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Shultz: Words of advice for Bush on handling crisis in Persian Gulf

By MARK JOFFE

SAN FRANCISCO (JTA) — The United States should establish a closer bond of trust with the Israeli government, former Secretary of State George Shultz said in a recent address here to North American Jewish leaders.

In a speech that appeared to contain many words of advice for the Bush administration, without directly criticizing it, the soft-spoken statesman argued that such trust would help advance the quest for peace in the Middle East and facilitate the handling of the crisis in the Persian Gulf.

"It seems to me we should be consulting with Israel about what is going on," Shultz told some 3,000 people attending the 59th General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations on November 17. While the United States might not agree with Israel at all times, "I always found that if you listen to them, you might learn something," he said.

"Israel is right in the center of our concerns, and we have to display trust," he said.

Shultz took note of the fact that the CJF assembly had adopted a resolution November 16 endorsing the Bush administration's handling of the Gulf crisis, and said he personally agreed with those sentiments.

But Shultz said the Bush administration should not merely insist on the withdrawal of Iraqi forces from Kuwait, the restoration of the Kuwaiti government and the freeing of all hostages.

"Those are not enough," he said, arguing that higher goals should be set.

For one, the United States must ensure that

"the perpetrators of war crimes are held accountable for them."

He also said the United States must not leave the capacity for waging chemical warfare "in the hands of Saddam Hussein." And it ought to be "very slow about taking off the military embargo" against Iraq, he said.

Shultz emphatically stated that there should be "no connection, absolutely none at all" with what he called the "situation on the West Bank and Gaza Strip."

"Any settlement that is reached should not connect them," he said, to thunderous applause.

The former secretary, whose vigorous pursuit of human rights issues with the Kremlin is credited with paving the way for the massive Jewish emigration now in progress, also spoke of the urgency of getting Jews out of the Soviet Union. "The faster you can get them out, the better off you're going to be, because you do not know what's going to happen next," he said.

He said a recent encounter with a Jewish politician in Poland had reminded him that "with all the joy we feel" about what is going on in Eastern Europe, "anti-Semitism is rampant."

"So if there is a Jew in the Soviet Union who wants to get out, for God's sake let's get him out," he said.

Shultz also said that while he is glad the Soviet Jews are going to Israel, "I believe we should be willing to take more in this country."

The Reagan administration official, who is credited with helping Israel bring its inflation-

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Agudah joins Likud gov't in exchange for concessions

By GIL SEDAN

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir strengthened his political base recently with the addition of the Agudat Yisrael party to his Likud-led government. But he may have paid a high political price by agreeing to the rigorously Orthodox party's terms, which have angered the secular majority of Israelis.

The price includes influential sub-cabinet and parliamentary offices for its four Knesset members, and commitments to enact controversial religious legislation and oppose electoral reforms.

Nevertheless, all but one member of Shamir's Cabinet voted to accept the coalition agreement Likud signed with Agudah on November 16.

The accord expanded the government's bloc of 66 of the Knesset's 120 members, instead of the delicate 62-58 majority that existed previously. Shamir can breathe easier now that the ability of smaller parties on the left or right to bring the government down has been considerably reduced.

But his peace of mind may have been bought at the cost of a new round in the religious debates that have troubled Israeli society from its earliest days.

The Cabinet, at its weekly session on November 18, endorsed two bills which it promised to bring before the Knesset for "rapid legislation."

One bill calls for stricter enforcement of the ban on all public transportation on Saturdays. Another forbids what the pious regard as "indecent" advertisements on billboards. By their standards, this means women in tight jeans.

In addition, the Cabinet agreed to review at a later date bills banning the production and sale of pork in Israel and tightening the already severely restrictive abortion laws.

The religious legislation immediately came under fire from the left-wing parties and the Center-Shinui Movement.

Of possibly greater impact, however, was Likud's promise to Agudah not to support electoral reform measures without first consulting it.

Reforms have been proposed in recent years, mainly out of disgust with the crass deal-making that characterizes coalition-building under the present system.

Changes such as the direct election of the prime minister, replacement of proportional representation in the Knesset, at least partially by a constituency system, and raising the threshold for entry into the Knesset above the present 1 percent of the popular vote have gained ground rapidly with the public and in many political circles.

Agriculture Minister Rafael Eitan of the two-man right-wing Tsomet party was the only Cabinet member who refused to endorse the agreements with Agudah.

"These are political laws, not religious laws," Eitan charged with respect to the promised legislation.

Knesset member Shulamit Aloni of the leftist Citizens Rights Movement warned Shamir he would face a civil rebellion if he tried to enforce the promises made to Agudah, Israel radio reported.

The Center-Shinui Movement denounced what it called "the shameful surrender" of the

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Soviet activist to speak here

Soviet activist Marina Furman will address the Delaware Jewish community at the Women's Division Campaign Kick-off event on December 13, at 8 p.m., at Adas Kodesh Shel Emeth. Leslie Goldenberg, Women's Division Campaign Chairperson, urged women and their guests to hear Furman's "incredible" story.

"Marina Furman has been in the forefront of the major story of world-wide Jewry in this generation," according to Goldenberg. "She has been a participant and leader in the struggle for liberation from the Soviet system as well as an active worker in the direct absorption process for Soviet Jews in Israel." Furman currently lives in Mevasseret Zion near Jerusalem and works as an "emigration advocate," assisting in the process of absorption and resettlement of Soviet Jews.

Furman's personal story includes growing up in poverty in Kiev in the 1960's, encountering daily anti-Semitism and harassment from the KGB. After 12 years of waiting, she and her husband, Lev, and daughter, Aliyah, were able to reach Israel.

Goldenberg, who has heard Furman address audiences in Israel, noted that Furman "is a spellbinding speaker, capable of captivating an audience with her honesty and resolution, and especially with her message of hope and redemption."

Tickets to hear Marina Furman are available at the Jewish Federation of Delaware, 478-6200, prior to December 13, for \$5. They will also be available at the door for \$7.



Marina Furman

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Editorial

Hanukkah and human rights

By MARC H. TANENBAUM

Eight lights for human rights. No more appropriate theme could be found for Hanukkah 1990.

Hanukkah, which begins on Dec. 11, commemorates the victory of Judah the Maccabee over the massive invading armies of the Syrian Empire, and the rededication of the Holy Temple in Jerusalem, which the Syrians had defiled. The story of Hanukkah is a superlative Bible narrative and its meaning today is profound and universal.

From the perspective of history, the Maccabean victory was the first successful triumph in the struggle for human rights, particularly for freedom of conscience and pluralism in the history of mankind.

Had the Syrians defeated the Maccabees in the epic struggle for the right of every group to be itself, on its own terms, Judaism might have perished, and quite conceivably, Christianity and Islam would never have emerged. That's how fateful Hanukkah was for the whole human family.

Hanukkah 1990 hopefully will heighten the consciousness of the Jewish people and that of many others, to rekindle the Maccabean spirit in today's troubled world — to refuse to stand by idly, to resist capitulation to modern-day tyrants, the fanatic Saddams of the world. Those fanatics desecrate the dignity of human beings created in the sacred, image of God by denying religious and political freedoms. Instead of cursing the darkness, Hanukkah is a time to light a candle for life and hope.

(Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum is the former international relations director to the American Jewish Committee and is immediate past chairman of the International Jewish Committee for Interreligious Consultations.)



Letters to the Editor

Holocaust project seeking volunteers

The Halina Wind Preston Holocaust Education Committee is presently completing a project to record the eyewitness accounts of Holocaust survivors. This project has been undertaken in cooperation with Yale University for their permanent collection of Holocaust materials.

It is vital that these eyewitness reports be available for future historians and scholars. Even while there are survivors and liberators living among us to testify to the horrors of the Holocaust the revisionists are busy telling the world the Holocaust never happened.

We owe it to all those who suffered and died to put the truth on the record.

If any of your readers have a story to tell or know someone who was an eye witness to the Holocaust either as victim or liberator we urge them to call the Jewish Federation of Delaware, 478-6200. We would like to discuss their participation in this videotaping project.

Steve Gonzer
Rose Magel
Co-chairpersons, Yale
Survivor Video Archiving
Project

Two Jewish candidates were overlooked

In an "Editor's Note" in the November 2 issue of The Jewish Voice, you state that "Michele Medwin is the only Jewish candidate in Delaware." Regrettably, you ignore Lee Rosenbaum, Libertarian candidate for United States Senate, and myself Libertarian candidate of United States House of Representatives.

Coincidentally, you should note that Hadasah barred Libertarian candidates from participating in a "Candidates Night" at the Jewish Community Center in September.

I found this exclusion to be ironic, to say the least, in view of the strong civil liberties (and particularly First Amendment) tradition of the Jewish community and the fact that Libertarian principles are far closer to the moral tenets of Judaism than either the Democratic or Republican. In fact, the fundamental premise of the Libertarian Party is that of Hillel — "Do not do unto others what you would not have them do unto you."

Richard Cohen

Kahane editorial was one-sided

The November editorial, I think, was very one-sided and mentioned only negative aspects of the Kahane movement.

But let us for a moment look at some of his accomplishments. Kahane was the first to embrace and support wholeheartedly the Russian refuseniks' cause. It was his support which made the movement grow and become a powerful voice in international politics. Even Congress voiced its support for the refuseniks before the Jewish community at large did.

As a matter of fact this one accomplishment, one might say, which, thanks to Kahane, grew so rapidly, is also responsible to some extent, for the eventual collapse of the communist economy and the Cold War.

Kahane believed that the only solution to the Israeli problem was an exchange of population between Arabs and Jews. The Jewish part of the exchange took place many years ago when about 750,000 Jews were forced out of various Arab countries (through persecution and expulsion). The Arab population, however, never left Israel.

Kahane's suggestion was a very logical one and has been part of every conflict and subsequent peace negotiations.

Between WW I and WW II some 100 million people were moved from one country to another as boundaries changed: Russians moved from what then became Poland; Germans moved to Germany from the part which became Poland; Poles moved from the part which became Ukraine; Pakistanis and Indians moved from the country which became "foreign" to their own, etc. There hardly has been a war anywhere that did not involve a mass population exchange. The only exception were the Arabs in the Israeli-Arab conflict.

I am not sure whether Kahane "hated" or whether he was merely a pragmatist, and a very outspoken one at that. To say that: "Those who live violently, die violently" is a platitude whose untruth has been demonstrated by the violent death of the six million Jews during the Holocaust.

"Survival and peace" depend not only on "reason and understanding" but courage as well. Kahane certainly had courage, even courage to become unpopular.

In closing, I must say that I wish there had been a Rabbi Kahane in 1938 to 1944, instead of Rabbi Wise. There is no greater accolade I can give Rabbi Kahane than that.

Terry Dannemann

Help needed with Soviet resettlement

There are really fine programs for our new Russian families — English language classes every week and breakfasts every other week featuring talks about Judaism and the Jewish community.

The Jewish Family Service is trying very hard to make sure all the recent, and not-so-recent, arrivals from Russia know about the programs and can get there.

That's the problem — getting there! Many of them would love to come but don't have

transportation.

May I ask any of your readers who may have the time now and then to drive people to a class, a breakfast, or a doctor's appointment, to let us know? We — and they — would appreciate it so much! We're also in great need of someone to help in the office to get our notice of these programs.

Please call 478-3906 to leave your name.

Rona Finkelstein
Volunteer coordinator, Mitzvah Corps

On the December dilemma

Each year at this time, the issue of the "Christmas Dilemma" is discussed in the Jewish community. This year's Jewish Voice presentation of "Principle and Practice" (November 16 issue) again took up the debate.

It is my strong conviction that Jewish survival and freedom to thrive in the United States is protected by the separation of church and state. Our survival does not depend on non-Jewish students learning to light menorahs, play dreidel and sing Hanukkah songs during December.

A proper vehicle for teaching about religions in public schools is a course on comparative religion which can most effectively and

dispassionately be taught at some time removed from the Christmas onslaught.

Let us teach our own children in our homes and synagogues. Let us lend our energies to strengthening the protection of the constitutional guarantee of separation of church and state by insisting upon it when necessary. Let us not muddle the message of that guarantee with dreidels, latkes and songs in schools. These symbols of a minor holiday do not belong there any more than Christmas trees and carols do. In fact, their inclusion lends comfort to those who would do away with the separation of church and state, to the peril of all minorities.

Harriet K. Wolfson

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Op - Ed

Pro-Arab activists failed to defeat Israel's supporters

By MORRIS J. AMITAY

Lost in much of the analyses of the recent congressional elections was the dismal failure of pro-Arab activists to achieve their stated goals of defeating four U.S. Senators they considered too supportive of Israel.

This drive, led by James Zogby, Executive Director of the Arab-American Institute utilized numerous press conferences, radio and television interviews and high profile visits to the home states of the targeted Senators. Snidely referring to them as "the Gang of Four" — Zogby repeatedly charged that their positions on Israel-related issues — foreign aid, the PLO, arms sales, etc. — were dictated by contributions received from pro-Israel political actions committees. The four targets were Democratic Senators Paul Simon of Illinois, Carl Levin of Michigan, Claiborne Pell of Rhode Island, and Tom Harkin of Iowa. Zogby commenting on their voting records put it very bluntly — "I'm questioning the money they receive and the favors they deliver."

Zogby's accusations, which created some waves in the local media, did cause concern in varying degrees to some of the Senators, particularly Tom Harkin who was locked in what everyone believed was a toss-up race. Fortunately, these intimidation tactics did not stop these Senators from continuing to take positions which they believed were in the best interests of our nation and of their constituents. And, to their credit, friends of Israel, individually and through their lawfully constituted PACs continued to demonstrate their support despite these scurrilous attacks.

The final judgement on how effective Zogby and his cohorts were could be seen the morning after Election Day:

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| Illinois | Sen. Paul Simon | 65% |
| | Rep. Lynn Martin | 35% |
| Iowa | Sen. Tom Harkin | 54% |
| | Rep. Tom Tauke | 46% |
| Michigan | Sen. Carl Levin | 58% |
| | Rep. Bill Schuette | 42% |
| Rhode Island | Sen. Claiborne Pell | 62% |
| | Rep. Claudine Schneider | 38% |

By contemporary political standards three of the four races were routs — and the fourth, in Iowa, was a comparatively comfortable win. In any league, 0 for 4 is nothing to be proud of.

One of the ironies here is that Zogby sought the defeat of four Democrats when he himself professes allegiance to the same party, and, indeed was a Jesse Jackson delegate to the Democratic convention in 1988. Zogby's activities were not lost on his fellow Democrats and the lack of appreciation for his efforts was made clear to him in no uncertain terms by Ron Brown the Chairman of the Democratic Party.

Another irony is that while pro-Arab activists complained so long and loudly over the political activism of American Jews — they were unable to generate hardly any support for their own champions. Unable, or most probably unwilling, to put their money where their mouths were, Zogby and his followers were reduced to sour grapes. Granted, PLO sup-

porters and Israel critics are thankfully few and far between in the U.S. Congress, still the financial performance of the few pro-Arab PACs was pitiful by any standard. While the pro-Israel PACs were being lambasted for allegedly hiding their true agendas behind misleading titles (described derisively as being "stealth" PACs), the most prominent pro-Arab PAC has the descriptive name "American Council Political Action Committee".

While Israel's detractors may have taken some comfort in the surprise upset of incumbent Senator Rudy Boschwitz of Minnesota — surely a serious loss because of his leadership position on the Foreign Relations Committee — the make up of the new 102nd Congress

should be even more sharply pro-Israel than its predecessor.

Another positive development highlighted on election night was the almost total absence of the Reverend Jesse Jackson on network television. Elected as a "shadow" Senator from the District of Columbia, a nebulous position at best, Jackson was less than a shadow as far as media interest was concerned. In fact, at the Democratic victory gala in Washington following the elections, Jackson was a virtually lone figure walking from table to table looking for someone to talk to — while the television cameras were busy elsewhere.

The emergence of elected black officials in New York City and Virginia with real respon-

sibilities and Jackson's publicity seeking antics have combined to make Jackson and his anti-Israel agenda a much less potent force in Democratic politics.

On the whole then, Israel's friends should take comfort from the election results and the two lop-sided Senate votes in Israel's favor at the end of the last session. But there can be no delay in gearing up for the 1992 Congressional and Presidential contests. As Americans and as Jews the efforts that must be made for '92 should be regarded more as opportunities than as burdens.

(Morris J. Amitay is a Washington attorney and former Executive Director of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee.)

Campus hate:

Students must be trained to defend against it

By MITCHELL BARD
and RACHEL WEINBERG

Special to The Jewish Voice

"Jew Baby Out," and other epithets were scrawled on Jewish fraternity and sorority houses, the Hillel house and the local synagogue in Madison, Wisconsin recently.

Two weeks later, at City College in New York, the message was clear on the opinion page of the school newspaper. A "cunning Jewish clique" made up of "powerful, arrogant people who often control everything" is "manipulating the sympathy" about the Holocaust to oppress campus minorities.

And the *Dartmouth Review*, though not an official publication of the New Hampshire college, has included a statement from Hitler in its Yom Kippur issue.

These were not isolated incidents; they reflect a disturbing nation-wide trend in increased racist and anti-Semitic incidents on university campuses. According to a study by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith (ADL), anti-Semitic and anti-Zionist activities increased an alarming 271 percent between 1987 and 1988. Since then, they have risen 34 percent.

Such anti-Semitic feeling is often cloaked in anti-Israel rhetoric and activity. Being anti-Israel is not only safe these days; it is viewed as "politically correct" by some.

Earlier this year, more than 500 students packed the auditorium at SUNY Albany to hear Kwame Toure (a.k.a. Stokely Carmichael). At the end of his speech, a senior stood and asked, "You have said in the past that the only good Zionist is a dead Zionist. I am a Zionist. My friends with me here today are Zionists. Do

you wish us dead, sir?"

Unhesitatingly, Toure answered: "Yes." The audience responded with applause.

Tolerance and freedom of speech often collide on campus as university administrators struggle to protect minorities without sacrificing institutional objectives of open discourse.

As students strive to rekindle the fires of 60s activism, the Palestinian cause is an easy one for them to embrace. It is a struggle for the underdog, complete with neatly packaged slogans. Jewish students are on the defensive. Instead of slogans, they have books, a disadvantage in the era of the 30-second sound-bite.

In an atmosphere of hostility toward Israel, and to a lesser degree, toward Jews, students are understandably cowed and often unable to respond to such flagrant attacks. Usually it is a small group of students who are left to stand and do battle on campus. A number of organizations act as support groups or advisory organizations, providing students with materials and programs.

But students need continued attention, training and ammunition if they are to fight the propaganda war effectively. All too often, the information and programs are born out of conflict and therefore reactive, rather than proactive.

One of the inexcusable handicaps that pro-Israel students face is the surprisingly small reservoir of speakers from which to draw. Whereas a group of articulate Arab propagandists regularly tour the campuses, the best orators in the Jewish community rarely make appearances. Most will speak before syna-

gogues or Jewish organizations, but cannot find time to give an hour talk on campus. In many cases, the stars of the community are too expensive for students, asking for several thousand dollars for a speech.

Our communities need to be aware of their local campus' needs, and invite big-name speakers at Federation dinners and Israel Bond nights to address their college communities as well.

Jewish students need to be made to feel a part of the larger community so that they may be groomed for leadership. Most students see the community as a place where large financial contributions are required to have a voice. Students need to be encouraged and invited to join the boards of the various organizations so that they gain a better understanding of the workings of the Jewish community and are in a position to convey their concerns to the people who have the resources needed to combat propaganda and hate on campus.

Community leaders need to remain closely connected to the administration of their alma mater and articulate their concern.

The writing has been taken off the wall — of the sorority, of the Hillel house. But it might reappear on other campuses.

We, as a community, must share the responsibility to insure that our youth are prepared to respond when it comes.

(Dr. Mitchell G. Bard is a foreign policy analyst in Washington, D.C., and editor of *Near East Report*. Rachel Weinberg is director of AIPAC's Political Leadership Development Program and editor of *AIPAC On Campus*.)

Happy Xanuka!

By GLORIA DONEN SOSIN

On the 25th of Kislev, we celebrate the eight-day Festival of Dedication, our wonderful Jewish holiday — or should I write Kholiday, perhaps Chalidai, Hollidday or even Cholliday.

We retell the story of the Maccabees to our children, about Mattityahu and his five sons who fought against King Antiochus and the Syrians. When Mattiyahu grew too old, his son Judah, known as Judah Maccabee, led the Jews to victory and reclaimed the Temple in Jerusalem.

Only enough oil was found to relight the Ner Tamid, the Eternal Light, for one day, but miraculously it continued to burn for eight days. We light the candles each night as we recall our divine deliverance from persecution. There is no dispute about the story.

Non-Jews often equate this festival with Christmas (pronounced Krismas), which comes at the same season, but the two are totally unrelated. From a simple custom of giving money, gelt (about which there is no argument, the spelling, that is), and shepping naches (the ineffable pleasure of parents concerning their children), the Jews, in an effort to

be equal or more than equal and not deprive their, nebach (no translation needed), underprivileged children, began also to give presents, not just one present, but one for each night, and each night has to be grander than the next.

Chas v'chalila (which is best translated as, heaven forfend, or God forbid), the child next door or in the same Hebrew class should get a finer present — but that is a different matter.

Writing the name of the holiday in English, however — ah, that is indeed a problem. In Hebrew, it is quite simple — five letters. The exact phonetic symbols for the Hebrew **ח נ ו כ א ה** in transliteration are KH-A-N-U-K-A-H. KH for the Khah, A for the vowel sound following, N for Nun, U for the Vav, then K for the Kuf, A, again the vowelized consonant, and H, Heh. KHANUKAH.

It might be CH instead of KH, if the CH were always pronounced as in Bach, or Loch Lomond. In English however, CH is usually the CH in chair, or cherries, or cheese. Sometimes CH is just K as in chemistry and choir or SH in words from Frenchlike chateau, but looking through the dictionary, there is no word beginning with CH which is pronounced with that

guttural sound.

How all the other spellings appeared is anyone's guess. The double N's and K's are particularly mysterious, no reason for them at all.

In alphabetical order, I have seen the following spellings for this five letter Hebrew word: Channuka, Channukah, Chanukah, Chanuko, Hannuka, Hannukah, Hanuka, Hanukah, Hanukk, Khannuka, Khannukah, Khanuka, Khanukah and Kanukkah. A newspaper announcement last year illustrated the problem perfectly: "Hanukkah Dance. The Chavurah of the Hebrew Institute will hold a Hannukah dance..." Two different transliterations for the same letter and two different spellings for the holiday — ridiculous!

Rabbis conjure up their own versions. Newspapers and magazines are arbitrary. Jewish publications carry 10 variations in one issue. Advertisers, for reasons known only to themselves and surely not to God, because in His infinite wisdom He avoids such petty arguments, make up their own spelling.

The time has come to do something about a uniform spelling for the name of this holiday.

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Dvar Torah

The Hanukkah connection

By **HARRY G. ROSENBLUH**
Special to The Jewish Voice

Because of the way the annual Torah-reading cycle is set up, this week's portion, *Vayeshuv*, is read each year on the Shabbat before Hanukkah (unless the Feast of Lights begins on a Friday evening, in which case *Vayeshuv* is read on the first Shabbat of the holiday). That's just the way it happens.

However, there is a tenuous connection between the parasha and Hanukkah, so incidental (or coincidental) that I doubt it could have caused the rabbis of old to decree that this particular portion be read on this particular Shabbat, but one that I'd like to discuss nevertheless.

Oddly enough, the link doesn't involve Jacob or Joseph, the two principal personages in *Vayeshuv*, or even Judah, whose relationship with Tamar, recounted in the 38th chapter of Genesis, comes as a suspense-building interlude between the sale of Joseph and his adventures in Egypt.

Our link is a minor character in that 38th chapter. We are told in the opening verse that "Judah went down from his brethren and went to stay with a certain Adullamite, whose name was Hirah." Hirah was an interesting individual, although few details about him are provided.

It was while staying with him that Judah met and married Shua's daughter, who bore him three sons. Many years later, Hirah served as Judah's agent, attempting to deliver the kid from the flock to the "harlot." Rashi tells us that Judah entered into a business partnership with Hirah, and most Bible dictionaries claim that the derivation of Hirah's name means "noble," or "nobility," rather ironic in view of the ignoble way that Judah treated Tamar in this chapter. But that's all we know about Hirah — except where he came from.

