixing the flowers

around it, and talking as though someone would answer her.

Boy's Town is a Youth Alyish Village in Jerusalem and while visiting here I had the opportunity to talk with two Ethiopians that had arrived in Israel two years before. Through a translator I learned that these boys were forced to leave their families behind and walk through the dessert for months in order to accomplish their dream of living in the land that was promised to us, to them, Israeli is the place where all Jews belong for it is our homeland.

Ann Gelb, a sophomore at the University of Delaware, is 1987 UJA/JFD campaign co-chairperson at the U of D.



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Anna Moskowitz, Ice Cream Lady

To several hundred children at Lombardy Elementary School she's known as the "ice cream lady." The rest of the world knows her as Anna Moskowitz.

Every school day, Anna Moskowitz takes up her post behind the cash register adjacent to the ice cream counter in Lombardy's cafeteria. Throughout the three lunch periods, eager students in grades kindergarten through three queue up to pass by her station.

"It's very simple," explains Mrs. Moskowitz. "They select their ice cream from here," she says, pointing to an open stainless steel freezer. "Then they come and pay me."

What she doesn't mention is that she's been standing at her post, five days a week, for 13 years — as a volunteer.

"I'm grateful for the opportunity to help," she says humbly. "I like the job very much, everyone I work with is wonderful, and the teachers . . . let me tell you, when the kids get out of here, they really know a lot."

"Have you met our new principal?" She asks with obvious relish. "She's wonderful. There are plenty of places that can use help, but she's so pleasant I could never think of leaving."

The students appreciate their ice cream lady too. On her last birthday they sang to her and presented her with cards, an apron and a school bag. Several years ago when Mrs. Moskowitz was ill, they showered her with cards.

"I must have received 300 cards," she recalls. "They drew pictures of me in bed with a thermometer in my

mouth, and wrote things like, 'We love you, come back.'" One little girl penned, "Do you love me — yes or no?"

"I'd look at the cards and sometimes I'd laugh, sometimes I'd cry. They were so touching."

When Mrs. Moskowitz' husband passed away 13 years ago, she began working at Lombardy. But she had already been doing other volunteer work for many years.

She continues to volunteer at Congregation Beth Shalom where she has been a member for some 40 to 45 years. Her specialty is bake sales. She used to run all-day rummage sales for Hadassah. During the Second World War she volunteered for the Red Cross and received a citation for her work.

She remembers Ben Codor approaching a group she belonged to, the Order of the Golden Chain, to ask if the women would become involved with the Governor Bacon Health Center. "For more than 10 years, I visited the crippled children, brought them crayons, took them on bus rides . . . We raised money and made a playground for them." She is

proud of the citation she received for her work there.

Family ties are also dear to her. Her son lives in Florida, her daughter lives in Philadelphia, she has three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. "All three of my grandchildren

are married," she announces with satisfaction. She has a sister at the Kutz Home whom she visits almost every day.

This active, soon-to-be octogenarian, sloughs off praise. "I just try to do what I can," she says.



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Cooking In Delaware

By SYLVIA F. PANITZ

The month of May can be one of the loveliest months of the year. The winter temperatures have disappeared and spring-like weather prevails. The grass has turned a beautiful green and the lawn mowers are humming away. The April showers have indeed brought the May flowers! May is a busy month. On May 4 (5th of Iyar) Israel Independence Day (Yom Ha'Atzmaut) is celebrated. This year marks the 39th birthday of Israel and several community events will happily mark the occasion. Lag B' Omer comes this year on Sunday, May 17. It commemorates the cessation of the massacre of over half a million Jews by the Romans. It is set aside for picnics, outings and other happy events.

The last Monday in May is observed as Memorial Day or Decoration Day. It is a legal holiday in memory of all the servicemen that died fighting for our country's freedom. Memorial Day was first observed in 1868. The third Saturday of every May since 1950 is called Armed Forces Day. It honors all the men and women of the United States Military services.

The other special date in May that is important to all of us is Mother's Day. It comes on the second Sunday in May which this year is May 10. As early as 1872, Julia Ward Howe, made known a suggestion for having a Mother's Day. In 1907 Anna Jarvis began a campaign for a nationwide observance of Mother's Day. On May 9, 1914, Mother's Day received national recognition and in 1915 President Woodrow Wilson was authorized to proclaim Mother's Day as an annual national observance. Although Mother's Day is nationally observed only one day a year, it's always nice to remember mothers throughout the year with

something special like flowers or a gift.

