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Kids and Parents join JCC Staff in Song, last Shabbat.

## Religious Freedom Bill Signed

By STEVEN WEISS

WASHINGTON (JTA) — Jewish groups joined religious organizations from all corners of American society in hailing President Clinton's signing of the Religious Freedom Restoration Act this week at the White House.

At a festive ceremony on the lawn of the Old Executive Office Building on Tuesday, Clinton signed the bill making it harder for the government to infringe upon the free exercise of religion.

"We all have a shared desire here to protect perhaps the most precious of all American liberties, religious freedom," Clinton said, flanked by Vice President Al Gore.

The new law honors "the principle that our laws and institutions should not impede or hinder, but rather should protect and preserve fundamental religious liberties," Clinton declared.

The act in effect reversed a 1990 Supreme Court ruling that made it easier for states to pass laws banning certain religious practices.

The case, Oregon Employment Division vs.

Smith, forbade the use of the hallucinogen peyote in Native American religious practices.

Jewish groups joined the religious community in deploring the decision as a serious infringement of their First Amendment rights.

Since the Smith decision, for example, Orthodox Jews have been required in some instances to submit to autopsies against their religious convictions.

Rabbi David Saperstein, director of the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism, called it "the most important religious freedom bill of our lifetimes."

"By creating a statutory right to free exercise of religion, the Religious Freedom Restoration Act restores free exercise to its rightful place as first among all other First Amendment rights," Saperstein, a leader in the movement for the bill's passage, said at a press conference after the ceremony.

Henry Biegan, executive director of the American Jewish Congress, told reporters that the act was "the single most important piece of legislation since the adoption of civil rights."

## Campaign Helps Delaware's Jewish Youth; JFD Beneficiaries Plan For Jewish Delaware's Future

By DAN WEINTRAUB

Editor of The Jewish Voice

Through the efforts of the Albert Einstein Academy (Einstein), Gratz Hebrew High School (Gratz) and The Jewish Community Center (JCC), all of which are beneficiaries of The Jewish Federation of Delaware (JFD), the success of the Live Jewish 1994 community campaign will significantly impact the quality of life for Delaware Jewish youth on an every-day basis.

### Einstein

Rabbi Ellen Bernhardt, Principal of Albert Einstein Academy, spoke to *The Jewish Voice* last week from her office at Delaware's Jewish Family Campus where she shared her thoughts on how a successful 1994 campaign could help Einstein fulfill its mission for Delaware's Jewish youth.

As young students' voices filled the hallways, Rabbi Bernhardt explained "with additional resources we would be able to upgrade the education we are providing our children." The Einstein day school looks forward to an expanded library, supplementing its computer program, upgraded science labs, and an improved Einstein physical plant. "With an improved physical plant we could attract Jewish families who want a private school education but who now look to schools with more expanded facilities," said the Principal.

Bernhardt hopes Einstein will be able to provide more extracurricular activities, hire additional specialists to further enhance the education children receive, develop services for special needs children and improve playground equipment. With additional resources Einstein could also incorporate an instrumental musical specialist into its current programs. "If the Campaign reaches or exceeds its goals Einstein would be able to extend more scholarships to those who want their kids to have a Jewish education but presently cannot afford it," said Bernhardt, adding "as Einstein improves we will also attract more students who are now going to other private schools in the area."

The day school principal said students with special needs includes those who enter Einstein in the upper grade levels and need some tutoring in Hebrew to bring their skills up.

Some of the Russian kids need help with their English language skills. With additional resources Einstein could serve these needs even better, says Bernhardt.

Rabbi Bernhardt's explanations were frequently interrupted by excited students and caring teachers. A student returned from the Bombay Nature Preserve to tell her Principal about a fun, informative science outing. A teacher spoke to Rabbi Bernhardt about the students' music lessons. A second grader described the time machine their class constructed.

"Live Jewish" is the theme of the 1994 Community Campaign and it may as well be the slogan for Albert Einstein's approach to education too. "We feel strongly that a child should be educated in both his Jewishness and in his secular studies so his full identity can be developed," the Rabbi said of the Einstein philosophy. "Our students grow up to assume their rightful place as intelligent, well-educated Americans and Jewish," said Bernhardt excitedly.

"The Jewish day school movement is growing throughout the country because families want their children to feel Jewish education integrated into their lives." Bernhardt explained that Einstein students experience being Jewish every day of their lives." Bernhardt sees no conflict between immersion in a Jewish identity and well-rounded participation in American life. By attending Jewish day school kids learn Hebrew, Jewish history, the Jewish holidays along with, for example, Thanksgiving and the pledge of allegiance. "What a wonderful sense of identity it builds to go out and play baseball with the same teacher who teaches Hebrew," says Bernhardt.

Support for the community campaign contributes to the efforts of JFD beneficiary Einstein.

### Gratz Hebrew High School

Ideally Gratz students would enjoy "a bigger place in which to learn, a space with chairs so our students wouldn't have to sit in kindergarten size seats, and room to store our materials," according to Gratz principal Elaine Friedberg. If the Live Jewish 1994 Federation Campaign succeeds, Gratz will meet some of

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## Satellite Links Student's Questions On Middle East Peace Process

By SUZANNE BORDEN

Special To The Jewish Voice

A live town hall teleconference about the Israeli peace process was held at the University of Delaware, Monday, November 11, 1993. Ambassador Colette Avital, Counsel General of Israel, was the featured guest, with Richard M. Joel, International Director of B'nai B'rith Hillel as moderator, and Kenneth Jacobson of the Anti-Defamation League as commentator.

The satellite linked teleconference gave college students on college campuses throughout the United States the opportunity to comment and ask further questions about the status of the Israeli-Palestinian peace negotiations.

Beginning comments from the panel stated that the peace agreement must be followed through with minimal risk to Israel. Israel is facing great difficulties; the Middle East is a society which is not democratic and the Palestinians are not a unified people. But Israel must start somewhere. Israel will deal with the PLO while the PLO deals with Hamas. Finding peace is a long process and must be given a chance.

One student called in with a question concerning the Golan Heights and its importance to Israeli security. The answer given was that minds, science, and technology need to replace natural resources. During wars, Israel will now need a broader type of security. Rather than put all her trust into the Golan Heights,

regional security should be the focus. Territory is not the only security.

Rabbi Steve Booth, Hillel Director at the University of Delaware, asked what can American Jews do now to help support the peace process? The response was education. Everyone needs to be educated on what peace really means because peace does not come easily.

One of the most interesting call-in comments came from a University of Delaware Graduate student, George Shaer, past president and founder of the Arab-American Student Association on campus. Mr. Shaer applauds Israel and the PLO for their recent accomplishments in moving towards peace and condemns fundamentalism on both sides, whether Palestinian or Jewish. In Mr. Shaer's opinion, Israel needs to concentrate on negotiating with mainstream Palestinians; the everyday people who really long for peace. Through it all, Mr. Shaer remains optimistic and feels it [pace agreement] is the "best thing that ever happened to the Middle East."

The second part of the live teleconference dealt with Jewish identity. Ambassador Avital stressed that it is each Jewish person's duty to remain Jewish, especially in a time when there is a great deal of assimilation. Zionism is a way to maintain Jewish identity. Through studying and learning and building together with Israel, the Diaspora Jew and the Sabra (native Israeli)

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# Introducing The 1994 COMMUNITY Campaign Volunteer Leadership Cabinet



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As you may have already heard, the 1994 COMMUNITY Campaign, administered by the Jewish Federation of Delaware, will be unlike any other campaign in Delaware's history. In addition to the Volunteer Leadership Cabinet, many of your friends and neighbors have joined the team on behalf of the Jews of Delaware, Isreal, and the World who benefit from the campaign. Watch future issues of The Jewish Voice, your mail, and some suprising other places, for further details.

**It's Time We All Started Living It!**  
**Watch For Details**

## BRIEFS

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## NATIONAL • INTERNATIONAL

## APN Denies Vote Is Referendum

The following statement was issued by Richard S. Gunther and Linda Heller Kamm, Co-Presidents, and Gary E. Rubin, Executive Director, of Americans for Peace Now:

The recent municipal election results in Israel should be read as the expression of local concerns. They should in no way be interpreted as a national referendum on the Israeli-PLO accord. On the contrary, public opinion polls have consistently demonstrated that a solid majority of Israelis, Jewish and Arab, support the peace process and want to see it succeed.

In Jerusalem, where the most closely watched election took place, voters were focused on the long political career of Mayor Teddy Kollek. In Tel Aviv, the victorious Likud candidate Roni Milo pointedly declined to support his party's position against the peace process when the issue came up in the Knesset. All local elections encompass so many factors that reading them as a statement on the peace process or any other issue would be wholly unjustified.

It would be a grave error for Israeli opponents of the peace process or their American supporters to conclude from the results that they now have a mandate to expand Israeli settlement in Palestinian areas. The only effective response to continued tensions is the assurance of security and the rule of law in the short run and the successful completion of the peace process. It is vital to support the Rabin Government as it continues to strive for this necessary goal.

## Senate Bill Would Raise Penalties For Hate Crimes

By DEBORAH KALB

WASHINGTON (JTA) — Stiffer penalties for bias-related crimes could be enacted soon, as the Senate voted overwhelmingly this month to pass a hate-crimes bill.

The Hate Crimes Sentencing Enhancement Act would increase federal penalties for crimes motivated by a victim's race, religion, nationality, gender or sexual orientation.

The legislation, backed by the Anti-Defamation League and other Jewish groups, passed the House earlier this year.

The bill faces one more vote in the Senate before the legislation heads for a House-Senate conference committee.

## Israel-Jordan Treaty Soon?

By DAVID LANDAU

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Israeli Housing Minister Binyamin Ben-Eliezer said last week that an Israeli-Jordanian peace treaty was "wrapped up."

He said the portion of the treaty dealing with economic matters affecting the two countries would be made public very soon.

The agreement, according to Ma'ariv, will establish full diplomatic, trade and tourist relations between the two countries; will include Israeli guarantees to protect Jordanian airspace from hostile attacks; will enable Israel to lease from Jordan disputed tracts of land; and will call for intensive economic cooperation, especially in exploiting the mineral resources of the Dead Sea.

Ma'ariv reported that Peres had negotiated with King Hussein and his brother Prince Hassan on the final points at issue during his visit to Amman on Nov. 2.

Israel Radio said officials at the Prime Minister's Office and the Foreign Ministry were continuing to work on the details of the treaty in hopes that a summit meeting between Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and King Hussein will take place at the White House during Rabin's 10-day visit to North America.

But other sources here were less optimistic, saying that more time was needed and questioning whether Hussein would sign an agreement with Israel before Rabin could achieve similar progress with Syria.

## Rabin Meets U.S. Orthodox Rabbis

By LARRY YUDELSON

NEW YORK (JTA) — A meeting with a group of Orthodox rabbis was one of the first items on the itinerary when Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin arrived here for his first visit to the United States since signing the declaration of principles with Yasser Arafat two months ago.

It was a move to shore up support from the segment of the Jewish community that has least embraced the Rabin government.

The cool relations began with the appointment of fervent secularist Shulamit Aloni as education minister, and have continued through the dramatic policy shifts inherent in the peace process.

While the group of Orthodox leaders invited to the meetings Thursday are mostly supportive of the peace plan between Israel and the Palestinians, that support is hesitant at best.

Even those who are not convinced Jewish law prohibits surrendering territory have grave concerns about the accord in general and the impact it will have on the settlers in the territories in particular.

For several of the participants in the meeting, like many in the Orthodox community, those settlers include their children and grandchildren.

At the meeting, which included the leadership of the Rabbinical Council of America, the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America and Yeshiva University, Rabin laid out his policies and the basis for them.

"Our major concern is that he has to change the perception that the government simply doesn't care about what's happening in the territories," said Rabbi Binyamin Walfish, executive vice president of the RCA.

## Rabin Gets Promise From Aspin For Continued U.S. Defense Help

By DEBORAH KALB

WASHINGTON (JTA) — During an important meeting at the Pentagon, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin succeeded in getting a commitment from Defense Secretary Les Aspin that the United States will continue to help Israel maintain its strong defense capability.

The meeting this week between Rabin and Aspin followed a similarly successful meeting last week between Rabin and President Clinton at the White House.

At this difficult time in the Middle

East peace process, when Israelis are becoming increasingly nervous about the costs of peace, it was important for Rabin that he return home with a demonstration of tangible American support.

The United States reportedly offered to sell Rabin the advanced F-15E attack jet, which would contribute to modernizing the Israeli air force.

Aspin told Rabin that the United States is committed to helping Israel maintain its qualitative edge and its strong defensive capability, a Penta-

gon spokesman said.

In addition, Aspin and Rabin discussed ways of cooperating on new systems that could help Israel defend itself against ballistic missiles and weapons of mass destruction.

Rabin also held meetings Monday with members of Congress and with the top members of the influential American Israel Public Affairs Committee, with which Rabin has sparred in the recent past.

AIPAC President Steve Grossman said that Rabin's visit has been extremely successful.

## Lebanon Flares Under Syrian Anger, Israeli Resolve

By DAVID LANDAU

JERUSALEM (JTA) — A major flare-up on Israeli's border with Lebanon this week was being interpreted by officials here as a "hint" from Syria of its displeasure at being sidelined in the peace process.

On Tuesday guerrillas with the Islamic fundamentalist Hezbollah movement escalated their attacks on Israeli positions in southern Lebanon.

The latest attacks by Hezbollah, which is backed by Syria, were seen here as an indication of impatience and frustration in Damascus over the negotiations with Israel, which have been stalemated for months.

Syria has been calling for a return of the Golan Heights, while Israel has

been calling on Damascus to establish a "full peace" with Israel that would include open borders between the two countries, free trade and an exchange of ambassadors.

Hezbollah's attacks were described by Israel Defense Force sources as the most serious assaults since Israel launched "Operation Accountability," which combined tank, infantry and air operations in southern Lebanon in late July.

Hezbollah began its daylong attack at dawn, with shelling by mortars and Katyusha rockets at bases of the IDF and its allied South Lebanon Army in both the eastern and western sectors of Israel's security zone in southern Lebanon.

During the day, scores of Katyusha

missiles fell not only within the zone but also on the border separating the two countries.

Two IDF soldiers were lightly wounded by shrapnel as they were traveling inside the zone, close to the Israeli border.

Israel's retaliatory response later in the day carried a pointed political message: Apart from a heavy artillery counter-barrage of guerrilla positions, Israel sent its warplanes to bomb and strafe Hezbollah facilities near Balbek, in the Bekaa Valley — deep in the heart of the Syrian-controlled portion of Lebanon.

It was as if the Israelis were telling the Syrians that they, too, are adept at using violence as an extension of diplomacy.

## High Court Puts Brakes On Workplace Harassment

By STEVEN WEISS

WASHINGTON (JTA) — Jewish groups applauded a U.S. Supreme Court decision this week that broadened the definition of sexual harassment, making it easier for victims to win suits against their employers.

The court unanimously ruled that workers suffering from sexual harassment need not prove psychological injury in order to win their case.

"We're delighted," Sammie Moshenberg, the Washington representative of the National Council of Jewish Women, said of Tuesday's decision.

"This decision shows how far our country has come" in understanding the seriousness of sexual harassment in the workplace, she said.

The ruling was of particular importance to Jews because "any move against discrimination is a victory for those who have been discriminated against," Moshenberg said.

"The Supreme Court has reaffirmed its commitment to achieving true equality in the workplace," said Wendy Lecker, assistant legal director of AJCommittee.

The case was brought by Teresa Harris against her employer, a truck-leasing company, after the company's president made degrading comments to her.

Harris has been told, "You're a woman, what do you know?" and was called a "dumb-ass woman" by her boss.

The employer also asked her to retrieve coins from his pants pockets and once suggested that he and Har-



The Supreme Court, including new Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, second from left, posing with Clinton last month.

RNS PHOTO/Reuters

ris go to a hotel to discuss her raise.

Justice Sandra Day O'Connor stated in her opinion that the law protects victims of sexual harassment "before the harassing conduct leads to a nervous breakdown."

"A discriminatory abusive work environment, even one that does not seriously affect employees' psychological well-being," can "detract from employees' job performance," O'Connor wrote.

Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, the first Jew to sit on the court in 25 years, joined in the 9-0 decision and submitted a concurring opinion, as did Justice Antonin Scalia.

Ginsburg, known for her work on cases of discrimination against women, said the case focused on "whether members of one sex are exposed to disadvantageous terms or

conditions of employment to which members of the other sex are not exposed."

The decision did not declare Harris the victor, but instead sent the case back to the lower court so that Harris' claim may be tried under the revised definition of harassment.

## New Early Deadline For Next Issue

All submissions for the next issue of The Jewish Voice are due on Wednesday, November 24 at twelve o'clock p.m. Please mark this change on your calendar and plan accordingly. This change was made to accommodate the Thanksgiving holiday.

EDITORIAL

# Guest Commentary: Reconciliation Projects Help Peace Process

By **SALLY MILBURY-STEEN**  
*Executive Director of Pacem in terris  
Special To The Jewish Voice*

The dramatic photograph of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Chairman Yasir Arafat shaking hands on September 13th has become the popular symbol of the historic accord between Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization. What is not conveyed by the Rabin-Arafat photograph is the background to this moment — the quiet and patient negotia-

tions conducted in secret by Norwegian foreign minister Johan Jorgan Holst and his colleagues. Mr. Holst's home on the outskirts of Oslo.

Participants later explained that these meetings, in a relaxed atmosphere where Holst's 4-year-old son played with them and Mrs. Holst occasionally cooked for them, helped bring both sides to the realization that creating peace means coming to terms with interconnectedness. This insight, which lies in the heart of all reconciliation projects, was articulated by Prime Minister Rabin at the signing ceremony when he told the Palestinians, "We seek to open a new chapter in the sad book of our lives together — a chapter of mutual recognition, of good neighborliness, of mutual respect, or understanding."

An important way that Americans can further the peace process is by supporting Israeli-Palestinian reconciliation projects. An outstanding project in Israel is Neve Shalom/Wahat al-Salam (Oasis of Peace) which has been nominated four times for the Nobel Peace Prize. It was founded in 1972 by Father Bruno Hussar, who wanted to bring Jewish and Palestinian Israeli citizens together to study the art of peacemaking. After much effort he

secured 100 acres of land and established the School For Peace. In 1977 it offered its first course in conflict resolution for high school students. By the next year the first permanent families moved into the village which now covers two-thirds of the site.

In 1984 the villagers opened a kindergarten and primary school — the only comprehensive bilingual and bicultural learning environment in Israel. Here Jewish and Palestinian teaching teams expose the children to both Arabic and Hebrew languages and cultures.

Over the years more than 13,000 Palestinian and Jewish high school students from throughout Israel have taken part in conflict resolution workshops at the School For Peace. The workshops provide a safe and supportive setting for young people to engage in face-to-face encounters. Through interaction, they overcome stereotypes, look at issues of trust and equality, develop leadership skills, and reach new understandings about living in a multicultural society. This process is the subject of a children's book by Laurie and Ben Dolphin called *Neve Shalom — Wahat Al-Salem, Oasis of Peace*.

The School For Peace also conducts research which it uses in refining and developing its models of conflict resolution. The research has shown, school authorities report, that "contrary to the fears of both cultures, interaction, dialogue, and coexistence strengthen both the individual and group cultural identities of peoples rather than dilute it." Readers who would like more information should contact The American Friends of Neve Shalom/Wahat Al Salem, 121 Sixth Avenue, Suite 502, New York, NY 10013 or call 212-226-9246.

A new reconciliation project is Seeds of Peace which was described in a brief article picked up from JTA in the September 10th issue of *The Jewish Voice*. It was originated by John Wallach, a Washington-based journalist and the author of several books on the Middle East. Last summer Seeds of Peace brought a group of 55 Israeli, Palestinian, Egyptian, and Jordanian boys between the ages of 11 and 14 together to spend time in the U.S. getting to know one another and engaging in trust building activities. Among the 20 Israeli participants were Jewish, Muslim, Druze, and Christian young people. The Palestinian participants were from the West Bank and Gaza Strip. Each participant was chosen on the basis of leadership potential through national competitions sponsored by their governments and the private sector.

Wallach believes that, "Bringing the next generation together, before they have been poisoned by the hostility of their region, is the best hope for the future. It is the only answer to extremism and fundamentalism of all kinds."

Because of our proximity to Washington, Seeds of Peace offers the potential for direct involvement in Wilmington. Anyone interested in exploring such a possibility is invited to call the Pacem in Terris office at 302-656-2721.

If the Rabin-Arafat handshake photo is to become prophetic, it will require a commitment to the peacemaking process by not only the parties themselves but by the rest of us. The road to Middle East peace is extremely rough, but if people of good will help to pave it with reconciliation, it will not be impassable.

(Dr. Sally Milbury-Steen is Executive Director of Pacem in terris, a community peace education organization.)



**Don't Be A Turkey!**

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LETTERS

## Camp Dora Golding

To the Editor:

In 1925 Camp Deal was founded to give Jewish boys a summer respite from the harsh realities of immigrant life in New York City. In its early years, the camp provided the campers with uniforms, bedding and linens. Over the years the camp has served thousands of children from all segments and economic strata of the Jewish community. In 1966, the camp's name was changed to Camp Dora Golding in honor of its founder and the camp became an agency of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of New York (currently, the UJA-Federation of New York.) In 1971, the camp moved from its original home in Deal, New Jersey, to East Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania. In 1989, a girls camp, located in Pomona, New York, was founded.

In anticipation of Camp Dora Golding's 70th anniversary celebration we are trying to locate and make contact with as many former campers and staff members as possible so that they might share their memories of Camp Deal or Camp Dora Golding with us. We respectfully request that you publish this letter so that we are able to reach the widest Jewish audience in your community. Please direct all correspondence to Camp Dora Golding, 4005 Sea Gate Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, 11224.

Sincerely,  
John Herbitter  
Chairman  
Board of Directors  
Camp Dora Golding

## YJAD Serves Delaware Singles

To the Editor:

The article entitled "Jewish Singles Groups" that appeared in the November 5, 1993 issue of the Jewish Voice did not mention one of Delaware's most active Jewish singles groups: Young Jewish Adults of Delaware. YJAD operates out of the Jewish Community Center and provides a wide range of programming for Jewish singles in their 20's and 30's.

YJAD's recent activities included restaurant samplers, plays, dinner and dancing, softball and football games, barbecues, synagogue services and game nights. YJAD also holds a

non-competitive volleyball game at the JCC gym every Wednesday night from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Our upcoming events are listed in the Jewish Voice's Calendar of Events.

If you would like more information about YJAD, please call me at (215) 444-1839 or Tina Harvitz, Membership Coordinator, at (302) 762-1345.

Very truly yours,  
Daniel A. Loewenstern  
Administrative Chair  
Young Jewish Adults of Delaware



At The JCC Playground



## OPINION

## Reform Movement Missionizing Un-Jewish, Will Prompt Reprisal

By JACK WERTHEIMER

*Wisconsin Jewish Chronicle*

NEW YORK — Reform Judaism is about to embark on an aggressive campaign to convert "unchurched" Americans.

Rabbi Alexander Schindler, president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, has expressed his desire to recapture the missionary zeal of the Maccabean era and expose vast numbers of non-Jews to "the wisdom and experience [Judaism has] to offer to our troubled world."

This agenda, with a \$5 million budget to be raised, comes as the Reform movement is agonizing over its policies regarding interfaith families — and over the continuing unwillingness of non-Jewish spouses to undergo formal conversion.

The call is designed to remedy problems created by Reform policies. With the full support of Schindler and other movement leaders, Reform congregations have been extending hospitality to non-Jews in ways once thought unimaginable and with consequences bedeviling the movement.

**Non-Jews as leaders**

To avoid any suggestion of discrimination against intermarried families, full membership rights are extended routinely to interfaith couples and their children. Moreover, many Reform congregations permit non-Jews to take part in the religious service. Non-Jews commonly are called to bless the Torah before it is read.

Non-Jews participate in a relatively new ceremony that has become part of the bar and

bat mitzvah rituals at Reform temples. As a symbolic representation of the transmission of Jewish identity, the Torah is passed from grandparents to parents to child.

In order to avoid hurting some honorees' feelings, the non-Jewish parent is invited to join in this ceremony of religious transmission. A news story reported not long ago that a Protestant minister passed the Torah on at his son's bar mitzvah.

In some Reform temples, non-Jews are permitted to participate in synagogue governance, voting on the rabbi's contract and serving on the board.

In the wake of news reports about a Sisterhood president at a Reform temple who was a church-going Catholic, some efforts have been made in recent years to excuse non-Jews from congregational leadership.

Even when the line is drawn at synagogue governance, however, Reform congregations that grant membership to interfaith families empower them to reshape temple policy through their right to vote.

Reform movement leaders acknowledge ruefully that rabbis feel so intimidated by this "outreach" lobby they will not affirm publicly the desirability of Jews marrying Jews for fear of offending or alienating interfaith families.

Schindler's call for missionizing, therefore, is contradicted by the implicit message conveyed in his movement's congregations. If a non-Jew can be called to the Torah, enjoy full membership privileges and even help govern the congregation, what benefit does formal conversion convey?

Undoubtedly, Reform leaders will contend that warm hospitality will entice non-Jews to convert. This argument is unsupported by experience or reason.

**Religious switching**

In the meantime, the larger Jewish community must contend with the consequences of Reform Judaism's experimentation.

By seeking to convert the non-Jewish spouses of Jews — many of whom, incidentally, are "churched" — the new Reform proselytism encourages what sociologists call "religious switching."

Fewer than half of adult Americans today have an unbroken record of involvement with their present denomination. Protestants switch from one denomination to another or become Catholics, and some Catholics become Protestants. Recent surveys confirm that more Jews have become Christians than vice versa.

With its new outreach program, the Reform movement encourages the trend toward viewing religious identity as a matter subject to easy disposal. This is antithetical to Judaism which, more than Christianity, is predicated on the transmission of identity from one generation to the next.

Religious switching is not an option according to Jewish teachings. Judaism is an identity as dependent on fate as much as faith.

We do not ask our sons whether they wish to enter the Covenant of Abraham. We inscribe the covenant on their bodies when they are eight days old. Even an apostate is regarded as a Jew who has strayed.

As a people convinced of its mission, we should be the last to embrace the notion that individuals are free to assert and discard identities at will. Moreover, if we do not wish Jews to view Judaism as a disposable commodity, we should not encourage Christians to regard their religion in that way.

**Christian missionaries**

The Jewish community may pay in another way for Reform's bid at proselytization.

A vast array of Christian missionizing groups in this country is more than eager to proselytize openly among Jews. They have not unleashed their full arsenal because, in America, it is not considered fair play for a majority religion to pick on minority religions.

Jews have been able to argue in the U.S. public square against missionary activities on the grounds that the battle is unfair. We Jews believe in "live and let live." We do not missionize among Christians, so Christians shouldn't seek our conversion.

The new Reform outreach — however puny its \$5 million war chest — disarms the effectiveness of this argument. At the least, it justifies Christian outreach to "unsynagogued Jews" — that is, almost two-thirds U.S. Jewry.

The Jewish community must now be vigilant against a stepped-up Christian missionary program directed at Jews to repay us for Schindler's missionary zeal.

Jack Wertheimer is professor of history at The Jewish Theological Seminary of America and author of "A People Divided: Judaism in Contemporary America" (Basic Books, 1993).

## Schindler Defends Proposal To Reach Out To Unchurched

By RABBI ALEXANDER M. SCHINDLER

It was with disappointment tinged with sadness that I read Prof. Jack Wertheimer's article, "Proselytizing is Bad for Jews."

Disappointed because he wrote a 1,074-word essay on the basis of a brief report in a newspaper without taking the trouble to read my speech — a most unprofessional act.

And sadness for two reasons — first, because his words place him among those who are ashamed of the notion of an assertive Judaism, who believe that it has little if anything to offer to the world; and second, because he fails to grasp the historic nature of the opportunity that now avails itself to offer our faith and the spiritual strength it contains to many of our fellow-Americans who have no religious affiliation but who are searching for meaning in their lives.

Indeed, Prof. Wertheimer by-passes my central theme in its entirety, and instead initiates a diatribe against Reform Judaism and its synagogues, distorting reality and denigrating the Reform rabbinate.

Had he attended our convention and seen and felt the earnestness with which our nearly 5,000 delegates approach their faith — the fervor with which they voiced their prayers, the eagerness with which they engaged in Torah study — he would not have written as he did. Come to think of it, he might have anyway, for I find that those who hate usually see what they want to see and hear what their bias inclines them to hear.

Prof. Wertheimer manifests such an unreasoned hatred of Reform. A case in point: he writes that Reform rabbis are "so intimidated by the Outreach 'lobby' that they will not publicly affirm the desirability of Jews marrying Jews for fear of offending or alienating interfaith families." Nonsense! He is not describing any Reform rabbi I know.

Indeed, at our previous convention, and before an equally massive audience, I made precisely the kind of plea that Prof. Wertheimer accuses us of stifling. I said then and I stand by these words today:

"We must lose no opportunity to persuade

our children either to marry Jews or to urge their non-Jewish partners to opt for Judaism... We need to affirm our Judaism frankly, freely, proudly, and without fear that it will offend the non-Jewish spouses. Quite the contrary; it can only enhance their regard for Judaism, for if we lack in missionary zeal, they are bound to surmise that we have no message at all — or, at any rate, that we do not prize it."

This is my central thesis: that Judaism from its very beginnings was a missionary religion; that our Tanach and subsequent rabbinic literature underscored the compelling need for such conversionary activity — indeed, the prophets made Israel's mission a clarion call; and that it was only when our enemies instituted severe and often lethal restrictions against us that our conversionary zeal waned. But such restrictions no longer inhibit us. Why not resume our traditional vocation of being champions of Judaism?

I am puzzled by Prof. Wertheimer's resistance to the notion of an assertive Judaism. Does his self-image still mirror the contempt of our traducers? Or does he think Judaism has little if anything to offer the world?

Consider, for just one example, the yearning in our land for a deeper life rhythm than the rat race, a richer reward than the accumulation of wealth, a fuller purpose than just "making it." Cannot Judaism's sanctification of time and space and of the daily things of life satisfy that hunger? Yes, Judaism has a vast amount of wisdom and experience to offer to this troubled world, and we Jews ought to be proud to proclaim it with fervor and with pride.

Prof. Wertheimer fears that mainstream Christian denominations will now feel free to reach out to "unsynagogued Jews." Such fears have no basis. The real threat comes from cult groups like Jews for Jesus, which do attract young Jews. Our proselytizing program will only strengthen our defenses against such groups, for as we reach out to others, we enhance our own knowledge and deepen our commitment to our faith.

In his article, Prof. Wertheimer charges that Reform encourages "religious switching," that

we promote the trend toward religious identity as "a matter subject to easy disposal" — indeed, that we encourage individuals "to treat religion as yet another replaceable *shmate*, a cheap suit... and dispose of it when the fashion passes."

That is an affront not only to me personally but also to the many thoughtful, feeling men and women who have, within their own brief lives, recapitulated the Jewish experience — the exile, the longing, the returning in love. He owes these people an abject apology. His temperate language ill befits an academician. And it desecrates the tradition that Judaism enjoins us to follow in our attitude and behavior toward those who have chosen to share our faith and fate.

Let Prof. Wertheimer's language be tempered further by the fact that fully 50 percent of those who are raised as Conservative Jews are currently marrying non-Jews — so the demographers tell us.

My dream is to see our Judaism unleashed as a resource for a world in need — not as the exclusive inheritance of the few, but as a renewable resource for the many; not as a

religious stream too small to be seen on the map of the world, but as a deeply flowing river nourishing humanity's highest aspirations.

Let us therefore be champions of Judaism. Let us not be among those who, in their pain and confusion, respond to the fear of self-extinction by declaring casualties before the fact; who respond to the suffering of the past by living in the past, who react to the long-drawn isolation of our people with an isolationism of their own.

