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Baker: West Bank settlements are obstacle to peace

By HOWARD ROSENBERG

WASHINGTON (JTA) — In an apparent move to intensify criticism of Israeli policies, Secretary of State James Baker charged Wednesday that the growth of Jewish settlements in the West Bank is the biggest obstacle to peace in the Middle East.

Although the Bush administration, like the Reagan administration, has repeatedly called the settlements an obstacle to peace, this is the first time a senior U.S. official has described the settlements as the leading stumbling block.

Testifying before the House Appropriations subcommittee on foreign operations, Baker said the issue was the first item raised by Arab countries and Palestinian leaders during his four visits to the region between early April and mid-May. "I don't think there is any bigger obstacle to peace than the settlement activity that continues not only unabated but at an enhanced pace," the secretary said. "And nothing has made my job of trying to find Arab and Palestinian partners for Israel more difficult than being greeted by a new settlement every time I arrive" in Israel, he said.

The Israeli Embassy here had no immediate reaction to the secretary's remarks. But in New York, the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations issued a strong

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Steven Dombchik elected JFD president

'Next generation needs to step up and be counted'



Steven Dombchik

By PAULA BERENGUT

Editor of The Jewish Voice

Steven Dombchik, installed on May 16 as President of the Jewish Federation of Delaware at its annual meeting, reminded the audience of about 100 of several recent accomplishments of the Delaware community—the establishment of the Jewish Family Campus, the 1990 Operation Exodus campaign among them.

"There comes a time when the next generation needs to step up and be counted," Dombchik told the audience. He said he would try to increase involvement in Federation activities "from a much broader selection of the Wilmington community than ever before" while seeking the wisdom of those who have played a significant role in the community in the past.

"What about the coming year?" Dombchik asked. "Will it be business as usual? I say 'no.' Will we be satisfied with the status quo? I say 'no.'" He said he would not be afraid to "test new waters," try new approaches and set new goals.

The most important factor, Dombchik said,

was the community's support behind the new president and his board.

Dombchik said that one of the major tasks before him as he undertook the presidency would be to lead Delaware's Jewish community through a second campaign for Soviet Jews immigrating to Israel. Over 1 million immigrants are expected to arrive in Israel over the next two to three years, he said, and Delaware has been asked to make a commitment of \$1.1 million over the next two years as our "fair share" portion of a national campaign with a goal of \$650 million.

The new president also noted that social service needs are increasing here and abroad and that additional dollars will need to be raised to meet those needs. Dombchik said he would work toward prioritizing needs so that the "funds that we raise will be spent wisely."

Dombchik succeeds William Topkis, who served as JFD President for two years.

The annual meeting, which had the theme "Share the Vision," recognized community volunteers, leaders and committee chairpeople.

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Bush reviewing Mideast strategy in wake of Baker's latest trip

By DAVID FRIEDMAN

WASHINGTON (JTA) — President Bush plans to make a major policy address on the Middle East once he decides what the next step will be in the U.S. effort to bring about peace talks between Israel and the Arabs, the White House said this week.

But White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater indicated that no decision has been made yet on a new administration proposal following the completion last week of Secretary of State James Baker's fourth trip to the Middle East since the end of the Persian Gulf War. "We don't have a venue yet" for a speech on the Middle East, Fitzwater said. But "policy drives the venue," he said, and "when we are ready, we will find one."

After being briefed Friday by Baker on his latest Middle East trip, Bush told reporters there is "real cause for optimism, and we will continue to work this process."

Baker will make a fifth trip to the region "if there's reason to go back," the president said.

Bush said he believes that the "window of opportunity" created in the area by the Gulf war remains open. "I think the credibility of the United States is higher in the Middle East than it has ever been. I think it's still there," he said. But the president refused to give any details. "A lot of these things have to be quiet when you are talking about diplomacy," he said. "The way to solve this conundrum is not to get these parties positioned by public statements."

Following Baker's latest trip, the major problem seems to be Syria's insistence that a peace conference must be under U.N. auspices.

Jerusalem sees the United Nations as biased toward Israel and wants no U.N. presence. Israel believes that any conference that goes beyond a ceremonial prelude to direct talks will result in all the countries ganging up on Jerusalem.

The administration is expected to take about two weeks of continued discussion with the Arabs and Israelis before reaching a decision on the next step.

In Israel, Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir revealed that one proposal under consideration is the convening of a summit in Washington. But the State Department refused to confirm this Monday.

Another idea is to forget about Syria and go back to the pre-Gulf aim of involving only Israel, Jordan and the Palestinians. But it is likely that Jordan would not participate without Syria's approval.

This may be one of the reasons King Hussein met Saturday in Damascus and Syrian President Hafez Assad, who met the following day with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak. Bush spoke last week with both Hussein and Mubarak before their trips to Damascus.

Even before Baker went to the Middle East, a senior White House official told a group of reporters that the Bush administration would not give up on trying to bring about a Middle East peace settlement.

If the current effort to bring about a peace conference does not work, "we will not give up," the official said. "We will do something else." But he stressed there is "zero interest in having diplomacy for the sake of it. We are interested in results."

Groups urge Germany, Austria to crack down on neo-Nazi games

By HOWARD ROSENBERG

WASHINGTON (JTA) — Jewish groups and a U.S. senator are urging the Austrian and German governments to crack down on the proliferation of neo-Nazi video games in their countries.

An Austrian newspaper poll published last month reported that 22 percent of high school students in the municipalities of Graz and Linz have played such games, which are apparently manufactured in Germany. There are currently some 140 such video and computer games, according to the Los Angeles-based Simon Wiesenthal Center, which held a new conference here on May 8 to call attention to the problem. Reporters were given a demon-

stration of the "Aryan Test," which rewards players for answering multiple-choice questions with pro-Nazi responses and penalizes those giving anti-Nazi answers.

Another game, which is played to the tune of the German national anthem, challenges players to efficiently manage the Treblinka concentration camp by accumulating enough gas to kill as many "Turks" as possible.

The game, which has colorful graphics of Hitler and concentration camp scenes, awards additional points for extracting gold fillings from the victims' teeth and selling the victims' remains for dog food.

Sen. Alfonse D'Amato (R-N.Y.), who hosted

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U.S. fines companies for alleged boycott compliance

By HOWARD ROSENBERG

WASHINGTON (JTA) — Jewish groups have expressed satisfaction that the Commerce Department is imposing a total of \$64,500 in penalties on three affiliated biomedical firms for allegedly complying with the Arab economic boycott of Israel.

The fines amounted to \$27,500 on Flow Laboratories International, \$29,500 on its British affiliate and \$7,500 on its California-based affiliate. The department said that "although neither admitting nor denying the alleged violations, each agreed to pay the penalty." All three companies were fined for having "allegedly agreed not to do business with Israel."

The British affiliate allegedly refused to do business with Israel between April 1985 and February 1987. It also allegedly would not do

business with companies blacklisted by the Damascus-based Arab Central Boycott Office in four transactions involving Saudi Arabia, Oman and the United Emirates, the department said.

