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Biden Joins In Pressing Talbot On His Israel Views

By JOSEPH POLAKOFF

WASHINGTON (PNR) — Ambassador Strobe Talbot, President Clinton's nominee for deputy secretary of state, was grilled repeatedly by members of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on his numerous critical writings about Israel but none of the dozen senators at his confirmation hearing indicated voting against his appointment.

While some pro-Israel organizations expressed opposition to Talbot becoming the No. Two official at the State Department, developments before the grilling began appeared to establish the foundation for confirmation by the committee and afterwards by the full Senate.

Ohio Senators Howard Metzenbaum and John Glenn, flanking Talbot at the hearing, praised his qualifications. Metzenbaum emphasized, "If I didn't have complete confidence in him, I wouldn't be here." He stressed that "in overview" Talbot would be "fair to Israel." In keeping with tradition, Ohio's senators introduced Talbot to the committee as a resident of their state. He is from Cleveland.

In his opening statement to the committee, Talbot insisted his "core" position towards Israel stood on three points — that he "always believed the U.S.-Israel relationship is unshakable," that a strong Israel serves as a strong force for Middle East stability, and he supports the position for a comprehensive peace in the Middle East and to keep the peace process "moving forward."

In his prepared statement to the committee, Talbot did not mention the controversy caused by his writings as an editor and essaying in the period 1981-91 for Time Magazine which employed him for 23 years. He noted that "the Israel-PLO agreement of September 13 was made possible by more than two decades of sustained diplomatic engagement on the part of the United States" and "since that extraordinary breakthrough, we have worked to make the peace process irreversible."

Israel's government, represented by Deputy Foreign Minister Yossi Beilin at a National Press Club news conference, and Americans

for Peace Now rejected the move to disqualify Talbot. The movement was sparked by the Zionist Organization of America in which the National Jewish Coalition, the Jewish Institute for National Security Affairs and the Jewish War Veterans joined. The Conference of Presidents of Major Jewish Organizations indicated satisfaction that Talbot backed U.S. aid for Israel and Clinton's Middle East policy, and the American-Israel Public Affairs Committee took a wait-and-see position pending his Senate hearing. The Center for National Security also expressed concerns about his qualifications as did the Christians' Israel Public Action Campaign.

Delaware Senator Joseph Biden noted, repeating an excerpt from a Talbot writing, said "that is language used by anti-Semites" but Biden pointed out that textually the article was about Menachem Begin's in an argument with American Jews and that Talbot had also praised Israel's culture. He asked Talbot whether "you and others in the State Department don't agree" that "Israel is an overwhelming strategic asset." Talbot replied, "Yes, senator, I do." After Biden noted "we underestimate the sensitivity of Jews and anti-Semitism that is often cloaked in those banal statements," Talbot said that he believes Israel "is a strategic asset and "I simply changed my opinion," from his opposition to Israeli policy "of that time," the 1981-91 years.

Without specifically naming Israel, Maryland Senator Paul Sarbanes, long a staunch supporter, asked how far the U.S. should pressure a democratic ally affecting its economic and military position. "We should not pressure such countries at all," Talbot replied.

Talbot, a roommate of President Clinton in their student days at Oxford on Rhodes Scholarships, said he had deviated from his core belief in his articles of 13 years ago "in the heat of journalistic battle" and "I'm not here to defend all opinions I have expressed over the years" which have "long receded," "the view I'm expressing to you now was constant." — the U.S. should not pressure the countries with which the U.S. has special relationship."

Abe and Pearl Kristol Hillel House: One Year Later

By PRISCILLA W. SIEGEL

Special To The Jewish Voice

It's almost a year since the dedication of the Abe and Pearl Kristol Hillel House at the University of Delaware. Has the new building produced a stronger focal point for Jewish life at the University? Etai Belinky, a senior at Delaware and social vice president of Hillel, reports that there is definitely much more activity and traffic in the new building than in the old facility. "Many more students," says Belinky, "come to the building during the day to study, watch TV, have lunch, and interact. We have increased membership, with a more diverse age group coming to the programs. Since the new building, there's a lot more awareness of Hillel on campus."

Rabbi Steven Booth, Hillel's executive director, is enthusiastic about the programming possibilities the new building has created which will, he believes, attract a great number and "wider spectrum of students."

Spring semester has just started and already the Hillel calendar is full of activities, in addition to the regular twice-a-month Shabbat dinners. The February calendar, which has been sent to all Jewish students, includes a Bosnia-aid evening, an evening at the movies watching *Schindler's List* with a discussion session, an intercollegiate dance with students invited from New York City to Washington, D.C., participation in Philadelphia's African American Museum program "Bridges and Boundaries: African Americans and American Jews," a discussion group with the rabbi about Jewish issues, a campus-wide Hasidic Purim bash, and a Hillel trip to the Holocaust museum.

According to Rabbi Booth, the programming is "beginning to reflect the diversity of Jewish student interests...In order for us to have an impact on a broad range of students, diversity is essential." And in Rabbi Booth's view, the new building is key to building membership. "For example," says Booth, "we would



Purim noshin' means hamantaschen, the tri-cornered pastry modeled after Haman's hat. Pictured here is the Poppy Seed Hamantaschen which won first place in the 1993 recipe contest held by Haddassah Magazine and The National Honey Board.

never think of throwing the intercollegiate party without our new building."

Booth maintains that Hillel can ultimately serve the 1500 Jewish U. of D. students plus the staff and faculty by providing a Jewish consciousness on the campus, and believes that goal is beginning to be realized. As Hillel's director, Booth describes a two-pronged approach: strong programming which will provide outreach to Jewish students, and programming that will raise awareness on the campus population at large about Judaism and Jewish support of humanitarian issues. "After all," says Booth, "Jews have a 5,000 year tradition of strength and inspiration, so it's appropriate for Hillel to reflect this tradition."

The new building has presented the student and advisory boards with an exciting challenge. Recognizing that the building can substantially raise Hillel's visibility on the campus, the advisory board is grappling with this new "formative stage" in its efforts to ensure that Hillel will serve as a focus for Jewish students on the university campus. Board member, Yetta Chaiken, would love to see Hillel become a center where "Jewish students meet and interact at every level. College students are at a crucial age, they want to identify, and are easily inspired — Hillel can make that happen."

For information about Hillel and its programs, call 453-0479.



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Mazon Helps LA Charities Respond To Quake

LOS ANGELES — MAZON: A Jewish Response to Hunger today announced emergency grants totaling \$10,000 to area charities distributing food in earthquake-affected sections of Los Angeles.

To assist food-relief efforts throughout the city, Los Angeles-based MAZON awarded \$7,500 to the Los Angeles Regional Foodbank and \$2,500 to SOVA, the food pantry operated by the Jewish Community Centers Association, also located in Los Angeles. The grants will be used to purchase and distribute food to areas hard hit by the temblor.

The Los Angeles Regional Foodbank is a nonprofit food clearinghouse that provides donated and bulk-purchased food to 700 charitable feeding programs throughout Los Angeles County, SOVA distributes bags of groceries to hundreds of families each week.

MAZON, the Hebrew word for "food," was established in 1986 and is now one of the largest privately supported groups in the U.S. working to prevent and alleviate hunger. Funds are raised principally by asking American Jews to contribute 3% of the cost of their life-cycle celebrations. Since its founding, the organization has awarded grants totaling nearly \$7 million to emergency feeding programs, food banks, advocacy groups for the poor, multi-service organizations offering food, shelter and counseling and international relief and development projects.

Tax-deductible contributions to MAZON may be addressed to MAZON: A Jewish Response to Hunger, Attn: Earthquake Relief, 2940 Westwood Blvd., Suite 7, Los Angeles, CA 90064. MAZON is not able to accept donations of food.

JWV Supports Overturning of Courts Martial Against 258 Black Sailors in 1944

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Distressed by a decision of the United States Navy that lets stand a 1944 court-martial against 258 black sailors, one that was racially motivated, Edward D. Blatt, National Commander of the Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.A. (JWV), called the decision "regrettable, since it appears to condone racial prejudice. JWV joins in the demand on the Navy to reconsider its decision.

The Navy's decision acknowledged that while racial prejudice was responsible for the black seamen's assignment to manual labor at Port Arthur, CA, there was no evidence that prejudice tainted the courts-martial. In a rebuttal, Commander Blatt stated that "these courts-martial must be condemned based on the prejudices which went into the decisions. The surviving sailors and their families, as well as the deceased seamen, must be given the opportunity to clear their names and restore their military records. The tainted prejudicial evidence which led to the courts-martial must be expunged."

Founded in 1896, JWV is the oldest, active national veterans' organization in America, and is known as the "Patriotic Voice of American Jewry."

Senate Wants Nations Getting U.S. Aid To Recognize Israel

By JOSEPH POLAKOFF

WASHINGTON (PNR) — The Senate has adopted legislation stating "the Secretary of State should make the issue of Israel's diplomatic status a priority and urge countries that receive American aid to immediately establish full diplomatic relations with the State of Israel."

The legislation, passed without dissent, is in the form of a sense-of-the-Senate amendment to the Foreign Relations Authorization Act on funding for the State Department. It was introduced by North Carolina Senator Jesse Helms, the senior Republican on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, for himself Democratic Senators Dennis DeConcini of Arizona, Daniel Moynihan of New York; and Joseph Lieberman of Connecticut, and Republicans Orin Hatch of Utah, Alfonse D'Amato of New York, and Larry Pressler of South Dakota.

"After over 46 years of independence Israel is recognized only by 132 countries around the world," the amendment says. "Forty-nine countries have no diplomatic relations with Israel, including 32 that collectively receive in fiscal year 1994 over \$523 million in U.S. foreign assistance."

"Israel," it pointed out, "is a legitimate state and sovereign entity that deserves to be accorded full diplomatic recognition by members of the international community."

States which will receive direct and indirect U.S. foreign assistance this year, the amendment said, and have failed to recognize Israel are the following: Afghanistan, Algeria, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Botswana, Burundi, Cape Verde, Chad, Djibouti, Chana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Indonesia, Jordan, Laos, Lebanon, Madagascar, Maldives, Mauritania, Morocco, Namibia, Niger, Oman, Pakistan, Rwanda, Senegal, Somalia, Sri Lanka, Tasmania, Tunisia, Uganda, and Yemen.

The measure is expected to be approved in the Senate-House conference committee on the legislation as a whole and subsequently by the full House.

Dinitz Steps Down From Jewish Agency After Charges Are Brought Against Him

By CYNTHIA MANN

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Closing a difficult chapter for the Jewish Agency for Israel, Simcha Dinitz has announced he will step down as chairman following a decision this week by Israel's attorney general to indict Dinitz on charges relating to his alleged misuse of Agency credit cards.

The decision to indict Dinitz on charges of aggravated fraud and abuse of public trust was announced two days before the Agency's Board of

Governors was to begin a meeting in which the Dinitz affair and how to handle the vacancy will doubtless top the agenda and spur heated political wrangling.

Kaplan, chairman of the Agency's Board of Governors, called the attorney general's decision "a great personal tragedy for Simcha Dinitz and his family."

The Jewish Agency, which is the primary recipient of United Jewish Appeal funds raised for Israel, is the

largest single recipient of American Jewish philanthropy.

It is also the embodiment of political Zionism, the Diaspora community's link to the nation-building enterprises largely undertaken now by the Israeli government.

In Israel, the Jewish Agency is considered a quasi-governmental body. Its salaries are pegged to those of Cabinet officials, its actions are coordinated with the state and its leaders come from the ranks of the Israeli political parties in proportion to their strength in the World Zionist Congress.

Kaplan conceded the Diaspora community has been frustrated with the slow pace of the case.

Dinitz has admitted making personal purchases on the cards and not repaying \$13,793 worth of charges until the bills were brought to his attention in December 1992.

NJCRAC Avoids, For Now, A Debate On Religious Pluralism In Israel

By LARRY YUDELSON

NEW YORK (JTA) — A major battle in the United States between Reform and Orthodox groups over religious pluralism in Israel has been postponed but not averted.

The Reform movement's Union of American Hebrew Congregations had hoped the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council would take a bold stand on the issue at its annual plenum next week in New Orleans.

But a resolution offered by the UAHC calling on Israel "to end the religious monopoly granted to one segment of Jewry" will not be debated on the plenum floor.

This averted a threat by the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations

of America to walk out of NJCRAC if the topic were raised. Such a move would have left the major umbrella group charged with setting Jewish communal policy without an Orthodox voice.

The rationale behind the Orthodox Union's walkout threat, was explained by Betty Ehrenberg, executive director of the group's Institute for Public Affairs.

"We see this as a religious issue and as an internal Israeli issue, and on the basis of those two facts, we don't feel NJCRAC is the proper venue for addressing these issues," she said.

But Rabbi Eric Yoffie, director of the Commission on Social Action of Reform Judaism, insists "We can't

apply one standard to this country and apply a different one when look to the Jewish state," he said, noting the strong support of NJCRAC — including the Orthodox Union — for American legislation supporting the rights of religious minorities.