Let us rather recall and act on those lofty passages from Bible and commentary that define Jewish "chosenness" not as exclusive but as exemplary, not as separatist but as representative, not as closed but open, not as rejecting but as all-embracing and compassionate. In Isaiah's words:

"It is too light a thing that thou shouldst be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the offspring of Israel. I will also give thee for a light unto the nation's, that my salvation may be unto the ends of the earth."

Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler is president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

## Regrets

✧ In our November 5 issue a headline on page 12 read "ACCF-DE Honors Muriel and Marvin Gilman" it should have read ACLF-DE Honors Muriel and Marvin Gilman."

✧ A story on last issue's page 6 headlined "DeVries Honored by JCC" should have read "DeVries Honored By NCCJ"

✧ An article on page 8 of our last issue, titled "Teaming With Diversity" should have been spelled "Teeming With Di-

versity" and was a different headline than that selected by its author.

✧ The name of Ashley Rotholz was inadvertently rendered "Ashley Ratholz" in a birth announcement on page 11 of our last issue.

(The staff and volunteers of The Jewish Voice apologize for any inconvenience or distress caused by any necessary corrections which were not completed prior to publication.)

## LOCAL

# Return Of Ukeles Highlights Dramatic Endorsement Of Rational Priorities Process



By DAN WEINTRAUB  
Editor Of The Jewish Voice

With one collective vote the Board of The Jewish Federation Of Delaware (JFD) took one giant leap forward in the direction of rationality and representativeness. In an overwhelmingly endorsement of the Priorities process, the JFD Board boldly embraced the pioneering process which will bring a greater rationality to Community decision making in years to come. Given the inclusive role in the process of a broader expanse of community leaders, the Priority planning process also means a truer responsiveness to Jewish Delaware's present consensus concerns. On Thursday, Nov. 11, nearly two hours after JFD President Toni Young gave the meeting to order, the Board of the Jewish Federation of Delaware voted to accept and endorse the *Report of Priorities Committee* — the results of the Priorities process which was more than three years in the making.

As the adopted final report makes clear, in "a community priority system, priorities are explicit and are formulated before the allocation is made." Furthermore, the "rationale for setting priorities is to insure that scarce Jewish communal resources available for domestic needs are allocated in relation to the community's priorities — i.e. that these resources are used to meet the most pressing and urgent needs of the Jewish community today and in the future," the report continues.

The comprehensive report defines priorities as "judgments about relative importance that inform the budgeting process, but that are made in a separate step before actual budgeting takes place." The "priority" is used as a position or rank of an option for the uses of JFD's human and fiscal resources over a period of two to three years. This ranking facilitates and informs comparisons between such options. This rational, ranked distinction guides resource allocation planning among various service options presently supported or potentially supported by JFD.

The Priority process grew out of a series of activities beginning in September 1990 with the initiation by the Board of JFD of a long range planning process. By the Fall of 1992

a Priorities Committee of the JFD Board created an instrument, based on a model developed by nationally active consultant Jack Ukeles, to determine community priorities among community service options and rational criteria. To gather broadly based input on the priorities determination instrument itself, the Priorities Committee met with leaders of Delaware Jewish agencies, synagogue leaders, as well as the Jewish public in Dover, Newark and Wilmington.

Jack Ukeles himself came to Delaware in late March of 1993 for a day long retreat during which the Board reviewed the priorities determination instrument. This summer over a hundred representative members of Delaware's Jewish agencies and Delaware's synagogues completed the priorities determination instrument. These results were tabulated and a ranking or Priority was assigned to each perspective service option before the JFD.

New York based Ukeles was again in attendance for the November 11 JFD Board meeting. The community planning expert contrasted the Priority process, as a more rational, representative decision making process, with what he called a "schmooze and shout" method of community planning previously used here in Dela-

ware. Critics of older methods believe that decisions on the distribution of scarce community resources were often unduly affected by slick presentations or passionate advocacy. Proponents of the Priority process suggest that its more objective measure of community beliefs will intelligently inform the local distribution of, for example, volunteer hours, campaign means, and resource development.

The report of the Priority committee categorized each of the service options, on the basis of the priority determination process results, as either high priority, medium priority or low priority. These final rankings were the result of analysis and discussion by JFD Board subcommittees working with data collected from the raw rankings from the priority determination instruments completed by community members and the Board as well. Several sub-committees suggested further data would be needed to make determinations on certain services, such as those that may not be available in the general community. Many remarked at the strong degree of consensus demonstrated in the Priority process results.

Ukeles explained that if, for example, campaign was twenty percent more successful than last year, the medium priority service options would receive twenty percent more resources, low priority service op-

tions somewhat less than twenty percent greater resources and high priority service options somewhat more than twenty percent in allocated resources. Ukeles explained that this should not be viewed as an ironclad formula since JFD Board discretion may require slight adjustment of such a distribution. Common sense, Ukeles explained, should not in any case be suspended.

The criteria used by community leaders and the JFD Board to rank priorities were as follows: strengthening recipient's Jewish identity, strengthening community's Jewish identity, fulfilling a basic survival need, promoting psychological and/or physical health, and Jewish auspices preferred.

(One in an occasional series)

## Interfaith Event

The Delaware Region, National Conference of Christians and Jews and the religious communities of New Castle County invite the entire community to join in worship at an Interfaith Thanksgiving Service on Wednesday, November 24, 1993 from 12:15 to 1:00 p.m. at Grace United Methodist Church, 903 West Street, Wilmington.

For additional information, please contact the Delaware Region, National Conference of Christians and Jews at (302) 655-0039.

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**LOCAL**

**Artist's Story Compared To Anne Franks' Diary**

By **SUZANNE BORDEN**  
*Special To The Jewish Voice*

In the year 1941, two events can never be forgotten. This was the year the Germans reached Lvov, Poland and when Nelly Toll was changed forever. By the time young Nelly Toll was 8 years old, she had experienced leaving her house behind, living with a Christian family as a Christian country girl, moving to the Ghetto, and the death of her brother, all before going into hiding with her mother in a ground floor apartment behind a secret window.

It was a small room and staying quiet was no fun for a little girl who wanted to play outside with the other kids. So Nelly found a way to go outside, play with children, and take in the beauty of the outdoors. Nelly painted her way to such wonderful places. Through her paintbrush, Nelly turned sad people into happy people and hateful people into loving people.

Nelly Toll, who spoke and showed slides of her paintings to an audience

at Temple Beth El, November 16, 1993, told how her paintings were "imaginary pictures rooted in reality" and that she "constructed something very different from the storm and hell outside."

Nelly's painting along with the love, support, and teachings of her mother seemed to have helped her deal with the awful pain of living through the Holocaust. Nelly was somehow able to take her fears and transform them into bright, hopeful pictures. For example, one of Nelly's pictures is of a big dog and children and everyone is smiling. In reality, the big dogs were used by the Germans to sniff out Jews. But Nelly used her paints to change the reality in her mind to more pleasing and peaceful thoughts.

Aside from her paintings based on imagination, Nelly kept a journal which told the truth of what was happening while she was in hiding. Her book entitled "Behind the Secret Window" was derived from this personal diary. Nelly Toll currently resides in Cherry Hill, N.J.



An example of Toll's work.

**Hanukkah Party**

Saturday night, December 11, from 8:00 p.m. to Midnight, the Young Jewish Adults of Delaware (YJAD) will hold their Annual Hanukkah Party at the Jewish Community Center. The YJAD A Group for Jewish Singles in their Twenties and Thirties, was started in 1985 by the Jewish Federation of Delaware and has been under the auspices of the JCC since 1989. The group organizes social, religious, educational, athletic and cultural events that provide a comfortable and enjoyable atmosphere for meeting young Jewish adults in the Greater Wilmington area.

The Annual Hanukkah Party has proven to be one of YJAD's most successful events. For the last three years, the party has drawn a large turnout on a Hanukkah weeknight at Top of the Hill apartments' Social room. This year, the event has been expanded to a Saturday night dance at the JCC, with a Deejay from Disc Jockey Entertainment Group.

Tickets for this gala event are \$15 if purchased before November 24, and \$18 at the door. Ticket price includes admission, hors d'oeuvres and spirits. Partygoers are asked to "dress to impress."

Singles in their twenties and thirties from Wilmington and surrounding communities are welcome and encouraged to call Michael Bank at 478-4216 or Beth Lubaroff at (215) 482-9943 for more information.

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can foster identity together. Jews must be "partners in souls," and not only in times of crisis.

As a result of this campus town hall teleconference, those students who participated are now able to begin the process of educating others on the importance of the historic events which have occurred between Israel and the PLO.



Jewish Delaware's Future

**Holocaust Museum Trip Scheduled**

The Jewish Communal Professionals Association of the Delaware Valley is sponsoring a trip to the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum Tuesday, December 7, 1993. Price for the day, which includes admission, a luxury coach bus ride, and a professional briefing at the museum is \$19 for JCPA members and \$23 for non-members. The bus will pick-up and drop-off participants at locations in Southern New Jersey, Wynnewood,

Pennsylvania, and the JCC in Wilmington, Delaware.

The JCPA, a program funded by the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia, is a representative organization of Jewish organizations and agencies throughout the Delaware Valley.

For more information or reservations for the December 7 trip to the Holocaust Museum, please contact Seth Bloom (215) 893-5849.

**Panel To Discuss Kindergarten Readiness**

The Children's Center of the JCC and the Delaware Association for the Education of Young Children will sponsor a public service program entitled, "Is My Child Ready for Kindergarten and Is Kindergarten Ready For My Child" on Tuesday, November 23 and 7:30 p.m.

Panelists will include Dr. Darlene Bolig, Education Associate, Elementary Education, Department of Public Instruction; Ruth Bean, Supervisor of Student Teachers at the University of Delaware; Dee Dougherty, Kindergarten Teacher of Forwood

Elementary; Dr. Marcia Halperin, Psychologist at Wilmington Friends School and Claudia Turner, DAEYC Board Member and Kindergarten Teacher at Independence School.

A question and answer session will follow the panelists' presentations. The program is free and open to the public. The program will be held at the Jewish Community Center, 101 Garden of Eden Road (off Route 202, behind the Holiday Inn) in North Wilmington.

For more information, call Jane Hormadaly at 478-5660.

**Memory To Be Discussed December 13 By JFS Speaker At Hadassah Program**

By **SHIRLEY FISCHER-DROWOS**

*VP Prog. - Hadassah, Wilm.*

As we remember to celebrate the sixth night of Hanukah on December 13, 1993, Myrna Ryder will be speaking to Hadassah about how our memory works. "Memory: The Long & Short of It" will be the Wilmington chapter of Hadassah program at the JCC Board Room on December 13, 1993. A Hanukah candlelighting will begin at 7:30 p.m., and the program will start at 7:45 p.m.

This informative new program in the Jewish Family Service series will teach us about how memory works,

how to improve our memories, and what some of the factors are that affect our memories.

The presenter, Myrna Ryder, is familiar to many of us. She is the Director of Family Life Education. She has a broad background and has worked as Personnel Director for a state agency in Pennsylvania, as a teacher and counselor of adolescents, and as a cable TV newscaster and cameraperson in New Jersey. She has lived in Wilmington for the past five years with her husband and two daughters. Myrna is a life member of Hadassah.



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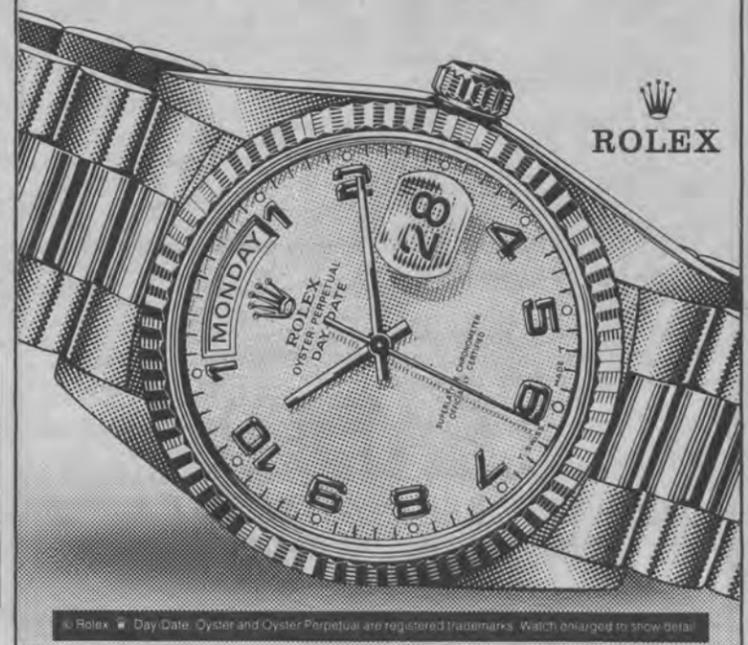
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Rela M. Geffen Celebration & Renewal

By CELIA GANS

It was her students, said Rela M. Geffen, editor of *Celebration & Renewal: Rites of Passage in Judaism*, Professor of Sociology and former Dean of Academic Affairs at Philadelphia's Gratz College, to her audience (about 50, whose ages ranged from former Gratz students to Senior Citizens, and an unwashed 20+ year old man who never looked up from his copy of Howard Stern's *Body Parts*) at Borders Book Shop near Philadelphia's Rittenhouse Square, who created the need for a scholarly but readable book which focused on today's life cycle issues.

Adolescence, mid-life, the sandwich generation, divorce, intermarriage, artificial insemination, surrogate motherhood, the role of the physician in critical or terminal health care situations — all these, stated Geffen, are ethical issues in today's Judaism which were not covered in current Jewish life cycle books. "These are contemporary inventions," asserted Geffen, "which all of us may face during our Biblical span of 120 years." All these issues — and more — are discussed in *Celebration & Renewal's* ten "lively, readable essays written by educators, sociologists, psychologists and rabbis from all branches of Judaism."



As Geffen writes in her Introduction, "Some chapters...focus more on legal development and the description of rituals, while others...are more sociological, psychological and philosophical in emphasis. Yet, Judaism's positive way of looking at life...permeates the whole..." Geffen herself places strong emphasis on the rituals of the Jewish life cycle — private and public, birth through death, events familiar to all Jews — which are the "link across space and time — beyond the individual and the

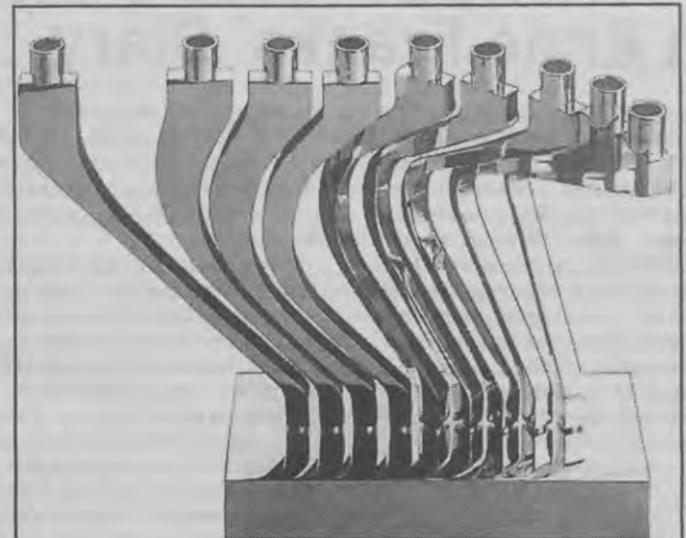
individual group — into the whole of the Jewish people."

As Geffen observes, we Jews have endlessly explained, examined, reflected upon and changed our relationship to G-d and to our fellow man through our 2000 year history. For example, as the role of women has changed in modern society, women have begun wearing prayer shawls. Not only is this not prohibited by Jewish law, it has become accepted as a community norm, as having naming ceremonies for daughters.

But not all innovations within the new rituals become community norms. Geffen cited a family of three daughters in which the first naming ceremony featured a foot washing of the new baby — after Abraham's washing of his guest's feet. Neither the second nor the third daughters' naming ceremonies included a foot washing: both of those ceremonies included the placing of the baby on a special *talit*, with the grandparents folding a corner over the child while reciting verses from the Bible. They were "enfolding her in the shelter of peace," explains Geffen.