Flow International was fined for allegedly barring its French and German affiliates from doing business with a pair of biomedical manufacturers in Israel.

The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, which said it was "instrumental in bringing the allegations against Flow International to the attention of the Commerce Department's Office of Antiboycott Compliance," welcomed the fines. The World Jewish Congress, which has been monitoring boycott activity, also reported the fines.

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Editorial

Israel unwilling to compromise? History proves otherwise

The headlines and news broadcasts are pointing the finger of blame for stalling the peace process, as usual, at Israel. U.S. Secretary of State James Baker, recently returned from his fourth trip to the Middle East in quest of the elusive peace, is doing it, too. So, naturally, are the Arabs. It's easy. The sentiment is so widespread that, sometimes, even we might become confused.

We are not saying that Israel is without any blame. Certainly it isn't. Israel and its leadership have on occasion shown their stubbornness and unwillingness to compromise. But we feel the need to say — again — that Israel's apparent inflexibility might be better explained as self-preservation. The headlines don't give the historical perspective.

Throughout modern history, who has compromised more than Israel? The tiny Jewish state has given up territory on four separate occasions and has compromised its security for peace six times.

In 1917, The Balfour Declaration called the territory on both sides of the Jordan River the Jewish national homeland. And President Wilson said that "anything narrower than this is a mutilation."

The first concession: In 1922, a Jewish homeland was approved by the League of Nations and Palestine was separated from Syria. Britain gave in to Arab pressure later in the same year, however, and 78 percent of the Jewish homeland was severed and designated Transjordan. Today's Palestinians are, therefore, Jordanians.

The second concession: Syrian forces annexed the Golan Heights in 1923.

The third concession: In 1947, the United Nations General Assembly, under British sponsorship, agreed to separate Judea, Samaria and the Gaza Strip and divided Jerusalem into an international zone.

The fourth concession: Jordan annexed the West Bank in 1948 — 83 percent of the Jewish homeland — denying Israel access to the holy places. (Jordanian troops then destroyed and desecrated ancient synagogues and other Jewish places.)

The fifth concession: In 1956, despite U.N. and U.S. assurances to Israel for maritime rights in the Suez and the Straits of Tiran, the guarantees were not honored.

The sixth concession: Under the Camp David Accord in 1978, Israel returned the Sinai Peninsula to Egypt.

As far as Israel is concerned, in the world's eyes, unless the Jewish State is willing to give up more land, it is not seen as willing to work toward peace. Right now the secretary of state appears to be pushing Israel toward concession number seven.

In March of this year, President Bush said, "The time has come to put an end to the Arab-Israeli conflict," and that end "must be grounded in U.N. Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338 and the principle of territory for peace." This language suggests that Israel is an occupier. Iraq occupied Kuwait; Israel holds the West Bank and Gaza as an administrator of lands taken in a defensive war.

According to the original understanding of Resolution 242, Israel has no obligation to withdraw from any territories taken in 1967 unless its boundaries are secure and recognized. It also has the right to negotiate peace treaties with its neighbors that do not call for withdrawal from these areas. Israel must do what is best for Israel. No one else will.

History has shown time and again that this is so.

On an adult ed program

Most of the rabbis in Delaware and some lay leaders have met several times recently at Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth in Wilmington to discuss and formulate plans for a Jewish Institute of Adult Education serving the Delaware Jewish community.

A formal institute dedicated to the education of the community's adult population sends a message: Jewish education is a continuing process that shouldn't end with a bar or bat mitzvah.

We wholeheartedly support the effort and look forward to publishing a list of course offerings in *The Jewish Voice* in the near future.



Letters to the editor

Volunteers for Israel needed

I recently gave three weeks of work to Eretz Israel and experienced a most fulfilling time as a "Volunteer for Israel." And I truly believe that I left Israel a little better than I found it.

Some volunteers work at army bases, hospitals, and kibbutzim. I was stationed at a naval training base near Haifa where I cleaned rifles, dug weeds, packed gas masks and sorted laundry (and a multitude of other tasks). I travelled on a subsidized EIAI ticket and was given uniforms and lodging. During my tour I made many friends and formed bonds that will last me forever.

It was not easy, but the Spartan (cot in a barracks) lifestyle was far outweighed by a profound sense of accomplishment.

At this point I am not sure who gained the most — Israel or me. I do know that I plan to do it again.

If you are between the ages of 18 and 70 and would like to know more about this remarkable adventure, I would be happy to speak to you or your group. Please contact me at 478-4484. Shalom.

Ted Mattes

Article on JCC's history missing information

In your April 26 article on the Jewish Community Center's celebrating its 90 years, your list of those involved in the new building on Garden of Eden Road certainly should have included the name of Sam Eisenstat. By the way, from 1965 to 1968, when the Center building was planned, when the building was contracted for, when funds were raised, by the

Federation, who was the Federation's President?

Edward W. Schall

(Editor's note: The article on the JCC's 90th anniversary was prepared by the JCC. Mr. Schall served as the President from 1965-1968.)

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Op - Ed

Jews debate merits of new civil rights bill

Bill offers necessary protections

By JOSEPH FISHER
and TED KIRSCH

Alan Gersman, president of a small computer firm, lost a major contract after the contractor's manager learned he was Jewish. He filed suit, but a district court ruled that, because of a 1989 Supreme Court decision, even contractors terminated solely because of blatant religious discrimination have no legal remedy.

In 1989, a series of Supreme Court rulings significantly cut back the rights of redress for minorities and women suffering ethnic or gender discrimination. One of those rulings limited the ability of employees to obtain relief from broad systemic discrimination. Other rulings deprived employees of protection against on-the-job harassment and permitted long-resolved discrimination cases to be reopened and challenged.

The need for new legislation is clear.

The Civil Rights Act of 1991 would reverse a number of unfair Supreme Court rulings and strengthen existent civil rights law. Among some of its important provisions are:

1) A return to the standard, established in a 1971 Supreme Court ruling, that requires businesses whose employment practices have a discriminatory effect to justify those practices on the basis of "business necessity." This test proved successful in the years since 1971, was well understood by employers and employees, and did not result in quotas.

2) Access for all groups protected under Title VII — i.e., women and religious minorities — to the same legal remedies for employment discrimination now available to racial minorities under the 1866 Civil Rights Act.

3) A clear statement that employers are neither required nor encouraged to adopt hiring or promotion quotas.

Critics of the bill, including President Bush, claim that employers will react to the legislation by instituting "quota" selection processes in their workplaces. However, the act itself specifically states that nothing in the bill "shall be construed to require or encourage quotas," and Jewish organizations, traditionally very concerned about the issue, have overwhelm-

ingly concluded that this legislation will not lead employers to adopt quotas.

Thirty amendments have been accepted by the bill's sponsors to allay the fears of the business community. The mere existence of statistical ethnic disparity, for example, is not enough to prove discrimination under the bill. With the exception of cases in which employers have destroyed evidence, plaintiffs must document and demonstrate specific practices of discrimination.