Falafel Balls

2 cups canned chickpeas, drained and mashed
 1/2 tsp. salt
 1/4 tsp. hot pepper sauce
 shortening for deep fat frying
 1/4 tsp. pepper
 2 cups fine dry bread crumbs
 2 Tbsp. melted shortening
 2 eggs

To mashed chickpeas add all ingredients except melted shortening and eggs. Stir thoroughly. Add eggs which have been beaten. Stir in melted shortening. Shape mix into balls about 1/2 inch in diameter. Roll balls in crumbs. Fry a few at a time in deep hot fat for 2 or 3 minutes until golden brown. Remove and dry on absorbent paper. Makes about 15 balls.

What's a birthday without cupcakes? The kids can help make these.

Banana Chocolate Cupcakes

1 package (18 1/2 oz.) regular banana cake mix
 3/4 cup sugar
 1/2 cup unsweetened cocoa
 1 1/2 cups water
 1/4 cup vegetable oil
 2 eggs
 1 cup mashed ripe bananas

Combine dry cake mix, sugar, cocoa, oil, eggs and mashed bananas in large mixing bowl; beat on low speed until moistened. Then beat 2 minutes on medium speed until smooth. Fill paper lined muffin cups 3/4 full with batter. Bake at 350 degrees for 15-20 minutes, or until tester comes out clean. Cool; frost as desired.

Here is a delicious cake that any mother will enjoy making or eating.

Chocolate Chip Raisin Cake

1 cup hot water
 1 tsp. baking soda

1 cup raisins
 1 cup butter or margarine
 1 cup sugar
 3 eggs
 1/8 to 1/4 cup orange juice
 1 tsp. vanilla
 3 cups flour
 2 tsp. baking powder
 6 oz. package chocolate chips

Mix hot water, baking soda, and raisins, refrigerate 1 hour. Cream margarine and sugar; add eggs. Drain raisins, reserving the liquid. Add raisin liquid to orange juice and vanilla. Sift together flour, baking powder; add raisins and chocolate chips. Add to creamed mixture, then add liquid. Pour into a well greased tube pan. Bake at 350 degree oven for 1 hour.

Happy birthday to Israel! Happy Mother's Day! Enjoy!

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Older Americans

By Arnold Lieberman,
Executive Director



The month of May has been designated "Older Americans Month" for 1987. Older Americans are becoming a more significant segment of our population as their numbers continue to increase dramatically. Older Americans have also become more significant in the

caseload of our agency as they represent an increasingly larger percentage of the people we serve.

This group of people, who we label older, elderly, or senior citizens, is as diverse as any other group of 27 million people. The only thing they all have in common is that they are all at least 65 years old. Therefore I am reluctant to speak about what "they" need or how "they" live.

Due to the great amount of publicity that older Americans have received, there are many misconceptions about the people of this age group. Bear in mind that 27 million is a lot of people, but, for example, less than 4% are living in institutions, while 65% live with family. However, everyone seems to agree that the group that is most at risk are the approx-

imately 8 million older people who live alone. A recent survey showed that over 75% of these people are women and over 80% are widowed.

Apart from the expected problems of aging, economic conditions further complicate their lives. Of these people living alone, over 25% subsist on incomes below the federal poverty line. Sixty-four percent receive no private pension; Medicare is the only form of health insurance for 22%; and only 25% are covered by Medicaid.

Regarding government programs, the alleged "safety net" is not working. It has been said that, "Widows have economic ills that are more serious than physical ills." Again there is another side to the coin. Of those living alone 21% still give regular financial aid to family or friends, while only 5% receive regular help. These figures go

against the common image of the elderly as an economic drain on their children.

Our elderly Jewish population in Delaware appears to be representative of the larger general population. A segment are in good shape physically and economically; another segment live at the Kutz Home or in other institutional settings; others live with families or on their own.

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Death And Dying Casket Selection

By ALAN SCHOENBERG

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Caskets may be of pine, poplar, oak, maple, cherry, mahogany yet may still conform to the ritual requirements. They may range in price from about \$500 to several thousands of dollars. They range from basic, unstained to the finest furniture finishes.