The controversy comes at a time when the Orthodox Union has walked a very narrow, treacherous course on the issue at the top of the agenda of the NJCRAC plenum and the Jewish community as a whole: the Middle East peace process.

An O.U. walkout now from the NJCRAC umbrella could have sparked a reassessment of the organization's efforts to maintain a position on the peace process compatible with the general support given by other, non-Orthodox organizations.

"I still want the Orthodox Union in NJCRAC, but they cannot prevent NJCRAC, which has dealt with a whole range of issues, including those internal to Israel, from putting such issues on the agenda," said Yoffie.

Historians Dispute Farrakhan 'Libel' That Jews Predominated In Slave Trade

By PAMELA DRUCKERMAN

NEW YORK (JTA) — Experts on the history of the African slave trade are strongly contesting claims by Nation of Islam leaders that Jews overwhelmingly controlled the black slave trade. They are calling the accu-

sations — as one expert put it — a "vicious libel" against the Jewish people and they are using substantial documentation to disprove it.

Yale University historian David Brion Davis, an expert in the history of slavery says while it is possible to

cite specific examples of Jewish slave owners, Jews overall played a very minor role when compared to Protestant and Catholic courtiers.

Leading scholars say the actual participation of Jew in the Atlantic slave trade was less than 2 percent.

NAACP Seek To Confer With Jews To Explain Stand On Farrakhan

By JOSEPH POLAKOFF

WASHINGTON (PNR) — The National Association for Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) has moved to rebuild bridges with the Jewish community over the Nation of Islam affair by calling for a meeting with Jewish organizational leaders. The Baltimore Sun has reported.

"The NAACP should reach out to leaders of the American Jewish community so that the Jewish community can hear directly where we stand." The newspaper quoted the Rev. Benjamin F. Chavis Jr., NAACP's executive director Feb. 10.

Chavis said such a meeting might take place in New York where the

NAACP's scheduled to hold its annual conference Feb. 20-21. Abraham Foxman, the Anti-Defamation League's director, was quoted he had "not heard from Dr. Chavis or anybody else about a meeting of this nature. It is always worthwhile to meet and air our differences."

Chavis said the NAACP is proud of its "historic relationship" with American Jews which dates to the NAACP's founding in 1909. He said the NAACP is "absolutely opposed to all manifestations of anti-Semitism." However, he also said that the NAACP believes there is a necessity to continue a constructive dialogue between the Nation of Islam

and the NAACP.

Relations between African-American and Jewish community leaders have been strained since Farrakhan's chief aide in the Nation of Islam, Khalid Abdul Muhammad, called Jews the "blood suckers of the black nation," called Pope John Paul II "a cracker" and urged Blacks to kill white men, women and children in South Africa.

After Farrakhan announced he had demoted Muhammad and the NAACP said it was satisfied with his action, Foxman said he was "disappointed and saddened" at the NAACP's response to the demotion. "I wish Ben Chavis had waited a little longer to see some concrete deeds before he took Farrakhan at his word."

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EDITORIALS

The Yetta Nother Foundation 1994 Guest Column:
Dill Pickles For Delaware

By HYMAN T. UKEBEBITZ
Dontpont Jewish Gazette News

The plan for United States Olympian Tonya Harding to skate in the parking lot of the JCC is a truly sad development for our community. Her planned program "Crowbar Violence On Ice On Blacktop Paving" is not an aesthetically pleasing production. Since the timing also interferes with the Howard and Allison Stern Cultural Sensitivity Lecture Series the skating show shows poor planning.

On a related matter how is it that an active sports figure was named to the highest levels of the United States Government? It is true that William "The Refrigerator" Perry has learned a great deal about defense as a member of The Chicago Bears and more recently The Philadelphia Eagles. but experience sacking quarterbacks and tackling runners is not relevant to serving as the Secretary of Defense of the United States. Will other nicknames be used for Cabinet members? Can we now expect Warren "The Self-cleaning Oven" Christopher?

What about all this talk about "King who's sane of Jordan?" What kind of nickname is "King who's sane of Jordan?" I thought everyone was calling him "Air Jordan." I guess I have not kept up with the times. And why the controversy about his baseball tryout? The only concern here is how come he did not try out for the Blue Rocks.

Lately people have also been frequently saying "yah sir are, uh, fat." Is "yah" supposed to be "you?" This use of "are" is grammatically incorrect according to Prof. Kuni Lemil, an English Professor at the Ponds Institute. You could say "Rush and William are fat." You could say "Rush is fat." But you shouldn't say "uh" in the middle of the sentence. And if you have a message for me personally, say directly "Hyman you should go easy on the dessert."

Now although Jews are not generally more informal than most it seems that around Purim more and more people exchange the greeting "Hey man." For the generation which came of age in the Barry Goldwater — Tiny Tim era this greeting might seem appropriate. But for others there is really no excuse. Why is it that children seem to rattle noisemakers whenever someone gives the greeting "Hey man?" I am also concerned that around Purim some people dress up as though it were Mardi Gras.

Finally, it is no secret that a cosmonaut was on board for the last United States space shuttle mission. I don't know if it was Cindy Crawford, Elle McPherson or Abigail Adams but it seems to me that modeling on a magazine cover does not qualify someone to fly in space. Couldn't they have taken someone from the Weizman Institute of Science or the Technion University?

What's that? Never mind.

THE VOICE BOX

"Have sweet Jew-free dreams."
-Byron De La Beckwith convicted killer of civil rights leader Medgar Evers

"People [in Hollywood] are Jewish, and it's a frightening thing for them to promote Christianity."
-Dolly Parton explaining why her proposal for a TV series about a country star-turned-gospel singer was rejected by TV executives

"Blacks are absolutely correct when they say there was no outrage from whites over Sen. Ernest Hollings 'joke' about Africans being cannibals equivalent to what has erupted over Khalid Abdul Muhammad's slurs... But a failure by whites to condemn Sen. Hollings does not mean that blacks are not obligated to condemn anti-Semitism in their own community."
-Baltimore Jewish Times editorial

"I cannot believe for a minute that the muzzling and the degradation of women that is the 'hallowed' 27-year-old custom (since the Six Day War) at the Wall is the wish of God."
-Vannessa L. Ochs, director of the International Committee for Women at the Kotel criticizing the decision of the Israeli Supreme Court to curtail the religious practice of the Women of the Wall

"The struggle for justice in our society can never be advanced by spokespeople whose message is one of hate."
-From a NJCRAC commending African American leaders for their 'outspoken and vigorous condemnation' of the Nation of Islam's Khalid Abdul Muhammad's Kean College speech



CLOSER TO AGREEMENT... DAVOS, Switzerland -- Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres and PLO Leader Yasser Arafat smile as they shake hands prior to their meeting at the Seehof Hotel in the Swiss alpine resort of Davos. Later in Cairo the two broke the deadlock with an interim agreement on implementing the Sept. 13 accord.

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LETTERS

Twin Pillars

Dear Mr. Weintraub:

Howard Teicher is a little-publicized former government official who served our nation well concerning Middle East policy.

He was an "uppity" Jew who didn't go along with conventional wisdom Arabist policy that has dominated the State Department (with little apparent opposition by highly-placed Jews who have worked there in recent decades).

He expands on prior information about the reporter for the Washington Jewish Week (WJW) who blew the cover that other American journalists had respected, about the unpublicized rescue and transport to Israel of Ethiopian Jews via Sudanese camps.

The reporter and WJW decision to print the story exemplifies an inhumane priority given to a scoop in preference to rescue of 1,500 desperate Ethiopian Jews. By the time the U.S. could continue the rescue operation, over 1,000 of those Jews had died.

If Teicher's chronicle of events is true, the WJW and its reporter were primarily responsible for that mini-Holocaust, also of the children, young ones among them, who would

have created, enjoyed and added to the fabric of Jewish Life.

If the story would have risked the lives of 1,000 relatives of Washington Jews, it's my guess that it would never have been printed. But only black Jews over 5,000 miles away were involved. Their lives were evidently of secondary importance to the WJW and its reporter.

What that reporter and its Jewish publication did, in expediting the death of close to 1,000 Jews, is the antithesis of Judaic philosophy.

The story may be old news now, but so is the Holocaust. Yet the latter is significant today to all who visit the museum in Washington and have seen "Schindler's List." In contrast, the 1,000 who died as a consequence of the blown cover have been all but forgotten...but not by their relatives and friends, nor by sensitive American Jews like the undersigned.

What a terrible legacy that story will always be for the WJW and its reporter.

Sincerely yours,
Lawrence I. Gould

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OPINION

Rabbinic Thoughts On Competition, Tonya and Nancy

By RABBI JULIE K. GORDON

Did Tonya Harding know and participate in the awful, mean and brutal attack on Nancy Kerrigan? I ask these questions for two reasons. Firstly, while six weeks ago few of us could recite the names of the two top Olympic ice skating competitors, now these names and several others are well-known to most of us. This incident allows us to raise important questions about the role of competition and jealousy in our society.

Secondly, on a recent Shabbat we read the Ten Commandments, mitzvot which we hold in great esteem. I want to relate the tenth mitzva, "Do not covet" to the Harding-Kerrigan incident to help us approach this issue from a Jewish perspective.

What does our tradition say about this incident and Tonya Harding's behavior? Jewish tradition is predicated on accepting and supporting "the law of the land," "dina di'

malchuta dina." Our American criminal justice system, we hope in time, will put on trial and find guilty those who perpetrated this brutal attack on Nancy Kerrigan.

The tenth commandment, "Lo tahmod, you shall not covet your neighbor's house, spouse, staff, or anything that is your neighbor's" is applicable to Tonya Harding. We are not to desire improperly, with the hope to dispossess one's neighbor. It is "the most inward of the commandments, it is directed against our greedy impulses."

We all feel jealousy toward others. The Ten Commandments were written to help us deal with these normal human feelings. We feel jealousy but must constantly work to control our actions, our response to our jealousy.

Tonya Harding has publicly apologized for knowing that her associates were involved in the assault and not coming forward with that information. Her statement is the first step in

doing teshuva.

Many question the sincerity of her apology. We don't yet know the full extent of her involvement in this conspiracy.

A verbal apology is a first step. If found guilty, Tonya will be held accountable for her involvement in this brutal attack.

The Harding-Kerrigan story encourages us to address the question of jealousy and competition in our society. Our young adults are under horrific pressure to succeed, to compete, to get accepted into the right college so they can get a good job. This pressure begins early in their lives as we parents walk that fine line between encouraging their development and pushing them to succeed. Often we parents may be trying to live our lives through our kids' accomplishments, unable to differentiate their needs from our own.

Books like "The Hurried Child" by David Elkind have been written to help us explore the

level at which we are pushing our kids to succeed. Are we wanting them to succeed for their own good? Or to keep up with the Shapiro's kids' grades, sports or musical accomplishments? What does "Do not covet" mean to us as parents?

Our teenagers deal with competition and jealousy on a regular basis. The question is: How do you act on your feelings? To teenagers I say, when you plan your extra-curricular activities, try and balance them between competition and cooperation, secular and Jewish.

Jealousy, coveting and competition have been with humankind since the dawn of existence. May we be inspired to be constantly vigilant, working toward strengthened cooperation with our loved ones, family, friends and co-workers.

Rabbi Julie Gordon is co-rabbi at Temple of Aaron in St. Paul, Minnesota.

(This opinion piece originally appeared in *American Jewish World*. Some additional material was added by Rabbi Gordon to this version.)

Diaspora Dollars Brouhaha

By MORRIS J. AMITAY

It is not always easy to deal strictly with the issues while ignoring the personalities, or to analyze politicians as a political scientist rather than as a psychiatrist. But the controversial and startling proposal by Israel's Deputy Foreign Minister that Israel can do without the "charity" of Jewish Americans sorely tempts one to question whether the diplomat's ongoing "foot in mouth" disease is curable. Prime Minister Rabin, promptly refuted the remarks calling them "idiotic" or "moronic" — depending on the translation from the Hebrew. In doing so, Rabin (charitably) referred to the subject matter raised without describing the source of the comments as being an idiot or a moron. We will therefore take our own cue from the Prime Minister and stick to the issues raised.

What we are talking about here is not only the dollars and cents transferred to Jerusalem, not that they should be disregarded entirely.

Granted that \$300 or \$400 million compared to Israel's gross domestic product of \$65 billion might be considered "bubkes", but what about the \$3 billion plus Israel has been receiving annually from our own country? Would that also come under the same definition of a charitable contribution? Obviously not. U.S. support for Israel is in the best interests of the United States and contributes to stability in a vital and chaotic region. Similarly, Jewish giving to Israel is not only in the best interests of the recipient but gives back a great deal to the contributors. This is not simply a question of assuaging Jewish guilt for not living in the Jewish State, paying taxes there and serving in the military. The act of giving to Israel creates a tangible connection with the land and people of Israel and its future. This bond should by no means be at the expense of seeking to ensure Jewish survival through more and better educational programs in our country. The American Jewish community, however, has the means and should have the will to achieve both goals.