Since he is called "the Adullamite," he was obviously from Adullam, a town not mentioned again in the Torah. Archaeologists and scholars place it a short distance southwest of Jerusalem, about 11 miles northwest of Hebron.

Elsewhere in the Bible we are told that Adullam was a Canaanite royal city (Joshua 12:15), that it was assigned to Judah during the parcelling of conquered land to the tribes (Joshua 15:35), that Rehoboam fortified it (2 Chronicles 1:7), and that, after Babylonian exile, the children of Judah returned to it (Nehemiah 11:39). We are also told that, while David was fleeing from King Saul (1 Samuel 22:1), he took refuge in "the Cave of Adullam," which must have been in an adjoining valley.

Although most Bible dictionaries say that the name *Adullam* means "justice of the people," it may be from a root meaning "to turn aside," and hence mean a retreat or refuge. It certainly served as a refuge for both Judah and David.

One can be forgiven for wondering whether that Cave of Adullam in which David found a hiding place and headquarters could have been the same cave (or at least one nearby) in the Judean wilderness where, about a thousand years later, some followers of Mattathias took refuge and then perished because they refused to fight on the Sabbath (1 Maccabees 2:35). This led to Mattathias's pronouncement, "Let us fight against every man who comes to attack us on the Sabbath day; let us not die as our brethren died in their hiding places" (2:41), setting a precedent for the talmudic decision (Yoma 85b) that one may profane one Sabbath in order to keep many others.

But even if those particular caves weren't in or near Adullam (and I really don't think they were), the city is still involved with the Hanukkah story, or at least with its hero, a man who shared the name of Jacob's son and Hirah's business partner. In the 12th chapter of 2 Maccabees, we are told that, after the festival of Shavuot, the Maccabees fought a battle near Mareshah with Gorgias, the governor of Idumea, putting him and his men to flight:

"Then Judah (Maccabee) assembled his army and went to the city of Adullam. As the seventh day was coming on, they purified themselves according to the custom, and they kept the Sabbath there." (vv. 38-39), observing one Sabbath after having had to profane several.

The next day, Judah Maccabee and his men went to collect the bodies of the fallen for burial, and found that many of the corpses contained tokens of pagan gods. "And it became clear that this is why the men had fallen (v. 40), so Judah led a prayer service asking that the sin of the people be blotted out, and "the noble Judah exhorted the people to keep themselves from sin" (v. 42), "rededicating" themselves, as it were.

In this passage, the text uses the adjectives "noble", the translation of Hirah's name, to describe Judah Maccabee in this dedicatory incident at Adullam, Hirah's home town and the place that provides a link between Judah, the son of Jacob, and Judah, the son of Mattathias — and a connection between *Vayeshuv* and Hanukkah, the festival that begins a few days after the *parasha* is read in synagogues.

Coincidence? Or are there other connections as well? And last, but far from least, Happy Hanukkah!
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Israeli Perspective

The U.N. hears Israel's case

By **NECHEMIA MEYERS**
Special to The Jewish Voice

Israelis don't expect to be treated fairly by the United Nations. Officials here were therefore surprised and gratified to find that an official UN document on the possibility of creating a nuclear-weapons-free zone in the Middle East — recently under discussion in the First Committee of the General Assembly — actually gave a balanced and sober presentation of this country's views on the issue.

Israel has frequently been castigated for its refusal to sign the Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT), which stipulates that signatories must submit all their nuclear installations to inspections by the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), a measure meant to ensure that the countries in question are not developing nuclear weapons.

Instead, Israel has called for the establishment of a Nuclear-Weapons-Free Zone (NWFZ) — like those in Latin America and Southeast Asia — whereby there are mutual inspection procedures. In other words, Israel will not have to depend on the reports of inspectors from other countries. Its own people will be able to see for themselves that the Arabs are not building A-bombs, and the Arabs, of course, will be able to check out the situation in Israel.

No less significant, this arrangement implies that the parties to a NWFZ forswear local wars as well.

The aforementioned UN document, presented by the Secretary General, cogently explained why Israel's views should be taken seriously. It pointed out, for example, that "Israel's security position is characterized by three features which cannot but play a part in determining its attitude towards the creation of a nuclear-weapons-free zone. They are the relatively small size of its territory; the sustained hostility between itself and the great majority of states in the region, and the fact that it has no military allies in the region."

That document also showed an understanding of Israel's insistence that the question of nuclear arms cannot be considered in isolation from other issues. "Nuclear capabilities," it pointed out, "are linked to chemical weapons, chemical weapons to conventional arms, conventional arms to political conflict. And all of these threads are woven into a seamless fabric of fear and insecurity. If the area is to become and remain truly nuclear-free, then this fabric must be cut into pieces and dealt with piece by piece."

The UN paper emphasized, as Israel does, the importance of confidence-building. It stated: "Confidence must be built on all sides, confidence that declarations of a desire for a just and lasting peace are not merely a smoke screen, confidence that military solutions to political problems are excluded, confidence that military postures perceived as threatening can be avoided. Most important of all, there must be progress towards solving fundamental conflicts in the region. Without such progress, technical measures in the nuclear area or in regard to other security problems will hardly be given serious thought."

Does this mean that the UN is about to accept Israel's position on nuclear issues? Hardly, says Shalheveth Freier, former head of the Israel Atomic Energy Commission and a frequent consultant to Israel's UN delegation on such issues. "When it comes to a vote," Freier declares, "Israel will always be in the minority. But, at the same time, there is reason for satisfaction that our views are reflected in an official UN document. And once the Persian Gulf crisis is resolved," Freier adds, "perhaps the big powers will work together to end local wars in this region, reverse the arms' race and ensure that Israel's legitimacy is acknowledged."

"If those aims are achieved, then the nuclear problem can undoubtedly be solved."

Year-end charitable giving

The 1990 Tax Law spreads tax increases across middle- and upper-income taxpayers making it difficult at this time for tax payers to determine what new strategies they should follow in their personal finance and investing decisions. What has remained almost the same are the tax advantages of charitable giving especially of appreciated property.

The chart below, which originally appeared in *Money Magazine*, shows the benefit of making different gifts and the date when they are effective. Payment of pledges, campaign gifts, and endowment gifts made before December 31, 1990, offer tax savings for 1990. For more information consult your tax advisor or call Connie Kreshtool, Endowment Director, 478-6200.

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Biener, Kattler to co-chair Super Sunday event

Steve Biener and Debra Kattler will co-chair the eleventh annual Jewish Federation of Delaware Super Sunday, to be held on February 3 at the offices of Patterson-Schwartz Realtors, Wilmington, and B. Gary Scott, Dover, according to Mark D. Kuller, Chairperson of the JFD Young Leadership Cabinet. Super Sunday, which is the official opening of the JFD annual campaign, is the annual day-long phonathon. More than 120 volunteers will work in two-hour shifts to make calls to every Jewish adult in the community for contributions to the 1991 JFD Campaign. Last year, for the first time, the Young Leadership Cabinet 'adopted' Super Sunday which includes total responsibility for the planning and execution of the event as its primary role in the JFD Campaign.

A former New York resident, Biener and his wife Frances Ratner moved to Delaware in 1989. A graduate of Cornell University and New York University School of Law, he is an associate with the law firm of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher and Flom. In addition to his leadership role with the Young Leadership Cabinet, Biener is currently the Vice President of Beth Shalom Men's Club.

Kattler, a native of Wilmington, returned to Delaware with her husband Bert Gold in 1989. As a teen-



Steve Biener



Debra Kattler

ager, Kattler was the Chairperson for the JFD Teen Campaign. She currently serves on the JCC Finance Committee and the Jewish Family Service Jewish Family Life Education Committee. Kattler holds a Bachelors Degree in Near Eastern and Judaic Studies from Brandeis University and a Masters Degree in Sociology from Boston College. She is currently a Product Manager for the Sachs Group in Fort Washington, Pa.

Last year's Super Sunday, under the leadership of Kathy Bloom and Alan Paikin, was the most successful Super Sunday in the history of the event, raising close to \$200,000 from approximately 1700 contributors. Another first last year was the implementation of the theme "An Uplifting Experience," which referred to the benefits to the contributor as well as the community. According to Biener and Kattler, "This year's theme, which we'll announce shortly,

will continue this new tradition by adding a sense of fun while reflecting the purpose of this very important day for the needs of the Jewish community of Delaware in 1991."

The Annual JFC Campaign supports a number of cultural, educational, humanitarian and social serv-

ices for the Jews of Delaware, Israel and around the world.

Recruitment efforts for Super Sunday volunteers are currently underway. For more information about Super Sunday and/or the JFD Campaign, contact Seth Bloom, JFD Director of Community Development, 478-6200.

Kashruth supervision announced

According to a recent announcement by the Va'ad Hakashruth (kashruth committee) of Wilmington, the only commercial establishments under kashruth supervision are the Baker's Rack (dairy), Brandywine Pastry Shop, Bagels and Donuts and Gamiel Caterers. At Bagels and Donuts, the only kosher products are bagels, rolls challah and bread in marked racks, according to Rabbi Nathan N. Schorr, who has served as the rabbi of Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth synagogue since his appointment last summer. As rabbi of the only traditional synagogue in Delaware, Schorr also has the responsibility of Rav Hamachshir, or rabbi responsible for guiding the kashruth committee.

Also under the supervision of the Va'ad Hakashruth are the Senior Center and Pre-School kitchens at the Jewish Community Center, the Kutz Home and Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth synagogue.

The Va'ad Hakashruth is chaired by Sam Samuels and Jack Goldstein serves as the mashgiach, the person who actually visits the local establishments to verify their kashruth status.

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JFD receives local, nat'l awards

In June, 1989, when Bill Topkis was installed as the president of the Jewish Federation of Delaware, he presented an overview of his priorities, with marketing high on the list. Shortly after, a meeting committee was developed, with volunteers from the community with marketing experience and a consultant to assist the committee through development and production. Now, almost a year and a half later, the JFD Marketing Committee has been recognized for "effectively building and strengthening the image of the Federation to the community through innovative public relations materials" by the Council of Jewish Federations and for "effectively communicating its activities to its constituents" by the Brandywine Chapter of the National Society of Fundraising Executives.

Over these past 18 months the JFD Marketing Committee created an information and referral service — JIFFY (Jewish Information Fast For You), developed a theme for the 1990 JFD Campaign — "For the Global Jewish Family & You," established a quarterly newsletter — "JFD & U", helped to revamp the Jewish community of Delaware Community Calendar and assisted in publicizing Operation Exodus, the UJA campaign designed to rescue and resettle Soviet Jews in Israel.

Topkis, who in addition to serving as JFD President has chaired the Marketing Committee, commented that "like most other Jewish Federations — and most other fundraising and community relations organizations in general — our Federation recognized the need to take new and innovative approaches to market itself effectively in an increasingly competitive environment. While these recent awards are greatly appreciated, we realize our job has just begun as far as educating the community about our role and there will be a constant need to assure that there is awareness about the issues and activities the Federation engages in."

Support for the JFD recent mar-



Dulcie Rosenfeld (center), Chairperson of the CJF Public Relations Awards, presents the 1990 Overall Public Relations Award to Seth Bloom (left), JFD Director of Community Development, and Robert Kerbel, JFD Executive Vice-President. The award was presented during the 59th Council of Jewish Federations General Assembly in San Francisco last month. (Photo: Robert A. Cumins)

keting efforts was received from the Milton & Hattie Kutz Foundation. For more information about the JFD Marketing Committee, contact Seth Bloom, JFD Director of Community Development, 478-6200.

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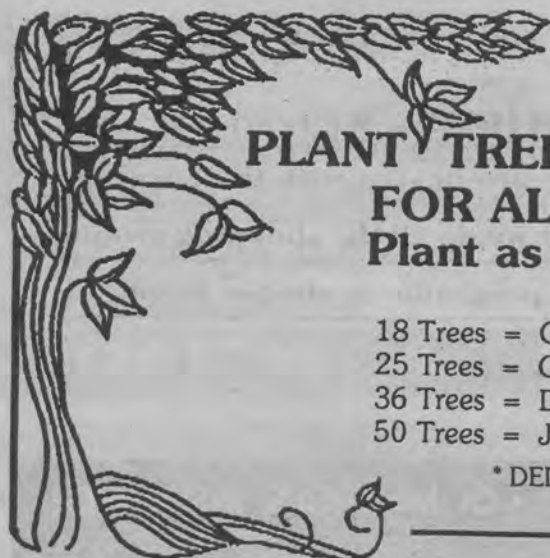
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NCC Executive Greenhouse visits Germany, Poland

By PAULA BERENGUT
Editor of *The Jewish Voice*

New Castle County Executive Dennis Greenhouse returned to Wilmington last month with a variety of souvenirs including a German election poster and an album full of photographs of Germany and Poland. But, he says, another of those souvenirs — maybe the most important — is the knowledge that, in both of the countries he visited, the Holocaust will not be forgotten.

There is a sense of "embarrassment," Greenhouse noted, but he was nonetheless taken to a number of sites, including Holocaust memorials and monuments, the Sachsenhausen work camp, Jewish cemeter-



New Castle County Executive Dennis Greenhouse at the Wall in Berlin.

ies and the Warsaw Ghetto. The subject is discussed much more openly and honestly in the West, Greenhouse allowed. In the East (what was East Germany and in Poland), he says he felt that it is simply "not mentioned much." But he was told that even there an effort is currently being made, especially in the schools, to teach the truth about the Holocaust.

Now that Germany has been reunited, he said, the school books in what was East Germany are being changed.

Greenhouse and nine other Jewish American political leaders participated in a program co-sponsored by B'nai B'rith International and the Konrad Adenauer Foundation from November 11 through 20. The program's agenda included German-Jewish relations, German-U.S. relations and German-Israeli relations.

In the West, the American group visited an exhibit on Judaism in a Berlin museum and in several cities they visited a number of Holocaust exhibits.

While in Poland, the group has an opportunity to meet with the Chief Rabbi of Poland and with the Bishop of Warsaw, in separate meetings. According to Greenhouse, the bishop told the group that Catholic-Jewish relations in Poland "are getting better." The Americans were told of a committee that meets regularly in Warsaw to discuss the Jewish-Catholic relationship.

Regarding Israeli relations, Greenhouse reported, his hosts all expressed "a moral obligation to protect Israel." In the current crisis in the Middle East, he said, the German commitment will not be more than monetary

support or to provide medical supplies. Since the end of World War II, he explained, there has been an amendment in the German constitution which stipulates that Germany will not cross borders.

Greenhouse said that he and the other members of his group felt free



Greenhouse with the Polish Chief Rabbi, Rabbi Pinchas Menachem Joskowicz, in Warsaw.

to ask anything during their trip. There were interpreters provided so that it was always possible to communicate in Polish or German.

The German representatives with whom the group met were asked about the immigration of Soviet Jews. Greenhouse recalls that they were asked about whether they should go to Israel or Germany and that the official response given to them was that "they should be allowed to go wherever they want to go."

The group visited leaders of the Jewish communities they visited including the President of the Jewish Community in Berlin, the Director of the Jewish Center in Berlin, the Israeli Ambassadors in Bonn and in Poland and representatives of the Jewish community in Warsaw.

In addition to Greenhouse, the American delegation included Texas State Representative Paul Colbert, who served as leader; Illinois State Representative Lee Preston; Suffolk County, New York, legislator Allan Binder; Republican National Committee press secretary Leslie Goodman; California political consultant Frederic Mass; New Jersey State Casino Control Commission chairman Steve Perskie; former El Paso, Texas, city councilman James Golman; and Senate Appropriations Committee member Rand Fishbein.

Next year, Greenhouse said, a group of German political leaders will visit the United States. A visit to Wilmington, he said, will be on their agenda.

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Arms sale to Saudi Arabia will be fought, lobbyist says

By MARK JOFFE

SAN FRANCISCO (JTA) — Supporters of Israel will actively fight a proposed \$15 billion arms sale to Saudi Arabia unless it is significantly scaled down, a top pro-Israel lobbyist warned here last month.

"It's time to put the brakes on the runaway arms race in the Middle East," Thomas Dine told delegates to the 59th General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations here Wednesday night. Israel, he said, cannot run forever on the "arms treadmill."

Dine, executive director of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee, or AIPAC, expressed hope that the Bush administration would not follow through on plans to send the proposed arms package to the new Congress early next year.

"It is in the power of the president" to avoid a clash with the pro-Israel community on this issue, said Dine. "We hope the sale will not even be sent to Capitol Hill." But if it is, he added, Israel's friends in Washington "will have no other choice but to oppose" the sale.

"We expect major opposition in Congress" if the arms sale is presented in its current form, said Dine. "A further acceleration of the arms race does not help American interests in the Middle East," he explained.

The proposed sale is the second phase of what originally was a \$21 billion arms sale proposed by the Bush administration in September.

After Congress raised strong ob-



Iraqi attack.

But Dine pointed out that most of the weapons contained in the package "won't be delivered for years, well after the current crisis in the Persian Gulf."

The AIPAC leader, who is widely admired for his effectiveness on Capitol Hill, had uncharacteristically strong criticism of the Bush administration's handling of the Gulf crisis and Middle East policy in general.

While Dine gave President Bush high marks for swiftly mobilizing world opinion against Iraq after its Aug. 2 invasion of Kuwait, he said the administration "seems to have lost its compass" on Middle East policy and U.S.-Israel relations in particular.

The Bush White House has "made the error of attempting to curry favor with the Arab countries" while "distancing itself from Israel," he said. And when Washington moves away from Israel, he said, "the potential for Arab attacks increases."

Dine described 1990 as a "year of new tensions in the U.S.-Israeli relationship." But he also said it had been a year of tremendous accomplishments.

He recalled that the year had started out with Senate Minority Leader Robert Dole (R-Kan.) calling for a 5 percent reduction in U.S. aid to Israel and other top foreign aid recipients. But the congressional term had ended with Israel receiving all \$3 billion of its requested foreign assistance package for the 1991 fiscal year.

jections, the administration sent a much leaner \$6.7 billion package to Capitol Hill on Sept. 27, and said it would propose the balance early next year. The scaled-down package sailed through Congress with little opposition.

Of particular concern to AIPAC is the likely inclusion in the new package of 24 advanced F-15 fighter planes, including the F-15F, which has offensive capabilities.

Dine pointed out that Saudi Crown Prince Abdullah, next in line to the throne, has said publicly that "Saudi arms will be turned against Israel" someday.

The Bush administration favors such a sale as a way of bolstering Saudi Arabia against the threat of an

Furthermore, he said, the outcome of this month's elections have been a net gain for the pro-Israel community.

Twenty-seven friends of Israel in the Senate were re-elected, he said, and three new members of the Senate — in Colorado, New Hampshire and Idaho — are expected to be more supportive of Israel than their immediate predecessors.

Arab-American groups had targeted four pro-Israel senators for defeat, Dine said, and all of them were re-elected.

In the House of Representatives, meanwhile, AIPAC figures a net gain of 19 pro-Israel members of Congress. There are two new Jewish representatives, New Hampshire socialist Bernie Sanders and Richard Zimmer, a New Jersey Republican.

But Dine conceded that the defeat of Sen. Rudy Boschwitz (R-Minn.) had been a major blow to the pro-Israel community. "Rudy is an irreplaceable asset," he said. He pointed out, however, that Boschwitz's successor, progressive Democrat Paul Wellstone, is also Jewish and "has stated he is a supporter of foreign aid to Israel."

"We look forward to working with him," Dine said.

The AIPAC leader shared the platform at the CJF forum with Mark Talisman, director of the council's Washington Action Office.

Talisman also spoke about the new Congress, which he said would contain "few changes, in terms of

members, but (contains) many members who have been changed" by the budget crisis that immediately preceded this month's elections. He was referring to the widespread disgust voters felt for a Congress that seemed incapable of trimming the massive federal budget deficit.

Talisman observed that Bush had already renewed his pledge for "no new taxes," meaning the budget-cutting environment would undoubtedly grow tougher. That is likely to have a negative impact on a range of domestic issues of concern to American Jews, he said.

"Make no mistake — Uncle Sugar is finished. There is no open till," he said. "Everyone's in deficit now."

Talisman talked passionately about the historic emigration of Jews from the Soviet Union — and the high cost of resettling them in Israel and the United States.

He noted that despite the intense budget pressures, the American Jewish community had succeeded in getting full federal funding to bring another 40,000 Soviet Jews to the United States during the new fiscal year.

Talisman expressed concern, though, that a growing proportion of community federation budgets is going to the local resettlement of Soviet emigres. "If we slash and burn our own federation budgets" to bring millions of Soviet Jews to Israel and the United States, he said, there may not be much of an American Jewish community left when they arrive.



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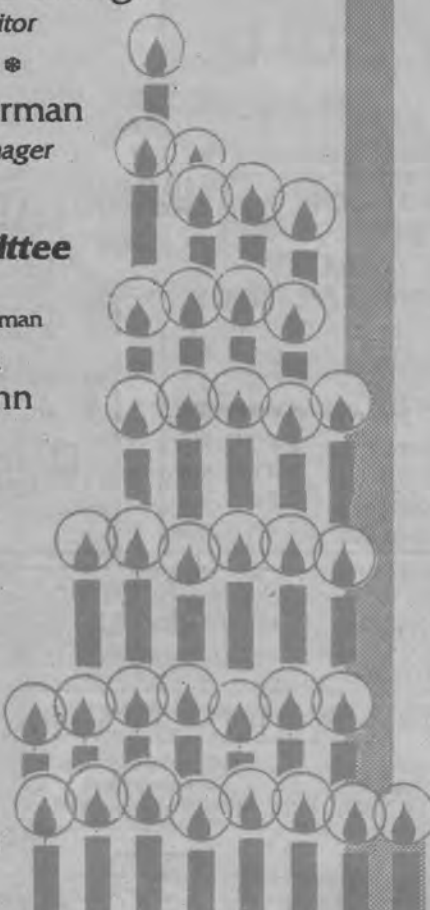
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JCC Executive to visit Israel on JCCA mission

David Sorkin, Executive Director of the Jewish Community Center, has announced that he will join 25 other JCC executives to participate in a mission to Israel this month. The mission, which has been titled "Rekindling the Lights," will take place from December 12 through 19.

This will be Sorkin's fourth trip to the Jewish state.

During the mission, participants will focus on issues related to the strategic planning of the role of Israel in the JCC work in the coming decades. Mission planners have described the mission as "an expression of the vital role Israel has played in the Jewish Community Center movement in the past decades and an affirmation of the centrality of Israel to the next decades of the JCC movement."

Among the topics to be discussed and studied are the continuation and expansion of Israel study trips for center staff; updates of the current political, military and economic situation in Israel; a first-hand look at the

immigration and absorption process; meeting with government officials, Jewish educators and media experts regarding ways of presenting Israel to the diaspora; and the study of the nature of the relationship between Israel and the Diaspora in both good times and times of crisis.

The seminar will include briefings by Israeli scholars and leaders; face-to-face meetings with Israelis at home and at work; joint consultations with Israeli policy makers in education, tourism and media; and group deliberations and discussions.

According to mission publicity, the JCC Association has decided that "the summer and fall of 1990 has been a time of deep crisis for the State of Israel... It is at times such as these that we are called upon to reexamine basic beliefs, values and priorities. Times of crisis create educational moments which demand a response."

Upon their return, the mission participants are expected to make themselves available to their community organizations to talk about their experiences.



David Sorkin

U of D police seek information in recent hate-crime cases

University of Delaware Director of Public Safety Douglas F. Tuttle made a plea last month for information from any persons with knowledge concerning acts of hate-motivated vandalism and harassment on the University's Newark campus.

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The announcement was prompted by University Police's frustration in developing leads in several recent "hate crime" cases, including the painting of swastikas on campus buildings and incidents of homophobic harassment.

Hate crimes, as defined by the Federal Hate Crimes Statistics Act, "are any criminal offenses which are motivated by prejudice based on race, religion, sexual orientation or ethnicity," Tuttle said. "These criminal acts, clearly unacceptable in any part of society, are particularly abhorrent on a university campus."

Tuttle said, "It is our hope that by making everyone aware of the Delaware Crime Stoppers option, in which anonymity is guaranteed and monetary rewards are offered, we will elicit information from individuals who otherwise would not get involved. Delaware Crime Stoppers is an excellent program. Calls are welcomed pertaining to any crimes which have occurred at the University or in which University students have been victimized."

University of Delaware President David Roselle joined in encouraging

those with information to come forward, and announced the establishment of a fund to support the Delaware Crime Stoppers reward program.

