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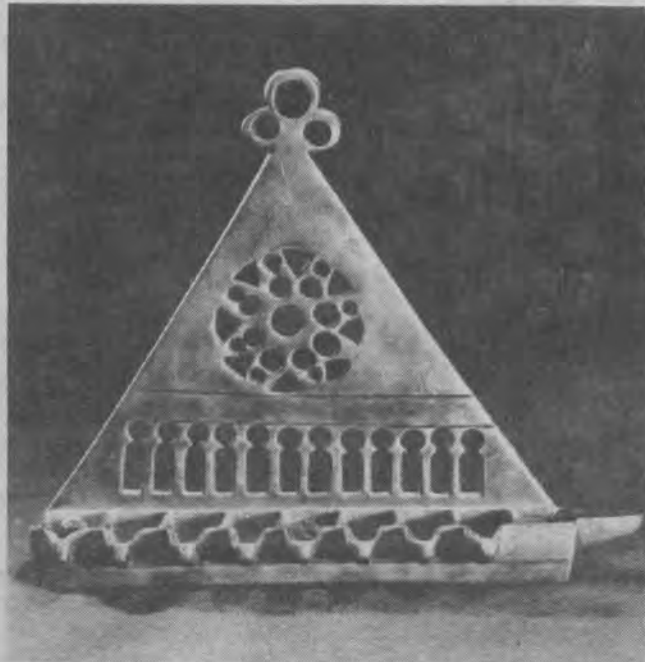
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Fourteenth century French menorah. The oldest in the museum's collection of Hanukkah menorahs from around the world.

## Centuries Of Hanukkah Lights

By CARRIE GLASSER

Menorahs — crafted in glass, clay, silver, stone, or any other substance, attest to the fact that religious, social and artistic expression are limited only by the materials and imagination of the artist. Ancient menorahs reveal attitudes and styles of the time and place in which they are crated. The collection of Hanukkah menorahs in the Skirball Department of Judaica at the Israel Museum of Jerusalem is a testament to the centuries-old celebration of the Festival of Lights in numerous countries.

The museum's oldest menorah, dating from the 14th century, is a small, triangular, bronze one from southern France. In the 14th century many French Jewish scholars and artisans settled in the south of France and produced decorated and richly illuminated manuscripts and other religious items. Their work was influenced by the architecture of the buildings that surrounded them. The menorah has a triangular back wall with a simply carved rose window and a row of horseshoe-shaped arch windows below. It reflects the facades of cathedrals of the late Romanesque and Early Gothic periods and the gabled roofs of the 14th century homes.

A Hanukkah lamp from eighteenth century Poland epitomizes a far different Jewish community. This large, brass menorah with two chimneys in its roof is fashioned as a facade of the wooden synagogues in Poland at the time, which were heated by large fireplaces. Animals from Jewish literature decorate the menorah — two lions guard the synagogue while graceful birds sit atop the frame. This Hanukkah lamp had a practical household use. Its Shamash candle, a ninth candle used to light the eight Hanukkah candles, probably served as a Shabbat candle as well, and its legs enable it to sit on a kitchen table or windowsill.

An Algerian copper and brass menorah from the nineteenth century depicts a two-story Moorish-style building. The lacelike facade is crowned by a dome with the star and crescent, the Islamic sym-

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## 1987 JFD Campaign Inaugural Held Dec. 14 At The Brandywine River Museum

The 1987 Campaign of the Jewish Federation of Delaware was officially launched Sunday evening, Dec. 14 at the Brandywine River Museum in Chadds Ford, Pa. Chairing the inaugural event were Bill and Judy Topkis; Dr. Steven and Miriam Edell served as vice-chairpeople. Zvi Kolitz, noted author, journalist, motion picture and theatrical producer, was guest speaker.

Addressing himself to the theme, "You think you've got problems?" Kolitz skillfully wove together Middle East politics, Russian and German history, Maimonides' *Guide to the Perplexed*, and article from that morning's *Sunday Times*, and a quote from Robert Louis Stevenson.

The Jews of Russia are supposed to have totally assimilated, said Kolitz. Lenin believed that within one generation only "physiological Jews" would re-



Zvi Kolitz

main, leaving no trace of spiritual or religious Judaism behind.

This relates to what Kolitz views as the root of Israel's problems in the Middle East: the Jews are not supposed to win wars. Jews and Christians are *dhimmi* — tolerated in Moslem countries as long as they accept and understand their second-class status. The Arabs cannot forgive the existence of a Jewish State and its victory in war, because their religion tells them that the children of Israel have been decreed for subjugation and humiliation.

Recently, Kolitz said, Syria's President Hafez Assad was quoted as saying, "The day is near when the Golan Heights will be in the center of Syria . . . The Israelis believe that the high point of their suffering was the *Shoah*, but they haven't seen suffering yet."

According to Kolitz, Yitzhak Rabin countered these comments with what amounts to a threat: "If the Syrians do what they say they will, we shall act madly."

"Remember," cautioned Kolitz, "Syria has 650 Soviet missiles and thousands of tanks. Israel, on the other hand, has had to cut her military budget in the last few years."

"When you make your gift to the Campaign,"

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## Link Between Iranian Informant And CIA Director Cited In Iranian Arms Case

By MARGIE OLSTER

NEW YORK, (JTA) — A defense attorney cited new findings of a link between an Iranian informant and the director of the Central Intelligence Agency, William Casey, in the latest development in the case of four Israelis and other international arms dealers charged with conspiracy to resell \$2.5 billion of American arms to Iran.

Ronald Kuby, attorney for defendant Nicos Minardos, filed a motion in Federal District Court here last Thursday to show that Cyrus Hashemi, the government informant in the case who posed as an Iranian arms purchaser, "was involved in

legitimate, government authorized shipments of arms to Iran."

The U.S. government prosecutors in the case have said they received approval for the resale of the weapons, some of which were located in Israeli stockpiles, from U.S. Administration officials, namely Vice President George Bush, former National Security Advisor John Poindexter, and Marine Corps Commandant Gen. P.X. Kelley.

The U.S. government prosecutor in the case, Lorna Schofield, has contended that the defendants' activities were not sanctioned by the U.S. government. Schofield has also said Hashemi was an informant used in a "sting" operation orchestrated by the U.S. Customs Department.

Kuby's motion referred to a report in a recent *Washington Post* which detailed Hashemi's connections with a close associate of Casey's, Canadian businessman Roy Furmark.

### Elements In The Motion

According to the motion, "On Dec. 10, 1986, one William Casey, director of the Central Intelligence Agency, appeared before the House Foreign Affairs Committee, and testified that some of the U.S. authorized arms sales were routed through a group of Canadian businessmen, with the help of one Roy M. Furmark, described as a former client of William M. Casey and friend for many years —

"Furmark, who apparently was operating with the full knowledge and approval of the government of the United States, was reportedly involved in an arms deal in 1985 whereby American arms would

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## Community Calendar

\*Jan. 16 - Federation Shabbat, 8 p.m., Congregation Beth Shalom.

\*Jan. 18 - SUPER SUNDAY, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Patterson-Schwartz 913, Delaware, Ave., Wilmington.

\*April 2 - Fiddler on the Roof, sponsored by the Jewish Community at the Grand Opera House.

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#### NOBEL ACCEPTANCE SPEECH

OSLO, NORWAY—Elie Wiesel gestures during his acceptance speech after receiving the 1986 Nobel Peace Prize Dec. 10. Fighting back tears, Mr. Wiesel accepted the prize for all Jews: "This honor belongs to all the survivors, to their children and, through us, to the Jewish people with whose destiny I have always identified." RNS PHOTO/Wide World

### Editorial

## Wiesel: Human Rights Violated Globally

OSLO — Elie Wiesel, the author, lecturer and humanitarian who has devoted most of his life's work to bearing witness to the Holocaust received the 1986 Nobel Peace Prize here earlier this month and, in his acceptance speech, urged help for the Palestinian people, for whom terrorism was no answer.

He also linked the internal exile of Soviet dissident Andrei Sakharov, the denial of Polish Solidarity leader Lech Walesa's right to dissent, and the imprisonment of Black South African civil rights leader Nelson Mandela as "disgrace" of identical magnitude.

"Human rights are being violated on every continent. More people are oppressed than free," the 58-year-old Wiesel, a survivor of Auschwitz, told the assembled dignitaries from all parts of the world. "And then, too, there are the Palestinians to whose plight I am sensitive but whose methods I deplore," Wiesel said.

"Violence and terrorism are not the answer. Something must be done about their suffering and soon," he said. "I trust Israel, for I have faith in the Jewish people. Let Israel be given a chance, let hatred and danger be removed from her horizons, and there will be peace in and around the Holy Land."

Wiesel added, "It would be unnatural for me not to make Jewish priorities my own: Israel, Soviet Jewry, Jews in the Arab lands. But there are others as important — Apartheid is, in my view, as abhorrent as anti-Semitism — Wherever men or women are prosecuted because of their race, religion or political views, that place must — at that moment — become the center of the universe."

"There is much to be done, there is much that can be done," he said. "One person — a Raoul Wallenberg, an Albert Schweitzer, one person of integrity — can make a difference, a difference of life and death. As long as one dissident is in prison, our freedom will not be true. As long as one child is hungry, our lives will be filled with anguish and shame."

Wiesel, born in Rumania and now a U.S. citizen, heads the United States Holocaust Memorial Council. He is credited with being the first to use the term "Holocaust" to describe the Nazi extermination of six million Jews. He said he plans to use the \$250,000 Nobel Prize money to establish a Human Rights Foundation, the first act of which would be to organize a conference on combatting hatred.

Egil Aarvik, chairman of the Norwegian Nobel Committee, said in presenting the Peace Prize to Wiesel that it was given "In recognition of this particular human spirit's victory over the powers of death and degradation and as a support to the rebellion of good against evil in the world."

## LETTERS to the Editor

### Menorah Mix-up

To the Editor:

OOPS . . . One of the menorahs pictured on the cover and those in the ads which appear on pages 3, 15, 24 and 30 of the December 12, 1986, issue of *The Jewish Voice* are not Hanukkiah (Hanukkah menorahs). Since that was a special holiday issue, the *Judaica* featured throughout the paper should have been uniformly special, too. All Hanukkah

candelabrum are symbolic of the eight days we celebrate the holiday — not six.

I assume that this was just an oversight.

