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Debbie Friedman Concert Highlights Campaign Events

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Beginning with a short Havdallah service led by event co-chairpersons Rabbi Larry and Samantha Malinger, this sold-out performance by Debbie Friedman filled the sanctuary and auditorium at Congregation Beth Emeth with plenty of *ruach*.

Toni Young, President of the Jewish Federation, spoke a few words prior to the concert's start. "We're in the midst of a very successful campaign." Although the bad weather forced the cancellation of the Federation Shabbat in Wilmington and prevented the speaker at Dover's Shabbat from attending, it cleared enough for close to 900 to turn out for the concert. As a result, Young told the Malinger's, "When you bring out this many people, you're chairpersons for life!"

Debbie Friedman's sense of humor was apparent from the outset. "Please rise for the Barachu," Over half the audience stood. "Oh, come on!" laughed Friedman. As the laughter died down, Friedman began the concert with *Sing Unto G-d*, a beautiful melody praising G-d. The crowd responded with rousing applause. Friedman continued with songs spanning her entire career, including a medley of songs originally recorded over twenty years ago.

The audience was filled with the young and old, from infants of just a few months to seniors in their 70's and 80's. Everyone joined in, whether with their voices or by clapping. Friedman began to announce *And The Old Shall Bring Peace* and many of the teens in the audience got very excited, clapping and cheering. Smiling, she invited them to join her at the Bimah and sing the song with her. Moments later, Friedman's beautiful song was perhaps enhanced by the voices of her fans.

Now that everyone was relaxed, she invited all the children to join her at the Bimah. Children from all the Religious schools and the Albert Einstein Academy added their voices

to hers and sang the consummate alphabet song. *The Aleph Bet*. Bubbies and zaydies, moms and dads, brothers and sisters; everyone sang with her.

"You've been sitting there with your arms crossed and your mouths closed," Friedman observed. "It's now time to move your arms and open your mouths." After teaching everyone the words and hand movements to *Trees are Blowing in the Wind*, there were nearly 1,000 "trees" swaying in the "wind."

The focus of the concert changed. Friedman spoke about prayer and healing and how people are wary to ask G-d for something for fear He won't answer. With that, she sang *Al Tasteir*, a song based on Psalm 27:9. "Don't hide Your face from me/I'm asking for Your help/I call to You - please hear my prayers, O G-d/If You would answer me as I have called to You/Please heal me now/Don't hide Your face from me." She then talked about psalms, particularly Psalm 150, in which we praise G-d with instruments like the shofar, harp and lute, drums, strings, pipe and cymbals. Halleluyah!

Friedman spoke about asking for blessings of healing, not only personal healings but a healing for the whole world, particularly the whole Jewish world, since the tragic assassination of Yitzhak Rabin. She calls this part of the concert her *Shloshim*, and sang three songs of healing and praise to God. The first was *23rd Psalm*, followed by *Mi Shebeirach* and *Save a Life and You Save the World*. The silence was deafening.

The sense of, not only community, but of family, was felt strongly that night in the main sanctuary and auditorium at Beth Emeth. Several people referred to the event as "a real happening." The concert was a community event as part of the 1996 Campaign Week calling attention to the UJA/Federation Campaign, administered here by the Jewish Federation of Delaware.



Standing room only crowd at concert.



PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat casts his ballot January 20 in the first Palestinian national election.

American Jewish singer/songwriter Debbie Friedman provides *ruach* for UJA/Federation campaign.

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From left, Wolf Blitzer, speaker; Amy Leviton, co-chairperson; and Michael Leviton, co-chairperson; pictured at the Chai Dinner on January 14 at Winterthur.

Wolf Blitzer Speaks At Chai Dinner

By MARVIN CYTRON

Acting Editor Of The Jewish Voice

Wolf Blitzer, CNN's Senior White House Correspondent spoke recently at the Chai Dinner, an event tied to the UJA/Federation Campaign. Mr. Blitzer had returned to the United States only a few hours before the dinner, which was held at the Winterthur Museum, after covering President Clinton's seventeen hour trip to Bosnia the weekend of January 12th. Mr. Blitzer has been a journalist for over twenty years, and has served as CNN's Military Affairs Correspondent at the Pentagon, and has reported on a wide range of major news breaking stories around the world. His knowledge of the Middle East includes his covering of the first Israeli-Egyptian peace conference in 1977, and the 1979 trip by President Carter to Egypt. Prior to joining CNN Mr. Blitzer served as the Washington correspondent for The Jerusalem Post.

Mr. Blitzer provided a historical perspective on the peace negotiations between Israel and her neighbors going back to the historical visit by President Sadat of Egypt to Israel. It is his contention that this trip by Mr. Sadat clearly demonstrated Egypt's commitment for peace to the Israeli people and was the catalyst for the ultimate signing of the peace accord. The collapse of Communist Soviet Russia has had a significant effect on the Middle East peace process particularly on Mr. Arafat and his Palestinian organization.

The Gulf War has also contributed to the current peace process. Mr. Blitzer pointed out that Iraq was less than six months away from having nuclear weapon capabilities when they invaded Kuwait. The resulting war negated Iraq's nuclear weapon threat thus minimizing their influence on Jordan, Saudi Arabia, etc. The result is that Jordan has been able to now sign a peace accord with Israel.

Relative to the Israeli-Syria peace talks Mr. Blitzer believes that President Assad, like Egypt's President Sadat, needs to demonstrate a commitment for peace to the Israeli people for peace to become reality.

This could be an invitation for Mr. Peres to come to Damascus or for Mr. Assad to come to Israel for substantive peace discussions. This would be a strong signal to the Israeli government and population of a strong desire for a lasting peace.

On the question of US-Israel relations, Mr. Blitzer believes that this is stronger than ever. He recalled that the quick decision by President Clinton to attend the funeral of Prime Minister Rabin resulted in virtually every country sending their leader or senior representative to the funeral, a remarkable tribute. Additionally there continues to be strong bi-partisan support in Congress for Israel. Relative to the issue of U.S. Military on the Golan Heights Mr. Blitzer pointed out this is not without precedence. For some time now there has been U.S. Military in the Sinai and their role there has been without serious incidence or complications.

In his closing remarks he remarked that the Israel-Syria discussions taking place on the Delmarva peninsula, while moving slow, are making progress.

Dr. Michael and Amy Leviton were the chairpersons for this year's Chai Dinner. "Michael and I were honored to serve as this year's chairpersons" said Amy Leviton, "we were indeed pleased that Wolf Blitzer was able to speak at the dinner and were most gratified with the attendance at this year's dinner."

The Chai dinner is part of a week of campaign events related to the 1996 UJA/Federation Campaign. This Chai Dinner is attended by members of the community who pledged a minimum of \$1800 to this year's campaign. The Jewish Federation of Delaware is the central planning agency for the Delaware Jewish community. Funds raised through the UJA/Federation campaign, administered here by the Jewish Federation of Delaware, supports numerous social service, welfare, health and educational efforts in Delaware, the United States, Israel and a number of other countries throughout the world.

Shabbat Study Session-Straight From Israel

By MARVIN CYTRON

Acting Editor of The Jewish Voice

As part of the Statewide Jewish Federation Weekend three Delaware Rabbis conducted a study session relative to the Israeli/Palestinian/Syrian processes. The study session chaired by John Elzufon, chair of the Jewish Community Relations Committee (JCRC), was conducted on Saturday afternoon January 13th at

Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth synagogue (AKSE). Rabbi Sanford Dresin of AKSE, Rabbi Peter Grumbacher of Congregation Beth Emeth and Rabbi David Wortman of Congregation Beth Shalom provided insight into not only the peace process but also the political environment in Israel following the assassination of Prime Minister Rabin. Rabbi's Dresin and Wortman recently returned from Israel as part of a Rabbinic Cabinet mission which was under the auspices of the United Jewish Appeal.

Cautious optimism to the peace process was expressed by the three speakers, this was evident by the remarks made to the Rabbinic Mission by Prime Minister Peres. During his remarks Mr. Peres reinforced the government's position that a limited part of the west bank will be available for discussion and ultimate control by the Palestinians specifically less than twenty-five percent of the territory. Furthermore the issue of

control and access of Jerusalem must remain as a city open to all. The Syrian peace discussions, while at a very early stage, continues to be viewed with optimism by the government. There is a clear mandate from the Israeli citizens that giving up control of the Golan Heights is fraught with potential security disaster as well as control of the watershed. This was clearly evident on the road from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem where the countryside is laced with signs and posters expressing this concern.

Following the grief and emotional trauma over the assassination of Mr. Rabin there appears to be an atmosphere of national reconciliation within the Knesset and the general population. Even though the current government has a razor thin majority, recent polls indicate greater support for the peace process than in the time prior to November of last year. While there continues to be

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LATE BITS

The following summaries relate to late breaking stories and other items of interest. Much of these were not available at press time in a more substantial form. Other summaries reflect current developments. These items are adapted from what has been provided to The Jewish Voice from the Jewish Telegraphic Agency (JTA).

JERUSALEM — With the Palestinian elections now over, Israel is waiting to see if Yasser Arafat will make good on his pledge to amend the Palestinian National Covenant as the symbolic step that will enshrine the reconciliation between the two nations.

RAMALLAH — Did this week's Palestinian elections mark the beginning of a Palestinian state? Even Palestinians have mixed views on the subject.

WASHINGTON — The Palestine Liberation Organization and the Klinghoffers take a first step toward resolving their long-standing dispute stemming from Leon Klinghoffer's murder aboard the Achille Lauro cruise ship.

WASHINGTON — Israeli Foreign Minister Ehud Barak meets with US Secretary of State Warren Christopher.

JERUSALEM — The Labor Party Central Committee overwhelmingly backs Shimon Peres as its candidate for the prime minister in the next elections.

NEW YORK — With the potential merger of American Jewry's central fund-raising structures high on the agenda when federation leadership meets in Florida over the weekend, federation leadership is expected to balk at a proposed three-year guaranteed funding floor for Israel and overseas projects.

NEW YORK — Israel's Interior Minister Haim Ramon disappoints Reform movement leaders when he says religious pluralism in Israel will have to take a back seat to domestic politics.

JOHANNESBURG — South African Jewish leaders are not happy about an upcoming visit by Louis Farrakhan.

BONN — Israel and Germany decide to aid Arab-Israeli projects.

BONN — Germany says it is willing to send troops to an international peacekeeping force on the Golan Heights in the event of a peace deal between Israel and Syria.

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A Mission With A Mission

By RABBI SANFORD L. DRESIN
Spiritual Leader A.K.S.E.

We have been taught that the First Temple was destroyed because of *Avodah Zarah* - the worship by our ancestors of pagan deities whose rituals were accompanied by seductive and lascivious rites. The Temple lay in ruins for approximately 70 years before it was rebuilt under the leadership of Ezra and Nehemiah. In the year 70 C.E. the Second Temple was destroyed by the Romans. The Talmud teaches that its destruction came about, because of gratuitous interpersonal hatred and bickering among our people. Nearly 2,000 years have gone by and tradition has it that it will take no less than the coming of the Messiah to bring about the unity and cooperation necessary for the Temple to be rebuilt. Our sages in looking to the Messiah were perhaps evidencing an element of pessimism if not cynicism as to our people's ability to achieve mutuality and understanding and thereby effect the rebuilding of the Temple. We are truly an Am K'shey Oref - A stiff necked people - to be so is both a blessing, and a curse; in that it has made us resistant to the forces of change, both positive and negative.

Two thousand five hundred years ago a Jew murdered another Jew who was accused of collaborating with the Babylonians and ever since that event on the day following Rosh Hashanah we fast and mourn the death of Gedaliah at the hands of a Jew. The murder of Prime Minister Rabin by a Jew gave new meaning to the Fast of Gedaliah and the fact that this Fast occurs during the Ten Days of Repentance, a period set aside for Cheshbon Honefesh - introspection and soul searching. Unfortunately for us a pundit has accurately observed that both in Israel and the Diaspora the Cheshbon - Hanefesh called for following the death of Yitzhak Rabin has become a spectator sport.

Amidst all the recent recriminations, name calling and finger pointing, I felt compelled to go to Israel in order to see and hear for myself first hand what was happening, to walk the walk and talk the talk, so to

speaking. It had been more than three years since my last Israel trip, when I had gone to Jerusalem for my son David's wedding and to help him and his wife Dina set up home in a trailer on the remote West Bank settlement of Metzad. This time I chose to go to Israel as part of the UJA's Rabbinic Cabinet Mission, along with Rabbi David Wortman and over seventy other American Rabbis. My choice was motivated by the limited amount of time I could be away from my regular duties and the opportunities provided by the mission to meet with senior Israeli government officials and other notables. Of further consideration was the ability to dialogue with fellow rabbis on the trip, a cross section of the American rabbinate. In retrospect my choice of trip was a good one. The mission was well organized and tightly scheduled. It violated Parkinson's Law, packing two weeks worth of activities into six days.

On the trip we witnessed first hand how Jewish Federation and UJA dollars were being well spent. We met with a group of young newly arrived Jewish Olim from the Ukraine. Their candid and sincere comments and impressions were a paradigm for the entire trip. To the UJAs credit we were going to see and hear it all, the good and the bad. We met with a group of young newly ordained Ethiopian Rabbis. Each shared with us his story, stories of miraculous delivery from war and famine in Ethiopia, sagas of epic if not Biblical proportions. Our meeting with Rabbi Yosef Burg, the great Israeli statesman, sage and articulate and insightful critic of the present government, was one of the highlights of the trip. Rabbi Burg is a living document, he being one of the founders of the Jewish state. We also met with his son Avram who heads the Jewish Agency. Father and son, though both Orthodox, are on opposite ends of the political spectrum, nevertheless they demonstrate a great love and respect for each other. On our last night in Jerusalem we joined with rabbis of the Israel Bonds Mission to meet with the Prime Minister for a Q & A. Prime Minister Peres conveyed that evening a much

more conciliatory attitude toward his political opposition. He was candid and forthcoming. He clearly indicated to us that despite all predictions and conjecture, Jerusalem will remain the untied capital of Israel, that no more than 27% of the West Bank would come under Palestinian control and that the Jordan River will remain the western boundary of Israel. He was questioned about his secularism when all in Israel appear to recognize that insofar as the Diaspora concerned that only religious commitment could preserve Diaspora Jewry. Peres responded that he is a religious Jew, and though he may not attend synagogue often, it is the faith in G-d of the Jewish people that brought about Israel's rebirth and will preserve Judaism.