"Respect for others is at the heart of the educational process," Roselle said. "The University can function only if every member of our community can take full advantage of the educational and social growth experiences here. We must be prepared to deal harshly with instances when the ugliness of racism and other prejudices become apparent. We must make it clear that such behavior will not be tolerated at the University of Delaware."

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Soviet Jewry group urges Bush to waive Jackson-Vanik sanctions

By HOWARD ROSENBERG

WASHINGTON (JTA) — In a major policy change, the National Conference on Soviet Jewry has announced it will ask President Bush to consider a one-year waiver of trade sanctions against the Soviet Union imposed by the Jackson-Vanik Amendment to the U.S. Trade Act of 1974.

The National Conference "now believes that the president should consider waiving the provisions of the Jackson-Vanik Amendment for the period provided by the law," which is one year, the group said in a statement approved Monday afternoon by the group's 20-member executive committee.

The move represents a re-evaluation of the position adopted by the National Conference on June 13, 1989. At that time, it decided it would support a waiver if Bush said he had received "appropriate assurances" on four major areas of concern to the conference.

Those concerns are that the Soviets maintain a "sustained level" of high emigration; put strict limits on the amount of time potential emigrants could be denied exit visas on the grounds of access to state secrets; resolve the "poor relatives" problem, in which exit visas are denied anyone whose family members refuse to sign waivers of financial obligation; and make progress on resolving the cases of long-term refuseniks.

The National Conference now feels Bush can satisfy himself that those conditions are met through private conversations with the Soviets, said Martin Wenick, the group's executive director.

The action was taken "against the backdrop of almost two years of sustained high levels of Jewish emigration from the Soviet Union," the group said in its announcement.

Earlier in the day, the group announced that

25,186 Soviet Jews had immigrated to Israel last month, a 24 percent increase over the October figures and an all-time high. A total of 146,436 Soviet Jews have made aliyah so far this year.

An additional 900 Soviet Jews immigrated to the United States in November, according to preliminary statistics released in New York on Monday by HIAS, the international Jewish migration agency.

In announcing its new policy, the National Conference cited an estimate that more than 180,000 Jews will have emigrated from the Soviet Union by the end of the year, following the emigration of over 72,000 in 1989.

At a White House news conference last Friday, Bush said he was considering a waiver of trade sanctions now because the Soviet Union faces severe food shortages this winter and also as a way of helping U.S. farmers in the Midwest, who could boost grain exports.

Following the president's statement, a delegation of National Conference leaders met Monday morning with Brent Scowcroft, Bush's national security adviser, and "we factored in what he had to say," Wenick said.

The conference then polled its executive committee by telephone, reaching a "general consensus" in favor of the new position.

Until Friday, Bush had maintained that he would not waive trade sanctions until the

The Union of Councils for Soviet Jews, a grass-roots Jewish group representing local Soviet Jewry groups, continues to oppose a waiver until the emigration reforms are codified.

Micah Naftalin, the group's national director, said Pamela Cohen, its president, sent a letter to Bush last Friday, in which they stressed that the Soviet commitment to human rights is not just resolved by the high number of Soviet Jews leaving the country.

"The agreements of the Helsinki process require freedom of emigration no less than the strictures of Jackson-Vanik compel the conclusion that this is the moment to press, not release, the leverage," the letter said.

David Waksberg, vice president of the umbrella group, said a Supreme Soviet vote on emigration reform legislation has been delayed for 18 months and that the latest draft is "more restrictive" than earlier ones.

"It seems unlikely that the new law will be even close to the international standards that the president has referred to," Waksberg said. Any Jackson-Vanik waiver before adoption of such a law "undermines" any such move toward codification, he said.

Free emigration "needs to be a right for Soviet citizens," Waksberg said. "That's what the rule of law is about." Now emigration is only a "liberalized freedom" that could be "cut back again."

Waksberg also expressed concern about a possible "anti-Semitic backlash" that might occur if Soviet Jews continue to receive special emigration benefits not extended to all Soviet citizens through legislation.

By not insisting on an emigration law, "we appear to support a state of affairs that appears to give preferable treatment to Jews over other Soviet citizens," he said.

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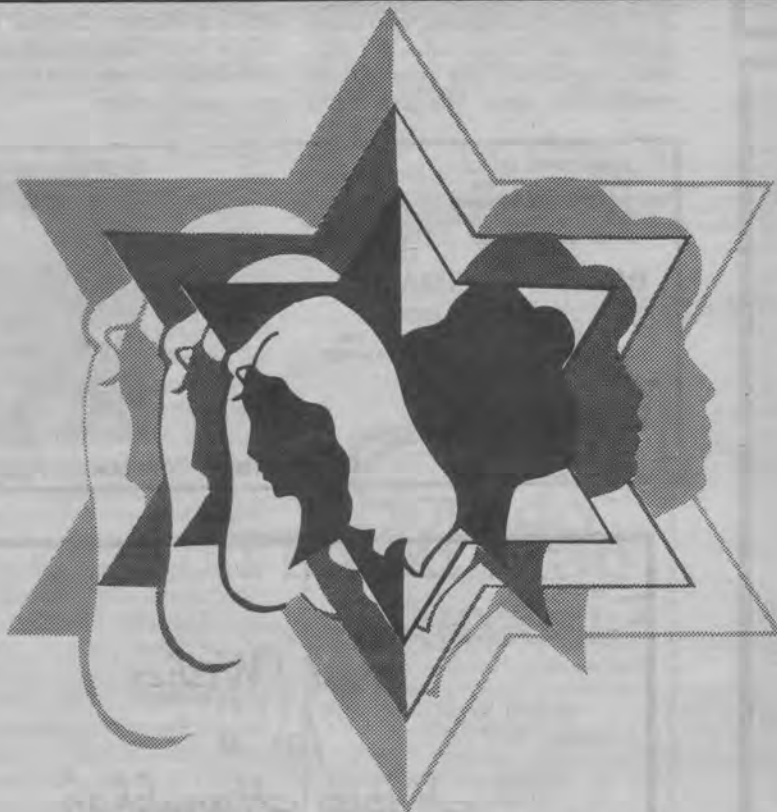
The conference, which represents 47 national Jewish organizations and 300 local Jewish federations and community councils, decided early last week to re-evaluate its stance on Jackson-Vanik, which Congress adopted in 1975 as a way of pressuring the Soviet Union to allow more Jews to emigrate.

Wenick said Bush was made aware last Thursday of the review and it "may have been one of the contributing factors" that led him the following day to indicate publicly for the first time that he is considering an early waiver of the amendment's sanctions.

Soviet Union enacted long-promised reforms of its emigration policy.

But under Jackson-Vanik, the president simply has to certify that the Soviets are committed to maintaining a sustained, high level of emigration, Wenick explained.

While the amendment says nothing about state secrets, "poor relatives" or long-term refuseniks, "one would assume he's also going to be mindful of the constituencies here and their concerns and that they will be testifying before any hearings that the Congress will be having on the waiver," Wenick said.



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Expecting to resettle 68 Soviet refugees in the coming year and taking over the responsibilities for the acculturation of those people already here as well as those expected made it necessary for Jewish Family Service to reassign and add to its staff.

Roberta Burman was assigned to be the Resettlement and Acculturation Coordinator on a full-time basis beginning November 1. On the same date, Natasha Aksman joined the Jewish Family Service staff on a half-time basis to work with Burman in both programs. Aksman, who immigrated to the United States in 1981, has experienced the resettlement process first hand. She also meets

the need to have someone on the staff who is fluent in Russian.

As the need for resettlement services increased dramatically over the past few years, no other agency services decreased to allow the agency to simply reassign staff accordingly, noted Arnold Lieberman, Director of JFS. It, therefore, became necessary in the area of "Services to the Aged and Their Families." On November 15, Dory Z. Blau, M.S.W., joined the staff on a full-time basis. Mrs. Blau holds a Master's Degree in Social Work from Temple University and will work primarily with elderly clients and their families.

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Israeli president scolds Jews for cancelling trips to Israel

By MARK JOFFE

SAN FRANCISCO (JTA) — American Jewish leaders got a scolding last month from Israeli President Chaim Herzog for canceling trips to Israel at a time when the Jewish state is in great need of foreign revenue.

"This is certainly no time for American Jewish organizations to cancel their conferences in Israel," Herzog told some 3,000 delegates and guests attending the 59th General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations here.

"I ask you, is it right and dignified that many elements of American Jewry should have seen fit at this time to cancel their conventions and to distance themselves physically from the Jewish homeland, and thus to weaken our ranks?" he asked in an address given November 15.

In a clear attempt to make American Jews feel ashamed, Herzog pointed out that the "bulk of Christian tourism," constituting 65 percent of tourism to Israel, was still coming as planned. He said he had been "impressed by the large number of Christian groups" that came in October to an open house he hosted

in a sukkah. "They demonstratively came in order to show their solidarity with us," he said.

"What am I to say when Jewish groups from the United States that were due to come on this occasion failed to arrive?"

The Israeli president was referring to the decision by several federations around the country to cancel "mega-missions" to Israel in the wake of the Persian Gulf crisis and a spate of stabbing attacks against Jews in Israel.

Herzog neglected to mention, however, that a number of federations and national Jewish organizations have hastily organized special missions to show solidarity with Israel.

Apparently, Israeli leaders are not yet convinced the tourism problem has been turned around. Promoting tourism to Israel, in fact, emerged as one of the major themes of this year's CJF General Assembly.

It came up during the opening plenary of assembly, when the chairman of the Jewish Agency Board of Governors, Mendel Kaplan, challenged delegates to hold their 1992

assembly in Jerusalem, rather than New York, as scheduled.

A proposal to this effect was introduced on the floor of the assembly's business session but was tabled by the CJF leadership for consideration at a future date.

Earlier that same morning, CJF had added a special session to the program to deal specifically with tourism to Israel. The session included an appeal from Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek, who addressed delegates via a live satellite broadcast from Israel.

Kollek said that while he understood the "queasy feeling" American Jews experienced after October's violence on the Temple Mount, they should realize that "Jerusalem is a safe city. There is less danger in Jerusalem than any American or European city of the same size."

Also speaking at the session was Robert Adler of Chicago, chairman of CJF's Israel Office Committee, who said the American Jewish community must "stop giving our enemies comfort" by staying away from Israel.

US, Israel join forces against drugs

(NER)— Israeli and U.S. anti-drug authorities held consultations in Washington on November 5-6 to explore ways of expanding cooperative efforts to combat drug trafficking and abuse. The U.S. delegation was led by Assistant Secretary of State for International Narcotics Matters Melvyn Levitsky, and the Israeli delegation by Eli Rubinstein, Government Secretary and Chairman of the Anti-Drug Authority of Israel.

The meeting was the result of more than a year of ongoing communication between authorities from the U.S. and Israeli drug-fighting establishments. This communication began with contacts between Rubinstein and William J. Bennett, outgoing Director of the U.S. Office of National Drug Control Policy, as well as Levitsky and various other senior officials from both governments.

American law enforcement authorities met their Israeli counterparts to discuss increased cooperation and exchange information in an effort to reduce the supply of narcotics to both countries. Finding new ways to cut demand through education, prevention, and treatment were examined, as were possibilities of cooperation in manpower training and research.

The two countries both stand to benefit from the sharing of information on ways to fight the drug menace. For example, the U.S. has extensive experience with treatment and rehabilitation from which Israel could benefit. As a result of Israel's longstanding fight against terrorism, extremely advanced systems of interdiction and surveillance have been developed.

Israel says it can provide equipment and technology that could assist U.S. drug-fighting efforts in areas like designing surveillance systems and devising new means of interdicting drugs coming in from air, land, and sea.

Israel's vast intelligence network also could share vital information about drug activities in neighboring countries, including Syria's involvement in narcotics operations in Lebanon. Lebanon is considered to be

one of the world's largest hashish producers, and is currently a producer of heroin.

In its March, 1990 International Narcotics Strategy Control Report, the State Department said that Syria "is a transit point for illicit narcotics and is a heroin-refining center. Syria's military controls the Bekaa Valley of Lebanon and profits from its widespread production and trafficking."

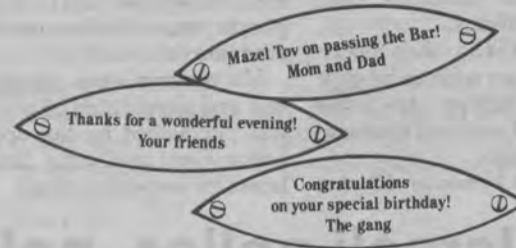
At their conference earlier this month, both delegations "reaffirmed the shared American and Israeli goal of combatting illicit drugs," State

Department Deputy Spokesman, Richard Boucher said in a statement. "To this end, The United States and Israel will continue to work on expanding and institutionalizing bilateral cooperation."



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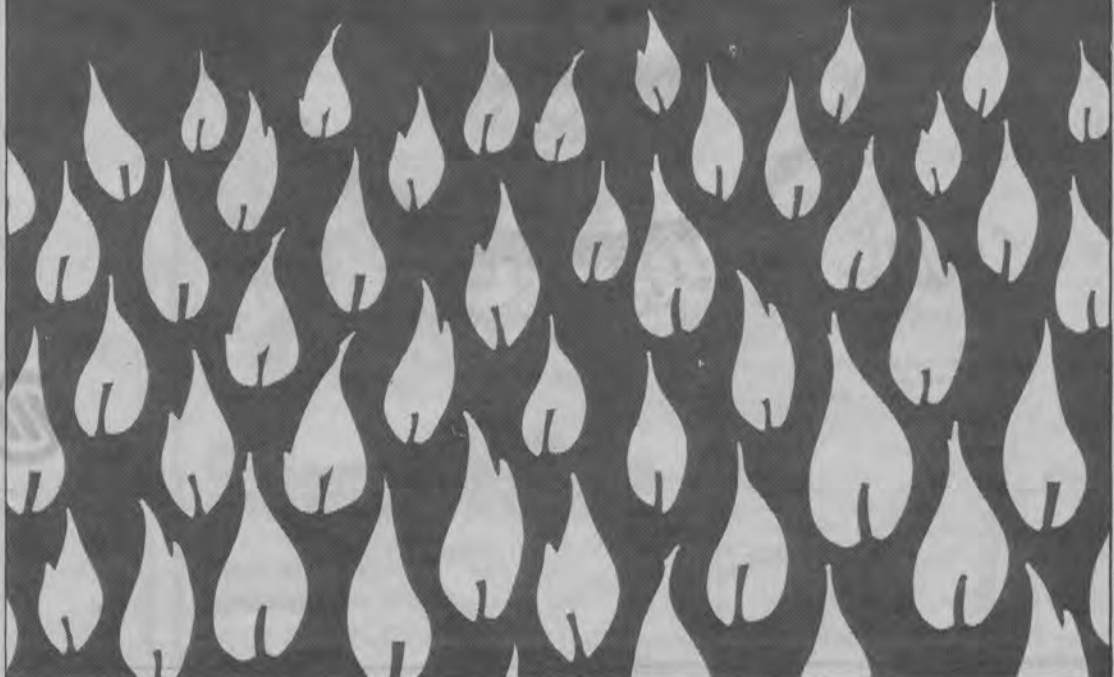
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Shamir once again notes need for 'greater Israel'

By HUGH ORGEL

TEL AVIV (JTA)—Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir risked a new altercation with the United States last month when he asserted for the second time this year that large-scale immigration required a "Greater Israel." It was in essence what he had told a Likud rally here on January 14. When the Bush administration, at the time, called his remarks "unhelpful," Shamir denied the linkage.

This time, he did so when reporters listening to an address he gave asked if he was harking back to the position that had annoyed Washington 10 months ago.

In his address November 18 at a

memorial meeting for deceased members of Likud, Shamir declared that the commitment to the territorial integrity of the Land of Israel is significant "for future generations and for mass aliyah." He said, "The past leaders of our movement left us with a clear message to keep the Land of Israel from the sea to the River Jordan for generations to come, for the mass immigration and for the Jewish people, most of whom will be gathered into this country."

His remarks were quickly broadcast and commented on abroad. He was denounced by the opposition Labor Party and leftist factions at home for imperiling aliyah.

The chairman of the Labor Party's Knesset faction, Haim Ramon, charged that Shamir was continuing to endanger immigration with his unwise remarks. "Coalition ministers, led by the premier himself, appear intent on vying with one another to sabotage aliyah by their wild and daily verbal statements in an apparent effort to see who can cause the most harm to immigration from the Soviet Union," he said.

But Shamir told reporters he had no intention of making a direct connection between territory and immigration. "There is no connection whatever between our maintaining the territorial integrity of Eretz Yis-

rael between the sea and the Jordan River — which is a vital security necessity for the State of Israel — and the mass aliyah which is the fulfillment of the great Zionist dream," the prime minister said.

Earlier this year, Shamir was criticized by the Bush administration after he told Likud members on January 14 that increasing Soviet aliyah would lead to a "bigger Israel, a strong Israel, Eretz Yisrael." Washington interpreted those remarks as rationalization for needing the administered territories to absorb new immigrants.

Challenged then on the remark, Shamir had clarified his statement, saying he had only meant that immi-

gration required a "strong, united Israel."

But his remarks had severe repercussions, among them discussions with the United States about U.S. aid for the resettlement of Soviet Jews in Israel. The Bush administration has reiterated it will not assist Israel to settle Soviet Jews if they are housed beyond Israel's pre-1967 borders.

Another probable fallout from Shamir's remark about a "bigger Israel" has been Moscow's failure to implement an agreement for direct flights for immigrants from the Soviet capital to Tel Aviv.

Israeli police, politicians combat anti-Arab campaign

By DAVID LANDAU

JERUSALEM (JTA)—Three leading activists of the anti-Arab Kach movement were detained for questioning last week about recent incidents of arson and harassment of Jewish shopkeepers who employ Arabs.

Jerusalem police acted as the Knesset prepared to consider motions from both the left and right wings to outlaw Kach as a terrorist organization.

"We don't have to tolerate racism in our streets," Justice Minister Dan Meridor declared Monday after alluding to the Jewish experience of racism in the past.

The Kach movement, founded by the late Rabbi Meir Kahane, who was assassinated in New York on November 6, is suspected of fanning Jewish vigilantism in Jerusalem.

Several shops where Arabs were employed have been gutted by fires of suspicious origin.

On Saturday, a group of Kach members returning from the Western Wall got into a brawl with Arab youths in the Old City. The police had to use force to break up the melee. An Arab shop was severely damaged.

The three taken into custody Monday are all longtime leaders of Kach locally. They are suspected of using intimidation and violence against shopkeepers who give jobs to Arabs. A number of shops around the city display signs reading, "No Arabs employed here." This has been greeted with anger and disgust by most of the political community.

Shopkeepers in the Bukharan Quarter and Geula, two large Orthodox districts close to the center of

Jerusalem, confirmed they had been threatened by Kach activists. Several told reporters they had complied with demands to fire their Arab workers. Others said they would if Kach provided Jewish replacements. The owner of one burned-out shop said he was punished by unknown arsonists even after he fired his Arab employees.

Pollak denied in a radio interview that his group was responsible for the arson against two Jewish-owned shops in Jerusalem this week. It was not the work of Kach, he said, but of "citizens" reacting to shops employing Arabs. Pollak claimed his movement does not resort to violence but rather seeks "to persuade by gentle means" that Arabs should not be employed by Jews.

Observers here say the Kach activists are exploiting the residue of fear

and anger that has hung over the city since an Arab day-laborer fatally stabbed three Jewish residents of the Baka neighborhood on October 21. That incident was followed by a spate of seemingly random attacks on Jews in the streets by knife-wielding Arabs.

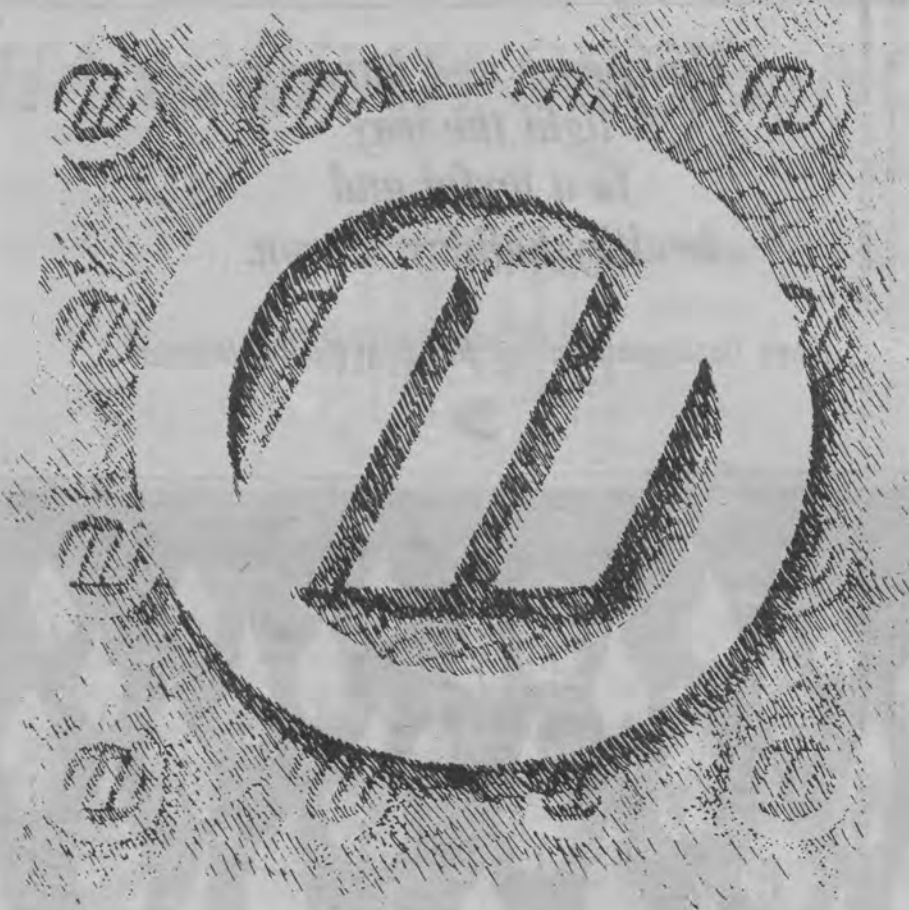
Knesset member Binyamin Begin of Likud introduced an urgent motion November 26 deploring the situation, which he called a cancer eating into the fiber of Israeli democracy. Amnon Rubinstein of the Center-Shinui Movement entered a motion of his own chastising the police for "inexplicable indifference" to the intimidation campaign.

Police officials maintain they are taking the latest developments seriously and have beefed up patrols in areas where shops were threatened by vigilantes.

Meir Tsaban of Mapam, the United Workers Party of Israel, said shopkeepers putting up "No Arabs Here" signs could be prosecuted under existing legislation.

Tsaban also said Kach fits the definition of a terrorist organization and should be outlawed under emergency regulations. The regulations define a terrorist organization as one that uses force or threats of force to advance political ends.

Yossi Sarid of the Citizens Rights Movement sent an open letter to the justice minister, in which he spoke of the "crystal fragile" situation in Jerusalem and expressed hope that no "night" was in store for the city. His was a thinly veiled allusion to Kristallnacht, the Nazis' first organized pogrom against German Jews in November 1938.



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Israeli ambassador tells Jewish leaders that Iraqi threat overrides US-Israeli disagreements

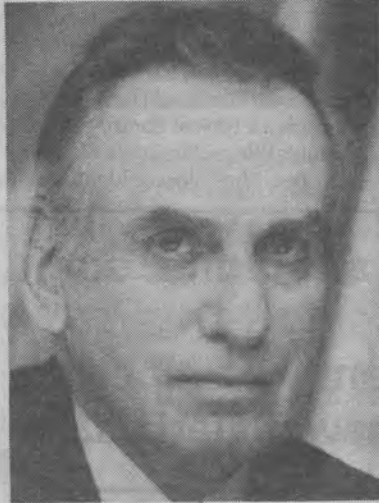
NEW YORK — While there are issues on which Israel and the U.S. don't see eye-to-eye — Jerusalem, settlements, Israel's future borders — "our shared values and common interests will override any temporary disagreements," Zalman Shoval, Israel's newly-appointed ambassador to the U.S., said in an address to the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations here last month.

