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JFD Board Approves New Lease And Population Study

By DAN WEINTRAUB
 Editor Of The Jewish Voice

On Thursday evening, February 16, the Board of Directors of the Jewish Federation of Delaware (JFD) approved the signing of a lease for office space for JFD in the Community Services Building on Tenth Street between Orange and Shipley Streets. The Community

Services Building, formerly the Montchanin Building, once refurbished will house many Delaware non-profit agencies.

"In deciding to relocate to the new Community Services Building, Federation joins other Delaware non-profit agencies in a venture that is both historic and beneficial to the community's future while simultaneously giv-

ing Albert Einstein Academy the space it needs to grow," said Judy Wortman, Executive Director of The Jewish Federation of Delaware (JFD).

At the meeting of the Board of Directors of JFD, it was announced that JFD would occupy the 6th floor of the Community Service Building beginning in July. This will be a temporary space in DuPont offices until the completion of the new JFD space on the third floor. The JFD will lease 3040 square feet. Once the parking garage is completed, in about nine months, free parking for six vehicles will be provided. A letter of intent had been signed in November. Richard A. Levine, who has been working on the lease with a number of attorneys representing other non-profit agencies presented the report.

Albert Einstein Academy (AEA), an elemen-

tary Jewish day school, is located on the campus of the Jewish Community Center in Talleyville.

The school's growth has already required the construction of a portable classroom this year. With JFD vacating space directly downstairs from AEA the school will be able to expand to meet current demands.

The Board of Directors also approved a proposed Population Study and Needs Assessment. The study will be conducted by Dr. Jacob Ukeles of New York who has conducted many such studies and developed strategic plans for numbers of Jewish Federations throughout the country. The study will take a year to complete and will provide data essential for community planning including the size of Delaware's Jewish population, demographic information, and needs for services.



JERUSALEM -- Jewish women cry during the funeral of Rabbi Shlomo Zilman Auerbach Feb. 20. More than 300,000 people gathered to mourn the sage who died at age 84 Feb. 19. Auerbach, one of the world's leading authorities on Jewish law, was respected and mourned by all sectors of the often fragmented Orthodox Jewish community. CREDIT: RNS PHOTO/Reuters (Reproduction rights not transferable)

Peres Plans Meeting In Cairo Amid Tense Period In Relations

By Naomi Segal

JERUSALEM, — (JTA) Foreign Minister Shimon Peres is expected to visit Cairo soon for talks with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak aimed at easing tensions about regional nuclear- weapons issues. The Peres-Mubarak meeting is being planned amid rising friction in relations between the two countries. Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin last week referred to an "ill wind blowing in Egypt's Foreign Ministry." He also maintained that Egypt, in an effort to pressure Israel to sign the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty when it comes up for renewal in April, has tried to influence the African states of Tanzania, Comoros and Djibouti not to establish ties with Israel.

Egypt has threatened not to sign the nuclear pact unless Israel also signs. Israel, which is widely believed to have nuclear weapons, has said it will not sign the treaty as long as countries openly hostile to Israel, such as Iran, Iraq and Libya, continue to try to acquire nuclear weapons. Signing the treaty would require

Israel to open its nuclear facilities to international inspections. Peres said that his government would not sign the treaty and then violate its terms, which he accused some of the region's radical regimes of doing. "We're not Iraq and Iran," he said. "We are a serious country. When we sign, we don't cheat."

The Israeli daily Ha'aretz reported that the United States has warned Cairo not to condition its signing of the treaty on Israel's participation.

According to the report, American officials warned that by demanding Israel's participation in the treaty's renewal, Egypt could endanger its relations with Washington. Egypt currently receives \$2.1 billion in U.S. foreign aid annually. In Cairo on Monday, Moussa sounded a conciliatory note, saying there had been "some movement" on the issue. Speaking to reporters after meeting with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, Moussa spoke of an Israeli proposal to allow Egyptian officials to tour Israeli nuclear sites. An Israeli official on Sunday reportedly confirmed that his gov-



JERUSALEM -- Shimon Shamir, 46, a former Israeli ambassador to Egypt, was named the first Israeli ambassador to Jordan Feb. 16. Shamir will head to Amman in about a month, five months after Israel and Jordan signed their historic peace accord. CREDIT: RNS PHOTO/Reuters (Reproduction rights not transferable)

ernment had made an offer for Egyptian nuclear scientists to visit Israel and meet with their Israeli counterparts.

In recent months Egypt sponsored a conference with Syria and Saudi Arabia and later a conference among Egypt, Israel, Jordan and the Palestinian Authority.

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LATE BITS

(The following summaries relate to late breaking stories and other items of interest. Much of what follows was not available in a more substantial form at press time. These news summaries are adapted from what has been provided by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency (JTA).

TEL AVIV — The race for the chairmanship of the Jewish Agency is over, with Knesset member Avraham Burg crowned the victor. What changes are in store and what does it mean for American Jews?

JERUSALEM — Israel's relations with Egypt have reached an all-time low as Egypt pushes for Israel to sign the nuclear non-proliferation treaty.

JERUSALEM — Hundreds of thousands of Orthodox Jews attend the funeral for Rabbi Shlomo Zalman Auerbach, one of the world's leading authorities on Jewish law.

JERUSALEM — As Israel eases closure of the territories, PLO leader Yasser Arafat convenes his PLO executive to assess the state of peace talks.

JERUSALEM — Israel categorically denies a report in a German publication that Israel and Iran are negotiating over the release of missing Israeli airman Ron Arad.

TEL AVIV — Tel Aviv appoints a woman to its religious council.

TEL AVIV — Twelve adopted children are converted by Conservative officials at the Conservative Kibbutz Hanaton.

JERUSALEM — Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin selects a new head of Shin Bet, Israel's domestic intelli-

gence agency.

JERUSALEM — The Labor Party moves to prevent legislation that would increase the Knesset majority needed to approve territorial concessions on the Golan Heights.

JOHANNESBURG — South Africa establishes diplomatic ties with the "State of Palestine."

NEW YORK — Nazi hunter Serge Klarsfeld announces the findings of his investigation into the alleged Nazi ties of an influential French businessman affiliated with L'Oreal.

NEW YORK — The Justice Department's Nazi-hunting unit is investigating the wartime activities of French businessman Andre Bettencourt, who has links to L'Oreal.

BERLIN — An American Jewish Committee delegation discusses Germany's relations with Iran during meetings with high-level officials here.

BUDAPEST — Romanian officials uncover the last remains of stolen treasures from the Budapest Jewish Museum.

JERUSALEM — Israel and Jordan reach an aviation agreement.

JERUSALEM — The Bank of Israel announces the lowering of the prime lending rates.

BRUSSELS — The European Parliament decides to establish a branch of the London-based Interparliamentary Council against Anti-Semitism.

WASHINGTON — Jewish groups gear up to oppose Republican proposals to overhaul the welfare system.

News Analysis

U.S. Banking Boom In Israel

By **ELMER L. WINTER**

Chairman, Committee for
Economic Growth of Israel

Each day, it seems, another sign goes up in Israel, announcing the opening of an American investment bank, venture capital company or accounting firm. U.S. advertising agencies and other service companies are also having a field day starting up Israeli branches in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv and other cities. The rush is on because these companies want to get in on the ground floor as the peace process — despite its almost daily peaks and troughs — continues to move steadily ahead.

What is happening is that many of the most conservative executives in the American business community — the financial people — have accepted the premise that Israel is likely to become the financial center of the Middle East, fulfilling a role like that of Switzerland in Europe. American bankers and financial experts now see tiny Israel as the fiscal capital of the region, catering to the needs of a population of 200 million Arabs.

Even Israel's Finance Minister Avraham Shohat, a realist not known for wearing rose-colored glasses, has waxed optimistic about Israel's economy and future. He notes that the necessary increase in regional projects and investment "will require rapid development of financial services" and that "Israel stands ready to become the financial center of the new Middle East."

Here are some unpublicized recent developments:

- Lehman Brothers has opened an office in Israel and other major investment banks are showing increasing signs of interest.

- Paine Webber (USA) will be the lead underwriter in a forthcoming ZIM Israel Navigation Company offering on Wall Street.

- Morgan Stanley is reported to be

one of 16 American banking houses and underwriting firms bidding on the second public offering of government-owned Israel Chemicals. The multimillion dollar issue carries a 7 percent fee for the successful bidder. Morgan Stanley has also been retained by the Israeli government to advise it on the privatization of Bezeq, the government-owned telecommunications authority.

- Goldman Sachs Co. and private investors, including the Tisch family, have invested in the newly-created Renaissance Fund in Israel, which was established with \$157 million in start-up capital.

- Citibank is reported to be in the midst of advanced negotiations with the Bank of Israel and is planning to establish an office in Tel Aviv.

- Republic Bank of New York will establish a Republic Israel investment fund specializing in investment in Israel. It expects to raise \$150 million this year.

- Chase Manhattan and Bank Leumi will cooperate in issuing negotiable certificates of deposit for shares of Israeli companies on U.S. and other exchanges.

On the heels of the banks and investment institutions are the major American accounting organizations that are moving into Israel through joint ventures with Israeli CPA firms. The U.S. companies include Coopers and Lybrand, Ernst & Young, Deloitte and Touche, Price Waterhouse and KPMG-Peat Marwick. The only one of the Big Six accounting firms still unrepresented in Israel is Arthur Andersen, which is reported to be negotiating with the Israeli firm of Luboshitz Kasirer.

The American firms will not only provide auditing services to their 200 client companies now operating facilities in Israel but will offer such managerial functions as restructuring

corporations, improving efficiency and productivity, reducing start-up time for new products and devising global marketing strategies.

Why the rush to Israel at this time? With peace and stability on the horizon and the rapid erosion of the Arab boycott, savvy financial professionals in the United States realize that the peace process has passed the point of no return, increasing prospects for regional stability and eventual economic cooperation between Israel and the Arab states.

The ebbing of the boycott has reduced the fear of American financial institutions that doing business with Israel will lose markets in the Arab world. Six Arab governments — members of the Gulf Cooperation Council — have said they will no longer enforce the secondary and tertiary boycotts of the Jewish state and have pledged to encourage other Arab countries to follow suit.

Another reason for the growing interest of U.S. banks stems from Israel's economic expansion, which has exceeded 5 percent annually over the last five years. All indicators forecast a continuation of this outstanding record in the foreseeable future, especially in high tech development. Banks, investment institutions and other service organizations go where the money is and where risk is low and the prospect of future profits is high.

Leading members of America's financial community, who were reluctant to go to Israel in the past, are now edging each other to get on the bandwagon. They know a good thing when they see one. Can you blame them?

(Elmer L. Winter, chairman of the Committee for Economic Growth of Israel, was a co-founder and long-time president of Manpower, Inc. the world's largest temporary help agency.)

years became the loudest and most vicious critics.

In the past, differences would be put aside when there was a confrontation between the Israeli and American governments, as in the case of the loan guarantees, or when President Bush publicly questioned the patriotism of American Jews. But today when relations between Jerusalem and Washington are closer than ever and the U.S. Administration is fully supportive and accessible to the Jewish community, the conflict seems to be turning inward, Jew vs. Jew.