It should be pointed out that one of the Prime Ministers most conciliatory and significant actions following his hard line position after Rabin's death was to appoint Rabbi Yehuda Amital to the cabinet as a Minister without portfolio with the express mission of bridging the widening chasm separating religious and secular Israelis. Rabbi Amital has impeccable credentials. He is a Holocaust Survivor, a wounded veteran of the war of Independence and the dean (Roah Yeshiva) of a military (Hesder) Yeshiva.

Rabbi Amital has an enormous task ahead of him. To help bring about unity in the Jewish camp was a task that defied and frustrated Moses and demands talents befitting the Messiah himself. We can only pray that G-d will give Rabbi Amital strength and guide him in this awesome mission. The bottom line; though not a convert, I left Israel feeling far more optimistic about the "Peace Process."

Rabbi Yisrael Salanter once remarked that any Rabbi whose congregation was not ready at times to fire him was not truly a Rabbi and any Rabbi whose congregation actually did fire him was not a mench. Perhaps this epigram applies to the Prime Minister of Israel as well. I hope that his recent sensitivity to the need for unity in Israel will prevail. Rabbi Amital's appointment is certainly a major step in that direction.

Yasser Waffles On Covenant

By MITCHELL DANOW

GAZA, Jan. 23 (JTA) — Days after his election to head the Palestinian Council, Yasser Arafat will not commit himself to revoking or amending those sections of the Palestine National Covenant calling for the destruction of Israel.

"The covenant is like your American Constitution," he said Tuesday in an interview here with the Jewish Telegraphic Agency. "You do not delete sections of your Constitution, you amend it."

And in Arafat's view, the Palestinians "have already amended it"

Arafat's stance — adopted either for dealing with recalcitrant members of the Palestinian leadership or for presenting a firm bargaining stance with Israel — could lead to a complete disruption of the peace process.

Since Sunday's elections, Israeli officials from Prime Minister Shimon

Peres on down have insisted that Arafat must now revoke the offending clauses as agreed to under the Israeli-Palestinian peace accords.

Revoking those clauses is considered by Israelis to be an important symbol of reconciliation between the two peoples.

Speaking at the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee on Tuesday, Peres said that if the PLO failed to live up to its obligation under the peace accords, there would be no final status negotiations, which include the future of Jerusalem and other sensitive issues.

"The train will stop," Peres said of the peace process. The final status negotiations are slated to begin in May.

Among the offending clauses of the 1964 Palestinian covenant are:

* "Armed struggle is the only way to liberate Palestine;"

* "The establishment of Israel is fundamentally null and void," and that

* Zionism is "a racist and fanatical movement in its formation; aggressive, expansionist and colonialist in its aims."

* Other nations should "consider Zionism an illegitimate movement" and "prohibit its existence and activity."

Failure to revoke or amend the accords could also lead to an end to U.S. aid to the Palestinians. In Washington, a congressional aide responded to Arafat's remarks, saying, "This Congress will not approve aid to the PLO if the covenant is not changed. It's that simple."

The United States has committed to \$500 million to the Palestinians over five years, but that aid is con-

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Above: Women Candidates, Jerusalem -- Three women candidates who ran in the Palestinian national elections which were later held Jan. 20, Hanan Ashrawi (center), Zahira Kamal (L) and Rana Nashashbi, share a laugh Jan. 16 as they gathered during a protest meeting. There were 676 candidates -- 28 of whom were women -- running for 88 council seats. Hanan Ashrawi a prominent candidate was elected.

Tunis Pledges Ties With Israel

WASHINGTON, (JTA) — After several fits and starts, Tunisia has joined the circle of peace between Israel and its Arab neighbors. The North African country and Israel agreed Monday to establish low-level diplomatic relations by trading interest sections.

Tel Aviv and Tunis will exchange interest sections by April 15, which are a step toward full diplomatic relations but which, on the diplomatic scale, fall a couple of steps short of an embassy.

The Tunisian officials said they were making the distinction as a goodwill gesture toward Israel.

Tunisia will open a liaison office in Gaza as well.

AIPAC Web Site

The American Israel Public Affairs Committee (or AIPAC) has launched the CyberCenter for Pro-Israel Activism on the World Wide Web portion of the Internet. The address is <http://www.aipac.org>. Users can not only access policy briefs and status updates on legislation affecting U.S.-Israel relations, but also take action using the tools provided on line.

"Once, foreign policy was largely crafted in the corridors of government in the nation's capital," said Neal Sher, AIPAC's executive director, "But now, grassroots influence shaping policy has grown, including policy relating to the U.S.-Israel relationship. AIPAC's CyberCenter aims to provide the widest possible audience easy access to the 'hot legislative issues' currently on the pro-Israel community's agenda," he said.

"The future is here. We need to reach people where they are. Use of this dynamic and user-friendly medium is one important way we hope to achieve our mission and meet the needs of our members and the pro-Israel community nationwide," Sher added.

B'nai B'rith Says PLO Should Drop The Covenant

Washington, D.C. — B'nai B'rith has commended the Palestinian voters for holding elections to select a president and self-rule council and has called on Yasser Arafat to change — within 60 days — the Palestinian covenant which calls for Israel's destruction.

Tommy P. Baer, international president of B'nai B'rith, called the elections "a promising first step towards democracy" and "another indication that the peace process is working." "We urge Mr. Arafat to make amending the Palestinian covenant one of his top priorities. Removing the language calling for Israel's destruction is crucial towards continuing the peace process."

"Mr. Arafat has a golden opportunity to establish a democracy and we urge him to use his power to ensure a free press, an independent judiciary and human rights.

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The Peace Process In A Peaceful Environment

The peace discussions that have been underway less than two hours away from Delaware between Israel and Syria are taking place in a far different environment than the recent Bosnia peace talks. In contrast to an air force base with the ever present atmosphere of awesome weapons of destruction and war, the Israel/Syria talks are taking place in an area of the Delmarva peninsula famed for its country serenity and bay splendor. The announcement of these talks by Secretary of State Warren Christopher last month was a result of Prime Minister Shimon Peres' first speech to the Israeli Parliament after taking office. In that

speech he addressed President Assad directly by saying, "I would like to propose to the President of Syria that we each do our utmost to put an end to the era of wars in the Middle East." Mr. Peres further emphasized his desire for peace with Syria in his address to a joint meeting of Congress when he challenged Mr. Assad with: "Without illusion but with resolve we stand ready to make demanding decisions if you are". With the announcement of the peace talks, Mr. Christopher said he was encouraged by what he heard from Mr. Assad, "Its a new game, a new time, a new beginning and we shall move forward together".

After The Blizzard

"The prosperity of a community can be seen simply in how it treats its old people."

Nachman of Bratslav

Twenty two inches of snow, an all time record and the biggest single snowfall in Wilmington since 1909. Fortunately most of us had enough time to prepare for the big snow, we put in a supply of food, medicine, other essentials and perhaps some reading matter. The first day was fun, everything covered in white and watching the winter birds at the feeder competing with the squirrels was a pleasant diversion. By the afternoon a few hardy souls ventured outdoors and began the task of digging out only to give up after fighting the near blizzard winds. The next morning the white wasn't as charming as yesterday, a check on the TV or radio and it was obvious that this was going to be another day at home. Scheduled appointments, meetings, social engagements deferred or canceled. The Jewish Voice edition of January 12 canceled. A call to or from children and family members was reassuring that all were warm and safe, an afternoon to call friends or neighbors to make sure they were O.K., the news even reported that phone circuits were tied up. Lot of people talking to one another on the phone or the internet, the blizzard was so bad there was not a single telephone sales "pitch" in four days, another record perhaps. As the blizzard moves off to the Northeast and out to sea the media covers the many "good Samaritan" stories of the storm: four wheel drive vehicle own-

ers driving people to hospitals, a man walking two miles in the middle of the blizzard to get food for an elderly neighbor, younger people helping shoveling out driveways and cars for older residents, the list goes on.

But what about after the blizzard? The same people that needed a kind word or helping hand in time of serious weather crisis need to be thought about throughout the winter and all year long. There are many older couples and singles who generally are able to manage on their own, but are lonely and are somewhat forgotten within our community. Many times their grown children live in distant cities and their only family contact is the "obligatory" Sunday phone call to Mom and/or Dad. Some of their friends have moved to warmer climates and even more of their friends and contemporary family members have passed away. With spring still a long two months away these "golden agers" can become virtual shut-ins. For many of our senior citizens their lives may become even more difficult and lonely in the future. As the budget debate continues in Washington, federally financed home health support services for the aged may be dismantled. These much needed services will put a greater strain on state and community services and their budgets which are already stretched thin. The Jewish teaching of "Love your neighbor as yourself." becomes even more important.

A "mitzvah" that will warm the heart of both donor and recipient is your "adoption" of an

older couple or single for the winter. Check in on them when the weather gets cold and wet. Do they need groceries, medicine, help getting to their physician or dentist? When planning on going to a Synagogue or JCC Community event, especially at night, do they need transportation? Can you pick up a Challah for them for Shabbat?, or better yet invite them for a Shabbat dinner with your family, especially if you have young children at home.

Peace talks with Syria are not new, on more than one occasion, Syria has agreed to such talks but in the final analysis would "walk out" of such talks. Mr. Assad has historically tried to position Syria as the "leader" of the Arab world, but with new accords between Israel and Jordan and the Palestine Liberation Organization, and the longer standing accord with Egypt, the assumed role of "leader" by Syria is diminished. Peace with Syria could be for Israel, the linchpin for peace with the Arab world particularly Lebanon over which Syria has effective political control.

The road to peace will be long and difficult. The Golan Heights overlooking northern Israel and the southern Syrian plains are critical, both militarily and as a watershed. The return of this region in exchange for security and a comprehensive Middle East peace can present great risk for Israel. Even as the talks began, the Islamic fundamentalist Hezbollah movement launched a Katyusha rocket attack

on northern Israel. While these attacks emanated from Lebanon, Syria has the political influence to control the situation and a positive response by Syria can illustrate their commitment to the peace process. While control of territory is the pivotal issue, the peace process will undoubtedly include trade and economic development which can be mutually beneficial to all parties.

With the first round of negotiations complete and extended beyond the original timetable, Israeli officials were upbeat with the talks. At the same time positive statements were also issued by the Syrian side. The well known axiom in business and real estate investment as a guarantee for success is: "location, location, location". While location may not be the key to peace, perhaps the pastoral and tranquil atmosphere of the Eastern shore of our peninsula will enhance the negotiations resulting in a lasting and secure peace.

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Chernobyl Kids

To the Editor:

On a recent trip to Israel, Jerry and I were invited to visit Kfar Chabad. We had no idea that this visit would make such an impact on us.

To illustrate the work these dedicated people are involved with, I would like to use parts of an article from a Jerusalem Post editorial (A Noble Mission).

"Few events in recent years traumatized the world more than the Chernobyl disaster nine years ago. The poisons released exceeded the amounts released by the atomic bomb on Hiroshima. The full extent of the resulting disease, death, and environmental damage is yet to be assessed.

Tragically, the worst damage has been inflicted on children. The percentage of children who suffer from radiation-related diseases is staggeringly high. Thyroid cancer among children has risen dramatically in districts around Chernobyl. It is now 80 times the normal rate. The number of victims may still grow. It is difficult to determine the number of

Jewish children affected, but they are certainly in the thousands. For many reasons they cannot be adequately treated in the Ukraine.

Chabad, to its great credit, launched a rescue operation in 1990. It has brought over 1200 children from the contaminated zones to Kfar Chabad near Tel Aviv, where they get the best medical treatment. There are over 2000 Jewish children registered in the project, all waiting to come to Israel.

One can only salute the dedication shown by Chabad in undertaking this project. In trying to extricate all the Jewish children exposed to radiation, it is fighting against time. It has managed to interest some illustrious contributors including Steve Spielberg."

It is a project that should interest all who are working for the benefit of Russian Jewry. The day Jerry and I were there 21 new children had been admitted.

For more information contact Chabad's Children of Chernobyl, P.O. Box 14, Kfar Chabad, 72915 ISRAEL

Jinx & Jerry Blum
Wilmington

Conversion Announcements

To the Editor:

I am writing with a suggestion. I think that conversions of Judaism should be, with the convert's permission, publicly announced as a celebration. The sort of communal pleasure we get from seeing the announcement of a Jewish birth, bar and bat mitzvah, engagement,

and wedding should be extended by having stories or announcements of a conversion to Judaism. I hope local rabbis will contact you with such announcements and that you will include such items.

Sincerely,
Lawrence J. Epstein, Ph.D.



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OPINION

Reaffirming Our Commitment To The Jewish People

By TONI YOUNG
President of J.F.D.

The tragic assassination of prime minister Yitzhak Rabin weakened the Jewish people. Besides losing an outstanding leader, who was guiding Israel towards peace and prosperity, we lost our innocence. Before November 4, we honestly believed that a Jew would not murder the prime minister of the Jewish homeland. How naive such a belief sounds today! During the last two months of analysis and introspection, we have recognized anew the fragility of our peoplehood. Just as the myth of the sanctity of life was shattered, other foundations of our Jewish people are threatened. We must act now to prevent the further erosion of organized Jewish life as we know it.

The concept of Jews as an extended family, who care for one another, is basic to Jewish life. During the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, when Jewish immigrants arrived in America, they found Jewish organizations and individuals ready to offer them financial aid as well as jobs and homes. Such assistance was offered not because the immigrants knew the donors, but because all were part of an extended family. When Jews who remained behind in the "old world" needed food or arms to defend themselves, Jews in America sent money. During World War I, war relief drives raised large sums to send to those

in war stricken countries. In the late 1930's and 1940's, even before the true extent of the devastation by the Nazis was understood, Jews sent unprecedented amounts of money overseas to aid their brethren. After the war, Israel became the focus of the Jewish people. Each time she was threatened by wars of destruction, Jews from around the world sent money. In the last six years, more than 700,000 Jews from the former Soviet Union have been brought to freedom with dollars raised by the international Jewish community through United Jewish Appeal and Keren Hayesod.

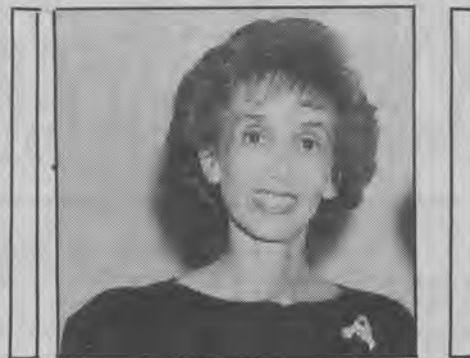
But today some people question the validity of the extended Jewish family. They ask why they should assist people in far away lands just because they are Jewish. For me, the answer is simple. Why shouldn't we? Although we are a tiny minority, we have prospered for thousands of years because we have taken care of each other. Why would we suddenly want to change this? Are we no longer part of a Jewish family? Do we really want to destroy the Jewish people?