Acknowledging that U.S.-Israel relations had been frayed for the last several months because of America's failure to veto two U.N. resolutions condemning Israel in the aftermath of the Temple Mount violence, Shoval nevertheless expressed optimism that Israel's agreement to accept a representative of U.N. Secretary-General Perez de Cuellar would "put the issue behind us so we can focus on the real threat — Iraqi aggression."

The new ambassador, who was introduced by Conference of Presidents Chairman Seymour D. Reich, predicted that the current coalition assembled against Saddam Hussein would "fail" in the long-run, "because of the unstable nature of its many autocratic, dictatorial regimes."

He added that "despite its present low-profile, Israel is the strongest military and political force in the Middle East. No coalition in the region can survive unless Israel is a major factor."

Shoval cautioned American Jews to be more circumspect in their public criticism of Israel, particularly when it involves the security of the Jewish state. In calling for a return to the situation that prevailed from Israel's founding until recently, he said, "The American Jewish community should avoid getting caught up in Israel's internal political squabbles, many of which are merely a reflection of the



Zalman Shoval

public posturing in the press by leaders of American Jewish organizations."

But in response to a comment made by one of the Presidents Conference members, the envoy also acknowledged the need to sensitize Israeli leaders to the impact of their pronouncements as reported in the American media.

On the subject of the \$400 million in U.S. Loan guarantees to help resettle Soviet Jewish immigrants,

Shoval said, "Israel never undertook not to build on the other side of the so-called green line." What Israel did promise, he said, was to use its own funds, rather than American loan guarantees, for such construction on

the other side of the green line.

"Every hour another Russian Jew arrives in Israel," Shoval observed. "We will need \$30 to \$32 billion in the next four to five years to absorb this vast influx," he concluded.

Study claims Iraq will have nuclear warhead in 10 years

TEL AVIV (JTA) — A report by the Center for Strategic Studies claims Iraq will complete construction of an enriched uranium plant, capable of producing nuclear weapons, within five to 10 years.

The study says the Iraqis are working on developing missiles with a range of 1,200 miles and trying to construct warheads that can carry biological and chemical weapons.

The researcher, Daniel Leshem, said Iraq is carrying out missile-launching experiments in Mauritania, an Islamic state in West Africa.

Iraq apparently fears Israel will attempt to destroy its missile launchers and has increased the number of launchers under construction.

A recent report in *The New York Times* confirmed this information through British, American and Israeli intelligence sources, who also said Iraq would need at least two years to begin warhead production.

Although Iraq still faces technical problems for the building of a serious nuclear arsenal, experts quoted by the *Times* said Iraq had managed to acquire some of the technical expertise and materials necessary to begin nuclear production.

Donald Kerr, an analyst with the International Institute for Strategic Studies in London, said: "My own feeling is that it will be five to seven years, provided someone doesn't destroy Iraq's industrial capacity before then. The physics of nuclear explosions is fairly well understood, but the engineering of a warhead is a much more difficult matter."

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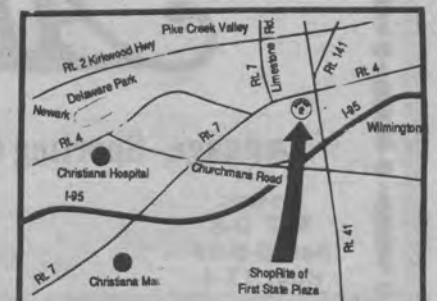
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Volunteer archivist challenges this community to use resources and rediscover its roots

By CELIA GANS

Special to The Jewish Voice

Attention *Jeopardy!* addicts: Your category is "Geography." The host says, "The Jewish Historical Society, 505 Market Street Mall." Your correct response? "What is Delaware's greatest under-utilized resource!"

Sad but true, says volunteer archivist Julian Preisler, as he surveys JHS's 30 linear shelf feet of original documents, personal papers, books, pamphlets, newspapers, photos and mementoes and Jewish artifacts, stored at the Historical Society of Delaware building.

"Our documents describe the first Jews in Delaware — fur traders from New Amsterdam, who arrived in 1655; the first Jewish organization in Delaware — the Moses Montefiore Burial Society, founded in 1879; and Delaware's first synagogues: Ohabe Shalom (Orthodox), 1880; Ahavath Achim (Orthodox) 1888; and Ohab Shalom (Reform), 1895, and the current Jewish community.

"But we're more than a library," says Preisler, "because we accept both printed and non-printed materials. And we catalogue and store materials differently. For example, when we receive new materials, our

first step is to remove everything which will physically deteriorate through improper storage — generally anything written or printed on paper. Next, we evaluate the materials: what can be successfully archived and what is worth archiving?"

ment the history of the items in a collection, as well as describe them," notes Preisler. "That's one area in which we differ from librarians." For example, a typical library reference contains title, author, date of publication, publisher, library identification

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The most time consuming — and most critical — steps in creating an archive, according to Preisler, are the next two: "An archivist must describe and catalogue the items." Ideally, this process includes establishing and recording information such as a meticulous description of the item, its date of creation, by whom it was created and where it was found, plus cross references to other archive items or topics.

"It's the archivist's job to docu-

code and (for a non-fiction book) a possible list of cross-reference topics. An archival reference should contain much more: an exchange of letters between a Wilmington resident and relatives in Europe during the 1930s would not only fully identify both correspondents, but give specifics about each letter by date, place and content. If correctly cross-referenced, the letters might be used by genealogists tracing family history, researchers on pre-World War II anti-Semitism or those interested in the impact of the Great Depression on Wilmington's Jews.

After cataloging, items must be stored in proper receptacles for future use. Proper storage is particularly critical with paper, adds Preisler, which disintegrates over time. "Our history can vanish if we don't record and store it correctly," he says.

"I've been documenting synagogues through photographs since my Florida childhood. My own collection now includes photographs of over 200 existing structures, most in the Eastern United States, but some in Amsterdam, Holland and the Bahamas. My next trip will be into Alabama, where structures originally used as synagogues are now vacant and abandoned in many tiny rural



Volunteer archivist Julian Preisler catalogs photographs from the collection of the Jewish Historical Society of Delaware. The material on the Delaware Jewish community is from the late 1880s to the present. (Photo: Celia Gans)

Department, Preisler is currently looking for a full-time position as an archivist.

"An archive shouldn't stand still," says Preisler, "it should constantly be receiving and processing new materials. If you or your family have items which you would like to donate, call

of Delaware Jewish Studies Program students to local amateur historians — is "We're here to serve you."

In addition to encouraging local interest and usage of the archives, Preisler has begun corresponding with the 65 to 80 other Jewish Historical Societies throughout the United States. "We need to share information and collections," says Preisler, "and a first step is to exchange Finder's Guides. This will help us define who we are, what we have in our collections and encourage more intense use of our resources. We also need more exposure through exhibitions at institutions like the Museum of Jewish Heritage, which could develop an exhibit on '1880's Jewish Settlement in the Eastern United States,' including photos from our collection. I'm also corresponding with Jewish religious and community organizations, asking them to put us on their mailing list so we can maintain an on-going record of Jewish activities through their newsletters and bulletins."

If you are not a member of the Society, but would like a copy of the recently completed Jewish Historical Society of Delaware's Finder's Guide to its collection, which includes a 1976 appendix and recent additions in the audio and visual fields — oral histories, films, video tapes and slide collections from the early 1990's to the present — send a self-addressed business size envelope with \$.45 postage to the JHS, 505 Market Street Mall, Wilmington, DE 19801.

To make an appointment to use the archives, call the Historical Society of Delaware at 655-7161 or call Preisler at home at 655-0365.

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The synagogue that was never built: Jewish Historical Society of Delaware's 1949 artist's rendering of a building for Congregation Beth Shalom. The eventually-completed synagogue has no dome, has no wing on the north side and has a completely different entrance on 18th Street. (Photo: Celia Gans)

communities," Preisler says.

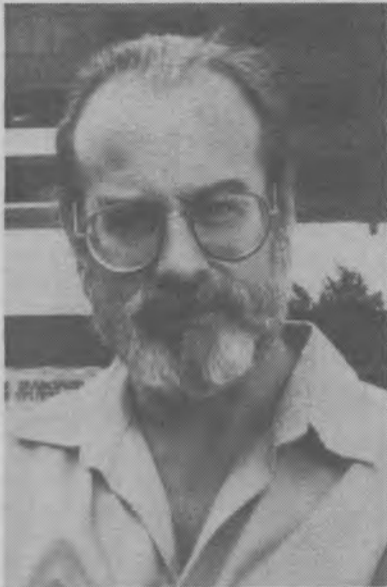
Preisler, who holds a degree in history from Mary Washington College, worked for the American Jewish Congress in Washington, D.C., before moving to Delaware in June, 1989. During the past year, he has taken history and archival courses at Temple University and the University of Delaware, worked with the JHS and is assisting Temple Beth Emeth set up its own archives. A part-time employee of *The News-Journal Company's* Distribution

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Jewish Community Center

Political cartoonist to speak at JCC brunch



Stuart Goldman, syndicated editorial cartoonist to 40 Jewish newspapers in the United States and Canada (including The Jewish Voice), will be the guest speaker on Sunday, December 16, for the Sunday Brunch/Lecture Series to be held at the Jewish Community Center.

A 1990 Smolar Award Winner for Editorial Cartooning, Goldman will display several of his political cartoons which will serve to illustrate his lecture.

Brunch will begin at 11:30 a.m. and the cost is \$5 for center members and \$8 for non-members. Reservations are now being accepted at the JCC Front Desk. The deadline for registration is December 12. For additional information, contact Lynn Greenfield, Adult Program Director, at 478-5660.

New Year's Eve activities for children

Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth, Temple Beth Emeth, Temple Beth Shalom, Temple Beth Shalom of Dover and the Jewish Community Center are currently promoting a community-wide New Year's Eve Party and Dance for adults and children on Monday, December 31.

Children under the age of 5 years old will have a story time before retiring to sleep. Children ages 5 to 7 will create their own snack, watch a video and go to sleep before 11 p.m. Children ages 8 to 11 will play some games, take an evening swim and have a snack while watching a variety of video movies.

At the same time, the adults will be celebrating the New Year with music performed by the Steven Scher Band, hors d'oeuvres, an open bar and dessert table throughout the evening.

Pre-registration for the party and babysitting service is required by December 20. Call 478-5660 to reserve space. Tickets for the New Year's Eve Party (\$50 per person) are available at the synagogues listed above or at the JCC Front Desk.

Children's museum

The Early Childhood Services Department in cooperation with The Delaware Children's Museum will be hosting a special day focusing on different types of "hands on" activities on December 25, at the Jewish Community Center.

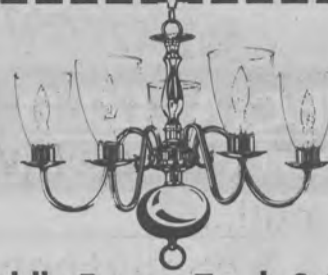
The Delaware Children's Museum exhibit entitled, "Hands On!", will be open to the entire community from 1 to 4:30 p.m. Special "hands on" workshops are scheduled throughout the afternoon. Children will have the opportunity to try their hands at unconventional calligraphy, play some unique drums, and create a variety of designs using your hands.

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At Hanukkah Fried foods recall the miracle

By NAOMI ARBIT

Hanukkah, the eight-day Jewish Festival of Lights celebrated every December, is a family celebration of love and tradition. To commemorate a historic struggle for their freedom, Jewish families around the world light one new candle on their menorah each evening during the holiday. On the eighth day, the entire menorah glows.

Food customs are traditional at Hanukkah, and potato pancakes or latkes are the most popular. They can be served at breakfast, lunch or dinner, accompanied by apple sauce, sour cream or yogurt.

Potatoes won't discolor if you shred them directly into cold water. The secret to crisp-everytime latkes is to extract as much moisture as possible from the potatoes before adding the additional ingredients. Larger potatoes are easier to handle using a vegetable peeler to remove the thinnest peel possible. Latkes should be tender and golden brown, and never greasy.

Any entree can be served with latkes, but again, tradition favors brisket of beef. Ask your butcher for the flat point or trim the whole brisket well of the top layer of fat. In either case, prepare the brisket one or two days before serving. Chill the meat and slice; cover and return to the refrigerator. Spoon all the gravy and drippings into a jar and refrigerate. Before heating with the meat, remove the heavy layer of fat.

BAKED BRISKET OF BEEF

- 4-5 pounds brisket of beef, well trimmed of excess fat
- 2-3 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 large onions, sliced
- 4 stalks celery
- 1 cup catsup
- 1 cup beer

Place beef in roaster, fat side up. Place garlic, onions and celery on top and pour catsup over all. Put 1/4 cup water in bottom of pan. Roast in a 350-degree oven, uncovered, basting several times, until well browned. Add 1 cup beer to pan and cover. Reduce heat to 300 degrees and roast for two hours longer or until tender. Remove meat from the gravy, reserve the vegetables and cool. Strain the gravy and chill until the fat rises and solidifies. Remove the layer of fat. Place gravy and reserved vegetables in a blender or processor and puree until smooth. When the brisket is cold, slice the beef against the grain in medium slices. Before serving, heat the brisket in the gravy.

Note: Prepare brisket at least one day before serving. It freezes well.

Freeze sauce separately.

SWEET AND SOUR RED CABBAGE

- 1 large red cabbage, shredded
- 2 tart apples (Granny Smith), peeled, cored, diced
- 1 tablespoon flour
- 1/2-cup red wine vinegar
- 1/4-cup sugar
- 2 tablespoons margarine

Place cabbage and apple in 1 cup lightly salted water. Cover and cook for 15 minutes. Drain water. Combine sugar and flour. Stir into vinegar until smooth. Pour over the cabbage. Add margarine, salt and pepper to taste. Stir, cover and cook over low heat for 15 minutes or until cabbage is tender. Serves 6.

Fry until golden brown on one side. Add more oil as needed, heating well, before frying latkes. Serve with applesauce and/or sour cream or yogurt. Serves 16 latkes.

SUMSUM SESAME COOKIE-CANDIES

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- 1 cup sugar
- 1/3-cup water
- 2 cups sesame seeds

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Letter attacking rival's Jewishness may have hurt Boschwitz

By MARSHALL HOFFMAN

American Jewish World

MINNEAPOLIS (JTA) — A letter sent by supporters of Rudy Boschwitz questioning the Jewishness of challenger Paul Wellstone may have contributed to the senator's political downfall.

Boschwitz, a Minnesota Republican, was the only incumbent senator in the country to lose his seat in voting November 6. His Democratic successor is a scrappy Carleton College professor, known for his offbeat campaign commercials and devotion to progressive causes.

The November 1 letter, which made headlines in the state's major newspapers and news broadcasts, criticized Wellstone, the son of a Russian Jew, for raising his children as non-Jews and having "no connection whatever with the Jewish community or communal life."

The letter, signed by 52 prominent Minnesota Jews, rocked the local Jewish community.

Many of the signers apparently had agreed to support a pro-Boschwitz letter, but were unaware it would attack Wellstone's Jewish credentials. Many of them disavowed the letter afterward. A number of other Jewish leaders deplored the introduction of personal religious issues into the political race.

Bob Weinholzer, chairman of the Independent-Republican party, conceded that the letter may have had a negative influence on undecided voters.

Wellstone's campaign manager, John Blackshaw, went further, saying the letter "might well have been the final straw that broke the camel's back."

Wellstone himself said, "No candidate that writes such a letter deserves to be a United States senator."

For his part, Boschwitz denied writing the letter, but said prior to the election that he did not mind it being sent out. In retrospect, though, Boschwitz told Minnesota Public Radio the letter should never have been sent.

It would be ironic if Boschwitz, a staunch defender of Israel and active supporter of high profile causes central to Jewish life, were defeated because of a letter addressed to his "friends in the Minnesota Jewish community."

But while the letter may have been a factor in Boschwitz's defeat, the senator had been beleaguered by a number of problems in what most analysts acknowledge as the most unusual year in Minnesota political history.

Boschwitz's maneuvering to encourage the withdrawal of Republican gubernatorial candidate Jon Grunseth 10 days before the election, in the wake of allegations of sexual improprieties, did not gain him any friends among conservative voters, a traditional Boschwitz stronghold. He also was hurt by the lengthy congressional battle over the federal budget, which left many voters frustrated and kept Boschwitz away from Minnesota, where he could shake hands and defend his record.

With a high number of undecided voters in the final days of the campaign, the letter and its injection of religion into the race struck a sour note in an election year dominated more by character assassinations than issues.

Wellstone quickly responded to the letter with TV commercials claiming Minnesotans were tired of negative campaigning. Editorials and opinion pieces in major newspapers also condemned the letter's tactics.

"Several sins are tolerable in a close election. Racism and assaults on a person's religion ought not to be one of them," wrote *Minneapolis Star Tribune* columnist Jim Klobuchar. Even the local office of the Anti-

Defamation League of B'nai B'rith issued a statement saying the "ADL has always viewed the injection of religion, race, national origin or sexual orientation into political campaigns as inappropriate and inherently divi-

sive. We believe candidates should be evaluated solely on the basis of their individual qualifications."

While it remains to be seen if the letter was the main cause of Boschwitz's downfall, his defeat may

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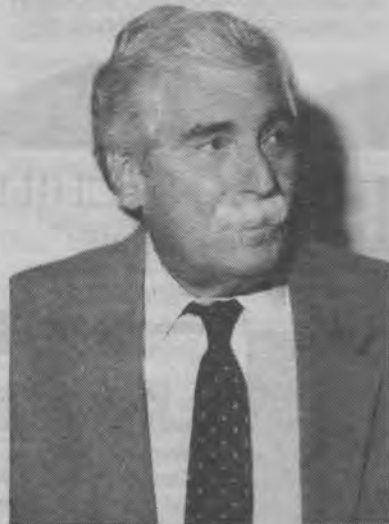
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stance we have today that requires all agencies to directly raise funds beyond those provided by the traditional sources. The Board of Directors of Jewish Family Service has adopted the policy that each member must be committed to and participate in the Board's fund-raising responsibility.

This change in both the Jewish and the general community, has raised concerns about competition and the fear of dilution. We cannot speak for the general community, but the Jewish community has shown its ability to be stretched limitlessly in support of worthwhile causes. In our favor is the fact that our agency and all Federation agencies represent very worthwhile causes.

Two major principles underlie our agency's fund-raising policy. If at all possible, the fund-raising effort should be related to the nature of our agency and the people who contribute should get something for their support in addition to the satisfaction they naturally feel. On this basis, we are presenting a benefit performance of the drama "A Shayna Maidel," to be held on January 20, 1991, at the Delaware Theatre Company.

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Dear Rachel,

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Rachel, I know you know better than to tell me that both of us can continue to socialize in the same place, and you won't, like some of my friends, say the hell with the country club - just give him what he wants and get rid of him. But there is only one Jewish country club in this town, and my whole social life is there. It's where I grew up, and he's the intruder on my territory. I've given up a lot, but that is one thing I'm not willing to relinquish for that worm. He can plan tennis anywhere. Should I let him walk all over me again or should I stand up for myself?

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Rachel

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Book Review

Israel's spies have a special appeal

Every Spy a Prince

By Dan Raviv and Yossi Melman
(Houghton Mifflin, Boston, 466 pages, \$24.95)

By Way of Deception

By Victor Ostrovsky and Claire Hoy
(St. Martin's Press, N.Y., 321 pages, \$19.95)

Reviewed By
ROBERT A. COHN

The term "Israeli intelligence" is anything but an oxymoron. With only a few exceptions (e.g. the Lavon and Pollard affairs), Israel's Mossad (foreign espionage agency) and Shin Bet (domestic secret service) have been hailed as the most disciplined and competent intelligence agencies in the world.

The reputation of Israeli intelligence was tarnished considerably by the bungled affair involving the American Jewish spy Jonathan Jay

Pollard, who is now serving a life sentence at the federal prison in Marion, Ill., for passing along classified information to Israeli handlers while he worked as an intelligence analyst for the U.S. Navy. The Pollard affair is covered comprehensively in Wolf Blitzer's book *Territory of Lies*, which is now available in paperback. Other important aspects of Israel's intelligence are covered with varying degrees of success in three books under review.

Every Spy a Prince, by the highly regarded journalist-scholars Dan Raviv and Yossi Melman is an update of their previous book *The Imperfect Spies*. Raviv, an award-winning CBS News correspondent (London and the Middle East), and Melman, a Nieman Fellow at Harvard and one of Israel's most distinguished journalists, have done a first-rate job of

covering the complex web of Israeli intelligence in all of its aspects from the time of Israel's rebirth in 1948 through the present.

Melman and Raviv provide clear organizational charts and chronological lists of the heads of not only Mossad and Shin Bet, but also of the various less well-known agencies, including Aman, the intelligence unit of the Israel Defense Forces; Lakam, the unit that handled Pollard, and the prime minister's advisers on counterterrorism, a position created in 1972 in the aftermath of the death of 11 Israeli athletes at the Olympic Games in Munich at the hands of the Black September faction of the Palestine Liberation Organization.

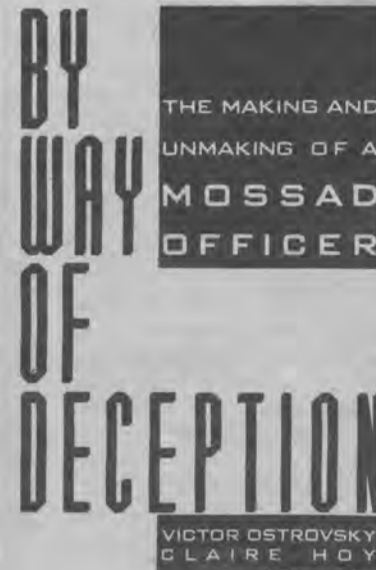
Through Melman and Raviv's book we relive the drama of such Israeli intelligence triumphs as the infiltration by Israeli spies into the top echelons of both Egypt and Syria; the location and capture of Nazi war arch-criminal Adolf Eichmann; the rescue of the hijack victims at Entebbe; and the destruction in 1981 of the Iraqi nuclear plant. We also learn of the complex, costly Lavon affair which went awry and eventually ended the remarkable career of Isser Harel, the man who headed both Mossad and Shin Bet from 1946-63 — and eventually of his boss and mentor, David Ben-Gurion.

Isser Harel combined in one career elements of the tenures of J. Edgar Hoover and William Casey in the United States. Just as it makes sense to keep the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Central Intelligence Agency separate in the United States, so it makes sense that Israel has separate heads of Mossad and Shin Bet since Harel's career ended. It is interesting to note that Harel considers his most dramatic accomplishment the securing of a copy of the secret speech by Nikita S. Khrushchev to the 20th Communist Party Congress in 1956 which denounced Joseph Stalin. The speech was shared with the United States and its publication ushered in the brief period of the Soviet-United States "thaw" which anticipated the reforms and the end of the Cold War under Gorbachev years later.

By Way of Deception by Victor Ostrovsky and Claire Hoy has been compared to Peter Wright's book *Spycatcher*, which British authorities attempted to suppress from release. At the request of the Israeli government, New York Supreme Court Justice Michael J. Dontzin barred publication of *By Way of Deception* — a decision which was reversed on appeal the next day, setting off a buying spree across the country by readers who wanted to see what Israeli officials were "trying to hide."

As it turns out, *By Way of Deception* lives up to its title by failing to reveal much that was not already in the public domain. Ostrovsky, who worked briefly for Mossad before he was fired, proves that he is a Daniel Ellsberg, though he claims that "my open access to the Mossad computer allowed me to build up a vast knowledge of the organization and its activities."

With the help of Canadian journalist Claire Hoy, Ostrovsky describes various aspects of intelligence work at the lower levels, including detection of surveillance and how to make contact with fellow agents or informers.



The charge which created all the sensation in Ostrovsky's book is his claim that a Mossad agent had learned from an informant in Beirut in 1983 that a truck bomb was being prepared to attack the U.S. Marine barracks, but that Nahum Adroni, the head of Mossad, failed to pass along a direct warning to the United States, issuing only a general warning. On Oct. 23, a Mercedes truck filled with bombs crashed into the barracks and killed 241 Marines.

Gen. James M. Mead, the U.S. Marine commander in Beirut at the time, says that he was warned every day about the possibility of a Moslem terrorist bomb attack by a Mercedes vehicle and it is doubtful that another warning by Israeli intelligence would have made any difference. Israeli officials insist that the specific information was not shared in order to protect their on-the-ground sources in Beirut at the time. In any event, the "startling revelation" in Ostrovsky's book seems to have had no measurable effect on U.S.-Israel relations which now have more to do with the United Nations and the Arab alliance in the Persian Gulf crisis than with old spy cases.