In the eighties some American Jewish far leftists were harshly critical of Israeli leaders, but they rarely came from the organized Jewish community and lacked recognized credentials as supporters of Israel. In fact, many were more associated with the Palestinian cause than Israel and thus had little credibility and less impact. Today's right wing fringe groups, however, have Jewish and Zionist roots. Thus they bring the debate into the Jewish community as never before.

Aggravating the situation is the encouragement they get from Israeli political figures. All the Israeli parties are guilty of exporting their do-

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News Analysis

Jew vs. Jew

By **DOUGLAS M. BLOOMFIELD**

Washington Columnist

The American Jewish community has developed a rather effective citizen-lobbying operation over the past two generations in support of policies and programs it considered important and to advance US-Israeli friendship.

It successfully fought battles against a variety of forces from domestic foes like the Ku Klux Klan and home-grown Nazis to Israel's Arab enemies. Sometimes the opposition was a U.S. Administration or some of its officials or an occasional member of Congress.

Internecine Jewish warfare was usually confined to personalities or institutional rivalries outside the public view. For many years differences over Israeli policy were kept within the family. They came into full public view with the 1982 war in Lebanon and attempts to kindle or kill peace talks over the next decade.

The left denounced the policies of Likud Prime Ministers Menachem Begin and Yitzhak Shamir. Ameri-

can rabbis called from the pulpit for Begin and his defense minister, Ariel Sharon, to resign in the wake of the Sabra and Shatilla massacres. Some American Jewish leaders publicly questioned Shamir's seriousness about negotiating peace with the Arabs. The right in turn denounced those critics for making their disagreements public. One obviously confused Israeli diplomat in Washington even admonished American Jews, "It's your duty to support your prime minister."

For the most part there was a high degree of unity, however. Responsible community and organizational leaders met privately to discuss differences, and when feelings were strongest, they went personally to Jerusalem and spoke directly to the prime minister and other leaders.

But all that was polite dissent compared to the explosions following Labor's election in 1992 and the Oslo agreement with the PLO a year later. Suddenly many who considered it verboten to disagree with any Israeli government during Likud

BRIEFS

Software For "Virtual" Multimedia Meetings Developed Based On Weizmann Research

REHOVOT, Israel, — "Virtual" conferences and other gatherings involving multimedia presentations can now be held thanks to software designed by a new Rehovot-based company Ubique Ltd. on the basis of a Weizmann Institute programming environment.

The software, Virtual Places, makes it possible to create Internet-based online services where people can meet and communicate in real time, share multimedia information and hold live audio and textual conversations. These services enable companies to connect employees, vendors, customers and partners worldwide. In addition to conferences, this capability can be exploited to create trade shows, customer service centers, sales and marketing venues and training facilities.

Virtual Places arose out of a shared programming environment developed by Prof. Ehud Shapiro of the Weizmann Institute's Department of Applied Mathematics and Computer Science during his decade-long participation in Japan's Fifth Generation Project, aimed at developing advanced technology for artificial intelligence applications. Within the framework of that project, Shapiro invented Flat Concurrent Prolog, a programming language that uses rules of logic rather than computational instructions. The Weizmann Institute of Science, in Rehovot, Israel, is one of the world's foremost centers of scientific research and graduate study.

Egypt Bars Publication of 'Jerusalem Post'

By NAOMI SEGAL

JERUSALEM, (JTA) — Egypt has barred distribution of the Jerusalem Post following publication of an article that was critical of several Egyptian officials.

Israel Radio reported that the newspaper's editor-in-chief, David Bar-Illan, expressed surprise that a country which has peaceful relations with Israel would bar a newspaper because of an article that appeared in it.

The article criticized Egyptian Foreign Minister Amre Moussa and presidential political adviser Osama el-Baz for displaying insensitivity toward Israel.



BAQURA, Israeli-Jordanian border -- Israeli and Jordanian senior army officers shake hands Feb. 9 at the end of a ceremony completing the return of land by Israel to Jordan. Israeli troops pulled back from about 500 acres, completing the withdrawal under the terms of the 1994 peace treaty. CREDIT:RNS PHOTO/Reuters (Reproduction rights not transferable)



WASHINGTON -- President Clinton and Secretary of State Warren Christopher preside at a meeting between Israeli and Arab ministers at the Blair House Feb. 12. On the far left is Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres; on the far right is Palestinian Minister Nabil Sha'ath. CREDIT: RNS PHOTO/Reuters (Reproduction rights not transferable)

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Survey of Palestinians Shows Opposition To Talks

By JENNIFER BATOG

WASHINGTON, (JTA) — A new public opinion poll shows that most Palestinians oppose continuing to negotiations with Israel. Opposition to continuing unconditional talks with Israel has jumped to 81 percent, the highest number since immediately after the Hebron massacre last February in which a Jewish settler killed 29 Muslims, according to a poll conducted by the Center for Palestine Research and Studies.

In September 1994, a year after Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization signed its peace accord, Palestinian opposition to the process was at 40 percent.

Only 14.1 percent of those surveyed supported continuing unconditional peace talks. Many said Israel should stop its expansion of settlements before talks could proceed.

The Center for Palestine Research and Studies conducted the poll from Feb. 2 to 4 in the Gaza Strip and

West Bank.

Among the findings:

*More than 55 percent believe that the peace negotiations will lead to a Palestinian state, but 64.3 percent think Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's proposal to separate the West Bank and Gaza is a retaliatory and vindictive punishment. Only 15.8 think that this separation is the beginning of Israel's acceptance of a Palestinian state.

*If Palestinian elections were held now, PLO leader Yasser Arafat would win. His popularity rating was at an all-time high: 55.3 percent. So was approval of the PLO's Fatah political branch, for which 49.5 percent of the Palestinians expressed support.

Hoffman Looks At Welfare Reform; Cites Teenage Childbearing As Major Factor

By DAN WEINTRAUB

Editor Of The Jewish Voice

Professor Saul Hoffman, Department of Economics, at the University of Delaware was the featured speaker at Adas Kodesh Shel Emeth Congregation's (AKSE) Men's club Breakfast on February 19. Professor Hoffman spoke on the topic of "Poverty and Welfare Reform." Hoffman is an expert on the subject and author of the 1995 World Book annual Supplement on Welfare Reform. He has done extensive research in the area.

In an essay titled "Welfare Reform — Getting It Right" Hoffman wrote about the current political status of welfare reform, summarized his analysis of the present welfare system and offered his suggestions for meaningful change. Hoffman noted that last summer President Clinton proposed a two year time limit on welfare receipt as part of a broad package of reforms. After the November elections, he notes, Republicans in congress unveiled a plan to reform welfare by eliminating cash grants to teen mothers and to end the "entitlement" status of many programs Hoffman describes as "safety net programs" such as Aid for Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) and Food Stamps. Hoffman wrote that many states have their own welfare reform plans. He says Governor Carper's recently unveiled "A Better Chance" program calls for strict time limits on welfare receipt and would phase out the current welfare program with a system of training and jobs in 1999.

Hoffman reveals that despite widespread misconceptions that most welfare recipients are dependent for many years on welfare assistance; studies show that only about one in six recipients receives assistance for as long as eight or more years in a row. In fact, he says, about half of all welfare families receive benefits for less than two years in a row.

According to Hoffman, welfare dependency is not really the problem; the real problem is teenage childbearing. Hoffman says teenage childbearing is rising steadily and that it is the surest route to long-term welfare dependency. He notes that the teen birth rate in the U.S. is by far the highest of any country in the developed world. He adds that seventy-nine percent of teen births are to unmarried mothers.

According to his research, for a

child there are few more certain predictors of low economic status than the age and marital status of its mother.

Hoffman suggests that successful reform of the welfare system, which he describes as "reform that reduces dependency without creating economic hardship for children" must address the root problem of teenage childbearing. He says teenage childbearing is a factor which causes welfare dependence in the first place.

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Some observers suggest that progress in reducing teenage childbearing may face political obstacles. They look to the fate of Henry W. Foster, Jr., recently nominated by President Clinton to fill the position of Surgeon General, who has come under attack for performing abortions. Such criticism has obscured his credentials as an advocate against teenage pregnancy. According to the Associated Press, Foster made a name for himself by fighting teenage childbearing with his successful "I Have a Future" program in Tennessee. Foster's "I Have a Future" program teaches teenagers to delay sexual activity through a variety of tactics promoting abstinence. The program also provided contraceptives for teens in order to prevent the teenage childbearing associated with welfare dependency. Among the groups in opposition to Foster's nomination are the Southern Baptist Convention. The National Jewish Democratic Council (NJDC), among the groups supporting Foster's nomination, issued a statement referring to opponents of Foster's nomination as "the forces of anti-choice extremism."

In the conclusion of his section of the 1995 World Book annual Supplement on Welfare Reform, professor Hoffman states that after reform the system will demand more from mothers heading welfare families, it will insist that parents take more responsibility than they do today, and it will reduce poverty and dependency.

Welfare reform proposals have been closely watched by the National Jewish Community Relations Council (NJCRAC) with a concern that some proposals would diminish or eliminate certain social services upon which many depend. Activists have suggested that Jewish values dictate a concern for those less fortunate. Others worry that welfare reform will unfairly target immigrants and refugees. Many agree it seems likely that some form of welfare reform will be passed in the upcoming months.

Testifying on January 30, before the House Ways and Means subcommittee on Human Resources, Delaware's Congressman Michael Castle, spoke of the need to "change the nature of welfare in a fair compassionate way." Castle said that, "I believe the Contract With America's 'Personal Responsibility Act' could be moving too far toward punitive and potentially problematic solutions that could create as many problems as they solve." Castle further stressed the need to "still provide a minimum safety net for our children."



PARIS -- A model wears striped pajamas during the "Comme des garçons" fashion show by Japanese designer Rei Kawakubo Jan 27. The show, presented by thin models with shaved heads, caused an outcry by Jewish community leaders who say the models resemble WWII concentration camp victims. CREDIT: RNS PHOTO/ Reuters (Reproduction rights not transferable)

EDITORIAL

This Summer In Israel

For Jewish Delawareans, especially those in their high school or college years, there can be few better places to spend their Summer than in Israel. Young Jewish Americans go to Israel to connect to their heritage, to meet their Israeli peers and to have fun. Research has

indicated that young Jews who have visited Israel maintain stronger Jewish identities than those who have not. When the Israel trip is reinforced with other positive Jewish experiences, young people are more likely to marry other Jews. Israel programs vary widely and can focus on study, kibbutz experiences, archaeological digs, etc. NFTY, USY, NCSY, BBYO, Hadassah, and Gratz are among the organizations which offer programs in Israel for Jewish American youth.

Locally, the Jewish Federation of Delaware (JFD) will soon announce the recipients of Israel Experience scholarships which will help send fifteen high school age Delaware Jews

on a variety of such programs this Summer. These young people should be greatly enriched by these experiences. For other Jewish Delaware teens although it is past the time to qualify for one of this year's Israel Experience scholarships, it is not too late to sign up for an Israel Program this Summer.