Judaism considers tzedakah an obligation, an act of justice. In Europe, the kahal taxed members of the community to assist the less fortunate. In America, the Jews developed a sophisticated network of fund raising organizations whose success became legendary.

United Jewish Appeal achieved widespread fame as a preeminent fund raising organization, which raised incredible amounts and passed on exemplary percentages to the service organizations. Americans admired the ability of the Jews to raise funds. Yes, there were some disparaging jokes, but usually they were based on envy.

Today some Jews resent the fund raising techniques which have enabled us to support the Jewish people, and will therefore not contribute to organized charities. In an ideal world, techniques would not be necessary. People would recognize their obligation to help their brethren and voluntarily send contributions. The unfortunate reality is that if we stopped fund raising, our local organizations and our international family would suffer. When we refuse to participate in the UJA-Federation campaign, we are expressing the wish that UJA-Federation would disappear. Do we really want to throw away the world's most effective fund raising organizations which have supported our people for generations? At this moment, the United Jewish Appeal and the Council of Jewish Federations are in the midst of major changes which will make them more responsive to the needs of Jews in the twenty first century. We must build on the strength of these organizations, making them even more effective, not denounce them. We must acknowledge that without our fundraising organizations, most of what we value would not be accomplished.

Another foundation of Jewish life is that we are a community and that each person is responsible for participating in the community according to his/her ability. The majority of American Jews favor the peace process, but



they didn't speak out because they were waiting for someone else, perhaps someone more knowledgeable or with more authority, to do so. Are we doing the same in our campaign? The majority of us believe in the value of Jewish life, but we're waiting for someone else to give his/her dollars. Do we wait because the other person seems to be in a better economic situation? Each of us has a responsibility to participate: we can't expect others to do our work. Without all of us, the concept of the collective fails. During the campaign, we have the opportunity to stand up and be counted. Through our gifts to the 1996 UJA-Federation campaign, we can reaffirm our commitment to our Jewish family and the foundations of the Jewish people.

For thousands of years, the Jewish people have survived because each generation built upon the foundations of the preceding generation. Our generation must not become the one that destroys the foundations. Please acknowledge your place among the Jewish people. Participate in the events and contribute to your campaign.

The Rabbi Writes: What Prevents Us From Being Free?

By RABBI DAVID KAPLAN
Spiritual Leader of Temple Beth El

[Editor's note: This column of the Rabbi Writes was scheduled to run on January 12th]

The Torah Reading for this weekend is Shemot, the first portion in the Book of Shemot or Exodus. Beginning with verse 8 we read, "A new king arose over Egypt who did not know Joseph. And he said to his people, 'Look, the Israelite people are much too numerous for us. Let us deal shrewdly with them, so they may not increase; otherwise in the event of war they may join our enemies in fighting against us and rise from the ground.' So they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labor; And they built garrison cities for Pharaoh: Pithom and Raamses." (Tanakh, The Holy Scriptures, JPS)

These words present a picture of the Israelites, who are without any blame or fault, being oppressed by the Egyptians. It is true that the Egyptians did persecute the Hebrews, but there are a few details that are usually ignored. First, the famine lasted only seven years, yet the Israelites remained in Egypt several hundred years. If they went to Egypt to avoid starvation, why did they not leave immediately after the famine was over?

The other detail is found in Exodus 1:7, "But

the Israelites were fertile and prolific; they multiplied and increased very greatly, so that the land was filled with them." Perhaps the new Pharaoh might have had some justification for being worried. A small group of about seventy Hebrews had come to Egypt to avoid the starvation a generation ago, and then they seemed to be multiplying so fast that they were overrunning the land. Pharaoh's actions might have been paranoid and extreme, but there might have been some justification for his behavior.

One might also ask if the harsh treatment came overnight or was there a gradual worsening of conditions. If Pharaoh began with a few edicts which seemed insignificant and gradually increased the harassment, one might ask if the Israelites should have begun to recognize that it was time to leave?

I know that raising such questions might be considered heretical. In asking this question on prior occasions, I have found some people rather upset that I could pose the possibility that there was some type of action the Israelites could have taken. I do not raise the question to lessen the guilt of the ancient Egyptians or to infer guilt upon the Israelites. Rather, I think that such history has given us Jews a "victim mentality." We know how to be tyrannized, but we do not know how to live freely. Much of what we celebrate is the victory over oppressors, but what actions do we take when free? For many of us, there is a giant question mark at this point.

When do American Jews support Israel? The help comes when there is a war or a crisis. Many Jews identified with their Judaism in 1967 because of the Six Day War. Such identification often stops there and means little. We bemoan intermarriage as the major problem facing Judaism today. We are the victims, and the oppressors are those people who are trying to get our children to marry out of the faith. It is much easier to assume this stance than to ask ourselves, "What is Judaism lacking?" During the last generation, many Jews

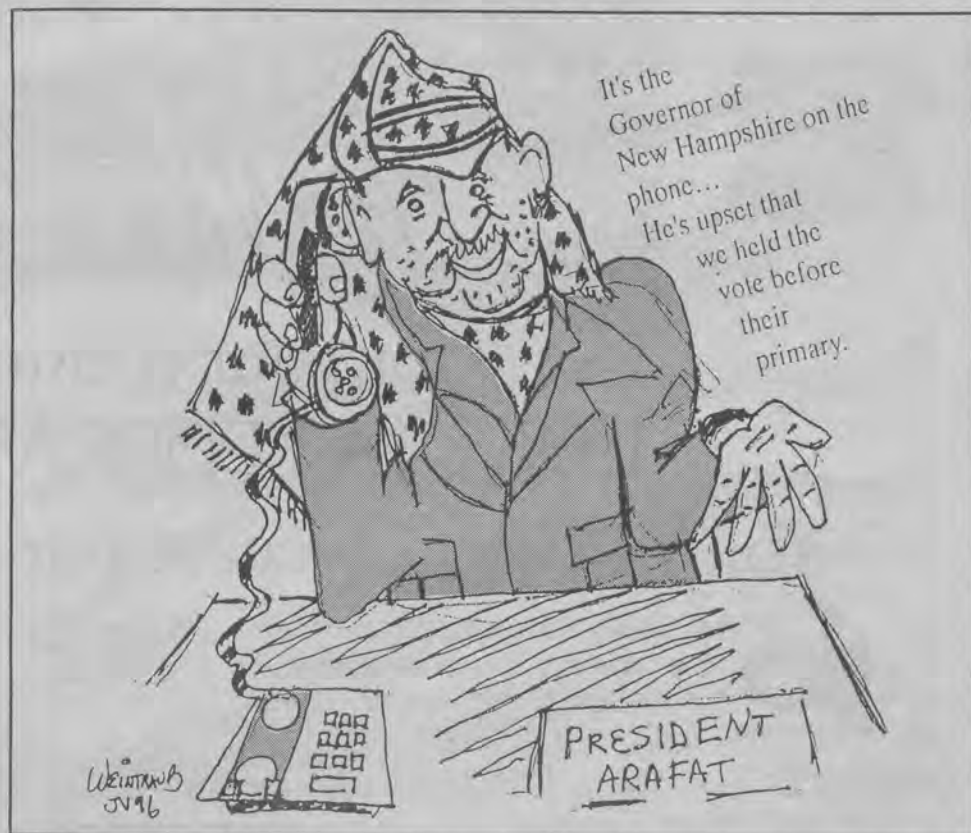
joined and/or began studying Hinduism and Buddhism. Rather than asking why or how Judaism should change, we assumed the role of the ones being attacked these religions and felt that there was little that we could do to stop it.

Many of those who intermarry do so because we live in an open society. We as Jews have wanted this freedom for centuries. Now we have it and our thinking must change. The time of saying Kaddish for an intermarried child will no longer work. Many times, when a couple has intermarried, they are shunned by the community. Is it any wonder that they want little to do with Judaism? Other Jews have sought a mystical path to God. When they approached their rabbi, they were told that mysticism was foolish and worthless. Many Jews who have had spiritual experiences have been referred by spiritual leaders to psychia-

trists! Is it not obvious why many spiritual seekers go elsewhere?

Yes, the Jewish people have been oppressed and hurt, but we live in an open and free society today. We must remember the past so that we do not repeat it, but we must not live in the past, nursing the wounds as though they just happened. Judaism offers many various paths toward fulfillment. To blame the world for our woes is to live in denial.

The victim mentality can create a new Pharaoh to which we will be subject. Just as the ancient Israelites were not ready for freedom, we may also not be ready for liberated Judaism. The choice is ours. I am ready to take on the challenge of being Yisrael, the one who struggles. Thank God I have been created a free person and not a victim. May each of us live as a free person and not as a victim. May each of us take the challenge of being Yisrael.





Weather Wammies Jewish Community

By **MARVIN CYTRON**

Acting Editor of *The Jewish Voice*

Twenty two inches of snow, this was an all time record snowfall for the Diamond State, breaking a record set back in 1909. Schools, business were closed for up to three days and the Jewish Community coped with the blizzard along with the rest of the Middle Atlantic and Northeastern states. Synagogues, schools, and agencies of the Jewish Community faced the challenge of snow removal, altering schedules and maintaining adequate staffing.

The Kutz Home staff, having advance warning of the storm, arrived with extra clothing and personal items and prepared to stay on the site throughout the storm. Extra beds were set up wherever space was available and staff members used sofas and exercise mats for sleeping during the height of the storm and during the return to normalcy. There was plenty of food on hand for residents and staff and thanks to timely deliveries, coupled with an emergency inventory, medicines were available throughout the emergency. The residents of the Kutz Home enjoyed the beauty of the snowfall and many remarked that they had never seen a snowfall of such magnitude. Some residents pitched in and folded

napkins according to Mensch. After a few days the Kutz Home obtained the rental of a four wheel drive vehicle which they used to rotate the staff members, returning long hours working staff members to their homes and picking up others associates at their homes. "We are very proud of our staff during this emergency, they were very committed in their responsibilities, worked very hard and maintained an atmosphere of cheerfulness," said Director of Administration and Public Relations, Sheila Mensch. There are plans to develop a listing of four wheel owners who would be willing to offer their services in the event of future snow emergencies, interested volunteers can call Ms. Mensch at (302) 764 7000.

The Albert Einstein Academy closed for two days reopened on Wednesday, January 10th. "We had anticipated a 50% attendance when we reopened and much to our delight over 80% of the students returned," said Sarah Baker-Andrus, Director of Community Relations, of the Albert Einstein Academy. Teacher and Staff attendance was nearly 100% on the day of reopening, with both faculty and students happy and glad to return to the Academy, by the end of the week students were playing in the snow dur-



Snow bound A.K.S.E.

ing the recess period and enjoyed the effects of the storm" said Ms. Baker-Andrus. Synagogues throughout the area needed to change and cancel meetings and functions, Rabbi David Kaplan of Newark's Temple Beth El was delayed in Boston where he had attended a workshop and did not return until midweek.

The Jewish Community Center was also closed for three days with various activities canceled or rescheduled, the pre-school and Day Care opening on the third day of "snow-bound" Wilmington to accommodate parents who were returning to work.

The storm had its effect on *The Jewish Voice* causing a cancellation

of the first edition of 1996. Adding to the nearly two feet of snow on the ground, and drifts up to eight feet, a fast moving ice storm on Friday, January 12 precipitated the cancellation of the New Castle County Federation Shabbat Service, however a brief thaw during the weekend enabled the Jewish Federation Shabbat Study Session and the Chai dinner to proceed as planned. The following Friday, January 19, adding insult to injury a second storm, this time rain, caused flooding throughout the northeast and mid-Atlantic area. Linda Scherzer, Israeli Consulate/New York City, the scheduled speaker for the Dover Federation

Shabbat, along with Federation staff members, traveling from Wilmington to Dover, were caught in traffic, because of the rains and flooding on Route 13. Their inability to continue their journey resulted in the cancellation of the speaker's appearance at the Dover Federation Shabbat. Others, delayed by conditions, ar-

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Arlene Davis Honored

Delaware's Congregation Beth Shalom recently honored Arlene S. Davis, the Congregation's Educational Director, in recognition of 25 years of service to Beth Shalom. In conjunction with the Friday Evening Shabbat service consecrating the Aleph Religious School Class, former students of Arlene Davis conducted the service, including a cantata presented by the Aleph class. Tributes by Synagogue Board members, Synagogue President Dr. Paul Imber and Rabbi David Wortman included a presentation of a gift to Arlene.

Arlene is a native of the Boston, Ma. area attended Bridgewater Teachers College and Hebrew Teachers College in the Boston area. Arlene moved to the Wilmington area in 1969 attended Gratz College and the University of Delaware from which she received a masters Degree in Special Education. Arlene and her husband Robert are the parents of three sons, three daughters-in-law and grandparents of four grandchildren all residing in Wilmington.

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Dover Federation Shabbat Held Without Speaker

By TERRY T. DANNEMANN
Member of the Editorial Committee of The Jewish Voice

Last Friday was a very interesting evening in Dover. It was the Jewish Federation Shabbat. The Sisterhood of Beth Sholom prepared a very lovely oneg, since we were expecting Linda Scherzer of the Israeli Consulate, New York City, and some guests from Wilmington.

We started the services at 7:30 and

our guests arrived at 7:45. They were delayed for two hours by a flooded road south of the new bridge. They did not know that the car in which the guest speaker was riding had decided to return to Wilmington.

Toni Young, Clara Hollander, and our Rabbi Moshe Goldblum very valiantly took over for the guest speaker. They made a very interesting presentation explaining the need for contributions to the Federation which supports many necessary Jewish agencies in Delaware. These include children's and family services, old age home, Albert Einstein Academy, Gratz Hebrew High School program and many others.

Also urgent are the needs of Israel

which still absorbs many new refugees not only from Russia and Africa but now also from the former Yugoslavia.

The audience was very apprecia-

tive of the fact that these valiant souls from Wilmington braved the weather, came to Dover, and very ably substituted for the missing speaker.