Another nasty espionage affair is the focus of *Triple Cross: Israel, The Atomic Bomb and the Man Who Spilled the Secrets*, by Louis

Toscano. The author, a veteran journalist who worked for United Press International in the Middle East, Central America and Washington, describes the case of Mordechai Vanunu, the former technician in Israel's Dimona nuclear reactor, who sold smuggled photographs he had taken at the facility to the *Sunday Times* of London, which were published along with a detailed account that indicated that Israel had built as many as 200 nuclear weapons and was in a position to build even more sophisticated devices, such as the neutron bomb.

Following publication of the story, Israeli intelligence agents sent an American-born female spy to seduce and kidnap Vanunu and bring him to Israel, where he was tried and sentenced to 18 years in prison. He is currently serving his term in solitary confinement.

For years — and to date — Israel has officially denied that it has already developed nuclear weapons, saying only that "when we must have such weapons, we will have them," and promising that Israel would not be the first country in the Mideast to use such weapons. There is some speculation that some Israeli officials were privately pleased Vanunu confirmed that Israel in fact has such weapons, since the story had a chilling effect on Israel's hostile Arab neighbors. Nevertheless, Vanunu's breach of security was perhaps the most serious by an Israeli citizen in the history of the Jewish State, and so the long arm of Israeli intelligence brought him back to his native land to stand trial and serve his time.

Books about the KGB, the CIA and the FBI never fail to fascinate large segments of the reading public. They are the non-fiction sisters of spy novels. And books about the exploits of Israeli intelligence have an appeal of their own. The cases and incidents detailed in these three books are indeed stranger than fiction.

(Robert A. Cohn is the editor-in-chief of the St. Louis Jewish Light.)

Cultural Calendar

LOCAL

A musical memorial tribute to Leonard Bernstein, "To Bernstein with Love," will be presented on Saturday, December 15, at 8 p.m., at Congregation Beth Shalom in Wilmington. Tickets are \$25 for patrons, \$10 general admission and \$7.50 for senior citizens.

PHILADELPHIA

The 1990-1991 Jewish Film Festival at the Gershman YMHA at Broad and Pine Streets in Philadelphia, which opened its season on November 10, has announced the following schedule for the remainder of its season: "Frontier" on December 8 and 9, "The Outside Chance of Maximilian Glick" on January 12 and 13, "Avanti Popolo" on February 9 and 10, "Reunion" on March 9 and 10 and "The Rose Garden" on April 20 and 21. Tickets for Saturday evenings are \$12.50 for the opening and \$7.50 for all others; \$5.50 for Sunday matinees.

The National Museum of American Jewish History will present a Family Film Fest on December 26 and 27. Each day two movies will be shown at 1 and 3 p.m. On Wednesday, December 26, the featured films will be "Lights" and "Mollie's Pilgrim." On Thursday, December 27, the featured films will be "Hanukkah at Bubbe's" and "Mollie's Pilgrim." The film fest is free with regular museum admission of \$1.75 for adults, \$1.50 for students and seniors and \$1.25 for children five through 12. Admission is free for children under five and members.

NEW YORK

New York artist Jeffrey Schrier uses the tools and techniques of high technology to create images from his personal and cultural history in "Ancient Walls in the Century of Electronic Light," an exhibition of Laser Montage Prints and Sculpture at the Yeshiva University Museum in New York. Schrier juxtaposes images from ancient and modern Jewish history to create montages that incorporate fabric, computer generated graphics, metallic paint and other materials while combining historical and religious icons with photographs of family members and images from his dreams. The exhibit will run through March 1991.

"Forms abstract kinetic glass sculptures inspired by Jewish themes will be on view at the Yeshiva University Museum through January 1991. The sculptures, by New York artist Sidney Cash, are accompanied by Hebrew letter painted drawings that document the artist's progression from experimentation with Hebrew calligraphy to glass sculpture interpreting Hebrew letters.

"The Sephardic Journey: 1492-1992," an exhibit which chronicles the history and lives of Jewish communities throughout the world whose members are descendants of Spanish and Portuguese Jews, will be on display at the Yeshiva University Museum for two years beginning November 20. The exhibit will include more than a thousand religious and cultural objects, photographs, paintings and costumes, commemorating the 500th anniversary of the expulsion of Jews from Spain during the Inquisition.

WASHINGTON, D.C.

The role of the National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW) in accomplishing social reform in America will be highlighted in a new exhibit at the Smithsonian's Museum of American History. "From Parlor to Politics: Women and Reform in American, 1890-1925," features NCJW's efforts in the area of social welfare. The exhibit will continue indefinitely.

"Becoming American," at the B'nai B'rith Klutznick Museum, tells the story of immigration to the United States in the peak years of 1890 to 1924. This exhibition, which will be at the museum through mid-April 1991, traces the voyages and experiences of men, women and children who left friends and family behind to forge new lives in a new world. Included in the exhibit are the bronze statues of internationally renowned sculptor Philip Ratner, lithographs of Ratner's sculpture, period photographs and artifacts from the time of this great migration which included 2.25 million Jewish immigrants.

For more information on these events, contact the sponsoring organizations.

Israel may import water

TEL AVIV (JTA) — Pumping from Lake Kinneret into the national water pipeline was halted last month when the water level in Israel's largest natural reservoir dropped to a 60-year low.

It stood at 699.6 feet below sea level, the danger point set by the national water company, Mekorot. The Kinneret, also known as the Sea of Galilee, is the second-lowest spot on the globe.

Agriculture Minister Rafael Eitan said Israel is seriously considering importing water from Turkey to ease the severe domestic shortage.

During a tour of northern Israel November 23, Eitan stressed that desalination plants would have to be built in various parts of the country to provide water for irrigation. He warned that large parts of Israel could become desert if a few more rainless winters are experienced.

Rainfalls have been below normal for the last two years, giving rise to the idea of buying fresh water in Turkey and shipping it to Israel in tankers. Eitan said Israel is in contact with several private companies in Turkey for that purpose.

Private contractors in Israel have proposed the construction of giant plastic containers that would be filled with fresh water from Turkish rivers and towed south to Israel, where their contents would be stored in specially built reservoirs.

The idea is feasible because fresh water will float on sea water, which is heavier.

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Kahane's killer had 'hit list'

NEW YORK (JTA) — The alleged assassin of Rabbi Meir Kahane kept what may be a "hit list" of six other Jewish Americans, including members of the judicial system, a congressman and a journalist for *The Jewish Press*, a weekly Brooklyn newspaper for which Kahane had written a column.

The persons on a list kept by the alleged killer, El Sayyid Nosair, were warned three weeks ago by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and offered physical protection.

The FBI is still maintaining that Nosair, a naturalized U.S. citizen originally from Egypt, acted alone in the November 5 killing of Kahane at a Manhattan hotel. However, a law enforcement official told the daily *New York Newsday*, "It certainly adds to suspicions that this was part of some greater plot."

All but one of the persons on the list were involved in some way with

the case of Mahmoud Atta, a Palestinian from the West Bank city of Ramallah who was extradited to Israel from New York on October 27. Atta, a naturalized American citizen, is to stand trial for his alleged part in an April 1986 attack on a Jerusalem bus, in which the driver was killed and eight passengers injured.

The exception on the neatly handwritten list, which was found on the first page of Nosair's address book, is Rep. Gary Ackerman (D-N.Y.), who was not involved in the Atta case. A photograph of Ackerman from *New York Newsday* had been pasted over the list.

The photo had accompanied an article in the paper's August edition, in which Ackerman had urged President Bush to call on Israel to extradite Sheik Abdul Karim Obeid, whom Israeli troops captured in southern Lebanon in July 1989.

The Shi'ite leader is believed to-

have been involved in the February 1988 kidnapping and subsequent killing of U.S. Marine Lt. Col. William Higgins.

Ackerman said he was not convinced that Nosair acted alone and that he took seriously the possibility of an attack.

"It certainly wasn't a Christmas list," he told *The New York Times*.

The list also included the names of two federal judges, Edward Korman and Jack Weinstein; a former assistant U.S. attorney, Jacques Simmelman; and Howard Adelman, a columnist for *The Jewish Press*.

A sixth person on the list involved with the Atta case has not been identified.

Atta, who also uses the name Mahmoud el-Abed Ahmad, is a suspected member of the Abu Nidal terrorist organization, which has promised it would respond to Atta's extradition.

Israeli reserve colonel convicted of illegal sale of arms and info

TEL AVIV (JTA) — An Israel Defense Force reserve officer was convicted by the Jerusalem Magistrates Court last week on three counts of exporting military equipment and expertise without the requisite licenses.

Lt. Col. Yair Klein, who sent arms and military know-how to Colombia and the Caribbean island nation of Antigua and Barbuda, pleaded guilty to the charges related to the shipment to Colombia and will be sentenced on December 27. He faces up to three years in prison on these charges.

He had asked the court to add the charge of illegal shipment to Antigua to the indictments related to Colombia, so that he could be sentenced on all four counts together and avoid a further trial. But the court will meet again to hear the Antigua charge. The weapons were shipped in April 1989 from Antigua to Colombia.

An associate of Klein's, reserve Lt.

Col. Yitzhak Shoshani, will be tried later this month on similar charges.

Klein's conviction follows a lengthy Israeli investigation into his activities and interrogation by U.S. government officials. Last month, an Antiguan panel sitting since July found that several Israelis in Miami, including Klein, arranged the weapons shipment with officials of the Antiguan government.

The weapons consignment, estimated variously at \$200,000 and \$353,700, was authorized by an Antiguan government official who identified himself on official papers as Antigua's minister of national security. There is no such position in that country.

The Antiguan official inquiry into the shipment also found that the Israelis were involved in efforts to set up a military training school there with possible intent to train drug traffickers. The school was never opened.



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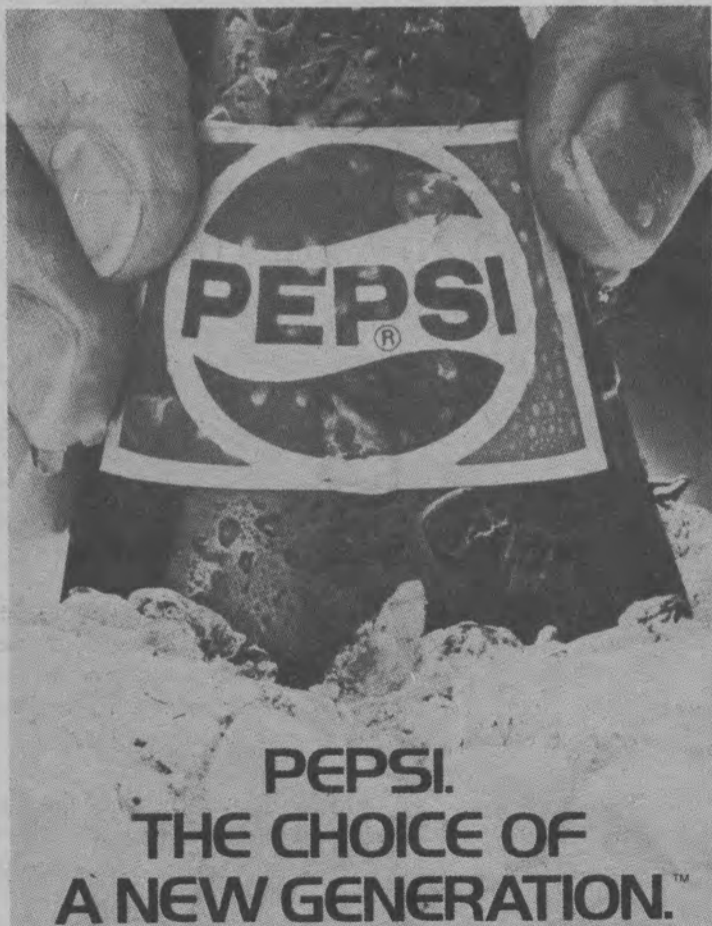


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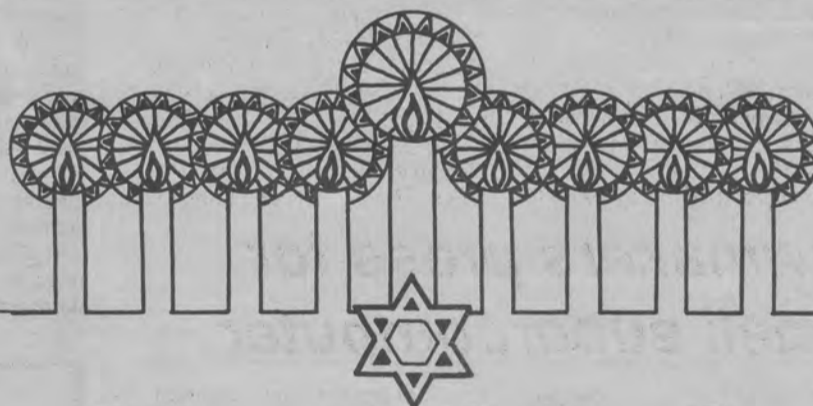
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In L.A., Milken know for munificence

By TOM TUGEND

LOS ANGELES (JTA) — Michael Milken, the junk-bond wizard who was sentenced last month to 10 years in prison, is judged in his hometown more by his good deeds than by his felonies.

Milken was born and still resides in the suburban San Fernando Valley area of Los Angeles, which has benefited greatly from his wealth. Through his three charitable family foundations, he has been the largest benefactor of the city's Jewish institutions.

Up-to-date figures on the capital and disbursements of his foundations are hard to come by, but by the end of 1987 they had totaled close to \$100 million in some 200 different programs, with \$183 million remaining in assets.

During the past three years, Milken has actually stepped up his rate of giving. It is estimated that currently more than 500 programs, about half in the field of education, are recipients of his largess.

No more than 25 percent of all grants have gone to Jewish institutions or programs, but even that fraction is enough to rank Milken as the community's No. 1 giver.

The major beneficiaries are the Jewish Federation Council of Greater Los Angeles, which received \$5 million in one grant alone to erect the Bernard Milken Jewish Community

Campus, named for Milken's father.

Next in line is Stephen Wise Temple, which has received grants in the millions of dollars. Milken, his brother Lowell, and their families are long-time members of the Reform congregation. Their children attended its day school, and, until his conviction, Michael Milken frequently showed up as a volunteer math teacher.

Other large recipients include the United Jewish Fund, the University of Judaism and Valley Beth Shalom Temple (both Conservative institutions) and the Simon Wiesenthal Center for Holocaust studies. In a typical gesture, Milken secretly purchased, for \$165,000, a set of letters written by Anne Frank for the Wiesenthal Center's planned Museum of Tolerance.

Lesser but still substantial sums have gone to the American Jewish Congress, Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, Hebrew college, Jewish old-age homes and Jewish day schools.

There is no complete inventory of Israeli programs aided by Milken, but according to Metukah Benjamin, the Wise Temple educational director and a good friend of the Milkens, the list is substantial.

Included are three schools and a teacher-incentive program in the West Bank settlement of Ariel; science and computer labs in Druse

villages; and the Gesher educational center, designed to bridge religious differences within Israel.

There is a Milken Wing at the Assaf Harofeh hospital, as well as major funding for the Children's Medical Center, the ILAN sports center for the disabled, Everyman's University in Tel Aviv and the Yad Vashem Holocaust memorial authority.

When Milken was first indicted on securities fraud charges, there was considerable concern that the government might freeze the millions of dollars received by educational and charitable groups, on the grounds that Milken's money was obtained illegally. Apparently these fears have proved unfounded.

In contrast to many large Jewish givers, Milken has generally kept a low profile, has lived unostentatiously and has largely shunned personal publicity. His charities for various programs are customarily acknowledged merely by a line in small print, "Funded by the Milken Family Foundations."

Rabbi Isaiah Zeldin of Wise Temple some months ago spoke for most beneficiaries when he described Michael and Lowell Milken, the wealthiest congregants in his affluent congregation, as "very modest people, who are loyal to their friends and deeply concerned with Jewish education. They really are good Jewish boys."

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Ethnic groups issue statement on repeal of UN resolution

NEW YORK (JTA) — A joint statement released by 36 ethnic groups in the United States urged repeal of U.N. Resolution 3379, the 1975 General Assembly resolution equating Zionism with racism.

The statement, read on behalf of the endorsing groups at a meeting at the U.S. Mission to the United Nations, charged that the anti-Zionist

resolution bred anti-Semitism and other forms of racial hatred.

The meeting, sponsored by the American Jewish Committee, coincided with the 15th anniversary of the resolution's passage in November 1975.

The signatories included black, Hispanic, Mexican, Cuban, Puerto Rican, Polish, Latvian, Lithuanian,

Greek, Japanese and Vietnamese civic, fraternal and anti-defamation organizations in the United States.

"This resolution has produced widespread anti-Semitism, which all who value freedom and pluralism must join to repudiate," the statement said.

The resolution serves to promote attacks against Jews on college campuses, extremism in the Middle East and historical revisionists who compare Israel to Nazi Germany, the statement added.

Lawmakers press for Israeli supercomputer

(NER) — In a letter to President Bush, seven Senators urged the expedited release of export licenses for the sale of supercomputers to three Israeli universities. The Administration has delayed action on the export licenses for over a year, forcing Israeli scientists to travel abroad to conduct complex research in a number of areas. The letter, initiated by Sens. Frank Lautenberg (D-NJ) and Connie Mack (R-FL), was signed by Sens. Kent Conrad (D-ND), Bennett Johnston (D-LA), Joseph Lieberman (D-DE), Don Nickles (R-OK) and Arlen Specter (R-PA).

"It is our understanding that all three Israeli universities are prepared

to adopt appropriate safeguards to ensure that any supercomputer shipped to Israel is used solely in conformity with the terms of its export license," wrote the Senators. The letter cites U.S. export of supercomputers to nations such as India and Saudi Arabia as evidence that Israel is subject to a "double standard which is both unjust and contrary to basic U.S. security interests." The letter concludes: "We cannot understand why Israeli mathematicians, physicists, and biologists are being denied access to the American technology readily available to their counterparts in Saudi Arabia, Abu Dhabi, and India."

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Shamir warns Egypt, Jordan on recent attacks

By JOSEPH POLAKOFF

Special to The Jewish Voice

WASHINGTON — Three attacks by Arabs against Israel within 24 hours last month brought warning to Egypt and Jordan from Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir to prevent infiltrators from entering Israel and a

suggestion to Cairo from the State Department to take quick action regarding the murderous assault by an Egyptian border policeman.

Three Israeli soldiers and a civilian were killed by the Egyptian gunman in the last of the three attacks November 25-26. Crossing the border

into Israel north of the Red Sea port of Eilat, the Egyptian wearing a police uniform and armed with a Kalashnikov rifle ambushed passenger cars and a bus. He was wounded by an Israeli security guard in the bus and escaped across the border into Egypt near Taba.

The night before, Israeli seamen sank a speedboat carrying at least five members believed belonging to the Palestinian terrorist group headed by Ahmed Jibril. The boat was coming from Lebanon. That morning, a woman bearing explosives approached an Israeli patrol in southern Lebanon but apparently blew herself up, injuring two soldiers and a civilian. The Syrian Social Nationalist Party claimed responsibility for the suicide attack. The party has been linked to the destruction of Pan Am flight 103.

Referring to the Egyptian gunman and gunmen who had crossed from Jordan and killed two Israeli soldiers earlier this month, Shamir said he will demand Egypt and Jordan take care such matters do not happen again. Shamir noted propaganda against Israel by the governments of Egypt and Jordan underlay the attacks.

While neither Shamir nor other Israeli leaders blamed Egypt's government, Foreign Minister David Levy pointed out that infiltrators are the enemies of peace as Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak has said but that they must not be allowed to take action from Egyptian territory.

At the State Department, Deputy Chief Spokesman Richard Boucher said about the Egyptian that "the U.S. condemns this barbarous and terrorist attack." He did not com-

ment on the other two incidents. Without mentioning Egypt he said about the attack near Eilat "it is important that the facts be known and those responsible be brought to justice expeditiously." He noted that Egypt is questioning the suspect and "is in touch with Israel."

The Israeli Army's chief of staff, Lieut. Gen. Dan Shomron raced to the scene of the Eilat incident and heard details from passengers in the vehicles about the time the Cabinet in Jerusalem was approving his successor, Gen. Ehud Barak, the current deputy chief of staff. Barak, who will succeed Shomron next April when his normal four-year-term ends, is from Israel's Sephardic community. He was a paratrooper and attended Stanford University as a post-graduate student.

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Annual UN debate on 'Palestine' concludes with typical rhetoric

By ALIZA MARCUS

UNITED NATIONS (JTA) — The General Assembly's annual debate on "The Question of Palestine" was wrapped up Monday after three days of impassioned speeches from over two dozen representatives calling for a settlement to the longstanding conflict between Israel and the Palestinians.

Yoram Aridor, Israel's new U.N. ambassador, responded by reminding those gathered in a half-empty General Assembly chamber of the Palestine Liberation Organization's calls for "the killing of Jews." He criticized both the United Nations and Arab states for attacking rather than accepting Israel's hand in the search for a settlement to the Arab-Israeli conflict.

"When it comes to the treatment Israel receives at the United Nations, imagination has no limits," Aridor said in a speech last Friday.

But much of this year's debate was less about Israel's full-scale destruction and more about how to end the 3-year-old intifada, or Palestinian

uprising, which has claimed the lives of more than 400 Palestinians and 17 Israelis. Over and over again, speakers called on Israel to enter into negotiations with the Palestinians through an international Middle East peace conference.

"The urgency in finding a solution has become even more imperative in face of the gravity of the situation" that has developed in recent weeks, said the Egyptian ambassador, Amre Moussa. He referred to a report issued last month by U.N. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar that called for an end to the violence between Palestinians and Israelis.

"A just and lasting settlement of Palestine is a necessary prerequisite for insuring peace throughout the world," Moussa said in his speech last Friday.

This year's debate once again opened on November 29, the day 43 years ago that the U.N. General Assembly approved the partition plan for Palestine, splitting the British Mandate territory into two parts, one for the Jews and one for the Arabs.

The partition plan, which took effect May 14, led to immediate war between the fledgling Jewish state and its Arab neighbors. When it ended January 7, 1949, Israel's borders stretched beyond what was originally granted by almost 50 percent, while Jordan occupied the West Bank and East Jerusalem, which was to have been part of a Palestinian Arab state.

Since that time, November 29 has been marked in the United Nations by an annual debate on Palestine, and over the decades various groups and conventions associated with Palestinian rights have sprung up and taken their place within the United Nations. November 29 is now also considered by the United Nations as the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People.

"It's one of the oldest items on the U.N. agenda," said a U.N. spokesperson.

Although most of the speakers taking part in the General Assembly debate hailed from non-aligned or Arab countries, the position of the European Community was set forth by the Italian ambassador, Vieri Traxler, whose country has assumed the E.C. presidency through the end of December.

"The 12 (E.C. nations) stress the inadmissibility of territories occupied through force," Traxler said Friday.

Referring to the flood of Soviet Jewish emigres to Israel and Palestinian fears that the Soviets will be settled in the West Bank, precluding some sort of Palestinian state there, Traxler said the E.C. members "recognize and support the right of Jews to emigrate, but not at the expense of the Palestinians in the occupied territories."

The General Assembly is now expected to take some action on the Palestinian issue, such as a resolution calling for greater movement on the part of the United Nations toward publicizing the Palestinians' position. But General Assembly resolutions are non-binding on member states.

The Security Council, meanwhile, has not yet voted on the latest resolution addressing Israel and the Palestinians, which was under consideration last week but pushed aside so that the council could vote on a resolution approving the use of force to dislodge Iraq from Kuwait.

The latest resolution stems from a November 16 proposal put forth by four non-aligned members of the Security Council, in which they called for the appointment of an ombudsman to oversee the position of the Palestinians in the administered territories.

That resolution, introduced by Colombia, Malaysia, Yemen and Cuba, will probably be amended in line with a Finnish proposal calling for the appointment of an ombudsman "in principle."

Israeli officials have expressed dismay over the latest attempt by the Security Council to involve itself in issues Israel believes fall solely within its own jurisdiction.

The Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations released a letter last Friday calling on President Bush to veto any such resolution on the Israeli-Palestinian issue.

The group, a coalition of 46 national Jewish organizations, said the effect of such a resolution would be "to keep the Arab-Israeli conflict on the Security Council agenda and deflect the focus from Iraq's aggression."