In addition to the quota issue, critics of the Civil Rights Act of 1991 point to the excessive awards for damages they say will result as easier access to the courts for plaintiffs leads to an increase in the number of lawsuits. There is, in fact, not much evidence to support this prediction.

In the first place, the bill would limit monetary awards to cases of intentional discrimination, malice, and reckless or callous indifference. The burden of proving such intent or indifference is on the plaintiff; statistical disparity alone will not support the awarding of monetary damages.

Secondly, even in cases of willful discrimination, there is no history of plaintiffs being

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Despite packaging, quotas will exist

By DAVID ZWIEBEL

Virtually every national Jewish organization has come out in support of H.R. 1, the "Civil Rights and Women's Equity in Employment Act" soon to be voted on by the House of Representatives. Why has Agudath Israel of America dissented from the majority and opposed the bill?

The bill's most controversial provisions relate to cases involving unintentional discrimination. How does an employer discriminate without intending to do so? By adopting employment policies that are neutral on their face but have a "disparate impact" in application — policies that lead to statistical imbalances between the racial, religious or sexual composition of an employer's work force and that of the general pool of qualified employers. Such policies will be deemed unlawful unless the employer can show they are required by business necessity.

In 1989, the Supreme Court had occasion to consider the standards to be applied in such cases. Emphasizing the absence of intentional discrimination and the danger of developing legal standards that "would almost inexorably lead to the use of numerical quotas in the workplace," the Court's majority established strict guidelines with respect to the procedures governing disparate impact cases. H.R. 1, in turn, would loosen those guidelines, and make it easier to mount a legal challenge based on the racial, religious or sexual composition of an employer's work force.

It should be painfully apparent that the concept of "disparate impact" is fraught with danger for the principle of equal opportunity. The easier it is for employers to be held liable for discrimination they never intended, the more likely it is that conservative corporate counsel will advise their clients to consult a statistician and hire by racial, religious and sexual numbers — i.e., quotas — rather than by merit.

Stated simply, in order to avoid legal exposure for unintentional discrimination, an employer may well choose to engage in inten-

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Two Views



The bill in question is a lengthy, arcane, highly technical document that deals with a variety of issues that only buttoned-down lawyers or people who enjoy reading insurance contracts could love. From between its legalistic lines, however, emerges the fundamental human issue (and explosive political issue) of whether black Americans and other minorities should be accorded special preferences in the work place. And it is that fundamental issue of special preferences that lies at the heart of the debate surrounding H.R. 1.

As is unfortunately true of much of American political discourse these days, the debate on this issue is being conducted largely over labels. "Civil rights" are good, "discrimination" is bad, most would agree. Most would also agree that "equal opportunity" is good, "quotas" are bad. Hence the rhetorical battle over H.R. 1: Is it indeed a "civil rights" bill that would combat "discrimination," as its supporters claim? Or is it really a "quota" bill that would undermine "equal opportunity," as its opponents counter?

Labels and rhetoric aside, there are very real human dimensions to the debate. And there are very real ramifications for the American Jewish community.

A tale of two curfews

By GARY WOLF

The decision by the authorities in Washington, D.C., to impose a dusk-to-dawn curfew on neighborhoods where rioting had taken place was treated by the local press in a manner very different from that accorded Israel when it used such a curfew against Arab riot areas during the Persian Gulf war.

The *Washington Post's* May 8 coverage of the curfew featured three sympathetic stories, all on the front page. One emphasized that the curfew had succeeded in curtailing violent incidents. A second detailed the anguish of shopkeepers whose stores were attacked by rioters. The third story was a blow-by-blow account of the mayor's decision to impose the curfew, stressing the logic of her decision. The next day, a *Post* editorial praised the curfew as "proper" and "justified," arguing that it had helped "keep a dangerous situation from getting worse."

This should be contrasted with some of the language which the *Washington Post* employed when Israel used curfews in Judea, Samaria, and Gaza during the Persian Gulf war. The newspaper's Jerusalem correspondent, Jackson Diehl, endeavored to cast doubt on the wisdom of Israel's move. He reported that Israel employed the curfews "in what was described as an effort to prevent turmoil" (March 11) and "because of what Israel said were concerns" about rioting (February 25) — phrases which conveyed skepticism regarding the trustworthiness of Israel's stated motives.

In one dispatch, Diehl complained that despite the fact that "No incidents were reported today," the Israeli authorities "gave no indication when the curfew will be relaxed." Diehl also found some anonymous "Palestinians" to quote as pointing out what while five Arabs had been killed in violent incidents during the curfew, "in contrast, only two Israelis have been killed by the three dozen Scud missiles Iraq has fired at Israel during the same period."

To make matters worse, the editors of the *Post* allotted space on their op-ed page to a journalist from South Dakota who declared that Israelis were not the only ones who had spent nights in sealed rooms — the writer, too, had spent a night "in a sealed room" when the Israeli authorities imposed a curfew in a Gaza Strip town while he was visiting an Arab family there.

The journalist, Todd Epp, went so far as to claim that he had suffered more than the Israelis — he was "not only in fear of being gassed, I actually was gassed. A couple of times, in fact." Of course, unlike the Israelis, who were threatened by deadly poison gas, Epp merely had a few whiffs of tear gas, which the police had fired to disperse Arab rioters. Epp, who could not distinguish between chemical warfare and crowd control, also could not figure out why the police would take steps to restore order. "I'm not sure why the camp was under curfew," he wrote, "but I suspect it was because of a rally I had earlier witnessed staged by young Palestinian men and boys..." Thus the *Post* featured a portrayal of cruel Israelis suppressing freedom of assembly and "gassing" bystanders, when in fact the Israelis were merely defending themselves against rock-throwers with the same methods that anti-riot police use all over the world.

The contrast in the *Washington Post's* coverage of the D.C. curfew and Israel's curfew is, unfortunately, not the first time that the *Post* has employed a double standard when reporting local disturbances as compared to its coverage of Arab violence in Israel. Last year, seven people were injured (one of whom suffered permanent brain damage) when vandals hurled rocks at automobiles travelling on Washington's Capital Beltway. In a sternly-worded editorial, the *Post* demanded that local police "take all the steps necessary" to put an end to such incidents. "What's the difference between assault with a deadly weapon — a shooting — and assault with rocks that hit cars

at potentially lethal speeds?" the *Post* editorial asked. Needless to say, *Post* editorials and news articles are reluctant to acknowledge the deadly nature of Arab rock-throwing in Israel, despite the fact that Arab rock-throwers — unlike the Capital Beltway vandals — have murdered three Israelis in recent years.

Whether the issue is the use of curfews to

Poland is mother of anti-Semitism

By SIGMUND (ZIGGY) GORSON

The enormous Jewish contributions to Polish culture, literature, arts, commerce and science is exceeding human comprehension and will continue to remain a great part of Polish history, its existence and indeed, the very enigma of our time.

However, Lech Walesa, the present Polish President, said recently while visiting in New York, "I am ashamed of Polish anti-Semitism."