Rhea Lobel Levy  
Wilmington, Del. 19803

*The Jewish Voice regrets using clip-art menorot which were not hanukkiot.*

### Mideast Points

To the Editor:

Richard Reeves' recent Op-ed Page article does not reach deep enough into the seeds of terrorism.

The origin of Arab terrorism is not about territory, since the Arab nations are 22 in number and have over 10 million square miles of territory. (Israel is the size of New Jersey.) It is not about a homeland, because Jordan is Palestine. (In 1921, the British gave away about 80 percent of ancient Israel to Jordan.) It is not about oil, since the Arabs control all of the oil in the Mid-east. (Israel has none.)

It is simply because the Arab leaders refuse to recognize a non-Arab nation in their midst. They refuse, with the exception of Egypt, to recognize a nation that is closely

allied with Western civilization. Their Koran instead tries to keep Jews and Christians as second-class citizens or less. Their leaders resort to violence and force instead of the rule of law and reason, and they exhort their people to jihad or holy wars.

After every war, going back even to the Napoleonic wars, there have been millions of refugees, and all of them have been repatriated and re-settled. Israel took in almost one million Jews who were ejected from 22 Arab countries quietly and with dignity. Let the Arab or Muslim nations do the same and stop complaining.

Jay Meyers  
Philadelphia

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#### DEADLINE

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# Roth, Israel Consul General Speak At Beth El

Senator William V. Roth Jr. and David Ben-Dov, Israel's Consul-General for the Mid-Atlantic region, spoke at Temple Beth El, Newark, on Sunday, Dec. 21, as part of the multicongregational series of their Men's Club-Sisterhood program.

The topic was Israeli-American relations. The Iran arms deal and terrorism dominated both the presentations and the question and answer period.

The consul-general briefly reviewed the accomplishments of the Peres government including the withdrawal from Lebanon and the elimination of runaway inflation. He spoke of Israel's position as a friend of the United States in the Middle East and its cooperation with the United States

on the Iran arms deal.

Ben-Dov expressed Israel's desire to achieve NATO status with the United States. He also called for strong international cooperation in dealing with terrorism.

The senator explained the geopolitical significance of Iran to the United States. Iran's proximity to the Soviet Union, its ailing leader and its support of terrorism make it important to reach out to political factions within the country.

Because of his membership on the Senate Intelligence Committee and their closed sessions, the senator was very circumspect with his comments on the Iran arms deal. On terrorism he did comment that the European nations have not done enough to combat international terrorism.



Senator William V. Roth, Jr.



Consul General David Ben Dov

# Carper, Roth, Biden Support Iran-Contra Investigation

In statements made to the *Jewish Voice* Delaware's two senators and congressman all acknowledge the gravity of the Iran-Contra affair, support the appointment of an independent prosecutor to conduct a full investigation and look forward to the expeditious discovery of facts leading to a quick resolution of the issue. They are also agreed that the United States cannot afford an immobile government.

Only Congressman Tom Carper is openly critical of the president.

"I believe," he says, "the president and his advisors used bad judgment in the authorizing the sale of arms to Iran."

Stating that the initial explanation offered raised as many questions as it answered, Carper asked, "How can we ask our allies to refrain from providing arms to Iran while we do so through the back door? What role were we asking our ally Israel to play? Weren't we really trading the availability of weapons for hostages and doesn't that ultimately invite the taking of more hostages?"

"The policy of selling arms raises questions of judgment," Carper asserts, "but the matter of diverting the proceeds to aid the contras smacks of violation of American law." He calls for a "fair and impartial investigation into what has

transpired."

Senator Joseph R. Biden, Jr. implies that America's self-image is in danger. "This is a time for all Americans ... in both political parties, to join together in an effort to save the presidency of Ronald Reagan."

Biden does not claim to have suddenly resolved his many disagreements with the president. Rather, he is concerned that America cannot tolerate another failed presidency.

He states, "our recent history during the administrations of Lyndon Johnson, Richard Nixon and Jimmy Carter, have reminded us forcefully just how vital a strong, viable presidency is to the success of our system,

and how much it costs us when a presidency is crippled and ineffective."

Ronald Reagan, Biden states, bears the primary responsibility for stopping the unravelling of his presidency.

For his part, Senator William V. Roth, Jr. has listened to hours of testimony surrounding the Iran-Contra affair as a member of the

Senate Intelligence Committee.

In comments made to the *Jewish Voice*, Roth expresses willingness to grant limited immunity if it would "aid in the resolution of this matter," but states that public disclosure is critical "if we are to put this incident behind us and move ahead in government."

# Martin Luther King Commemoration At JCC

Dr. James Newton, chairman of Black American Cultural Studies at the University of Delaware will speak at the Jewish Community Center Jan. 18 at 7:30 p.m. His talk, "King: the Man, the Myth and the Message," will commemorate the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. has been recognized nationally and internationally as one of our country's great leaders. He was awarded the

Nobel Peace Prize in 1964. A national holiday has been dedicated to his memory and a street in Jerusalem has been named in his honor.

Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel once wrote about King: "Martin Luther King is a voice, a vision and a way. I call upon every Jew to harken to his voice, to share in his vision, to follow in his way..."

Please come to recognize Dr. King's birthday and join the community in a reception for Dr. Newton.

# Iranian Arms Case —

(Continued from page 1) be shipped to Iran."

Furmark's partners in the operation were Hashemi and Adnan Khashoggi, the reputed Saudi billionaire who has emerged as one of several key middlemen in the official U.S.-Iranian contacts, arms sales and hostage releases in 1985, the *Post* reported.

One of the defendants in the New York case, Sam Evans, was Khashoggi's attorney for many years and reportedly brought Khashoggi and

Hashemi together in a joint venture to sell arms to Iran and execute cooperative projects. Evans represented Khashoggi in this joint venture.

## First Acknowledgement By A Government Official

Casey acknowledged that Furmark arranged an introduction between Hashemi and Khashoggi. "This revelation marks the first time any government official has acknowledged" Hashemi's

involvement in "legitimate, government authorized shipments of arms to Iran," Kuby said in his motion. Kuby requested a court order that the prosecution produce all documents, notes, records and tapes of anything related to contacts between Furmark, Casey, Hashemi and Khashoggi.

Meanwhile, the prosecution requested and received an additional week's suspension of pretrial proceedings in the case because it is reviewing the newest developments. The request immediately followed a 10-day adjournment of proceedings for the same reason. The U.S. Attorney's office is reportedly considering a dismissal of the charges in the case.

# Hanukkah Lights —

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bol of eternity of Heaven and Earth. Oil containers are cleverly disguised by eight pointed arches at the base. The Shamash is set below the center of the three arches above.

Despite the disparate cultural influences represented in these Hanuk-

kah menorahs, they all celebrate Hanukkah and the dream to rebuild the Temple. Jews all over the world have always shared a bond that surpasses geographic differences. This tradition will be repeated this year when Jews all over the globe light their menorahs and kindle the shared hope and joy that glows in the Hanukkah lights.



Martin Luther King Jr. Street in Jerusalem



## ON THE OTHER HAND N. Even-Or



### Hanukkah — Bah! Humbug!

'Tis the season to be merry!

How do I know? Because all the ads and commercials and music in the malls tell me so.

And it's not just for Christians; it's for Jews, too. They have Christmas and we have Hanukkah. They have lights; we have lights. They have songs; we have songs. They have presents; we have presents (eight days, in fact, instead of just one). They have Christmas trees; well, some of us have Hanukkah bushes; it's a pagan symbol, after all — nothing wrong with pagan, is there?

What is it, then, that makes me uncomfortable about the whole thing? What can be wrong with Jews celebrating a Jewish holiday? What can be wrong with giving Jewish children something to take away the empty feeling of not being a part of the Christmas in which everyone around them is immersed?

Maybe it's that we seem to be copying the worst part of the Christmas pageant: the parties, the overabundance of gifts, the rank commercialism. Maybe it's that Hanukkah has absolutely nothing to do with Christmas except for a certain pro-

pinquity on the calendar. Maybe it's because we seem to be celebrating Hanukkah more as a reaction to Christmas than for its own intrinsic values.

Hanukkah is, after all, a quite minor holiday in the Jewish calendar. The story of Hanukkah, told in the Book of Maccabees, is not even included in the Bible, and there is no special liturgy for the occasion beyond a paragraph interpolated in the *Amidah* said on those days and an insert in the grace after meals. The special character of the festival is minimal ceremonially, certainly far less than what accorded the Purim festival.

Our inflation of the Hanukkah celebration in this country as a counteraction, for our children's sakes, to the blandishments of Christmas is certainly understandable. After all, the draw of Santa Claus and the carols and the decorations is great, not to mention the simple beauty of the Christmas tale itself. Hanukkah is the only game in town to offer in competition, and it's appropriate that we make the most of it.

But I wish that we could do it in a more positive way, rather than by co-

pying the tinsel trappings of a commercialized Christmas. The valiant fight of the Maccabees is characterized not only by great courage, but by great faith, and by a stubborn insistence that their religious practices not be perverted by the inclusion of elements foreign to them.

There were, of course, at that time many among the Jews of Israel who counseled assimilation. The great military successes of Philip of Macedon and his son Alexander were much admired by these Jews — the Greeks were the winning team; why not join them? What was so wrong with sacrificing to their gods along with the God of Israel? It couldn't hurt and it might help. So they built a Greek-style gymnasium in Jerusalem and underwent special surgery to remove the evidence of their circumcisions when they performed their athletic events unclothed, and they sacrificed to the gods of Greece.

But the family of Mattathias, the Hasmonean, said "no" to the attractions, the lure of the Greeks, and fled to the hills to fight. The story of Hanukkah is the story of that fight and that uncompromising faith. The

very name of the festival, Hanukkah, means dedication, consecration. It also means education.

The message of Hanukkah must be more than gifts and lights and songs, more than a glittering reflection of all that's wrong with the celebration of Christmas in America. It must be one of dedication and education to what makes our religion, our peoplehood, unique in the history of man. It must, indeed, emphasize differences, not similarities. The differences are important to emphasize so that we and our children and our children's children know who we are, know what is expected of us. To meet these responsibilities as a people and as individuals among that people, requires dedication and education. To do less negates the very reason for our existence as a distinctive people.

So, *Hag Sameach*, a joyous Hanukkah! And in the midst of the joy may we think and may we speak of the triumph of courage and faith that we celebrate, the unwillingness to compromise in the compromise of self-destruction. This is part of our heritage. May each of us strive to be worthy recipients!