Participation in rituals, she commented, "is a concrete expression of Man's covenant to G-D, a relationship in which G-d is accessible without envoys." This relationship is also a model for our human relationships, the ways in which we live, work and play together. To illustrate, Geffen

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The New Yorker — A Magazine Addresses Several Jewish Subjects, A Review

By DAN WEINTRAUB  
Editor Of The Jewish Voice

A review copy of the November 15 issue of *The New Yorker* was sent to me in hopes that I would encourage you to read it. The August, literary institution made headlines last February for its cover, drawn by *Maus's* Art Spiegelman, of a Chasidic Jewish man kissing a Jamaican woman. The most recent issue also contains material which may garner Jewish interest.

Timothy W. Ryback wrote "Evidence Of Evil" about the challenge to historians and survivors to preserve the memory of the Holocaust as the terrible relics of Auschwitz disintegrate. Rayback wrote "While the question of whether or not to display the hair of Holocaust victims has been settled at the Holocaust Museum, conservators and administrators at the Auschwitz Museum, in Oswiecim, Poland, are grappling with a more practical problem: how to preserve those four thousand pounds of human hair on display in their museum."

Michael Massing reviews several

read from two essays in the volume, "Marriage: Judaism's 'Other' Covenantal Relationship," by Daniel H. Gordis, and "Midlife: From Understanding to Wisdom," by Barry D. Cytron.

At the conclusion of her presentation, Geffen welcomed audience questions, all of which she answered with precision, succinctness, and great humor. Delaware area residents can anticipate a lively afternoon with Rela

M. Geffen on January 14, 1994, when she will be the featured speaker at the Women's Division, Jewish Federation of Delaware's Lions of Judah luncheon.

Note: *Celebration & Renewal: Rites of Passage in Judaism* (Jewish Publication Society, Philadelphia, 1993, List \$19.95) is available from Borders, 1717 Walnut Street, near Rittenhouse Square, (215) 568-7400 at a 10% discount.

new books concerning American and British hostages held in Lebanon in recent years. Despite the general use of the phrase "western hostages" to mean non-Arabs, the plight of Ron Arad and other Israelis is neglected by Massing and, apparently, the books which he reviews.

Critic James Wolcott compares the creative work and personalities of Jerry Seinfeld and Howard Stern. Describing the pace and feel of the Seinfeld show, Wolcott writes "The sparring rhythms of the talk, the sudden excitations sliding into shrugging acceptance ('Meat loaf, then...meat loaf is good'), the forehead-slapping lamentations are all Jewish in their idioms." Turning to Stern, Wolcott says, "Howard Stern is the flip side of Jerry Seinfeld, and the opposite of cute. Stern, his face curtained by his long heavy-metal-rocker hair, revels in the forbidden role of raw, subversive Jew...To enter Howard Stern's mind is to reenter the sticky mess of adolescence..."

Andy Logan writes about the New York Mayoral race where Jewish outrage over Mayor David Dinkins'

handling of the Crown Heights riots played a role in Mayor-Elect Rudy Giuliani's victory. Logan notes that Jews supported Giuliani "but only by five points more than they had four years ago."

If you do not receive a complimentary copy of *The New Yorker's* November 15 issue look for it in your dentist's waiting room.

UJA Video Maven On NBC

Over the Thanksgiving weekend, Ray Errol Fox, who is producing The United Jewish Appeal's (UJA) new Operation Exodus video, is scheduled to be interviewed on the Today Show on NBC. Ray is currently filming in the Former Soviet Union and Israel and will be interviewed about his trip. The UJA said in a written statement that "This interview will give us the opportunity to have the case for Operation Exodus presented on national television."

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# Spielberg Introduces Mother To Son

By NECHEMIA MEYERS

Veteran Israeli actress Ruth Farchi met "her son" only a few months ago, shortly after she was selected to play a Nazi concentration camp inmate in Steven Spielberg's soon-to-be-released film, "Schindler's List."

Her role calls upon her to perform a secret wedding ceremony in the woman's section of the Plashov camp, where her son, the prospective groom, has slipped in disguised as a woman. Seeking maximum authenticity, Farchi asked the people at Israfilm, which handled local casting for Spielberg, to put her in touch with

someone who was at the actual ceremony. "We can do better than that," they replied, "we can introduce you to the man who was married in Plashov."

In a typically Israeli coincidence, it turned out that the person in question, 73-year-old graphic artist Joseph Bau, lives only a few blocks away from the Ramat Gan home of "his mother," 66-year-old Ruth Farchi. More extraordinary still, the two have granddaughters playing together in the same nursery school.

Bau indeed helped Farchi understand the conditions under which the

unusual ceremony took place, even to the extent of showing her the makeshift wedding rings — twisted out of teaspoons — that were to briefly adorn the hands of the newly-weds.

What Bau couldn't teach Farchi was the wedding ritual, with which she was not very well acquainted. But she managed to master the text and when she stood under the improvised wedding canopy, an old blanket held up by four broomsticks, she felt that she was really in the Plashov camp, really apologizing to the Almighty for taking on a task that

should have been handled by a rabbi.

Bau — a short, gentle, soft-spoken man — managed to survive three more years of Nazi brutality after the ceremony, primarily because of his graphic and drafting skills. They were useful to the concentration camp overseers, who kept him busy preparing signs and building plans. These same skills later helped him get a job with Oskar Schindler, the extraordinary German businessman who saved the lives of Bau and some 1300 other Jews by convincing the Nazis that they were doing essential war work in his factories.

The Holocaust is not just a piece of history for Bau, nor can it ever be. He not only talks about it to whomever

will listen, but has also written a book on the subject, illustrated with a number of his own searing woodcuts (some of which, he told me, now hang in the office of Steven Spielberg). And while he has not yet seen "Schindler's List," Bau is grateful to Spielberg for having made the film because "it will show people that the Holocaust really happened, that sadistic monsters like Demjanjuk deserve to be punished, not set free."

Ruth Farchi is no less grateful to Spielberg, for allowing her "to fulfill an important mission by appearing in so significant a film" and also for helping her to meet "her son" and "her daughter-in-law," who are now among her closest friends.

# Celebration of Jewish Book Month

By RABBI LAURENCE P. MALINGER

Delaware's Congregation Beth Emeth November 9th through December 9th is this year's Jewish Book Month sponsored by the Jewish Book Council. The theme is "Explore Your Jewish Roots - READ!" Throughout Jewish history, books have been very important in teaching. The great sage, Judah Ibn Tibbon said, "BOOKS shall be thy companions; book cases and shelves, thy pleasure — nooks and gardens."

Since the dramatic exodus from Egypt over three thousand years ago, Jews have become a nation in every way — historically, culturally, politically and spiritually. We also possess a distinct cultural literacy, a Jewish body of knowledge that must be transmitted to our children in order for our nation to survive.

Jewish cultural literacy is composed of the people, places, and symbols of Jewish history and spirituality. We have our own heroes and heroines, battles won and lost, our own music, food, humor, holidays, and unique lifestyles from Israel and the Diaspora. As we share this knowledge with our children and one another, we give of our most valuable inheritance. All are part of a Jewish cultural literacy, the glue that binds us together over time and space.

In today's rapidly changing world, parents realize that discussions about values are as necessary for a child as food, clothing, and shelter. A Jewish child who is exposed to Jewish expressions, customs, Bible tales and stories with moral messages, can learn the essential elements of being a Jew, as well as be instilled with Jewish moral and ethical values. This

child shares a powerful bond with Jews around the world and throughout time — with all who learn the same lessons. The challenge to Jewish communities today is to tap into the flow of Jewish continuity and to give this life-long gift of meaning and belonging to all Jewish people, especially our children.

During Jewish Book Month, Congregation Beth Emeth Religious School and Library Committee are co-hosting a Jewish Book Fair on November 29th through December 8th. The book fair will take place at Congregation Beth Emeth; 300 West Lea Boulevard; 764-2393.

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**Words & Music : Fiddlers & Others**

By STEVE COHEN

This must be the Year of the Violinists. A few months ago Sarah Chang emerged as a first-rank artist, recording with the Philadelphia Orchestra, with articles in the New York Times and an appearance on network TV. Itzhak Perlman is starring at more gala concerts and fund-raising benefits than any other performer of the year. And now comes Maxim Vengerov.

Maxim Vengerov is a 19-year-old Soviet Jew who last week played Mendelssohn's Violin Concerto in his debut with the Philadelphia Orchestra. The young man is a mature artist who can even now be compared to the great violinists of the century.

His playing was not only technically superb; it was beautiful and elegant. Because the Mendelssohn's three movements are played without pause, there was no opportunity for the audience to react — or even to breathe deeply — until the end. Then the pent-up emotions burst out with callers of "wow" and "bravo" in the staid old Academy of Music.

Vengerov is short, dark-haired, and looks no older than his 19 years. He makes an elegant image as he plays, with his head tilted somewhat upward and his rather long, patrician nose dominating his handsome profile.

That appearance reminds me of Yehudi Menuhin when he was

younger. Vengerov's playing, too, reminds me of early Menuhin with its elegance. Vengerov's tone is warm and mellow. It is not as fat and juicy as Perlman's. His sound is sweetly singing, not overly bright or brilliant. Vengerov sounds less like Pavarotti and more like Domingo.

Born in Siberia, Vengerov now lives in Israel with his parents. He and his mother also have a home in London which he uses as a professional base. He told me that his idols among violinists are Heifetz, Kreisler, Menuhin, Szigeti and Stern.

He just played with the Vienna Symphony in Salzburg, with Menuhin conducting. "He is a great fellow," Vengerov reports. "He told me great stories about his experiences when he was my age. He is a great musician."

Vengerov first achieved attention when he played at the Tchaikovsky Competition at the age of eleven, too young to be judged in the actual contest. After that he met conductors like Abbado and Mehta and Yuri Temirkanov who helped his career.

He toured the United States and Europe in 1991 with Mehta and the Israel Philharmonic, and made his New York debut playing the Tchaikovsky Concerto. He has just recorded the Paganini Concerto No. 1 with Mehta and the Israelis.

He doesn't know when he'll be back in this area. The morning after his first Philadelphia concert he said to me, "I don't know yet how much they like me, or if they'll ask me back."

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The Delaware Theatre Company opened its 15th season with a revival of Horton Foote's play, *The Trip to Bountiful*. This wistful elegy about memory and returning to one's roots received an affectionate staging by director Cleveland Morris.

*The Trip to Bountiful* was written for television and was transferred to the stage in 1953 starring Lillian Gish. Jo Van Fleet won a Tony for her supporting role in that production. It was a simpler time in the theater then. *The Teahouse of the August Moon* was honored as the outstanding play of that season.

*Bountiful* became most famous as a motion picture which earned Geraldine Page an Academy Award in 1985.

The drama shows its roots in one unfortunate aspect. Like television soap operas, most of its characters are stock figures with few complexities or subtleties. The central character of the elderly lady from Bountiful, Texas, is an exception. It has spunk as well as sadness, and Dorothea Hammond played it well.

This production is now on its way to England for a three-week engagement in an exchange program with the Palace Theatre of Watford. The Palace will complete the exchange by providing a play for the Delaware company's 1994-95 season.

Morris, the founding Artistic Director of the Delaware Theatre Company, received part of his training in England, where he studied stage directing at the University of Manchester and the Bristol Old Vic Theatre School.

Will this production make a good calling card for the Delawareans abroad? Yes, because of the company's professionalism and the

play's universal subject. But one wishes for more powerful contemporary drama from this fine company. Perhaps the type of plays being written by Terence McNally or Tony Kushner.

The DTC is Delaware's only resident professional theater. So it has a tough balancing act to perform. It tries to meet the expectations of every taste and to attract funding from the traditional, presumably conservative business corporations. But couldn't it try the cutting edge and shake people up a bit?

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What do *My Fair Lady* and *Camelot* have in common? Yes, they are both written by the team of Lerner and Lowe. (Their final two shows, as a matter of fact.)

They also are both in this area right now, in touring productions built around big star names and designed to travel to dozens of cities around the country.

*Camelot*, at the Playhouse in Wilmington until November 21, stars Robert Goulet. *My Fair Lady*, which just left the Merriam Theatre in Philadelphia, stars Richard Chamberlain. Neither shows' advertisements mention anyone else in the casts. That's very unlike Broadway.

Big bucks are being paid to Chamberlain and Goulet, and other aspects are neglected in both productions. *My Fair Lady's* sets looked cramped and cost-conscious. *Camelot* looks more lavish, but the casting is uneven.

Chamberlain acts and sings well, but he seems charmless. He looks like he's acting. He doesn't inhabit the role as Rex Harrison did. Melissa Errico as Eliza was fun, and so was Julian Holloway, who follows his father Stanley in the role of the chimneyweep. Errico has trouble with the cockney accent, but she has a great voice.

*Camelot* is not as great a piece of writing as *My Fair Lady*. It depends on the audience's identification with the three leading characters. In this production, Robert Goulet sings well, acts stiffly, and shows none of the charm and grace of Richard Burton or Richard Harris. His co-stars have little personality, and the rest of the cast ranges from poor to adequate.

*Camelot*, however, looks better than the current *My Fair Lady*. Both audiences seemed to be having love affairs with the stars.

Tish Hinojosa is an important artist. Beyond that, she's an engaging live performer. And she has great taste in musicians.

At the Cherry Tree Co-op on Locust Walk in Philadelphia last week, she was accompanied by the exceptional guitarist Marvin Dykhuis and composer Robert Skiles on keyboard. It was a great evening, full of jazz-like improvisation.

They pleased a full house with songs from a large variety of cultures: Spanish, western, country, folk, even a cumbia/polka combination. Hinojosa plays guitar and has a beautiful singing voice, and is the composer of most of her material.

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The choir will make its first appearance in Philadelphia on Sunday night, November 28, 1993 at Lower

Merion High School, 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$15.00 or \$20.00; students: \$10.00. To order tickets or for more information, call the Etz Chaim Center at (215) 742-1044.

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philosophy and practices of Humanistic Judaism. It is intended as an introduction to this newest, alternative branch of Judaism and a convenient source of basic information about the 30-year-old non theistic movement. The *Guide* is published by the Society for Humanistic Judaism, 28611 West Twelve Mile Road, Farmington Hills, MI 48334, and costs \$10 plus shipping and handling.

Humanistic Judaism embraces a human-centered philosophy that combines rational thinking with a celebration of Jewish culture and identity. It affirms the power and responsibility of human beings to

shape their own lives independent of supernatural authority. Humanistic Jewish communities celebrate Jewish holidays and life cycle events (such as weddings and bar mitzvahs) with inspirational, non theistic ceremonies.

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# JCC Has Kids Programs

By MICHAEL GROSSMAN  
MSW, Jewish Community Center  
Youth, Family and Camping Services  
Director

The Jewish Community Center's Youth and Family Services Department has been working hard over the past year to meet the needs of the community for children's programming. The first goals were to stabilize Kidsplace (After-School programming) and the Club 34 & Club 56 groups, which met monthly for grades 3-4 and 5-6, respectively. Those goals accomplished, the focus, according to Connie Sugarman, Committee Co-Chair, can be on developing "an overall strategy for children which includes after-school, Saturday evenings, and Sunday afternoons."

The Kidsplace program for grades K-6 has been totally restructured to emphasize enrichment activities rather than just plain child-care. Families who are interested in taking enrichment classes, but do not need the after-school care, may sign up for individual classes.

Club 34 and Club 56 have been meeting monthly either on Saturday evenings or Sunday afternoons for the past year. The goal of club activities is to create social programming for children from all parts of the Jewish community. Activities include Swim & Gym at the JCC, ice-skating, bowling, and other field trips and special events. Information about Club programs is distributed through the Hebrew Schools, the JCC On-Center, and The Jewish Voice. The JCC invites non-members to participate at a slightly higher fee.

"I want the JCC to be like when I was a kid," says Elyse Greer, JCC Youth Service Coordinator. According to Greer, the JCC can be a place for children "just to hang out" as well as a place to take classes all week long. This January, the JCC will open its Youth Lounge to children in grades K-6 on Sundays. Games, arts and crafts, and snacks will be available for children who are either between classes or that just want to drop in. The JCC Recreation Ser-

vices Department will also be offering activities on Sundays. More information will be published in the JCC Winter Brochure. Future plans include a children's drama program and other "Sunday Funday" activities.