The Jewish Community of Delaware Endowment Fund subsidizes undergraduates for study in Israeli universities through the Joseph and Marion Greenbaum Scholarship Fund. Students interested in applying for 1995-96 are encouraged to contact the Jewish Federation.

A New Excitement In Downtown Wilmington

Last week the Board of the Jewish Federation of Delaware (JFD) approved signing a lease for space in the Community Services Building in the city of Wilmington. Upon completion of renovations to the Montchanin Building on 10th Street, JFD will join other Delaware non-profit agencies in one location for the betterment of Delawareans. The JFD will benefit not only from the proximity to other non-profit agencies but also from the convenient location for volunteers of our community who work in downtown Wilmington. At the same time the space presently used by JFD will be a welcome addition to the growing

Albert Einstein Academy (AEA).

The Community Services Building is one sign of a new energy in Wilmington. We salute the Longwood Foundation and the DuPont Company for having the vision to develop and underwrite this project. In recent months several leading corporations have taken steps to relocate their operations into the city as well. This revitalizing process will change the landscape of Delaware life for years to come. It is the view of the Editorial Committee of *The Jewish Voice* that these recent developments are both positive and noteworthy.



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OPINION

The Rabbi Writes~

It's Hard To Be A Jew



By RABBI DAVID B. KAPLAN

Spiritual Leader of Temple Beth El

Growing up, I often heard my family say, "It is hard to be a Jew." As a child, I assumed they were referring to the number of mitzvot. It seemed that every area of life had a list of obligations and prohibitions. As an adult, I have come to believe that without the mitzvot, living Jewishly would be impossible. The mitzvot are the vehicles which make living according to Jewish ideals possible.

For example, the Torah states that when one sees his enemy's animal lost, he is required

to return the animal to his enemy. When one sees his enemy's animal stumbling under its load, one is required to help his enemy. It is understandable that one should love one's neighbor, but the Torah seems to be asking us to love our enemy.

At the end of the Amida we say, "My God, guard my tongue from evil and my lips from speaking falsehood. Help me to ignore those who slander me, and to be humble and forgiving to all." I do need God's help to accomplish this. The basic human tendency is to want to avenge one's losses, whether material or emotional. Yet, Judaism argues against vengeance. We are told that we should take no pleasure in our enemy's misfortune.

When we recite the ten plagues during the Passover seder, we remove one drop of wine for each of the plagues. Wine is a symbol of joy for us. The fact that others had to suffer in order for us to achieve freedom saddens us. Therefore, to demonstrate that we do not celebrate the pain of our enemies, we remove ten drops from our symbol of joy. There is a midrash that during the Exodus, when the Egyptians were drowning after the Israelites had made it safely to the other side, the angels began to sing. God then silenced the angels, reminding them that the Egyptians were also his people.

Only In Israel!

By TERRY DANNEMANN

Special To The Jewish Voice

Only in Israel! Only in Israel can one stay in three different hotels, in three different cities, Tel Aviv, Elat and Jerusalem, and celebrate Chanukah every night. As we checked in we saw a very prominent sign saying: "Candle lighting at such and such time."

Sure enough at the appointed time there was candle lighting, prayers, songs, and even dances while the hotel staff was passing around "sufganiyot" (doughnuts) to one and all, whether hotel guests, or just drop in visitors. Italian tourists, Scandinavian tourists, Oriental businessmen, everyone participated happily.

There were even more meaningful and moving celebrations, at least to me. In each hotel there was a large table reserved in the lobby for those who wished to have their own family celebration. One family after another would drift into the lobby with their own

candles and chanukiyot. Many of the chanukiyot were quite obviously handmade by children. Each member of the family would light their own candles and they would softly chant the blessings and sing their favorite songs. It was truly a heart warming experience. One really "felt Jewish" and at one with Jews everywhere.

We went to Israel for Chanukah because we were visiting our two grandsons, one who spent a semester at the University of Tel Aviv and one who is spending his Junior High School year in Pardes Chana. Both boys were off for Chanukah and we took them to Elat for a couple of days. There they went scuba diving with the dolphins. That was a real thrill.

Each time we visit Israel we see many changes and so it was this time. It seems that the economy is booming and the stores are busy. The traffic in Tel Aviv is almost as bad as that of New York. The hotel had many Oriental businessmen, something I have never

February 25 is Shabbat Shekalim. The additional Torah reading states that each person going out to war was to pay an amount of half a shekel to ransom his soul. According to the commentary in the Hertz Pentateuch, "This technical expression for 'ransom' occurs three times in the Torah and each time it refers to the money paid by one who is guilty of taking human life in circumstances that do not constitute murder... Such ransom was forbidden in the case of deliberate murder."

Shabbat Shekalim occurs on the Shabbat that we bless the month in which Purim falls. One might think that Purim is a time of complete rejoicing since Haman and his family were destroyed instead of the Jews. Yet, as we prepare for the holiday, we read a section of Torah which reminds us of two ideas. First, anyone who deliberately commits murder can not ransom himself by means of the half shekel. It also reminds us that we are not to take joy in the death of others.

Last year, a Jew took the lives of 29 Moslems in prayer. A small minority of Jews celebrated this atrocity. Jewish law forbids both the deliberate killing and the celebration of the killing. There are those who consider themselves to be observant of Jewish law and yet have condoned and applauded such action. Still, deliberately killing a human being is worse than eating non-kosher food or working on the Shabbat. We are familiar with the idea that the saving of life supersedes the observance of Shabbat, for in the Talmud (Yoma, 82a) we learn that, "Nothing but idolatry, adultery, and bloodshed must stand in the way of

saving a life."

It is easy to comprehend that one feels great anger and pain over the events taking place in the Middle East. It is not fair that as Israel tries to make peace with her neighbors, some of her extremist neighbors reward her efforts with terrorism. It is not fair that most countries have kept land won in war, especially in wars that they did not start, but Israel is being denied that. Animosity has grown between Arab and Jew over the last few decades. One begins to ask, "Why should I not strike out and hurt those who hurt me? Why should I not wreak havoc on those who so abuse me?" The answer is that I am a Jew. I may defend myself, but I am not allowed to deliberately murder other human beings.

I believe that this is part of why it is so hard to be a Jew. When every impulse I have screams out for revenge, I am told to work for peace. When my whole being wants to get even, I must remember to help my enemy. It is not easy to think in such a manner. I need constant reminders. So, when I prepare for Purim, I observe Shabbat Shekalim. When I celebrate Passover, I take out ten drops of wine. As I finish praying the Amida, I say, "God, Help me to ignore those who slander and hurt me, and to be humble and forgiving to all." I have not mastered the method, but I know that by observing Jewish tradition, I will be able to make a worthwhile attempt. In the process, I will become a better Jew and human being.

(Rabbi David B. Kaplan is the spiritual leader of Temple Beth El in Newark, Delaware)



Delaware's George Dannemann and Daniel Tolpin, Scuba diving in Elat.

seen before. The hotel staff consisted of quite a few recent Russian and some Ethiopian refugees. Altogether it seems that in spite of many problems most refugees made the adjustment and are employed, one way or another.

By and large the Israelis are very optimistic about their treaty with Jordan. They think and hope that this will be a much better peace treaty than the cold one with Egypt, or the doubtful one with Arafat.

Israelis had such hopes and they are, understandably, deeply disappointed. Real peace seems still in the future. It is my belief that as long as Israel is surrounded by countries which are ruled by dictators peace will be hard to achieve.

Most of our friends, relatives and other Israelis we spoke with were critical of their own government. They felt that giving in to Arab demands has created greater problems and more loss of Israeli lives than during the Intifada.

Israelis complained that the government is not firm enough with arrested terrorists. "They ought to treat them the same way that Egypt, Algeria and other Arab countries treat them," was the common refrain.

One taxi driver, who took us from Elat to Jerusalem and with whom we had long discussions on many different problems said: "They give in (Rabin's government) and give up strategic territory and then you know what will happen? We will have to fight them (the Arabs) under the most unfavorable conditions." Not all taxi drivers can predict the future, but he did express what we heard most often on our recent visit in Israel.

(Terry Dannemann is a member of The Jewish Voice Editorial Committee.)

Mr. Netanyahu Goes To Washington

By AARON GOLDMAN

Meeting with Conservative lawmakers, Israeli opposition leader Benjamin Netanyahu brought his ongoing campaign against the Middle East peace process to Washington this month. The head of the Likud party currently leads Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin in some opinion polls — a fact not lost upon Netanyahu, who worked Capitol Hill with the mantle of a self-anointed prime minister.

Though Netanyahu is not the first Israeli opposition leader to meet with Washington policy makers, he is the first to lobby with such apparent intent to undermine Israeli government policy.

His goal is a reassessment (read: a reversal) of the peace process. His preeminent issue is terrorism. Playing to fear and anger surrounding recent suicide bombings, he blames these attacks on the Rabin government and the peace process. Netanyahu knows a political opening when he sees one.

This politicization of terrorist violence is unprecedented. Israel's internal security has

always transcended politics. Whenever Israel or her citizens have been under attack, the parties remained unified in their defense. Now, by elevating these recent bombings into a political issue, Netanyahu plays into the hands of terrorists, whose expressed goal is to sabotage the peace process and return Israelis and Palestinians to a state of perpetual conflict.

Just as Netanyahu exploits the emotions in his own country, he now seeks to exploit the partisan split in our nation's capital. There are those in Washington and elsewhere who have opposed the peace process from the outset; some hope to throw a wrench in the works by prematurely debating the issue of committing U.S. personnel to the Golan; others appear willing to join whatever effort has a chance of denying the Clinton administration a foreign policy achievement.

In exploiting the growing rift between Congress and the White House, Netanyahu could be jeopardizing the long-standing U.S.-Israeli alliance. One would hope, however, that Members of Congress would see Netanyahu's mo-

tives for what they are: the manipulations of an opposition leader.

Last November, Netanyahu told Jewish leaders in Denver that debate about the peace process should be held in the Israeli Knesset, not in Congress. Yet he routinely visits Washington — four times in the last six months — in attempts to obstruct support for the Rabin government. Rightly, the President refused to see him.

Imagine if Bob Dole took it upon himself to travel to Europe or Korea to lobby against official American policy. It would never happen. To oppose policy initiatives at home is one thing, but to lobby against one's own government while on foreign soil is quite another.

There's nothing ambiguous about Netanyahu's motives: He wants to be Israel's next prime minister. He believes that hobbling the 17-month-old peace process will bring down the Rabin government and achieve his end. Yet he offers no real alternative to the peace process. He offers no real way to

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Community Teen Coordinator Will Work With Delaware Youth U of D Grad Takes Post

By DAN WEINTRAUB
Editor of *The Jewish Voice*

A Community Teen Coordinator has been hired which marks the inauguration of the latest new initiative made possible by the "Live Jewish" Community Campaign which is administered by the Jewish Federation of Delaware (JFD). Etai Belinky, the Community Teen Coordinator, will work under the supervision of the Jewish Community Center (JCC) with Delaware's Jewish teens. Belinky will maintain an office at the JCC as he works with Jewish youth in conjunction with Delaware's synagogues and Jewish agencies.