## Shcharansky: Heartfelt Welcome For A Hero

The following article has been excerpted from an article written by Mark Joffe, Jewish Exponent staff writer, which appeared in the Dec. 19 issue of the Exponent.

Natan (Anatoly) Shcharansky, human rights activist and former prisoner of conscience, received a hero's welcome from a crowd of Soviet Jewry Council activists, in Philadelphia, Sunday Dec. 14.

But tempering the air of jubilation, as Shcharansky approached the podium, the former prisoner of conscience said, "In spite of the fact that I am here, the situation in the Soviet Union is very bad with human rights in general, and Jewish emigration in particular — very bad."

He noted that both the level of overall Jewish emigration and the level of persecution of Hebrew teachers are "worse than ever before."

Citing the case of Vladimir and Maria Slepak, whose son Alexander was in the room, Shcharansky reminded his listeners that "we have now in the Soviet Union people who have been refuseniks for 17 years."

This, he said, despite the fact that Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev has stated that there are no people in the Soviet Union who have been waiting to leave more than five years.

Decrying such distortions of the truth, Shcharansky said, "We must make absolutely clear to the Soviets that they won't be able to deceive public opinion."

He urged his listeners, many of them longtime activists, to become more vocal about the plight of Soviet Jews.

"We must have much more visits to the Soviet Union, much more contacts with refuseniks. We must organize massive demonstrations."

Shcharansky said the Soviet Jewry movement in this country must not back away from its commitment to have 400,000 protesters — echoing the number of Soviet Jews who have indicated an interest in emigrating — travel to Washington for a demonstration outside the White House if and when Gorbachev visits Reagan.

"How many of us will be ready to come?" he challenged the crowd of supporters.

The human rights activist said he was still hopeful that the situation for Jews inside the USSR would improve. "I was optimistic before my arrest; I am still optimistic now," he said.

Speaking of his wife, Avital, who worked ceaselessly to keep his case before the public, Shcharansky said, "I have to confess she was right. We must believe and we must struggle as my wife was struggling all those years."

At a news conference earlier in the afternoon, Shcharansky took an opportunity to condemn the Soviet Union's new emigration law, which goes into effect Jan. 1. The law stipulates that visa applications will be considered only on the grounds of reunification with immediate family members, and provides a series of loopholes through which such applications can be rejected.

Shcharansky called the laws "the worst anti-emigration act since 1972," when the government levied a heavy education tax on all those leaving the country.

He said the new law would allow "no reunification of families on the broader

scale," since it does not consider aunts, uncles and distant relatives close enough relatives to warrant emigration.

"It means 90 percent of those 400,000 Jews who already asked for invitations (to join relatives in Israel) cannot apply," he said. "It destroys the chances for massive emigration from the Soviet Union."

Shcharansky said the new policy, touted as a relaxation of emigration restrictions, is "one of the best examples of how Gorbachev is successful at deceiving public opinion."

In reality, he said, the human rights situation in the Soviet Union today is "much worse than during any of Gorbachev's predecessors." In fact, he said, the situation is "the worst in the history of our movement."

Referring to another victim of Soviet repression, Shcharansky said he was upset by the "very sad news" of the death in prison of human rights activist Anatoly Marchenko, which was reported last week.

Marchenko, who was not Jewish, founded the Helsinki human rights monitoring

group along with Shcharansky, Andrei Sakharov and others. He had spent most of his adult life in prison and at the time of his death had been on a hunger strike for 3½ months, protesting a beating he had received from a prison guard.

Concluding his interview with the *Exponent*, Shcharansky said there is "nothing like being a prisoner of conscience in the Soviet Union." Because of the heavy use of violence, he said, the experience is different from being a prisoner in South Africa or Chile.

Some prisoners, he said, spend "year after year in a punishing cell, receiving food only every two days, where it is dark and cold and wet."

Jews, he said, must demonstrate against such brutality "in the same way that many Jews are demonstrating against South Africa."

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# Delaware's Jewish Book Month Celebration Is 'Smashing Success'

Despite our diversity, Jewish communities from all over the world have some important traits in common. Most important of these are our traditions of learning, our love of knowledge and of literature, and — hence — our great love of books.

To celebrate the sacredness of the printed word, December provided the Delaware Jewish Community with a fabulous roster of events that were tied into Jewish Book Month. In previous years Jewish Book Month had been commemorated by various independent events such as small book fairs in synagogues. This year's unified festival was a first for our state and a smashing success by any standard. Under the aegis of the Jewish Community Center and under the leadership of Drs. Nisson and Rona Finkelstein, we were able to draw upon our resources, from Claymont to Dover, and put together a program that was unique in its richness and depth.

The focus of the celebration was the eight-day Book Fair, which started on Dec. 7 and ran through the 14th. The many who attended were able to choose from among 3,500 books which were offered for sale. These books were carefully selected to represent the vast range of Judaica available today. Many were issued by such established

publishers of Judaica as the Jewish Publication Society, Schocken, and Ktav, while others came from secular, commercial houses such as Harper and Row and Random House. Included were novels, poetry, books on art, current issues, history, philosophy, and religion. There were books for children, intellectuals, the average reader — even large print books for those with vision problems.

In addition, we were able to sponsor 25 programs that ranged from poetry readings and lectures to cinema presentations and storytelling for children. The aim of the festival was to familiarize the reading public — both Jewish and non-Jewish — with the resources available to build a library of Judaica that can be educational and enjoyable for the entire family.

Despite the large turnout, some observers were disappointed by the infrequent attendance of some of Delaware's Jewish community leaders. Many expressed hope that these important people would be present in greater force in the future, to provide a level of support that transcends even their great generosity and to serve as a role model for the community's "rank and file."

While the program went very smoothly and attendance was strong, putting the festival together was not as

easy as it may have seemed. Although most of the community first heard of the festival a month in advance when the handsome brochure which announced it arrived in the mail, the preparations really began in February, when committees were formed to coordinate the logistics of this gala event.

The Finkelsteins gave untold hours to this undertaking and the entire success of the program is due to their fine effort. Working behind the scenes were a host of other people who made this delightful event possible. The firm of Reese, Tomases, and Ellick generously donated the services of two staff members, Sonia Bernhardt and Sandra Smith, who did a masterful job with the complicated publicity and promotion. The film series, which was chaired by Ceceil Ehrich, was one of the biggest hits of the festival — people came in droves to see such classics as "The Jewish Wife" and "The Bespoke Overcoat." Bernice Tomases and Betty Diznoff undertook the difficult chore of ordering, unpacking, cataloging, checking, and displaying the 3,500 books that were placed on sale.

One of the most interesting programs was organized by Toni Young, who coordinated with Delaware's libraries to arrange readings for children. Sue Paul organized a separate group of children's

readings and displays, including those held at private schools. The poetry series, which was coordinated by Myron Lazarus, was exceptionally well received. One event that will be certain to continue in future years is the Jewish Great Books program, which was put together by Helen Schutzman and Helen Barnett. Their first meeting — a discussion of Herzl's JUDENSTADT "The Jewish State" — was so enjoyable that they plan to con-

tinue meeting on a monthly basis.

None of this could have happened without the generous financial support of the Milton & Hattie Kutz Foundation and the Delaware Humanities Council. Both provided special grants to subsidize the broad range of activities and events. Overall, Jewish Book Month was such a success that many hope to make it an annual event.

## Master The Possibilities

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## 1987 JFD Campaign —

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Kolitz urged, "please do something out of the ordinary. Because if you think you have problems . . ."

The Syrian threat notwithstanding, the biggest problem facing the Jewish people today is indifference, said Kolitz. Quoting a Polish dissident, he said, "Don't be afraid of your enemies, the most they can do is kill you; don't be afraid of your friends, the most they can do is betray you. Be afraid of the indifferent; because of them countless people are killed and betrayed."

Martin G. Mand, JFD president, spoke briefly of his goals for the Federation, and the accomplishments of the past year. "In 1986," he noted, "we raised over \$1.1 million dollars, which is the most we've raised since the 1973 Yom Kippur War." Mand asked for a round of applause for Stephen Herrmann, 1986 Campaign chairperson.

The Jewish Community Campus Campaign, under the chairmanship of Irving and

Doris Morris, has already raised over \$2 million toward their goal of \$2.5 million, he said. The rabbis and educational directors are beginning to come together to talk about the possibility of a joint religious program. In addition, a youth coordinator has recently been hired by the JCC to coordinate youth programs, Mand said.

William Topkis, 1987 Campaign chairperson, a firm believer in management by objectives, discussed what the Federation is all about. "The purpose of the Jewish Federation of Delaware," he outlined in his mission statement, "is to perpetuate a society where all Jews can live freely as Jews — with dignity and understanding."

"The objectives of the Federation," Topkis said, "are to help coordinate services, facilities and necessary funding for the effective functioning of agencies devoted to maintenance and enhancement of Jewish life, and to interact with the community at large in order to help enhance the lives of all

members — Jew and non-Jew."

Citing examples of these objectives in actual effect, he talked about the Kutz Home; educational, recreational and social programs for children; medical, educational and welfare needs met in the Middle East; and the funding of organizations which help protect our rights as Jews.

So far, said Topkis, the 1987 Campaign is running 20 percent ahead of last year's.

Dr. Steven Edell, chairperson of the Pacesetters Division, noted that 50 percent of all funds raised by the Jewish Federation of Delaware come from a small group of people, and he thanked those present for their commitment.

Miriam Edell, Women's Division Campaign chairperson, introduced the guest speaker, Zvi Kolitz. She also noted that women have historically had a strong role in the giving of tzedakah. The Women's Division, she said, accounts for 20 percent of the JFD Campaign.