This may also apply to non-orthodox caskets. With the addition of metal hardware, cloth outer coverings, and assorted finishes the choice of caskets is broadened.

Metal and fiberglass caskets are available. These materials are used also in those caskets described as protective caskets. This type of casket can be sealed air and water tight, thus protecting the deceased from the elements at least for some time. They also inhibit the escape of the elements of decomposition from the caskets. The protective caskets are widely selected for entombment in mausoleums.

More elaborate styles of caskets may incorporate the

use of copper or bronze. Some of these caskets may range in price from \$5000 to \$30,000 or more.

On the other hand, there are caskets designed for direct cremation. These may be cardboard, or presswood, or a combination of both. They offer the necessary strength yet at a very reasonable cost.

Another consideration is casket rental. There are caskets designed to be rented for viewing or visitations. Afterward the deceased may be cremated without the use of a casket or without a cardboard casket.

Caskets are usually a standard size. However there are exceptions. In the New York area some cemeteries place size restrictions or extra charges for standard size or

larger caskets. Therefore many orthodox pines are a little smaller than usual. Also most casket manufacturers make oversize caskets when needed. These caskets are substantially more expensive than their standard size counterparts.

Since caskets can vary so extensively according to material, finish, workmanship, and cost, in order to make an educated, informed choice a person might consider obtaining information about caskets in detail before the need arises.

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We have big family seders every year. My brother-in-law and his wife and their six-month-old baby were there. I used to think of them as one of the happiest couples I knew. But at the seder table they kept putting each other down, blaming each other for things and making nasty jokes at the baby's expense. They were absolutely unpleasant to be with. After my own experience with counseling, I could see that they did it because they were unhappy. I see this couple only once or twice a year, but I would like to suggest to them that they go to counseling. How do I

broach the subject without being pushy?

Things Could Be Better

Dear Things,

Unlike some sophisticated New Yorkers, who can nonchalantly say, "My therapist says that..." we Delawareans usually regard therapy as a private matter. Therefore you will have to handle this in a personal way. Next time you speak to him or her (invent an excuse if you must) you can use their complaints or put-downs as a pretext for mentioning your own experiences with counseling. For example, if she blames her husband for not being supportive, you might say (if true) that you felt that way about your father before you went to counseling... If they seem receptive, you can even recommend your counselor to them. If they are not receptive, back off. You can't give more than another person is ready to receive. Good luck.

Rachel

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Obituaries

Bessie Caney

Bessie Caney, 83, of 1401 Pennsylvania Ave., died Wednesday, April 15 at home.

Mrs. Caney was a homemaker.

She was a member of Congregation Beth Shalom.

Her husband, Benjamin, died in 1975. She is survived by a brother, Jacob Cutler of Media, Pa., and several nieces and nephews.

Graveside services were in the Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth section of the Jewish Community Cemetery on Foulk Road.

In memoriam the family suggests contributions to Congregation Beth Shalom, 18th Street and Baynard Boulevard, Wilmington, 19802.

Helen Goldstone

Helen Goldstone, 69, of 1750 N.E. 191st St., N. Miami Beach, Fla., formerly of Wilmington, died Monday, April 20 at home.

Mrs. Goldstone was a homemaker.

She was a past matron of the Delaware Link of the Order of the Golden Chain and a past president of the Jewish War Veterans Auxiliary in Wilmington.

She was a past president of the Hope Center in North Miami Beach.

Her husband, Abraham,

died several years ago. She is survived by a daughter, Regina G. Cohen of Holly Oak, Del.; six brothers, Albert Jacobs of Boca Raton, Leon of Claymont, Del., Bertram, Dr. Lawrence and Maurice, all of Wilmington, and Irv of Hockessin, Del.; a sister, Esther Goldberg of Wilmington; three grandchildren and a great-granddaughter.

Services were in Schoenberg Memorial Chapel, 519 Philadelphia Pike, Wilmington.

Interment was in the Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth section of the Jewish Community Cemetery, Foulk Road, Wilmington.

In memoriam the family suggests contributions to the Hope Center, care of Sally Brickman, 1750 N.E. 191st St., apartment 808, North Miami Beach, Fla. 33179.

Flora Cohen

Flora Cohen, 79, of 8324 Society Drive, Claymont, died Tuesday, April 21 in Christiana Hospital.