Judy Wortman, Executive Vice-President of the Jewish Federation of Delaware, told *The Jewish Voice* that JFD is "delighted that the new teen program is about to be launched" and that JFD is "confident that Etai will be the catalyst for increased involvement of Delaware's Jewish youth."

Artie Allen, JCC Assistant Executive Director, was involved in the hiring of the Community Teen Coordinator along with a committee representing a cross-section of the community as detailed in a previous issue of *The Jewish Voice*. Addressing the subject of the Community Teen Coordinator, Artie said, "This position will enhance the service to the teen population in Delaware. Etai will serve as a staff person, consult-



ant and program facilitator. We are extremely fortunate to have his skills available to our community."

Etai graduated in 1994 from the University of Delaware with a B.A. in Political Science. At UofD he served as President of the Hebrew Special Interest Community and as Social Vice-President of the Hillel Student Board. He has worked as a substitute teacher for middle school and high school students. He has also worked as a camp counselor. He is fluent in Hebrew.

Etai told *The Jewish Voice* that it "is exciting to have this amazing opportunity to be able to work with the Jewish teens of Delaware; to help develop and implement programs based on their needs and desires." He said he is "looking forward to meeting many teens in the future" adding that his "door is always open so please feel free to stop by or call with any questions about the program."

For Israel, No Survival Without Peace, Says Melchior

By PRISCILLA W. SIEGEL

In Biblical texts, Moses represents truth and Aaron peace. Sometimes, we have to choose Aaron over Moses.

Placing his talk about the current Middle East peace process within a Biblical context, Rabbi Michael Melchior, chief rabbi of Oslo, told his audience at Adas Kodesch on February 13 that "without peace there is no survival. Afterwards truth will grow, and truth and peace will kiss each other...We must not let the vision of truth be an enemy of peace."

The peace process, according to Rabbi Melchior, must be given a chance, because "the Middle East is a place where there is no vacuum...the next war will be fought with weapons which have never been used before."

Rabbi Melchior believes that the present agreements were a great victory for Israel, especially regarding the two main issues: the settlements and Jerusalem. The settlements, which have been considered illegitimate by the world community, were given protection under the terms of

the Oslo agreements. And concerning Jerusalem, Arafat agreed that the city will not be part of Palestinian autonomy for five years.

But signing an agreement and implementing an agreement are two different things. Hamas' suicidal terrorists, which number about 200, are intent on blowing up the peace process. Arafat, urges Melchior, must be supported and given the chance to succeed. It would be counterproductive to humiliate Arafat. "We can," said the Chief Rabbi, "continue the policy of Shamir and try to create a bi-national country, or we can work for a Jewish country where there will be some kind of Palestinian autonomy and a strong Jewish state."

Rabbi Melchior has other concerns regarding Israel. "Eretz Israel should not be the main point," declared Melchior, "but what kind of Israel?" Israel, as he sees it, is increasingly materialistic, and increasingly reflective of negative western cultural values.

"Israeli TV and newspapers are filled with pornography and vio-

lence," said Rabbi Melchior. The Moslem fear of a new Middle East is understandable as they contemplate these encroaching Western values. Melchior believes that it is important to start a dialogue with the Moslems, even though some are "crazy and fanatical."

In response to an audience question about the Golan, Melchior said that "everybody loves the Golan...it is an important area. But it's important to achieve peace with Syria and we'll have to pay the price of the Golan."

Rabbi Michael Melchior, born in Copenhagen, is the son of the chief rabbi of Denmark, and comes from seven generations of rabbis in Denmark. Since 1980, Michael Melchior has been Oslo's rabbi. Though he lives in Jerusalem, he commutes to Norway 7-8 times a year where he carries out his rabbinical duties to Oslo's Jewish community.

In the capacity of International Director of the Elie Wiesel Foundation for Humanity, Rabbi Melchior arranged a series of conferences around the world on the topic of "The Anatomy of Hate," with the participation of such leaders as Carter, Mitterand, Gorbachov, and Mandela.

Married, with five sons, Rabbi Melchior hopes that neither his nor any sons will have to fight another great war in Israel.

Delaware Sends Delegation to NCJCRAC Plenum

By PRAVEEN KAMATH
Special to *The Jewish Voice*

The future direction of the Jewish community relations field was the subject of discussion during the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council (NJCRAC) Plenum, held in Washington, D.C. from February 5 through 8. In attendance on behalf of Delaware were: John Elzufon, Esq., Chair of the JCRC; Rabbi Marla Feldman, Esq., JCRC Director; Rick Geisenberger and Joan Spiegelman, members of the Board of the Jewish Federation of Delaware (JFD); and Jon Foreman and Praveen Kamath, members of the JFD Young Leadership Cabinet.

One of the key agenda items of the Plenum was to adopt resolutions regarding issues, both domestic and international, that confront the Jewish community. The domestic issues discussed by the delegates included the 1994 elections and their impact on the community relations agenda, the GOP's "Contract With America," pending legislation such as the balanced budget amendment, school prayer amendment, the crime bill, and bills aimed at overhauling the welfare and immigration systems. At the head of international issues were the on-going peace process between Israel and the PLO, foreign aid, and efforts to combat terrorism through congressional and executive action.

As delegates for Delaware, we voted in favor of most of the NJCRAC Proposals, many of which were consistent with earlier positions adopted by NJCRAC. Although many issues were discussed, those that engendered the most debate amongst the delegates involved the possible placement of U.S. troops on the Golan Heights, Jonathan Pollard's parole review, and the balanced budget amendment. It was exciting to take part in the democratic process of defining the public

policy agenda for the American Jewish community.

The highlight of the Plenum was a series of off-site visits (the State Department, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Israeli Embassy, and the Joint Baptist Committee) followed by meetings with the congressional delegation for Delaware. We met with Senators William Roth (R) and Joseph Biden (D), Representative Michael Castle (R), and their legislative assistants. During the meetings, we discussed a variety of concerns, both of a domestic and international nature, that are of interest to the Jewish community in Delaware. Some of the most enlightening experiences during the Plenum were listening to presentations by Israel's Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, the Chair of the opposition Likud Party, Benjamin Netanyahu, and a teleconferenced address by Chief PLO Negotiator, Dr. Nabil Sha'ath. All three, along with many other speakers, provided much insight into the complexity of the political, economic, and social questions involved in Israel's struggle to redefine its future, and our task as American Jews to reassess our relationship with Israel.

The most emotionally draining facet of the Plenum (at least to the author) was a special trip arranged by NJCRAC to the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum. The trip ended with a candle lighting ceremony that included a reciting of Kaddish in remembrance of the six million Jews that were killed during the Shoah, a loss felt most palpably as we commemorated the liberation of Auschwitz fifty years ago.

Our group came away from the Plenum reinvigorated and inspired. Nothing proved to be a better antidote to the fierce chill outside than the warmth provided by several hun-

dred Jews from around the country working towards *tikkun olam* ("repairation of the world"), the *raison d'être* of NJCRAC and the Delaware JCRC. We were given an opportunity to share our achievements with other community activists, as well as learn how to improve our efforts to reach out to the Jewish and at-large communities in Delaware. All in all, attending the NJCRAC Plenum was an experience not to be forgotten, and one most likely to be repeated.

Summer Scholarship

The Sylvia and Isadore N. Silverman Scholarship Fund will be awarding its Sixth Annual Scholarship to a deserving youth for a Jewish summer experience in camp or Israel. Applications may be picked up at the Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Office and should be returned by April 15. This fund was established in 1989 in honor of the 55th Wedding Anniversary of the Silvermans by their four daughters and many friends.

Literacy Volunteers Needed

Literacy Volunteers will be conducting an English as a Second Language Tutor Training starting March 2, 1995. The training is approximately fifteen hours and meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays for two and a half hours. People wishing to become a tutor may choose either morning (9:30) or evening classes (7:00). Call L.V.A. before March 2 at 658-5624 for registration or further information.

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AEPi Learns About Tay Sachs

By JED A. SELKOWITZ
Special To The Jewish Voice

On Saturday, February 11th the Rho Deuteron chapter of Alpha Epsilon Pi at the University of Delaware hosted their regional conclave. A collection of close to fifteen schools from the East Coast met to discuss various national fraternity related issues. The men assembled were also educated about a very serious disease, Tay-Sachs.

The keynote speaker of the day had a very close experience with Tay-Sachs disease, his daughter suffered for four years before she finally died. Tay-Sachs is a fatal disease that affects 1 in 25 Jews of Eastern European descent. The disease is untreatable and incurable as it causes progressive destruction of the central nervous system and death by the age of five.

Although there is no cure for Tay-Sachs the National Tay-Sachs & Allied Diseases Association has decided to make screening its prevention. Over the past two decades more than 1,000,000 people have been tested and more than 35,000 carriers have been identified. The NTSAD and AEPi have teamed up in a "partnership for life" to end the spread of Tay-Sachs. Chapters around the country have begun to educate their

peers about this horrible disease. Students can get tested for free on college campuses. For more information about Tay-Sachs please contact the NTSAD at 2001 Beacon Street in Brookline, Mass. 02146; Or call (617) 277-4463.

Senior Tax Assistance

A Tax Aide Coordinator from AARP will be at the Jewish Community Center (JCC) on March 6 and March 13 beginning at 9:30 a.m. The coordinator will be available for tax assistance and preparation of 1994 Federal and State tax returns. The free service is available to the community by appointment only. You must bring your 1993 returns and any other information needed to file your taxes. Additional forms will be available. To schedule your appointment for this tax assistance program, contact Ray Freschman, JCC Senior Center Coordinator, at (302) 478-5660. The JCC is a beneficiary of the 1995 "Live Jewish" Community Campaign which is administered by the Jewish Federation of Delaware (JFD).

Seminars On Advance Directives

On February 15, residents of Captain's Deck Retirement Community, and others, enjoyed a seminar entitled, *Advance Directives*. Keynote speaker for the presentation was Eleanor Cain, Director, DHSS Division of Services for Aging and Adults with Physical Disabilities. Joining Ms. Cain were Kevin O'Brien, Attorney at Law and Judith Loring, Director of Nursing at Kentmere Nursing Care Center. The panel opened their discussion with an overview of Delaware's Health Care Directives by Ms. Cain. Delaware recognizes three health care directives: 1) Death with Dignity enacted in the early 1980's which put in place Delaware's Living Will; 2) Option to appoint a Health Care Agent; and 3) Naming a Durable Power of Attorney.

Ms. Cain explained the state's Living Will standard form, approved by the Attorney General's Office and collateral brochure defining the Health Care Directives discussed. She also explained that two witnesses are required to execute a Living Will and that the State's Ombudsman must be one named witness in a Long Term Care setting. Included on the State of Delaware's Living Will form is a section allowing for appointment of Health Care Agent.

Mr. O'Brien followed Ms. Cain's

presentation with some good advice on naming multiple children if drafting a Durable Power of Attorney. Mr. O'Brien, who specializes in Estate Planning, favored the execution of a Durable Power of Attorney.