Although, throughout the years since my arrival in the United States in 1949 and while hosting my television and radio talk shows, in my many published articles, my books, my many speeches across this great nation and Europe, I have vigorously defended and protected the good name of Poland and her people from being attacked as anti-Semitic.

I have done all this with justice, knowledge and personal experience, while "living" the horrifying nightmare during the six Holocaust years in Nazi occupied Poland where I was born. I have written about some heroic Poles who indeed, sacrificed their lives and the lives of their families by saving Jews from imminent destruction when millions of Polish Jews were being methodically slaughtered by the Nazi's while the free world remained silent during this human tragedy and for this I have received and was decorated by the Polish Government with their gold medal: Legion of Honor.

A small minority of brave Poles were hiding my people and helped them escape Nazi genocide have been recognized by the Yad

stymie rioters or the lethal nature of rock-throwing, the *Washington Post* has failed to judge Israel's behavior by the same standards it judges events in its own backyard.

(Gary Wolf is Executive Director of the Philadelphia office of CAMERA, the Committee for Accuracy in Middle East Reporting in America.)

Vashem Holocaust Remembrance Authority in Jerusalem, where trees have been planted in their honor.

However, against any "advice" given to me by some of my Polish "friends" I refuse living a lie. It is sometimes very difficult for me to concentrate on what really occurred in the postwar years in Poland. This, has been documented of the Polish complicity in the killings of her Jews during the Nazi reign of terror, which remains in my heart a constant penetrating wound and gives me no peace within myself day or night.

And regardless of any consequence, I will continue always telling mankind the way it was and still, unfortunately, is. Before World War II, Poland was and still is today, the mother of anti-Semitism. *Lo Tishkach — Do Not Forget.* During the Holocaust, the percentage of Jews saved in Poland was, as the Encyclopedia Judaica notes, the smallest of any country the Nazis occupied, for it is Polish anti-Semitism that made the killings and the German search for Jews so efficient. It was Polish anti-Semitism that made the Germans locate and erect the many Nazi operated death camps throughout Poland.

Immediately after the war, thousands of Jews who survived the Nazi inferno, returned to Poland where they were born and during 1946 more than 300,000 Jews were living once again in Poland. They felt secure and tried to rebuild their shattered lives. However,

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Parshat Beha'alotekah, June 1st

The prophet motif

By DAN SHEVITZ

Special to The Jewish Voice

"When they were in Hazerot, Miriam and Aaron spoke with Moses regarding the Cushite woman he had married, for he had married a Cushite. They said, 'Has the Lord spoken only through Moses? Has he not spoken through us as well?' ... The Lord came down in a pillar of cloud, stopped at the entrance of the Tent and called out, 'Aaron and Miriam!' The two of them came forward, and He said, 'When a prophet arises among you, I make Myself known to him in a vision ... but not so with My servant Moses... I speak to him mouth to mouth...' (Numbers 12:1-8)

What was it that Aaron and Miriam said about Moses and his wife? We are not told here. Conjectures abound, but I have found a clue in the previous report on Moses's unhappy domestic life:

"Jethro, Moses's father-in-law, took Zipporah, Moses's wife, after she had been sent away..." (Exodus 18:2) The word for "sent away," *shilucheha*, is understood in Rabbinic Hebrew to indicate divorce. Whether this was a divorce in the later Rabbinic understanding or some other sort of estrangement we do not know, but it is clear that Moses was not a family man. Since we know of no relationship involving Moses and another woman, it is likely that Zipporah was the Cushite woman about whom his brother and sister spoke.

Now, what could they have said? The text is cryptic, and lends itself to many different sorts of interpretation. Let us assume for the moment, however, that they were referring to their younger brother's divorce. Could it not have been with envy that they spoke? Could not the conversation have been like this?

"Our brother has reached great spiritual heights — he is a saint and prophet, and spends all his time communing with God. He has no time for family; he is almost divine himself. Is he the only one who can aspire to such a lofty station? Are we not prophets also? Let us live by his example, and leave our spouses and families, so that we can focus all our energies on the Spirit of God that moves through the camp!"

Is it at this moment that God intervenes. "Aaron and Miriam! Do not think that you are like Moses. Moses is unique in my household — he is not a model for others. Moses left his wife and family to dwell with me, but it was not I who desired it. Moses forgot the lesson I taught to Abraham: that I do not want families to be sacrificed on the altar of My service."

"There is nothing I can do with Moses, for he has set his steps on his path. But I have other prophets — the two of you, and Eldad, and Medad, and the seventy elders, and more than you will ever know. Believe me, I don't want them to leave their families and seek my presence in the wilderness. I want them — and you — to build a sanctuary for me in the love of a husband and wife, of parents and children, of friends and lovers."

"I do not have room in my world for so many saints like Moses. With him I speak mouth to mouth; but to my other prophets I speak through the visions I give them of a world filled with love, commitment, integrity and familial *naches*."

The world is indeed full of saints and prophets, but we must consider carefully what we are to learn from them. We must not seek blindly to copy the exempla of the spiritually great, for there are many kinds of piety, and not each is appropriate to everyone. Let us remember for goodness Aaron the peacemaker, and the Prophetess Miriam, who was a wonderful dancer, and who sat for her baby brother when he was afloat in the cold Nile.

(Rabbi Dan Shevitz is the director of the Hillel Foundation at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Boston, MA, and davens with the Newton Center minyan.)

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The kosher pig

When Jewish law doesn't quite work

By RICHARD ISRAEL

Special to The Jewish Voice

A pious Jew was told by his doctor that he had a rare disease, one that could only be cured by his eating pork. The man was determined to triumph both over his disease and its cure. He would eat pork as prescribed and indeed as is required by Jewish law under such circumstance, but he did not have to eat an animal that had been cruelly killed in the manner of the local peasants. He bought a pig and took it to the own shochet who listened sympathetically to the story. The shochet got a special knife that would never be used on a kosher animal and ritually slaughtered the beast in accordance with Jewish tradition. Then, as is customary, the shochet examined the animal's lungs. He discovered some questionable blemishes on them. For obvious reasons, the shochet was not thoroughly familiar with pig lungs and felt that he could not take it upon himself to determine how serious the blemishes were. Thus, the shochet and the sick man took the dead pig to the rabbi and asked, "Rabbi, is this pig kosher?" The rabbi looked and declared, "It may be kosher, but it is still a pig."

The questions of Jewish law that I am asked are generally rather straightforward. "My father died during Adar II, but there is only one Adar this year, no leap month. When is his *yahrzeit*?" My roommate used one of my meat pots to cook vegetable soup, but washed it with his regular non-kosher dishes. May I use the pot?"

Some of the questions I get are the questions of innocents. "May I say Kaddish for my cat? Such a sweet cat." Or "I know that one should not eat bread during Passover. What about toast?" Over the years, I have also been asked a third kind of question by friends and strangers and by colleagues who knew that I was interested in such things. They are questions the *Shulchan Aruch* never even thought about, questions I have come to think of as Kosher Pigs. I should like to present a selection of some of my favorites.

"Peyote buttons are very bitter. Are they kosher for *maror* at the Seder?"