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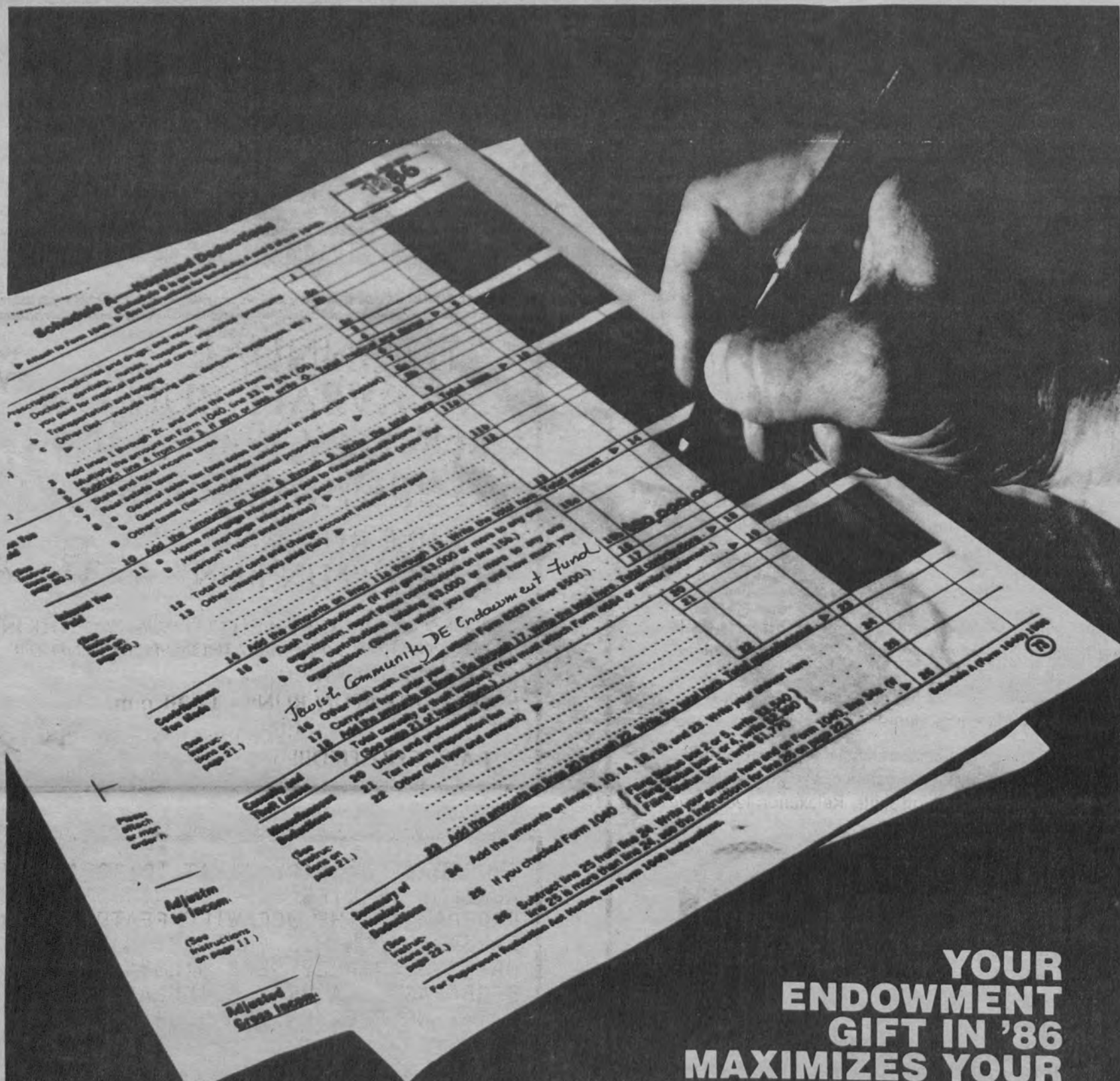
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**Bills Will Be Ringing**

JERUSALEM, (JTA) — Direct telephone dialing between Egypt and Israel will soon be established, Communications Minister Amnon

**News Briefs**

Rubinstein told reporters in Cairo after meeting for an hour with Egyptian Foreign Minister Ahmed Esmat Abdel-Maguid. Calls between the two countries now go through an operator.

The two Ministers also discussed ways to avoid television and radio jamming. Egypt and Israel use similar radio and TV transmission frequencies and the two officials agreed to coordinate policies in this area.

**Religious Groups  
Call For U.N.****Background Checks**

The disclosure of Kurt Waldheim's Nazi past has prompted the representatives of religious organizations at the U.N. to call for "checking backgrounds" of candidates for Secretary-General and other high offices of the world body, the World Jewish Congress reported.

The "Committee of Religious Non-Governmental Organizations at the United Nations" has approved the circulation of a statement for signature calling for such background checks in order to "preserve the integrity of the United Nations" and to spare it the "adverse publicity" it has recently received. The Committee comprises organizations representing the major world faiths at the U.N., including the principal organizations affiliated with Christian, Jewish and Muslim bodies.

**Alarming Rate****Of Yerida Reported**JERUSALEM, (JTA) — The Absorption Ministry released figures last week indicating that 19 percent of Israelis in the 18-29 age group are likely to emigrate. The tendency toward *yerida* dropped to nine percent in the 30-49 age group, but overall the propensity of Israelis to leave the country is alarming.Yossi Kochik, who heads the Ministry's department for the prevention of *yerida*, said he is initiating a new project to encourage *yordim* — Israelis living permanently abroad — to return home in time for Israel's 40th anniversary celebrations in 1988. He said the project would focus on finding them appropriate jobs.A recent survey indicated that 92 percent of the public believes *yerida* is harmful. About 34 percent thinks the main reason for it is employment problems; 16 percent said the cause was unsatisfactory living standards; 14 percent blamed the security situation; and 11 percent attributed *yerida* to the waning of the Jewish-Zionist identity of Israel.**Soviet Refusenik  
Rimma Bravve  
Receives Permission  
To Leave U.S.S.R.**

NEW YORK, (JTA) — Soviet refusenik and cancer patient Rimma Bravve received written permission to leave the Soviet Union with her husband, Vladimir, according to her sister, Larisa Shapiro of Rochester, NY. The Bravves were told to pick up their visas Monday at the OVIR emigration offices. The Moscow couple have been refuseniks since 1979. Rimma suffers from ovarian cancer.

Shapiro told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that the Soviets are not only finally giving the Bravves the visas they promised them four weeks ago at the Vienna meeting of the Helsinki Accords follow-up talks, but are now "eager to get them out as soon as possible." Shapiro said the Soviets are waiving half the paperwork usually required to leave the country.

In Rochester, Rimma will undergo medical evaluation at the University of Rochester Medical Center. An oncologist there, Dr. Jackson Beecham, has offered his services to treat Rimma, according to Shapiro. Her cancer has been described as "in the last stage" and her hope depends on advanced treatment available in the U.S., but not in the USSR.

**Hadassah Magazine  
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Cigarette Ads**

NEW YORK, — Hadassah Magazine, the largest special interest publication of its kind in the United States, will no longer carry cigarette advertising beginning with its January, 1987 issue, Rose Goldman, the magazine's Chairman, announced today.

Goldman said the change in policy by Hadassah's Executive Committee makes the magazine one of only 36 consumer magazines in the nation to refuse advertising for cigarettes, which have been linked medically to lung cancer and other lung and heart diseases.

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### REPRESENTATIVE PAYEE

Social Security and SSI recipients can have their benefits deposited directly in their bank accounts by filling out a form at the bank.

When someone is unable to handle his/her financial affairs, a relative, friend or nursing home can request that payments be made to them for the benefit of the recipient. This person is called a representative payee. He/she must present evidence of the recipient's inability to handle the funds along with the request. If the request is granted, the checks will be sent to the representative payee for the benefit of the recipient. The representative payee must use the funds solely for the benefit of the recipient and must account to Social Security of the funds.

### POWER OF ATTORNEY

A power of attorney is a written document in which you (known as the principal) give someone else, usually a relative or friend, the authority to act for you in managing your affairs. It may be a broad, general power of attorney which authorizes another person (known as the attorney-in-fact) to handle all of your affairs, or it may be limited to a specific purpose, such as selling your home, or limited to a specific period of time, such as six months.

In Delaware it is possible to have a power of attorney which will become effective only if you become disabled or incapacitated.

Normally, a power of attorney ceases to be effective if a person becomes incompetent, but in Delaware a power of attorney remains effective, if it contains the words "this power of attorney shall not be

affected by the subsequent disability or incapacity of the principal."

A power of attorney may not be used after the attorney-in-fact has become aware of the death of the principal.

It is advisable to consult with an attorney before granting a power of attorney to anyone, and because of the potential for abuse, a power of attorney should not be given unless there is no reasonable alternative.

If you have given someone a power of attorney, you can revoke it by signing and dating a written statement which says "I revoke the power of attorney I gave to..." and sending or giving it to your attorney-in-fact. You also must notify everyone who might have done business with your attorney-in-fact while he/she was using the power of attorney. This is necessary to protect you from unauthorized use of the power of attorney.

### GUARDIANSHIP

A guardianship is a protective legal relationship in which a court appoints a guardian to manage a person's financial affairs and property and/or make decisions about his/her care and living arrangements. A person who has a guardian is called a ward. In Delaware there may be a guardian of the person or of the property or of both.

Many guardianships involve only property. When a guardian of the property is appointed he/she must post a bond and must use the ward's income and property for the ward's benefit. The guardian must maintain guardianship bank accounts and must prepare and file with the court an inventory of the ward's property. The guardian must also account periodically to the court for the ward's income and property.

A guardian of the person may be necessary when someone is incapable of caring for himself/herself or unable to consent to medical treat-

ment or make other decisions about his/her life.

The person seeking a guardianship must file a petition in the Court of Chancery. If guardianship of the person is being sought, the ward must be represented by an attorney.

Ordinarily, the petition must be accompanied by an affidavit from the ward's doctor stating the ward's diagnosis and whether he/she is able to manage his/her affairs. It may also state, in an appropriate case, that it would be meaningless or harmful to give notice of the court proceedings to the ward. If there is not such a statement about notice, the ward and his/her next to kin, unless they have waived notice, are notified of the date of the court hearing.

A person may petition for himself/herself and ask the court to appoint a guardian of his/her property when there is a need. Often this is done when the prospective ward has been financially abused and is unable to protect himself/herself.

If you learn that someone has filed a petition to obtain a guardianship over you and/or your property, and you do not want the guardianship, you can challenge the action. You can be represented by an attorney and present witnesses and evidence in your behalf.

If there is a guardianship of your person and/or property and you believe it is not necessary, you may file a petition to terminate the guardianship. If you can prove that you are capable of managing your own affairs and caring for yourself, the court will end the guardianship. You may also petition the court to change your guardian.

Unless it is specifically limited by the court, a guardianship gives the guardian authority to make all decisions regarding the ward's affairs and care. It deprives the ward of almost all civil rights. Because of this, it is a drastic measure and should be done only when absolutely

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An attorney must be consulted about guardianship matters.

### ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES

Protective Services are available to persons over the age of 18 who are unable to care for themselves and are possible victims of abuse, neglect or exploitation.

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To make a referral to the program, call 421-6791 in New Castle County, or 1-800-223-9074 in Kent County and in Sussex County.

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# William Topkis: 'Asleep On The Dead Sea'

By DAVID GEFFEN

"Left for Dead Sea trip. Very curious the drop in terrain from Jerusalem to Dead Seas — some 2,600 ft. in a distance of 26 miles. Waters of Dead Sea resemble in colour Gulf of Mexico. Slept on stones outdoors in order to get an early start at 4 a.m., which we did. Twenty-nine in our party."

This May 18, 1923 diary entry by William Topkis was his initial record of a four-day trip to the Dead Sea, one of the highlights of his half-year stay in Palestine. Certainly not a wilderness man from his American upbringing, he did not hesitate to sleep on stones, just as the Patriarch Jacob did in biblical times.

William Topkis, an American Zionist leader during this period and an ally of Louis Lipsky, was a native of Wilmington, Delaware. A community activist, businessman and investor, his financial acumen had captured the interests of the DuPont family which invited him to become a board member in one of their banks. Later, he was a partner with them in the early Samuel Goldwyn productions. Topkis even persuaded Goldwyn to film a biblical epic in

Palestine, but the venture did not come to fruition.

The family enterprise, in which he was a partner with his four brothers and one sister, was the Topkis Athletic Underwear Company. The "union suits" created by this firm during and after World War I moved it into the underwear big leagues behind the two giants, BVD and Fruit of the Loom. The ads for this undergarment, costing just "one dollar," were prominently displayed in American newspapers and magazines in the 20s.

Topkis and his older brother Louis took an active interest in the Zionist movement prior to the Balfour Declaration. Under Lipsky's patronage they quickly became national leaders. Louis Topkis became the national treasurer of the ZOA and was one of that organization's representatives at the dedication of the Hebrew University in 1925. William Topkis only sought membership on committees but made his real mark in 1923 when he spent a half year in Palestine with his wife and daughter. His American Information Bureau matched up tourists with Jewish guides. Further-

more the film Palestine Awakening which he wrote and directed became a leading "propaganda" tool for the Jewish National Fund.

Near the end of his stay, he joined a semi-scientific expedition to the Dead Sea. Louis Cantor, then a sanitation engineer in Jerusalem and a participant in the trip, wrote Topkis that going to the Dead Sea was "an enjoyable trip and experience at one of nature's most stupendous wonders." Cantor, Dr. Ticho, Professor Bodenheimer and others accompanied Topkis in this adventure.

The second day out, May 19, began quite early. After pushing off in a boat at 4 a.m. they made their way along the Dead Sea. "Stopped at 8 for bath in spring. Stood under small waterfall and had shower bath. Later found a hot sulphur spring that was sure fine. Stayed in half hour or more." Topkis, like all knowledgeable tourists to the Dead Sea, took advantage of the wonderful natural resources in the area.

"Fine formations on shore," he continued. "Some places, red rocks 100 feet high. Very beautiful and worth seeing." The end of the second day has been reached.

It was hot, but he concluded that day's entry with the word "bearable."

Rising at 4 a.m. again the next day, the party had slept on "A little island of sand." Possibly they had camped on the formation known as *halashon* (the tongue). "Sea rough, many seasick," Topkis noted.

Sailing south they arrived at "Lot's pillar of salt" containing "probably millions of tons of salt rock here." An adventurous spirit, Topkis climbed into a nearby cave. "Very fine formation, high dome with rooms opening at top. Spent several hours here, so cool, then went to place to bathe, back to island for night."

For the last day out, Topkis was again up at 4 p.m. Then he recorded his first reaction to the water. "A salty oily substance, when one bathes in it, it is sticky and the itching effect (follows) soon after." Since it was difficult to land the boat near the shore at this point. Topkis got into the water and started to walk to land. "My shoes became small," he recorded, "and my feet sore." The condition of his feet did not deter him, however. "Walked to the place where the Maccabeans

made their last stand, then some 900 killed themselves there. Topkis was at Masada but due to faulty information he had been given, he mistakenly called those who had taken their lives the Maccabees. he was so impressed by the site that he wrote to his family in Delaware: "One has to see with his own eyes these sights in order to appreciate the heroic actions of our ancestors in fighting to defend our people."

At Ein Gedi, he "lay in swift pool of water under bulrushes for one hour, how refreshing." At this juncture, unfortunately, Topkis sustained an injury since he grabbed a hot pipe and burned himself badly. The accompanying nurses immediately "affixed first aid." By 10 that evening he was back in Jerusalem, but he had been one of the lucky ones since as his final sentence indicated "some of the party (was) held up and robbed by Beduins."

For the return to Jerusalem, the group had split into two, and the newspaper described the incident in this fashion. "At kilometre 31, five kilometres

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# Confronting Yoki Ben-Israel's 'Elements'

By PRISCILLA W. SIEGEL

The chessboard is a metaphor for the world, with life in the universe dependent upon an intricate system of checks and balances. This is the most salient statement in Yoki Ben-Israel's ceramic on wood relief mural "Elements" recently presented by the artist to the University of Delaware.

The mural, 7' x 9', has been an ongoing two-year project, designed and built in the Delaware artist's home basement studio. The size and weight of the mural necessitated its production in sections, so the artist, herself, was not really sure what the final effect of the composition would be. When the four sections were assembled and installed, Yoki was pleased and relieved. "I was so happy because I was afraid that it might not come together the way I imagined." Installed in the Rodney Room of the Perkins Student Center of the University of Delaware campus, the mural has a brilliant, magical quality which reflects, among her other interests, the artist's interest in the surreal.

In planning her design for

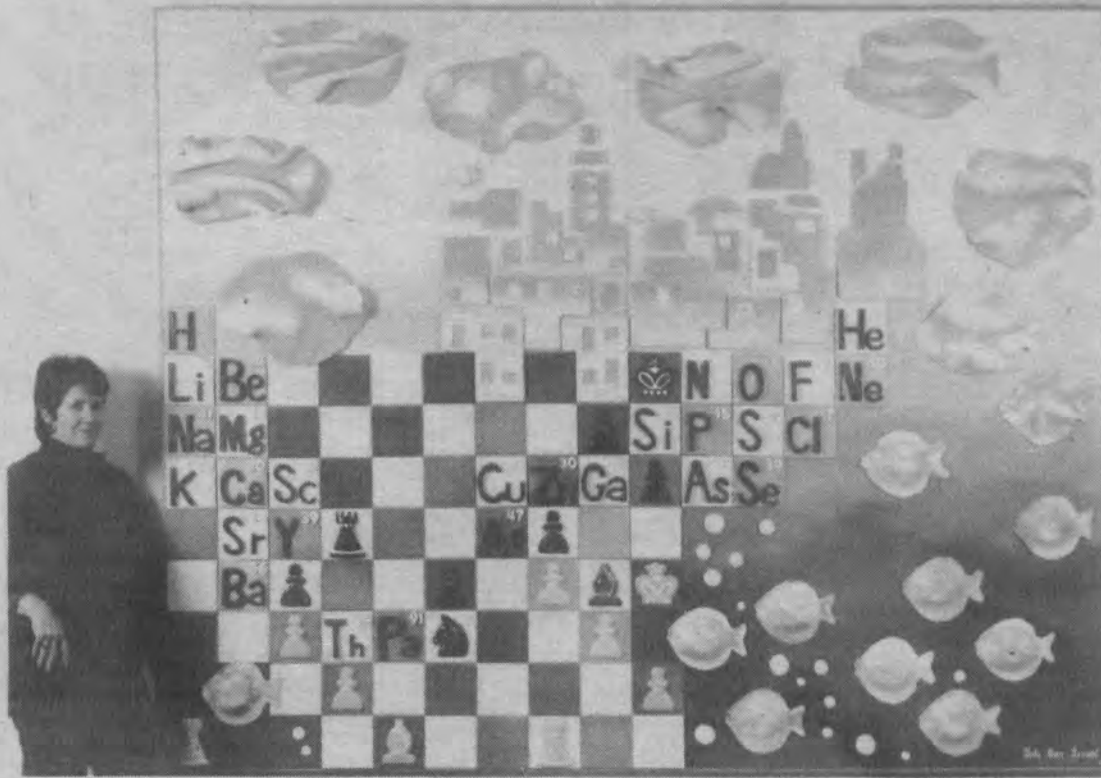
the mural, Yoki's objective was to create a work of art appropriate to the language of a University community. "Elements" refers, on one level, to the periodic table of chemical elements, the symbols of which are hand built, red glazed relief ceramic sculptures affixed to a

chessboard of black, white, and gradations of gray ceramic tiles. Yellow and black clay chesspieces share the chessboard with the chemical symbols. The wood background painted in shades of blue ranging from almost pure white to deep marine blue reminds us of the univer-

sal elements of water, air and earth (fire is alluded to by the red chemical symbols). Languorously floating fish which merge with crumpled cloud reliefs surround the hard reality of the chessboard world. A pale blue-gray floating city interlocks with the chessboard, a device

which functions as an intermediary between the heavenly and earthly realms. The hard-edged ceramic tile chessboard contrasts with, and balances the effect of the softly floating forms of fish and clouds. This play between the realms of water/air and earth, between dream and reality gives the entire composition a surreal quality. This is a complex and subtle work of art lending itself to multi-levels of interpretation, and the artist's sensitivity to this aspect of her work is reflected in her own response to my question about a specific meaning to the mural. "I prefer," she said, "that each person read individual interpretations into it. That is what I enjoy." But she conceded that the statement which best fits the underlying philosophy of her composition is from Huxley's *A Liberal Education*, "The chess-board is the world, the pieces are the phenomena of the universe, the rules of the game are... the laws of Nature..."

It is well worth a special trip to the University of Delaware campus to confront and contemplate Yoki Ben-Israel's "Elements." It is a visual joy and an intellectual challenge.



Artist Yoki Ben-Israel stands beside her mural "Elements."