While the United States has not indicated which way it would vote, it has over the past two months supported two resolutions criticizing Israel for excessive use of force against Palestinians, a move attributed to the desire of the United States not to shake its Arab coalition against Iraq.



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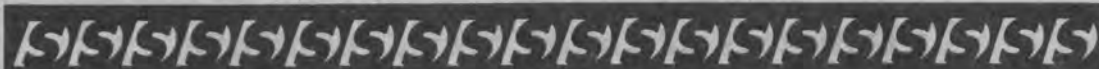
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Major's views seen as likely to match Thatcher's on Israel

London Jewish Chronicle
LONDON (JTA) — British policy toward Israel is unlikely to change much under John Major, who replaced Margaret Thatcher on November 28 as prime minister. But leaders of British Jewry seem to feel that no matter how friendly and attuned to Jewish concerns Thatcher's hand-picked successor may be, he will not be able to match the so-called "Iron Lady's" empathy with Jews, which is rooted in shared values.

The British government announced that it was renewing diplomatic relations with Syria immediately, but sources at the Foreign Office stressed there was no connection between the move and Thatcher's departure.

Thatcher had always opposed the resumption of relations, which were broken off in 1988 in the face of evidence of Syrian involvement in the abortive attempt to blow up an El Al airplane at London's Heathrow Airport.

Douglas Hurd, who is to remain foreign secretary in the new government, told Parliament on November 28 that Britain had received a "confidential account" of the Syrian position on the attempt to blow up the plane, as well as "confirmation that Syria rejects acts of international terrorism and will take action against the perpetrators of such acts that are supported by convincing evidence."

The restoration of ties with Syria follows closely on President Bush's meeting on November 23 in Geneva with Syrian President Hafez Assad. Both countries would appear to be shoring up ties with Damascus in appreciation for its support in efforts to isolate Iraqi President Saddam Hussein.

The Persian Gulf crisis is likely to remain the top international priority of the British government under Major. Like Thatcher, he is said to favor focusing on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict only after Iraq withdraws its forces from Kuwait or is defeated in a military confrontation.

Major's stance on Israel is largely unknown. His stint at the Foreign Office, from July to October 1989, was too short to reveal clearly his views on the Jewish state and the Arab-Israeli conflict.

"We really do not know much of his thinking on the Middle East or what he feels about Israel," said a senior Israeli official here. "We will be waiting to see not only what positions Mr. Major adopts, but who he appoints to key foreign policy positions."

Before he joined the Cabinet, Major visited Israel, as part of an official parliamentary delegation, and the West Bank, as a guest of Palestine Liberation Organization leader Yasi Arafat. The Foreign Office is playing down the significance of this visit, saying he was one of a number of legislators who accepted the invitation.

The Foreign Office is also playing down reported sharp exchanges last year at the opening of the U.N. General Assembly between Major, then foreign secretary, and his Israeli counterpart at the time, Moshe Arens.

On domestic issues, Major opposed Nazi war crimes trials in Britain by voting initially against the enabling legislation supported by the government. When the War Crimes Bill came up for a second reading in the House of Commons last March, Major failed to cast a vote either way. But parliamentary observers pointed out that a number of prominent politicians, including Jews, opposed such trials in principle.

Regardless of how supportive for Jewish concerns Major turns out to be, his predecessor will be held in deep affection by British Jews. They already regard her tenure, the longest of any British prime minister in this century, with nostalgia.

The "Iron Lady" rarely shed tears in public. Jews recall one occasion, however, when a group of Soviet Jewish mothers described the agony of having their sons held captive in the Soviet Union. Profoundly moved, Thatcher listened and wept silently as they told their stories.

During her incumbency, the doors of No. 10 Downing St. were always open to Jews from the Soviet Union and to delegations seeking to help them. Soviet Jewry campaigners were astonished by the persistence with which Thatcher pressed Soviet leaders to let their Jewish citizens leave if they wished to.

Before making an official visit to Moscow, the prime minister always asked for lists of current Jewish refuseniks and insisted on meeting with them. For this, she earned the disapproval of Mikhail Gorbachev, probably the only Soviet leader with whom she got along.

Some have attributed Thatcher's visible concern with an issue that profoundly troubled Jews during her decade in office to the sizeable "Jewish vote" in her Finchley North London constituency. But such a cynical view is derided by those who know her.

Thatcher herself traces her sympathy for the Jewish people to a time just before World War II when Edith Muehvaer, an Austrian Jewish girl, wrote a poignant appeal for help. Muehvaer was the pen pal of the young Margaret Roberts' sister. After she wrote about the Nazi threat, the future prime minister's father, an alderman, invited her to stay with the family. It was then that Margaret learned at first hand about the tragedy unfolding for European Jewry.

When she was first elected to Parliament for Finchley, Thatcher paid 10 shillings — about \$1 — to be the first subscriber to the Anglo-Israel Friendship League and was elected its president.

In one of her earliest public tributes

to the Jewish state, Thatcher maintained that "Israel has achieved more in the 16 years of her existence than most states achieve in a century."

Her secretary of state for Scotland, Malcolm Rifkind, once observed that Israel "is the very embodiment of Margaret Thatcher's own values — self-help and hard work." According to Rifkind, Thatcher and Israel share two characteristics: "stubbornness and enterprise."

The prime minister was an enthusiastic member of the Conservative Friends of Israel. She joined the Friends of the Hebrew University and became a patron of the Tel Aviv University Trust.

Thatcher visited Israel both as an opposition leader and while in the government. She took genuine pleasure in the fact that her daughter Carol lived on a kibbutz for some time.

On her official visit to Israel in 1986, Thatcher was told by Shimon Peres, who was prime minister at the time, "Our people have taken you to their hearts."

Her itinerary took her to Ashkelon, a coastal city heavily populated by immigrants. There she spiritedly endorsed the efforts of British Jews in the Joint Israel Appeal's Project Renewal.

Thatcher appointed a record number of Jews to Cabinet office. It is widely accepted that her political and moral outlook was shaped to a significant degree by two Jews: Lord Joseph and Lord Jakobovits.

Keith Joseph was her early political mentor. The policies that came to be known as "Thatcherism" might well have been labeled "Josephism."

Thatcher, an archconservative in politics and economic matters, made no secret of her admiration for the Jewish ethic of close family life, hard work, self reliance and initiative articulated by Lord Immanuel Jakobovits, the recently retired chief rabbi of Britain and the Commonwealth.

She was said to be perfectly happy with commentator Hugo Young's description of the chief rabbi as, "in effect, the spiritual leader of Thatcherite Britain."

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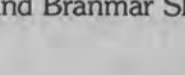
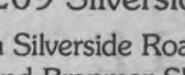
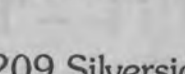
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Israeli leaders are deeply troubled by Bush overture to Saddam Hussein

By DAVID LANDAU

JERUSALEM (JTA)—Israelis were profoundly shocked by President Bush's announcement last Friday that he was ready to send Secretary of State James Baker to Baghdad for talks with Saddam Hussein and also willing to meet in Washington with Iraqi Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz.

The unexpected development was discussed by deeply troubled Cabinet ministers at their weekly meeting on December 2.

While no one agreed with Science and Energy Minister Yuval Ne'eman's characterization of Baker's mission as a "Munich," the delicacy of Israel's position was stressed by Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir in his summary of events.

Shamir spoke with caution. But according to reports from the Cabinet room, the prime minister noted sourly that the American move was a complete surprise to Israel.

As several newspapers pointed out, Shamir once again was not among the regional leaders Bush telephoned personally over the weekend to explain his actions, though Baker did send his Israeli counterpart a letter containing reassurances.

Bush's overture to Iraq was made in the context of a hard-won U.N. Security Council resolution authorizing member states to use force to evict Iraqi forces from Kuwait if they have not withdrawn by January 15.

The Iraqis, after a show of swagger, readily accepted the offer. They suggested that the talks also deal with

the issue of a Palestinian homeland but got a strong rebuff on that from Vice President Dan Quayle.

Bush stressed at his Friday news conference that Baker's journey "isn't a trip of concession" and pledged the United States will never waver from its demands that Iraq get out of Kuwait, restore the legitimate government and free all hostages.

Baker said in an NBC television appearance December 2 that the only reward Saddam Hussein could expect if he complied fully with every U.N. resolution was that the United States would not attack him.

But many Israeli commentators seem convinced that the United States is in fact about to negotiate with the Iraqi leader, which it had said it would never do.

Levy did not disclose its contents. He told reporters last Sunday that the secretary of state sought to "calm and reassure" Israel and that he had good reason to believe that U.S. "policy regarding Iraqi aggression has not changed."

The foreign minister stressed at a meeting Sunday with visiting U.S. Sen. Orrin Hatch (R-Utah) that the entire region would be imperiled if Hussein is left with his unconventional military potential intact.

The reference was to his ability to wage chemical warfare and the possibility of his acquiring nuclear weapons in the near future.

Levy said he also was convinced that the United States remains steadfastly opposed to any linkage between the Kuwait issue and the dis-

day on the proximity of Shamir's upcoming private meeting with Bush to the projected U.S.-Iraqi dialogue in Washington, Baghdad or both places.

Bush said he would be willing to send Baker to meet with Hussein "at a mutually convenient time" between December 15 and January 15. He invited the Iraqi foreign minister to meet him in Washington during the latter part of the week of December 10. Bush is scheduled to meet with Shamir at the White House on December 11.

This very coincidence will strengthen the impression that Israel wants most to avoid; that there is linkage between the Persian Gulf crisis and the Israeli-Palestinian dis-

reaching goal of ridding the region of Hussein and his huge army with its dangerous military potential.

Margalit reflected a mounting fear in Israel that time is running out for a hard-line stance against Iraq. He noted the departure of its staunchest advocate, Margaret Thatcher, who resigned last week as prime minister of Britain.

The Agudat Yisrael party newspaper *Hamodia* said Bush's decision is "very worrying for Israel, because from Israel's viewpoint, the best solution would be the elimination of Iraq's aggressive power, so that it cannot in the future be a threat to Israel."

The Agudah joined Shamir's Likud-led coalition on November 18 and its newspaper could be said now to reflect government views.

Bush's move seems to have been driven by both diplomatic and domestic political needs.

He said at his news conference that he was "going the extra step" for peace to "de-isolate" Hussein and make sure he had received the message that nothing short of total withdrawal from Kuwait would prevent war.

But the move also was needed to quell concern in the United States that the president was rushing headlong into war. The initiative, moreover, was intended to solidify the coalition against Iraq by addressing complaints that insufficient emphasis was being placed on the possibilities for peace.

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Despite tough language emanating from Washington, some observers here surmise the way has been opened to reach some sort of mutual face-saving deal that might free Kuwait but would leave Iraqi military power intact and a greater menace than ever to Israel.

Those fears evidently were not entirely relieved by Baker's letter to Foreign Minister David Levy over the weekend.

pute over Israel's retention of the territories it captured in 1967.

He may have been referring to Quayle's statement Saturday on the Cable News Network that while Baker would be willing "to discuss all aspects of the Gulf crisis" on his visit to Baghdad, "Palestine is not an issue on the table."

"There is no linkage," Quayle emphasized.

In that connection, however, *Davar* columnist Amir Oren focused Sun-

day, Oren wrote in the Labor Party-affiliated daily.

Dan Margalit, a leading political columnist in *Ha'aretz*, argued that Bush made his gesture toward Baghdad to win over sections of U.S. domestic opinion not reconciled to the use of force against Iraq.

He concluded that while Bush and Baker have not abandoned their declared goal of forcing Iraq out of Kuwait, the offer to negotiate implies that they are forgoing the more far-

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Behind the headlines:

Orthodox Union debates its image within larger Jewish community

By HOWARD ROSENBERG
WASHINGTON (JTA) — The Orthodox could improve their image among non-Orthodox Jews if they stopped trying to block the national Jewish consensus on various issues, an official of a non-Orthodox Jewish group advised last week.

An Orthodox Jewish leader countered that the American Jewish establishment should pay as much attention to Orthodox concerns as it does to non-Jewish issues.

The spirited exchange took place at the 92nd national convention of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, which convened here during the Thanksgiving holiday weekend.

Speaking at a two-hour session entitled, "The State of American Orthodoxy: As Others See Us," were Gary Rubin, national affairs director of the American Jewish Committee, and Nathan Lewin, a Washington attorney who has argued a dozen cases before the Supreme Court, many on behalf of Orthodox Jews.

Rubin, who, like Lewin, is Orthodox, said the Orthodox Union could improve its image among the non-Orthodox if it stopped vetoing policy statements before the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council.

He chastised the O.U. for some of its actions at meetings of NJCRAC, the policy-planning umbrella group for 13 national Jewish organizations and 117 local Jewish community councils.

Under NJCRAC rules, consensus among constituent groups is necessary for it to take public stands on issues. The O.U. is the lone Orthodox member of NJCRAC.

In particular, Rubin chided the O.U. for blocking NJCRAC last year from joining a coalition on housing rights because the coalition was planning a major march on a Saturday.

Although no other Jewish group in NJCRAC supported the idea of a march on Shabbat, the O.U. was concerned about the perception that would be created if NJCRAC embraced the housing coalition, Rubin said.

Rubin also criticized the O.U. for blocking NJCRAC last year from participating in a civil rights commemoration for two Jews and a black who were killed in Mississippi during black voter-registration drives in the mid-1960s. The O.U.'s concern was

that the ceremony, for Michael Schwerner, Andrew Goodman and James Chaney, was being held outside a church.

Rubin praised the O.U. for adopting resolutions that deal with social justice, such as AIDS and the homeless, saying the O.U. takes action "as a sacred religious obligation, something to which my knowledge very few organizations do."

But Lewin rejected the notion that O.U. should be expanding more energy on such issues, saying such a focus would create the perception "that our agenda is trivial."

He chided proponents of the "national Jewish agenda" for being less concerned with the needs of Orthodox Jews than with "the success of the United Farm Workers, the battles for improvements in the civil rights laws and whether silent prayer should be permitted in the public schools."

Lewin criticized Jewish federations for only starting to fund Jewish day schools 20 years ago; and only after the growth of Solomon Schechter Day schools in the Conservative movement.

He also blamed the American Jewish Congress for arguing so strongly against government endorsement of religion that is helped the Supreme Court reach a decision this past spring to uphold an Oregon statute that bars native Indians from using the peyote drug in religious rituals.

Jewish groups fear the decision could set a precedent that would allow states to prosecute Jewish religious practices, such as the drinking of Kiddush wine by minors, that technically violate local ordinances.

Lewin was backed later at the session by David Luchins, one of the O.U.'s representatives to NJCRAC meetings and special assistant to Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan (D-N.Y.).

Luchins accused NJCRAC constituent groups of being rapidly opposed to an O.U.-sponsored resolution that stated, "Racism is a violation of Torah principles."

Several organizations informed us that they were going to use their veto power to object to the word "Torah" in a resolution of NJCRAC," he said. He accused those groups of intolerance toward resolutions that are

"laced with halachah," or Jewish law.

Sidney Kwestel, the O.U.'s outgoing national president, said NJCRAC has recently begun "to touch upon areas where we can't live. Abortion we can't live with. They've gone into an area and they don't represent the Jewish viewpoint."

Lawrence Rubin, NJCRAC executive vice chairman, responded in a telephone interview by saying that NJCRAC "doesn't deal with religious issues as such."

NJCRAC has had a "pro-choice position for quite a long time and the O.U. has dissented from that position as long as we've had it," he said.

Kwestel also said of NJCRAC, "They've decided to stick their nose into Israel and the whole issue of the civil rights legislation in Israel," referring to a recent plank adopted by NJCRAC urging electoral reform in Israel.

Rubin of NJCRAC responded by saying NJCRAC's intention is not to suggest what form electoral reform should take, but that the issue needs to be addressed.

The O.U.'s differences with a fellow Orthodox group, Agudath Israel of America, also were highlighted by Lewin and others.

Lewin said Agudath Israel was slow to support the right of U.S. soldiers to wear yarmulkes. The group refrained from joining a suit that reached the Supreme Court a few years ago, because of concern that such an accommodation might encourage Orthodox Jews to join the military and eschew their observant practices.

Lewin said the O.U., in turn, has been slow to support a truth-in-kosher-labeling bill recently introduced Congress by Rep. Stephen Solarz (D-N.Y.) that was drafted by Agudath Israel.

David Zweibel, counsel and director of government affairs at Agudath Israel, confirmed in an interview Friday from the group's convention in Parsippany, N.J., that the O.U. has been "slow" to move on the bill.

But he said he has "every reason to think we will have their endorsement" when the bill is reintroduced in Congress next year.

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A whopping 59.7 percent of Jewish homes contain prune juice, as opposed to only 26 percent of non-Jewish homes.

The "pantry study" is conducted

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Hillel, Chabad to celebrate Hanukkah on U of D campus

The two Jewish organizations on the University of Delaware campus — B'nai B'rith Hillel and Chabad-Lubavitch of Delaware — will light a Hanukkah menorah together on Tuesday evening, December 11, the first night of the eight-day holiday. The menorah, built by students, will be lit in the first public menorah-lighting on campus in the Ewing Room of the Student Center at 5 p.m. U. of D. president David Roselle and all faculty members have been invited to attend.

During the school week of December 10 to 14 the two organizations will distribute Hanukkah kits to stu-

dents on campus. According to Hillel Director Ruth Kirschner, the kits will enable the students to celebrate Hanukkah while they are away from home."

According to Rabbi Chuni Vogel, Director of Chabad-Lubavitch, a giant Hanukkah card will be signed by those attending the campus menorah-lighting and other Chabad-sponsored events and will eventually be sent to Jewish soldiers in the Saudi Arabian desert as part of the Operation Desert Shield.

Hillel will also hold a Hanukkah Party with traditional fare and games

on Thursday, December 13.

Chabad has planned its annual Shabbat Hanukkah Feast on Friday, December 14, at Chabad House at 630 Leigh Road in Newark.

On Monday evening, December 17, Chabad will host a latke party for students at Chabad House.

All Hillel programs are open to the entire Jewish community. Jewish students who are interested in participating should call the Hillel office at 453-0479. For more information on the programs and projects of Chabad-Lubavitch, call the Chabad office at 478-4400.

'Being Jewish at Christmas' at National Jewish Museum

Time was when December 25 featured only mistletoe and holly, sugarplums and elves. These days, though, there are other alternatives for the date. The National Museum of American Jewish History will present its ninth annual Christmas Day program from noon to 5 p.m. "Being Jewish at Christmas" offers Museum visitors a menu of fun and entertainment — without a single candy cane in sight!

Singers Saul Brody, Esther Halpern and Jackie Pack, accompanied by Glenn Borden, will perform and storyteller Claudia Reder and her "Magic Circle" of story drama will entertain the younger set. Two films, "Lights" and "Hanukkah at Bubbe's," will be shown throughout the day and complimentary bagels will be served.

Visitors are invited to browse through the Museum's exhibits. "The

American Jewish Experience" presents a panorama of three centuries of Jewish life in America. "Contemporary Artifacts," the Museum's tenth annual Judaic craft show and sale, is a display of ceremonial pieces used in Jewish ritual created by more than 100 contemporary artists. "Pictures for the Book of Life" is an unusual and sometimes whimsical collection of Jewish New Year cards from 1870 to 1940.

This year's "Being Jewish at Christmas" celebration is free with regular Museum admission of \$1.75 for adults, \$1.50 for students and seniors, and \$1.25 for children 5 through 12. Admission is free for children under 5 and for members. The National Museum of American Jewish History is located at 55 N. 5th Street between Arch and Market Streets on Independence Mall East. For more information, call (215) 923-3811.

Chabad programs planned around Delaware community

Chabad-Lubavitch of Delaware has planned a number of Hanukkah events which extend beyond the University of Delaware, according to its director Rabbi Chuni Vogel.

On Wednesday, December 12, at 3:30 p.m., there will be a Hanukkah program at the Forwood Manor Nursing Home. Following that, there will be a program at the Kutz Home. The programs are open to the entire community.

The annual Chabad-sponsored latke party will be held at the Vogels' home on December 12 at 8 p.m. and is also open to the community.

On Thursday, December 13, at 3 p.m., there will be a menorah-lighting ceremony in the lobby of the Wilmington Hospital followed by a Hanukkah program for doctors, staff and patients at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Elsmere.

On Saturday evening, December 15, Chabad will sponsor a Hanukkah celebration at the Christiana Mall. A giant menorah will be lit in the mall, just outside Macy's. The program, which will begin at 7:30 p.m., will include jugglers, songs, latkes, and the distribution of dreidels, gelt and balloons. A giant Hanukkah greeting card will be signed by all participants and then sent to Jewish soldiers participating in Operation Desert Shield.

On Sunday, December 16, at 2 p.m., there will be a Hanukkah party for children at the Vogels' home, 1306 Grinnell Road, Green Acres. At 5 p.m., Chabad will host a latke party for Soviet Jewish immigrants. Rabbi Baruch Gorkin, from the Soviet Union, will explain the holiday and its history and significance. He will also discuss his experiences as a Soviet immigrant to the United States.

The menorah-lighting in the lobby of the Christiana Hospital will take place on Monday, December 17 at 4 p.m. Doctors, staff, patients and relatives are invited to attend.

Chabad will sponsor senior Hanukkah programs for Jewish residents of the Leader Nursing Home and Foulk Manor South on Tuesday, December 18. Throughout the eight-day holiday volunteers will also visit patients in area hospitals and Jewish inmates in Delaware correctional facilities. Menorah will be displayed by Chabad in several supermarkets and hospitals, including Wilmington, Christiana, Pelleport and the A.I. duPont Institute, with the cooperation of Jewish doctors and the Medical Center of Delaware.

Hanukkah guides and kits may be obtained by calling the Chabad office at 478-4400.

Medical Center hospitals will celebrate Hanukkah

The Medical Center of Delaware will be conducting special activities for Jewish patients and staff during the festival of Hanukkah, December 11 through 18. The celebration will feature a menorah lighting ceremony on Thursday, December 13, at 3 p.m., in the Wilmington Hospital lobby and on Monday, Dec. 17 at 4 p.m. in the Christiana Hospital lobby.

A closed-circuit television feature on the meaning of Hanukkah will air each evening of the festival and menorahs will be lit near sundown in the lobbies and chapels of the three hospitals of the Medical Center

throughout the holidays. Hospital cafeterias will be decorated and the traditional potato latkes (pancakes) and applesauce will be served during that week.

Chaplain Rheva Cook will visit Jewish patients at all three hospitals during the holiday, bringing a Hanukkah gift from the Pastoral Care Department of the Medical Center.

Family and friends of Jewish patients are invited to attend the Menorah lighting ceremonies. If there are any special holiday requests, telephone the Medical Center's Pastoral Care Department at 428-2780.

Kutz Auxiliary to sell baked goods

The Auxiliary of the Milton and Hattie Kutz Home has announced plans for two bake sales, with proceeds to benefit the Home's programs.

On Sunday, December 9, from 1 to 4 p.m., the Auxiliary will be selling home-made cakes and cookies at the

Jewish Community Center's Chanuka Choopla.

On the following Sunday, December 16, at 1 p.m., a bake sale and raffle will be held at the Home. Prizes of \$200, \$100 and \$50 will be awarded at the raffle drawing. A limited number of tickets will be sold

at the door. Entertainment for residents and guests will be provided by the Beth Emeth Youth Choir which is under the direction of Jack Burnam and by Britt Saffer who will perform a magic show.

These events are open to the entire community.

Singles' Hanukkah party

A Hanukkah reception for Jewish singles in their 20s through 40s will be held Tuesday, December 18, beginning at 6:30 p.m., at the Charles and Elizabeth Gershman YM & YWHA Branch, Jewish Community Centers of Greater Philadelphia, at Broad and Pine Streets in Philadel-

phia.

The reception will begin with the traditional candle lighting. Potato latkes and wine will be served and some games will be played. Small unisex grab bag gift items of \$3 and under will be welcome. For reservations, call 545-4400.

Choirs to perform for Interfaith Housing

The Interfaith Housing Task Force of Delaware, the non-profit developer of housing for low and moderate income families, is holding its first fund raising event, on Sunday, December 9, at 7 p.m. at the Grand Opera House. This concert, a Festival of Joy and Thanksgiving, will feature Delaware choirs of all faiths.