We, Doverites make numerous

trips to Wilmington, sometimes twice a day. This never fails to amaze the Wilmingtonians. They always think that the distance from Wilmington to Dover is much longer than the dis-

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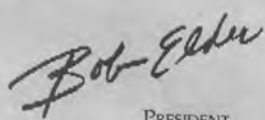
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Congressman Castle and JCRC's Reitzes Talk To Seniors About Budget Cuts

By SYLVIA G. LEVEN
Special to The Jewish Voice
 Approximately 35 to 40 seniors attended the latest meeting of the Laugh, Lunch and Learn Series at the Jewish community Center (JCC) on Wednesday, January 17, 1996. The theme was "THE WASHINGTON BUDGET CUTS AND YOU." Guest speakers included: Congressman Michael Castle, Ms. Gloria Bonmartini, "Health Legislative Assistant for Senator William Roth's office," and Mr. Matthew Baumgart for Senator Joseph Bidens office. Opening statements and introduc-

tions were made by JCC Senior Services Director Mr. Michael Grossman. Concerns and issues were brought to the surface by Mrs. Barbara Reitzes, Chairperson of the State Issues Task Force of the Jewish Community Relations Council.

Reitzes spoke of the spirit of Tzedakah (giving to the less fortunate), and that the Jewish community strives to take care of those in need through community supported agencies. Proposed budget cuts could adversely impact the ability of the agencies to provide much needed services. Consequently, these agencies that provide assistance to needy individuals within the community will

need more assistance from the general community. Seniors raised several questions about Medicare, Medicaid, welfare, the capital gains tax cut and health care.



Congressman Castle greeting young constituents at Albert Einstein Academy.

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Matt Denn To Speak On State Issues At AKSE Brunch

On Sunday, February 18, 1996, the Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth (A.K.S.E.) Men's Club will feature local attorney, Matthew Denn, Vice Chair of the Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC), who has

been invited to speak on the topic of "Current State Legislative Issues Facing Delaware's Jewish Community," according to Robert S. Weiner, President of the A.K.S.E. Men's Club. The issues facing JCRC this year

are challenging. The State Legislature is likely to consider the issue of school vouchers, which would provide State money to parochial schools. The Legislature plans to revisit the controversial issue of school prayer. Finally, the Legislature may address the issues of welfare reform and affirmative action. The Jewish community has been divided as to whether it should be involved in public debate on the issues of welfare reform and affirmative action and, if so, on what side.

Matt Denn is an associate with Young, Conaway, Stargatt & Taylor where he specializes in personal injury and commercial law. Prior to working at Young, Conaway, Mr. Denn was a Skadden Fellow with Delaware Volunteer Legal Services and an associate at Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom in Wilmington.

Matt is a candidate for state senate and a native of Delaware. He is a graduate of the University of California at Berkeley and of the Yale Law School. He is a member of the Editorial Board of *The Jewish Voice* and the Board of Directors of the Kutz Home. He is a member of Temple Beth Emeth. Mr. Denn was recently awarded the Distinguished Service Award by the Delaware State Bar Association's New Lawyers

Committee for his work in representing indigent clients.

The A.K.S.E. Men's Club Monthly Sunday Brunch is open to the public. Brunch is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. and the program is from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. The cost is \$3.00 for Sunday brunch.

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Cloutin Meets With JCRC State Issues Task Force On February 7

The Honorable Philip D. Cloutier, representing the Brandywine Hundred area in the State House of Representatives, will be speaking at the Jewish Community Center at 101 Garden of Eden Road, Wilmington, on February 7, 1996, at 7:30 a.m.

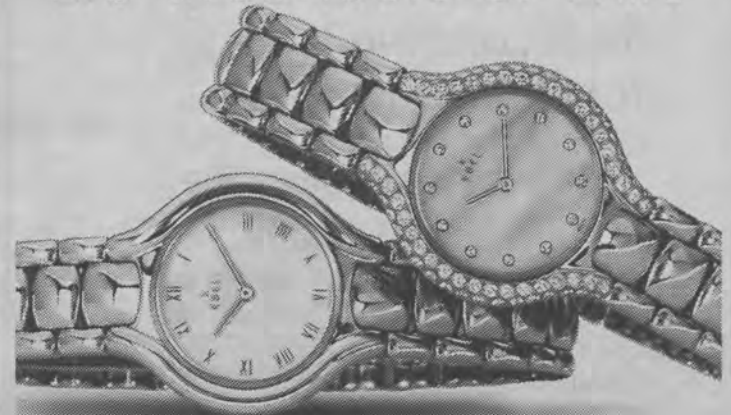
Representative Cloutier, in addition to making remarks on School Vouchers, the Delaware Budget, and School Prayer, will entertain questions and points of view from the audience. A complimentary continental breakfast will be served, and the meeting should adjourn by 8:30 a.m.

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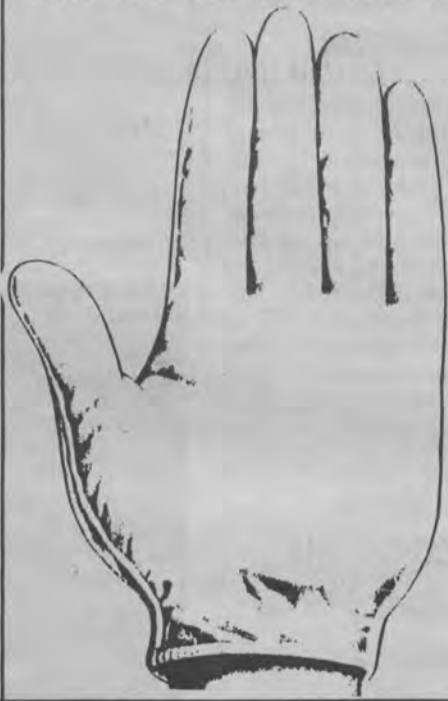
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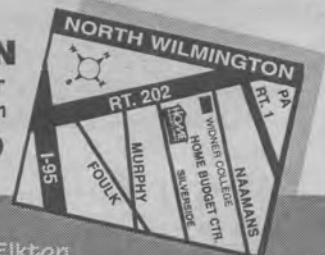
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Marvin Cytron Named Acting Editor of *The Jewish Voice*

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As of January 1996, *The Jewish Voice* has welcomed Marvin Cytron as Acting Editor. Marvin is a native of St. Louis, Mo., educated in his home city with a professional background and experience in Pharmacy. In 1993 he retired, after 34 years with the Sales and Marketing Division of the DuPont-Merck Pharmaceutical Company. Marvin's career with DuPont-Merck included posi-

tions in sales, sales management, administration, product marketing, public relations, special event planner, staff writer, and retired as Manager of Trade Relations. Since his retirement, Marvin has served on the Editorial Committee of *The Jewish Voice*, and has contributed a number of book reviews and news articles for this paper.

Marvin's experience and love of journalism goes back to his youth when he worked as a copy assistant,

proofreader and book reviewer for the St. Louis Jewish Record. Journalism is in his blood as well, *The Jewish Record*, founded by Marvin's grandfather, was one of the first Yiddish-English newspapers west of the Mississippi.

Marvin and his wife Sue, also of St. Louis, have resided in Wilmington since 1981 having lived in a number of locations throughout the country including Long Island and Syracuse, New York, Alaska and Utah. They have two children, both residing with their families here in Delaware. When not working on *The Jewish Voice*, Marvin and Sue spend every available moment with their two grandsons. They are members of

Congregation Beth Shalom where Marvin serves as Public Relations Coordinator and a member of the Board of Directors.

From now until the end of June, Marvin will serve part time as Acting Editor of *The Jewish Voice*. After which, a full time editor will join us. With the help of Dan Weintraub, publisher's representative and former Editor, and Rachel Saifer, Assistant Editor, *The Jewish Voice* will continue its service to the community. "I look forward to this interim position and have enjoyed working with members of the Editorial Committee, Dan Weintraub and Judy Wortman. During these next few months the dynamics of the Editorial Committee, coupled with Dan's experience, the staff writers' diligence, and Judy Wortman's guidance, we can continue to provide to the Delaware Jewish community timely and important news and information with a high standard and quality publication" said Cytron.

In the midst of the new year's winter storms, The Jewish community of Delaware, warmly greets the coming of the Jewish Voice's Acting Editor. "*The Jewish Voice* is extremely fortunate to have Marvin Cytron as Acting Editor. He is very capable and well respected by everyone who knows and works with him" said Barbara S. Keil, Chairperson of *The Jewish Voice* Editorial Committee.

"Marvin has an intuitive grasp of how much of the newspaper production should be completed. His sense of humor makes him easy to work with. He is already doing a great job for our community" said Dan Weintraub.

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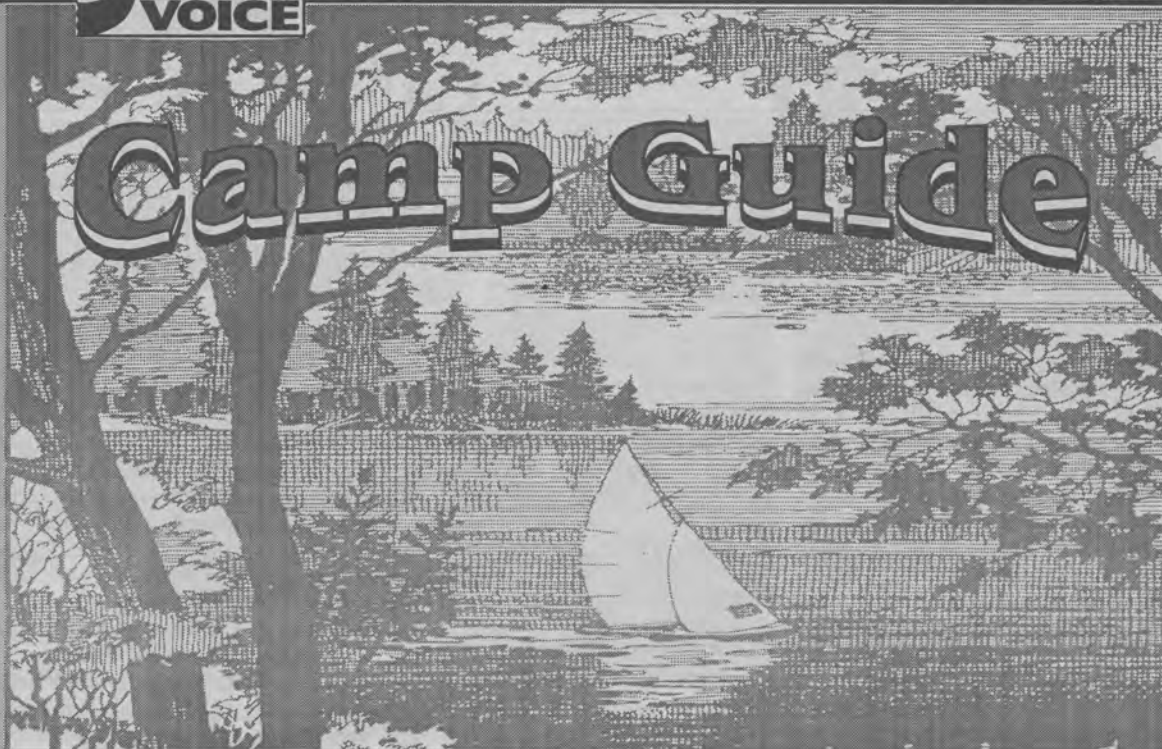
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Israel Experiences Grants Available From JFD

The Jewish Federation of Delaware announces the availability of grants for ISRAEL EXPERIENCES for high school students between 15 and 17 years of age. These grants are for structured summer programs in Israel that are sponsored by national or international Jewish youth organizations and are approved by the Federation.

The deadline for applying is February 1, 1996. Awards will be announced by March 1, 1996.

For applications and information, call or write to Judy Wortman, Executive Vice President, Jewish Federation of Delaware, P.O. Box 2193, Wilmington, DE 19899-2193.

The following are criteria for eligibility:

1. Applicants must still be in high school when they return from Israel.
2. Preference will be given to applicants who have not participated in prior Israel programs.
3. Applicants must provide two letters of recommendation from teachers, rabbis, youth advisors, coaches, employers or supervisors.
4. Applicants must commit themselves to attending briefings before and after their Israel Experience.
5. Applicants must commit themselves to community service when they return. Among the options available are volunteer work in local agen-

cies, synagogues or organizations; involvement in the Federation Campaign; recruitment of peers for subsequent Israel Experiences; leadership roles in Jewish youth groups; public speaking to the community about Israel, etc.

6. Applicants' parents must contribute to the 1996 Campaign, thereby becoming members of the Jewish Federation of Delaware.

Funds for these grants have been made available through an allocation from the 1995 Live Jewish Campaign.



Einstein Second Graders Excel in Reading. Rina Wagman, a second grader at Albert Einstein Academy reads Aldo Applesauce by Johanna Hurwitz as her classmate Justin Finkelstein looks on.

Community Teen Shabbat Carries On Without Speaker

On Friday, December 15th, eighteen teens arrived at the Delaware Jewish Community Center to experience Delaware's first Community Teen Shabbaton. The theme was "Building Community". The teens discussed the importance of the Teen Council and how crucial it is for community organizations to work together. A debriefing session was held in which players (teens) examined obstacles and learned strategies for achieving successful collaboration.

Shabbat began with the lighting of the Shabbat candles, followed by a very spirited service led by Rabbi Malinger. "This Shabbat experience would not have been complete without the scrumptious chicken," said Lev Yampolsky. After dinner, the voices of the teens singing could be heard throughout the entire JCC building. A thought-provoking discussion arose during the "Stranded on a Deserted Island" program, where the teens were forced to choose only three Jewish objects to guide them in their future endeavors. There were different ideas and many obstacles to overcome before each group could agree on what to keep. The importance of organization collaboration and not fearing negotiation among diverse organizations was also discussed.

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The group was very fortunate to have four teens present at the Shabbaton who had traveled to Israel last summer, with assistance from the Jewish Federation of Delaware Israel Experience Grants. They talked about their unforgettable time in the land of Milk and Honey and encouraged everyone to travel to Israel. Anne Parsons said, "The Shabbaton helped me remember what I hold so important in my life ... Israel. I also enjoyed being able to share my ideas with Jews from different backgrounds".

"This Shabbat experience was very special and I know that we will be having more in the future", said Etai Belinky, Community Teen Coordinator. "So if you missed this one - keep your eyes open for the next Community Teen Shabbaton", he added. This program gave Jewish teens from Newark and Wilmington the opportunity to rekindle old friendships and create new ones. Michelle Lazarus said, "I was very excited about getting the opportunity to meet fellow Jews that live in my backyard. We learned to explore the dynamics entailed in shifting from an exclusive focus on one's own organization to an inclusive focus encompassing a variety of youth-service organizations."