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### FOLLOW-UP CALLS

1. Deane Kattler (1/22)
2. Heshie Kattler (1/29)
3. Irv Kaufmann
4. Mary Lee Lutz
5. Judy Mellen
6. Joan Rosenthal (1/22)


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By LEONARD W. BOASBERG  
 When Marvin Comisky, who had chalked up a brilliant record at the University of Pennsylvania Law School, returned from Army service after World War II, he couldn't get a job with any of the substantial "gentile" law firms in Philadelphia. A few years later, the prominent manufacture and music lover Fredric R. Mann, who had helped get a City Council grant for the Philadelphia Orchestra, was dropped from the orchestra board because of what one member would later call his "aggressiveness and outspoken ways."  
 That's the way things were for Jews in Philadelphia.

But that's not the way things are. Mann, who has made enormous contributions, in energy and money, to the Philadelphia music scene, was elected a few years ago as an honorary director of the orchestra board. As for the law, "the situation today has been completely reversed," says Comisky, a former chancellor of the Philadelphia Bar Association. "I think it's completely open. Young lawyers are chosen by firms based on capability without any regard to race, color or religion. Everybody is seeking the best-qualified lawyers."

In the mid-1980s, Jews have achieved not only acceptance but prominence at virtually every level, in American life in general and in Philadelphia life in particular, says Murray Friedman, editor of the just-published book *Philadelphia Jewish Life: 1940-1985*.

Virtually every level, he emphasizes. "There are still relatively few Jews in leadership roles in commercial banking in Philadelphia, and this raises questions as to the fullness of Jewish integration into the society," he says.

That's one reason that Friedman insisted on titling his own introduction to the book "From Outsiders to Insiders?" He said, "I think

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that question mark is one of the most significant parts of the book."

Harold Rabinowitz, chairman of Seth Press of Bryn Mawr, publisher of the book, thought otherwise. "I thought the point of the essay and the point of the book was that the Jewish community of Philadelphia had become insiders," he said.

But Friedman, who for the last 25 years has been Middle Atlantic States director of the American Jewish Committee (and who was appointed by President Reagan in September to the vice chairmanship of the Civil Rights Commission), won the argument. His question mark stayed.

businessmen, such as Morris Kravitz, Albert M. Greenfield and Walter Annenberg; real estate tycoons, such as the Kormans, A.P. Orleans and Morris Milgram, a leader in integrated housing; labor leaders, such as Celia Pincus and William Ross; politicians, such as Milton Shapp, the first Jewish governor of Pennsylvania, Arlen Specter, the state's first Jewish senator, and Herbert Fineman, the first Jewish speaker of the Pennsylvania House; educators, such as Martin Meyerson and Marvin Wachman, the first Jews to become, respectively, president of the Pennsylvania and Temple University; scholars, such as Wolf; impresarios,

*"There seems to be a fairly widespread feeling ...that acceptance has not been fully won...."*

The publication of the book was marked with a reception and panel discussion Sunday at the National Museum of American Jewish History at 55 N. Fifth St. The events were sponsored by Seth Press and the Philadelphia chapter of the American Jewish Committee, which helped finance the 416-page book.

The book traces the story of the Philadelphia Jewish community. (the third-largest Jewish community in the United States and the fifth-largest in the world) over the last 45 years. In 14 chapters by 21 contributors, plus the prologue and introduction, it documents the increasingly active role that Jews have played in almost all walks of Philadelphia life: business, law, politics, culture, education, philanthropy and sports.

The book's roll call of prominent Jewish names is a long one. To mention a few (selected by the dartboard method), there are lawyers, such as Comisky, Horace Stern and Howard Gittis;

such as Mann and Moe Septe, leaders in the arts, such as Pennsylvania Ballet founder Barbara Weisberger and gallery owner Marian Locks; sports figures ranging from owners Jerry Wolman and Norman Braman to Sixers broadcaster Dave Zinkoff; and entertainers, such as David Brenner, Eddie Fisher and Joey Bishop.

The book includes essays in which the authors plunge into such controversial matters as the response of Philadelphia Jews to the Holocaust (disunited and inadequate, they say), opposition to Zionism (Philadelphia was the birthplace of the anti-Zionist American Council for Judaism), attitudes toward radicalism and McCarthyism, and the "ambivalent alliance" of Blacks and Jews.

Friedman, who teaches at St. Joseph's University and has written books on intergroup relations, says he tried to avoid "the danger of something called philo-Semitism, in which you write a history to show that if it weren't for the Jews, the whole place would go up." He is resigned, though, to having been unable to avoid the inevitable criticisms of a

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# Jewish Story

volume that tries to cover so much ground.

Rabinowitz said, "We wanted this book to be both a substantive book and a well-illustrated book, and those are often incompatible goals. We did not want this to be a coffeetable book, with all the connotations of the phrase, and yet we wanted it to be a beautiful book, an example of fine bookmaking."

The book picks up the story of Philadelphia Jewry from the point at which *Jewish Life in Philadelphia: 1830-1940* (published in 1982, also a project of the American Jewish Committee and edited by Friedman) left off.

It is a story that begins just before the U.S. entrance into World War II, when Philadelphia Jews were locked out at virtually every level of economic, social and political life, including law firms, the boards of civic and cultural institutions, universities and clubs. It is a story that in many ways parallels the larger story of the integration of Jews into American life, as related by Charles Silberman in *A Certain People*, published last year.

What happened to cause the change? One thing, as retired Penn sociologist E. Digby Baltzell points out in his prologue, was that men who had served together in training camps and combat during World War II "returned to civilian life far less willing to tolerate the traditional, often dehumanizing, ethnic snobberies of our prewar years."

In Philadelphia, says Friedman, one of "the milestones in this evolution was the reform movement of the late '40s and '50s led by Richardson Dilworth and Joseph Clark, patrician WASPs, in which liberal Jews played such a vital role."

Friedman, who identifies himself politically as a "pragmatic liberal," thinks Philadelphia's Jews remain a politically liberal group, although "not as passionately as they once were."

Historian Dennis Clark, director of the Samuel S. Fels Fund, who contributed the chapter on Jews in Philadelphia politics, tends to agree. Clark, who is of Irish ancestry, has written nine

books on Philadelphia life.

Jews, most of them liberated from the blue-collar working class and from ghetto to poverty, are "in danger of becoming estranged from the underclass," he says. "Now, my understanding is that the ethical tradition of Jews must make them advocates of the underclass. That's a very difficult role to play when you're living in Huntingdon Valley — you can't have much comprehension of some poor soul at 15th and Susquehanna. It's sort of a moral, ethical, communal problem."

So the question of the question mark remains. It is symbolic of the controversy among Jews of Philadelphia (and elsewhere in the United States) over whether they've really made it in American life, and what to do if they have, or haven't, and what their agenda is, or ought to be.

"Since the mid-'60s," Friedman said, "there has been a growing sense of anxiety in the Jewish community. This was triggered by the Six-Day War, when it was feared that the people of Israel would be driven into the sea. Growing tensions that developed between

blacks and Jews in this period, the general breakdown of societal norms as reflected in the drug culture, the growth of violence — all have contributed to it.

"Indeed, there's some evidence of a kind of turning inward of the Jewish community, and in spite of the breakdown of so many of the barriers and the evidence in all kinds of survey research data of declining hostility to or animosity toward Jews, there seems to be a fairly widespread feeling in the Jewish community that acceptance has not been fully won and that anti-Semitism lies lurking in the wings."

Rabinowitz continues politely to disagree. "Being on the inside," he said, "doesn't guarantee that everything goes exactly your way."

And Clark, for his part, grants that, although that feeling of unease may exist, he doubts that it reflects the political reality. That's why he entitled his chapter on politics "From Periphery to Prominence." Without a question mark.



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# Cooking In Delaware

By SYLVIA F. PANTZ

The winter season officially began on Dec. 21. Meteorologists tell us that this area can expect its coldest weather between Dec. 5 and March 5. I must admit that winter and cold weather are not two of my favorite things. However, now that we've passed the shortest day of the year (Dec. 21) very gradually the days will be getting longer and we'll be having more daylight. Thus, with each passing day we get closer to spring!

By this time the Hanukkah menorahs have been dusted off and put into use for the holiday. Of all the many gifts we received when we were married back a few years ago, two of them are still being used: a cookbook of kosher recipes and a Hanukkah menorah. I hope you were able to take advantage of the book fair held at the JCC and bought some books for Hanukkah gifts. Also, the kids will enjoy having their own menorah and it makes the holiday more meaningful.

**Tofu Latkes**

David Mintz, well-known creator of Tofutti® brand nondairy frozen dessert and recognized Tofu Whiz, recommends his special recipe for Tofu Latkes this year:

1 lb. tofu  
 4 eggs  
 ½ cup flour (or for crunchier latkes, ½ cup matzo meal)  
 1 Tbsp. lemon juice  
 salt & pepper to taste  
 pinch garlic  
 oil for frying

Combine tofu and eggs in blender. While blending, add flour, lemon juice and seasonings to the mixture until smooth. Then heat the oil. For each latke, drop two tablespoons of mix into frying pan and cook until golden brown on both sides. Remove latkes to warm platter. Repeat with two more tablespoons of mix until done. Should make one dozen medium-size latkes.

Variation: Add, by hand, about ½ cup frozen chopped

spinach or broccoli to the mixture once blended. Heat the oil and proceed as above.

**Doughnuts**

In Israel, Hanukkah is a very festive time. Schools are closed and many activities are held to commemorate the holiday. Doughnuts are a favorite at this time. There are many varieties and many recipes. Below is one put out by Manischewitz that you might want to try.

¾ cup water  
 ½ cup vegetable shortening  
 1 cup matzo meal  
 1 Tbsp. sugar  
 3 eggs  
 ¼ tsp. salt

Bring to boiling point shortening, water, sugar and salt. Then add matzo meal, stirring well. Let this mixture boil for just a second, then remove from fire and mix thoroughly. Beat eggs one at a time and add, mixing each one in well before adding next. Grease a pan with greased hands, form the dough by rolling a ball of about 2 inches diameter and making a hole in the center with the finger after the ball has been placed on the pan. Bake in a hot oven 375°-400° for about an hour.

Here's an easy to make cake from Dole's that you might want to serve on Hanukkah or for end of the year gatherings.