"Does the prohibition against weddings during the period between Pesach and Shavuot also apply to our upcoming intermarriage?"

"Even though we love each other, he doesn't want me to move in with him unless I agree to keep kosher, something I have always refused to do. Rabbi, should I keep kosher?"

"I am married, non-Jewish and having an affair with a married Jewish man. Is it against his religion to sleep with m when I am having my period?"

"May I, an unmarried Jewish woman living with the same Jewish man for a little over a year, go to the *mikveh*? It would add a lot to our relationship."

"We are going to dinner at the home of a woman whom we know uses lard in her baking. After dessert, may we put cream in our coffee?"

"I understand that Ashkenazic Jews and Reconstructionists do not name children after living relatives. Since my wife and I are not familiar with these terms, we think we are probably neither. May we give our baby the same name as a living third cousin even if my wife isn't Jewish?"

"We are interviewing a candidate for a job in our math department. He

has written asking us to order kosher meals for him. He says he knows that it will be Passover, but he doesn't care whether or not the food is kosher for Passover. He just wants regular kosher food. Can you tell us who could make such meals for us and send them over?"

"Since in a traditional minyan a son cannot be called to the Torah after his father nor one brother after another, in a minyan which calls up women, may a wife be called to the Torah after her husband, a son after his mother? May the daughter of a Kohen be called to the Torah in the Kohen slot if she works with the *Cheura Kaddisha* or must she first give up her work with the dead since such activities are prohibited to a male Kohen?"

"May an immediate relative sign an egalitarian ketubah?"

There is something very reasonable about each of these questions. There is also something bizarre about them. In one sense they are very traditional. They are attempts to apply the classic categories of Jewish law to new situations. The problem is that the questioners either do not know about or have rejected some of the basic presuppositions of the Jewish legal system. There is something in the premises of their questions that prevents a halachic answer from being given. The puzzle we are left with is: Can the halacha be applied to non-halachic questions or must we rely upon the punch line of the old joke and say that you can't get there from here?

My initial response to each of these questions was to try to answer a different question. "Consider changing your framework so that you can start out closer to a halachic question." No luck. These people wanted pieces of halacha that could still be appropriated. They were not interested in the whole system.

The traditional Jewish response to that position is that if it isn't the whole system, it isn't anything. To pick and choose is not to observe the halacha at all. There is much to recommend such a response. Even I, who try to resolve questions about kosher pigs, must frequently throw up my hands in exasperation, quite unable to figure out a way even to think about the questions.

But there are many people out there asking questions that they feel are questions of Jewish law, or, at the very least, questions of Jewish propriety. Traditionalists who deal with them forthrightly will often reject their questions and them. Liberals are not much better equipped if they hold that ultimately we are all autonomous and can make whatever decision we wish.

We have returned to the problems that Hillel and Shammai faced with their classic questioners. Are questions that appear to mock the system to be taken at face value or can they be used to instruct the questioner? Shammai's way is certainly the less ambiguous, the less time consuming and the easier to justify: Throw them out on their ears.

Still, people who are trying to use the vocabulary of the tradition, even though they can't do much with its syntax, may be offering us an opportunity to teach them. They will tax all of our patience and ingenuity. It is to encourage us to work in such a direction that our tradition holds up Hillel as a model teacher, not Shammai.

I have come to believe that we

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Walesa asks Knesset for forgiveness

JERUSALEM (JTA) — In an impassioned plea before the Knesset, Lech Walesa begged Israel on Monday to forgive Poland for its centuries of anti-Semitism.

But Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, who once said Poles imbibed anti-Semitism with their mother's milk, did not offer the visiting Polish president absolution. He did say, however, that he thought the one-time Solidarity leader's plea was sincere, adding that under Walesa's leadership, "a new chapter was opened in the relations between the two peoples."

The union leader-turned-statesman addressed a special session of the Knesset on the first day of a four-day state visit to Israel. His speech was broadcast on radio and television. "Here in Israel, the land of your culture and the land of your revival, I ask for your forgiveness," Walesa said.

He briefly reviewed the 1,000-year history of Jews in Poland. He said they mainly found "hospitality, tolerance and security" in his country, where they produced "great scientists and spiritual leaders." But "some Poles did bad things" during the Holocaust, Walesa admitted, and

more recently the Communist regime "caused a crooked mirror" to misrepresent Polish-Jewish relations. "It is only under democracy," he asserted, that Poland is home to "all its citizens, regardless of creed."

He noted that he created a special council headed by a minister to root out manifestations of anti-Semitism and vowed to fight it as long as he has influence in Poland.

The Israeli leaders who responded to Walesa at the Knesset and at various official events during the day dwelt on the Holocaust experiences and the 10-century relationship between Jews and Poles.

At a state dinner for the visitor, President Chaim Herzog observed that Walesa's struggle at the head of the Solidarity trade union movement lit the spark that ignited freedom movements throughout Eastern Europe.

Shamir, who was born in the Polish village of Rozanov and went to school in nearby Bialystok, spoke of the "wicked phenomena of Jew-hatred," which he himself had witnessed as a young man. Shamir said he hoped Walesa's visit would be "the harbinger of a new page in the relationship" between Poland and

Israel "after decades of one-side alienation."

He thanked Poland for the services it provides Soviet Jews immigrating to Israel and promised Israeli technological assistance and know-how to help Poland in its transition from a socialist to a free-market economy.

In their private talks, Shamir urged Walesa to close the Palestine Liberation Organization's office in Warsaw, which has embassy status, saying, "The PLO is worse than the anti-Semites."

Walesa promised Shamir that Poland would not help the "enemies of Israel" but did not mention the PLO.

The Polish president's visit capped a process of reconciliation begun in 1989 when his Solidarity movement toppled the Communist government, which had broken diplomatic relations with Israel in 1967. They have since been restored.

"The Polish president represents in his history and character the new Poland, liberated and rejuvenated, a Poland which aspires to join the era of integration into democratic, free nations," said Shamir.

Connie Kreshtool elected officer of ARZA

Connie Kreshtool was elected Vice-president of ARZA — the Association of Reform Zionists of America — at the recent ARZA National Assembly in Washington, DC. ARZA is the Zionist affiliate of the Reform Movement and is dedicated to promoting support for Israel, building liberal Judaism in Israel and encouraging religious pluralism in the Jewish State.

Kreshtool is a past president of Congregation Beth Emeth and has held leadership positions nationally in the Reform movement.

A major focus of this year's Assembly was the work of the Israel Religious Action Center, which is sponsored by ARZA. The Center was established to defend religious pluralism, counter religious extremism and pursue equal rights for all Israelis. Special assistance is now



being given to Soviet and Ethiopian immigrants in dealing with governmental agencies and consumer matters.

UN secretary general criticizes notorious resolution on Zionism

By ALIZA MARCUS

UNITED NATIONS (JTA) — Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar on May 13 strongly criticized the 1975 U.N. General Assembly resolution denigrating Zionism as a form of racism but said the United Nations still has to play a role in the Middle East peace process. Speaking to reporters as he entered the U.N. building, Perez de Cuellar said his position had always been that the resolution "was a wrong and unfair interpretation of what Zionism is."