Combined with Club groups and the after-school programming, the new Sunday activities at the JCC will round out children's programming. The Youth and Family Services Committee is committed to delivering quality services to the community. Anyone who is interested in serving on the committee or who has program suggestions, should call Michael Grossman at (302) 478-5660.



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## Students Show Strong Involvement At Montreal GA

As thousands gather in Montreal, Canada for the 1993 Council of Jewish Federations General Assembly (GA), one group in particular was to be out in force, networking and strengthening their commitment to the Jewish community. That group?...The student participants at the GA. B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundations, together with the Council of Jewish Federations (CJF) and GA student planning committee, has created an exciting program of workshops and speakers all reflecting the scope and depth of student activism in the Jewish community.

Students from all over North America were to convene on Wednesday, November 17th for the GA Opening Session. Among those greeting the students were Caryn Rosen Adelman, Co-Chair for the GA Program Committee, Richard M. Joel, International Director of Hillel, and Doron Goldstein, a McGill University student and co-chair of the GA Student Program Committee. Goldstein explained, "The GA is a wonderful opportunity for the entire Jewish community to see the tremendous involvement and contribution by the students."

Throughout the GA, students will be able to meet and interact with

conference participants and lay leaders, while also discussing issues close to the campus community.

Students were scheduled for "Making the Connection, the Campus and the Community," a discussion led Lynn Kroll, a longtime CJF activist. Students were to explore how they can work together with community leaders and influence policy making. Students will also address world issues. Students were to participate in a role playing workshop on the Israeli-Palestinian Peace Accords led by Sender Axelbaum of Common Ground.

Shabbat features well-known academic and activist Professor Irwin Cotler, professor at McGill University. Cotler, who has served as counsel for Nelson Mandela and is an internationally known human rights lawyer, will speak on "Human Rights, Identity, and Jewish Condition."

Linda Mann, Coordinator of Hillel's Center for Student Services sees the student element of the GA as a metaphor for what takes place the rest of the year on campuses. "The programming and speakers are really a reflection of how serious a commitment Jewish students have made all over North America toward building unity and continuity."

## Campaign Cabinet: Profile Of A Volunteer Kevin Gross

My involvement in Jewish Federation is inspired by the realization that my grandparents fled Europe at great risk and sacrifice in order to "live Jewish," the theme of this year's campaign. Also inspiring to me is the knowledge that Jews must still flee to "live Jewish." Our financial "sacrifice" (a word I am not certain is even appropriate) is small in comparison to what others gave and still give. I, in turn, want to provide for those who come later.



Kevin Gross

Each campaign is important as a testament to the renewal of our commitment to the Jewish faith and people and as an expression of thanks and respect to the memories of those who made it possible for us to "live Jewish."

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Wishner Elected CJF President

By FRANK STRAUSS

CJF Communications Director

Maynard I. Wishner of Chicago, currently serving as Chairman of the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council and also a Past President of the American Jewish Committee, has been elected President of the Council of Jewish Federations.

Wishner's nomination was formally approved by the CJF Board of Delegates on Wednesday, November 17 at the Opening Plenary of the CJF General Assembly in Montreal.

"Maynard Wishner was selected as the nominee after a lengthy and detailed process," said outgoing President Charles Goodman. "He is a real Jewish leader who has the unique ability to bring the best of human relationships into play when building consensus on tough issues."

"The Federation movement acting together is greater than the sum of its parts," Wishner said. "There are many things on the Jewish communal agenda which we need to address together. I'm looking forward to being part of that effort."

Prior to assuming the chairmanship of NJCRAC, Wishner served as Vice Chair and Co-Chair of its Israel Task Force. He has occupied a wide variety of high level positions in Jewish and non-Jewish organizations, including the International Praesidium on Soviet Jewry, the Jewish Agency for Israel, the Martin Luther King Forum, the University of Chicago, the YIVO Institute for Yiddish Research, the National Hillel Commission, and the National Foundation for Jewish Culture.

An attorney, Wishner is Of Counsel to the firm of Rosenthal and



Maynard Wishner

Schanfield. Previously he was President and Chief Executive Officer of Walter E. Heller & Company, a real estate and financial services firm and was senior partner in the firm of Cole, Wishner, Epstein and Manilow. Before entering private practice in 1955, he was Chief City Prosecutor in the City of Chicago Law Department.

Wishner received his BA in 1945 from the University of Chicago and his JD from its Law School in 1947.

to-one with a child to assist him in tasks he may not be able to accomplish (i.e., a child in a wheelchair may be able to participate in a relay race with a push). Funding for the additional staff has come through grants from the Jewish Community Center Association (through the Hasbro Children's Foundation), Child Care Connection (through the School-Aged Child Care block grant), and the Delaware Association for Retarded Citizens.

Participants in these programs are required to be members of the JCC. Financial Assistance is available. For more information about programming for children with special needs, please call Michael Grossman, (302) 478-5660.

JCC Provides Programming For Kids With Special Needs

TALLEYVILLE: The Jewish Community Center (JCC) provides after-school and camp experiences for children who have physical and/or cognitive disabilities. Through Kidspace and Camp JCC children are integrated into activities with other children. In some cases, the children receive additional staff support in order to be successful.

"Total integration is the best possible form of programming for most children with disabilities," says Michael Grossman, Director of Youth, Family, and Camping Services. "It's time to break down the barriers and include these children in all of our activities." According to Grossman, not only is it now the law (through the American with Disabilities

Act [ADA]), it also just makes sense. Integrated programs help to dissolve the stereotypes and discrimination against those with disabilities. Children, in particular, can become aware of "differences" and carry the experiences over into their adult lives. "Just like the civil rights movement cleared the way for minorities, ADA will do the same for individuals with disabilities."

In most cases, simple adjustments in programs can be made to accommodate participants with special needs. The JCC has already lowered its staffing ratios to well below State mandated ratios in order to better supervise the children. In some cases, a "Trainer Advocate" may need to be hired. A Trainer Advocate works one-

MORE OPINIONS

Thanksgiving: Another Prospective

By RABBI JEROME EPSTEIN

Thanksgiving is a unique holiday. Not only is it authentically American, but in its insistence that we give thanks to God for our good fortune it is also distinctly religious. For the Jewish people who celebrate this day, Thanksgiving represents a wonderful opportunity to synthesize secular and spiritual concerns.

In the Torah portion following the Thanksgiving holiday, we will read that God appeared to Jacob and He blessed him. God said: "You whose name is Jacob, you shall be called Jacob no more, but Israel shall be your name."

Many interpretations have been offered as to why it was necessary for Jacob to undergo this name change. It has been suggested, for example, that with a new ID, the old Jacob — a man who practiced deceit and trickery — would no longer exist.

Significantly, however, even after Jacob received his new title, the Torah continued to refer to him by both names. According to some commentators, he is called "Jacob" in con-

nection with material matters; when he is spoken of as the leader of his people, he is called "Israel."

Was it necessary for the Torah to maintain both names in recounting the subsequent adventures of Jacob? Indeed, would there have been any disadvantage in using one name to the exclusion of the other? On reflection, it appears that it might very well have been shortsighted and possibly destructive for Jacob to have taken up his new identity as spiritual leader without maintaining a keen interest in his material affairs.

Today — as in Jacob's day — we are called upon to balance our material and spiritual needs, the two sides of our existence. Our Rabbis have long recognized that without a basic level of material comfort, we are unable to devote the proper attention to our spiritual requirements. As we are taught: "Im ein kemach, ein Torah." In our daily prayers, even as we acknowledge the Almighty as our Sovereign, our Creator, and our Protector, we are equally cognizant of God's role in helping to provide for our material well-being. Thus, the Daily Amidah contains specific requests pertaining to "non-spiritual" concerns, such as health, freedom, and prosperity.

Perhaps we may look upon Thanksgiving as one way to celebrate the synthesis of Jacob/Israel. Like Jacob, we look around and see a bountiful land where, for the most part, we have been blessed with material well-being. Like Israel, we have the opportunity, and responsibility, in this land of religious freedom to pursue spiritual growth and enrichment as well. Jacob was not complete until he became Israel. While by birth we are descendants of Jacob, we must earn the right to be called Israel through an ongoing commitment to our religious tradition and spiritual development.

While, as a people, we are not always able to join with unabashed enthusiasm in the national celebrations of the countries in which we live, we have in Thanksgiving a perfect opportunity to express our appreciation for a land that allows us to live our lives to their fullest potential. Let us embrace this opportunity to thank God for our good fortune while remaining fully conscious of our special blessings as inhabitants of a free and prosperous nation.

The author is the Executive Vice-President of The United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism, the association of 800 Conservative congregations in North America.

Russian column

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ВОЗВООБНОВЛЕНИЕ ПОЛЕМИКИ ПО ПРОБЛЕМЕ БЕЖЕНЦЕВ ИЗ БЫВШЕГО СССР

Президент организации Сионистское движение Америки Сеймур Райх полагает, что евреи из бывшего Советского Союза больше не следует предоставлять статус беженцев. Эта точка зрения вновь пробудила полемику, давно начавшуюся в еврейской общине США. По мнению Райха иммиграция в Америку подрывает принципы сионизма. Однако многие американские евреи считают, что советским евреям нельзя отказывать в убежище, поскольку их собственные бабушки и дедушки в свое время нашли пристанище на берегах американского континента.

Проблема была вынесена на обсуждение в Сенате во время слушаний по делам иммиграции и беженцев сенатором-республиканцем от штата Вайоминг Аланом Симпсоном. По сообщению Национальной конференции в защиту советских евреев, госсекретарь Уоррен Кристофер отметил во время слушаний необходимость привести программу по приему беженцев в соответствие с меняющейся действительностью в бывшем Советском Союзе. Райх в начале октября призвал пересмотреть квоты для беженцев, мотивируя это тем, что русские евреи занимают места, которые могли бы достаться жертвам "этнических чисток" из Боснии и другим людям, заслуживающим этот статус.

Еврейские организации по обустройству и расселению беженцев в США, которые ежегодно принимают примерно 40 000 еврейских иммигрантов, выступили с резкой критикой позиции Райха, назвав ее безответственной и ошибочной. В совместном заявлении Совета еврейских федераций, ХИАСа и Национальной конференции в защиту советских евреев говорится: "В соответствии с политикой США в отношении беженцев, сокращение количества мест для евреев ни в коем случае не является гарантией того, что увеличится общее число мест для других групп беженцев". Более того, по словам Гэри Рубина, уходящего со своего поста директора по национальным вопросам при Американском еврейском комитете, борьба за выезд евреев из бывшего Советского Союза помогла также приему в США других беженцев. Благодаря усилиям еврейских организаций в поддержку политики приема беженцев, многим преследуемым в странах Азии и Африки удалось приехать в США, получив статус беженцев. По заявлению президента ХИАСа Мартина Вейника, еврейская община проявила гибкость в прошлом году, уступив некоторые количество мест беженцам из Боснии. Однако беженцы из Боснии так и не воспользовались этими местами.

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A summer wedding is planned.

**Cohn To Direct Adolescent Services**

NEW CASTLE, DE — MeadowWood Hospital announces the appointment of Robert C. Cohn, M.D. as the Program Medical Director of Adolescent Services.

Prior to his joining the Medical Staff at MeadowWood, Dr. Cohn served as Psychiatrist-in-Chief of Adolescent Services at Charter Fairmount Institute in Philadelphia.

Dr. Cohn is Board Certified with the American Board of Adolescent Psychiatry and the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology. He is a member of the American Society of

Adolescent Psychiatry and the American Psychiatry Association. Presently, Dr. Cohn is a Clinical Assistant Professor of Psychiatry at the Medical College of Pennsylvania and the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine.

**Kemp Against Boycott**

NEW YORK — Unambiguous support for Israel and its search for security must remain the focus of American foreign policy, Jack Kemp, a leading Republican presidential hopeful, told the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations here.

"We must continue our efforts to strengthen economic cooperation with Israel."

**Smoking Ban Approved**

The U.S. House of Representatives approved a bipartisan bill which prohibits smoking in Federal buildings.

"It is obvious that more and more people are waking up to the dangers of prolonged exposure to tobacco smoke, and the need for tougher anti-smoking regulations is clear," Delaware Congressman Michael N. Castle said. Yesterday, November 18, was the American Cancer Society's Great American Smokeout. Castle added "Tobacco is America's number one preventable cause of death. Smoking-related health diseases cost this country tens of billions of dollars a year in lost productivity. I believe it is time federal policies encourage healthy lifestyles and effective disease prevention strategies."



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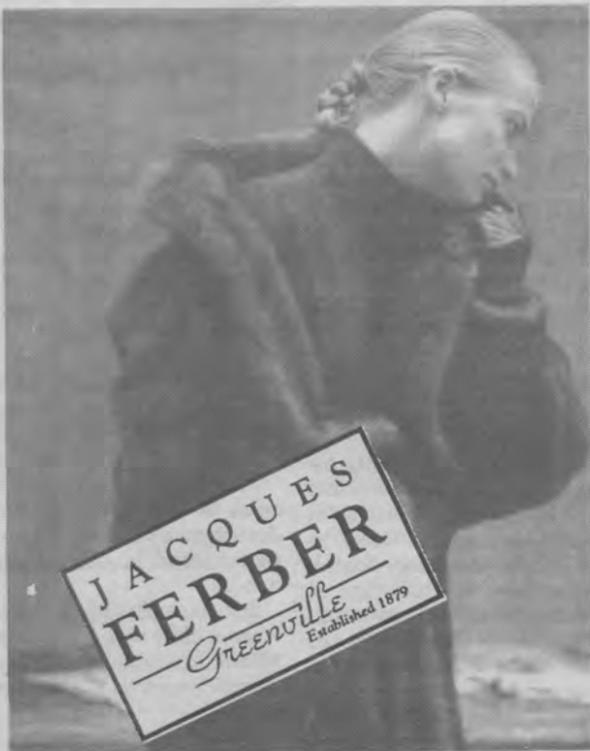


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**The Rabbi Writes: Living In Two Celebrations**

By **RABBI ELLEN BERNHARDT**

Principal, Albert Einstein Academy  
 Mordecai Kaplan, the founder of Reconstructionism believed that American Jews of the 20th Century lived in two civilizations: An American civilization which links them to non-Jewish Americans, and a Jewish civilization which links Jews to other Jews around the world. This being the case, it is imperative that we educate ourselves and our children to function well in both of these civilizations. Thus we see the growth of the Jewish Day School Movement.

Our American Jewish Child is exposed to many intellectual and cultural experiences. The integration of information and experiences is a life-long pursuit. The identity of the Jewish child is shaped by how he/she integrates such experiences and adapt it as part of his/her identity. Day schools have the unique opportunity and challenge to enable children to live in both "worlds" and to foster an identity composed of all aspects of

modern daylife.

The day school experience creates a holistic environment in which a child can explore Jewish and secular roots, can confront the dilemma of life and, ask theological questions. The goal is to facilitate the development of a healthy, strong self esteem which encompasses all parts of the child's identity.

Two pictures which epitomize this approach to education appear here. In the first picture, we see a student in our Gan (Kindergarten) as he is presented with his new letter book. The world of the written language is unfolding to him. During Jewish studies, he is proud of his Hebrew name and the Hebrew songs and words he is learning. In the second picture, we see a fifth grader in science class learning about the human body. He has traced his body, has outlined the circulatory system and is making organs out of clay. Later that day he is learning the special notes to read from the Torah. He is excited about learning a new Jewish skill as well as secular skills.

**Reform Movement Wracked By Debate On Non-Jews' Role**

By **DEBRA NUSSBAUM COHEN**

SAN FRANCISCO (JTA) — Even as religious practice gets new attention from the Reform movement and its leader proposes that the denomination reach out to un-churched non-Jews, debate rages over the role that non-Jews sitting in the pews should play in synagogue life.

At the recent biennial convention of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, it was one of the major topics discussed by leaders and delegates.

Rabbi Alexander Schindler, UAHC's president, in his keynote address called for non-Jews to be given a greater role in Jewish rituals. He advocated that non-Jews be

permitted to handle the Torah scroll and to be buried in Jewish cemeteries.