Judy Loring ended the presentation with her first-hand accounts of "sick bed syndrome" stressing that she encourages her residents to share their requests with family and nursing staff. All too often, Mrs. Loring observed, "When family are named as the decision makers in a health care situation with a dying relative,

they are too emotional to follow out the terms of their legal responsibilities." She continued, "The dying party has the power for closure in their own lives," and that discussing their preferences with family members, "helps to assure the dignity of the dying unit."





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faculty room.

Albert Einstein Academy is a Hebrew day school that provides a innovative, nurturing environment in which kindergarten through sixth grade children study both secular and Judaic subjects. For more information about Albert Einstein Academy, please contact Rabbi Ellen Bernhardt at 478-5026.

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Summer Swim Team Tryouts

The Jewish Community Center will be holding Summer Swim Team Tryouts from March 27 through August 7, 1995. Tryout days and times are Tuesdays or Thursdays from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. All ages are welcome. The JCC Summer Swim Team will be competing in the North Brandywine Swim League. The conditioning session will run from April through June. For more information, call the JCC at (302) 478-5660. The JCC is a beneficiary of the 1995 "Live Jewish" Community Campaign which is administered by the Jewish Federation of Delaware (JFD).

JFS Forms Interfaith Group

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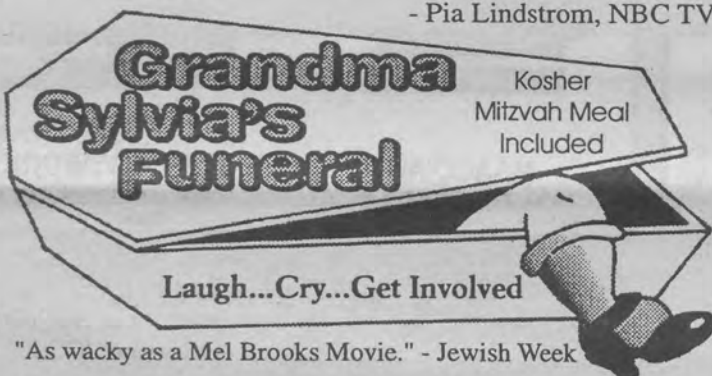


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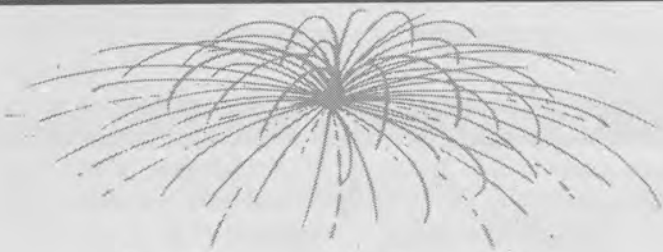


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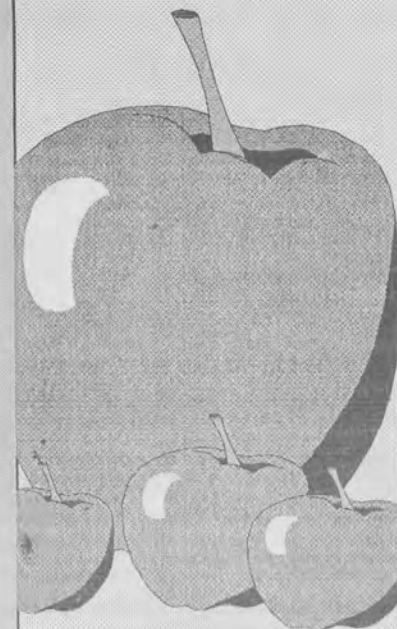
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CAMP GUIDE



Camp fun at the JCC (above). Call 478-6800 for details.

Cub Scout Pack 18 Rechartered At JCC

Michael Grossman, Youth, Family and Camping Services Director at the JCC, recently announced that Cub Scout Pack 18 was rechartered for another year of scouting. Under new leadership, two new dens were formed and are very active. The Tiger Cub Den for first graders, under

the leadership of coordinator Chuck Beck, has met twice and plans have been made for the balance of the school year. Den 1 for second graders is under the guidance of Karen Moss. Den 1 meets on Mondays at 3:15 p.m. at the JCC. This active group has celebrated Chanukah, planted trees for Tu B'Shevat and progressed toward their Wolf Badges.

Plans are underway to start a den for third graders, but a den leader has not yet been found. Grossman says, "We're glad to have added a stable Cub Scout program to our overall Jewish scouting program. It continues our commitment to scouting programs which observe Kashruth and Shabbat." Boy Scout Troop 18 is also chartered to the JCC. For more information about scouting programs at the JCC, please call Michael Grossman, Youth, Family & Camping Services Director, at (302) 478-5660. The JCC is a beneficiary of the 1995 "Live Jewish" Community Campaign which is administered by the Jewish Federation of Delaware (JFD).

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Photo A - (right)
JCC Cub Scouts in Den 1, (left to right): Noah Moss, David Schneider, Zachary Rowen, Adam Wasserman, Ben Addicks and Den Leader Karen Moss.

Photo B - (lower right)
Cub Scouts plant trees for Tu B'Shevat outside the new AEA modular classroom.

Photo C - (above)
Jeffrey Wasserman as a Cub Scout. His son, Adam, is now in JCC Pack 18.



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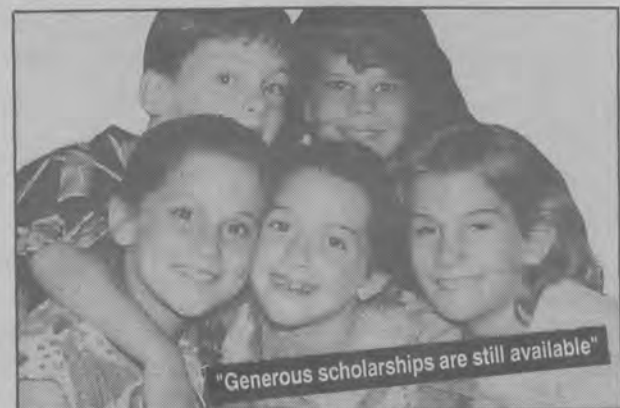
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lunch brought from home and then enjoy a rest period and a host of "free choice" activities until 3:00 p.m. At this time they are joined by Albert Einstein Academy Kindergartners for group time, snack and enrichment programs such as art, dance, music, swimming and more. The children also enjoy the best of the JCC indoor and outdoor facilities for fun and excitement until the program concludes at 5:45 p.m.

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Fifty Faces: The Holocaust Remembered: A Documentary In Photography And Words

The Jewish Community Center and the Halina Wind Preston Holocaust Education Center are hosting a photographic exhibit entitled "Fifty Faces: The Holocaust Remembered". The exhibit features photographs of Holocaust survivors as they are today, along with personal reflections about their remarkable journeys. The exhibit creates a powerful image of the horrors, sadness and courage of that era. A local Holocaust survivor or second generation family member will act as a guide through this unforgettable journey and will be available to share their personal story.

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Discovery Seminar Coming To U of D

Aish Ha Torah's DISCOVERY Seminar will be coming to Delaware on Sunday, March 5, 1995. The Seminar will be held on campus at University of Delaware.

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Weiss Birth

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Entries for the Calendar of Events are due on the Thursday deadline, published in *The Jewish Voice*. Copy should be typed and double spaced. Entries are preferred on 3 1/2" floppy disk or via E-mail. Please include day, date, time, place, brief description, and contact person.

Saturday 25

AKSE Sisterhood Annual Square Dance & Dinner.

Sunday 26

Y.J.A.D. (Young Jewish Adults of Delaware) Sunday Brunch. We will meet at Stanley's on Foulk Road at 11:30 a.m. to sample their extensive brunch menu. Please call Michele at (302) 892-4255 [w] for further info.

The Temple Beth El Men's Club Breakfast meeting will feature Toni Young presenting "Reflections on the Peace Process." A bagel and lox breakfast buffet begins at 9:30 AM. The main presentation begins at 10:30 AM and the program concludes at 11:30 AM. The breakfast buffet is \$5.00 per person, and the whole community is welcome to join. For additional information, call the Temple Beth El office at 366-8330.

MARCH

Wednesday 1

J.C.C. Senior Center Book Review with Bebe Sklut, 10:30 a.m. at the J.C.C. Book Title - "The Sacrifice of Tamar" by Naomi Ragen. For more information, call Ray Freschman at 478-5660.

J.C.C. Senior Center Diabetes Support Group, 12:45 p.m. at the J.C.C. Guest Speaker - Dr. Steven J. Kattler from Tri-State Podiatry Association. For more information, call Ray Freschman at 478-5660.

Sunday 5

Congregation Beth Shalom Annual Mitzvah Day. Synagogue-wide Community service day. Synagogue members will participate in projects throughout the area. Included in the program are visits to homebound members, Kutz Home entertainment, painting and handyman activities at a United Way Facility. Donations of food, baby items and cleaning supplies are being solicited for distribution to our needy neighbors. Call (302) 654 4462.

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Sunday 12

AKSE Purim Carnival.

Monday 13

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Saturday 18

Beth Shalom Monte Carlo Night. This event is intended to bring the fun of Purim for attendees. Games, surprises and a Men's Fashion Show. The evening will conclude with breakfast. Call (302) 654 4462.

Friday 24

Start Of Beth Shalom's Weekend Retreat at the International Hotel, Atlantic City, N.J. The scholar-in-residence is Samuel Tobias Lachs. Dr. Lachs' most recent book is "Humanism in Talmud and Midrash" which will be the basis of study for the weekend. This retreat will conclude on Sunday March 26. Call (302) 654 4462

Sunday 26

Professor John Stapleford will speak at the A.K.S.E. Men's Club Breakfast. Stapleford is the Director of the bureau of Economic Research at U of D. Brunch is at 9:30 a.m. at A.K.S.E. and all are welcome. Call 762-2705.

Ongoing

"Coming To Delaware: The Amish, Jewish and Italian Farm Communities" will be on display through June 30, 1995. The exhibit will feature the stories of three ethnic groups which settled on farms in Delaware during the first quarter of the 20th century. The goal of the exhibit will be to foster an understanding of multicultural differences and similarities in farming and farm life in Delaware. The history of why the Amish, Italians and Jews migrated to Kent County, Delaware, how they approached farming, their success as farmers, and their lifestyles will be explored in the exhibit.

Protection From Abuse Seminars. The Project For Domestic Violence Reform, Inc. will sponsor monthly seminars on the use, filing

and hearing of Protection From Abuse Petitions by victims of domestic violence. The seminars will be conducted by an attorney trained and experienced in family law. It will be the fourth Wednesday of every month from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at the Delaware Technical and Community College, Wilmington Campus, Fourth and Orange St., and is open to the public without charge.

The new Protection From Abuse Act makes it possible for victims of domestic violence to get protection from their abusers without bringing a criminal action. Victims can request no contact orders; removal of deadly weapons; and custody of children and support for a limited time. The

seminars will provide information and answer questions about how to obtain and use these petitions.