Officials at the Israeli Mission to the United Nations said they believed it was the first time the secretary-general had publicly condemned the resolution, which Israel is trying to have rescinded.

Perez de Cuellar also said "it would be wrong" to exclude Syria from peace negotiations, according to a transcript of his remarks provided by the Israeli Mission. "I think it would be wrong to exclude any Arab country, particularly a country which is so important in the context of the Near East situation," he said when asked about Syria's participation.

Syria has demanded that the United

Nations play a role in Middle East negotiations, something Israel categorically rejects because of the world body's perceived hostility toward the Jewish state.

U.S. Secretary of State James Baker, on his fourth swing through the Middle East in two months, tried unsuccessfully over the weekend to persuade Syria to soften its position. There are unconfirmed reports that Baker is now considering arranging a peace conference without Syrian participation to circumvent the problem.

Harris Schoenberg, director of U.N. affairs for B'nai B'rith International, said the secretary-general's statement on the Zionism resolution "takes on particular significance at this time" with Baker in the Middle East.

He said the United Nations wants to play a role in the peace process and knows that the Zionism resolution is an obstacle. He interpreted the secretary-general's statement as a "confidence-building measure" and a signal that "the U.N. itself is interested in seeking the repeal" of the resolution.

Schoenberg also reported that U.S. and Israel government officials dealing with U.N. affairs met in Washington a few weeks ago and decided to press for a vote to repeal the 1975 resolution during the next General Assembly session this fall.

The officials included John Bolton, U.S. assistant secretary of state for international organization affairs; his Israeli counterpart, Jochanan Bein; and Yoram Aridor, Israel's ambassador to the United Nations.

In his remarks on the resolution, Perez de Cuellar compared the Jews with the Basques in Spain or the Kurds, and said that demands for statehood should not be mixed up with racism. "Zionism was first of all the need of the Jewish people to preserve their identity and at the same time try and get a state for their nation," the secretary-general said.

"You cannot say that trying to get a territory for your nation is racism. For instance, the Kurds or the Basques in Spain are not racists. These are two different things which should not be mixed up," he said.

World Jewry must focus on olim says new European Jewish leader

PARIS (JTA) — Jean Kahn, the French Jewish leader who was just elected president of the European Jewish Congress, believes world Jewry must focus all of its resources on helping Israel absorb immigrants from the Soviet Union and Ethiopia.

He expressed his views at the "Hillula sur Seine," an outdoor gathering in the Moroccan tradition on the occasion of Jerusalem Day. Its motto was "Am Ehad" (one People).

The main task of Jewish communities around the world is helping the immigrants, Kahn said. "An end must be put to all the partisan fund raising. The money should be raised by only one organization and sent to help immigration," he declared.

He was referring apparently to the

proliferation of fund raising by different Orthodox religious groups which help only those whose Jewishness is not disputed by their rabbis. That approach excludes many Soviet and Ethiopian Jews.

Kahn is president of CRIF, the representative council of French Jewish organizations, and was elected this month president of the EJC, a World Jewish Congress affiliate which represents 26 Jewish communities in Europe, plus Egypt.

The Hillula, which is in Moroccan tradition a commemoration of any prominent rabbi, and whose root word is "hallelujah," was held in a huge tent city in a suburb north of Paris and had a distinctly Oriental flavor. It featured lectures, scholarly

discussions and light entertainment by performers from France and Israel, meat roasted over charcoal on skewers and camel rides for kids.

"For many people, being a Jew is what they eat," said one visitor.

Israel's ambassador to France, Ovadia Soffer, was on hand, visiting the multitude of exhibitions by Jewish schools, booksellers and art galleries.

The Hillula was also the occasion for about 40 Israeli mayors and town council members to sign "twinning" agreements with Jewish communities in France, providing, among other things, for cultural activities and youth exchanges.

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French president gets mixed report from Jews

By MICHEL DI PAZ
PARIS (JTA) — President Francois Mitterrand, who recently celebrated 10 years in office, is still one of the most popular presidents France has ever had. But he gets a mixed report card from French Jews.

The Paris dailies and national television were filled earlier this month

with laudatory comments about the man who leads France's powerful Socialist Party and follows conservative economic policies, which have brought down inflation but sent unemployment soaring.

Jewish opinions on such matters vary the same as all French citizens. But on issues of specific Jewish

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concern, there is widespread disappointment with the president, for whom Jews voted overwhelmingly when he was first elected on May 10, 1981.

There was ample reason to expect at that time that Mitterrand and his Socialists would reverse "France's Arab policy." Hopes soared when Mitterrand announced his intention to go to Israel in 1982, the first French president ever to visit the Jewish state.

But politicians in office and those ex-officio march to different drums. The Israeli ambassador to Paris at the time, Meir Rosenne, used to quip about "our friends, the former French ministers, and the French ministers, our former friends."

Mitterrand's relationship with French Jewry turned sour when the president began advancing the fortunes of Yasir Arafat's Palestine Liberation Organization on the international scene. It plummeted when Mitterrand received Arafat in Paris in 1989.

He was greeted by Jewish street protests that were violent, but only verbally. Mitterrand was nevertheless outraged.

He told Theo Klein, at the time president of CRIF, the representative council of French Jewish organizations, that "French foreign policy is decided in Paris, not Jerusalem."

That does not mean that Mitterrand does not have genuine affection for Israel, its people and culture. But he simply believes his policy is the best way to peace and that Israel someday will be compelled to negotiate with Arafat and the PLO.

But while opinions can differ on the Middle East, even among Jews, French Jewry holds Mitterrand responsible for a menace much closer to home. It is the rise, during his administration, of the extreme right-wing, racist National Front, a party led by Jean-Marie Le Pen, who has publicly denigrated the Holocaust and is widely considered an anti-Semite.

The National Front was able to legitimately enter the political arena only because Mitterrand pushed through an electoral reform law in 1985 that established proportional representation, which benefits splinter parties.

No one can say now whether it was a historical mistake or a cynical ploy by the Socialists to split the right-wing vote. In any case, France's neo-fascist party would win over 14 percent of the vote if elections were held now.

Israel complains to the WHO of false data on territories

GENEVA (JTA) — An Israeli official has accused the Geneva-based World Health Organization of distorting reports about the health conditions of Palestinians in the administered territories.

Dr. Yitzhak Sever, the public health coordinator of Israel's Health Ministry, told a news conference here this month that it was absolutely untrue that health conditions in the territories have deteriorated either as a result of the intifada or the Persian Gulf War.

Israel has in fact continued to implement planned projects in face of those events, including the expansion of hospital services in the territories and the construction of a new psychiatric hospital, Sever said.

He specifically denied a report by the WHO's director general, Dr.

Hiroshi Nakajima.

Israel is attending the annual General Assembly of the WHO, which opened here on May 6.