The concert plans include a two-part program with a brief intermission. Individual choirs will perform during the first half, and massed choirs

under the direction of Guest Conductor John E. Floreen of Rutgers University will be featured during the second half.

Participating choirs in the event include Beth Shalom, Concord Presbyterian, Concordia Lutheran, First & Central Presbyterian, Immanuel Episcopal, St. Mary Magdalene, Methodist Hispanic Mission's Voces Divinas, Red Clay Presbyterian, St. Mark's United Methodist, St. Mary of the Assumption, St. Thomas the Apostle, St. Stephen's/St. Mark's

Lutheran and Eighth Street Baptist.

The audience will have the opportunity during the second half to join in a sing-a-long with a Celebrity Chorus.

General admission tickets are available for a tax deductible contribution of \$10 per ticket. Tickets may be purchased at the door.

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Goldbaum

Judith Goldbaum of Wilmington, Delaware, a member of the B'nai B'rith Women (BBW) Executive Board, has been named to represent BBW on the B'nai B'rith Hillel Commission. The commission serves as a policy-setting body of the Hillel Foundations.

In announcing the appointment, BBW President Harriet J. Horowitz stated, "BBW's commitment to perpetuate Jewish values in today's youth makes our representation on this commission especially important. The choice of Judith Goldbaum to serve as one of our delegates to the commission is a tribute to her leadership, support, and involvement with BBW."

Panitz-Bleich

Deena Rebecca Panitz and Mark Alan Bleich were married on Sunday, November 4, 1990 at Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Synagogue. Rabbi Leonard B. Gewirtz and Cantor Morris Markowitz of Wilmington and Rabbi Philip Pohl of Olney, Maryland, officiated.

Their parents are Bernard and Sylvia Panitz of Wilmington, and Walter and Reta Bleich of Olney, Maryland.

Matron of honor was Mrs. Debra Panitz Fredman of Birmingham, Alabama, and maid of honor was Beth Panitz. Bridesmaids were Cindy Bierman of Greenbelt, Md., Amy Bleich of Greenbelt, Md., Jennifer Finn of Gaithersburg, Md., and Mary Stelmachowitz of Laurel, Md.

Best man was Ron Tishman of Greenbelt, Md. Ushers were Harold Cohen of Baltimore, Md., Bruce Herzig of Gaithersburg, Md., Elliot Rothschild of Baltimore, Md., Joel Panitz and Gary Panitz of Wilmington.

Deena's Grandparents are the late Rev. Ezekiel and Nettie Panitz and the late Bernard and Sadie Freeman, all of Baltimore. Mark's Grandparents are the late Isadore and Minnie Bleich of New York and the late Meyer and Sara Smelkinson of Baltimore.

Deena is a graduate of Concord High School, Wilmington, Gratz Hebrew High School, and a 1988 magna cum laude graduate of the University of Maryland, College Park. She is a programmer analyst with the Computer Science Corporation. Mark graduated from Magruder High School, Olney, Maryland, and the University of Maryland, College Park, Md. He is employed by the Federal Government.

After a West Coast honeymoon cruise, the couple is residing in Greenbelt, Maryland.

U of D Jewish Studies Program announces spring course offerings

The Spring 1991 semester courses to be offered in the Jewish Studies Program at the University of Delaware have been announced by the program's Director, Sara Horowitz.

"Introduction to Jewish Philosophy," a course required for minor concentration in Jewish Studies, will be offered on Tuesday evenings, from 7 to 10 p.m. Electives offered in the spring include "Issues in Contemporary Jewish Studies," for which the day and time will be announced;

"Contemporary American Jewish Novel," on Tuesday from 2 to 5 p.m.; "Film of the Holocaust," Tuesday from 7 to 10 p.m.; "Elementary Hebrew I," Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9:05 to 9:55 a.m. and Thursday from 9 to 9:50 a.m.; and "American Jewish History," Tuesday and Thursday from 3:30 to 4:45 p.m.

Fifteen credits are required for a minor concentration in Jewish Studies. There are two required courses,

one in ancient and one in modern texts, which are three credits each. The remaining nine credits may be drawn from elective courses in Jewish studies, including courses in Jewish culture (literature, art, film and folklore), on contemporary issues of the Jewish community and in Jewish history and social sciences.

According to Horowitz, independent study and special problems courses may also count toward the

Jewish Studies minor with her approval.

The Jewish Studies Program is open to all students at the University and to the entire community. Adult learners and auditors are welcome to participate, Horowitz said. For registration information, contact the University of Delaware Registrar's Office at 451-2131. For more information on the Jewish Studies Program, contact Horowitz at 451-6965 or 451-2457.

Chabad adult series continues

Chabad-Lubavitch announces the continuation of its adult lecture series on Wednesday, January 2, at 7:30 p.m. in the J.C.C. Rabbi Dr. J. Immanuel Schochet will once again be the guest lecturer and the title of his talk will be "The Jewish Mystical Dimension"—the theme of his three-volume set of books recently published by Kehot Publications.

Schochet was born in Switzerland where he received his early education. Upon the completion of his Rabbinic training at Yeshiva in Brooklyn, he pursued his post secondary education at Waterloo University in Canada. Schochet holds several degrees in religion and a Ph.D in philosophy. He is currently the spiritual leader of the Kielcer Congregation in Toronto and professor of philosophy at Toronto's Humber College. He is also visiting professor of bio-ethics at the University of Toronto and of Jewish Philosophy

Director of Chabad-Lubavitch of DE. Schochet is also an adversary of cults and missionaries and is a frequent guest on radio and television.

Schochet has earned a reputation as a "dynamic, powerful and thought provoking speaker," Vogel said. "His logical and somewhat humorous presentations have made him a much sought-after speaker on the lecture circuit and he is returning once again to Wilmington by popular demand."

The lecture is open to the entire community and there is no charge. For more information, call the Chabad office at 478-4400.

and Mysticism at Malmonides College.

Schochet is the author of over 20 books and numerous articles in professional publications. His most recent book, "The Mystical Dimension," have received wide acclaim for its scholarly and clear approach, according to Rabbi Chuni Vogel,

Women's program on 'Mikveh'

On Thursday evening, December 20, Chabad-Lubavitch will co-sponsor a women's education program with the Jewish Family Service. Haddassah and ORT. The evening will feature a talk by Rivka Slonim of Binghamton, N.Y. Her topic will be "Mikvah: Its Mystery and Mystique." Refreshments and a question and answer period will follow the presentation.

Slonim was born and raised in Brooklyn, N.Y. She received her education in the Beth Rivkah Academy and graduated from the Teacher's College in 1981. She has lectured extensively on Jewish women's issues, marriage enrichment and interpersonal relationships and is a regularly featured speaker at women's conventions and retreats. She is currently co-director of the Chabad House and Student Center at SUNY-Binghamton with her husband Rabbi Aaron Slonim.

According to Oryah Vogel, a program coordinator, the topic of Mikvah is, for most people, "at best an ob-

scure and long-lost relic of Jewish history. It has more myths and misconceptions than any other part of our culture and it's time that changed." Throughout our history, "it was something so central to the community, that a Mikvah was built even before the synagogue. The Jews besieged in Masada, even under their extreme conditions, built a Mikvah," added Vogel.

For some, "observance of Mikvah is a link in a historical golden chain of Jewish women who, throughout the ages, braved circumstances and hardships for the continuity of this tradition," Vogel said. For others it is a revitalizing factor in their intimate relationships and not contingent on other aspects of religion.

The program will take place at the home of Rivkah Ini, 411 Irving Dr., Brandywine Hills, at 8 p.m. Reservations must be made by Monday, December 17. To reserve, or for more information, call Vogel at 478-4400, Connie Sugarman at 529-1177, or Myrna Ryder at 478-2890.

Judaism and Feminism 101

Jewish Family Service and the Jewish Community Center are co-sponsoring a program entitled "Judaism and Feminism 101" on Monday, December 17, at 7:30 p.m., at the J.C.C.

The discussion will be led by Harriet Ainsbinder and Yvette Rudnitzky and will introduce the basic concepts of feminist criticism of Judaism. According to the organizers, this is a very complex, interconnected issue

and the leaders will begin to highlight the basic points. The focus will be on three main areas: Torah, Israel and God. This program is meant to provide a challenge to living Judaism by examining traditional Judaism and asking some primary questions. The cost for the program is \$2.50.

For more information, call Myrna Ryder, at Jewish Family Service, 478-9411, or Lynn Greenfield, at the JCC, 478-5660.

Kutz Home needs volunteers

Marge Maerov, Director of Volunteer Services at the Milton and Hattie Kutz Home, has announced that volunteers are needed at the home to

assist residents in Shabbat services and other observances. For more information, call Maerov at the Kutz Home at 764-7000.

'Operation Overcoat' at Beth Shalom

The Community Relations Committee of Congregation Beth Shalom has announced its recent project, "Operation Overcoat." The theme of the campaign is "A coat can be a home. A coat can save a life."

Overcoats, warm jackets, sweaters and sweatshirts are currently being

accepted to be donated to Sojourners Place, Wilmington's new shelter for the homeless. Adult sizes (especially men's) are requested and may be new or used but clean.

The items may be left at Beth Shalom, 18th and Baynard Blvd. in Wilmington through December 13.

NCJW musical meeting

The annual musical program of the Wilmington Section, National Council of Jewish Women, will take place on Wednesday, December 19, at 7:30 p.m., at the home of Jean Blumenfeld, President of the Wilmington Section WCJW, 732 Taunton Road, Wilmington.

To make reservations, call 478-

3835.

The scheduled musical program will present Herb Wolfson, baritone, accompanied by Verna Schenker, pianist. An admission charge of \$5 minimum contribution is suggested.

The proceeds of which will benefit the Battered Women's Shelter in Wilmington.

Hillel to participate in annual UJA campaign

B'nai B'rith Hillel at the University of Delaware will sponsor a UJA Shabbat dinner to honor Soviet Jews on Friday evening, December 7. Alexander Shtarker, a new American now living in Delaware, will be the guest speaker. His topic will be

the plight of Soviet Jewry.

This program will be the kick-off event for the UJA campus campaign which will conclude with a phonathon in the spring.

For more information, call the Hillel office at 453-0479.

Women's Rosh Chodesh services

The Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth women's tefillah group will celebrate Rosh Chodesh (the new month) every month with special services.

Rosh Chodesh Tevet will be celebrated on Monday, December 17. This service, which coincides with the Judaism-Feminism 101 program, will be held at the Jewish Community Center. The service will begin at 7

p.m. and the program will follow.

All women in the community are invited to attend this and future Rosh Chodesh services at AKSE. Upcoming dates are January 15 (Shvat) from 8 to 9 p.m., February 14 (Adar) from 8 to 9 p.m. and March 16 (Nissan) during Shabbat morning services with a special kiddush following.

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Absorption minister: One-third of Soviet immigrants not Jewish

By GIL SEDAN

JERUSALEM (JTA)—A potential powder keg was lit last month in Moscow by the Israeli minister of absorption, Yitzhak Peretz, who claimed that 30 to 35 percent of Soviet immigrants coming to Israel are not Jewish.

"I am in shock," the minister said, according to a report by *Yediot Achronot's* Moscow correspondent Amnon Kapelyuk.

Following a visit to the Israeli Consulate in the Soviet capital, Peretz said the problem necessitates a change in the Law of Return, which says any Jew is entitled to Israeli citizenship.

Soviet Jews have heavily intermarried over the 70 years of Communist rule and are frequently the offspring

of non-Jewish mothers, which makes them non-Jews as defined by the Israeli rabbinate and Jewish tradition, apart from the Reform movement. The Reform movement accepts as Jews the children of Jewish fathers and non-Jewish mothers, but this is not accepted in Israel.

Peretz has long championed changing the Law of Return to say that a Jew is one born of a Jewish mother or converted according to *halacha*, or Jewish law.

An independent member of the present Likud-led government, Peretz quit the Orthodox Shas party last year. As interior minister in the previous Likud-Labor unity government, he defied Israel's High Court of Justice by refusing to register as Jewish an American immigrant converted

by a Reform rabbi.

But now Peretz is complaining that not only are non-Jewish members of Soviet immigrant families gaining entry to Israel but also people with no family connections whatsoever to Jews.

Describing the Soviet Jewish phenomenon as a tragedy, Peretz told *Yediot Achronot*, "This hurts me. It is a source of endless trouble. We are filling the country with non-Jews which will result in intermarriage in Israel," he said.

His statements drew angry reactions from Labor Knesset Members Arie (Lova) Eliav and Ya'acov Tsur, who urged Premier Yitzhak Shamir to fire Peretz for his "irresponsible comments."

Barbie, says he has cancer, asks for release from prison

By EDWIN EYTAN

PARIS (JTA) — Klaus Barbie's lawyer plans to ask for his client's release from prison so that he can be treated for terminal cancer. But the chances seem slim that he will succeed.

The 76-year-old former gestapo chief known as the "Butcher of Lyon" was convicted in 1987 of crimes against humanity and is serving a life sentence.

He is receiving chemotherapy for blood cancer. Defense attorney Jacques Verges says he has asked Professor Leon Schwartzberg, who is Jewish and one of France's best-known doctors, to treat Barbie. According to Verges, "it is not a question of a pardon but of allowing a 76-year-old man to undergo treatment in normal conditions."

Schwartzberg, a world-renowned oncologist, confirmed November 26 that he was contacted by Verges. He said he would reply only after getting an official request from the Justice Ministry.

A wartime resistance fighter who lost his parents and most of his family in Nazi concentration camps, Schwartzberg has the reputation of being a "very humane" person.

The 66-year-old former health minister was fired by Prime Minister Michel Rocard in 1988 for expressing his personal views about the treatment of AIDS, which differed from official government policy.

Deputy Minister of Justice Michel

Kiejman, who also is Jewish and lost family members in the Holocaust, said November 26 it "seems highly unlikely" that Barbie would be released from prison on medical grounds.

Medical pardons are very rare, Kiejman said. The only concession the penitentiary might make is to allow a terminally ill prisoner to meet with family members, he said. It also appears virtually certain that President "Francois Mitterrand would never pardon Barbie or commute his sentence. It was Mitterrand who engineered Barbie's extradition from Bolivia in 1985.

Mitterrand ordered him tried for his role in the deportation of thousands of French Jews to concentration camps, including 52 children from a child hostel in Izieu.

The French president demonstrated last month that he was determined to bring war criminals to justice whenever possible.

It was reportedly on his instructions that the prosecution did not appeal a court decision that the former head of the collaborationist Vichy police, 81-year-old Rene Bousquet, must stand trial in criminal court for crimes against humanity.

The prosecution had requested that a long-dormant special tribunal be revived to try Bousquet, a process which might have taken years. The request was rejected by the Court of Appeals, France's second-highest jurisdiction.



Historic federal building transferred to U.S. Holocaust Memorial Committee

WASHINGTON, D.C. — An historic federal building at one of the National Mall's busiest intersections — Independence Ave. and Raoul Wallenberg Place, S.W. — was transferred to the United States Holocaust Memorial Council on November 14 and will serve as the Administrative Center for the adjacent United States Holocaust Memorial Museum.

Formerly known as Annex III, the red-brick, Italian Renaissance-style structure, built in 1905, is only a few hundred yards from the Washington Monument. The Administrative Center overlooks the Lincoln Memorial, the Tidal Basin, the Jefferson Memorial and the White House.

The Council has committed itself to preserving the exterior of this three-story landmark structure, which was transferred to the Council by the General Services Administration. Design plans for the center were prepared by the architectural firm of Notter Finegold + Alexander Inc., of Washington, D.C., and Boston, specialists in renovation of historic structures, in association with Pei Cobb Freed & Partners, the architects of the Museum's main building. These plans have been approved by Washington D.C.'s historic preservation agencies, as well as the GSA, the National Capital Planning Commission and the U.S. Commission of Fine Arts.

Following major interior renovations, the Administrative Center, with approximately 42,000-square-feet of planned office space, will house most of the Museum's administrative offices. The main entrance will be on the building's south side facing the Museum plaza on Raoul Wallenberg Place (formerly 15th Street). The renovation is expected to begin this fall and to be completed in approximately one year. The Museum itself is scheduled to open in the spring of 1993.

The cost of renovation, estimated at \$3.5 million, is included in the \$147 million goal of A Campaign to Remember, the Museum's fund-raising campaign.

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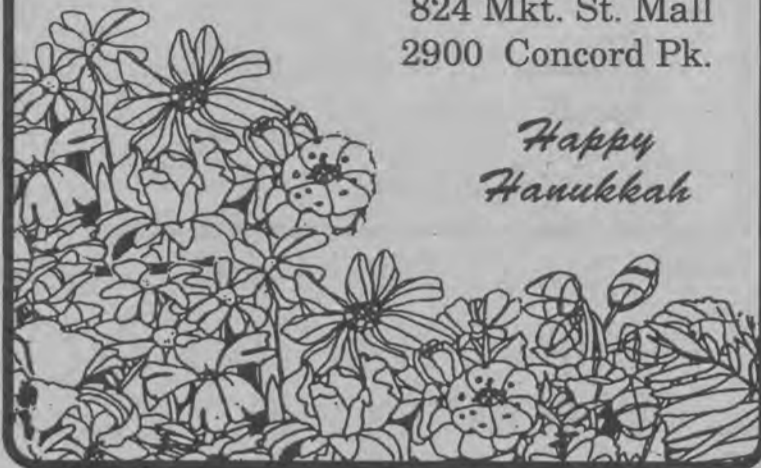
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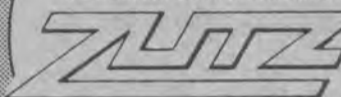
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Obituaries

Evelyn P. Sydel

Evelyn P. Sydel, 69, of Hartly, died November 10 at Christiana Hospital of injuries from a single-car accident on U.S. 13 near Boyds Corner. Mrs. Sydel was a homemaker.

Mrs. Sydel's husband, Frank, who was driving, was critically injured and admitted to Christiana Hospital.

She is survived by her husband; two sons, Ian C. Sydel of Dover and Robert A. Sydel of Camp Hill, Pennsylvania; a daughter, Leslie J. Arnold of Wilmington; a brother, Morris Pearlman of Baltimore; and six grandchildren.

Hermina Engel

Hermina Engel, 88, of the Kutz Home, died November 18 of respiratory failure in Wilmington Hospital.

Mrs. Engel, born in Hungary, had been a homemaker.

Her husband, Max, died in 1978. She is survived by a son, Sidney H. of Wilmington; three grandchildren and a great-grandson.

Arrangements were made by the Schoenberg Memorial Chapel. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions to the Kutz Home Auxiliary.

Rose Dyskant

Rose Dyskant, 83, of 3405 Society Drive, Wilmington, died November 19.

Mrs. Dyskant is survived by her daughter, Sandra Sadis of Toms River, New Jersey; a sister, Thelma Sugarman of Philadelphia; and two grandsons.

Arrangements were made by the Schoenberg Memorial Chapel. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions to charity.

Morris Cohen

Morris "Murray" Cohen, 74, of 114 W. 39th St., Wilmington, died November 24, of heart failure at Wilmington Hospital, where he was a patient.

Mr. Cohen owned and operated Cohen's Grocery Store at Ninth and Poplar streets from 1945 until 1956, when he joined his brothers at Cohen Brothers Furniture Store on North Du Pont Highway. He retired in 1975.

An Army veteran of World War II, he served under Gen. Mark Clark in the Battle of Anzio.

He was a member of Congregation Beth Shalom, Wilmington; Harry Fineman Post 525 of Jewish War Veterans; Nur Temple Shrine; and was a 32nd degree mason at Oriental Lodge 27 AF&AM.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy Cohen; a daughter, Diane Kenworthy of Fort Lauderdale, Fla.; two brothers, Herman and Joseph, both of Wilmington; a sister, Faye Stein of Wilmington; and a grandson.

Arrangements were made by the Schoenberg Memorial Chapel.

Instead of flowers, the family suggests contributions to Congregation Beth Shalom or Kutz Nursing Home.

Michael Conner

Michael Conner, 52, of 110 Bellant Circle, Fairhome, Greenville, died November 25 of an apparent heart attack in Christiana Hospital after being stricken at home.

Mr. Conner was a patent attorney for 19 years at the Du Pont Co. He was a member of Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Congregation; American Bar Association; American Intellectual Property Law Association; Ohio Bar; and a former board member of Albert Einstein Academy and United Way of Delaware.

He was a 1958 graduate of the University of Rochester, N.Y., and received a law degree in 1962 from the University of Cincinnati.

He is survived by his wife, Eileen T.; a son, Eric at home; his mother, Etta Cohen of Lauderdale Lakes, Fla.; and a sister, Susan Karben of Rye, N.Y.

Arrangements were made by the Schoenberg Memorial Chapel.

Instead of flowers, the family suggests contributions to The Kutz Home, Wilmington.

George Herz

George Herz, 62, of 5 Monticello Blvd., Jefferson Farms, in New Castle, died in Christiana Hospital on December 1.

He is survived by his wife, Laura A.; a daughter, Joyce L. Rogers; and a son-in-law, Jamie C. Rogers.

Instead of flowers, the family suggests contributions to the American Diabetes Association,

2713 Lancaster Ave., Wilmington 19805.

Louis Greenstein

Louis Greenstein, 81, of 1922 Gilpin Avenue in Wilmington, died December 3.

Mr. Greenstein was a supervisor in the control division of Hercules until his retirement in 1970.

He is survived by two sons, Neil, of Hockessin; and Richard, of Wilmington.

Herman Daniel Lewis

Herman Daniel Lewis, 84, of 575 Oak Lane, Palm Aire, Fla., formerly of Wilmington, Del., died December 3 of respiratory failure in Broward General Medical Center, Fort Lauderdale, where he had been a patient.

Mr. Lewis owned and operated Milford Beauty Shop & School, 5 W. Fourth St., Wilmington, for 48 years. He retired in 1978 and moved to Florida.

He was a member of Congregation Beth Shalom and B'nai B'rith Lodge 470, both in Wilmington, and Mizpah Lodge 245, F&AM, in New Jersey.

He is survived by his wife, Martha; a son, Samuel of Pompano Beach; two daughters, Phyllis Smith of West Palm Beach and Alene L. Tecot of Centreville, Del.; a brother, Eli of Ventnor, N.J.; three sisters, Shirley Albert of Collingswood, N.J., Ida Sharp of Chevy Chase, Md., and Trudy Hoffman of Escondido, Calif.; and seven grandchildren.

Instead of flowers, the family suggests contributions to Congregation Beth Shalom, Wilmington.

Barbara Grossman

Barbara Grossman, 60, of Palm Beach, Fla., died December 4 of heart failure in Baylor Heart Institute, Houston, Texas, where she was a surgery patient.

Mrs. Grossman had lived in Selbyville, Del., many years ago.

She is survived by her husband, Jack; a son, Howard of Pompano Beach; a daughter, Pamela Grossman of New York City; her father and stepmother, William and Rose Greenberg of New Haven, Conn., and a sister, Marilyn Robinson of Baltimore.

Instead of flowers, the family suggests contributions to charity.

Eichmann prosecutor dead

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Gideon Hausner, a prominent lawyer and former attorney general who won international fame for his prosecution of Nazi war criminal Adolf Eichmann in 1961, died here November 15 after a long illness at the age of 75. He was buried at the Mount Herzl cemetery.

Hausner served four terms in the Knesset as a member of the Independent Liberal Party, and was a minister-without-portfolio in the governments of Golda Meir and Yitzhak Rabin.

Named attorney general in 1960,

Hausner began prosecuting his most famous case the following year, when Eichmann was put on trial in Jerusalem.

In his opening statement, Hausner declared, "I do not stand alone here in denouncing this man. Beside me stand the 6 million who can no longer stand here to accuse him."

Eichmann was executed May 31, 1962, and Hausner subsequently wrote a book about the trial, "Justice in Jerusalem," which was published in 1966.

Hausner, who served as chairman of the Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial Foundation, had no qualms about tackling world powers whose

policies he considered harmful to Israel or the Jewish people.

In 1983 he headed an international commission that planned to put the Soviet Union on public "trial" for "violations" of its own laws by the persistent persecution of Jewish culture and the Hebrew language.

Earlier that same year, he was sharply critical of the Reagan administration for banning the sale of F-16 fighters to Israel.

He charged that President Reagan and Vice President George Bush failed to absorb "the main lesson of the Holocaust," which according to Hausner was that only a strong Israel can protect the Jewish people.