Mom - I Touched A Deer Heart Today

Wilmington, DE: Students at Albert Einstein Academy recently learned about the anatomy of the heart - first hand. With a deer heart in the middle of the classroom, they examined the heart's four chambers, the aorta, veins and arteries and talked about how to keep a heart healthy. "Then came the best part - measuring it, weighting it and touching it. What an exciting day for a kindergartner! At Albert Einstein Academy, the Jewish day school serving the Brandywine Valley, children are engaged in the learning process every day, with an interdisciplinary approach to teaching that brings the classrooms alive." said Sarah Baker Andrus.

Housed in a newly renovated and expanded wing of the Wilmington Jewish Community Center, the school offers a curriculum integrating a superb general and Jewish education along with Hebrew language instruction. As Albert Einstein Academy marks its 25th anniversary, the school remains faithful to its mission or providing a challenging educational program in a warm Jewish environment that encourages each child to reach his or her fullest potential. This is made possible by a low student/teacher ratio and a dedi-

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New Americans Party At B'nai B'rith House

By ROBERT D. BURMAN
Director Emigré Services
Jewish Family Service

Recently, the new American residents of B'nai B'rith House who were resettled by Jewish Family Service, invited their neighbors to an evening of Russian music, poetry, crafts, and homemade desserts. It was an opportunity to share their heritage and to say thanks for welcoming them here.

There was a fantastic display of wooden eggs, ceramics, Palekh lacquerware, Baltic amber jewelry, traditional shawls, table coverings, toys, oil paintings etc., crafted by over 15 different Russian artists, courtesy of the Gayduk Family.

Beautiful poetry by Lermontov was recited in both English and Russian by Yanina Okun. She secretly admitted that she was "very nervous" but delivered the words flawlessly. The content was as timely for today as it was a hundred and fifty years ago when it was written.

The leader of the Old World Folk Band explained the Russian (and other mingled) roots of Klezmer music as they presented each lively piece. There was much toe tapping all over the room! Included in the band were two outstanding professional musicians who joined the band last year when they emigrated from

Russia. His husband and wife team were unable to speak English but when she sang and he played the clarinet, the music was its own international language.

Sara Gribov, mistress of ceremonies, opened the evening with thanks for feeling at home in their new homeland and wishes for a warmer relationship with neighbors. She explained that everyone came "to America to find freedom of religious feelings, to think and speak what we feel is important to us," after a lifetime of not being allowed to do so. The 36 (former) Russian refugees, many of whom are now American



citizens "are very thankful that Americans understand our need for



Shown above and below left are celebrants at the B'nai B'rith House.

freedom so our children and grandchildren can realize our dreams and hopes."

As Senior Citizens, the task is even harder to learn a new language and there is a shyness and embarrassment about making mistakes which troubles them greatly. These well educated and professional retirees, find it is even harder to have to "start all over" with the feelings of loss and of ability to function in a new culture.

A grant from the Division of the Arts made the art, crafts, and band possible. Without its help, this quality program could not have been presented to all those smiling apprecia-

tive people. Thanks to the DDOA, the BBH Committee and all the new Americans for an outstanding evening!

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Marissa Kursh at AEA Hanukkah Celebration.

Deer Heart

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cated team of faculty and administrators.

The Albert Einstein Academy is a non-denominational institution that welcomes students from various religious backgrounds. As classes are filling quickly, early application for the 1996-1997 school year is encouraged. For information on open house dates and school tours, contact Mrs. Lorri Finkel, Director of Admissions at (302) 478-5026.

Albert Einstein Academy is committed to preparing students with the skills they will need to respond to a changing world. Toward that end, the school's expanded facilities includes new classroom space, a new library, science room, and computer laboratory, all of which enhance enrichment classes in the sciences and creative arts.

Regrets

Editor's Note: The profile article of Clara Hollander in the December 29 issue of *The Jewish Voice* was written by Bobbie Tomases.

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Camp JCC Opens Registration

For the past 48 years, Jewish camping and the Wilmington JCC have been synonymous. This year is no different as we begin the registration process for Camp '96. We are excited about our dynamic staff, new program opportunities and our committee support.

The JCC staff has been hard at work planning and preparing for this summer. Artie Allen, Assistant Executive Director, will serve as Camp Director. Staci Berger, Assistant Children's Center Director, will serve as the Assistant Camp Director. Other key camp staff include Joe Consiglio, Elyse Greer, Chris Mighton, Etai Belinky and Sonja Hildebrand. The staff has been meeting on a regular basis to plan programs and make improvements to our already excellent camp program.

This summer, we are offering more programs with more options than ever before. For our Olim campers, we have created an opportunity to customize the camp day. Choose from a variety of special activities, including sports and art activities, and games.

Camp Maccabi is back with all the favorites from last year ... and more. Don't miss out on horseback riding, soccer with the Wizards, baseball, basketball and tennis camps. You'll certainly want to try our new activities. Karate, gymnastics and dance camps are all new for '96. Call Chris

Mighton for more details on Camp Maccabi. Says Mighton, "Register early! These are sure to be hits this summer."

Teen Travel has expanded to an exciting 10-week program. This means we will have two additional weeks of great travel opportunities. New trips have been planned for this summer. Etai Belinky is hard at work developing a fun-filled seven-day trip to Ohio, a five-day Boston/Cape Cod trip and a great five-day Niagara Falls/Toronto trip. "This will be a great summer for teen traveling," Belinky said of the new teen itinerary. For teens entering the 10th grade in September, our CIT program is just for you. After completing an orientation this spring, you'll be ready for camp as a Counselor-In-Training.

"We look forward to seeing a lot of campers involved in all our new programs this summer," said Artie Allen.

Under the capable direction of Karen Friedman, the Camping Services Committee has been hard at work planning for the summer. "Many camp components will be emphasized and added," she said. An intense staff orientation has been planned with the assistance of the Camp Committee. "In addition," Friedman added, "we will also be hosting a Parent's Orientation program where parents can meet the

staff, ask questions and become more comfortable with camp." The Camp Committee works diligently to insure a successful camp season for everyone.

If you have any questions about Camp JCC, please call Artie Allen at the JCC, (302) 478-5660. The JCC is a beneficiary of the 1996 UJA/Federation Campaign which is administered here by the Jewish Federation of Delaware (JFD).



Miriam Edell, Executive Vice President of the Kutz Auxiliary, shares a laugh with resident Sylvia Beck at the Kutz Home's Chanukah Family Celebration.

JCC Cultural Caravan Heads for New York

The Jewish Community Center is hosting a trip to New York on Wednesday, March 13, 1996. There are two different Broadway Musicals being offered during this trip, "Victor/Victoria" and "The Phantom of the Opera".

"Victor/Victoria" - Julie Andrews recreates the role she played in Blake

Edward's 1982 film. Directed by Mr. Blake; music by Henry Mancini; lyrics by Leslie Bricusse.

"The Phantom of the Opera" - The Tony Award-winning musical adapted from Gaston Leroux's novel, set in Paris in the 1880's. Book by Richard Stilgoe and Andrew Lloyd Webber; music by Mr. Lloyd Webber; lyrics by Charles Hart. Directed by Harold Prince.

After the show, we will stop at Zabars. The cost for "Victor/Victoria" is \$98.00 for members and \$108.00 for non-members. The cost for "Phantom of the Opera" is \$89.00 for members and \$99.00 for non-members. All costs include round-trip transportation. The bus will depart from the JCC at 8:00 a.m. and will return at approximately 8:00 p.m. There will also be a few seats on the bus available for people who want round-trip transportation to New York for \$32.00 per person. Paid reservations are now being accepted at the JCC Front Desk. For additional information on Cultural Caravan trips, contact Amalia Snyderman or Ella Zukoff at (302) 478-5660. The JCC is a beneficiary of the 1996 UJA/Federation Campaign which is administered here by the Jewish Federation of Delaware (JFD).

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Doug Cotler To Perform At Temple Beth El

Doug Cotler will perform contemporary Jewish music February 24 at Temple Beth El in Newark. He is a Grammy award winning composer and an accomplished singer, songwriter, musician and entertainer. Soon after winning his Grammy in 1984 for his work on the movie and soundtrack of "Flashdance," he began concentrating on writing, producing, and recording his own Jewish compositions - to date, he has recorded five albums of his own songs. Cotler interprets liturgy and writes humorous songs about Jewish events and heroes.

"In songs like "Cowboy Purim" and "Surfing Passover," I draw children into my songs with a familiar American theme and hook them with a Jewish concept," he explains. "I show them it's okay and fun to be an American Jew."

One of Cotler's most popular songs is about the Shema: "When you're lost you feel afraid/And you don't know what to do/Say, then listen, listen to our God/Is there a question on your mind/Is the answer hard

to find/Then listen, listen to our God."

With his father, a Cantor, providing training from the age of nine, Cotler's professional career began at 14, singing in Southern California synagogues and Jewish Community Centers. When Doug's father suddenly passed away, he assumed his father's position as Cantor at a large reform congregation in the Bay area. Doug is currently the Cantor Soloist at Kol Tikvah in Woodland Hills, California. He travels extensively to bring his innovative music to Jewish communities all over the United States.

Services led by Doug Cotler, will begin at 10:00 AM followed by lunch and a concert at 12:30 for adults and student sin grades three - Confirmation. Younger children in grades kindergarten, first, and second will have their own special program with Doug from 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. Please call the Temple office at 366-8330 to reserve for the lunch and concerts. This program is co-sponsored by Temple Beth El and the Jewish Federation of DE.

Senator Biden Featured At AKSE Men's Club Brunch

On Sunday, January 28, 1996, the Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth (A.K.S.E.) Men's Club will feature U.S. Senator Joseph R. Biden, Jr. Senator Biden has been invited to speak on the topic of "Current Congregational Support for Israel", according to Robert S. Weiner, President of the A.K.S.E. Men's Club. Since he was first elected to the U.S. Senate in 1972, U.S. Senator Joseph R. Biden, Jr. of Delaware has been a leader in sustaining the American commitment to Israel.

A member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee since his first term and now the panel's second-ranking Democrat, Biden has been well-positioned to advance U.S.-Israel relations. Speaking in support of recognizing Jerusalem as the capital of Israel, Biden said, "I have had the view for the past 24 years that the only way there will be peace in the Middle East is for Arabs to know there is not division between the United States and Israel."

The A.K.S.E. Men's Club's

monthly Sunday brunch is open to the public. Brunch is scheduled at 9:30 a.m. and the program is from 10:00-11:00 a.m. The cost is \$3.00 for Sunday brunch. Reservations for non-members are suggested and can be made by contacting the A.K.S.E. Office at (302) 762-2705.



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Wine Class At AKSE

Join in an evening of Kosher wine tasting on Sunday, February 25th at 7:30 p.m. at Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth (AKSE) synagogue and learn about the latest varieties of Kosher wines available to enhance one's meals. Alan Goldberg will explain what is special about wine, how to read and understand a wine label, what makes a wine Kosher, and why we are required to use Kosher wine. Participants will taste and compare several red and several white Kosher wines representing various dry varietal wines. Cheese and crackers will be served. Orders for wine will be taken from those interested.

Advance registration is required by February 11th. There is a fee of \$5 per person. Please mail in your registration with your check to AKSE, Washington Blvd. & Torah Way, Wilmington, 19802 or call the synagogue office, 762-2705.

Beth Emeth Special Healing Service

A special special service has been created at Congregation Beth Emeth for people with illness in their lives. Through communal and private prayer and reflection the hope is to create community support and comfort for the healing of the soul. The service is open to all but has been created for people with illness in their lives - either their own or that of their loved ones - and for people who are experiencing distress or grief. Rabbi

Peter Grumbacher recently attend a conference on healing and has since written in The Orbit, their Congregation's newsletter, about healing, which is often associated with traditions other than Reform Judaism. This special service will be held on Sunday, February 4, 4:30 P.M. at Beth Emeth, 300 W. Lea Blvd., Wilmington. For more information interested parties can call the synagogue office (302) 764 2393.

Beth Shalom Country Line Dance

Wilmington's Congregation Beth Shalom will hold its annual country line dance on Saturday evening February 3rd, 1996. The dance will begin at 8:00 P.M. at the synagogue, 18th and Baynard Boulevards. "No experience is necessary for this fun filled evening, we will have a professional caller and everyone will be

dancing within a few minutes of instruction", said Ellen Pell who is chairperson for this event. Cost is \$12.50 per person in advance and \$15.00 at the door, AND includes refreshments. Reservations can be made by calling Ellen Pell at (302) 478-3050 or the Synagogue office (302) 654-4462.

Grants From Beth Emeth Sisterhood

Congregation Beth Emeth's Sisterhood Endowment Fund For Education provides an annual grant for study or leadership training to one or more persons participating in any of Beth Emeth's educational programs. These programs may include: Religious School, Youth Groups, Adult Education or any other educationally oriented activities. The grants are contingent on a written agreement that the knowledge received will be used to benefit the congregation in an agreed upon manner.

Applications are to be made in writing to the committee of the Sisterhood Endowment Fund for Education by February 1 of the year for which the money is requested. The grants are awarded on a one time per person basis.

Application forms are available in the office of Congregation Beth Emeth, at 300 W. Lea Blvd., in Wilmington. The deadline for submitting completed applications is February 1, 1996.

El Al To Pair With Continental

By MICHAEL GELBWASSER
The Jewish Advocate

BOSTON, (JTA) — El Al is ending its "direct" flights from Boston to Israel, but that may actually be good news for local residents.

For the last nine years, El Al has offered one to two weekly flights from Boston's Logan International Airport.

Although the flights were called "direct," passengers actually flew in a shuttle plane to either New York's Kennedy International Airport or Newark Airport in New Jersey, and then connected with El Al's Tel Aviv-bound flight there.

That arrangement will end in April. Under an agreement reached between El Al and Continental airlines, Continental will fly El Al's Israel-

bound passengers from Logan to Kennedy or Newark.

After April, Bostonians will be able to fly El Al to Israel six days a week — El Al does not fly on the Sabbath. Under the current arrangement, El

Al offers from Boston only one flight per week from November to March and two flights per week from April to October.

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AKSE Family Spaghetti Dinner With Music

Congregation Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth's (A.K.S.E.) Family Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, February 4, 1996, from 6:00-9:00 p.m. will feature a menu of spaghetti, meatballs, vegetarian and meat sauce, salad, garlic bread, cookies, coffee, tea and soft drinks. The food will be prepared by Chef Jacque, according to Bob Weiner, A.K.S.E. Men's Club President.