Asked why Israel has refused to allow health experts to visit the territories since 1986, the Health Ministry official said the reports by those experts, once they returned to Geneva from Israel or the territories, were distorted versions of what they had told Israeli authorities before they left.

Sever said that in the three years since the Palestinian uprising began and during the Gulf war this winter, health services continued to function without interruption, as did hospitals, clinics and training programs for medical personnel. He said the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestinian refugees continued to provide services in 19 refugee camps and that cooperation between Israel and UNRWA continued throughout the Gulf crisis.

Israel's annual budget for medical services in the territories is about \$27 million, Sever said.

Earlier, the head of the Israeli delegation, Health Minister Ehud Olmert, made clear that health services in the territories are up to the standards prescribed by the WHO and are under the constant supervision of his ministry.

The annual report provided by the Israeli delegation showed marked improvements in health services over

past years. For example, 168 community clinics were in operation in 1990, compared with 156 in 1985. In addition, 47 infirmaries opened in villages which never had any, and seven new clinics opened for high-risk pregnancies, the annual report said.

There are 864 hospital beds in the Gaza Strip and 3,993 in the West Bank, the Israeli account said. In 1990, a new surgical department was established in Shifa Hospital in Gaza. Ramallah Hospital in the West Bank opened a new surgery wing with four modern operating rooms, according to the report, and three special clinics for diabetics were opened in Tulkarm, Nablus and Kalkilya in the last two years. Intensive care and physiotherapy equipment has been acquired for the hospital in Rafidiya, the report said.

It cited progress against infectious diseases. No cases of polio or diphtheria were reported in the territories this year. There were 19 cases of measles for every 100,000 people, compared with 76 cases five years ago.

Meanwhile, the Palestine Liberation Organization's latest bid for admission to the WHO was ignored at the Geneva meeting. Unlike in previous years, the PLO's request to have its representative appointed to the WHO did not even make the agenda of the admissions committee, the Israeli daily Ha'aretz reported.

Anti-Semitic article published in popular Hong Kong paper

SYDNEY, Australia (JTA) — A viciously anti-Semitic article originally published in the mass-circulation *Hong Kong Daily News* was condemned by the *Australian Chinese Daily*, a locally published Chinese-language newspaper that reprinted it.

The newspaper's administrative manager, Charles Ng, said the article was not typical of the *Hong Kong Daily News* and said the paper would publish a clear and unequivocal dissociation.

Robert Klamet, public affairs director of the New South Wales Jewish Board of Deputies, said Australia's Chinese community, estimated to number over 200,000, had a history of friendly relations with Australian Jewry. Publication of the article was "an aberration," Klamet told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

The author, who used the pseudonym "Ah Wei" (Mask), posed the question, "Why did Hitler kill the Jews?" and answered that "Jews have been cursed by God," the Jews "sold out Jesus" and "Jewish people know how to make profits" better than anyone else. "Everywhere they go they make money and fleece people," the anonymous author claimed.

The author insisted, "I am definitely not inciting racial hatred. It is just that those heartless, rich, cruel and ruthless warmongers, selfish and avaricious people exist on this planet and unitedly extort from and harm weak peoples. This is a disaster for humanity."

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New Soviet emigration reform law may not go far enough, groups say

By DAVID FRIEDMAN
WASHINGTON (JTA) — Soviet Jewry advocacy groups are less than enthusiastic about the long-awaited emigration reform bill finally enacted Monday by the Soviet parliament. They say it does not meet some longstanding concerns about the arbitrariness of Soviet emigration policy.

The Bush administration was more positive about the adoption of the law, but cautioned Monday that it had not yet seen the text of the legislation. Both the White House and State Department said it was too soon to say whether the legislation meets President Bush's requirements for providing the Soviets with U.S. trade benefits long barred under the Jackson-Vanik Amendment.

The law, which codifies a number of emigration reforms already in place, was adopted 320-37, with 32 abstentions. Conservative hard-liners had blocked passage of the law three times last week.

Also adopted was the necessary implementation legislation. The step-by-step plans for implementing the law will be announced later. But the law will not go into effect until Jan. 1, 1993, six months later than originally proposed.

The National Conference on Soviet Jewry issued a statement saying it would "reserve comment" on the new law, until it can be analyzed "to ascertain whether or not it addresses our concerns." The conference said it would "welcome all Soviet meas-

ures toward the fulfillment of that nation's human rights obligations" under the Helsinki Accords and other international documents.

But Pamela Cohen, president of the Union of Councils for Soviet Jews, said flatly Monday that the new law "does not meet international standards."

The State Department welcomed the law's enactment, though spokeswoman Margaret Tutwiler said the United States would have liked to see it implemented sooner.

"We have for almost two decades made the right of Soviet citizens to emigrate an important part of U.S.-Soviet relations," said Tutwiler. "We regard this as a major step to the overall prospect of reform in the Soviet Union and the fulfillment" of Soviet commitments under the Helsinki Accords. "The very fact that procedures once subject to the arbitrary implications of unpublished regulations are now established in law, in our view, is a positive development," she said.

White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater called the law's adoption a "hopeful sign," but added: "We don't know if it has a lot of conditions in it or other problems."

The National Conference said the concerns it wants to see addressed by the new law include an elimination of emigration refusals based on alleged access to state secrets, military conscription or outstanding obligations to "poor relatives."

"We trust that the new legislation

will fully address our concerns, especially in light of the fact that the Soviet Union will host the September 1991 Moscow Conference on the Human Dimension," the group said.

But Cohen of the Union of Councils, who had seen a draft of the law while in Moscow recently, said the law does not address these concerns. As an example, she said there is no definition of secrecy or the areas deemed secret. Secrecy is increasingly being used to deny exit visas for arbitrary reasons, she said.

Finance minister: Direct absorption must end

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Finance Minister Yitzhak Moda'i has raised eyebrows here by calling for a drastic change in the way Soviet immigrants are absorbed into Israeli society. "The age of direct absorption is over," the senior Likud Cabinet minister declared last week. Since the "reservoir" of apartments and jobs that was available around the country when mass aliyah began early last year has been exhausted, the government must intervene in the placement of olim, he said.

While it was not immediately clear what changes he has in mind, Moda'i apparently intends for the government to exercise much tighter control over where the immigrants live, taking into account the availability both of housing and job in any given part of the country. That would mark a move back toward the immigrant

"As long as there is no independent judiciary as long as individuals are still subject to the political interest of the state, human rights are always in question," she said.

The National Conference, however, said it was more interested in actual Soviet emigration practices than in the policies being codified in legislation.

Cohen urged Bush not to waive Jackson-Vanik Amendment trade sanctions until the law is implemented and is shown to be working. Bush has made adoption of the law a condi-

tion, not only for waiving Jackson-Vanik penalties, but also for sending to Congress the trade agreement he signed with Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev last year. The trade agreement would be meaningless without the waiver, which would give the Soviets the lowest available tariffs for their exports to the United States.

However, Bush has made no secret that he wants to help Gorbachev by providing aid for the Soviet's troubled economy. Last December, the U.S. president granted a partial waiver of Jackson-Vanik sanctions to allow the Soviet Union to get \$1 billion in credits for agricultural products to prevent starvation over the winter.