"There seems to exist a very strong taboo against non-Jews touching a Torah. Yet this zealotry has no traditional or halachic (legal) underpinning whatsoever," he said during his Shabbat sermon.

"After all, this Torah scroll they are not allowed to touch — is it not, in the case of Christians, part of their religious heritage?" said Schindler.

"That cemetery plot denied to them — is it not on the very hallowed ground where they go to pay respect to their in-laws, their Jewish friends and neighbors, in some cases to their own spouses and children?"

"There's a certain hypocrisy involved in having someone lead rituals which are limited to membership in the Jewish people, like an aliyah" to read the Torah, and Rabbi Joseph Glaser, executive vice president of the movement's rabbinic organization, the Central Conference of American Rabbis.

"I am concerned that we are giving a message when we involve a non-Jew in the sacred rituals of Judaism that 'what's the point of converting or marrying a Jew, for that matter'," Glaser said in an interview.

According to delegate Shulamith Zimmerman of Temple Sinai in Toronto allowing non-Jews too much of a role in the synagogue poses a serious problem for the Reform movement.

"We need boundaries," she said. "A temple is not a social club."

Her husband, Harvey Zimmerman, said: "I find this issue more threatening than anything else in Reform to what my idea of Judaism is about."

"If you give non-Jews everything," he said, "what's the point of being Jewish?"

The issue has been percolating in

Reform temples for several years, since large numbers of non-Jewish participants became evident in the pews.

It exploded into full-fledged debate among the movement's leaders last February, at an executive committee meeting of UAHC, when Schindler first put forth some of the ideas he later proposed in San Francisco. As a result of the uproar, the slated agenda was put aside.

At the February meeting, Rabbi Walter Jacob, president of the Reform rabbinic organization, said: "There should be a very clear distinction between a Jew and a non-Jew in our religious services. It is wrong to have a non-Jew leading us in prayer."

"If we take prayer and these words seriously, then we cannot have a gentle mouth what they clearly do not believe."

"The non-Jew knows that it would be absurd to have a Jew assist a mass or take communion in a Catholic Church," Jacob said.

"In fact it has been my experience that non-Jews questioned their role even at a Bar/Bat Mitzvah. If they understand the difference, shouldn't we?" Jacob asked.

His point, Schindler said in an interview, is to ensure that non-Jews, and the children of intermarriages, not be hurt by being excluded.

He suggested that temples be most open to the participation of non-Jews in rituals, and least open to their participation in matters of governance.

For example, he suggested that when a child becomes a Bar or Bat Mitzvah, the non-Jewish parent place the tallit (prayer shawl) over the child's head.

"That's not profane," said Schindler, who denied that there is any contradiction or mixed message in having a young person publicly proclaim for the first time that they are making an adult commitment to a Jewish life, while their non-Jewish parent participates in the ritual without having made that commitment.

On the contrary, he said, it is "mutually reinforcing" for the bar-mitzvah child to see the non-Jewish parent participating.

"After all, practice is the antecedent of belief in Judaism," he said. "It may be the first step of the parent's conversionary process."

As part of the movement's emphasis on autonomy, each congrega-

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tion defines its own rules for the participation of non-Jews.

Non-Jews are a presence in just about every Reform temple, and in some places comprise a significant minority.

In most cases, the non-Jews are married to Jews and have agreed to raise their children Jewishly. They come with their families to pray and bring the kids to Hebrew school.

They are permitted membership in the overwhelming majority of Reform temples — 88 percent — although the degree of participation allowed in ritual and governance varies from place to place.

And while a minority of congregations currently have the roles permitted to non-Jews written into their bylaws, a large number are in the midst of defining the issue, according to Dru Greenwood, director of the movement's Commission on Reform Jewish Outreach.

Sixty-two percent of congregations allow non-Jews to vote on congregational issues, according to an outreach census conducted by the UAHC in 1991.

One-third of Reform temples allow non-Jews to serve on the board of trustees, and more than one-quarter, 27 percent, allow them to serve

as officers of the congregation. A large majority, 87 percent, allow non-Jews to serve on all or most temple committees, and more than half, 51 percent, allow them to serve as committee chairs.

In terms of ritual, more than 90 percent of Reform congregations allow non-Jews to participate from the pulpit in life cycle ceremonies, including baby namings and Bar and Bat Mitzvahs.

Four out of 10 Reform temples allow non-Jews to light Shabbat candles in front of the assembled congregation.

And more than one-fifth of temples — 22 percent — allow non-Jews to have aliyot, to the Torah.

"It is important that there be a difference between being Jewish and non-Jewish" in Reform temples, said Greenwood, "but the question is, where is that boundary?"

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"This Jamboree had more active Jewish scout and scouter participation than ever before," said Sheldon Weil, Chairman of the National Jewish Committee on Scouting. "Jewish scouts came from coast to coast and represented the Reform, Conservative, Orthodox and Lubovitch congregations."

The Boy Scouts of America provided for the special dietary requirements of individual scouts and scouting units who observed the laws of Kashruth. Kosher meals were made available to all who requested them and were specially catered for the event so the Kosher cuisine would be similar to the meals served to the other scouts. There was one entirely Orthodox unit, observing the laws of Kashruth and Shabbat while at the Jamboree.

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# Helping Youth Live Jewish

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its needs and begin to dream of an even brighter future enhancing the Jewish identity of high school age Delaware Jews.

Friedberg told *The Jewish Voice* it would be "wonderful if one day in Delaware there would be a community Hebrew high school." The Gratz principal sees a community Hebrew high school as an incentive for more of Delaware's Jewish youth to continue their Jewish education after their Bar Mitzvah or Bat Mitzvah. As conceived by Friedberg the community Hebrew high school would provide rigorous secular academic training along with the Jewish-oriented subject matter which presently makes up Gratz's curriculum. Such a future would contemplate an ongoing involvement with Delaware's congregational Rabbinate.

Friedberg believes that if students learned together in a community Hebrew high school they would be more likely to socialize together with their Jewish peers in that same environment at dances and other after school activities.

Presently, Gratz is the only Delaware institution offering post-confirmation Hebrew courses, according to its principal. Today's Gratz students receive a religious school teaching certificate. Friedberg extolled Gratz's teachers as "the best that Delaware has to offer." Even though Gratz has over 80 teens in attendance the principal says Gratz always welcomes more students.

Gratz is "always adding new courses, innovative ways to teach current materials and new courses developed nationally explains Friedberg. She mentioned a new course on social action will allow for Gratz students to interact with the homeless, work with Kutz Home residents and go to the Elwyn Institute.

Friedberg hopes to incorporate into Gratz's curriculum a Jewish heritage video collection marketed by a Boston based company. Media images depicting Jewish life from early movies to present day are collected for study. This collection, featuring such works as the Jazz Singer and Marjorie Morningstar, includes lesson plans for discussion of Jewish life. Friedberg says a purchase of the video collection, which would be available next September, would be "great for the whole community, including adults."

According to *Jewish Involvement of The Baby Boom Generation*, an executive summary, by Mordechai Rimor and Elihu Katz, of the 1990 *National Jewish Population Survey*, "The data show that Jewish education is a potent factor in Jewish involvement. Nine years of Jewish education (by implication, into high school) appears to be a turning point in connecting Jewish education with Jewish involvement." We can interpret this summary to indicate that community support of Gratz is a sound investment in the future Jewish involvement of the community's high school age members. "Jewish education definitely heightens Jewish identity" summarized Friedberg.

As the community looks hopefully to a successful 1994 Campaign, the work of Gratz, a JFD beneficiary, helps kids live Jewish.

### Jewish Community Center

"We have lost many of our Jewish neighborhoods and the JCC provides the essence of a Jewish neighborhood. You can smell the cooking for the senior's chicken dinner, taste the baked challah, hear children singing songs of shabbat, hear people speaking Yiddish and Hebrew, and see families picking up their kids. Where else do you hear Shabbat Shalom on the way to play basketball or to go into the schvitz?" — David Sorkin, JCC Director

For many Delaware Jewish kids the JCC is much more than the "neighborhood handout." Delaware's Jewish Community Center (JCC) provides a continuum of service from infancy through teen years, says David Sorkin, JCC Director. A successful 1994 community campaign may further Sorkin's vision of a youth director to help teens "Live Jewish." Sorkin suggests, a youth director, which has also been envisioned by Gratz's Elaine Friedberg, would provide teens with a role model and an adult connection. A youth director or teen worker would help develop teens' leadership abilities and help them help themselves, believes Sorkin.

With young children a parent can decide on their kids' activities, explained Sorkin, "with teens the parent doesn't decide." For such independent teens, time and effort is needed for a youth director to develop a relationship with individual teens. The JCC Director says. Teens can relate to an adult who is closer to them in age, Sorkin asserts. A Jewish teen worker can help teens develop

leadership roles, provides a quality role model, and even provide interim counseling, says Sorkin.

Sorkin says a teen is more likely to confide in a teen worker, "I'm having a tough time with my family" or "I have been thinking about killing myself" than teens might be with another member of the community. Such a youth director or teen worker can thus provide a valuable resource linking the teen to a referral if help is needed.

"As a friend he or she can hear it first," says Sorkin.

Such a director would coordinate social and recreational events for Jewish teens in Delaware as a compliment to Delaware synagogue programs. Sorkin insists "synagogues should have their own programs" for teens but for a recreational or social context "the JCC could be a gathering place" for Delaware Jewish teens. In addition the JCC teen group could cater toward the unaffiliated, provide a social/recreational context in a non-religious environment, and a low threshold of involvement which is much less formal (therefore attractive to more Jewish teens). The JCC facility could be the location of a Jewish youth dance on a regular occasion and shabbatons including swimming and the fitness center," explains Sorkin. "Ski trips" for teens "should be under the auspices of the JCC," says Sorkin advocating greater opportunities for all Delaware's Jewish teens to socialize together.

Last year at this time Jack Boeko, Executive Director, United Jewish Centers of Metro West, N.H., in his paper *Operation Joseph: The Rescue of American Jewish Youth*, wrote "a significant number of American Jews do not maintain effective connections to qualitative communal Jewish life. Future projections will be even more dismaying if we do not instill a new sense of belonging and purpose to our youth." Boeko admonished, "Unless we begin to allocate large sums increasing and enhancing programs dedicated to youth. There will be a further decline of committed Jews involved in our communities." This nationally recognized expert advocates a teen director or youth director for communities such as our own.

Sorkin credits The Jewish Federation of Delaware (JFD), which distributes resources raised during Campaign, for helping "to make this building exist." The JFD pays for paving the parking lots and other capital concerns without which the JCC could not operate, according to Sorkin. Because of Federation support The JCC is better able to provide such services to the community as its infant program, toddler program, preschool program, kindergarten programs, after school programming, camp programs, day care programs, club programs and general enrichment programs. In addition the JCC is a place for Delaware youth to participate in everything from karate, ballet, basketball, swimming and arts & crafts.

Sorkin cites another great need is a Jewish educational specialist for the JCC. Such a professional would enhance Jewish educational experiences in informal ways not in competition with synagogues or day schools. The specialist could help out with a range of programs from preschool to teens. An education specialist could also enhance Jewishness through staff training, program development and resource development. a *maven* on Jewish matters could help find Jewish songs for preschoolers, lead a rap

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## JDL Starts Computer Bulletin Board

PHILADELPHIA, PA — The Jewish Defense League has announced that to mark the third Yahrzeit (Memorial anniversary) of JDL's founder and slain Jewish leader Rabbi Meir Kahane it has started a new computer Bulletin Board system (BBS). The JDL Bulletin Board is open to the public and is meant to allow computer users to have access to information about JDL, Israel, Jewish history, Zionism, the Holocaust, and Jewish identity.

"The Jewish Defense League BBS is also a way for Jewish activists from throughout the United States to net-

work with each other and share information," stated Michael Lazar, Executive Director of the Jewish Defense League. "This Bulletin Board is JDL's first step into the computer age."

"Neo-Nazis in the United States have had computer networks operating for at least the last five years. It is about time for Jewish activists to have their own high tech communications network," stated JDL's Lazar.

The Computer BBS number is (215) 464-5174. The Bulletin Board System is free to users.

## Doubt Cast On Reports That Syria Holds Arad

By HUGH ORGEL

TEL AVIV (JTA) — Top Israeli officials have doubts about a claim by a senior PLO intelligence official that Israeli air force navigator Ron Arad was being held by the Syrians.

Israel Defense Force and political sources expressed reservations Wednesday about that claim as well as about a second claim that three other Israeli soldiers — Zachariya Baumel, Yehuda Katz and Zvi Feldman — were dead and had been buried in a Damascus cemetery.

The claims regarding the missing soldiers were made Tuesday by Col. Nezar Amar, a member of the Palestine Liberation Organization delegation to the autonomy talks at the Sinai border town of Taba.

Amar made the claims during a break in the talks and later repeated

them during an interview with the Israeli newspaper Ma'ariv.

A high-ranking IDF officer said Wednesday that there was a "great deal of doubt that the report is accurate."

But he added that the report was nevertheless being taken seriously and that further investigations would be carried out.

Arad was shot down near Saida, Lebanon, in October 1986.

Foreign Minister Shimon Peres said Wednesday in an interview with Israel Television that Israeli officials had repeatedly raised the issue of the whereabouts of the missing soldiers during their negotiations with the PLO.

He said the issue would likewise be pressed at future negotiating sessions, particularly if new evidence came to light.

## APN Deplores Violence

Richard S. Gunther and Linda Heller Kamm, Co-Presidents, and Gary E. Rubin, Executive Director of Americans for Peace Now, issued a statement which read in part as follows:

Americans for Peace Now is anguished at the murder of Ephraim Ayubi, the sixth Israeli victim of violence in West Bank and Gaza Strip since the September 13 signing of the Israel-Palestinian peace accord. Before any political analysis of the terror campaign is conducted, we need to condemn unequivocally the cold-blooded slaying of human life.

The statement also asserted:

It is clear that the goal of the recent violence is to derail the peace process. Groups unable to reverse the popularity of negotiations that could bring real peace and security to the region are striving to forcibly end progress through threats and violence. They must not succeed. Israel, the PLO, and the Arab states must remain steadily on the course of peace, and unambiguously condemn and control any force that seeks to hinder them. There can be no security without peace.

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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## NOVEMBER

Friday \_\_\_\_\_ 19

**ORT Shabbat, Congregation Beth Emeth, 8:00 p.m.** Brandywine ORT will host its first ORT Shabbat. Our speaker, Mrs. Sandy Salaman, has been a member of ORT since 1968, is a past president of the Philadelphia Region and is currently a National Vice President. Call Shelley Stein at 478-8974 or Sandy McBride at 475-6302.

Saturday \_\_\_\_\_ 20

Third Annual JCC Family Hoe-



**down, Hayride and Bonfire, 7:00 p.m.** Refreshments, Professional Country-Western Dance Caller. Cost: Advance Registration, JCC Members/\$8.00 a head or \$20.00 a family. Non-Members/\$10.00 a head or \$25.00 a family. Cost at the door, \$2.00 additional across the board. RSVP: Sign-up by Wednesday, November 17 at the JCC Front Desk. (Payment is required at time of registration). This family event is sponsored by the JCC Youth and Family Services Department.

Sunday \_\_\_\_\_ 21

**Club 34 Thanksgiving Workshop** - Join your third and fourth grade friends for a Thanksgiving Workshop at the JCC. We will prepare Thanksgiving favorites and work on a Native American project. Fees: \$5.00/members, \$7.50/non-members. Call Elyse Greer, Youth Services Coordinator at (302) 478-5660. **YJAD will be watching** the Eagles vs. the Giants game on television. Call Beth Lubaroff at (215) 482-9943.

Tuesday \_\_\_\_\_ 23

Thanksgiving Luncheon, 12:00

**Noon** - Members of the Stroke Club will be joining the JCC Senior Center at the Annual Thanksgiving Luncheon. R.S.V.P. volunteers who help out at the Senior Center daily and at Candlelight Dinners and special events will be honored. A traditional Thanksgiving menu will be served followed by musical entertainment. Reservations and a holiday donation are requested.