The cost is \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children 12 and under. For ticket information and reservations, contact the A.K.S.E. Office at 302-762-2705.

Broadway Bound has been called a "high-powered, fast-paced, hi-tech musical review." The song and dance troop is headed by Robert Welch.

In addition to featuring Broadway music, *Broadway Bound* mixes in music featuring Disney, the big band sound, and old-fashioned rock 'n' roll.



Hillel Director Rabbi Avraham Rosenblum

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leaving almost every day of the week," said Sheryl Stein, El Al's advertising and public relations manager.

Ticket prices will not change with the new schedule, even though economics drove the switch.

Yair Cohen, New England regional manager for El Al, said he airlines has been averaging 12 to 20 passengers per flight on the shuttle from Boston. Its planes can carry 120 to 140 people.

"We didn't have the support of the Jewish community on our direct flight," Cohen said.

Beth Emeth Outreach Plans Discussion Meetings

The Outreach Committee of Congregation Beth Emeth is planning a series of monthly discussion meetings, upon various topics of interest to intermarrieds and Jews-by-choice. The series will begin on Sunday, January 21st, at 3 p.m., focusing on the videotape, "When Love Meets Tradition".

The showing and subsequent discussion will be at the home of the Drs. Beverly and Bob Friedberg, 20 Winding Way. This forty-minute tape, prepared for the Union of

All of the performing troop associated with *Broadway Bound* are continuously involved in productions at local theaters. Recently, they have performed with the Brandywiners, Candlelight Dinner Theater, Players Club of Swarthmore, Wilmington Drama League, The Delaware Children's Theater, Jewish Community Center and Holidazzle at Longwood Gardens. A special *Broadway Bound* program is being prepared for A.K.S.E. and will feature guest artists: Bob Weiner, Cindy Goldstein and Linda Vodovis, all members of the A.K.S.E. Congregation.

The evening entertainment also features recording artist, Rabbi Avraham Rosenblum, also known as *The Rockin' Rabbi*.

The University of Delaware's Hillel's Rabbi Rosenblum is an accomplished vocalist and guitarist. He grew up in Philadelphia during the 60's and worked with top rock musicians on the east coast.

While traveling in Israel during the 70's, he decided to stay in Jerusalem and combine music and Talmud at the Diaspora Yeshiva on Mt. Zion. They started writing music and performing every Saturday night as the *Diaspora Yeshiva Band*. They entered the Israeli Chassidic Festival with the song *Avraham* co-wrote "Huf Yiftach Libenu" that won first place in the competition and in the hearts of their fans. They won two more Chassidic Festival classics. *Diaspora Yeshiva Band* released a total of six albums, with music that combined the joyous and creative aspects of committed Jewish life and rock 'n' roll.

Avraham still performs for packed audiences around the world. Original English lyrics or Biblical text plus his "Claptonesque" classic rock style have earned him the title of *The Rockin' Rabbi*.

Rabbi Rosenblum attended Woodstock at Max Yasgur's Farm and inspired 40,000 people to dance the hora.

Video credits include being featured on an MTV special with rock star Tom Petty and Roger McGuinn of the Byrds, filmed while Petty and legendary Bob Dylan were on tour in Israel.

"The evening should be a sell-out crowd," says Weiner, "therefore, reservations as soon as possible are strongly suggested." Contact the A.K.S.E. office at 302-762-2705 for reservations and information.

American Hebrew Congregations, is a case study of four couples contemplating or engaged in intermarriage.

The tape chronicles and focuses on about six prenuptial weeks for one of the couples. It also presents frank and open feelings about day-to-day issues faced by couples in which only one of the partners is Jewish.

The program is open to the public; reservations can be made (and directions obtained) by calling the Friedbergs, at (302)762-4277.

Leeman Birth

Cantor and Mrs. Daniel Leeman proudly announce the birth of their son Samuel Aaron. Samuel Aaron 9 pounds, 11 ounces, 22 inches long was born on December 22, 1995. His birth corresponds to the Fifth Hanukkah Candle night which also coincides with the anniversary of his parents first date.

Cantor Leeman, a native of the Bronx, NY, is Cantor of Wilmington's Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Synagogue. Mrs. Leeman (Barbara) is from Middletown, CT. The Leeman's reside in Liftwood Estates.

Your Naches announcement and photo will be printed free of charge as space allows. Send your typed announcement to: **The Jewish Voice, P.O. 2193, Wilmington, DE 19899 or E-mail to jewishvoic@aol.com**

Maccabiah Applications

PHILADELPHIA — The United States Maccabiah Committee is recruiting Jewish male and female athletes, coaches and trainers to represent the United States at the 15th World Maccabiah Games, July 5-25, 1997 in Israel.

The quadrennial Maccabiah Games, an athletic and cultural event for Jewish athletes, are among the world's five largest international athletic events. Every four years, Jewish athletes from around the world gather in Israel for this Olympic-style and sanctioned event.

The United States Maccabiah Team is sponsored by the Philadelphia-based Maccabi USA/Sports for Israel, a national, not-for-profit organization that seeks to enrich the lives of Jewish youth in the US, Israel and throughout the Diaspora through athletic, cultural and educational programs.

For the first time ever competitions will be offered in beach volleyball and ice hockey in addition to 28 other sports including: badminton, basketball, bridge, clay pigeon, fencing, field hockey, golf, gymnastics, half marathon, judo, karate, rhythmic gymnastics, rowing, rugby, sailing, shooting, soccer, softball, squash, swimming, table tennis, tennis, ten pin bowling, track & field, triathlon, volleyball, water polo, weightlifting and wrestling.

Competitions will be in four categories: open, juniors, masters and disabled for both male and female athletes, not every sport will be available in every category nor will there be competition for both men and women in every sport.

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Left to right, Sandy Isenstein, Immediate Past National President; Ruth Rosenberg, Brandywine Chapter President; Amy Leviton, Brandywine Chapter Vice President; Karen Melnick, Brandywine Chapter Recording Secretary; Ruth Taffel, National President. Photo taken at the National Convention in Chicago of Women's American ORT.



The Tomases', Nettie, Norman and Bobbie, enjoy a chat with Ellen Koniver at the Kutz New Year's Eve Party.



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of Modern Art. The installation is on view from January 18 to April 23, 1996, in the Museum's second-floor Painting and Sculpture Galleries.

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Family Concert At M'kor Shalom in Cherry Hill, NJ

"Everybody's got a little music in em, music in em, music in 'em, Everybody's got a little music in 'em, I can hear it when you sing."

Those lyrics are the musical signatures of Rabbi Joe Black, also known as Rabbi Joe, and Mark Bloom, stars of the Aleph Bet Boogie

Family Concert on Sunday, February 11, 1996, at Congregation M'kor Shalom, 850 Evesham Road, in Cherry Hill. Rabbi Joe and Mark Bloom, both of Minneapolis, will give two performances that afternoon, at 1:15 p.m. and at 3:30 p.m.

Rabbi Joe and Mark Bloom have

Words & Music:

Classical Music, Big Apple Circus and More

By STEVE COHEN

Special to The Jewish Voice

The Conductor's Guild, an international organization of classical conductors, held its annual convention in Philadelphia recently. Maestros from thirty countries attended. The Guild presents a retrospective of one famous conductor or orchestra's work. The Guild decided to honor Leopold Stokowski, the Philadelphia Orchestra's music director between 1912 and 1940. Jonathan Sternberg, former Music Director of the Royal Flemish Opera (Belgium), put together a program that included film, recordings and talks by people who knew and worked with Stokowski.

It was good to see again such illustrious Philadelphia Orchestra musicians as Sol Schoenbach, Harry Gorodetzer and Mason Jones. Speakers included sound engineer Ward Marston, "Live From Lincoln Center" announcer Martin Bookspan, and this columnist. My area of expertise was Stokowski's

work as a composer and orchestrator.

Stokowski and I talked about this subject on a series of broadcasts I produced in the 1970's for National Public Radio and the BBC. This part of his career is controversial because of a rumor that he took credit for work that others actually did. At this conference I was glad to pass along what I learned then.

We all know the spectacular Stokowski arrangements of Bach's music (like the *Tocatta and Fugue* that opens "Fantasia.") In addition, some of my favorite Stokowski orchestrations are his settings of Debussy and Chopin piano pieces. Critics used to say that his alteration of those works was like someone splashing gaudy paint on delicate engravings. His supporters argued back that he was taking pieces that were heard only by small groups in salons and churches and bringing them to much larger audiences.

We don't know what Bach would have said about this, but modern

"Jekyll & Hyde" At The Playhouse Theatre

Jekyll & Hyde, the gothic musical thriller whose cast album has gen-

erated intense audience interest prior to its first national tour, comes to the stage of The Playhouse Theater in Wilmington, February 16-25.

Since it debuted in 1990 at Houston's famed Alley Theater, *Jekyll & Hyde*, with its musical score by Oscar and Grammy-winner Leslie Bricusse and Frank Wildhorn, has enjoyed a passionate following similar to that of other mega-hit musicals.

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composers invariably supported Stokowski's work. People like Copland, Gould, Hovhannes and Virgil Thomson told me that they were glad whenever Stokowski tinkered with their compositions, because he was giving them greater exposure.

In a few months we'll be able to hear a CD full of Stokowski transcriptions on the Angel-EMI label, recorded last spring by Sawallisch and the Philadelphia Orchestra. Erich Kunzel and the Cincinnati Pops have already issued several best-selling albums of Stokowski arrangements on the Telarc label.

A winter-season entertainment to lift your spirits is the Big Apple Circus, an eighteen-year-old institution. It's a non-profit institution that devotes its time and money to school children and, especially, sick children. The Big Apple clowns entertain in hospitals and doctors report that the patients require less pain-killing medication as a result.

The New York City-based Big Apple Circus tours several cities in the meantime, catch it at Lincoln Center. The Big Apple is more intimate than the Ringling Brothers-Barnum & Bailey Circus. It uses one ring and a small tent so every patron is close to the action.

Kenneth Feld, producer of the Ringling Brothers organization, is also responsible for the Walt Disney World on Ice. This troupe puts on a spectacular ice show with a different story line each year. This season it's "The Wizard of Oz." There's excellent skating, scenery, special effects and all the songs we remember from the classic movie.

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The show features original cast members Robert Cuccioli as Jekyll/Hyde and Linda Eder as Lucy.

Performances of *Jekyll & Hyde* are Friday, February 16 through Sunday, February 25. Evening performances are Tuesday through Saturday at 8 p.m. a special Sunday night performance on February 18 at 7:30 p.m. has been added. Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday matinees are at 2 p.m. Ticket prices range from \$37 to \$55.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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FEBRUARY 1996

Thursday 22

From Thursday, February 22 to Sunday, February 25, 1996, the Jerusalem 3000 Committee of the Jewish Federation of Southern New Jersey, the Department of the Israeli Shaliach, the JCC and the JCRC of Southern New Jersey Jerusalem 3000 Film Festival will feature "New Land" with director Orna Ben Dor; "Sechur," and "The Summer of Avia" with director Gila Almaga at The Jewish Community Center in Cherry Hill, New Jersey 22nd at 7:30 P.M.; 24th at 8:00 P.M.; 25th at 2:00 P.M. The cost is to be announced. For more information call (609) 665-6100 x 203.

Sunday 25

The United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism/Bureau of Jewish Education will feature a City-wide Zimriyah with over 500 children singing from over a dozen Conservative synagogues Germantown Jewish Centre 1:00 - 3:00 PM. There is no charge for the event. For information call (215) 635-9701

MARCH 1996

Thursday 7

The Auerbach CAJE is sponsoring "Jerusalem - Make and Take," a hands on workshop, making educational materials. The event will be held at the Auerbach CAJE in Pennsylvania from 12:30 PM - 7:30 PM (all day). For information call Nancy Messinger (215) 635-8940

APRIL 1996

Sunday 14

Jewish Community Centers of Greater Philadelphia - Klein Branch, Israel Celebration Day will take place celebrating Jerusalem 3000. The day will include Israeli films, games, vendors, dancing, entertainment, an art exhibit and discussion groups. The JCC Klein Branch is located at 10100 Jamison Avenue, Philadelphia. The event will be held from 1:00 - 4:00 P.M. There

is no charge, except that Israeli food will be for sale. For more information, call Phyllis Apparies at (215) 698-7300.

Wednesday 17

From Wednesday, April 17 to Thursday, April 25, 1996, State of Israel Bonds will lead a Trip to Israel which includes meeting with the Prime Minister, witnessing the enclosure in a special time capsule of scrolls preserving the legacies of exceptional Jewish families. This Israel 9-day trip costs \$2,300.00. For more information, call Harriet Potashnick at (215) 561-2663.

Sunday 21

Germantown Jewish Centre, a Jerusalem Pops Concert conducted by Cantor Levin, will feature the children of the school, a large adult chorus and some special soloists. Favorite Israeli songs, especially about Jerusalem, will be included. For more information, call Cantor Sheldon Levin at (215) 844-1512.

Wednesday 24

Akiba Hebrew Academy, a Jerusalem 3000 celebration will be held for the entire school, the event will take place at Akiba Hebrew Academy from 12:30 PM - 3:30 PM. There is no charge for the event. For more information, call Tamar Adini at (610) 667-4070 ext. 112.

Sunday 28

The Jerusalem 3000 Committee of the Jewish Federation of Delaware will present the Jerusalem 3000 Extravaganza in Wilmington, DE: an all day celebration for all ages with music, entertainment, games, vendors, food and educational opportunities. The event will be held at the JCC of Wilmington. The extravaganza will last all day. There is no charge for the event. For more information, call (302) 427-2100.

The Germantown Jewish Centre a Learning Fair will be held featuring workshops and study sessions for all age groups; a presentation by Judah Labovitz, President of the JCRC of Philadelphia, about the political situation in Israel today; speakers representing various political positions will debate the future of Jerusalem and its surrounding settlements; a "shuk" selling arts, books, crafts and imports from Israel. The event at the Germantown Jewish Centre will take place from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM at a cost of \$5.00 per person. For more information, call Cantor Sheldon Levin at (215) 844-1512.

MAY 1996

Wednesday 15

The Jewish Community Centers of Greater Philadelphia - Klein Branch, the JCC Klein Branch Pre-School and Kindergarten Israeli Independence Day Celebration will take place. This year's focus is on Jerusalem 3000. School children will participate in singing and dancing. The JCC Klein Branch is located at 10100 Jamison Ave., in Philadelphia. The event will be held from 9:30 to 11:30 A.M. There is no charge. For more information, call Marilyn Cheskis Lear at (215) 698-7300.