She leaves no immediate survivors.

Graveside services were held in Roosevelt Memorial Park, Trevese, Pa.

In memoriam the family suggests contributions to the American Cancer Society of Delaware Inc., 1708 Lovering Ave., Wilmington 19806.



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New Castle, DE 19720**Organizations in the News****Beth Emeth Brotherhood**

The Beth Emeth Brotherhood in cooperation with the B'nai B'rith Men and Women of Delaware is sponsoring a Sunday morning breakfast meeting on May 10 at Beth Emeth.

"Creating Jewish Memories," an excellent program for people of all generations and life situations, which was developed by B'nai B'rith Women, will be presented. It is about the choices of the past and the opportunities for living an enriching Jewish life in the future. It features a diverse cast of characters in search for what has shaped their Jewish identity.

The morning service will begin at 9:15 a.m. followed by breakfast at 9:30 and the program at 10. The program will conclude with a discussion period.

Since this is also Mothers Day, why not take your mother, your wife, or your entire family out to breakfast? The cost is \$2.50 per person. Although reservations are not required, they would be appreciated.

Contact Phil or Sheila Weinberg, 475-4962.

Caesar's Casino Trip

An all-day bus trip to Caesar's Casino has been planned for Sunday, May 31. The bus will leave Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth, Washington Blvd. & Torah Drive, at 9:30 a.m. and will return to AKSE at 7 p.m. The cost is \$12 and includes \$11 in coins, \$3.50 food voucher and \$7.50 deferred voucher in addition to bus transportation. Reservations are needed by May 20. The trip will be cancelled if the bus is not filled. For reservations, please call: Rhonda Lehr 475-0573 or Vivian Goldberg 478-7250.

Beth Shalom Sisterhood

The Sisterhood of Congregation Beth Shalom will hold its annual donor luncheon on Wednesday, May 6, at 11:30 a.m. in the Gibstein Auditorium. A catered luncheon will precede the festivities.

Lillian Balick is presenting the program "The American Musical Theater in the 20th Century." The performance will be in word and song featuring Lillian Balick and two additional performers. The funding for this program has been granted by the Delaware Humanities Forum.

Beth Emeth Sisterhood

The regular monthly meeting of the Congregation Beth Emeth Sisterhood will be held on Tuesday, May 12. A special luncheon is being prepared, followed by a ceremony of the installation of officers of the board of directors of the Sisterhood for the coming season, 1987-88. A musical interlude will take place during the luncheon. Please make reservations for complimentary child-sitting and luncheon by calling Carole Bernstein at 475-6259.

Although this event is the final meeting of the season, Sisterhood members will be occupied during the summer months in planning for interesting and enjoyable luncheon meetings for next season.

Wilmington Hadassah

Spring arrives with Hadassah's progressive dinner on Sunday, May 17, in Chalfonte. The dinner begins with appetizers at 5 p.m. at the home of Mitzi and Elliot Echt, 2526 Berwyn Road. Next, the main course will be served at the home of Phyllis and Jordan Warshafsky, 2534 Raven Road. Capping the evening will be dessert at the home of Ruth and Al Goodman, 2806 Bodine Drive.

The cost is \$10 per person for members and guests. The proceeds of the evening will go to the Hadassah Medical Organization.

Paid reservations are being accepted by: Eva Weissman, 478-4514, 9 Devon Court, Wilm., DE 19810; Suzi Grumbacher, 764-8050, 300 Woodland Dr., Wilm. DE 19809; Mitzi Echt, 478-4964, 2526 Berwyn Road, Wilm., DE 19810.

Advance reservations are necessary, as reservations will be limited to 50 persons.

Jewish War Veterans

The Jewish War Veterans of Delaware will hold their annual convention on May 31, at Temple Beth Shalom, 18th & Baynard Blvd. at 9 a.m. The program will begin with morning services conducted by Norm Robbins and Is Weiner, followed by a delicious breakfast and installations of newly elected officers. National Judge Advocate Jack Litz will be the installing officer and keynote speaker. Joining him is past National Commander Sam Greenberg.

Members, wives, and ladies auxiliary are invited to attend. There will be no charge

for this affair. The convention will be over by 11:30 a.m.