Sunday \_\_\_\_\_ 28

**AKSE Men's Club 9:30 a.m.** Speakers are Rabbi David Kaplan, Beth El Congregation, and Dave Schonbach, Ecology Committee, Beth El Congregation. Topic: Ecology in Judaism.

Tuesday \_\_\_\_\_ 30

**Howard Teicher and Gayle Radley Teicher, authors of *Twin Pillars to Desert Storm: America's Flawed Vision in the Middle East from Nixon to Bush*.**

**YJAD will Drop-in at a nearby Wilmington restaurant.** Call Michael Bank at (302) 478-4216.

**Judaism and Feminism group,** sponsored by Jewish Family Service, will meet at 12:15 in the Jewish

Federation conference room. For more information call Myrna Ryder at JFS, 478-9411.

## DECEMBER

Thursday \_\_\_\_\_ 2

**Young Leadership Cabinet, Panel Discussion, 7:30 p.m.** featuring Seth Bloom, Frances Ratner and Pam-Sue Schwartz. Panelists will discuss their experiences at the 1992 "Washington 8" conference and information about the 1994 "Washington 9" conference will be disseminated. Call Jon Foreman at 479-5247 or Rabbi Marla Feldman at the JFD (478-6200).

Sunday \_\_\_\_\_ 5

**Craft Market (Juried Show)**  
**A.K.S.E. Men's Club Dinner and Concert** featuring Cindy Goldstein and Linda Vodovis, vocalists, and Bob Weiner and the Razzmatazz Barbershop Comedy Quartet.

**A.K.S.E. Family Spaghetti Dinner and Concert** featuring Cindy Goldstein and Linda Vodovis, vocalists, and Bob Weiner and the Razzmatazz Barbershop Comedy Quartet. \$7.00 per adult, \$4.00 per child (12 & under). For ticket information, contact A.K.S.E. office, 302-762-2705.

Saturday \_\_\_\_\_ 11

**The Philadelphia premiere of the Swedish film *Freud Leaving Home*** will be presented at The Jewish Film Festival at the Gershman YM & YWHA Branch, Jewish Community Centers of Greater Philadelphia, Broad and Pine Sts., Philadelphia, 8 p.m. The film's director, Susanne Bier will speak following the Saturday screenings.

**YJAD Hanukkah Party, 8:00 p.m.** at the JCC. Please RSVP to one of the following people: Dan Loewenstern (215) 444-1839, Beth Lubaroff (215) 482-9943, or Michael Bank (302) 478-4216.

Sunday \_\_\_\_\_ 12

**The Philadelphia premiere of the Swedish film *Freud Leaving Home*** will be presented at The Jewish Film Festival at the Gershman YM & YWHA Branch, Jewish Community Center of Greater Philadelphia, Broad and Pine Sts., Philadelphia, 2 p.m. The film's director, Susanne Bier will speak following the Saturday screenings.

Monday \_\_\_\_\_ 13

**The Philadelphia premiere of the Swedish film *Freud Leaving Home*** will be presented at The Jewish Film Festival at the Gershman YM & YWHA Branch, Jewish Community Center of Greater Philadelphia, Broad and Pine Sts., Philadelphia, 7 p.m. The film's director, Susanne Bier will speak following the Saturday screenings.

Tuesday \_\_\_\_\_ 14

**YJAD Games Night** at the JCC, 7:00 p.m. Bring board or card games. Call Michael Bank at (302) 478-4216.

Sunday \_\_\_\_\_ 19

**A.K.S.E. Men's Club 9:30 a.m.** Speakers are Colonel Tom Gordon, Chief of Police, New Castle County. Topic: Our Community Crime Watch.

Tuesday \_\_\_\_\_ 21

**Jewish Great Books Discussion Group, third Tuesday of every month** at the J.C.C., 7:30-9:00 p.m. *The Man Who Thought He Was Messiah*, C. Leviant.

## JANUARY 1994

Tuesday \_\_\_\_\_ 18

**Jewish Great Books Discussion Group, third Tuesday of every month** at the J.C.C., 7:30-9:00 p.m. *If I Am Not For Myself*, R. Wisse.

Sunday \_\_\_\_\_ 30

**A.K.S.E. Men's Club 9:30 a.m.** Speakers are Edith Carlson, Executive Director, Northern Delaware Greenway Council. Topic: Preservation of our Natural and Cultural Resources.

## FEBRUARY

1994

Tuesday \_\_\_\_\_ 15

**Jewish Great Books Discussion Group, third Tuesday of every month** at the J.C.C., 7:30-9:00 p.m. *If I Am Not For Myself*, R. Wisse.

Sunday \_\_\_\_\_ 27

**A.K.S.E. Men's Club 9:30 a.m.** Speakers are Rabbi Marla J. Feldman, Delaware's new Jewish Community Relations Council Director. Topic: Our Jewish and Civic Responsibilities — A Report on the National Jewish Relations Advisory Council Plenum.

## MARCH 1994

Tuesday \_\_\_\_\_ 15

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

Sunday \_\_\_\_\_ 20

**A.K.S.E. Men's Club 9:30 a.m.** Speakers are Dr. Marian L. Palley, Professor of Political Science & International Relations, University of Delaware. Topic: The New Israel?

## APRIL 1994

Tuesday \_\_\_\_\_ 19

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

## MAY 1994

Tuesday \_\_\_\_\_ 19

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

## Ongoing

## On Wednesdays

the YJAD will play coed volleyball inside the JCC Gymnasium. Games run from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and are non-competitive. Cost is \$2 (\$1 for JCC members). Contact Mike Schenk at (215) 558-3781.

**Lower East Side Tenement Museum, 97 Orchard Street, New York City,** walking tours include Peddler's Pack: A Jewish Heritage Tour. Chartered in 1988, the Tenement Museum seeks to promote tolerance and historical perspective through the presentation and interpretation of immigrant experiences on Manhattan's Lower East Side, a gateway to America. For dates and times call 212-431-0233.

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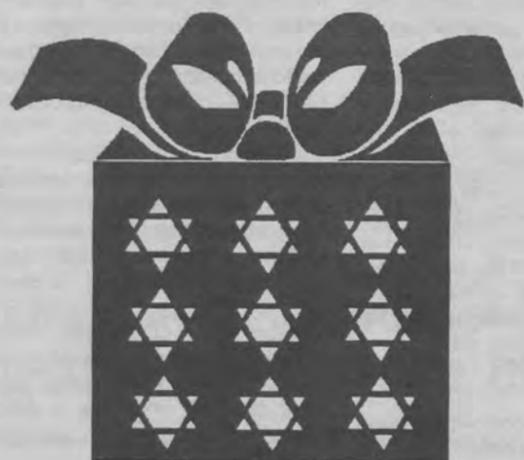
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MORE NEWS

Fatah Link To Murder Erodes Confidence In PLO

By CYNTHIA MANN

JERUSALEM (JTA) — The revelation that the late October kidnaping and killing of Jewish settler Chaim Mizrahi was carried out by members of Al Fatah, the Palestine Liberation Organization faction under the command of Yasser Arafat, has sparked outrage as well as a sense of betrayal here.

The government of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin has repeatedly insisted that Fatah was not involved in any of the terrorist attacks that have occurred since the signing of the Israel-PLO self-rule accord on Sept. 13.

But now, there is growing doubt that Arafat can be counted upon to prevent further acts of terrorism and implement his side of the autonomy agreement.

Mizrahi's murder had originally been attributed to the Islamic fundamentalist Hamas movement, which opposes the Israeli-Palestinian accord.

But last Friday, the day Rabin met with President Clinton in Washington, the Israel Defense force announced that the five Palestinians captured in the Mizrahi killing were members of the PLO's Fatah wing.

Following their meeting, Clinton and Rabin held a joint news conference at which the issue surfaced as to whether the PLO was doing enough to condemn terrorist attacks in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

In remarks clearly directed at Arafat, Clinton said, "Leaders who seek peace must speak out in a loud and clear voice against those who would destroy those aspirations for peace."

Later, in response to a question, the president said Arafat was "duty-bound at a minimum to condemn" terrorist attacks as a violation of the Israeli-PLO agreement.

Last Saturday, Arafat issued a statement condemning the killing and said the killers acted on their own, without the knowledge of Fatah's leadership.

But Deputy Defense Minister Mordechai Gur made it clear at the weekly Cabinet meeting Sunday that

while the PLO condemnation was a positive step, it did not go far enough.

"It's time for him (Arafat) as a leader to speak clearly and loudly and explicitly," Gur said, "to tell all his people to stop any terrorist activity."

Similar sentiments were expressed by other Cabinet ministers.

"I hope the future will indicate one thing," said Housing Minister Binyamin Ben-Eliezer, "that he (Arafat) can control" his people. "Otherwise we have to ask ourselves very difficult questions" about the peace process, he said.

Economics Minister Shimon Shetreet said he believed the PLO had not done enough to oppose acts of terrorism, but that the condemnations by Arafat was sufficient to resume the talks on implementing the autonomy agreement, which were scheduled to enter their six round this week in Cairo.

Members of the opposition, upon hearing the announcement that the Mizrahi murderers belonged to Fatah, charged the Rabin government with a "whitewash."

"The whitewash is beginning to peel off and crumble from the shaky agreement which the Rabin government has signed," National Religious Party Chairman Zevalan Hammer told the Jerusalem Post. "The government spoke to sheep, only to discover that it was dancing with wolves."

But Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, who chaired Sunday's Cabinet meeting in Rabin's absence, said the importance of the PLO's condemnation of the Mizrahi murder should not be underestimated.

Peres called the condemnation a marked change in PLO policy. But he also said Israel would insist that the PLO be made to honor its commitments.

Among those commitments was a letter Arafat sent to Rabin on Sept. 9 in which he renounced violence and vowed to discipline any PLO members that resorted to it.

The letter, written four days before the historic signing of the Palestinian self-rule accord in Washington, rep-

resented a crucial step in achieving the accord.

During Sunday's meeting, Israeli security officials told the Cabinet that the PLO instructions to refrain from terrorist acts were generally being obeyed by its members.

They said that the murderers of Mizrahi reported their attack to a Fatah official in the territories. But the organization apparently did nothing to aid their escape and the Fatah official did not report the information to Arafat.

For their part, Fatah leaders in the territories said they were shocked to hear the killing came from within their organization. They maintained that the murder was carried out without the authorization of Fatah officials.

Peres stated during the Cabinet meeting that there would be no concessions on Israeli security during what he said would be a difficult period until Palestinian autonomy was established.

The Cabinet also decided unanimously to hold a special session when Rabin returns from the United States to discuss the upsurge of violence by Israeli settlers in the territories that had been triggered by the Mizrahi murder.

Jewish residents of the territories were especially infirmed by news of the Fatah link. They maintained that Rabin and his ministers, had known about the terrorists' identity and had deceived them.

Further heightening tensions, two Israelis were stabbed last Friday in separate terrorist incidents.

One Israeli was attacked near an army checkpoint in the Gaza Strip. The other, a 19-year-old soldier, was stabbed in the Jewish Quarter of Jerusalem's Old City on his way home for the Sabbath.

The assault in Jerusalem prompted a protest Saturday night by hundreds of residents of the Jewish Quarter.

In a separate incident during the weekend near the West Bank town of Ramallah, settlers climbed a wall and set fire to a chicken coop owned by Palestinians located near where Mizrahi had been abducted.

tional memorial for the Jewish victims of the Holocaust.

Nevertheless, the Berlin Jewish community voted unanimously to boycott the memorial's dedication.

The head of the Berlin community, Jerzy Kanal, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, "One cannot remember the past without differentiating between the dead. The murder of the (European) Jews was unique."

"Some of the German victims also exterminated Jews," Waks said. "Some of the fallen soldiers ran the death camps."

"This collapses the distinction between the victims of Auschwitz and their Nazi SS perpetrators," said Rabbi Daniel Landes, director of national education projects for the Simon Wiesenthal Center.

"It shows that Germany wants to close the book on the painful memory of the Holocaust by normalizing World War II to be a war like all of the other wars. It unleashed terror on its targets, the tens of millions of innocent Jews, Slavs, Russians, Poles, Gypsies and homosexuals," said Landes, who participated in the protest.

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Berlin Memorial To War Dead Boycotted By Jews

By IGAL AVIDAN

BERLIN (JTA) — A controversial new memorial to Germany's war dead was inaugurated here Sunday in the absence of Berlin's Jewish community leaders and with condemnation by many non-Jewish Germans as well.

The memorial, inscribed "for the victims of war and tyranny," has been roundly criticized for honoring perpetrators as well as victims of the Holocaust and for not mentioning Jews as victims.

In protest, the culture minister of Berlin stayed away, joining some 50 intellectuals and public figures who signed a statement.

"Should it now be considered in Germany that those who voluntarily wore swastikas were the same as those who were forced to wear yellow stars with the word 'Jew'?" the statement asked.

The monument, on Unter den Lin-

den, Berlin's premier thoroughfare, was dedicated by Chancellor Helmut Kohl and President Richard von Weizsacker.

Although the leader of the Berlin Jewish community pointedly stayed away from the memorial's dedication, Ignatz Bubis, who is head of the entire German Jewish community, attended, after Kohl agreed to his demands for a plaque naming Nazi victims.

The plaque, which Kohl allowed to be erected outside the monument's entrance, contains a quotation from a 1985 speech by Weizsacker that named victims of the Nazis.

Weizsacker spoke out at that time when Kohl went ahead with his highly controversial plans to honor S.S. soldiers buried at the Bitburg cemetery.

Bubis, in his negotiations with Kohl over the contentious memorial, also secured the chancellor's support for the erection of Germany's first na-

MORE NEWS

Rabin Pens Plea To Clinton For Clemency For Pollard

By DEBORAH KALB

WASHINGTON (JTA)—In a move welcomed by supporters of Jonathan Pollard, Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin has written to President Clinton asking that Pollard's sentence for spying for Israel be commuted.

The news surfaced as Pollard's supporters gathered in Washington last week to lobby members of Congress for his release.

Clinton acknowledged that he had received a letter from Rabin about the Pollard case.

"I will not make a decision on the Pollard case until I get some sort of

indication" from the Justice Department, Clinton said.

According to a source familiar with Pollard-related activities, the letter asked Clinton to commute Pollard's life sentence to time served, on humanitarian grounds.

The letter also anticipated opposition to a commuted sentence within the U.S. intelligence community, but it urged commutation nonetheless.

In addition, the letter seemed to acknowledge the impropriety of Pollard's actions, the source said.

The letter was sent between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, the

source said.

David Kirshenbaum, one of the participants in a meeting with Israeli envoy Itamar Rabinovich, said the ambassador had told the participants of the letter's existence and had implied that it had been sent fairly recently.

Kirshenbaum, who participated in the Pollard lobbying day, said that he had heard rumors of the letter and that the group had asked the ambassador to confirm them.

The Israeli Embassy would not comment on the meeting.

Sources were not sure whether

Rabin and Clinton would discuss the letter and the Pollard case during their scheduled meeting.

Pollard supporters hope Clinton will commute Pollard's sentence. They believe his sentence was disproportionately long when compared to the sentences given to people convicted for spying for other, hostile countries.

Currently, a petition seeking clemency for Pollard is pending in the Justice Department. Sources have

said the petition is expected to be forwarded to the White House in a month.

Many Jewish organizations around the country and abroad have backed Pollard.

A former civilian naval intelligence analyst, he is serving the eighth year of a life sentence for spying for Israel.

District Attorney's Probe of ADL Activity Halted With Bay City Settlement, Civil Suits Continue

By JOSEPH POLAKOFF

WASHINGTON (PNR) — The Anti-Defamation League and the office of San Francisco's district attorney, Arlo Smith, have reached a settlement under which no criminal charges will be sought against the ADL and it will defray costs of a program to train local assistant district attorneys to educate San Francisco public school children about the evils of bigotry and discrimination.

The culmination of the almost year-long investigation includes an injunc-

tion that the ADL will not engage in its information-gathering techniques that may be deemed illegally obtained confidential information in monitoring organizations and individuals. It expressly recognizes ADL's right to continue to gather and disseminate information in a lawful and constitutionally protected manner.