Beth Zion-Beth Israel Neziner Hebrew School, a Jerusalem multimedia extravaganza event for the school will be held from 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM. There is no charge for the event. For more information, call Jerry Silverman at (215) 463-4994.

Saturday 18

A concert by Israeli singer Chava Alberstein sponsored by Consul General of Israel will be held at the Jewish Community Centers of Greater Philadelphia - Gershman Branch in the evening. Further details will be announced. For more information, call Ruti Kulka at (215) 546-5556.

Sunday 19

The Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Philadelphia and the Young Leadership Council of the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia will cosponsor an Israel Independence Day Celebration: The theme is Jerusalem 3000. This event includes a parade; a bazaar with Israeli food, merchandise and information; local entertainment; interactive educational activities for children, participatory Israeli dancing, and ceremonies with dignitaries. The event will take place at the Judge Lewis Quadrangle, Independence Mall in Philadelphia from 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM. There is no charge for this event which is open to the community. For more information, call Shira Kosoy Moses at (215) 922-7222.

Monday 27

Congregation Adas Kodesh Shel Emeth in Wilmington, Delaware, the annual celebration of Israel - Cafe Tamar will take place. Cafe Tamar features performances of Israeli dancing and music at Congregation Adas Kodesh Shel Emeth in Wilmington. The event takes place in the evening with the charge to be and further details to be announced. For more information, call (302) 762-2705.

JUNE 1996

Sometime during June of 1996, Temple Beth Hillel-Beth El, will sponsor the 31st Annual Delaware Valley Jewish Choral Festival. The festival will feature Jewish choirs will gather for a choir-to-choir sing featuring music by Israeli composers and music about Jerusalem. Between performances, the audience will sing assorted Israeli folk tunes. Temple Beth Hillel-Beth El The date is to be announced. There is no charge for the festival. For more information, call Denise Armstrong at (610) 649-5300.

Sunday 2

Germantown Jewish Centre, an event titled King David's Harp will take place. The program will feature Cantor Levin, the GJC Choir and a professional harpist. The musicians will perform Ladino and Sephardic selections and a new work for harp by a Russian-Philadelphian composer, David Finko, entitled "King David's Harp" at the Men's and Women's Club Installation Brunch. The musical program at the Germantown Jewish Centre begins at 11:00 AM. There is no charge for the program, but there is a charge for the lunch, probably around \$10.00. For more information, call Cantor Sheldon Levin at (215) 844-1512.

Tuesday 4

State of Israel Bonds will hold a dinner honoring Ray Perelman and Family as State of Israel Bonds' Jerusalem 3000 family at The Four Seasons Hotel in Philadelphia beginning at 6:00 P.M. Further details are to be announced. For more information, call Harriet Potashnick at (215) 561-2663.

Ongoing

Exhibition: "THE ASSOCIATED: A 75th Anniversary Retrospective," tracing the growth and development of Baltimore's Jewish community federation and its agencies. Historic photos, artifacts, and memorabilia. From January 21 through June 2, 1996 on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Sundays from noon to 4:00 p.m. at The Jewish Historical

newly elected members of the Palestinian Council will become members of the PNC.

One of the PNC's existing members is Nayef Hawatmeh of the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine. He was behind the 1974 massacre in Ma'alot in northern Israel in which 21 schoolchildren were killed.

Peres told reporters Wednesday that it did not matter whether Hawatmeh stayed in Damascus, where he is based, or came to the self-rule areas.

However, in a statement to reporters in the Syrian capital, Hawatmeh said he wants to return, but not under the conditions set by Israel.

"We are ready, leadership and members, to return home. But that should not be under the conditions set by Peres," he said.

Israeli officials have made clear their expectation that the PNC will

be convened to take action to amend or abrogate the covenant, and also have cautioned that the peace process will be stopped if the PNC fails to do so.

Society of Maryland, 15 Lloyd Street, Baltimore. Admission fee is \$2 for adults; free of charge for Society members and children age 12 and under. The sponsors of this event are The Jewish Historical Society of Maryland and the Jewish Community Federation of Baltimore.

"The Sisters Rosensweig", weekends Jan. 19-Feb. 3, 1996. Fridays and Saturdays, 8 p.m., Sunday Matinee Jan. 28 at 2 p.m. Adults: \$15. Students: \$10. Group rates available. For reservations call (302) 655-4982. For more information, please contact Mary K. Davis at (302) 432-1008 (days).

Young Jewish Adults of Delaware's (YJAD's) co-ed, non-competitive volleyball league continues every Wednesday night from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. It will move inside to the J.C.C. gym as of September 6, 1995.

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.

To order *Volunteer and Internship Possibilities In Israel* send \$10 for each book to: USD/AZYF, 110 E. 59th Street, 3rd Floor, New York, NY 10022 or call: (212) 339-6941 or 1 (800) 27-ISRAEL.

Through Sunday, April 21, 1996, Temple Beth Hillel-Beth El will hold the The Jerusalem Studies Institute: Created By The Adult Education Program. The Institute Will Consist Of A Full Array Of Courses, Lectures, Discussions And Presentations All Unified By The Theme Of Jerusalem. Courses Will Be Held On The Following Dates: February 6, 13, 20, 27, March 12, 19, 26, And April 21. at Temple Beth Hillel-Beth El. The Time: is Variable According To Event. The Fee: - \$36.00 For Members; \$72.00 For Non Members. For more information call Denise Armstrong Daytime Phone Number: (610) 649-5300.

Israel Radio, quoting Palestinian sources, said contacts were already under way in preparation for the permanent-status negotiations scheduled to begin in May.

On the agenda of these talks will be some of the most difficult issues that have yet to be resolved, including the status of Jerusalem, Jewish settlements in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, borders and the political status of the Palestinians.

Meanwhile, Peres said Wednesday that in the permanent arrangement, Israel would insist that Ma'aleh Adumin, a Jewish city in the West Bank near Jerusalem, remain under Israeli law.

Peres said he would follow the policy set by his predecessor, the late Yitzhak Rabin, on the matter.

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Peres Calls Vow To Create Palestinian State A Dream

By NAOMI SEGAL

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres has said Palestinian vows to create an independent state are "a dream."

Peres' comments came after he met Wednesday night with Palestine Liberation Organization leader Yasser Arafat, who, speaking to Egyptian journalists earlier in Gaza, said a Palestinian state could come into being within a year and a half, if negotiations were conducted intensively.

The two leaders, meeting at the Erez crossing along the Israel-Gaza

border, discussed the results of Saturday's Palestinian elections, a Palestinian demand for additional prisoner releases and Israel's insistence that the Palestine National Covenant be amended.

The meeting came a day after Arafat, in an interview with the Jewish Telegraphic Agency in Taza, said he would not commit himself to revoking or amending those sections of the covenant calling for the destruction of Israel.

Peres' meeting with Arafat was the first time the two leaders came face-to-face since the PLO leader won the

presidency of the Palestinian Council on Saturday.

After Saturday's elections, Peres said that he would permit all members of the Palestine National Council, even those opposed to the peace accords and those with Jewish blood on their hands, to return to the West Bank and Gaza to participate in a meeting of the PNC in order to change the covenant.

According to the peace accords, the amendment of the charter must occur no later than two months after the inauguration of the new Palestinian government. All the 88

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GOP Congressional Candidates Get Bigger Share of PAC Money

By DANIEL KURTZMAN

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21 (JTA) — As the 1996 election campaign kicks off, GOP congressional candidates are for the first time receiving a majority of the funds raised by pro-Israel political action committees.

The Republicans' \$23 million exceeded the Democrats' \$12 million in overall PAC receipts during the first six months of 1995 — the latest period for which figures are available — according to the Federal Election Commission.

During that period, pro-Israel PACs contributed nearly \$340,000 to congressional candidates on both parties, as well as another \$30,000 to Republican presidential candidates. Fully 53 percent of their contributions went to Republican congressional candidates — a dramatic turnaround from the first six months of 1993, when Republicans received only 27 percent of funds raised by pro-Israel PACs.

PAC officials say the shift in funding simply reflects changing political realities. Traditionally, interest groups give where the power is situated.

"Any interest group will normally support people who have the ability to help them," said Morris Amitay, founder and treasurer of the Washington PAC, which has shifted a greater percentage of its funding toward Republicans, but still narrowly favored Democrats. "With majorities and chairmanships shifting toward the Republicans, it's only natural that you'll see more money going toward the Republicans," he added. Republicans captured majorities in both the Senate and the House in 1994.

National PAC, the largest pro-Israel

rael PAC — which accounted for nearly one-third of the total pro-Israel contributions tallied in the first half of 1995 — gave 65 percent of their outlays to Republicans. As the pre-eminent pro-Israel donor, NATPAC's influence is great enough to sway the total pro-Israel PAC contributions in favor of Republican congressional candidates.

Aside from NATPAC, the rest of the pro-Israel PACs slightly favored Democratic congressional candidates over Republicans in the 1995 donations, thought he amounts given to GOP candidates represented significant increases over donations made in years past. Chuck Brooks, executive director of NATPAC, said the group shifted large chunks of funding away from Democrats to Republicans not because of "policy differences," but because of the "practical realities" of Republican power.

Pro-Israel PACs have traditionally been among the largest contributors to congressional campaigns that fall under the category of ideological or single-issue interest groups. Rather than spreading the wealth thinly among dozens of candidates, the pro-Israel PACs tend to concentrate their contributions in a small number of key races, usually in the Senate.

The PACs often encourage Jewish candidates to run, but say they do not necessarily give preferences to Jews. Funding decisions are instead based on candidates' records. Overall fund raising by pro-Israel PACs has dropped off by about 20 percent from the first six months of 1993, according to the Center for

Responsive Politics, a nonpartisan research organization that examines money and politics. Last year's drop follows the sharp declines in giving that began in 1990. Pro-Israel PACs have decreased their contributions from \$6.7 million in 1990 to \$4 million in 1992 and \$2.3 million in 1994.

Moreover, the number of active pro-Israel PACs has declined by more than half since the early '90s — from 56 between 1991 and 1992, to 45 between 1993 and 1994, down to 24 in 1995. PAC officials say contributions this year will probably fall well short of the totals from past cycles. Brooks attributes the decline to a sense of "complacency in the community as the Middle East peace process moves forward. Most Jewish fund raising has traditionally taken place during "emergency situations," but an increasingly secure Israel has removed the "sense of urgency," Brooks said.

Others point to the altered political landscape, in which the administration is viewed as more sympathetic to Israel than Congress — a reversal of the paradigm of previous years. "Now, with love fests between Clinton and the Israeli leadership, it's hard to make the argument that we definitely have to use Congress to get to the administration," Amitay said.

PAC officials, however, caution against complacency. Half of those now serving in Congress, they point out, have been elected during the 1990s — a number that is likely to rise with a record number of incumbents retiring in 1996. Although pro-Israel groups continue to view Congress and its new leadership as sym-

pathetic to Israel, they see no guarantees about the future.

With the high level of turnover in Congress, "we're going to have a Congressional memory of U.S.-Israel relations," Brooks said. "I think the (Jewish) community is at risk if we neglect the fact that these people need to be educated and cultivated on these issues."

With more open seats and less money to give, PAC officials say they will have to be more selective in deciding which candidate to fund while being careful not to spread their contributions too thin. PACs can donate a maximum of \$5,000 to each congressional candidate for the primaries and a maximum of \$5,000 for a general election, for a total of \$10,000 per election cycle.

Brooks said NATPAC would focus their contributions where it counts — on congressional leaders and key committee members responsible for the flow of foreign aid to Israel. In addition, it intends to support Republican presidential candidates, such as Sens. Bob Dole (R-Kan.), Phil Gramm (R-Texas) and Richard Lugar (R-Ind.), whose records show strong support for Israel, as well as President Bill Clinton.

Although GOP candidates in 1996 will receive substantial sums, as a percentage, their share of money from the pro-Israel PACs remains smaller than when the Democrats held the gavel. Before the Republican takeover, Democratic candidates were consistently receiving about 70 percent of the total contributions from pro-Israel PACs. Republicans

are now taking in only 53 percent. PAC officials say a natural bias toward Democrats may account for the discrepancy.

Although support for Israel tends to reach across party lines, Democrats are generally viewed to be more in step with the mainstream Jewish community on social issues such as abortion, prayer in school and preserving the social safety net. For that reason, and as a response to the Republican power shift, the National Jewish Democratic Council has started up an independent, partisan PAC.

Ira Forman, the group's executive director, said NJDC PAC can best represent Jewish and pro-Israel interests by contributing to Democratic congressional candidates. Other interest groups, such as the Joint Action Committee for Political Affairs — a women's group with a strong emphasis on pro-choice candidates — continue to give the bulk of their funds to Democrats, despite the power shift.

Marsha Balonick, executive director of JACAPAC, said her group performs a "litmus test" on candidates on key social issues to determine whom they can support. Although the group has always looked for Republicans to back, Balonick said, "It's always been a problem" to find them. Jewish Republicans hope that the trend will continue. "I think the fact that the (Jewish) community is becoming more supportive of Republicans is very encouraging," said Matt Brooks, executive director of the National Jewish Coalition, a Republican group. "But we still have such a historical gap to overcome."



Above, Israeli Prime Minister, after he was overwhelmingly affirmed January 21 by the ruling Labour Party as its candidate for prime minister in elections this year. Peres, a 72-year-old career politician who succeeded assassinated Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin two months ago, has said he wants to stick to the scheduled October 29, 1996, election day.

Left, German Chancellor Helmut Kohl and Israeli President Ezer Weizman walk to an official dinner January 15. President Weizman and his wife, Reuma were on an official four-day visit to Germany.



Sunday, January 21, 2 p.m., WHYY TV 12

FRONTLINE: THE GULF WAR

The conclusion and second half of FRONTLINE's "The Gulf War" airs Sunday, January 21 at 2 p.m. on TV 12. "The Gulf War" features in-depth interviews with the key political and military leaders on all sides of the war, including General Colin Powell, General Norman Schwarzkopf, former Secretary of State James Baker, Iraqi Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz, Israeli Premier Yitzhak Shamir, as well as dozens of pilots and soldiers from the U.S., coalition and Iraqi forces. "The Gulf War" investigates what really happened behind the scenes during the months of diplomatic maneuvering, the air war, the ground assault, and the war's ragged ending.

OBITUARIES

GEORGE ACKERMAN

George Ackerman, 85, of Brandywine Hundred, died December 25 at home.

Mr. Ackerman had worked as a court recorder in Superior Court, retiring in 1980 after 43 years.