At 12 noon — there will be memorial services at the Jewish Community Cemetery to pay respect to our fallen veterans. Services will be led by Chaplain Rabbi Jacob Kraft. Every member is urged to attend, family members are invited to help pay respect for these veterans.

Beth Emeth Sisterhood Bazaar

The semi-annual bazaar of the Sisterhood Congregation Beth Emeth will be held in the auditorium at 300 Lea Blvd. on Wednesday and Thursday, May 6 and 7, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Items for sale include clothing for all the family, toys, books, games, furniture, bric-a-brac, household goods & appliances, costume jewelry, etc. Admission is free and all in the community are welcome.

Shalom Singles Spring Calendar

The Shalom Singles have planned the following spring activities:

Saturday, May 9 - 8:30 p.m. - Comedy Cabaret - 410 Market Street, Wilmington. For reservations, mail an \$8 check to Edie Jacobsohn, 121 W. 39th Street, Wilmington, DE 19802 before May 2.

Sunday, May 17 - 2 to 4 p.m. - Jewish Community Center, 101 Garden of Eden Road, Wilmington - Dessert & Coffee, with guest speaker: David Fleming, executive director, Grand Opera House. Free to Shalom Singles members, guests \$1 at the door. No reservations necessary.

Friday, May 22 - 7 p.m. - Talleyville Fire Hall, Concord Pike (just south of Silverside Road), Wilmington-P.W.P. (Parents without Partners) Dance. Please call Joan or Betty to arrange seating. \$5 at the door.

Friday, June 5 - 7 p.m. - Brandywine Terrace, 3416 Philadelphia Pike, Wilmington - Brandywine Pops Concert. No charge.

Sunday, June 14 - 9:30 a.m. - Trip to Baltimore Harbor - To carpool, we'll meet at the rear parking lot of the Sheraton-Brandywine Inn, 4724 Concord Pike, Wilmington. Pack a picnic lunch, or plan on eating in one of the numerous restaurants located at the harbor. Visit the aquarium and see the sights.

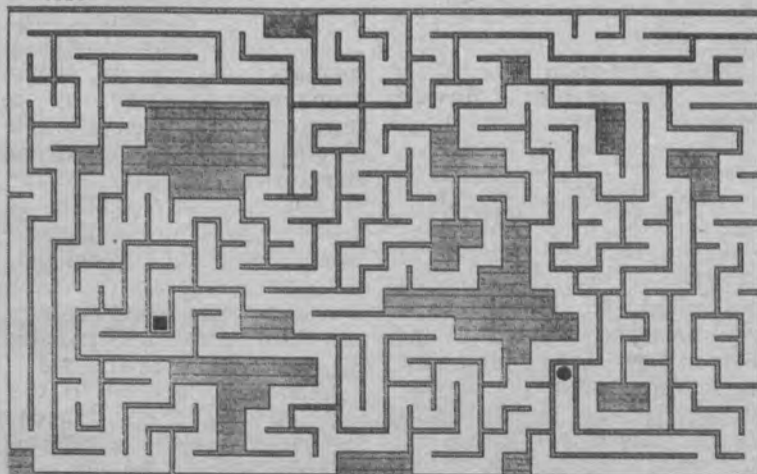
All Jewish singles 35 years and older are invited to attend. For more information, please call Joan Zinman (302) 762-4039 or Betty Rosen (302) 478-5838.

Teen Scene

Bye Bye Birdie

Every Wednesday night and Sunday afternoon you can see teens all over the JCC singing, dancing, playing in the band, working on sets, getting ready for our production of "Bye Bye Birdie." The dates of this show are June 20 and June 21. New friendships are being made and everyone is having lots of fun. If you are interested in joining teens from the Delaware community in this gala production contact Shelly Gitomer, Teen Program coordinator, at the JCC, 478-5660 ext. 217.

Can You Figure Out This Maze?



Teen Seder (Grades 9-12)

On Tuesday, April 7, 55 teens from Beth Emeth Pre-Confirmation, Bikkurim, Gratz and Midrasha got together for a Freedom Seder at the JCC. Scott Berger, Brian Domchick, Joy Ellick, Jason Pollack, Alison Remsen, Nicole Tenenbaum and Shelley Gitomer, Teen Program coordinator wrote the Freedom Haggadah which was used for the seder. The group adopted a Soviet Family and spoke about symbols of freedom that are taken for granted each day. All in all, fun was had by everyone.