Prime Minister Rabin, reacting to the controversy caused by the Deputy Foreign Minister's remarks, expressed it extremely well in a recent letter to the United Israel Appeal when he stated: "The State of Israel considers itself responsible for the fate of the Jewish people all over the world. Its centrality in Jewish community life is a necessary condition for Jewish continuity and the preservation of Jewish identity in the diaspora."

Not every Jewish American who contributes to the UJA or to an Israel-related charity is prepared or able to make a considerable financial investment in Israel as has been suggested. But whether it is buying a single tree from the JNF, or just putting a quarter in the blue and white box, by this act of "charity" a Jew living in America is expressing his or her solidarity with Israel. For many who otherwise do not live a rich Jewish life, this is a way of connecting both with their faith and the Jewish homeland. The outpouring of contributions to Israel in the fearful days preceding the Six-Day War in

1967, and during the anxious period following the Arab surprise attack in 1973 was the only way, aside from the prayers and wishes, that Jews here could feel they were sharing in Israel's sacrifice and travails.

Jewish Americans economic support for Israel must be encouraged because it is both necessary for the unity of the Jewish people and because it continues to remain an investment that pays untold dividends to the giver. It would be a sad day indeed if our co-religionists in Israel told us we cannot share in the well-being of a state created on the ashes of European Jewry. If whatever circumstances prevent us from sacrificing both blood and treasure for a Jewish homeland, at least give us the opportunity to provide one of the two. It would be difficult indeed for American Jews to lobby the Congress of the United States to authorize billions in aid to Israel, if we ourselves did not demonstrate our own commitment — by deeds as well as words.

(Amitay is a former AIPAC official and columnist on Jewish issues.)

Purim: From Tribal Faith To World Religion

By IRVING GREENBERG

NEW YORK (JTA) — The story of Purim is full of astonishing reversals of fate. But the most amazing reversal of all lies in the holiday's transformation of Jewish faith and self-understanding.

For centuries, the Jews of Persia were overwhelmed and motivated by the memory of the Babylonian destruction of the Temple. The biographical sketch of Mordecai, living hundreds of years after the expulsion, reeks with the trauma of rejection and diaspora.

In Jewish self-understanding, the glorious days of Judaism were all in the past. Significant numbers of Persian Jews — socially and financially successful — tried to assimilate into Persian society and shuck off all their grief.

But many Jews living in Persia saw themselves as a lowly minority whose best bet was to present a low profile and not arouse the attention of the gentiles.

Most Jews and gentiles regarded the Hebrews as a cast-off tribe with its own private religion; the only legitimate Jewish existence continued only in Israel, they thought.

The small percentage of Jews who believed in integrating Jewish and Persian culture while holding onto distinctive Jewish values and ways did not set the tone for either side.

The attempted genocide shook the foundations of the Jewish assimilationism. The successfully passing, "invisible" Jews and the "strange" observant Jews were lumped together and consigned jointly to destruction.

Thus escape from Judaism was revealed to be an utterly bankrupt policy. But the world view of the "sha-shtill" ("don't make trouble")

separatist Jews (presumably waiting for a divine redeemer to take them back to Israel) fared no better. Passive reliance on God spelled death.

Once the Jews were saved, their crisis deepened. How could assimilationists ever again trust their Persian neighbors who turned on them so brutally? How could traditional Jews ever again believe that what went on in Persian society was irrelevant?

The actively involved Persian Jewish leadership, like Mordecai and the highly acculturated Esther who participated in court life, took charge of Jewish fate and fought Haman to victory.

They came to see that the Jews are a people of universal significance, a litmus test of the health or pathology of Persian society. Had Haman not been turning the empire into a totalitarian police state for all, how could he have planned — unchecked — to commit genocide on the Jews?

Mordecai and Esther had to assess the outcome. Was this another redemption on par with the Exodus? Was this salvation for God's people religiously revelatory of God's design for "tikkun olam" for all people?

But how could one apply such categories to an event in the lives of the Jews of Susa (Shushan)? With the exception of the Exodus from Egypt, which was vindicated by the ancient Sinai covenant assembly, all the other great redemptions of the Jewish religion had occurred in Israel — and in the distant past.

God's own house, the Temple, stood in Jerusalem. There, and only there, did the prophets speak and were sacred days estab-

lished.

Nevertheless, Mordecai and Esther grasped the deeper truth. God was the god of the whole world. Wherever God's people lived, miracles occurred and God's purposes were revealed by redemption — for Jew and non-Jew alike. They saw clearly that Jews all over the world — 127 countries from Africa to India — were one.

Judaism does not want to be a cult of Israeli tribes temporarily located in Persia; it is a world religion.

Mordecai and Esther determined to proclaim Purim a holiday for all Jews for all time. Thereby, they signaled that Judaism was a

vital, ongoing vehicle of divine revelation, a future-oriented religion whose greatest days and transformation of the whole world still lay ahead.

No wonder that the Megillah of Esther speaks of widespread, voluntary conversion to Judaism for the first time in Jewish history.

Purim is the moment when the community of Hebrew transforms its self-understanding — from Israelites, exclusively of Israel, into Jews of worldwide provenance.

No wonder that most Jews felt comfortable staying in the empire, wherever they were living.

The Megillah describes Persians converting to Judaism out of awe and fear of the new Jewish power.

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Gov. Carper talks to Jean Daneman at Beth El.

LOCAL

Sadie Toumarkine Continues Largesse of The Harry Cohen Foundation

By DAN WEINTRAUB
Editor of The Jewish Voice

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Jewish Federation of Delaware (JFD), on February 10, Sadie Toumarkine announced substantial gifts from the Harry Cohen Foundation to the Milton and Hattie Kutz Home (Kutz), the Jewish Community Center (JCC), the JFD as well as additional gifts. Since the establishment of the foundation the total allocation to date to all beneficiaries is \$2,357,356.74. Cumulatively the Kutz Home was allocated \$236,000. The cumulative allocation to the JCC was \$309,000 (\$58,000 of which accrued from the estate). A total of \$355,000 has been cumulatively allocated to the JFD. The sum of \$62,000 has been cumulatively allocated to five local agencies including two synagogues since the establishment of the foundation. Mrs. Toumarkine presented this year's gift to JFD in the amount of \$14,352.65.

Sadie Toumarkine, the daughter

of Harry and Yetta Cohen, has been one of the Delaware Jewish community's leading lights for a long time. Harry Cohen came from Odessa to the United States in about 1905.

Sadie's parents ran a grocery for a number of years. Ms. Toumarkine recalls translating into English the grocery orders which her mother Yetta wrote in Yiddish. Harry Cohen tried his hand with autos, real estate, shirt manufacturing and a grocery again before succeeding in furniture. When he died in 1957 his estate was one and a quarter million dollars. Ms. Toumarkine says that because he loved Delaware and the country which was "so good to him" he left the entire business to charitable causes.

Sadie Toumarkine's husband Sol emigrated from Russia but not before his ship was turned around at Ellis Island and went to France. There his name "Temarkin" was changed to "Toumarkine." After graduating from Harvard, Mr. Toumarkine went to work for Harry Cohen first as a salesman and eventually as President

of the furniture concern.

Sadie Toumarkine went to the University of Pennsylvania despite the fact that her father did not believe in higher education for women. She waited tables to help pay expenses at Penn. Mrs. Toumarkine, who says back then educators and universities "didn't have time for women," also remarked in a recent interview "you know darn well I'm a feminist!" At Penn women were not permitted to take classes during the day with the men and were required to go to class at night with working people. Mrs. Toumarkine also recounts her solidarity with a woman African American student subject to discrimination on the basis of race as well as gender. Mrs. Toumarkine went on to become a teacher in both public school and religious school.

Ms. Toumarkine, who in the mid-1960s was the first Woman President of the JCC says, "I was born a feminist." She is a mother, a grandmother and a role model for the Delaware Jewish community.

Governor Carper At Temple Beth El Describes Benefits Of Volunteerism

By PRISCILLA W. SIEGEL
Special To The Jewish Voice

Conversing with an audience of about 70 after a Men's Club breakfast at Newark's Temple Beth El on February 13, Governor Carper spoke of the two-way benefits derived from volunteerism. "You get more than you give," observed the Governor.

In his opening comments, Governor Carper described his involvement with public office, and his personal need to "make a difference." And making a difference, he believes is what volunteerism is all about.

Young people who are in remedial learning classes, or special schools for disruptive pupils, or who end up in prisons most often come from desperately deprived family situations. Single-parent families and teen-age

pregnancies are on the rise, particularly in Sussex County, and increasingly children are left to fend for themselves, growing up in abusive situations which leave them with low self-esteem. Unwanted and uncared for, these children become disruptive, and often violent, as their only means of gaining esteem among their peers.

Volunteers who spend time tutoring disadvantaged kids in schools, mentoring in the prison population, or becoming a Big Brother or Big Sister can make a tremendous difference in the lives and futures of this population, and in the cost to the state. According to the Governor, it costs the state \$22,000 a year for each prisoner — more than a year's tuition in Harvard. This non-productive

use of state funds can be alleviated by volunteer mentors as it has been shown that offenders who have been mentored have a higher probability of staying out of jail after prison release than those who have not.

The governor is visiting churches and synagogues throughout the state asking congregants to "think about investing some time in order to make a difference."

The Volunteer Link within the Department of Health and Social Services has a list of 350 non-profit agencies with diverse volunteer needs. Anyone interested in putting their talents and spare time to use can call 577-6420 (New Castle County) or 1-800-815-5465 (Kent & Sussex Counties).

Professional Seminar Concerns Charitable Advantages For Clients

The Jewish Community of Delaware Endowment Fund of the Jewish Federation of Delaware invites you to attend a Professional Seminar for Accountants, Attorneys and Financial Planners.

"Putting the Charitable Advantage to Work for Your Client" featuring Irv E. Geffen, Director of Campaign and Financial Resource Development Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia.

Monday, February 28, 1994. 7:00

AIPAC Conference

Over 2,000 political activists, policymakers, Administration officials, Members of Congress and Middle East analysts convene March 13-15 at The American Israel Public Affairs Committee's (AIPAC) 35th Annual Policy Conference in Washington. Vice President Al Gore will

open the conference with a keynote address on Sunday, March 13. Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin will also speak at the conference.

Registration for the conference is now open. All are invited to attend.

The Delaware delegation will be led by Ernst Dannemann of Dover, a local AIPAC leader who serves on AIPAC's National Council. "I urge all

residents of the Delaware pro-Israel community to join me in attending the conference in March," Dannemann said. "Whether you've been to several policy conferences or none, it will be a fantastic way to learn more about the prospects for peace and about how to get involved in the political process."

Call AIPAC at (202) 639-5273 for more information.

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Harry Cohen

Women's American ORT Announces Second Young Leadership Mission To Israel

Melinda and Rich Levin of West Nyack, New York, and Ellen Bialek of Wayne, New Jersey, are chairing the second Annual Young Leadership Mission to Israel, sponsored by Women's American ORT. The mission, which will leave the United States in late spring, 1994, is open to young women and men 20 to 45-years-old.

Delaware's Sylvia Wagman, President of The Brandywine Chapter of Women's American ORT described the mission as "an ideal way to support Israel's need for tourism and to see where our ORT dollars are going." Wagman says, "Israel has the largest number of ORT schools at all levels up to college. These schools give a second chance for kids who

have not adjusted to the mainstream."

The Young Leadership Mission will encompass an 11-day stay in Israel, including visits to the nation's principal cities, participation in an archaeological dig, special briefings with political dignitaries, and tours of several of the leading schools in the ORT Israel network. Participants also will have the opportunity to experience kibbutz life, climb Masada, and enjoy Israel's many cultural attractions.

For further information on the Young Leadership Mission, please contact Jayne Rosengarten, mission coordinator, at Women's American ORT, 315 Park Avenue South, New York, NY 10010, 212-505-7700, ext. 247.

How To Lobby

Learn to Lobby at a session sponsored by the Young Leadership Cabinet of the Jewish Federation of Delaware Missions and Political Action Committee, Monday, March 8, 1994, 7:30 p.m., at the JCC featuring Myra Clark, Mid-Atlantic Field Coordinator, AIPAC: The American Israel

Public Affairs Committee.

For UJA Young Leadership Conference participants only, there will be a pre-conference briefing at 5:45 p.m., March 8 at Imperial Inn (Chinese) Restaurant (Rt. 202 and Silver-side).

This meeting will end in time for the 7:30 p.m. session at the JCC.

Please RSVP by March 1. For more information contact Marla Feldman at 478-6200.

**Albert Einstein Academy
Students And Faculty Interview
Eviator Manor - Consul General Of Israel**

Elana Caplan:

Q. How are you handling the PLO?
A. Peace you make with your enemies, just like with your friends. You fight, then you make up. We were fighting, now we're trying to make up.

Q. Are you getting anywhere?
A. Yes. The situation is good. We are working hard to agree.

Q. Who are you talking to?
A. We are working with the PLO, Jordan and Egypt and we hope the Syrians and other countries will also talk with us.

Ryan Kratky

Q. How do you convince people to have a peace treaty?
A. We are spending so much money fighting — should we invest in tanks or in factories?