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Fighting for the right to the Temple Mount

A profile of the chairman of the Temple Mount Faithful

By JONATHAN MARK
The New York Jewish Week

The world chairman of the Temple Mount Faithful, whose announced intention to lay a cornerstone of the Third Temple began the chain of events condemned by the United Nations, is not an Israeli Orthodox fundamentalist but a Reform Jewish businessman from Brooklyn who has retired and moved to Florida.

Monroe Spen, 72, among the few active Messianics to emerge from the non-Orthodox camp, remembers growing up in Brooklyn during the 1920s, when street brawls were

commonplace among the many ethnic groups fighting for turf.

"The advice my parents gave me was: 'Don't ever fight with the goyim. Hide. Run. Get away.' That's the way my parents were brought up. There were no proud Jews. They were all scared."

Spen says that the building of a new Temple would make Israel a place "where Jews can be proud instead of being the wimps they are. I tell you, the Jews are mostly wimps."

Once, Spen says, Jews were afraid of goyim in Brooklyn; now, "they're afraid of world opinion."

"The silly thing is, for me to be involved in this makes no sense whatsoever," he says. "I'm not religious, and everyone assumes you have to have a religious angle. Religious, not religious—it doesn't matter to me."

Spen charges that it is only the propaganda of his enemies that have labeled the Temple Mount Faithful as Orthodox.

Spen recalls that he received no more than perfunctory Hebrew school education as a prelude to a perfunctory bar mitzvah. His primary Orthodox role model, his grandfather, turned Spen off. The old man was "a fanatic. He was in his own world. All he did was pray. He didn't even know what was going on around him. I don't even look upon that as religious. I look at that as fanatical—just like the Saudis. He'd make all kinds of demands on me, such as wearing tzitzis, and I rebelled. After I turned 13, I said enough already."

Long into middle age, Spen remained aloof in his private exile. His rebelliousness never dimmed. He moved out of Brooklyn in 1956. He refused to visit Israel: "I figured, who wants to see a bunch of old guys with beards? I saw enough of them in Brooklyn when I was a kid."

Then came 1967. In the wake of the seemingly miraculous Six-Day War, Spen's world changed. Suddenly, the Messiah had come; Spen was sure of it: "I not only think he came, I know he came."

The arrival of a Messiah was, of course, not acknowledged with equal definitiveness by traditional Jews. After centuries of Messianic reports that have sent spiritually weary communities into rapture, only to have them crash when the reports proved false, virtually all Jewish leaders have warned against uneducated Messianic speculation.

Spen, who admits that his religious education virtually ended with his Bar Mitzvah, nevertheless was scornful of those who were still "sitting and waiting for some (jerk) to come on a white donkey; that was just a Grimm's fairy tale." He'd decide for himself.

In 1971, Spen joined a UJA mission to Israel for philanthropists and potential givers. Touring the pre-war borders, he saw how seemingly indefensible they were, while in the clear Middle Eastern sky Israeli pilots flew in formation as the sun sparkled off the aircraft metal. A manufacturer of military hardware, trailers and trucks, Spen was impressed.

"Militarily, Israel has nothing to fear," he said at the time. Spen loved seeing the young Sabras whose pride and posture seemed to mock his memories of pale and timid Brooklyn Jews. Spen believed that even if the Messiah had yet to reveal himself, who cared? This new breed of Israeli Jew was proof enough.

Then Spen went to Jerusalem. Taken to the Western Wall, he wanted to go higher, to the Temple Mount itself, where a ram appeared to Abraham in a thicket, where David and Solomon created Israel's golden age. That everyone told him he couldn't go there only piqued Spen's desire.

"The tour organizers and guides would say, 'Don't go up there, it's not your business.' I said, 'Isn't it supposed to be a holy shrine, 'Next Year in Jerusalem' and all that?'"

Spen heard the "ultra-religious" tell him not to go on the Mount, and he heard the "peaceniks" tell him the same. "So I said to myself, 'I got to see what the hell it's about.' I went up there and started looking around and asking questions. And I see that you're not allowed to be a Jew up there. If you wear a tallis and hold a prayer book, the Israeli cops throw you out."

About five years ago, after several more trips to Jerusalem, Spen took stock of the Islamic religious domination of the Temple Mount and decided: "There's something cockeyed here that I don't understand."

Like a successful businessman, he figured he needed only money and a plan. He threw a party, inviting all Jews who were interested in reasserting Jewish control over the Mount. "I figured the party would cost me a couple of hundred bucks," remembers Spen. "We had it in some Arab restaurant in the Old City."

Among those invited were Meir Kahane, the Ateret Kohanim group that was studying the technicalities of biblical sacrifices in anticipation of a Third Temple, and various right-wing activists and politicians. (About a dozen members of the Knesset currently support Spen's group.)

Kahan said he would come, and then a lot of Spen's supporters backed out because of Kahane. Spen told them: "I will not turn out any Jew because you like him or don't like him. I'm very firm about that."

But creating a Temple Mount coalition of Jews who were willing to put aside their other disagreements was too Messianic for even Spen. He decided to place his financial clout behind a small group called the Temple Mount Faithful, led by Gershon Salomon, a Conservative Jewish professor who wanted control of the Temple Mount for its nationalist symbolism rather than its ritual use. Spen became "world chairman."

According to Spen, the Faithful are Jews of every denomination, Reform, Conservative and "kind of Orthodox, but not the kind of Orthodox you'd expect. They don't have to go through all the ritual mumbo-jumbo. They're modernized—regular people."

"I gave them seed money. They don't know how to raise money; they're a bunch of nice guys. One of the best investments I made for them was to buy them a bullhorn, so when they holler ... they can be heard. When I see that bullhorn in the (television and newspaper) pictures, I kvell."

Spen explained that the Temple Mount is "not a very holy shrine for the Arabs; they just make believe it is. Just because the Jews want to go up there, all of a sudden it is very important to (Arabs). Before we got organized to reclaim it, it was a junkyard, it was a dump yard. Nobody cared. Nobody could go up there."

In Florida, Spen was a member of

a Reform congregation, but "I don't have a rabbi anymore because my rabbi refused to allow Kahane to speak" in the synagogue. "So I'm friends with my rabbi, but I tell him 'I don't look on you guys as Jews if you don't open your door to another Jew'."

It was left-wing Jews, according to Spen, who have thwarted the Messiah: "Because the Jews turned their back on God," God turned his back on the Jews.

"God delivered the Temple Mount, the Suez Canal, the whole Sinai. Israel should have said to the world, 'Go screw.' But what do they do? They invite the Arabs back, give back the Sinai, give back the Temple Mount, and resume acting like the wimps they are; they couldn't stand success."

"Finally we have a nation that can stand up and be counted," says Spen, "but when we have the upper hand, we're too stupid to use it. The Arabs should (be transferred) out of Israel, the same way there are no Jews in Jordan or Saudi Arabia."

As for the actual creation of the Third Temple, Spen is surprisingly indifferent. Although he says that the Temple Mount Faithful's announced intention to lay a cornerstone was serious and not simply a provocation, Spen says there are no further plans, and he is ambivalent as to the Temple's physical or spiritual dimensions.

Spen's Temple is a symbol, something for civic pride rather than prayer, not unlike like the full-scale copy of the Parthenon temple built in Nashville. Whether a new Jerusalem Temple is built like Solomon's Temple or like a Reform temple in the Florida suburbs is for others to decide, says Spen. But who?

"Jews," Spen answers. "Just Jews. I don't care about different kinds of Jews. That's the trouble: right away, it's Orthodox, Conservative, Reform, blah blah blah. Just Jews. We look to make our own arguments and split hairs. Just Jews. I don't care one way or the other. That's just crap, just window dressing."

"Please," says Spen, talking to his critics, "don't start breaking the Jewish nation apart. There are so few of us as it is. And you know why? Because we're wimps. The Russians (during the pogroms) killed us; we hid, we ran away. We sacrificed ourselves and gladly went to die for no good reason—through the years, with the Cossacks and the Holocaust, Jews hardly fought back at all."

Now, after midnight on a Saturday night, from his home in Sarasota, Fla., Spen is a guest on a radio call-in show, dismissing a Messiah question from "Rivka from Brooklyn."

Spen remembers Brooklyn, where old men waited for redemption and a Jew's worst enemy was an Italian bully in knickers. All Spen wants, he says, is for Jews to fight back, to fight for their rights on the Temple Mount, as if it were contested turf in a New York schoolyard.

As the aftermath of his Temple Mount dream ricochets around the world, the world chairman of the Temple Mount Faithful is at peace with himself.

"My parents would be very proud," Spen says. "They'd be ecstatic that I'm involved with Israel." (Jonathan Mark is associate editor of the New York Jewish Week, where this article first appeared.)

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Schultz

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ravaged economy under control in the mid-1980s, had some strong suggestions for the Israeli government, saying he felt by now that he was "entitled to give advice." He called for electoral reform, the privatization of the Israeli economy and a new concerted effort to reach a settlement with the Palestinians.

Arguing for electoral reform, Shultz said

Israel must construct a political system that allows "more decisiveness." He recommended merely raising the threshold percentage of votes Israeli political parties need to gain a seat in the Knesset.

Saying the Israeli economy is "tied up in knots," Shultz called for more privatization and less bureaucratic red tape. "Let it loose, so that Israel can soar," he said.

As for the Israeli-Palstinian conflict, Shultz said it is a "problem that will not go away."

Observing that there is "no military solution to this problem," he said, "There has to be a peace process going on."

But despite the failure of his own extensive efforts to bring about Israeli-Palestinian negotiations, Shultz seemed optimistic about the possibility of a settlement. "There's a solution out there waiting to be found," he said, adding, "You can only find it by direct negotiations" with the Palestinians.

The former secretary praised Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's April 1989 peace initiative, which he called "a great step potentially."

"I just wish I had the Shamir plan to work with, because it was very progressive," he said, appearing to hint that he might have taken it further than his successor, James Baker.

While he also blamed Israel for "backpedaling" on the plan, Shultz seemed to be telling the Bush administration that it will get nowhere in the peace process by bullying Israel. Rather, it should concentrate its efforts on building Israel's confidence.

Shultz did this by relating a story about how the Bush administration had tried to arrange a miniature peace conference at the time of

Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev's first visit to Washington.

Shultz said he flew to Jerusalem to try to persuade Israeli leaders of the need for such an "international umbrella" as a prelude to direct negotiations with the Arabs.

After many questions were asked and answered, Shamir finally came forward and told an expectant Shultz: "Go ahead, we trust you."

"That was it," the former secretary recounted, repeating the words, "Go ahead, we trust you."

The secretary said he felt he had had the same type of relationship with the American Jewish leadership.

"We made common cause," he said wistfully. "There developed a trust and good friendship and confidence I appreciated tremendously."

"I would like to take this occasion to express my respect and admiration for you," he told his Jewish listeners, who had presented him with CJF's new George Shultz Human Rights Award.

He concluded his emotional address by saying that while he had no desire to return to government, he had to admit, "I miss you guys." The audience responded with an ovation that lasted some five minutes.

Xanuka!

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Purim presents no problem, Pesah is also acceptable, even Pesach. Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur (although why the double P when there's only one P in Hebrew) are the norm, but poor Feast of the Maccabees.

I have a solution to propose. In Russian the letter X has the equivalent sound for the "KH" sound, or "CH" as in Bach, or Ich or Loch. So few words begin with X in English that this would solve the problem without causing too much confusion.

Make it XANUKA and you've got it. The X could also be used for foreign names and words using that sound that come into our language and need a precise spelling. Introducing the X would be the closest to the sound, which is what transliteration is intended to do.

Russians laugh XA, XA, XA and not CHA, CHA, CHA, which is related to the mambo. Why not establish the X as the equivalent for the sound from Hebrew? Let the conferences of rabbis, the Conference of Presidents of

Major Jewish Organizations, the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, Jewish Week, Hadassah, the Jewish Museum, the UJA, B'nai B'rith, Agudath Israel and all the other Jewish organizations and institutions plus the major American newspapers including *The New York Times* and the *Washington Post* decide once and for all that the way to write the eight-day holiday is Xanuka.

Or is that too much XUTSPA? If the "X" is unacceptable, let's settle on Khanukah and everyone will be Khappy. It is time that the Jewish people agreed on at least one thing. Who can tell where such agreement might lead?

HAPPY XANUKA!
(Gloria Donen Sosin, who serves on the board of NYANA, is a free-lance writer who often writes on Jewish themes.)
(Editor's note: The Jewish Voice's standard spelling for this holiday is HA-NU-KA-H. No exceptions.)

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Likud to Agudah. Labor Knesset member Emmanuel Zisman said the agreement violated the status quo between the rights of secular and religious Israelis.

But Likud rejected the criticism as "hypocrisy." The Likud Knesset faction recalled that when Labor Party Chairman Shimon Peres tried to form a coalition last spring he made the identical promises to Agudah.

The religious party in fact had agreed in principle to join a Labor-led government had Peres managed to form one at the time.

In the short run, Agudah's most important gains may be from the powerful positions given to the members of its Knesset faction.

Rabbi Menahem Porush was appointed deputy minister of labor and welfare. Rabbi

Shmuel Halpert was named a deputy minister in the Prime Minister's Office and put in charge of the powerful National Insurance Institute. Rabbi Avraham Verdiger was appointed deputy minister in charge of Jerusalem and Rabbi Moshe Feldman was made chairman of the Knesset's Finance Committee.



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Cantorial concerts in Eastern Europe revive Jewish hearts and souls

By SUSAN BIRNBAUM

NEW YORK (JTA) — Approximately once every three months, a Miami businessman turned impresario loads six chazzanim aboard an international flight bound for Eastern Europe.

The unusual troupe travels throughout Eastern Europe with one goal in mind: to touch the hearts of the greatest number of Jews.

Most of the Jews who hear the music of the Yiddish heart have not heard such music in countless years, and many of them have never heard it at all.

The musical journeys, the brainchild of Haim Wiener, an Israeli American who divides his time between Miami, New York and Tel Aviv, are non-profit projects endowed by Wiener's foundation, the Haim and Gila Wiener Foundation, and his other creation, the American Society for the Advancement of Cantorial Arts.

Wiener says he has created this unusual project in order to "lift the art of the chazzan from the synagogue to the concert hall."

During a nine-hour bus ride last June, on roads between Helsinki, Finland and Leningrad at the start of a three-week trip, Wiener retraced his history of the concert tours, which have succeeded in returning chazzanut to Eastern Europe.

Some 12 years ago, Wiener said, he was approached by his friend, the late chazzan David Kussevitsky, and asked to help arrange concerts in Israel. Wiener told his friend how the heyday of the chazzan had passed, however, and there was neither money nor interest in the venture.

But the two men had the interest of Tel Aviv Mayor Shlomo Lahat, Wiener's friend.

Together, the three men "decided

to form a foundation to preserve cantorial art," said Wiener. "I believed that cantorial music was a dying art, and every cantor confirmed it."

Following a series of concerts, the cantorial art had become so reinfused with vigor that Wiener, Lahat and the Minister of Religion Zevulun Hammer founded a cantorial training institute in Tel Aviv. The institute specialized in training cantors from Eastern Europe, which had given birth to the art of the chazzan only to see it silenced by the Nazis.

Wiener credits New York Rabbi Arthur Schneier with facilitating the return of chazzanut to Eastern Europe. Schneier, president of the Appeal of Conscience Foundation with entree to high government officials throughout Eastern Europe, "opened every gate," said Wiener.

In the Soviet Union, the rabbi connected Wiener with an unlikely partner, Konstantin Kharchev, then chairman of the Council of Religious Affairs.

Kharchev surprisingly had no opposition whatsoever to cantorial concerts. "Such a good heart," Wiener said of the Soviet.

However, recalled Wiener, Kharchev envisioned the concerts in synagogues. Wiener, however, wanted no less than concert halls, to turn chazzanut into "Jewish opera."

Kharchev introduced Wiener to the head of the V.I. Lenin Children's Fund.

The cantorial society would provide all the funding for the concerts. The children's fund would make all the arrangements, and would reap nearly all the profits.

Wiener was told to "get the best talent you have," and so he did. Beginning in 1987, he and others in the foundation began auditioning the



One of the oldest members of Moscow's Choral Synagogue (right) greets Haim Wiener, president of the American Society for the Advancement of Cantorial Arts, following a concert of Jewish liturgy by five of the world's master cantors in the opening program of a four-city cantorial festival in the Soviet Union. Wiener has founded a cantorial school in Israel and was a pioneer in organizing visits of great cantors from the United States, Canada and Israel to Eastern Europe in an effort to rejuvenate Yiddishkeit in countries where hazzanut and Jewish life flourished before the Holocaust.

most outstanding chazzanim in the United States, Canada and Israel for each tour.

Concert halls in Moscow and later cities in Poland and Romania filled up immediately with both Jews and non-Jews. The concerts were an unqualified success, and they broke new ground.

In Romania, through the influential offices of Chief Rabbi Moshe Rosen, gilded halls of marble and gold as well as simple auditoriums heard the voices of Jewish cantors performing religious and folk songs.

One permanent member of the cantorial team, Philadelphia chazzan Daniel Gildar, a former accompanist to Moshe Kussevitsky and an expert in cantorial accompaniment, has been

on all of the Eastern European tours.

"I consider it a great mitzvah," said Gildar. "To see the tears in the eyes of Jews who have not heard this kind of music in maybe 60 years is a reward in itself."

This summer's tour would a circuitous route through the Soviet countryside to Leningrad, then the Byelorussian capital of Minsk, the Black Sea port of Odessa, and Moscow.

From there, the cantors and others accompanying them traveled to Belgrade, Yugoslavia, where the Jews could not remember ever hearing this kind of concert.

In the small city of Subotica, about six miles from the Hungarian border, Hungarian-speaking Jews with blue numbers on their arms wept.

In Romania, a living museum, the chazzanim sang nearly hoarse as they made their way through the cradle of rebellion, Timisoara; the rustic town of Arad; a Holocaust memorial in Dorohoi; a grand opera hall in Cluj; and Iassi, where Yiddish theater was born.

In Bucharest in July, Wiener and Rabbi Rosen sat proudly in concert hall seats that had been set aside for 24 years for Nicolae and Elena Ceausescu. The Israeli Embassy sent all its staff.

In the Leningrad synagogue, a heimish shul with a neon Magen David atop the Ark, the concerts were also attended by notables.

At the first concert there last June, U.S. Consul General Dick Miles said, "Obviously, for the Jewish community, we make a special effort because of the special problems they have had."

Miles showed up with an unexpected guest, an old friend, veteran newsman Bernard Kalb.

Kalb, who had stopped briefly in Leningrad on a cruise, was astonished and thrilled to hear of the concert.

"I always go to synagogues, anywhere in the world," he said. "But I make a special effort for chazzanim."

Excited, Kalb whisked out his camera and began snapping away at everyone, the teen-agers and the very old, who were passing handkerchiefs among themselves.

As the concert came to an end, an elderly Russian non-Jewish woman ran up to one of the cantors, Pinchas Rabinovicz of Beverly Hills, Calif., whose extraordinary voice made people cry.

"This is the only time that I have ever heard chazzanut," she told him through an interpreter. "Now I know what a Jewish soul is."

More children of Chernobyl disaster brought to Israel

By CATHRINE GERSON

LOD, Israel (JTA) — As the large Aeroflot plane approached the landing runway, the excitement among the group on the tarmac grew. Girls in full denim skirts and long-sleeved tops and boys wearing large black kipot unfurled big banners and flags welcoming the passengers on this unusual flight arriving direct from Moscow.

The 74 pale children who slowly descended the staircase of Aeroflot Flight No. SU 5515 on November 6 were the second group of Jewish children from the Chernobyl area brought to Israel for medical treatment and new lives.

The first group, 196 Jewish children age 5 to 15 brought by Agudas Chasidei Chabad, the Israeli chapter of the worldwide Chabad Lubavitch organization, came here in August and settled at Kfar Chabad, a religious township some 15 miles south of Tel Aviv, where a special clinic was set up under the direction of Dr. Ze'ev Weshler, head of the radiology division of Hadassah Hospital.

Chabad is continuing its mission to rescue Jews — first and foremost the children — from the area around Chernobyl in the Ukraine, where the nuclear disaster took place in April 1986.

After spending three months in the Chabad village, the veteran "Children of Chernobyl" look and act like any other Orthodox children. Compared with their behavior only two months ago, the change is revo-

lutionary.

Back then, only a few were willing to talk to strangers visiting the village, and then only in Russian. Last week at the airport, many of these same children approached photographers and reporters with well-known Israeli "chutspa," volunteering information about themselves and begging to be photographed.

Marina and Sveta, both 14 years old and from the city of Mozyr, located less than 100 miles from the blast, met in Israel and quickly became best friends. Only three months ago, they suffered daily from bad headaches and nausea. Today, they appear healthy.

But although they feel fine now, medical studies of the children show that a high percentage of them suffer from internal disorders, including thyroid glands enlarged from absorption of radioactive iodine, liver deficiencies, skin diseases and problems of the immune system.

"Three or four times a week, we are having to take some of these kids to the hospital because a little cold or snuffle develops into pneumonia," said Yossie Raichik, associate director of the Chabad Youth Organization.

Radioactive winds from the leak quickly wafted the contaminated air from the Ukraine to adjacent Byelorussia, a major breadbasket of the Soviet Union. Residents of the area, especially children, have become increasingly ill from constantly ingesting good and water from the

area, and breathing the air.

Recently, the Byelorussian legislature declared the republic a "national ecological disaster zone." This, together with statements issued by Soviet doctors working in the area, have caused the Chabad organization to step up its effort to evacuate the Jewish children from the area.

The children who landed last month were accompanied by three Soviet doctors, who examined the children in the Soviet Union at a camp Chabad set up in Moscow.

The doctors are consulting with Dr. Weshler to collaborate on evaluating preliminary medical reports.

"Over 600 children have been registered with us by their parents," Raichik said. "Some 100 are already waiting in the camp we set up in Moscow." The camp was established as a result of psychological studies made in Kfar Chabad, which showed that a high percentage of the children brought here in August had suffered severe trauma due to the sudden separation from their parents and families.

"This time," one Chabad official said, "the children, most of them accompanied by their parents, first spent between seven to 10 days in Moscow, where we prepared them for their new lives in Israel."

Part of this preparation includes teaching the children some basic facts about Israel and Judaism. The camp instructors, most of whom arrived especially from Israel, also teach the children the kosher dietary laws and

dress codes.

Thus, the appearance of the 74 youngsters who stepped down from the plane last week was identical to that of any group of Orthodox Jewish children anywhere.

Only two of the girls who arrived wore trousers. The other 42 were all dressed in long denim skirts, just like Orthodox girls everywhere. All the 30 boys wore large black kipot and most of them displayed tzitzit hanging out of their shirts.

Had it not been for the full cheeks and loud voices of the veterans, it would have been impossible at first to differentiate between the two groups. But apart from their garb, everything else was different.

The veterans were energetically running around the airport while the newcomers slowly made their way to the chartered buses waiting to take them to their new home. Like most Israeli children, the old-timers talked in loud voices and laughed a lot. The new arrivals spoke in whispers and looked tired and serious.

The children now in the Chabad program are waiting for their parents to join them in Israel. Although they seem happy, most do not believe they will stay in the village when their parents arrive, saying they would rather live in a bigger city and in a secular environment.

Since the arrival of the first group, strong criticism has been voiced against the Chabad program for isolating the young children in Kfar

Chabad and allegedly "brainwashing" them. But since no other project to take Jewish children out of the contaminated area has materialized, even most of the non-religious Israeli public agrees that it is better to have living ultra-Orthodox children than dead or dying secular Jews.

Meanwhile, the plane that brought the children to Israel returned to the Soviet Union with seven tons of kosher food for the Jewish communities of Moscow and Byelorussia, an American spokesperson for Chabad said.

Concerned with those who cannot yet leave the affected area, Israel and other nations have entered into agreements with local Soviet authorities to set up clinics to treat those made sick by radiation.

An historic agreement was reached recently in Moscow between Kupat Holim and Soviet authorities to jointly run a hospital in the Ukrainian city of Gomel, near Chernobyl, to treat victims of the accident. The Soviet Union has also agreed to fully disclose to what extent recent Soviet emigres have suffered from the Chernobyl disaster.

Under the agreement, which takes effect December, an Israeli will be deputy director general of the hospital, a former rest home, which the two parties will jointly administer. The agreement also allows more children from Gomel to be treated at Kupat Holim's Beilinson Hospital in Petach Tikva.