Handbook Available On Internship Opportunities In Israel. Have you ever considered working in Israel as an intern or volunteer? A book, entitled *Volunteer and Internship Possibilities In Israel*, can make that dream a reality. Published by the Joint Authority for Jewish-Zionist Education, this handbook is perfect for students, young professionals and potential olim interested in exploring employment opportunities in Israel.

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"Strong Houses: Multimedia Works by Carol Hamoy"—Hamoy creates sculptural enclosures exploring Jewish female identity, tradition and spirituality; and **"We Make Memories"** an interactive video installation by Abbe Don in which she interprets four generations of her family's history. While each show is discrete—one uses found objects to create textured sculptures, the other relies on computer technology—both artists utilize intergenerational associations and the power of memory to explore their Jewish identities.

Caterer Invited As Panelist To Conference

The Jewish Community Center Association of North America has invited Susan Warner, President of CATERKART CUISINES and TRADITIONS FINE KOSHER CATERING to be a panelist at the Association's *Continental Conference on Revenue Enhancement* to be held in New York City March 12 to 14.

More than 50 Jewish Community Center Executive Directors and Development Directors will attend the conference to learn of new trends in revenue enhancement. Warner will be a part of a program entitled *Developing Relationships with Outside Entrepreneurs for JCC Fund*

Raising Programs.

Warner was selected for the international panel because of the successful partnership developed between CaterKart Cuisines and Wilmington JCC over the past three years. David Sorkin, Executive Director of the JCC, has been instrumental in developing what has become a national example of successful entrepreneurial partnerships.

CaterKart Cuisines and the JCC

have developed the JCC campsite into a significant location in the Delaware Valley for corporate and group weekend picnics. The JCC is a beneficiary of the 1995 "Live Jewish" Community Campaign which is administered by The Jewish Federation of Delaware (JFD).

The Continental Conference is underwritten by a grant to the JCC Association by the DeWitt Wallace-Reader's Digest Foundation.

Universe

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of "I", we understand the image of "Thou".

As Job said (19:26), "From my own self do I behold G-d," *"Mibsar echzeh Elokal"*.

Based upon the Book of Psalms, where the Psalmist repeats five times the phrase, "Bless the Lord, O my soul" (Psalm 103:1, 2 & 22; Psalm 104:1 and 35), the *Talmud* in *Brachot*, 10a, draws five comparisons of the Infinite Soul to the finite soul of the human being:

1) "Just as the Holy One blessed be He bills the whole universe, so the soul of the person fills the body.

2) "Just as the Holy One, blessed be He, sees, but is not seen; so the soul of the person sees, but is not itself seen.

3) "Just as the Holy One, blessed be He, sustains the whole universe; so the soul sustains the body

4) "Just as the Holy One, blessed be He, is pure; so the soul is pure.

5) "Just as the Holy One, blessed be He abides in the secret recesses of the universe; so the soul abides in the innermost being of the person.

"Let the person who has these five

qualities come and praise Him who has these five qualities."

The *Talmud* teaches how the *Adon Olam*, the Lord of the universe, the Infinite G-d, can simultaneously be also the compassionate G-d, *Harachaman*, who is "the Living G-d who saves". For the Rabbis who are adept in dialectical thinking, there is no either/or but both. G-d is infinite *Makom* and the personal *Harachaman*, the compassionate Being. (In the *"Grace after Meals"*, G-d is called *Harachaman* ten times).

This dialectical understanding of the nature of G-d; is also found in our liturgy. G-d is called *Avinu Malkainu*, "Our Father, Our King." "G-d the King" is the "just G-d", who manifests authority and justice. "The Father" manifests love and forgiveness. The Rabbinic view of G-d is the Infinite G-d of an expanding universe, *Makom*, as well as *Harachaman*, the compassionate G-d, attentive to human need and prayer, "our stronghold in times of distress."

(Rabbi Leonard B. Gewirtz is Rabbi Emeritus of Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Congregation and he is a frequent contributor to *The Jewish Voice*.)



In March, Albert Einstein Academy will dedicate its portable classroom. The photo above shows David Warheit, Stuart Swinger and John Plstill working on the classroom a few months ago.

SYNAGOGUE LIFE

Commentary:

The Expanding Universe and The Infinite God

By Rabbi LEONARD B. GEWIRTZ

Special To The Jewish Voice

Among astro-physicists, there are two schools of thought on the age of the universe. Dr. Wendy L. Freed-

man of the Carnegie Observatories and her group of astronomers theorize that the universe is between 8 billion and 12 billion years old. Dr. Allan R. Sandage is the discoverer of the "Big Bang theory" in 1929,

which says that we live in an expanding universe which is expanding uniformly in all directions. He estimates that the universe is expanding at a slower rate than Dr. Freedman's estimate, and therefore we have an older universe, between 15 billion and 20 billion years. They agree on the size-space of the universe, but differ on the time-age of the universe (N.Y. Times, Dec. 25, 1994).

I am captivated by the theory of an expanding universe, but I wonder whether there is any space beyond the "end" of the universe. Into what is the universe expanding?

The Rabbis in an ancient *Midrash* ask, "Why is the Holy One Blessed be He also called *Makom*, place? Because G-d is the *place* of the universe, and the universe is not the place of G-d" (*Pesikta Rabbati* 21:10). In the *Haggada*, too, G-d is called *Makom* (see Birnbaum *Haggada* p. 24), and in *Mishnah*, *Middot* 5:4. At burials, as the family leaves the graveside, all assembled recite, "May the *Makom* console you with all who mourn for Zion and Jerusalem."

Since G-d is infinite, *Ein Sof*, and the universe is finite, the expanding universe is expanding into the infinite *Makom*, the place of the universe.

We may be answering a cosmological problem by accepting G-d as the *place* of the universe, the *Makom*. But we have created a theological problem. Is the Infinite G-d, the *Makom*, attentive to prayers and needs of a people on a planet in the corner of a galaxy, where there are thousands of solar systems, in thousands of galaxies in G-d's expanding universe?

Our rabbi-philosophers would reply that the Infinite G-d is attentive to the needs of His intelligent creatures. In our hymn, *Adon Olam*, G-d, infinite in time and infinite in space, is described as being a "stronghold in times of distress":

"He is the Eternal Lord,
"He was, He is, and He shall be,
"In glorious eternity.
"He is without beginning and without end."

"He is my living G-d Who saves,
"My stronghold in times of distress,
"He is my guide and my refuge.
"My share of bliss when I call."

The hymn demonstrates how the Lord of Infinity is attentive to suffering humanity and there is no contradiction between the two manifestations of the *Adon Olam*.

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The *Talmud* is alert to these two roles of the *Adon Olam* and explains the inner dynamics of how the lonely person on a small planet can establish a relationship with the remote and hidden G-d, the *deus absconditus*. The Infinite transcendental G-d of the first section of *Adon Olam* is also the Personal immanent G-d, of the second section of *Adon Olam*. The *Talmud* in a remarkable passage explains how these two aspects of G-d complement each other and relate to the human being in an I-Thou relationship.

The *Talmud* begins to explain that the full nature of G-d is grasped through the understanding of the full

nature of the human being. "Man is created in the image of G-d" (Gen. 9:6). By understanding the "image"

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Dinner starts at 7:30 p.m.; dessert and dancing at 8:15 p.m.

The cost of dinner and dance is \$15 per person. Dessert and dance only - \$7.50 per person.

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Beth Shalom Mitzvah Day

Wilmington's Beth Shalom Congregation will hold its Annual Mitzvah Day on Sunday, March 5, 1995. This event which was inaugurated last year is designed to provide a helping hand to less fortunate congregational members and the neighbors of Beth Shalom. Last year over 100 congregational members, children, teen and adult members participated in a number of community service projects. State, County and City Of Wilmington Officials proclaimed this day as an official day as a part the community calendar in 1994.

This year's projects include visits to homebound members, entertainment at the Kutz Home, painting and handyman projects at a United Way Facility, and cataloging books and enhancing the Synagogue and Albert Einstein Libraries. Under the direction of Cantor Swerling a group will complete a 1994 project whereby they marked each of the Synagogue torahs to ensure future identification. Another group will spend the day restoring and polishing the torah crowns, shields, and finials. Beth Shalom's religious school will collect baby items (diapers, infant clothing, food, skin care products) for D.A.P.I.

(De. Adolescent Program Inc.). Members have been asked to donate cleaning items for food stamp recipients inasmuch as these individuals cannot utilize food stamps to purchase these necessities. Additionally non-perishable "one meal" food items (hearty soups, stews, ravioli, etc.) will be collected for distribution to a Wilmington based United Way supported facility.

Rhoda Dombchik Beth Shalom Vice President and Marilyn Cooper Mitzvah Day Chair are coordinating this year's program. "Last year's Mitzvah Day activities provided an opportunity for many of our members to provide assistance to our needy neighbors. This community service project gave a great deal of satisfaction to those who participated and we look forward to expanding the program for this year" said Rhoda.

Community members are invited to participate with Beth Shalom by dropping off baby items for D.A.P.I., or cleaning items and food at the synagogue office 18th and Baynard, Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., or Fridays 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. until March 2, 1995.

Annual AKSE Purim Carnival Scheduled For Sunday, March 12

Plans are underway for the latest version of the Annual AKSE Purim Carnival, to be held on Sunday, March 12, from 10 to 1 p.m. Michael Cabelli, Barbara Roisman, and Steve Rudnitsky are preparing for this family event. Come enjoy the games, food, and festive atmosphere. All children will receive toys for playing the games. In addition, individual raffles will be available for purchase with either adult or child-

oriented prizes. This year, there will be new games booths and new vendors, such as Jonathan Dragon Books. There are still some tables available for \$20 by prior reservation at the AKSE Talmud torah office (762-2705). Enjoy pizza, tuna subs, ice cream, and, of course, hamantashen. Celebrate the happy holiday of Purim with your friends at AKSE.



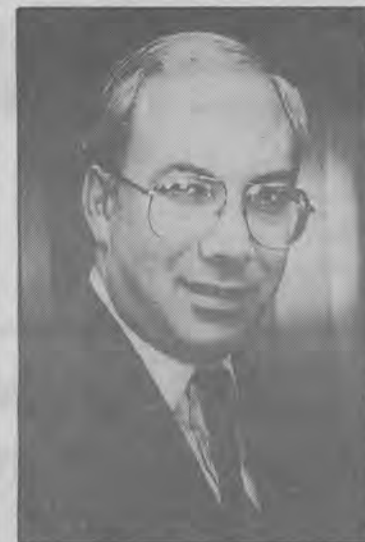
Pictured above are participants in a advanced directives seminar. See story on page 7.



Mitzvah Day 1994 Beth Shalom at Kutz Home (from left to right) Mark Lipman, Alan Blum, Alfred Remsen.



Mitzvah Day 1994 Identifying Beth Shalom Torah (from left to right) Barbara Keil, Barbara Freedman, Barbara Yalisove and Ruth Weinstein.



Rabbi Eric H. Yoffie has been nominated to be the next president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. Credit: RNS photo/UAHC (Reproduction rights not transferable)

Purim Dinner and Celebration Among Events

The Chabad-Lubavitch "Family Purim Feast" will be held Thursday, March 16 in the J.C.C. Auditorium 5:45 p.m. The dinner will be preceded by a Megillah reading at 5:00 SHARP for those who were unable to hear it during the day. The evening will include dinner, a children's masquerade contest, live music, singing, dancing, and jugglers. Avremi of New York's Piamenta Band is back to perform.