**Golden Crown Tube Cake**

3 cups sugar  
 1 cup vegetable oil  
 6 eggs  
 3 cups flour  
 1 tsp. baking powder  
 pinch salt  
 1 can (8¼ oz.) Dole Crushed Pineapple, undrained  
 1 tsp. vanilla extract

**Golden Topping**

Mix together sugar and oil. Add eggs, one at a time, beat well after each. Combine flour, baking powder and salt. Gradually beat into egg mixture until blended. Stir in pineapple and vanilla. Pour into greased and floured 10-

inch tube pan. Bake at 350° oven 1 hour and 20 to 25 minutes until tests done. Cool 5 minutes. Invert onto wire rack to cool completely. Place on serving plate flat side up. Spoon Golden Topping over top of cake.

**Golden Topping:**

Combine 1 undrained 20 oz. can of Dole Crushed Pineapple with ¼ cup sugar, 1 tablespoon cornstarch and 1 teaspoon grated lemon peel. Cook until clear and thickened. Cool.

**Crispix Chocolate Drops**

This is an easy recipe that even your kids could make up if they're having some friends over. They might even like eating the cereal as a snack right out of the box!

1 pkg. (12 oz., 2 cups) butterscotch morsels  
 1 pkg. (6 oz., 1 cup) semi-sweet chocolate morsels  
 1½ cups salted peanuts  
 4 cups Kellogg's Crispix cereal

Combine butterscotch morsels and semi-sweet morsels in large saucepan. Stir constantly over very low heat until smooth. Remove from heat. Add peanuts and Kellogg's Crispix cereal. Stir gently until well coated. Drop by teaspoonsful onto waxed paper. Chill until firm. Yield 8 dozen.

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# Death And Dying

## Cemeteries

By ALAN SCHOENBERG

The Wilmington area has three Jewish cemeteries: Jewish Community Cemetery, Beth Emeth Memorial Park, and Machzikey Hadas Cemetery. Dover is served by Mount Sharon section of Sharon Hills Memorial Park.

A few general rules and regulations apply to these cemeteries.

1. A deceased must be Jewish to be interred in any of these cemeteries.
2. Perpetual care is paid at the time reservations are purchased. A trust fund is maintained for perpetual care. This care includes cutting the grass, snow plowing, and general maintenance. This fund does not pay for plantings installed by individual families or for the maintenance of these plantings.
3. Monument maintenance is the responsibility of the family. The insurance industry includes in many homeowners insurance policies coverage for monument damage resulting from vandalism. For more information on this

please consult your insurance agent. Other damage or placement concerns may be addressed to the cemetery superintendent or the monument company from which the monument was purchased.

4. All of these cemeteries require the use of burial vaults. This is not a requirement of State Law. Burial vaults referred to in this article are usually reinforced concrete outer cases into which the casket is placed within the grave. Although some protection from the natural elements may be provided, the main purpose for requiring burial vaults from the cemetery standpoint is protection of the grave. The vault should prevent the grave from sinking and support the foundation upon which the monument rests.

5. There are extra charges for interments on Sundays and holidays.

### JEWISH COMMUNITY CEMETERY

Originally owned by the Lombardy Cemetery Company, the Jewish Community Cemetery Association

(JCCA) was formed as an independent entity in 1952. It is located in the 400 block of Foulk Road ¼ to ½ mile from Concord Pike. The JCCA is composed of three sections: Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth, Beth Shalom, and Montefiore which also includes the former Workman's Circle and Farband sections.

The JCCA as an umbrella organization is responsible for the overall maintenance of the cemetery. Each constituent agency regulates the purchase price of grave reservations and ritual requirements for each of their sections. Charges at the time of burial include opening and closing grave, tent, lowering device, greens, and superintendent fee.

Although the establishment of the cemetery by the various organizations is for the benefit of their membership they will sell grave reservations to non-members.

Beth Shalom and Montefiore recommend burial according to tradition. Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth has a strict rule that burial

must conform to modern Orthodox ritual.

### BETH EMETH MEMORIAL PARK

This cemetery on Faulkland Road near Dupont Road in southwest Wilmington is a private non-profit organization. It is not owned by Congregation Beth Emeth but does have a close informal association. Interment fees include opening and closing the grave, tent, lowering device, greens, and concrete burial vault.

### MACHZIKEY HADAS CEMETERY

Owned by the Machzikey Hadas Congregation of the B'nai Brith House, Claymont, this Orthodox cemetery is on Wildel Ave. in Minquadale. The Orthodox rituals are required for interment. Burial charges are similar to those at the Jewish Community Cemetery.

### MT. SHARON SECTION OF SHARON HILLS MEMORIAL PARK

West of Dover on Sharon

Hills Road, the Mt. Sharon section is the Jewish section of a privately owned cemetery. It has an agreement with nearby Congregation Beth Shalom in order to conform to the ritual desires of the synagogue. Only flat bronze markers are permitted.

If you desire more information about any of these cemeteries you may contact me at the Schoenberg Memorial Chapel, 519 Philadelphia Pike, Wilmington, Del. 19809, (302) 762-0334 or one of the following individuals:

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Mrs. Ward was a homemaker and a past wor-



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thy matron of the Order of the Eastern Star in Wilmington, past president of the Wilmington New Century Club and past president of the Delaware Republican Women.

Her husband, Dr. Bruce C., died in 1981.

She is survived by a son, Bruce C. of Middletown Township, Pa.; six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Services were in Congregation Beth Emeth, 300 W. Lea Blvd. Interment was private

### Esther Sklut

Esther Sklut, 74, who had lived with her late husband, Samuel, 71, in a house behind the Pennrose Deli in Rosehill Gardens, died in the hospital's intensive care unit Wednesday, Dec. 10, the spokeswoman said.

The Skluts were alone in the store they had owned for 33 years at 3117 New Castle Ave. the evening of Nov. 12 when a robber beat Samuel Sklut to death and bludgeoned his wife, police said.

Mrs. Sklut is survived by a son, Melvyn of Wilmington; and a brother, Irvin Kaplan of San Mateo, Calif.

Private graveside services were Thursday. In

memoriam, the family suggests contributions to charity.

### Harry J. Schwartz

Harry J. Schwartz, 88, of the Kutz Home, 704 River Road, died Monday, Dec. 15, in the home.

Mr. Schwartz was a merchant in the Wilmington area. He and his wife, Marion, who died in 1981, operated soda shops for 30 years after World War II. They included shops at 10th and Adams streets, Fourth and Broom streets and on Edgemoor Road.

He was a Mason.

Surviving are two sons, Jules J. of Boston and Malcolm M. of Wilmington; and a daughter, Dr. Ethel M. Weinberg of Boston.

Mr. Schwartz was a participant in the Anatomical Gift Program for Medical Science.

### Anna R. Goorland

Anna R. Goorland, a resident of the Kutz Home, River Road, for three years, died there Thursday, Dec. 18. Her age was not disclosed.

During World War I, Mrs. Goorland worked as a secretary for a vice president in the treasurer's office in the Du Pont Co. She then worked for many years in the family business, which is now Goorland and Mann Janitorial Supplies.

She was a volunteer for the visually impaired. For many years, she also taught piano in her home.

She was a member of Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Congregation.

Her husband, Edward, died in 1962. She is survived by two sons, Louis of Weldin Circle and Alan of Rising Sun, Md.; a daughter, Muriel Mann of Brandywine Hills; three brothers, Maurice Rothstein of Norristown, Pa., Albert Rothstein of Ventnor, N.J., and Edward Rothstein of Columbia, S.C.; and four grandchildren.

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

In memoriam, the family suggests contributions to charity.

### Irving Weiss

Irving Weiss, 62, of 34 N. Cliffe Drive, Wycliffe, died Thursday, Dec. 18, in Christiana Hospital.

Mr. Weiss was secretary-treasurer of Magness Construction Co. in Wilmington. He worked for the firm for 22 years.

He was a member of Congregation Beth Shalom.

He is survived by his wife, Rosalyn L.; three sons, Michael of Heatherbrooke, Jay Frederic of New York City and Robert of Holly Oak; a daughter, Elen Linda Zeigler of Newark; a brother, Her-

man of Philadelphia; and four granddaughters.

Graveside services were in the Beth Shalom section of the Jewish Community Cemetery on Foulk Road.

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

### Julis A. Weinstein

Julis A. Weinstein, former administrative assistant to Dover's city manager, died Friday, Dec. 19, at home. He was 74.

Mr. Weinstein, of 531 N. Bradford St., retired in 1978. From 1971 to 1974, he was a tax assessor for the city of Dover. He was appointed administrative assistant to Dover's city manager in 1966, a position he held until 1971.

He had been a bookkeeper for M.A. Hartnett Lumber Co. in Dover from 1946 to 1966.

He also had worked in the comptroller's office of the state Division of Highways from 1933 until 1941.

He was a member, past treasurer and board member of Congregation Beth Shalom.

He was a past president of the Dover Junior Chamber of Commerce and the Dover Jaycees. He served as first vice chairman of United Way in 1984.

He was a past master of Union Lodge 7 AF&AM, a 32nd degree Mason of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, a past high priest of Kent Chapter 8 Royal Arch Masons and a member of the Delaware Consistory.

A native of Dover, he was a graduate of Dover High School. He received a bachelor's degree in accounting from Temple University, Philadelphia.

During World War II, he served from 1943 to 1946 with the Army Corps of Engineers

attached to the Army Air Corps in the Pacific Theater. He also served with the Army in Newfoundland from 1941 to 1943.

He is survived by his wife, Mary; two sons, Allan of Ocean City, Md., and Ron of Denver.

Services were in Torbert Funeral Chapel, Reed and Bradford streets, Dover.

Interment was in Sharon Hills Memorial Park.

In memoriam, the family suggests contributions to the American Heart Association, Kent County Division, Treadway Towers, 9 E. Loockerman St., Dover 19901.

### Henry Raymond Green

Henry Raymond Green, 70, of 2007 Market St., died Sunday Dec. 21 in St. Francis Hospital.

Mr. Green, a clothing salesman, had worked at Wilmington Dry Goods and at Braunstein's, both in Wilmington. He retired from Braunstein's about 10 years ago.

He followed his lifelong interest in theater with the Brandywiners Ltd., of which he was a life member, and the Wilmington Drama League. As a young man, he studied dress design at the Philadelphia School of Design. He worked in costumes and as an actor. He was appearing in "Auntie Mame" at the Wilmington Drama League. He had several parts in the play, including department store floor walker and several group scenes.

He leaves no immediate survivors.

Services were in Chandler Funeral Home, 2506 Concord Pike, Sharples.

Interment was in Beth Emeth Memorial Park, Faulkland Road.