Stefanie Makar

Q. How are you trying to make peace?
A. We establish diplomatic relations. We send an ambassador to each other. We will not have war — we're going to cooperate and live together.

Q. How do the Israelis feel about the peace treaty?
A. Most Israelis want peace — but some are upset because some things have to be given up in the negotiations. Most Israelis are prepared to pay the price.

Daniel Gevurtz

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Q. Are there Israelis who don't trust the Arabs?
A. To build a new relationship, you have to build the trust over time. It's difficult when you fight for so long to make peace. It's not easy, but they're willing to trust the other side.

Elana Romirowsky

Q. How are the kids reacting to the peace treaty?
A. They are the most excited about this. It is easier for them to "start a new clean page" than it is for adults. They can see things in a rosier light. They dream of the day when, like their friends in Europe or the U.S.,

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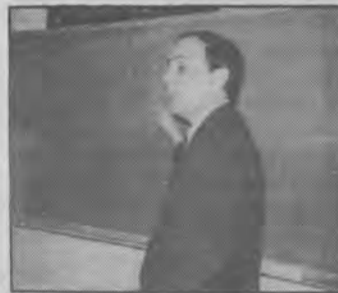
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they can drive from country to country — they are not an island surrounded by enemies.

Rabbi Bernhardt

Q. Tell us about growing up in Israel.
A. On my father's side, I'm a 2nd generation Israeli. His family came from Eastern Europe in 1914. My mother came from Poland in 1935, when Hitlerism was rising. I was born in Tel Aviv. I went to school in Tel Aviv. I studied at the Hebrew University after serving in the army for 3 years. I hope that this peace treaty will make that easier.

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FEBRUARY

Sunday _____ 20

National Museum of American Jewish History Storytelling: Between Two Cultures. African-American storyteller Charlotte Blake Alston and Jewish storyteller Milt Cohen present a program for a family audience. \$2 in addition to museum admission (\$1 for children and seniors; museum members free) 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. (215) 923-3811. **Afro-American Historical and Cultural Museum.** Klezmer and Jazz Concert. As a part of the city's Presidential Jazz Weekend, the

Klezmerics and tenor saxophonist Bootsie Barnes present klezmer, a transplanted musical tradition from Eastern Europe, and jazz, an indigenous African American musical form. Emcee: radio personality Bob Perkins. \$12 at the door (\$10 in advance, \$8 for seniors, members and students). Advance ticket purchase recommended. 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. (215) 574-0381.

YJAD's annual Bagel and Bowl will be at First State Bowling Center on Lea and Governor Printz Blvds. The cost is \$8.00. Call Mike Schenk (610) 558-3781 or Michele Fedder (302) 325-0504.

Tuesday _____ 22

Diabetes Support Group at the JCC, 1:00 p.m. A new support group, co-sponsored by the JCC and the Department of Health & Social Services, will meet on the 4th Tuesday of every month at the JCC. For more information call Ray at (302) 478-5660.

Wednesday _____ 23

Lunch, Laughs & Lecture Series at the JCC, 12:00 noon. After lunch, Joe Aronson will present a talk and slide show, "A Rosen By Any Other Name." He'll explain how, why, when, where and under what circumstances Jews took hereditary family names and how and why some changed them. cost is \$2.50/M; \$4.00/NM. Reserve by February 18th at the Senior Center of the JCC.

Thursday _____ 24

Yiddish Lunch Bunch at the JCC, 12:30 p.m.

Friday _____ 25

Join YJAD for a short participatory shabbat service followed by a Potluck dairy dinner in north Wilmington. Services start at 7:00 p.m. and dinner will follow. Call Leslie Friedman at (302) 761-9106 to find out the cost, what dish you need to bring, and directions to the event.

Sunday _____ 27

Congregation Rodeph Shalom in Philadelphia. Concert: "Make a Joyous Sound Unto the Lord." Concert of gospel and Jewish spiritual music sponsored by the Black-Jewish Coalition, a joint project of the Jewish Community Relations Council and the Black Clergy of Greater Philadelphia, the ninth annual concert featuring local choirs is timed this year to coincide with "Bridges and Boundaries: Two Peoples Face to Face." 7:30 p.m. Info: (215) 922-7222.

The Young Leadership Cabinet

of the Jewish Federation will be volunteering at The Food Bank of Delaware from 11:30-2:30 with a dairy dinner following. For more information call Dennice Rosenstrauch at 792-1666.

The Beth Sholom Purim Carnival will take place from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Carnival will feature games, prizes, fun for all, crafts and mask making too.

Purim Celebration: Megillah Reading and Carnival at Temple Beth El in Newark, 9:30 a.m. Come in costume. Be any Purim character or symbol or any Jewish character or symbol. Everyone wearing a costume wins a prize. Purim Carnival will follow with Passover supplies, jewelry, Judaica, gift ideas, games for the children, prizes, lunch, hamantashen. Tickets for games will be available for the children to buy the week before.

MARCH 1994

Sunday _____ 6

AKSE Men's Club Breakfast Rabbi Marla J. Feldman, Delaware's new Jewish Community Relations Committee Director. Topic: Our Jewish and Civic Responsibilities—A Report on the National Jewish community Relations Advisory Council Plenum. Brunch at 9:30 a.m.

National Museum of American Jewish History. Constructing a Self Through Fiction: African American and Jewish American Women. Authors Grace Paley, Toni Cade Bambara, Meredith Tax and a fourth writer to be named speak about the influence of their backgrounds and their sense of selves as women on their writing. Co-sponsored by Womens Way. Moderator: Marciarose Shestack. \$5 (\$4 for seniors and students; \$2.50 for museum members). 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. (215) 923-3811.

Monday _____ 8

The Young Leadership Cabinet of the Jewish Federation will be sponsoring a session on "How to Get Around the Hill: Learn to Lobby." Myra Clark, the Mid-Atlantic Field Coordinator of AIPAC will lead the session, to be held at the JCC. RSVP requested March 1. For more information call 478-6200.

Tuesday _____ 15

Jewish Great Books Discussion Group, third Tuesday of every month at the J.C.C., 7:30-9:00 p.m. *Black Box*, A. Oz.

Wednesday _____ 16

1994 Public Discussion Series Friends of Planned Parenthood. 7:30 p.m. Dr. Robert Johnson, Director of Adolescent and Young Adult Medicine, N.J. Medical School and Chair, American Association of Pediatrics Task Force on Minority Children's Access to Health Care, "Adolescents and Access to Health Care". Co-sponsors: Governor's Commission on Minority Health, First State National Medical Association. Cost: Free to the public. For \$50.00 per person per dinner (\$15 for students) or \$100 for the Series (\$30 for students), attendees are invited to join the Friends of Planned Parenthood Public Discussion Group for dinner with one or more of the speakers. For more information call

Planned Parenthood of Delaware at (302) 655-7296.

Dean Lomis, from International Consultants of Delaware, will speak at 12:20 p.m. at the University of Delaware on "The Turkish Genocide of the Armenians: Prelude to the Jewish Holocaust." Speaking on March 23 will be Samuel Gaertner, professor of psychology, on "The Aversive Form of Racism." Call (302) 831-8474.

Sunday _____ 20

AKSE Men's Club Breakfast Dr. Marlan L. Palley, Professor of Political Science & International Relations, University of Delaware. Topic: The New Israel? Brunch at 9:30 a.m.

APRIL 1994

Sunday _____ 10

AKSE Men's Club Breakfast Second Annual Community-Wide Men's Club Concert featuring the contemporary Jewish sound of TAMID-4-ISRAEL. Concert at A.K.S.E. Social Hall at 7:30 p.m. Prepaid reservations only at A.K.S.E. office commencing February 1, 1994. Brunch at 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday _____ 13

Janice Selekmán, chairperson of the U of D Department of Nursing, will speak at the University of Delaware at 12:20 p.m. on "Yes Virginia, There Is Such a Thing as a Jewish Nurse: The Early History of Jewish Women in Nursing." Call (302) 831-8474.

Tuesday _____ 19

Jewish Great Books Discussion Group, third Tuesday of every month at the J.C.C., 7:30-9:00 p.m. *Where Are We?*, L. Fein.

Ongoing

Thirty-nine original ketubbot, dating back to 1640, will be on display January 11 through March 15 at UJA-Federation headquarters, 130 East 59th Street in Manhattan. Exhibit hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Admission is free. For further information, please call (212) 836-1874.

February through May, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Prints in Progress Seminars. The community-based children's art organization has adopted the theme of "Bridges & Boundaries: Two Peoples Face to Face" as one of the themes of its after-school programs. The programs serve students ages 6 to 18. Workshops explore the African-American and Jewish-American cultures by focusing on textile artists (including Miriam Shapiro and Faith Ringold). Classes experiment with fabric printing techniques and complete a group textile project. Registration and info: 928-0206. **YJAD Volleyball.** On Wednesdays the YJAD will play coed volleyball inside the JCC Gymnasium. Games run from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and are non-competitive. Cost is \$2 (\$1 for JCC members). Contact Mike Schenk at (610) 558-3781.

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Muhammad also attacked the NAACP in his Nov. 29 speech at Kean College in New Jersey that aroused the controversy. Muhammad said the NAACP was long under the control of Jews and did not truly

represent Blacks. The Baltimore Sun recalled. It quoted Chavis saying Feb. 9, "He did insult us but because he insulted us we're not going to blame every member of the Nation of Islam for what he said. That doesn't mean all Nation of Islam members should be vilified."

U.S. Army Investigates Charges Of Anti-Semitism At Its Institute

By STEVEN WEISS

WASHINGTON (JTA)—The U.S. Army is investigating charges that Jewish faculty members at an Army institute in Germany were confronted with anti-Semitism and religious discrimination.

The case involves Lev and Irene Yudovich, faculty members at the U.S. Army Russian Institute in Garmisch, Germany, who were suddenly dismissed in 1991 for "incom-

petence" after 13 years on the job.

The Yudoviches, American citizens who emigrated from Russian, claim their dismissal came as a result of widespread discrimination at the institute against Jews and Russians.

A federal judge has already ruled in the Yudoviches' favor. In a suit brought by the couple in U.S. District Court in Virginia, Judge James Cacheris found the Army guilty of discrimination against them.

In his December, 1993 opinion, Cacheris found that the institute "was permeated with an anti-Semitic and anti-Russian atmosphere."

The Yudoviches' complaint specifically charged two officers at the institute — its former director, retired Col. Richard Kosevich and then-Major John Carlson — with discriminatory practices that included verbal threats and innuendoes.





PANIM EL PANIM



Senior Purim Celebration Planned

Celebrate the festive holiday of Purim with a special dinner on Wednesday, March 2 at 5:30 p.m. at the JCC Senior Center. A "funny hat" contest will be held and prizes will be awarded.

Terry McGrath, one of the fastest-

rising Jewish humorists, will be the featured entertainer for this celebration. McGrath will be performing at 7 p.m.

The cost is \$5 per person and includes dinner and entertainment. Tickets are available at the JCC Senior Center or by calling Ray Freschman at 478-5660. The deadline for registration is February 23.

This program is being sponsored by Rehabilitation consultants, Inc.

Congressman Castle To Keynote Albert Einstein Academy Annual Gala

Connie Sugarman (left) chairperson of the annual Gala discusses plans with Sharon Marshall (right) the Albert Einstein Academy school secretary for the Gala. The Gala will take place on Saturday evening, March 12, 1994. It will be held in the magnificent conservatory of Longwood Gardens. The guest speaker is The Honorable Mike Castle. Cocktails are planned for 7:30 p.m.; dinner for 8:30 p.m. An ad book is being produced and will be distributed. All proceeds will go to support the Albert Einstein Academy. For information, call Connie Sugarman at 529-1177 or the Albert Einstein Academy office at 478-5026.



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The Jewish Community Center and Jewish Family Service, in conjunction with the American Heart Association and Cardiology Consultants, Inc., will present a program on heart disease on Thursday, February 24 at 12:30 p.m. at the Jewish

Community Center.

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Second Annual Women's Seder To Be Held

Jewish Family Service's Judaism and Feminism group will be holding the second annual women's seder on Thursday, March 31, 1994 at 6:15 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center. The women's seder, which will be celebrated after the two traditional sederim have been conducted, will utilize a hagaddah which was developed by the group last year. The hagaddah is based on the traditional hagaddah, which has been reinterpreted to extend the meaning

of the Pesach story to include women's issues and concerns, as well as women who were significant in Jewish history. The seder is a particular time of remembering a moment of freedom in Judaism, important to our formation as a people. Statements in the traditional hagaddah generally do not include women, and one of the purposes of this seder is to look at the Pesach story and our history from a women's point of view.

The women's seder is open to women who are at least 12 years and one day old. The cost, which includes kosher traditional Pesach foods and copy of the hagaddah, is \$10.00. Seating is limited to 70 women. The registration deadline is Friday, March 18. Registration, including \$10 payment, can be made at the J.C.C.

For further information, please contact Myrna Ryder at Jewish Family Service, 478-9411.