Pre-paid reservations should be mailed to Chabad at 1306 Grinnell Rd., Wilm. 19803 and the cost is \$13 a person (children under 12, \$7).

Chabad will hold a downtown Megillah reading at the law offices of Elzufon, Austin and Drexler, Chemical Bank Building, 12th and Market at 12:30 p.m.

Chabad House at U.D. hosts a "Grand Purim Blast" for students at 208 Cheltenham Rd. Wednesday evening March 15 at 7:00 p.m. The Megillah will be read, and hamantashen will be served. Parents wishing to send Shlach Manot to students on campus, can call Chabad. For reservations and more information, call Chabad House at U. of D. 455-1800.

Volunteers will once again be distributing Shlach Manot to students, schools, hospitals, nursing homes, the Kutz Home and prisons. If you would like to volunteer please call Oryah Vogel, coordinator, at the Chabad office 478-4400.

Scholar In Residence Weekend With Beth Shalom

Rabbi Kenneth S. Cohen, Spiritual Leader of Ohev Shalom Congregation, York, Pa. will be the guest lecturer the weekend of February 24th and 25th at Wilmington's Congregation Beth Shalom. The Scholar in Residence Program is sponsored by the Rabbi Jacob Kraft Educational Foundation. Rabbi Cohen was born in Brooklyn N.Y., attended Hamilton College and graduated with honors in religion. Graduate schools included Hebrew University, Temple University, and The Reconstructionist Rabbinical College (RRC). He earned an M.A. in religion in 1974 from Temple and Rabbinical Title by RRC in 1975. Rabbi Cohen served as rabbi/educational director of Congregation Beth Shalom, Wilmington following graduation from RRC and ultimately served as Senior Rabbi

until 1989. Rabbi Cohen has been spiritual leader of Ohev Shalom, York, Pa. since 1989. Rabbi Cohen has published numerous articles of Jewish interest, and has devoted considerable time and energy to inter- and intra-faith understanding. He is currently completing a doctorate degree at Temple University. On Friday evening, February 24, Rabbi Cohen will speak on "New Information From The Dead Sea Scrolls," Saturday morning February 25, his topic will be: "A Mench In Amman - One Rabbi's Journey From Israel To Jordan." This topic reflects Rabbi Cohen's recent participation in a Rabbinical Mission to Israel and the Middle East. The community is invited to attend the weekend program. Friday Evening Services are at 8:00 p.m., Saturday morning Services at 9:30 a.m.

Albert Einstein Academy Celebrates One Hundred Days

Students at the Albert Einstein Academy (AEA) used the celebration of the hundredth day of school as an educational tool. Children counted, measured and graphed numbers. Younger children counted and sorted. Older children developed algebraic equations and made inferences about multiples of 100. Of course, there was a festive environment in the school.



Third graders from AEA made a chain with 100 loops. On each loop, a student wrote something he/she had learned so far this year.

Left to right: Lara Goldstein, Noam Snyderman and Mrs. Smith, teacher.



AEA first graders wrote stories about the number 100 and made masks out of the number 100. Left to right: Brent Greer, Justin Finklestein and Jared Goldstein.

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Book Review:

The Jews In America

By MARVIN S. CYTRON

Special To The Jewish Voice

*The Jews In America: A Treasury Of Art And Literature*ABRAHAM J. KARP, EDITOR
HUGH LAUTER LEVIN ASSOCIATES INC., \$75.00

Oh no! Not another book about Jews in America. With the largest Jewish population in the world and a remarkable history of religious, educational, social, economic, and political freedom it is not surprising to experience a plethora of books about the Jewish Community in America. The vast majority of the books published the past few years on this diverse subject addressed our history, life, contributions and growth in the "Golden Medina". Abraham Karp the editor of this handsome coffee table sized book has compiled a multi-faceted tour of the art and literature of our people in America in a stimulating anthology.

Beginning with a report of the last "lost" tribe of Israel in South America in 1644, Rabbi Karp weaves a rich tapestry of 350 years of this journey in America. Drawing from a

variety of writers both Jew and non Jew, the editor provides a unique collection of our diverse America history. An excerpt from the diary of a Dr. Alexander Hamilton of Annapolis, Md. describes his attendance at services on the second day of Rosh Hashana at Shearith Israel Synagogue in New York City in 1744.

From popular historical novelist Howard Fast an excerpt from "Where Are Your Guns?" depicts the conflict between Jewish values and prejudice in colonial America. The hero of this vignette a fur trader lived among the native Americans including the Delawareans. Hannah Adams the first woman professional writer in America published a two volume "History of the Jews (in America)" in 1812. In addition to the Jews of New York numbering 50 families and writing on their society, she provides an early history of the Jewish Community in Charleston (SC) numbering 700 individuals. By 1845 the Jewish population of the entire United States was 20,000; Simian Abraham in a letter dated January 24th, 1865 to the editor of "The

Occident" expresses his great concern of his co-religionists intermarrying with Gentiles.

Our small Jewish Community in the United States reacted like the rest of the population at the outbreak of the Civil War, even our little house was divided. The Reverend Samuel M. Isaac's, rabbi of Congregation Share Tefila of Cincinnati writes in "The Jewish Messenger" in 1851 to "Stand by the Flag". In rebuttal, the Jews of Shreveport (LA) loyal to the Confederacy responds to this letter and threatens to ban "The Jewish Messenger" in the Jewish community of the Confederacy.

The great immigration of Jews to America from the late 1800's into the 1920's dominates the book. It is indeed appropriate that "The Immigrant Experience" as described by the editor receives significant emphasis. It is here that many of today's Jews in America (including this reviewer) point to the beginning of their American heritage. A rich collection of writers including Harry Golden, Sholem Alechem, Abraham Cahan, Leo Rosten, and Emma Lazarus provide marvelous insight into the life of immigrants as they

came and lived in America. Not to be forgotten are the everyday people writing to the wonderful column of "The Jewish Daily Forward" known as the "Bintel Brief" (sheaf of letters). It is here we learn about "Shnorrer at a Wedding" and the difficult and lonely life of "The Jewish Farmer" in North Dakota in 1909.

The 350 year literary journey concludes with life in contemporary America drawing from the pens, typewriters and word processors of Felix Frankfurter, Abraham Heschel, Herman Wouk, Neil Simon, Isaac Bashevis Singer, Philip Roth, George Burns, Chaim Potok and many others.

While there is a wealth of great literature in this unique historical perspective the joy of this book is the marvelous illustrations. Over 200 color and black and white photographs features paintings of prominent early American Jews, ceremonial objects, synagogues and temples of uniquely American "flavor", Yiddish advertisements of the early 1900's and contemporary Jewish art. An interesting photograph titled "Shabbat Table, Cary, Mississippi" incorporates the challah, silver kiddush cup, candlesticks and prayer book,

BUT with pecan pie against a background of cotton fields. A photograph of Goldberg's general merchandise store in Belzani Mississippi was reminiscent of my father's dry goods store in Missouri in the 30's and 40's. A unique photographic collection of Torah binders (wimpel) from the the mid 1800's until 1929 describes a custom which apparently has disappeared. These binders made of cotton or linen were taken from the swaddling clothes used at a circumcision. They were embroidered or painted with the child's name, date of birth, and a prayer that his life be filled with Torah study, marriage and mitzvah. The Torah binders were then donated to the synagogue the first time the child was brought there.

The book is an important addition to the collection of literature and art of the lives of Jews in America. It is easy to read and is beautifully illustrated. This volume would be a very special gift for the Jewish home and a welcome addition to the synagogue and religious school libraries.

(Marvin Cytron is a member of Congregation Beth Shalom and periodically reviews books for the Jewish Voice.)

"Funny" Show Stars
Carol Lawrence

Carol Lawrence began her Broadway career as the original Maria in the Leonard Bernstein West Side Story. She went on to star in the Broadway production of Nightlife, Saratoga, Subways Are For Sleeping and I Do, I do. Most recently, she starred as Spider Woman/Aurora in Kiss of the Spiderwoman. On TV, Miss Lawrence has been a guest star on "The Commish" and spent time flying coast-to-coast filming a current episode of "Murder She Wrote" while rehearsing for her role in GRANDMOTHER.

Now Lawrence will appear in "Funny, You Don't Look Like A Grandmother" at The Playhouse

Theatre at the DuPont Building from March 10 through March 19.

The performances are Tuesday through Saturday evening performances at 8 p.m.; matinees at 2 p.m. Wednesday and Saturday; 3 p.m. on Sunday.

The book and lyrics were written by Lois Wyse and Sheilah Rae with music by Robert Waldman.

The musical director is Andrew Lippa. The director/choreographer was Tony Stevens.

In the cast is Carol Lawrence as Grandma Margo; Karen Morrow as Grandma Anne; Marilyn Cooper as Grandma Pat; Joy Franze as Grandma Charlotte; and as the grandfather, Ron Holgate.



Susan Warner of Caterkart is featured in a story on page 18.

Words & Music:

From Mamet To Grammys

By STEVE COHEN

Special To The Jewish Voice

David Mamet's *OLEANNA*, which is playing at the Delaware Theatre Company this week and next, is an annoying play.

It's meant to be so. It's stilted manner of speech makes the viewer concentrate on what's being said, and the dialogue is an extended polemic about the extremes of women's issues and political correctness.

In some of Mamet's plays, his artificiality of speech seems to have no purpose. In *OLEANNA*, the irritating locutions serve to get audience members annoyed and, eventually, infuriated about what we've just seen and heard.

A young female student comes to her professor's office to ask his help, the teacher gives what he thinks is good advice, and the student later charges him with sexual harassment.

The standard interpretation of *OLEANNA* is that the woman is politicized by the teacher's behavior, receives help from the women's movement between acts, and therefore becomes assertive in act two. To me, the student appears so incredibly stupid in act one, and becomes so powerful and articulate in act two that I believe she was deliberately setting up the professor in the first act; that everything she said in the beginning was fraudulent.

Therefore Mamet has overstepped himself. He's made the woman so vindictive that the cards are stacked. The writer's point — that the "correctness" movement has gone too far — is blatantly over-obvious.

The Delaware Theatre Company has mounted its own production, rather than copy Mamet's New York production or the road show which recently played in Philadelphia. Cleveland Morris has done a fine job of directing, although limited by the explicit instructions which Mamet puts in his scripts. The actors per-

form admirably in difficult roles. This play isn't about people, it's about an issue.

It's Grammy Award season, and here are my picks of the top recordings of 1994. The ground rule is that the performer or the material must be someone or something that we've written about in these columns throughout the year.

EVGENY KISSIN - CHOPIN (Volumes 1 & 2, RCA Victor): This sensational young Russian pianist combines dexterity with an old-fashioned romantic flair. The results are breathtaking.