Volleyball And Dinner (Grades 7-12)

DATE: Tuesday, May 19
TIME: 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.
PLACE: JCC
COST: \$2.75
Call the JCC to sign-up 478-5660
DEADLINE TO REGISTER: Sunday, May 17.

Thank Yous

We have two very special thank yous that go out to families in our community. The first thank you goes out to the Lubaroff Family for housing our two visiting Israeli students, Ayelet Amrani and Avi Natan. The second thank you goes out to the Woloshin Family for donating a pinball machine to the teens of Delaware. The new pinball machine is located in the office of Shelley Gitomer, Teen Program coordinator. Thanks again to the Lubaroffs and the Woloshins.

JCC Teen Hangout

JCC TEEN HANGOUT (GRADES 9 THROUGH 12)
DATE: Saturday, May 30
TIME: 8 p.m. to 11 p.m.
PLACE: JCC
COST: \$3.50
Call the JCC to sign-up, 478-5660.
DEADLINE TO REGISTER: Thursday, May 28.

Answer To Last Brain Teaser

The answer to the last brain teaser in the April 3, Teen Page Issue of the Jewish Voice is the number 8!!

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For additional information, please contact the Jewish Community Center.

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Registration is now being accepted for the 1987-88 school year. Please call Arlene or Janine at (302) 478-5660 to reserve your spot for the Fall.

The Alfred I DuPont Institute will host the 8th Annual Delaware Wheelchair Games on June 5, 6 and 7, 1987. The swimming competition will be held at the Jewish Community Center pool on Friday, June 5, 1987. The competition will begin at 3:00 p.m. with warm-ups at 2:30 p.m.

The community is invited to attend. Anyone interested in working as a volunteer, please contact Susan Dowdell at (302) 478-5660.

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Beth Emeth Notables Selected For ARZA Slate

Three prominent members of Congregation Beth Emeth of Wilmington, all active in Jewish and community causes, are among approximately 200 distinguished citizens nationwide who have been chosen to represent Reform Judaism on the ARZA slate in the World Zionist Congress elections.

Constance S. Kreshtool, Dian Pevar and Joan Wachstein were named to the ARZA slate in recognition of their commitment to Israel and their services to Reform Judaism. ARZA -- the Association of Reform Zionists of America -- is the Israel arm of the Reform Movement. ARZA works to strengthen Israel politically and financially. As a Reform organization, it is particularly concerned with promoting religious rights in Israel, Progressive Judaism in Israel, and equitable funding for Israel's non-Orthodox religious institutions.

Kreshtool, immediate past president of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods, is a member of the ARZA National Executive Committee. She also serves on the boards of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, the Hebrew Union



Constance Kreshtool

College-Jewish Institute of Religion, the World Union for Progressive Judaism, and the Jewish Braille Institute.

The endowment director of the Jewish Federation of Delaware, Kreshtool is a major figure in Jewish and community life. She has served as president of Beth Emeth and its sisterhood, of the Jewish Community Center and of the Kutz Foundation. She has been on the boards of the Jewish Family Service, the Kutz Home, the Urban Coalition and United Way.

Delaware Today has honored Connie Kreshtool as one of "Delaware's Thirty Most Important Women." She was cited for outstanding community service by the Delaware Region's National Conference of Christians and Jews, and received the 1983 Harry Cohn Leadership Award of the Wilmington Jewish Community Center.

Dian Pevar is active in ARZA and Beth Emeth synagogue; she now resides in Kennett Square, Pennsylvania. She attended the last two Congresses of the



Dian Pevar



Joan Wachstein

World Zionist Organization. Her husband Leonard, also a Beth Emeth member, is president of the Philadelphia Area Zionist Federation, and is on the ARZA slate as well.

For her many civic contributions, Joan Wachstein received the 1985 "Community Builder" Award of the National Conference of Christians and Jews. Wachstein is treasurer of both the Jewish Federation of Delaware and the Jewish Family Service, as well as Board member of the UAHC Mid-Atlantic Council. She has been president of

Beth Emeth Sisterhood and of NFTS District #8, and is a National NFTS Board member.

A member of Hadassah, B'nai B'rith Women and Women's American ORT, Wachstein is active in her professional field, in state and National Dental Hygienists Associations, and on the Junior Board of the Delaware Medical Center.

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