Integrated Learning At Albert Einstein Academy

The holiday of Tu B'Shvat falls on the 15th day of the month of Shevat in the Jewish calendar. It is the new year of the trees. Jewish tradition is so concerned with nature and the preservation of the earth that a holiday has been devoted to trees, a Jewish Arbor Day—an ecology day. There are strict laws regarding the care and protection of trees and all living plants and animals. Preservation of life, whether it be human life, plant life or animal life, is of high value in Judaism.

Tu B'Shvat is the perfect time to teach the concept of ecology to our children. At the Albert Einstein Academy, an integrated curriculum was presented surrounding the holiday of Tu B'Shvat. Of course, the laws and customs about Tu B'Shvat were taught in the Jewish Studies classes. Songs about almond trees and the coming of spring and the planting of trees in Israel were presented. The small children made almond trees out of crepe paper and others made trees out of paper towel rolls. All learned about the fruits and vegetables grown in Israel. In addition, a Tu B'Shvat seder was held with four kinds of wine (the children drank grape juice); one representing winter, one spring, one summer and one

fall. Different fruits grown in Israel were eaten and different kinds of fruit were explained. The Tu B'Shvat seder custom originated with the Kabbalists many hundreds of years ago.

In addition, in the General Studies program children were taught about trees, nature and ecology. Just as the Jewish value of preservation of trees is important, we integrated that throughout the school with an appreciation for the world and universe around us. Children studied about growth and about the importance of

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"If I Am Not For Myself...The Liberal Betrayal Of The Jews"

By DOV SEIDEL

Ruth Wisse, now Professor of Yiddish at Harvard University, takes the first part of the title of her book from the famous statement of Hillel (Pirke Avot, 1:14, Hirsch translation):

If I am nothing to myself, who will be for me? And if I am for myself only, what am I?

One of the central theses of the book is that, as a consequence of anti-Zionism and anti-Semitism, many Jews, especially "upwardly-mobile ones" cower, seek cover, and rather than combat the lies of anti-Semites, ingratiate themselves among the "goyim" (nations) by demonstrating their generosity of spirit in various ways. This phenomenon many call "self-hatred," but I think that Wisse helps us understand what is going on, beyond the label of "self-hatred."

Wisse attacks a certain group, Jews as well as non-Jews. She calls them "liberals," but unless we adhere closely to her explanation of what she means by liberals, we will miss her point. By a liberal, she means someone who believes "in rationality and a rational approach to political questions; in freedom for the individual within a constitutional, participatory democracy; in cultural pluralism within an open society; and in the rule of law...who detests the use of force...and precludes the possibility of intractable hatred or intransigent political will." It is this last phrase that is crucial to her arguments. Perhaps instead of calling such people "liberals," we run into less trouble by, say, calling them "optimists," although this is not an entirely satisfactory term either.

When we then discuss Arab

rejectionism, Arab boycotts of Israel, Arab wars against Israel, and the Zionism-equals-Racism equation in the U.N., her "liberals," who preclude the possibility of intractable hatred, conclude that it is Israel preventing peace. It is easier to make this conclusion, she asserts, than to relinquish any liberal principles. I have seen this phenomenon personally, especially among "liberal" Jews who finished their undergraduate years, say in the 60s. Intensely concerned for "justice for the Palestinians," they were insistent that we not talk about WW II, because, I think, this war presented a challenge to their thesis that there is no such thing as an intractable hatred. Wisse also reminds us that, during WW II, the Mufti of Jerusalem was in Berlin, urging Hitler not to overlook any Jewish child in his campaign of destruction.

Wisse contrasts the behavior, when confronted with anti-Semitism, of traditional Jews with certain modern Jews: "While traditional Jews could avoid the indignity of anti-Semitism by continuing to look to the Lord of Hosts as their protector, many modern Jews were not even certain they wanted to maintain a Jewish identity, much less in the face of ugly provocation." Notions of provocation as well as symmetry figure prominently in her book. She asks if there is anything in Jewish history corresponding to the Christian and Muslim resentment of the Jew as the denier of faiths, or anything in Jewish history corresponding to the spasms of Christian and Muslim anti-Semitism, or anything corresponding to the lies told about the Jews, for example the attempts to portray them as bloodthirsty and vengeful.

The main response of the Jews to the lies and torment, Wisse maintains, has been to try to gain acceptance, sometimes by spectacular achievements, to try to prove themselves unworthy of hatred. But, says Wisse, "since anti-Semitism bears no relation to the achievement of the Jews, it cannot be dispelled by proofs of their excellence." She wants Jews not to demand more and more of themselves, but more and more of their enemies, that is, an end to anti-Semitism. Wisse is also contemptuous of attempts to transcend the fight against Jew-hatred, by subsuming this fight under the umbrella of a movement for human rights generally. She recognizes that, generally, anti-Semitism is considered a disreputable sentiment. On the other hand, it does achieve a certain legitimacy "when it travels under the cover of anti-Zionism."

The payoff for certain countries (France and Canada are given examples) for demonizing Israel is argued. "Israel is examined for its every moral failing...while the moral failings of Arab countries are considered no one's business but their own."

Readers will also want to read about her views on the writings of S. Yizhar, Henry Roth, Kafka, Yehoshua, and David Grossman. A fair summary of her views on certain writers is contained in this quotation:

"Jewish writers and thinkers, in their eagerness to make the world as nice as they would like it to be, have been particularly prone to a solipsistic liberalism that has done great harm to both themselves and to the truth."

To the question "Should we not hold the Jewish state to a higher standard of behavior?", Wisse, I believe, would answer, "No, because, the immediate result is political scapegoating, such as we have seen with India and the Davis Cup, (details in the book) and Sabra and Shatila."

Emphasis on ethical behavior on the one hand, she reminds us, complements ritual and halachah on the other. Consider that, on the Day of Atonement, the Torah reading describes penitential sacrifice (Leviticus 16), while the Haftorah reading (Isaiah) scoffs at mere ritual and insists on its ethical substance. She believes that too many modern Jews dwell on the latter, and miss the steadying influence of the former.

It is clear that this is not simply a book about politics and Jewish community relations questions, but rather it goes deeper — into considerations about how our community can maintain itself, about Jewish knowledge and the need to study, about the importance of ritual and halachah, and about ethics. These are questions that are central to the current Jewish agenda.

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Leftist Jew Examines Anti-Semitism On The Left

By DAN WEINTRAUB

Editor of *The Jewish Voice*

In his book *The Socialism of Fools: Anti-Semitism On The Left*, Michael Lerner gives an inside account of anti-Jewish bias on the Left that is as persuasive, as an insider's account, as William F. Buckley Jr.'s insider's critique last year of anti-Semitism on the right, *In Search of Anti-Semitism*. Just as politically Conservative readers may have been more authoritatively convinced by the Conservative Buckley of, for example, the anti-Semitism of Patrick Buchanan; politically Liberal readers may be convinced by the Liberal Lerner that a similar intolerant attitude may be found within their ranks.

Michael Lerner is the editor of *Tikkun Magazine*. The book cover includes among his credentials that he was chairperson of the Berkeley chapter of Students for a Democratic Society in the 1960s and that he was later indicted as one of the "Seattle Seven." J. Edgar Hoover called him "one of the most dangerous crimi-

nals in America" because of his anti-war work. He has a Ph.D. in philosophy and a second in clinical psychology.

Dr. Cornell West, Professor of Religion and Director of African-American Studies at Princeton University, writes that "Michael Lerner is a major progressive Jewish intellectual who has been an outspoken critic of the conservatism in the American-Jewish community and of the Israeli occupation of the West Bank. His critique should not be dismissed as an attempt to set Israel above criticism or to conceal conservative interests in the Jewish world."

This book has something to say to my friends in the peace movement who do not notice that despite their colleague's expressed concern for human rights around the globe many focus on the shortcomings of Israel to a disproportionate degree to other countries. This book has something to say as well as those who would use aspects of Ruth Wisse's *If I Am Not For Myself* philosophy to champion

an antagonistic approach to Arab moderates despite the pragmatism of peace.

There are those who say that since multiculturalism has not always included Jews, it should be combated. Lerner argues we should seek Jewish inclusion into the multicultural fold rather than abandon the concept's merits. He decries the politically-correct "linguistic move of substituting 'people of color' for 'oppressed minorities,' coupled with the decision to refer to Jews as 'whites,'" both of which he argues become an anti-Semitic denial of Jewish history.

To those who have admired the gains of Blacks and Women through the Left's embrace of civil rights and feminism; Lerner argues Jewish concerns should also be assertively included on the Left's agenda. This requires self-affirming Jews proudly committed to a Jewish identity. Lerner suggests Jews on the Left should adopt the assertive strategies of the Women's movement and Blacks who both succeeded in imposing on the Left's agenda their struggle against discrimination. He believes Jews should not have to choose between a Jewish identity and a Leftist orientation.

The title of the book comes from a notion of the particular oppression suffered by Jews. Jews, as intermediaries between those Lerner identifies as the power elites and those who have the least power in society, are misperceived by the powerless as the oppressors. Thus many historical and current political movements on the Left, generalized imprecisely by the term "Socialism," are deceived into class warfare against the intermediary Jewish bureaucrats, lawyers, tax collectors, and the like, who are often the public face of the power elites. Those who fail to see that Jews in the world do not have the ultimate political, economic or social power are deceived or "Fools."

Lerner denounces assimilationist Jews noting that blending in strategies did not keep German Jews out of Nazi concentration camps.

The author persuasively defends Zionism against charges of colonialism, racism and imperialism. He considers Zionism an appropriate affirmative action to compensate the Jews for a history of oppression by Arabs. Lerner chastises Palestinians for "unmatched racism and repression" in closing the doors to Jewish immigration into Palestine in the 1920's and 1930's.

He asserts that the New Left still does not understand why Jews feel vulnerable to anti-Semitism. Lerner acknowledges Jewish self-loathing exists on the Left but he rejects the argument that the left has a monopoly on Jewish self-hate. He argues that the Left is weakened to the extent that is most welcoming to those Jews who deny their Jewishness. Maynard Wishner, President of The Council of Jewish Federations, Jewish consultant Mark Talisman, and Rabbi David Saperstein, of the Religious Action Center have all advocated pursuing as part of an explicitly Jewish framework such concerns as equal rights, civil rights, environmentalism, reproductive rights and other issues identified with the Left.

While extolling an alliance of Black liberals and Jewish liberals he concedes that he has known "some Jews on the Left who are so full of righ-

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Anti-Semitism On The Left

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teous indignation at the oppression faced by Blacks that they are incapable of recognizing the Jew-hating that sometimes goes on in Black communities and even among progressive Blacks."

He expresses what he considers to be legitimate criticism of Israel (related to occupation, human rights, religious preference, European bias) but he questions those on the Left who hold Israel to a different standard than other countries or those on the Left who assail Israel with disproportionate frequency.

The book is provocative and elo-

quent. *The Socialism of Fools* has a lot to say to Conservatives and Liberals, Jews and Non-Jews, Capitalists and Kibbutzniks, Bundists and Board Rooms, Activists and Anti-Semites. Significantly, this book is an effective critique by a Jew on the Left of anti-Semitism on the Left. It points the way for a Jew on the Right to pen a critique of anti-Semitism on the Right. It could be subtitled "The Conservative Betrayal Of The Jews."

The Socialism of Fools can be purchased by sending \$11.70 to Tikkun Books, 5100 Leona Street, Oakland, Ca. 94619. (Price includes postage.)

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Sidonite Cave Paintings in Bet Govrin National Park, Israel. Sidonite caves, with restored wall paintings, were recently opened to the public at the Bet Govrin National Park. The colored wall paintings, dating from the Hellenistic period, include mythological animals, bearded lions, horses with their riders, giraffes and other wild animals. Among the many inscriptions is a poem thought to be a love song. The cave paintings, which were discovered at the turn of the century were badly defaced and faded, and were recently restored according to reproductions found in a book published in 1905.



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Words & Music:

Hitler's Favorite Composer - Wagner

By STEVE COHEN

Two dramatic and musical events of the month have strong merits, and

also conjure up recollections of the past.

The Philadelphia Orchestra is stressing tradition and continuity in its first season with Wolfgang Sawallisch as music director. With its performances of Wagnerian opera, the orchestra is returning to a tradition from the days of Leopold Stokowski in the 1930's.

Sawallisch led the 100-piece orchestra in excerpts from Wagner's *Tannhauser* and the complete first act of Wagner's *Walkure*. Vocalists were soprano Deborah Voigt, tenor Heikki Siukola, baritone Rene Pape and the Philadelphia Singers Chorus.

It was impressive to hear the full, unobstructed power of the big orchestra in music that is usually performed from a pit under the stage by a somewhat smaller band. It also was a treat to hear the lyric soprano voice of Miss Voigt. Her budding talents have, up to now, been heard on TV and at the Met in Italian opera only.

Sawallisch conducted with the authority that comes from his many years of directing Wagner's operas throughout Europe, including Bayreuth.

Stokowski led full-length performances of several Wagner operas. Most notable was the composer's final composition, the rarely-done

Parsifal. That piece is so long that Stokowski led each of its three acts on separate evenings.