Survivors include his wife, Mildred Ackerman, his son, Ric of Wilmington; sister, Celia Brenner of Eugene, Ore.

The family requests that contributions be sent to The Delaware Hospice, Wilmington, or to Hadassah in care of Ruth Goodman, 2806 Bodine Drive, Chalfonte, Wilmington 19810.

THELMA BUCHOLTZ

Thelma Bucholtz, who retired in 1982 from Bank of Delaware trust department, died December 24 in Christiana Hospital. Her age was not disclosed.

Miss Bucholtz, of 2610 Creston Place, Wilmington, moved to the city as a young child from Philadelphia. She was a member of Beth Shalom Congregation, Jewish Community Center Senior Center, Jewish Bowling League and Jewish War Veterans Auxiliary.

Survivors include a sister, Ruth Bucholtz, with whom she lived.

Contributions may be sent to the American Society, Beth Shalom Congregation, or Deborah, in care of M. Weinstein, 8602 Society Drive, Claymont 19703.

ANITA LEE BRAUNSTEIN

On December 25, 1995, Anita Lee (nee Kowins) Braunstein died. She was the beloved wife of Stewart Braunstein, beloved mother of Jodie Beth Pezzner of Wilmington, and Randi Sue Crystal of Reisterstown, Md. Devoted mother-in-law of Ashley I. Pezzner and Jess D. Crystal. She was the loving grandmother of Josh B., Raichel A. and Zachary A. Pezzner, Joseph S. and Daniel A. Crystal. Services and interment were held in Baltimore, Md.

MORRIS BERGER

Morris Berger, 79, local bass-playing band leader and window cleaning businessman once known as "The Mayor of Market Street," died January 12 of congestive heart failure at home, 7412 Society Drive, Claymont.

From 1954, he and his brother, Irving, owned and operated Wilco Window Cleaning Co. He retired in 1983.

Mr. Berger, raised at Sixth and Adams streets, was a 1934 graduate of Wilmington High School. He began leading bands at age 18; he also played in the Wilmington Symphony Orchestra. During World War II, he worked at Bellanca Aircraft, New Castle.

Survived by his wife, Leah; son, Philip of Edgewood Hills; daughter, Carol Sherr of Wilmington; brother, Irving of Delray Beach, Fla.;

four grandchildren; two step grandchildren; and a great-granddaughter.

The family suggests contributions to either the Wilmington Chapter of Deborah, c/o Mary Weinstein, 8602 Society Drive, Claymont, DE 19703 or Delaware Hospice, Suite 100, Clayton Bldg., 3515 Silverside Rd., Wilmington, DE 19810.

CHARLES HERRING

Charles Herring, 75, of 2211 Charwood Drive, Brandywine Hundred, died December 26, 1995 of a heart attack in Wilmington Hospital.

Mr. Herring owned Almar Hardware store at Foulk and Naamans roads. He closed the business 17 years ago. He then worked at Airbase Carpet Mart, New Castle, retiring in 1993.

Survivors include his wife, Marilyn Herring, his son, Alan B. of Wilmington.

The family requests that contributions be sent to the Kutz Home.

ERIC O. RAPHAEL

Eric O. Raphael, 84, a refugee from Nazi Germany who owned and ran a Wilmington-based industrial import business, died December 28, 1995 of congestive heart failure at St. Francis Hospital.

Mr. Raphael imported German machine tools, including lathes, in the 1950s and 1960s through his Ferra Associates. The DuPont Co. was a big customer. He and his father, Felix, also dealt internationally in scrap metal.

He was a member of Temple Beth Emeth reform synagogue, Wilmington.

He and his wife, Tidle Huentemann Raphael, settled in Brandywine Hundred, after many years on 35th Street, Wilmington, near P.S. du Pont School.

Survivors include his wife; son, Ronald of Washington, D.C., his daughter, Evelyn M. Feltoon of Corpus Christi, Texas; his brother, Benjamin of Newark; and two grandchildren.

RUTH WEISBERG RESNICK

Ruth Weisberg Resnick, a Depression-era pharmacist in Baltimore who settled in Wilmington in 1946 with her physician husband, Elton Resnick, died January 4 of cancer at home in Chevy Chase, Md.

Mrs. Resnick, who would have

turned 81 on Jan. 17, was buried in Beth Emeth Memorial Park, following a graveside service. Raised in Baltimore, the aspiring doctor chose pharmacy school at the University of Maryland as so few medical schools accepted women.

Mrs. Resnick's husband set up his family practice in Wilmington after interning at a city hospital. The couple lived on Penny Hill, Villa Monterrey, then at Brandywine Hills, Wilmington. The couple were members of Congregation Beth Emeth, the Wilmington reform synagogue, and Brandywine Country Club, off Concord Pike. Mrs. Resnick enjoyed golfing there. She was also a member of the Junior Board of Memorial Hospital (later a Wilmington Medical Center division), where her husband was on staff.

In 1973, the couple retired to Bal Harbour, Fla. After her husband's 1988 death, Mrs. Resnick moved to Chevy Chase, Md.

Survivors include sons, Gerald of Wynnwood, Brandywine Hundred, an Elkton, Md. optometrist, and Jay of Falls Church, Va.; her daughter, Lois Sacks of Potomac, Md.; her sister, Mildred Sinder of Baltimore, and five grandchildren.

Contributions may be sent to the Jewish Social Service Agency of Greater Washington, D.C., 6123 Montrose Road, Rockville, Md., 20852.

SYLVIA SCHEVITZ

Sylvia (nee: Sugarman) Schevitz of Lakehurst, New Jersey died January 9 at the Kimball Medical Center in Lakewood, New Jersey. She was 93.

Mrs. Schevitz was a homemaker and ran the Master Shoe Service in Wilmington, Delaware which was owned by her late husband.

She was born in Kiev, Russia and came to the United States in 1915. She lived in Wilmington, and Philadelphia, before moving to Lakehurst, New Jersey in 1986.

She is predeceased by her husband Mitchell who died in 1973.

She is survived by two sons: Chief Petty Officer (Ret.) Joseph K. Schevitz, U.S.N. of Point Pleasant, New Jersey and Dr. Jeffrey Schevitz of Germany; and four grandchildren.

KATE SHUMAN

Kate Shuman, 91, of Clearwater, Florida passed away January 11. She is survived by her loving sons Norman and Mack Shuman, three grandchildren and two great grandchildren, brother Harry Goldman, and sisters Vidie Weinstein and Belle Fine. Graveside services were held January 14 at Lakeside Memorial Park in Miami, Fla.

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REBA G. SCHWARTZ

Reba G. Schwartz, 95, a movie theater entrepreneur, died January 9 in Silver Lake Nursing & Rehabilitation Center, Dover.

After her 1935 marriage to George M. Schwartz, she assisted in his Motion Picture Theaters Business, Dover. After his 1942 death, Mrs. Schwartz and her daughter, Murial Schwartz of Dover, expanded the business. She owned theaters in Delaware and Maryland. She was board treasurer at Kent General Hospital in the 1950s. Raised in Wilmington, she was a 1917 graduate of Wilmington High.

Survivors include another daughter, Wilma Ross of New York City; a son, Stephen J. Saltzman of Manchester, Vt.; three grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren.

Contributions may be sent to Kent General Hospital Foundation.

Shabbat Study

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some inflammatory rhetoric from both the extreme left and right, the overall mood of the country is supportive of the struggle for peace. The current labor government has made a very positive recognition of the religious right in the appointment of Rabbi Amital as Minister at Large. Rabbi Amital, an Orthodox "Rosh" (Chancellor) Yeshiva in Jerusalem, is a supporter of the peace process.

On a question of U.S. Armed Forces as part of a peace keeping force on the Golan Heights the panel members expressed dismay on such action. However in the final analysis if that is what the peace process hinges on than perhaps it is appropriate to support such action. A common message from each Rabbi was that the opportunity for peace is rare and the alternative to talking peace and striving for a lasting peace is far

worse.

The study session which included afternoon and evening services included a traditional Shabbat third meal and concluded with a Havdalah service. Services were conducted by Cantor Leeman of AKSE and Cantor Swerling of Beth Shalom.

Dover Shabbat

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tance from Dover to Wilmington. After being three hours on the road on Friday, I am sure that our guests are convinced of the drastically unequal distances between the two cities.

Everyone enjoyed meeting our guests and it was a most informative evening. John Elzufon, JCRC Chairman, and Dan Weintraub, JCRC Director, also came to the event from Wilmington.

Blood Fued

JERUSALEM, (JTA) — Israel's Ethiopian community was enraged this week after media reports that the country's blood banks had for years been accepting their donations, but disposing of the blood for fear that it was contaminated with HIV, the virus that causes AIDS.

"We are blood brothers with the Israelis but our blood is thrown in the garbage because we are black," said Adiso Masala, the head of an Ethiopian immigrant organization.

Health Minister Ephraim Sneh said the rate of HIV among Ethiopians was 50 times higher than in the general population.

But Masala said of the 60,000 Ethiopians in Israel, some 300 were infected with HIV.

Weather

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rived too late to services from Wilmington. Clara Hollander, Delaware Chairperson of the 1996 UJA/Federation Campaign, and Toni Young, President of The Jewish Federation of Delaware, spoke to members of the Dover community in the speaker's place.

Words & Music:

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over the past has varied from excellent productions such as "A Chorus Line" to stilted versions of "Evita" and "Oklahoma!" "The Sound of Music," directed by Jesse Cline, is one of their better efforts.

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tingent on legislation known as the Middle East Peace Facilitation Act, which expires at the end of March.

According to the accords, the amendment of the charter must occur no later than two months after the inauguration of the new Palestinian government.

But Arafat sees it differently. He said that in 1988 and in 1991, the Palestine National Council, the Palestinian parliament in exile, passed declarations that obviated the need to change the covenant.

The 1988 declaration affirmed Israel's right to exist and renounced terrorism, and in 1991, "we agreed to attend the Madrid peace conference. There is no need to confirm again what has already been confirmed."

Sitting in a cushioned chair in the official reception room at his Gaza headquarter, he tapped his feet impatiently when the issue was pursued.

It seemed beside the point that he had promised in a September 1993 letter to Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin that the offending passages in the Palestinian Covenant be revoked.

Instead, he talked of actions already taken by the PNC, maintaining that they had "de facto and de jure" — by force of fact and law — implied their acceptance of Israel's right to exist.

"What we have to do is approve the Oslo II accord," he said, referring to the agreement signed last September in Washington to extend

West Bank autonomy.

This, too, he maintained, would reflect official Palestinian acceptance of the Jewish state.

Arafat has given mixed signals in recent years about his intentions on the covenant.

He often has referred to the clause as inoperative or "cadue," the French word for null and void, when trying to justify why revocation is unnecessary.

In his 1993 letter of mutual recognition to Rabin, Arafat reiterated this but went further.

He said the "articles of the Palestinian covenant which deny Israel's right to exist" are "inoperative and no longer valid. Consequently, the (Palestine Liberation Organization) undertakes to submit to the Palestinian National Council" the "necessary changes" for formal approval.

Last October in New York, he told a gathering of American Jews that he would definitely convene the PNC after Palestinian elections to repeal the clause if Israel would let all the members of the council enter the territories to vote.

Peres said this week that he would allow all members of the PNC into the autonomous areas to vote on abrogating the anti-Israel clauses of the charter.

On the future of Jerusalem, the eastern portion of which Arafat has repeatedly claimed as the capital of a future Palestinian state, Arafat confirmed a report that Israeli and Palestinian academics have been meeting to study the issue.

"There have been seminars... consultations," he said.

But the discussions were not secret government-level talks, he added.

Nonetheless, the talks could prove enormously significant.

Similar discussions held in Oslo between academic specialists of the two sides paved the way to the historic 1993 Declaration of Principles that laid out the framework for all that was to follow in the Israeli-Palestinian peace process.

Indeed, the significance of Jerusalem to Arafat could be seen in the decor of his reception room. Directly behind his chair is an oblong photograph of the Old City with the Dome of the Rock looming large in the foreground.

Asked whether he had any vision of a preliminary framework that might settle the Jerusalem question to the satisfaction of both sides, Arafat referred to the Rome-Vatican model he has often spoken of before.

"The details have to be discussed," he said, "Those who had a way to reach the Oslo agreements will find a way to answer all the issues."

The interview with Arafat took place in the context of a meeting between him and the director for inter religious affairs of the Latin American Jewish Congress. Brazilian-based Rabbi Henry Sobel presented him with a sculpted dove of peace on the occasion of the Palestinian elections.

Israel Grants Citizenship To Convicted Spy Pollard

By NAOMI SEGAL

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Israel has granted citizenship to Jonathan Pollard, the American Jew serving a life sentence in the United States for spying on Israel.

Interior Minister Haim Ramon presented the papers to Pollard's lawyers in a brief ceremony Wednesday here.

The gesture was an official stamp to the decision made last fall by Ramon's predecessor, Ehud Barak. That decision reversed an earlier rejection.

Pollard now has both U.S. and Israeli citizenship.

Pollard's lawyers said they hoped to present their client with the documents in coming days.

Israel was doing all it could to secure Pollard's release from jail, Ramon said.

Pollard, 37, who has served 10 years in federal prisons, hopes that the citizenship will improve the chances of early release.

Lawyer Larry Dub said Pollard's parole file was already at the White House, waiting to be reviewed.

In March 1992, President Clinton denied Pollard's request for a sentence reduction, "based on the grave nature of his offense."

During his last trip to Washington in September, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin said he hoped that Pollard would be freed and allowed to go to Israel. But the president turned down a request for clemency.

A Justice Department spokesman said in November that Israeli citizenship would not affect any application Pollard makes for parole or clemency.

Pollard, who was arrested outside the Israeli Embassy in Washington in 1985, provided Israel with satellite photographs of Arab countries while he worked as a U.S. Navy intelligence analyst.

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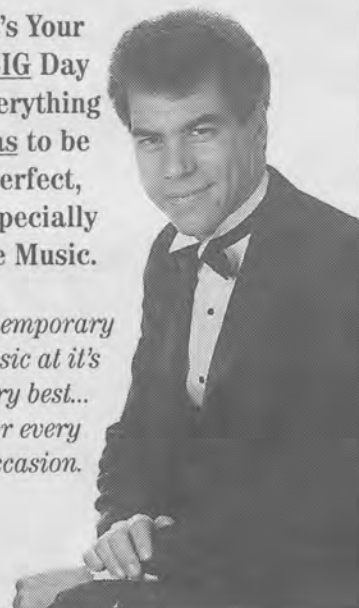
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