## William Topkis: —

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from Jericho, 10 Beduin armed with German rifles halted the party and took from them their money, their valuables, their gear and equipment." A trip to the Dead Sea could end unceremoniously in those days with brigands waiting to stop the unsuspecting tourists.

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*William Topkis is the great-uncle of Federation Campaign chairman Bill Topkis of Wilmington. The author, David Geffen, was rabbi of Congregation Beth Shalom in the 1970s before making aliyah with his family.*

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Phyllis and Dr. Larry Bornstein of Seattle gave birth to a baby boy, Jacob Levi, on Dec. 2. Local grandparents are Elva and Dr. Allen Levine of Wilmington.

**Engagement**  
Stephen Miller, son of Bobby and Alfred Miller of Wilmington, is engaged to Jennifer Ann Boswell, daughter of Sybil and Dr.

George Boswell of Wilmington.

**Mazel Tov**  
Deena Panitz, daughter of Sylvia and Bernard Panitz of Wilmington is news editor of *Mitzpeh - The Outlook*, an independent Jewish student newspaper at the University of Maryland, College Park. The paper deals with serious issues affecting Jews today.

Toni Young of Wilmington was recently appointed by

Governor Michael Castle to the board of directors of the Humanities Forum. A member of the board of the Grand Opera House and the editorial board of the *Jewish Voice*, she is also past president of the Opera House, and past president of the Jewish Historical Society. Young is the author of a history of the Grand Opera House and had edited and contributed to *Delaware and the Jews*.

Multi-media portraits by artist Susan Isaacs of Wilmington will hang in the upstairs gallery of L.B. Jones Gallery on 709 Tatnall St., Wilmington until Dec. 31. A co-owner of the gallery, Isaacs is currently a doctoral candidate in the history of art at the University of Delaware.

Gene Rowley, Jr., son of Susan and Eugene Rowley of Dover, recently won the Congressional Bronze Medal for distinguished public service. The award will be presented to him by Congressman Thomas Carper early in the spring. Gene is a sophomore at Dover High School.

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### 'Tis The Season ...

By Arnold Lieberman,  
Executive Director

I do not wish to come across as "Scrooge," but there is a negative side to the holiday season which is upon us.

In addition to the Hanukkah spirit of freedom, and the Christmas theme of "Peace on Earth, Good Will toward Men," the media paint the holiday season as nothing but joyous. Everyone is feeling benevolent and generous and presenting wonderful gifts to everyone they know; all relationships become closer;

families are all together and experiencing nothing but warmth as they sit before the fire; and no one is alone or lonely.

It could be said that, for most people whose lives are going well during the year, things get even better during the holidays. But it could also be said that, for those people whose lives are not going well, things get even worse at holiday times.

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## One Size Does Not Fit All: Intermarrieds Explore Self Definition

When Jew and non-Jew marry, they create a family unit that isn't cut from the same cloth as their parents.

"One Size Does Not Fit All: Intermarrieds Explore Self Definition" provides a forum for exploring relationships. This can include families of origin, spouses, children and community. It is taking place Monday, Jan. 12, 7:30 p.m., at Temple Beth El, 301 Possum Park Road, Newark.

The discussion will be led by Hedvah Campeas-Cohen, director of Family Life Education at Jewish Family Service. Campeas-Cohen is a therapist and nationally known speaker on issues of

Jewish identity. This support group is open to intermarrieds and conversionary couples free of charge. It is sponsored

by the Newark Committee of the Jewish Federation of Delaware, Temple Beth El, and Jewish Family Service.

### Dear Rachel

Dear Rachel,

I can really sympathize with the man whose old mother-in-law was being moved in on him by his wife. The biggest fear in my life is that my mother will have to move in with us if her health gets too bad.

My mother is managing all right for now, but she is diabetic and has a bad heart, so her condition could change any minute. Because of the

diabetes, her vision is limited. However, the hardest thing for me is that she is a chronic kvetch. I dread picking up the phone to call her every day because all I hear from her is how sick she is. I'm afraid that one day she might say (and really mean) that she can't make it on her own anymore. In your opinion, would it be totally wrong of me to approach the

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# Dear Rachel—

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Kutz Home before she actually needs to move in? I'm deathly afraid of having to wait a year or two before she can get in when she needs it. A non-Jewish home just wouldn't be good for her since she is most comfortable around Jewish people. I will be watching for your answer.

Not a Doting Daughter

Dear Daughter,

When a health crisis erupts, the last thing anyone needs to deal with are the hassles of finding, evaluating and applying for nursing home admission. your choices may be limited or non-existent. So I regard advance investigation of an application to a nursing home as "peace of mind" in-

urance. Like car insurance or life insurance, you may never need to use it. But it's nice to know that your parent has a place to go where she can get good care if she needs it.

I spoke to Jackie Guttenplan of the Kutz Home. While the Kutz Home discourages premature applications, it welcomes seniors and their children who may need their services in the foreseeable future. It is important for families to realize that residents are not inmates. They are free to come and go, and children to visit, anytime. The Home could free your mother from such burdens as preparing diabetic meals, housekeeping chores, and shopping for

groceries. A chronic kvetch is unlikely to turn into an optimist, but she will have pleasant activities to occupy her time. And you both might find more time to enjoy each other's company without the pressures of thinking about living together.

The best news is that the Kutz Home does not have a waiting list at this time. An application for "peace of mind insurance" for the future may be enough to give you some peace of mind.

Rachel

Send letter to "Rachel, c/o Jewish Family Service, 101 Garden of Eden Rd., Wilmington, DE 19803." Names and details will be altered in published letters to protect your privacy.

# 'Tis The Season...

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Despite the fact that most adults recognize that the media presentation is designed to stimulate commercial enterprise, it is difficult not to react to being so different from what is presented as the norm.

Given the incidence of separation and divorce today, it is easy to see that a significant number of families cannot be "together" for the holidays. Where there are children, the problem may be compounded by disagreement over where the children spend the holiday.

Since many families are living close to the poverty level, it may be difficult to provide children with the type of gifts that the television

tells them all the other kids are receiving.

With the alarming increase in homeless people, the need to "be home for the holidays" seems to pale compared to the need for shelter throughout the year.

Where feelings of loneliness, isolation, or depression exist, they almost always become greatly intensified at holiday times. It is also the most difficult time of year to find a sympathetic ear. People

caught up in the holiday spirit are reluctant to expose themselves to negative feelings.

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# Area Students Participate In Book Month Program

By SUZANNE PAUL

When author Barbara Cohen visited Wilmington as one of the visiting authors for Jewish Book Month, students from the Hebrew Schools of Adas Kodesch, Beth El, Beth Emeth, and Beth Shalom were bused to the Jewish Community Center to participate in a meet the author program. Cohen, the prize winning author of numerous children's books, spoke to the students, autographed copies of her books, and showed a short film. The 200 students and faculty were spellbound.

Barbara Cohen's books are on library bookshelves in Jewish libraries as well as in public libraries. Among her best loved books are: *The Carp in the Bathtub*, *King of the Seventh Grade*, *I Am Joseph*, and *Molly's Pilgrim*. Cohen told the students how she gets her ideas for the stories and how she goes about putting a book into its

finished form. She then told them about *Molly's Pilgrim*, which is based on a story told to her by her aunt. She read them the story and then showed the academy award winning film of "*Molly's Pilgrim*." She asked the students to compare and contrast the two presentations of the same story. There was time for the students to ask questions and for Barbara Cohen to autograph books.

Cohen conducted a workshop in the evening for teachers and parents during which she discussed the selection of quality Jewish literature for children.

The opportunity to meet an author of well-known books was an exciting experience for the students and an excellent part of the Jewish Book Month programming.

### POSTER AND SLOGAN CONTEST

As part of the Jewish Book Month schedule, area

students were invited to enter a contest by making either a poster or a slogan about Jewish books or Jewish Book Month. These posters and clever slogans decorated the JCC walls and windows during the Book Fair.

The difficult job of awarding prizes was completed during the week, and the winners are: Poster prizes: Jonathan Makar (JCC After School); Jessica Berlin (Adas Kodesch); Alexis Mirandu, Jessica Tanny, Jodi Camps, Jocelyn Banks (Beth El); Shana Deitch, Becky Rudolph, Robin Silber, Andrew Berman, Ben Dorfman, Allan Berkowitz (Beth Shalom); Danna Weiler, Gabrielle Lukoff, Karen Glazar, Tracy Jacobs, Stephanie Nemser (Beth Emeth).

Poster Honorable Mention: Amanda Udell, Matt Chastain, Ronnie Balick, Jason Resch (JCC After School); Julia Temko, Jennifer

Steinberg (Beth El); Alexander Grumbacher, Joshua Goldfeder, Daniel Conrad (Beth Emeth); Greg Dombchick, Marc Harwitz, Bernard Stoltz, Andrew Jacobs, Michael Schneider, Britt Safer, Andrea Levy, Dana Edell, Jessica Krupnick (Beth Shalom). Slogan Awards: Leslie Schwartz (Beth El); Jill Bernhardt

(Beth Emeth); Nathan Piason, Joshua Handler (Adas Kodesch).

The entries were numerous, colorful and creative. Each poster and slogan added something very special and unique to our Delaware Jewish Book Month's theme of "A Celebration of Joy in Learning."

## Organizations in the News

### Beth El Friday Night Forum

Temple Beth El, Newark, will hold a Friday night forum Jan. 9 at the synagogue, 301 Possum Park Rd.

Jan Kleinman, guest speaker, has a degree in Chinese studies from Yale and was an exchange student in Ecuador. She spent two years in China teaching English. She works for Lt. Gov. Woo, and will speak about her two years in China.

as they become aware of their feelings, their individual uniqueness, and their attitudes and actions in our complex society.

Can you or someone you know help? If so, you are invited to attend an orientation from 9:15 - 11:15 Thursday, Jan. 22, (snow date - Jan. 29) at Trinity Episcopal Church, 11th and N. Adams Streets, (I-95 and Delaware Avenue exit).

For further information — and to reserve babysitting services during the meeting — call Kathie Stamm at 655-1061.

### AKSE Sisterhood

AKSE Sisterhood will present its acclaimed Italian cooking demonstration and luncheon at their general meeting on Monday, Jan. 5 at noon. Reservations must be made by Dec. 31. Please call Marilyn 762-2473 or Robin 478-5423. Cost is \$5 per person.

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