Like Sawallisch, Stokowski did some idiosyncratic casting. He asked matinee-idol Nelson Eddy to sing the key dramatic part of Gunermanz. "Can you believe that?" Eddy said to me back in the late 1960's when we met. "Gunermanz is usually sung by a deep bass-baritone. I was more of a high baritone. I had done Amonosro in *Aida* and other Italian parts, and I never imagined myself singing in a Wagner opera, especially a role like that. But Stokowski said 'you can do it' and, by God, I did it pretty well."

Eddy went on: "I'm so glad that you're interested in my appearances with Stokowski and the Philadelphia Orchestra. Most people only associate me with those movies I made with Jeanette MacDonald and all those silly June-moon-croon songs. After I'm dead no one will remember that I once was a serious opera singer!"
Weslia Whitfield (pronounce her

first name WES-lia) and her husband-pianist Mike Greensill are appearing at the Hotel Atop the Bellevue, through Saturday, February 19, as part of the American Music Theater Festival's cabaret series.

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The team of Whitfield and Greensill are best known in California and made a successful New York debut this season at the Alogonquin. They've made several recordings, including the sentimental collection of oldies titled *Lucky to Be Me*. Their most recent CD is *Beautiful Love*, which contains a wonderful mix of romance and wit.

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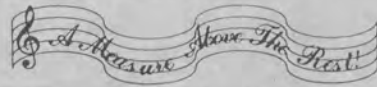
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By SARA ARNO

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On January 13, 1953, the Soviet government announced that nine

Kremlin doctors had been arrested on charges of poisoning top Soviet leaders. Six of the doctors were Jews. In fact, the doctors had been arrested over a month earlier, and the script for their show trial and public execution were long written.

Soviet newspapers began to publish daily stories about the Jewish doctors. They were agents of the Zionists, the Nazis, the British banks; they were a fifth column, planted within Soviet society to topple it. Editorials urged every citizen to watch for signs of Jewish subversion in their area. Stalin spread word that anyone who killed a Jew could claim their possessions as booty; he ordered that factory workers be issued clubs. The smell of blood was in the air.

All the while, prominent Soviet Jews were being forced to sign "The Jewish Statement," an open letter to be published on the front page of

Pravda after the trials. The letter begged Stalin to save the Jews from the righteous wrath of the people by sending them all to Siberia. Stalin would agree to the request. He would rid Russia of the Jews and would be considered a humanitarian for doing it.

The "Doctors' Plot" came to an abrupt end just four days before the trial was to open. At a meeting called to discuss final plans for the deportations, Marshall Kliment Voroshilov played King Achashverosh to Stalin's Haman. Voroshilov, who was married to a Jew, insisted the deportations were unjust. Stalin flew into a rage and began to threaten Voroshilov. Suddenly, Stalin's eyes rolled to the back of his head and he fell to the floor, the victim of a stroke. He never regained consciousness.

The date was March 2, 1953, better known to Jews around the

world as the fourteenth day of the Hebrew month of Adar: Purim. The final irony was that his best doctors could not be summoned. Most were languishing in prison; two had already died under torture.

The next morning, for the first time since the arrests were announced, Pravda issued no stories about the Jewish doctors. Four weeks later, the Soviet Ministry of Internal Affairs declared that the Kremlin doctors had been unjustly accused, and released them.

The Book of Esther writes that after Haman's downfall the Jews had "light and gladness and joy and honor." The Soviet Jews may not have had all that, but they had their lives. And to have outlived Stalin was, for the moment, miracle enough.

(Sara Arno lives in Baltimore, Md., where she writes frequently about Jewish history.)

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Community Wide Purim Celebrations And Dinner

Chabad-Lubavitch will host the eighth annual "Family Purim Feast" Sunday, Feb. 27 in the J.C.C. Auditorium 5:30 p.m. This year the celebration comes with a little twist as it will be held after Purim (Purim begins Thursday evening). "We always think about Jews in other places around the world, and especially those in Jerusalem. This year, we will actually celebrate Purim with Jerusalem simultaneously!" says Rabbi Chuni Vogel. (Purim will be celebrated in Jerusalem on Sunday).

The evening will include a full course dinner, a children's masquerade contest, live music, "L'chayims," singing, dancing, jugglers and "the unmistakable Chabad festive spirit," says Vogel. Avremi G. of New York's Piamenta Band, musical is returning to provide music.

"Chabad has earned the reputation as the place to celebrate Purim. Last year's attendance of 230 was a tremendous success and this year people have made reservations months in advance," said Rabbi Chuni Vogel. "Purim is the time when we can create joyous Jewish memories that last a lifetime!"

Only pre-paid reservations are guaranteed due to yearly sellouts, and should be mailed to Chabad at 1306 Grinnell Rd., Wilm. 19803 and the cost is \$13 a person (children under 12, \$7).

For those not able to make it to services on Friday morning, Chabad will once again be holding a downtown Megillah reading at the law offices of Elzufon, Austin and Drexler, Chemical Bank Building, 12th and Market at 12:30 p.m.

Chabad at U. D. together with Hillel will be hosting a "Grand Purim Extravaganza" for students at the University of Delaware, at the Hillel Center, 47 E. Cleveland Ave. Thursday evening February 24 at 7:45 p.m. The Megillah will be read and will be followed by hamantashen and a grand Purim celebration and dancing to the music of The Antellis Band of New York fame. Parents wishing to send Shlach Manot to students on campus, can use the Chabad United Purim Service (U.P.S.) to brighten up their Purim day. For reservations and more information, call Chabad House at U. of D. 455-1800 or Hillel at 453-0479.

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Purim carnival will follow with passover supplies, jewelry, Judaica, gift ideas, games for the children, prizes, lunch, Hamantashen. Tickets for games will be available for the children to buy the week before.



Volunteers will once again be distributing hundreds of Shlach Manot to students, schools, hospitals, nursing homes, the Kutz Home and prisons. "The message is clear. We want everybody to be part of the Purim festivities," said Oryah Vogel, one of the coordinators. If you would like to volunteer in bringing the Purim spirit to other people, please call Oryah at the Chabad office 478-4400.

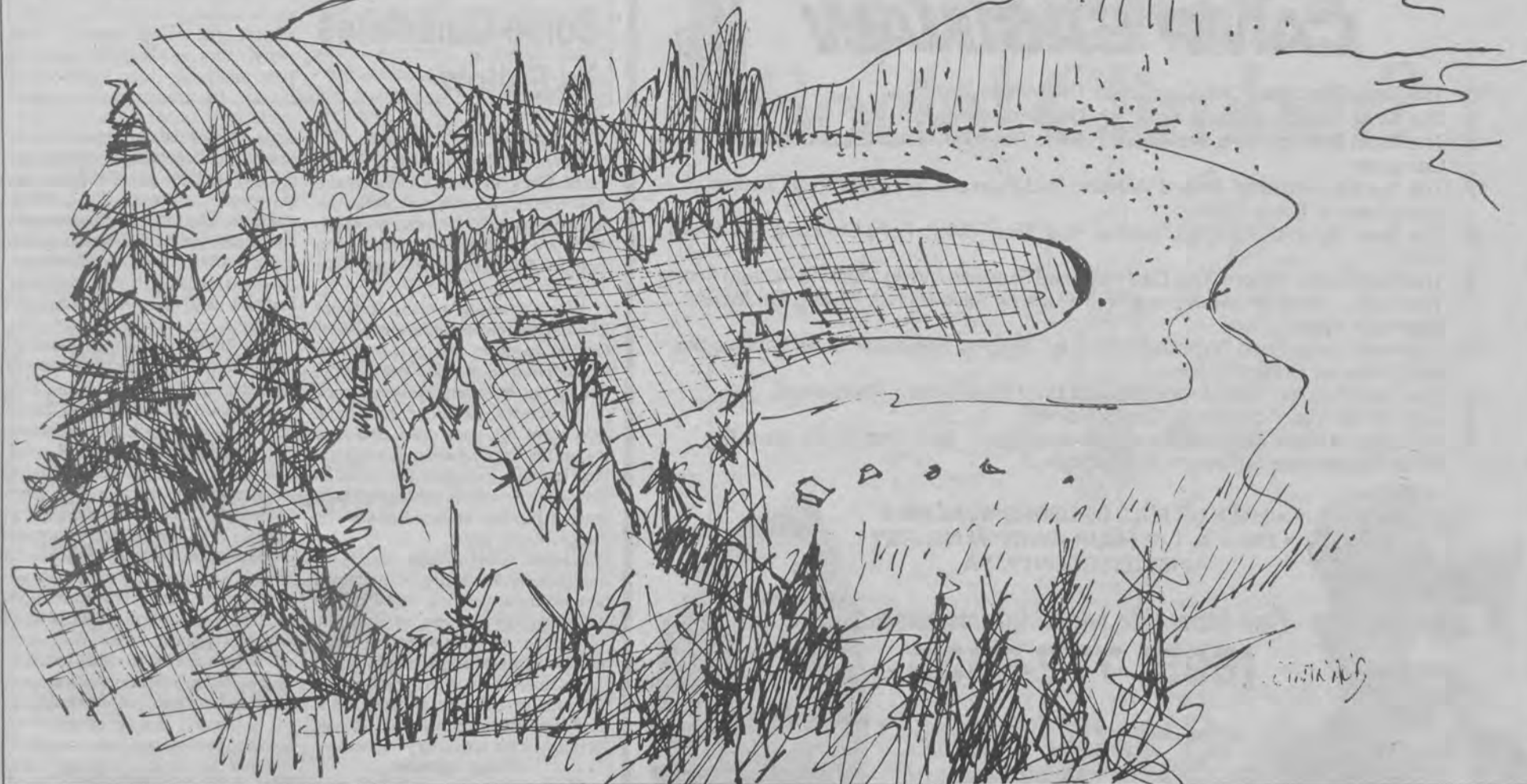
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By LAURI EDELMAN

Summer camps provide an organized setting in which children make new friends, acquire new skills, develop independence and responsibility, share in the growth of the caring community around them and have fun.

When selecting a camp for your child, the American Camping Association suggests that you begin by considering your child's personality, his or her likes and dislikes, needs and interests. Consider, too, what you want for your child and how camp fits into your family's budget and lifestyle. Including your child in the decision-making process will help ensure his/her enthusiasm for the program you select.

Camps offer a large variety of programs and activities. Some camps are highly structured, while others offer varying degrees of flexibility and choice of daily activities; some offer traditional sports and outdoor programs, while others specialize in the arts, or computers, or aquatics, and still others combine traditional activities with specialty programs.

Camp options

Many children have their first camp experience at day camp, where they spend part of all of each weekday participating in a variety of challenging and interesting supervised activities at camp and return home each evening to sleep. Children who are "ready" for a sustained experience away from home may go to resident, or sleep-away, camp where they spend from five days to eight weeks participating in supervised activities and programs during the day and evening, and sleep each night in cabins, tents, teepees, or dorms. In addition to day and resident camps, there are trip and travel camps (usually for older campers) and camps for children with special needs.

Some camps are operated independently by individuals, while others are operated by not-for-profit agencies or organizations or by religious groups. There are camps in every price range and in a variety of session lengths.

Self-esteem

Researchers have also found that the camp experience promotes and enhances the development of three

traits considered by experts to be essential to becoming a healthy, productive adult: positive self esteem, strong self-confidence, and good social skills. The outdoor environment, child-centered activities and group living seem to be an excellent environment for a child to try new things, find new ways to express himself and mature.

The American Camping Association, a 5,000 member not-for-profit educational association is the only organization in the United States that has a standards and accreditation program for every type of camp. It is a voluntary, peer-administered evaluation and educational program whereby the camp is visited while in operation by two trained volunteers who compare the camps practices in the areas of site and facilities, administrative practices, transportation, personnel, programs, health care and activities against nearly 300 standards established for the industry. Accreditation indicates that the camp director has made a commitment to the health and safety of campers and is willing to allow outside reviewers to observe the camp's ongoing operation.

Guide available

The "Guide to Accredited Camps," published annually by the American Camping Association and distributed to many public libraries, lists the accredited Day and Resident Camps in each state and provides brief descriptions, including the name, address and phone number of the camp's director or operator. The "Guide" is also available for purchase (\$10.95) from the ACA Bookstore and through many of the Association's 32 Section Offices around the country.

Because there are so many camps and so many options, many parents utilize the assistance provided by professionals in the American Camping Association's Section Offices. Some offices provide lists of local or regional accredited camps, while others offer a larger variety of public services. For information call 1-800-777-CAMP.

Laurie Edelman is Executive Director, American Camping Association/New York Section.

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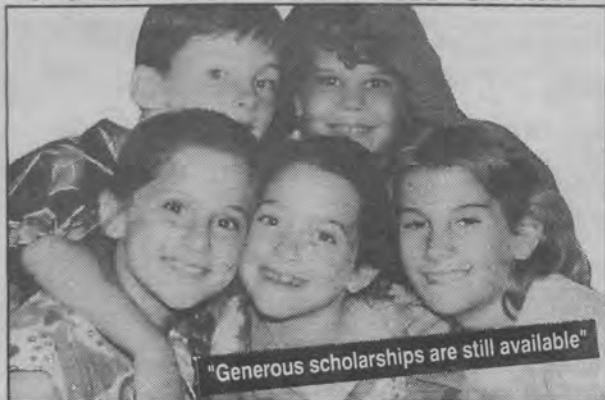
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Purim: To World Religion

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Actually, once Jewish vulnerability and victim status was overcome, the Judaic combination of societal admiration, spiritual/ethical scope and communal solidarity won many hearts — especially since Judaism was revealed as a world-class faith.