GOLDEN DAYS (Jerry Hadley, RCA): The young tenor croons melodies by Sigmund Romberg and Victor Herbert in a style reminiscent of Mario Lanza. Hey, wait a minute, that actually is Lanza. On the title track, Hadley and Lanza's voice are heard singing together.

CAROUSEL (1994 Broadway cast, Angel): The most complete version of Rodgers & Hammerstein's greatest score, recorded by the cast of this superb revival.

PASSION (Angel): Stephen Sondheim's most recent show about how passion can transform us. The play has lots of feeling and little action, so it translates well to CD.

MICHAEL FEINSTEIN SINGS THE BURTON LANE SONGBOOK (Elektra Nonesuch): With the composer at the piano, Feinstein brings new life to songs from Broadway's greatest era.

RUTH ANN SWENSON: POSITIVELY GOLDEN (EMI): Trained in this area, the golden-haired Miss Swenson now emerges as a star soprano on this debut recording.

NANCY LaMOTT: MY FOOLISH HEART (Midder Music): The appealing cabaret singer expresses pop classics from the inside out. Because of the simplicity and

unpretentiousness of her style, this album gets better with each repeated hearing.

WESLIA WHITFIELD: SEEKER OF WISDOM AND TRUTH (Cabaret Records): Here's the jazziest of all cabaret singers at the top of her form in her newest recording. Husband Mike Greensill is an equal partner at the piano.

JASCHA HEIFETZ RECITAL (EMI): This is a fine introduction to the playing of the violinist who's been called the greatest of our century. RCA Victor has just issued his complete recordings in a deluxe package.

A TRIBUTE TO JASCHA HEIFETZ (Itzhak Perlman, EMI): 17 short pieces made famous by Heifetz, played lovingly by Perlman.

THE FLYING DUTCHMAN (Pinchas Steinberg, conductor; Naxos): A surprisingly vivid version of Wagner's early music drama by a little-known conductor and singers.

THE MEISTERSINGERS (Wolfgang Sawallisch, EMI): The most emotional and elegant version of this mature Wagner opera, conducted by a man who's had a life-long devotion to this music.

PAGANINI VIOLIN CONCERTO No. 1 (Sarah Chang with Sawallisch and the Philadelphia Orchestra, EMI): The teenage Delaware Valley violinist meets the high standards of the great conductor and orchestras. Two showpieces by Saint-Saens fill out an outstanding album.

SEVEN DEADLY SINS and *PULCINELLA* (Simon Rattle, EMI): The young British conductor shows his talent for Twentieth-Century music in this album of Weill and Stravinsky music.

TROVATORE (James Levine conducting, CBS Sony): Verdi's rousing collection of melodies in its best-conducted, most-recent recording. Placido Domingo and colleagues sing well, but the Metropolitan Opera orchestra is the real star.

OBITUARIES

MAGGIE BERMAN

Maggie Berman, a retired restaurateur and waitress, died February 10 at Calvert Manor Nursing Home, Rising Sun, Md. She was 81.

Mrs. Berman and her husband, Sidney Berman, operated restaurants on State Road, Del., from 1938 to 1941 and in Middletown, Del.

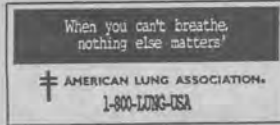
Later, she was a waitress in Florida, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. She retired in 1979.

Her husband died in 1949. She is survived by a son, Julius of Claymont, Del.; two granddaughters and two great-granddaughters.

YEFIM GOLOD

Yefim Golod — On February 11, 1995, Yefim Golod, age 82 died. He is survived by his wife, three children, a brother, and four grandchildren.

The family suggests contributions to the Kutz Home for the Aged, 704 River Road, Wilmington, DE 19809.



JCRC's New Legislative Task Force To Begin

A new task force is being organized by the Jewish Community Relations Committee (JCRC) to monitor legislative issues that arise in the Delaware State Legislature. "This task force will coordinate grass roots activity by the Jewish community around issues that are of concern to us," explained Barbara Reitzes, chair of the task force. "When issues like the school prayer bill come before the legislature, we must be prepared to make our voices heard most effectively." Reitzes referred to H.B.24, currently before the House Education Committee, which calls for prayer at compulsory and non-compulsory school events. [See the editorial opposing this bill which appears elsewhere in this issue.]

John Elzufon, JCRC Chair, rein-

forced the importance of the new task force. "It is critical that we let our elected officials know how we stand. It is the responsibility of citizens of a democracy to speak out and be heard in the halls of power."

The first meeting of the task force will be convened on **Thursday, March 2, 1995 at 7:30 p.m.** at the Jewish Community Center. New members of the task force are welcome. Anyone interested in more information should contact Barbara Reitzes at 762-5421 or Rabbi Marla Feldman at 478-6200.

The JCRC is a beneficiary of the 1995 "Live Jewish" Community Campaign which is administered by The Jewish Federation of Delaware (JFD). This is the 60th anniversary of Delaware's first annual community campaign.

Finger and Finger Collaborate On Trial Handbook

The Delaware Trial Handbook has been co-authored by David L. Finger and Louis J. Finger, and published by Lawyers Cooperative Publishing. The 610 page, 29 chapter book discusses all aspects of trial practice in Delaware, including selecting a jury, making opening and closing arguments, presenting evidence, examining and cross-examining witnesses, making objections, instructing the jury, verdicts and judgments, as well as chapters on pre-trial, trial and post-trial motions, damages, contempt, criminal defenses, presumptions, judicial notice, hearsay and privileged communications. There are also chapters discussing the roles of attorneys and judges in trials.

The book, the first of its kind in Delaware in over 70 years, is liberally annotated with citations to hundreds of reported and unreported decisions from Delaware's courts, interpreting and explaining Delaware's rules of practice and procedure. To keep the book current, supplements containing updates on the law will be sent out to purchasers of the book at regular intervals.

The authors are two of Delaware's leading trial lawyers. David L. Finger, of Biggs and Battaglia, is a member of the Bars of the Supreme Court of the State of Delaware, the United States District Court for the District of Delaware and the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. He is a member of the Delaware State and American Bar Associations. He is currently Vice Chairperson of the Government of Law Section of the Delaware State Bar Association and is a member of the First Amendment and Media Litigation Section of the American Bar Association. He is also a Barrister Member of the Richard S. Rodney Inn of Court, an organization dedicated to the improvement of trial skills. He received his law degree from the University of Virginia.

Louis J. Finger, now retired, has served as a Deputy Attorney General for the State of Delaware in addition to many years in private practice. He received his law degree from Yale University, where he was on the Board of Editors of the Yale Law Journal. He is a member of the Bars of the Supreme Court of the State of Delaware, the United States District Court for the District of Delaware, the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, and the United States Supreme Court. He is a member of the Delaware State and American Bar Associations. He has served as a member of the Delaware Supreme Court Advisory Committee on a Code of Evidence, as well as the Vice Chairperson of the Committee on Drafting Delaware's Commercial Code. He also served for 12 years on the Board of Professional Responsibility of the

Delaware Supreme Court. He also authored two chapters of *The Delaware Law of Corporations and Business Organizations* (Harcourt Brace Jovanovich 1989).

JFS Has Information On Immigration Diversity Lottery

The 1996 Diversity program will be open for applications through March 1, 1995. A total of 55,000 immigrant visas (i.e. green cards) will be given to individuals who register timely and properly. The 1996 program includes nearly all countries of the world. For information on immigration generally and on this diversity lottery in particular contact Roberta Burman, of the Russian Resettlement Program of Jewish Family Service of Delaware (JFD) at 478-9411.



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associated with the Holocaust. It is their eyes that tell the story. It is through their eyes and their words that their stories live. It is through their eyes that we see, and we share.

The exhibit will open on Thursday, March 30, 1995, at the Jewish Community Center and will be available throughout the month of April. It will be open Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m., Friday and Sunday, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. The exhibit, plus the presentation and a question and answer period, should take approximately 60-75 minutes. The Jewish Community Center is a fully accessible building.

For additional information, contact Artie Allen at (302) 478-5660. For information about the Holocaust Education Resource Center, contact Rabbi Marla Feldman at (302) 478-6200. The Jewish Community Center and the Halina Wind Preston Holocaust Education Center are beneficiaries of the 1995 "Live Jewish" Community Campaign which is administered by the Jewish Federation of Delaware (JFD).

Jews Vs. Jews

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mestic political rows to America, although the right has admittedly been more effective. Americans are not accustomed to the slash and burn style of Israeli politics, where it is not uncommon for delegates at party central committee meetings to personally vilify each other and punctuate their broadsides by hurling chairs.

This has contributed to a loss of civility in the Jewish community's public debate over the peace process. While the decibel level may be greater than the actual divisions, the noise is enough to muffle serious questions which deserve to be aired. One result of the vitriol from the rejectionists has been to inhibit thoughtful discussion by making others fear that if they express their own misgivings they may be associated with the zealots.

It is often difficult to distinguish the attacks of the Jewish rejectionists from the Arab rejectionists. Their tactics and rhetoric are often similar and uncomfortably reminiscent of those used by the Jew bashers and anti-Semites.

Americans for a Safe Israel, which trumpets its opposition to the peace process, vilifies its opponents and accuses the US Government of financing a plan to redivide Jerusalem. The Jewish Political Caucus smears leading figures in the Israeli government with charges of trying "to erase

Kinderplace

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Kidsplace is designed for children in 1st through 6th grade. Kidsplace offers snack, homework time, free play, enrichment activities such as art, music, movement, drama, science, sports, swimming and more and, like Kinderplace, utilizes the best of the JCC facilities. Transportation is available for both programs from many area public and private schools. The JCC also provides transportation to the area Hebrew schools. Both programs are open on school conference days, teacher in-service days, school vacations and emergency snow days. Both programs are licensed by the State of Delaware and have recently undergone an intense process known as ASQ (Assessing School-Age Child Care Quality). For more information about either program, call Elyse Greer, Youth Services Coordinator, at (302) 478-5660. The JCC and Albert Einstein Academy are both beneficiaries of the 1995 "Live Jewish" Community Campaign which is administered by the Jewish Federation of Delaware (JFD).

Netanyahu

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counter the new wave of terrorist violence.

The 1996 Israeli election will likely pit Netanyahu against Rabin. For the first time, Israelis will directly elect a prime minister. No matter what the local popularity polls say today, they don't give Netanyahu the right to engage in free-lance policy-making abroad. Serving his own ambition does not serve Israel, and it does not serve the cause of peace. (Aaron Goldman, of Washington, DC, is a former chairman of the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council (NJCRAC))

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tine addition, mental breakdowns, senility and sexual perversion.

The extreme nature of the rhetoric and tactics of many rejectionists reflects their desperation and an admission of their own failure to make a dent in winning support among mainstream Jews. There are legitimate concerns and questions to be debated, but that cannot be done amidst the spewing of so much venom.

"We'll get fed up with each other if we keep up with this," says Robert Rifkind, president of the American Jewish Committee. "We ought to exercise some civilized restraint." What is lacking is national Jewish leadership of sufficient stature and moral authority to bring together people of widely diverse views who sincerely care about Israel's future so they can replace the internecine warfare with civilized discourse.

In this war, the only victims are Jews

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