Also exempted from prosecution is Roy Bullock, an ADL "contract employ" who has been accused of collecting alleged illegal information. No fines or penalties are imposed on either the ADL or Bullock,

In a statement following the agreement, the ADL's leaders, Melvin Salberg, national chairman, and Abraham Foxman, national director, said "the agreement we have reached confirms our consistent position that ADL has engaged in no misconduct of any kind. To the contrary, this agreement furthers ADL's 80-year commitment to combating bigotry and hatred through the establishment of a hate crimes reward fund and the sponsorship of a prejudice reduction training program in the San Francisco schools."

Most Israeli's Now Oppose Pact With PLO, Poll Shows Slight Plurality

By MICHELE CHABIN

JERUSALEM (JTA) — The wave of Arab violence that has overtaken Israelis since Israel signed a self-rule accord with the Palestine Liberation Organization in September has eroded public confidence in the peace process to such an extent that now more Israelis oppose the agreement than favor it.

The reversal of Israeli support for the accord was revealed in the latest opinion poll, which was published in the Hebrew daily Ma'ariv last Friday.

Of 505 Jewish men and women polled last week, 39 percent expressed support for the Israel-PLO pact, while 45 percent said they were against it.

The remaining 16 percent surveyed expressed no opinion.

These findings contrast sharply with the results of polls taken immediately after the Sept. 13 White House signing ceremony. At that time, the majority of Israelis favored granting limited autonomy to the Palestinians.

The latest statistics were backed up by conversations with a random sampling of residents of Jerusalem.

Naomi Kruger, a criminologist who recently immigrated from Toronto, expressed concern that Arafat cannot control militants among the Palestinians.

"Rabin signed the agreement with an Arafat who no longer represents a large chunk of the Palestinian people. Arafat seems unable or unwilling to take charge of the radical opponents of the peace process," she said.

Judith, a clerk at a bookstore, said she is "torn" between negative reaction to the recent increase in violence and the hope for peace.

"It's true that Yasser Arafat doesn't control the radical elements, but this fact should not stop the peace process," she said.

"On the one hand, we need to know what the agreement will mean for the Jewish settlers living in the territories. What will happen, for example, if there is violence and the man on the scene is an Arab policeman?" Judith asked.

"While I don't think the settlers should be forced to move out of the territories, perhaps the time has come for them to move on, in the name of peace," she said.

With a note of frustration, she said, "I don't know the answer. Do you?"

Jewish Youth

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session on Jewish ethics, extol Jewish values and enlighten Jewish leadership, explained Sorkin.

Delaware's Jewish kids have a vibrant present and potentially an even more promising future if our dreamers goals are nurtured. The first step, according to the leaders of a few of the foremost agencies providing service to Delaware's Jewish youth, is to contribute to the success of this year's community campaign. A strong campaign will build a future in which Delaware's Jewish youth can be healthy, intelligent, happy and live Jewish.



King of Spain Visits Wailing Wall...Jerusalem—King Juan Carlos of Spain (L) is accompanied by a priest as they are led past religious Jews towards the Wailing Wall, during a visit to the Old City November 9. King Juan Carlos is the first European reigning monarch to visit Israel. RNS PHOTO/Reuters

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HELENE SELIGMAN CORTY

Helene Seligman Corty, 90, of Forwood Manor, Brandywine Hundred, died November 12 of congestive heart failure in its health center, where she was a patient.

Mrs. Corty, born in Oberwesel, Germany, lived for many years in the Rhineland region. She had been a sales personnel instructor for Tietz, a German department store chain.

She and her family moved to Brookline, Mass., in 1939. In 1989 she moved to Wilmington to live near her son, Claude Corty.

In Wilmington, she was a member of the Academy of Lifelong Learning and member of Forwood Manors Library committee.

Her husband, Walter, died in 1964. Besides her son, she is survived by two grandsons and two great grandsons.

Instead of flowers, the family suggests contributions to St. Clare Fund, in care of St. Francis Hospital, Box 2500, Wilmington, 19805.

JAMES GOLDSTEIN

James Goldstein, 87, of 8210 Society Drive, Claymont, died Sunday, October 31 in Riverside Hospital, Wilmington.

Mr. Goldstein was in the retail clothing business for more than 60 years. He was part-owner of James' Shop, a men's clothing store in Wilmington for more than 30 years until the late 1960s.

He then worked in sales for Adam's Clothiers and Murray's at the Mart. He retired in 1970.

He was a member of Congregation Beth Shalom and a member and former treasurer of Beth Shalom Men's Club, Montefiore Mutual Benefit Society and B'nai B'rith Lodge 470 for more than 60 years.

He is survived by his wife, Ida Goldstein; two sons, Howard of Palm Beach Gardens, Fla., and Raymond of New Orleans; and three grandchildren.

Instead of flowers, the family suggests contributions to charity.

JOSEPH GREENWALD

Former Wilmington auxiliary police chief Joseph Greenwald, 82, an area Boy Scout master, November 2 of hypertension at his Hockessin home.

Mr. Greenwald, who had lived at 869 Bengt Road since 1957, was a design draftsman for the New Castle County Board of Assessments, retiring in 1974 after about 20 years.

In the 1950s, he was a draftsman at the DuPont Co.'s Process Piping and Instruments Department, Louviers site, and earlier in Wilmington, where he worked about 10 years.

During World War II, he received an award from the Navy for submarine piping design done while a draftsman for Dravo Corp.'s Wilmington shipyard.

In 1950s, he was chief of Wilmington Auxiliary Police, a civilian group that handled civil defense and disaster relief. As an auxiliary police volunteer during World War II, he helped staff around-the-clock air-raid lookouts and taught first aid.

He was a former member of Delaware Association of Chiefs of Police.

A Scout volunteer for more than 35 years, he was the first scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop 45, Temple

Beth Emeth, Wilmington, which he helped organize in 1945.

A Mason, he was a member of Oriental Lodge 27, Wilmington; Delaware Consistory, Scottish Rite and Nur Temple Shrine.

He was a member of Montefiore Mutual Benefit Society.

He earned a bachelor's degree in design drafting from University of Delaware after studying at Drexel University. He grew up in Wilmington, adjacent to his father's grocery store, Greenwald's. He graduated from Wilmington High School.

His wife of about 55 years, Iva Ruth Greenwald, died in 1989. He is survived by a son, Jerry of Hockessin; a daughter, Sondra Eisenman of Chadds Ford, Pa.; a brother, Herbert "Pat" of Santa Barbara, Calif., four grandchildren and a great-grandson.

Instead of flowers, the family suggests contributions to Boy Scouts of America.

GOLDIE F. SILVERSTEIN

Goldie F. Silverstein, who co-owned and operated Sheldon's Department Store here, died November 12 in Mount Sinai Medical Center, Miami Beach, Fla.

Mrs. Silverstein, 84, moved to Miami Beach 20 years ago from Kennett Square, where she lived about 25 years.

From 1948 until 1973, she and her husband owned and operated Sheldon's, then Kennett Square's only department store, at State and Union streets. Their son, Sheldon, then took over the store until closing it in 1992.

She was a member of Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Congregation, Wilmington, and Hadassah.

Mrs. Silverstein came to the United States in her youth from her native Poland and lived in Brooklyn, N.Y.

Her husband, Elias, died in 1974. In addition to her son, Sheldon of Chalfonte, Brandywine Hundred, Del., she is survived by a daughter, Marcia Burkin of Chadds Ford, Pa.; a brother, Bernard Zeligson of Woodmere, N.Y.; a sister, Sally Starr of Deerfield Beach, Fla.; and eight grandchildren.

Instead of flowers, the family suggests contributions to American Cancer Society.



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**"CRYSTAL NIGHT" REMEMBERED... BERLIN** — Two visitors spend a moment of silence at the memorial stone of victims at the Jewish cemetery in Berlin's district Weissensee on November 9. November 9 marks the 55th anniversary of the "crystal night" when Nazis destroyed Synagogues and other Jewish institutions in all over Germany. CREDIT: RNS PHOTO/Reuters



## Jewish Buchenwald Victims Finally Memorialized

By IGAL AVIDAN

BERLIN (JTA) — Of the 15 monuments erected by East Germany to commemorate the thousands of victims of Buchenwald, until this week, none acknowledged anti-Semitism.

A monument to commemorate the tens of thousands of Jews who were murdered by the Nazis in the concentration camp in the former East Germany was unveiled at the site Wednesday.

The new memorial should also serve as a warning to combat rising racist and anti-Semitic movements in Germany today, said speakers at the ceremony.

"Unfortunately, it seems lately as if the young generation in Germany has not learned from the past," said Munich's chief rabbi, Yitzhak Ehrenberg. "I hope that these youngsters will be brought here to be told of the past, so that it never returns."

The federal minister for family and senior citizens, Hannelore Ronsch, attacked attempts to play down the Holocaust in Germany.

"We must face our history and feel responsible for it," she said.

The unveiling coincided with the 55th anniversary of Kristallnacht and the deportation of some 10,000 German and Austrian Jews who were brought to Buchenwald during the night of Nov. 9-10, 1938.

A plaque about the deportation had served as the camp's sole reference to Jews, despite the fact that Jews comprised the largest number of the camp's 56,549 victims.

The former East Germany "didn't recognize the Jews as a nationality — only as a religion," said John Ranz of New York, chairman of Survivors of the Buchenwald Concentration Camp.

"No Jewish monument was built there because we were classified as members of those nationalities from where he came," he said.

The absence of a public tribute to the Jewish victims of Buchenwald went largely unknown until March 1989, when The New York Times reported that East Germany's memorial at the site "does not commemorate the victims for what they were, and it denies to the United States recognition for having liberated Buchenwald."

Of the 2,000 Jews who survived the camp, 1,000 were children, saved by the U.S. armed forces and prisoners in an underground organization at the camp, Ranz said.

The children's survival, he said, "was the largest treasure of the European Jewish community after the

Holocaust."

Among the children saved were Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Elie Wiesel; Yisrael Meir Lau, who is now the chief Ashkenazic rabbi of Israel; and his brother, Naphtali Lavie, a former consul general to New York.

"I still recall the visions of horror in this inferno," Lavie said Wednesday at the ceremony. "I still see before me friends being carried to the crematorium."

Until now, the camp, which was marked by some 15 different commemorative plaques, bore no plaques mentioning anti-Semitism. Instead, the killers were labeled as fascists and their victims as anti-fascists.

By official East German standards, Jews were not considered a separate people, let alone a nation. Yet the camp even bore a plaque commemorating "victims of Arab states," although there was no Arab deportation to that or any other concentration camp.

Jewish suffering continued in Buchenwald after its liberation, Lavie said.

"Less than one month after liberation, a provisional monument was erected," recalling the victims and their nationalities," he said.

"Jews were not mentioned and we stood there, hurt and insulted, listening to the speeches praising Stalin for liberating us."

"At the end of the ceremony one of us, Shalom Tepper, added with a brush the word 'Jews' on the monument," Lavie said. "The crowd beat him down for his 'crime'."

Tepper died three years later in Israel's War of Independence.

After the Times article appeared, the Workmen's Circle, a fraternal Jewish socialist organization, lodged an immediate protest with the then East German government, asking for "immediate rectification" of the matter.

The matter was rectified following constant insistence from a group of Jewish survivors of the camp.

After the reunification of Germany in October 1990, Buchenwald survivors from the United States, France, Israel and Germany repeatedly pressed the government of Thuringia to erect a monument to the camp's Jewish victims.

Before he left for Germany last week, Ranz, whose organization was instrumental in the effort to erect a plaque, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

"We insisted on building a monument. We feel it's an achievement for the memory of those who died in Buchenwald and in the Holocaust,"

said Ranz, who also teaches about the Holocaust at Brooklyn College.

For Ranz, a survivor from Poland, this was his first return to Germany since Buchenwald's liberation. "This event forces me and others to go back and honor those who didn't survive," he said.

Under a gray sky and a chilling wind, he was among several hundred people gathered by the memorial, a ditch nearly 400 feet long filled with stones from nearby, which the prisoners had been forced to carry in Buchenwald.

One side of the ditch is a concrete wall into which pieces of olive wood were mixed.

"The wood symbolizes hope and love," said the architect, Klaus Schlosser. "The wall reminds (one) of the Wailing Wall" in Jerusalem, he said.

Around the ditch, concrete letters in German, Hebrew and English offer a message from Psalm 83:

"So that the generation to come might know, the children, yet to be born, that they too may rise and declare to their children."

(Contributing to this report was JTA staff intern Michele Berman in New York.)

## Israeli Poverty Targeted By Pol

By HUGH ORGEL

TEL AVIV (JTA) — As more Israelis, especially children and the elderly, are falling into poverty, Israel's labor minister has announced that she will propose means to try to redress the worrisome trend.

Ora Namir, minister of labor and social affairs, disclosed this week that some 616,500 Israelis were living in poverty in 1992, a figure up 9.7 percent over the previous year.

Even more troubling was the increased number of children living below the poverty line — 261,700 in 1992, up 11.6 percent over 1991.

Namir said her proposal to ease the situation would cost 410 million shekels or about \$140 million.

Her plan would increase child allowances for poor families by the National Insurance Institute.

She also said her plan would help reduce the erosion of benefits to pensioners.

While 14.9 percent of Israeli families were living below the poverty line in 1991, their numbers increased last year to 16.9 percent.

Some 21,700 families — 54,300 people — slid below the poverty line in 1992, bringing the number of families classified as poor up to 174,000.

Namir noted that the two groups hurting the most are the elderly and an increasing number of families with four children or more.

She said that the gradual erosion of pensions in the past three years is the main factor impoverishing the elderly.

The percentage of elderly people living in poverty rose from 13.7 percent in 1991 to 18.5 percent last year.

In 1992 44,200 elderly households were below the poverty line.

The number of large families under the poverty line jumped 36 percent, from 19,200 families in 1991 to 26,200 in 1992.

But new immigrant families have improved their lot.

While 34.6 percent of new immigrant families were under the poverty line in 1991, their numbers had fallen to 29.5 percent last year.

## Hanukkah Gifts For Ethiopian Kids In Israel

What Hanukkah gifts can you buy for \$18?

The North American Conference on Ethiopian Jewry (NACOEJ) suggests that rather than spending money on three children's board games, or 62 first-class postage-stamps or 360 pieces of bubble gum, parents spend the \$18 to supply two weeks of nutritious lunches for an Ethiopian child in Israel in the name of your American youngster.

"You can give a gift to your child and help an Ethiopian child in Israel at the same time," says Barbara Gordon, NACOEJ National Director. "Our highly successful after-school programs in Ramle, Beer Ya'akov and Jerusalem provide lunches that enable the young students to study in the afternoon, so they can catch up to their Israeli-born classmates."

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## Boat and Pillow Creations

On the first weekend in December, model boat builder/marine artist Steve Rogers and fabric artist Patricia Staby-Rogers will be at Creations Fine Woodworking Gallery.

Steve Rogers will be displaying his latest Chesapeake Bay model boats.

Patricia Staby-Rogers, who specializes in appliquéd pillows, wall hangings and clothing will be demonstrating her craft.

"Boats and Pillows" is free and open to the public. Creations Gallery is located in the Historic Garrett Snuff Mill complex at the junction of Route 82 and Yorklyn Road, 1.8 miles north of Hockessin, Delaware. For further information, please contact the gallery at 302-234-2350.

## Castle Bill To Put High Tech Equipment In Schools

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Congressman Michael N. Castle joined two key House Education and Labor Committee Members in introducing legislation that would call upon the Federal government to assist schools in their efforts to promote technology in education.

"Let's face it, in today's classrooms, computers, video, and high-speed calculators are as important as pencils, paper and textbooks to prepare students to compete in our high-tech, global economy," Castle said. "However, not all schools can afford to purchase this expensive equipment."

"It is my hope that this bill, the Technology For Excellence in Education Act, will be a first step toward coordinating new and ongoing efforts between schools and state and federal governments to help provide the necessary funding and training for technology in our classroom," Castle said.

Parents are asked to send their contribution, their name, address and the names of their children to NACOEJ, 165 East 56th Street, New York, NY 10022, or call (212) 752-6340. In California, call (310) 553-4414.

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