The lesson of Purim has recurred in our time. In an amazing reversal of Jewish exilic history, Jewish status has become insurance for better treatment when in danger.

In the Soviet Union, Ethiopia and Bosnia, Jews were guaranteed haven in Israel and rescued. No wonder that in Addis Ababa and Sarajevo, people step forward to prove that they had Jewish ancestors hitherto hidden.

Now, in the former Soviet Union and elsewhere, gentiles pass for Jews to gain access to the redemption of Israel. From these events, world Jewry learns that Judaism is not a Western religion alone, not the faith of a white

race alone, not a tribal tradition alone.

Worldwide, we can anticipate a wave of conversions to Judaism in response to the solidarity and family ties of Jewry as well as the ethical power and spiritual universalism of Judaism.

Purim reminds us that we should be celebrating the Jewish redemptions of our time. Those events and our actions prove that being Jewish means being treasured by — and helped by — God and humans alike. By holding up our cosmic redemptive program for all to see, we make clear to ourselves and to the world that Judaism is a celebration of justice and of life itself.

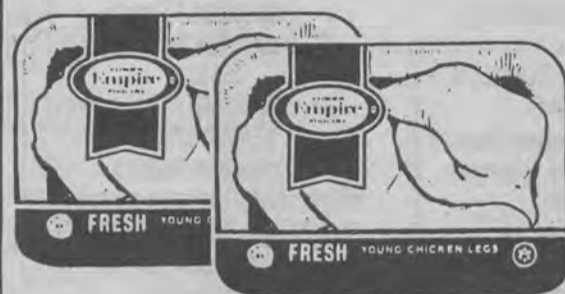
Our covenant is not our private club; it is a cosmic vision, a way of living life through commitment.

Irving Greenberg is president of CLAL - The National Jewish Center for Learning and Leadership, and author of "The Jewish Way: Living the Holidays" (New York: Summit Books).



JEWISH/CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE... JERUSALEM. Two priests from Poland chat with Israeli Professor Henry Weinberg during a break Feb. 2 at The International Jewish/Christian Conference. Some 490 delegates from 97 countries are participating in the four-day event. During the conference, top representatives from Christian churches and Jewish leaders will share their insights and experiences in responding to a wave of social and scientific developments currently confronting religious leaders — from genetic engineering to issues surrounding fertility, birth and prolonging life. CREDIT: RNS/PHOTO/Reuters.

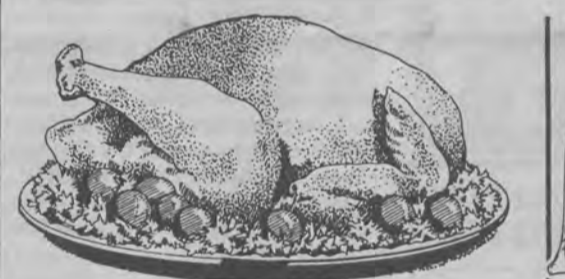
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The Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Adult Education Committee, on behalf of the Congregation and its Board, invites you and your family to AKSE's second annual Congregational Shabbat dinner to be held on Friday, March 18th.

Kabbalat Shabbat services will begin at 6:15 p.m. followed by a family dinner and Oneg Shabbat. Cantor Leeman will teach traditional Shabbat table songs, z'mirot.

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Rivkah, born and raised in Brooklyn, N.Y., received her education at the Beth Rivkah Academy, and graduated from Teacher's College in 1981. She has lectured on Jewish family values, marriage enrichment and interpersonal relationships. Rivkah is co-director of the Chabad House and Student Center at SUNY, Binghamton. Married in 1982 to Rabbi Aaron Slonim, they have five children.

A buffet luncheon at 12:30 p.m. will be followed by the guest presentation. The event will be moderated by Connie Sugarman, past president of ORT, and currently Vice President, Jewish Federation Women's division. Connie is also a board member of the JCC and AEA and immediate past president of the State Chapter of Physician's Assistance.

Initiated in 1988, Delaware's Day for The Jewish Woman has brought together single and married women of all ages and backgrounds and is timed to coincide with the International Week of the Jewish Woman sponsored by the Chabad movement. This year, more than 280,000 women are expected to participate in a week long series of events and programs in over 300 cities worldwide.

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Mitzvah Day On March 6

Congregation Beth Shalom will hold its first annual Mitzvah Day on March 6 from 9:00 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Mitzvah Day is a congregation-wide community service day. Beth Shalom volunteers with willing hands, giving spirits and loving hearts will reach out to those less fortunate to make a difference. There are very few times in life when we have an opportunity to reach out and make a difference in someone else's life. Beth Shalom's Mitzvah Day is one of those opportunities.

From the youngest Religious School students to senior citizens, from active teens to busy adults, we will all join together to work on community service projects across our

city. Our volunteers will be working at the Kutz Home, painting at the Salvation Army, visiting Beth Shalom homebound members, serving at Emmanuel Dining Room, cataloguing books at Beth Shalom and Albert Einstein libraries, learning how to help the Russian Jewish Community, and visiting community hospitals.

In addition, we will be collecting baby items and cleaning products for needy families.

The Honorable Mayor James Sills and Debbie Pernick, representative for Dennis Greenhouse, County Executive, will declare March 6 as Mitzvah Day at the opening ceremonies at Beth Shalom, 18th and Baynard Blvd., Wilmington.

For more information, call Beth Shalom Congregation, 654-4462, Rhoda Dombchik 475-7150, or Marilyn Cooper 575-0456.

Words and Music

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Whitfield's singing is notable for its perfect pitch, technical control, and mellow reed-like timbre. Her stage personality is direct and engaging.

At the Bellevue and also on each of her recordings, Whitfield includes material by Richard Rodgers and Lorenz Hart that she calls "the saddest songs ever written."

The melancholy of Larry Hart's life has not been properly documented. This man was a brilliant linguist and poet and a master of the trickiest, wittiest song lyrics in the 1920's and 1930's. In the MGM movie version of the lives of Rodgers and Hart, called *Words and Music*, Hart is shown to be unhappy about his shortness. But that was only part of his misery.

Hart was dark-haired, dark-complexioned. He was barely five feet tall and his head was large for his body. He felt that he looked like an ugly dwarf. Hart also was an alcoholic and a homosexual who desperately tried to forge romantic relationships with women. He proposed to Vivienne

Segal, the Philadelphia singer-actress who starred in two R&H shows. She turned him down, saying she wanted to be just a friend.

Then Hart's life degenerated into a series of drunken, sexual parties with male friends, and long periods when no one could locate him to work on his shows. When he showed up, he continued to write brilliantly. "Glad To Be Unhappy," "It Never Entered My Mind," "Little Girl Blue" and "spring is Here (I Hear)" illustrate his poignant description of heart-break.

When Rodgers couldn't get Hart to commit to working on another show, the composer found a new partner. In 1943, with Oscar Hammerstein, he wrote *Oklahoma!* Hart went on a drunken binge and was found lying in a gutter. He died of pneumonia at age 48.

In the sanitized movie, Hart is played by Mickey Rooney. I wish they'd re-make it, showing all the sad truth. I'd love to see Dustin Hoffman play the part.



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Jerusalem Interfaith Conference Brings Record Number of Christian Luminaries

By CYNTHIA MANN
 JERUSALEM, (JTA) — A huge interfaith conference held here recently broke new ground by bringing many church luminaries to Jerusalem for the first time and thereby offering de facto recognition of Israeli sovereignty over the capital city. Top Christian leaders joined rabbis from around the world to address the common challenges posed by modernity in the largest interfaith conference ever held in Jerusalem. Despite a boycott by Israel's Orthodox and fervently Orthodox establishment, the International Jewish-Christian Conference on Modern Social and Scientific challenges was hailed as a big success, drawing more than 500 delegates from nearly 100 countries. The presence of so many Christian leaders comes in the wake of the recent establishment of diplomatic ties between the Vatican and Israel and a generally warmer international attitude toward Israel as a result of the Middle East peace accords.

"There were top appointees of the church from the Vatican and top appointees of the Protestants from Geneva," said Rabbi Joseph Ehrenkranz, administration director of the Center for Christian Jewish Understanding at Sacred Heart University in Fairfield, Conn.

"And they were here on an equal footing (with the Jews) at the invitation of the Jewish people," he said. "Outside of the pope, what more could you want?"

The notables included Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, who is the world's most powerful cardinal and is the leading conservative voice in the Catholic church, based in Rome; Cardinal Carlo Maria Martini, the archbishop of Milan, who is often named as a possible candidate to succeed Pope John Paul II and is the most prominent church liberal; and the archbishop of Canterbury, George Carey.

"The academic and scholarly positions being staked out (were) not spectacularly new or groundbreaking," said Rabbi Irving Greenberg, the New York-based president of CLAL, the Center for Jewish Learning and Leadership, and one of the keynote speakers.

But the "highly visible, Jewish-sponsored" interfaith dynamic of the conference in Jerusalem was "remarkable," he said. "The number of cardinals knocked my eyes out."

"And theology follows reality," he said. He pointed to a "historic transformation of the church toward a covenantal pluralism in its attitude toward Judaism," as evidenced by Ratzinger's speech.

Ratzinger referred to the history of the relationship between "Israel and Christendom" as one "drenched with blood and tears," one "of mistrust and hostility," but also one marked "again and again by attempts at forgiveness, understanding and mutual acceptance. After Auschwitz, the mission of reconciliation and acceptance permits no deferral," he said.

Even as a child, said the cardinal, he could never understand how Jews

could be condemned by the church for the death of Jesus.

Prominent rabbis from abroad included Rene Sirat, former chief rabbi of France and current president of the Conference of European Rabbis, and South Africa's Chief Rabbi Cyril Harris.

Rabbi David Rosen, former chief rabbi of Ireland and now director of interfaith relations for the Anti-Defamation League in Israel, served as conference chairman.

But several European and Israeli Orthodox rabbis scheduled to attend the conference apparently succumbed to pressure from the Orthodox and fervently Orthodox establishment not to participate.

A statement was issued in the names of Israel's chief rabbis, Yisrael Lau and Elishu Bakshi-Doron, calling on local rabbis not to attend. Former Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren, originally slated to participate, withdrew and publicly criticized the conference.

These rabbis maintained the gathering was predicated on the false assumption that the two faiths share common ground. They said the meeting would confer an unacceptable legitimacy on Christianity.

Sirat said he believed the protest may have been a result of a misunderstanding about the nature of the conference. "Perhaps (the rabbis) were afraid there would be theological arguments," he said.

Instead, Sirat said the conference afforded a chance for "a real dialogue to find solutions to problems we all face," including AIDS, poverty, homelessness, violence and the strife in the former Yugoslavia.

Also on the agenda were the ethical and moral implications of genetic engineering, medical advances in fertility and the artificial prolongation of life.

Sirat said he hoped the next conference would include religious leaders from Islam.

Meanwhile, Jerusalem's Latin Patriarch Michel Sabbah, a Palestinian, gave a speech voicing his hopes of achieving an enduring peace between Christians, Jews and Muslims in Israel and of promoting ethical and religious values in a pluralistic society. He said he has exercised his pastoral ministry "in the context of a constant cycle of moral and physical violence, of daily anxieties and sufferings, heightened by intermittent wars."

"History has a chance to be rethought, and to be redirected towards mutual knowledge, respect and more human and religious co-existence," he declared.

Delaware Coalition For Bosnia

The first open meeting of this new interfaith coalition will take place at the Jewish Community Center on Monday, February 28 at 7:30 p.m. Anyone interested in advocating on behalf of the people of Bosnia is welcome. For more information call Rabbi Marla Feldman at 478-6200.

Jewish Program On Computer Network

NEW YORK (JTA) — Help has arrived for Jews in far-flung locations interested in learning more about their heritage.

Anyone with a computer and modem will now be able to take advantage of a new program being offered on Internet, the extensive system of computer networks that now encircles the globe.

The World Connection Jewish Learning Program, using modern technology to help participants study Judaism and Jewish subjects, is offering participants the opportunity to find learning partners all over the world.

The new learning program is sponsored by Project Genesis, the campus movement for Jewish renewal. The program is being offered in conjunction with NYSERNet, the New York State Education and Research Network.

"This is an excellent opportunity for Jewish involvement for a student — or anyone — in a location with a small or non-existent Jewish community," said Rabbi Kenneth Menken, who will direct the program.

Most university professors and students can reach the Internet through their university computer systems. Others may get access through their businesses, commercial systems such as MCI Mail and CompuServe, or from a provider such as NYSERNet.

Once on "the Net," they can send electronic mail (commonly called e-mail) across town, or across the globe, at the touch of a button. Many systems even offer interactive, or live, discussions.

The World Connection Jewish Learning Program plans to take advantage of this technology.

"We will be able to help participants to find partners with whom to discuss a particular work of Jewish philosophy, or even a Talmudic tractate, and it doesn't matter whether she's a busy student in New York City, or he's the only Jew at his university in Finland," said Menken.

Computer users with Internet access may simply contact WorldCon@israel.n ysemet.org for more information.

Others may call (914) 356-3040, or write to Project Genesis, 39 Jacaruso Drive, Spring Valley, N.Y. 10977.

Membership Tea

Thursday, March 10, 1994 - 7:30 p.m.

Women's American ORT Brandywine Chapter at large is hosting a membership tea for new and prospective members. If you are interested in attending, or know of someone who would be interested in joining ORT, please contact Ruth Rosenberg at 529-1296. Please join us at Sharon France's house - 477-0494.

NACHES

Geraldine Greenwald announces the birth of two new grandsons. Corey Daniel Greenwald born January 20, 1994 to parents Dr. David and Lori Greenwald of Marietta, Georgia, brother of Morgan and Lindsay. Zachary Daniel Greenwald born February 6, 1994 to parents Doctors Jeffery and Sherry Greenwald of Gaithersburg, Maryland, brother of Joshua.

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ROBERT CHAIKEN

Robert Chaiken, 99, of Forwood Manor, 1912 Marsh Road, Brandywine Hundred, died Thursday, February 3 at Forwood Manor Health Care Center.

Mr. Chaiken owned Bob's Men's Store at Fourth and Walnut streets, Wilmington, for 55 years until he sold it in the early 1960s.

He was a member of Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Congregation, Wilmington.

His wife, Sonia, died in 1992. He is survived by a son, Frank of Greenville; six grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

Instead of flowers, the family suggests contributions to Hillel Student Center at University of Delaware, Newark.

HARRY L. KLEIN

Harry L. Klein, 93, of Shipley Manor, 2723 Shipley Road, Brandywine Hundred, died Monday, February 14 of congestive heart failure at home.

Mr. Klein sold newspapers from a stand at Eighth and Market streets for about 40 years. Later, he owned a liquor store at 12th and Market streets, Wilmington, for 12 years, retiring in 1970.

He lived at B'nai B'rith House, Claymont, until about 1 1/2 months ago, and previously lived at 2523 West St., Wilmington.

Mr. Klein was a member of Congregation Beth Shalom and its Men's Club, former chairman of Beth Shalom Boy Scout Committee and member for more than 60 years of B'nai B'rith Lodge 470.

He was the last surviving member of the Bridge Club, a group of husbands and wives from his West Street neighborhood who played bridge for nearly 65 years, his family said.

His wife of 66 years, Freda Klein, died in 1991. He is survived by a son, Dr. Charles of North Hills; a daughter, Elva Levine of Heatherbrooke; a brother, Albert of Meriden; eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Instead of flowers, the family suggests contributions to B'nai B'rith, 8000 Society Drive, Claymont 19703; Congregation Beth Shalom, Wilmington 19802, or charity.

LENA MAZER

Lena Mazer, 86, of Kutz Home, Fox Point, died Wednesday, February 2, of pneumonia in Riverside Hospital.

Mrs. Mazer, who was raised in Wilmington, returned to the city about 15 years ago after living in New Jersey for many years. She lived in Windsor Apartments before moving to B'nai B'rith House, Brandywine Hundred. She moved to Kutz Home about two years ago. Mrs. Mazer was a salesperson for Sears in Vineland, N.J., in the 1950s.

She is survived by her husband, Samuel; two sons, Irwin of Blue Bell, Pa., and Albert B. of Newtown, Pa.; and a daughter, Natalie Oram of Cherry Hill, N.J.

Instead of flowers, the family suggests contributions to Kutz Home, Fox Point.

ILANE SHERMAN

The former Ilane Sherman Chinn, died February 9, 1994. She was 65 and lived in Bala Cynwyd. She was the owner and operator of Ilane's Knit Shop in Bala Cynwyd for over 10 years until her retirement in 1992.

She is survived by her husband, Morton Sherman; her daughter Lucian (Lucky) Harris, her son Peter Salidar and her sister Deane Kattler.

Instead of flowers, the family suggests contributions to the Jewish Federation of Delaware, Wilmington or to your favorite charity.

SIMON GROSS

Simon Gross, 90, of 11-11 Villas Drive, The Villas Apartments, Christiana, died Monday of complications from a cerebral hematoma in Christiana Hospital near Stanton.

Mr. Gross was a luggage manufacturer for 19 years at Delaware Luggage, Wilmington, until he retired in 1969. Earlier, he owned a luggage factory in New York City.

A native of Vienna, Austria, he earned a law degree in Austria and was apprenticed to a lawyer in Vienna. He immigrated to the United States in the 1930s.

Instead of flowers, the family suggests contributions to the Jewish Federation of Delaware, Wilmington.

Peace Advocate Dies

By JOSEPH POLAKOFF
WASHINGTON (PNR) — Merle Thorpe Jr., for years a leading American advocate of a two-state solution for peace between Israel and Palestinians, died on Feb. 13 at his home in nearby Chevy Chase, Md., of cancer. He was 76.

While a specialist in securities and corporate law, Thorpe devoted much of his time towards examination of Middle East issues and seeking to advance his view of an Israeli-Palestinian peace by working with proponents of similar persuasion among Israelis and Palestinians.

He established and financed a charitable foundation, the Foundation for Middle East Peace, of which he was president.

The New York Times reported that "through his Foundation for Middle East Peace, he called on Jews and Palestinians to establish two states and to recognize each other."

Thorpe, born in Washington, was educated at Phillips Exeter Academy and Yale University where he received his law degree in 1941. He was a partner for 26 years in the Washington law firm of Hogan and Hartson.

France Warms To Israel

WASHINGTON (PNR) — France is showing a special interest in helping the Palestinians establish their own television station, Radio Israel reported in connection with French Foreign Minister Alain Juppe's three-day visit to Israel. The radio added that Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin told Juppe that such a station can be operative only after the "Gaza/Jerich First" plan is implemented.

Juppe said France will improve its military and political relations with Israel and tighten cooperation on security, particularly in research. Historically sympathetic to Arab states, France barred arms sales to Israel after the 1967 war. A sign of change is that Juppe said French Defense Minister Francois Leotard would visit Israel in March.



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Three Palestinians Arrested For Torching In Chicago

By ELIZABETH BERNSTEIN

JUF News

CHICAGO (JTA) — Three Palestinians were charged this week with setting fire to a Torah academy located in West Rogers Park, a predominantly Jewish neighborhood here.

The three were apparently "upset with the Jews for what they were doing to the Palestinians" in the Middle East, according to a local police commander.

The fire, which gutted a three-story classroom building at the Chicago Community Kollel Institute for Advanced Torah Studies, was one of five separate acts of vandalism and arson that took place on Jan. 28.

All of the incidents involved Jewish institutions which are located in the West Rogers Park area.

Chicago police said they were ques-

tioning the three suspects to determine if they were also to be charged in connection with the other acts of vandalism.

The three suspects, all of Palestinian descent and residents of the Chicago area, were charged this week with one count each of arson and committing a hate crime.

The police said the arrests were made after they had received a series of tips.

The three suspects have so far not been tied to any larger organization, according to police sources.

The three charged were Yasir Yasin, 17, Abdelsalam Khalil, 20, and his brother Yousef, 18. Yasin was out on bail on a burglary charge when the incident took place.

(Contributing to this report was JTA correspondent Mitchell Danow in New York.)

NJCRAC Exec Chides Farrakhan

NEW YORK — Dr. Lawrence Rubin, executive vice chairman of the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council, issued on February 3, the following statement in reaction to the press conference of the Rev. Louis Farrakhan:

"The National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council deplores remarks by the Rev. Louis Farrakhan. The problem is not, as Minister Khalid Abdul Muhammad's recent address at Kean College. The content of that speech is the problem. By deliberately choosing to ignore that his aide's speech was quintessentially racist, anti-Semitic, anti-Catholic and homophobic, Minister Farrakhan proves that his own message is inher-

ently racist. Instead of repudiating Mr. Muhammad's message, the Rev. Farrakhan chose to launch a scurrilous attack against the messenger, the Anti-Defamation League, which did us all a service by highlighting the hatred espoused by Mr. Muhammad.

"The NJCRAC is deeply dismayed that Mr. Farrakhan continues to disregard the obligation of leadership to denounce bigotry, racism and anti-Semitism wherever they exist in our society."

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Shas To Rejoin Rabin Coalition

By DAVID LANDAU

JERUSALEM (JTA) — The fervently Orthodox Sephardic Shas party announced plans this week to rejoin Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's government after Passover.

Shas leader Aryeh Deri said that his party's return, after a five-month absence, was made possible by the government's decision to support legislation to continue the present ban on importing non-kosher meat, even after the industry is privatized.

The bill, which amends a quasi-constitutional law protecting occupational freedom, easily passed its initial Knesset vote on Tuesday by a vote of 82-11, after the Labor Party threw its support behind it.

Labor's left-wing coalition partner, Meretz, strongly opposed the bill.

Deri said Tuesday that the peace process, too, was a factor in Shas' decision to move slowly back into the coalition fold.

He said his party would rejoin the government after the Knesset's Passover recess "if nothing untoward happens in the peace talks till then."

But observers here expect many ups and downs and more political maneuvering before Shas actually rejoins the government, if indeed it ever does.

Deri himself is barred from resuming his former position as interior minister, since he is currently facing criminal charges relating to bribery and abuse of his office.

Another Shas Knesset member, Raphael Pinhasi, is also banned from regaining his former post as deputy religious affairs minister because he is also under indictment on separate corruption charges.

Shas withdrew from the coalition following a High Court of Justice ruling last September that Deri and Pinhasi had to step down from their posts to face the charges against them.

Shas, whose spiritual leader is the politically moderate Rabbi Ovadia Yosef, has always been the favorite coalition partner among Labor's doves.

For Rabin, the news from Shas is welcome indeed. Since Shas left the coalition, Rabin has governed with a

narrow 61-59 majority that relies on the support of two predominantly Arab parties outside the coalition.

No Israeli government has ever included the Arab parties in its coalition. Rabin has been particularly loath to base crucial national decisions, such as possible territorial compromise with the Syrians, on Arab support.

In recent days, the National Religious Party, the right-wing Tsomet party, and Yi'ud, a Tsomet breakaway, have sent out coalition feelers to Labor.

Observers here say that fear of such an expansion of the coalition to the right prompted the controversial remarks over the weekend by Knesset Member Nissim Zvili, the Labor Party's dovish secretary-general.

Zvili sparked a political storm by daring to predict publicly that a Palestinian state would eventually emerge from the process begun last September, when Israel agreed to grant Palestinian self-rule in the Gaza Strip and part of the West Bank.

Zvili also predicted aloud that Israel would eventually recognize Syrian sovereignty over the Golan Heights.

Zvili noted that Labor did not, as a matter of policy, favor the creation of a Palestinian state; rather it sought a Jordanian-Palestinian confederation.

But his assessment, he said, was that Labor's desire for such a joint entity would not ultimately carry the day.

An embarrassed prime minister quickly upbraided the ultra-dovish Zvili, while the Likud and other parties on the right made predictable hay of Labor's obvious discomfort.

Some observers say Zvili made his



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remarks at this juncture because the time had been ripe for Rabin to find right-wing coalition partners. Zvili and other members of Labor's left flank sought to scare away any potential right-wing allies.

Some Jews Rescued From Sarajevo Go To Israel

By AGNES BOHM

BUDAPEST (JTA) — Seventy of 110 Jews rescued in early February from war-torn Sarajevo and scheduled to be brought to the Hungarian capital are continuing on to Israel.

The Jewish refugees, were members of a group of 296 evacuees taken out of the embattled Bosnian city in a convoy of six buses organized by the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, a beneficiary of the JFD 1994 "Live Jewish" campaign, and Sarajevo's Jewish Benevolent Society.

The convoy made its way out of Sarajevo on Saturday, shortly after a mortar shell exploded in the city's open-air market, killing 68 people waiting to buy food.

Liberalism On Falash Mora

By CYNTHIA MANN

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Israel looks to be liberalizing slightly its policy of immigration for Falash Mora, descendants of Ethiopian Jews who converted to Christianity.

New procedures to be employed by the Interior Ministry will take into account some opinions of kessim, Jewish religious leaders in Ethiopia, in the determination of the Jewish status of the Falash Mora, informed sources said.

That status determines whether the immigrant can come to Israel under the Law of Return and receive full benefits as a Jewish immigrant.

But inside government sources cautioned against raising false hopes. They said the new procedures merely called for examining the certificates, and if their authenticity could be determined, to "take them into account."

In the meantime, Michael Corinaldi, a lawyer representing a group of Falash Mora in Ethiopia an Israeli, likened the Falash Mora to Spanish Marranos who were forced to convert to survive. "If they converted, it was Marrano-like," he said.

Until now, some Falash Mora have been allowed to immigrate on humanitarian grounds to reunite with family here.

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