The Senate voted last week to urge Bush to grant the Soviets another \$1.5 billion in credit guarantees to buy agricultural products.

They require the approval of the ministerial absorption committee, chaired by Housing Minister Ariel Sharon, if not the full Cabinet. Absorption Minister Yitzhak Peretz, a member of the committee, was abroad Wednesday when Moda'i announced the impending change of policy.

Meanwhile, a former absorption minister, Laborite Ya'acov Tsur, blasted Moda'i's statement as a "farce."

Tsur said in a radio interview that since there are no homes and no jobs available anywhere in Israel, the finance minister would be dumping the public if he pretended the government could control the immigrants' choice of residence and efficiently solve the housing and employment problems.

JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER ANNUAL MEETING TO INCLUDE ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The 57th Annual Meeting of the Jewish Community Center will be held on Thursday, June 6, 1991 at 8:30 p.m. at the Hotel DuPont.

The nominating Committee, chaired by Martin I. Lubaroff, has nominated the following individuals for election to the Board of Directors of the Jewish Community Center.

The following have been nominated for election of offices for a one year term:

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Gulf States pressed by E.C. to relax boycott against Israel

By **YOSSI LEMPKOWICZ**
BRUSSELS (JTA) — The Persian Gulf states may be willing to consider breaking their economic boycott against Israel, but not until peace talks with the Jewish state begin, according to European Community leaders. The foreign ministers of the 12 E.C. states raised the boycott issue during trade talks in Luxem-

bourg May 12 with the six member states of the Gulf Cooperation Council.

The Gulf states' responses were cautious, according to Jacques Poos, the foreign minister of Luxembourg, who currently holds the rotating chairmanship of the E.C. Council of Ministers. "They are waiting for an opening from Israel, but they are not opposed to the principle of reconsidering the boycott measures once the peace process has started," he told reporters.

"They said the Arab side had already made a lot of concessions," Poos added.

The Gulf Cooperation Council consists of Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Bahrain, Oman, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates, all major oil producers.

The E.C. ministers' talks with them preceded a scheduled meeting in Brussels on Tuesday with Israeli Foreign Minister David Levy to discuss a European role in the Middle East peace conference the United States is trying to arrange.

Poos said the Gulf states were backing Secretary of State James Baker's initiative. The foreign minister of Qatar, the current chairman of

the cooperation council, told the Europeans that the member states were willing to participate in a Middle East peace conference as an observer.

A statement issued in Luxembourg said they would also participate "in any meetings that will include the countries of the region to discuss issues pertaining to arms control and destruction of all weapons of mass destruction, water resources and protection of the environment."

The United States called that statement a "breakthrough," but Israel dismissed it, insisting that every Arab country technically in a state of war with Israel must participate fully in peace talks with it.

Diplomatic sources in Brussels said Levy would meet the 12 E.C. foreign ministers in the framework of the annual session of the E.C.-Israel Cooperation Council, a body that oversees the trade and cooperation agreements Israel has signed with the Europeans. According to the sources, their talks will be mainly about an E.C. role in a proposed peace conference, which would be co-sponsored by the United States and the Soviet Union. Israel has been reluctant because of what it per-

ceives to be pro-Palestinian and pro-Arab bias on the part of the Europeans.

Israel has accused the E.C. in recent years of linking economic cooperation with political issues. Earlier this month, the E.C. leveled a stinging rebuke at Israel for continuing to build settlements in disputed territory while efforts were being made to arrange peace talks.

But Israeli diplomatic sources have indicated that Israel would be amenable to a limited European role at the proposed peace conference. They said Levy might suggest that the E.C. confine itself to regional economic development projects rather than become involved in diplomatic negotiations.

In addition, Levy is expected to raise the issue of the Arab boycott from the European perspective. He will ask the E.C. to enact legislation binding on all of its members to prohibit European companies from compliance with Arab boycott rules.

Such legislation exists in France, Belgium, Holland and Luxembourg, and German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher has said that his country would introduce such a bill in the next several weeks. But Israel

wants harmonious legislation among all E.C. members.

The Israeli foreign minister has a reputation in E.C. circles of being a "tough-talking man who has become a dove within his government," which is dominated by right-wing hard-liners. Levy also is expected to ask his European colleagues to help rescind the 1975 U.N. General Assembly resolution denigrating Zionism as a form of racism.

The E.C., in turn, is expected to pressure Israel to accept a diplomatic representative of the European Executive Council in the administered territories. Israel so far has refused, claiming the E.C. is already represented through its ambassador in Tel Aviv, Gwyn Morgan.

Long-strained relations between Israel and the E.C. have relaxed since the Persian Gulf War.

The Europeans lifted the restrictions on scientific cooperation with Israel, imposed last year to protest its policies in the administered territories. The sanction was removed in appreciation of Israel's restraint when it came under Scud missile attack by Iraq during the war.

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Germany will not allow Soviet Jews leaving Israel to enter as refugees

By **DAVID KANTOR**
BONN (JTA) — Interior Minister Wolfgang Schauble has made clear that Soviet Jews coming to Germany from Israel are considered Israeli nationals, not refugees from the Soviet Union, and will be treated accordingly.

Schauble drew the distinction in a letter made public May 13 to the authorities in Berlin, where about 250 Soviet Jews of 300 who arrived from Israel in January are seeking permission to stay. He warned of the consequences of establishing a precedent whereby Israeli citizens would be treated as refugees from the Soviet Union.

Such a move would kick off protests in Israel and complicate Germany's delicate relations with that country, Schauble wrote. Therefore, the special arrangements that apply to Jews seeking to immigrate to Germany directly from the Soviet Union cannot apply to the Berlin group, the interior minister wrote.

The members of the group said they came to Berlin to escape Iraqi Scud missile attacks on Israel during

the Persian Gulf War. But they refused to return when their temporary visas expired in March, saying they had been unable to adjust to life in Israel and preferred to stay in Berlin.

Germany, meanwhile, is taking measures that could discourage the immigration of other Soviet Jews. The Interior Ministry made a retroactive announcement Monday that, effective May 1, Soviet nationals arriving in Germany without immigration papers would have the status of tourists and be ineligible for permanent residence.

Although the regulation has been in effect since February, it was not enforced until now, the ministry said, because many Soviet Jews arriving in the country were uninformed or misinformed about their status.

The immigration of Soviet Jews to Germany has been a contentious public issue since the beginning of 1990 when former East Germany, having thrown off Communist rule, announced it would absorb an unlimited number of Soviet Jews as a way to atone for Nazi and Communist crimes. West Germany had far more

restrictive immigration policies and when the two Germanys united, new rules had to be formulated.

Soviet Jews seeking to immigrate to Germany must now apply for immigrant visas at German consulates in the Soviet Union. To qualify, they must prove German origin or have relatives in Germany. So far, the consulates have received nearly 3,000 applications from Soviet Jews. The Interior Ministry said it is being processed slowly and that there are no plans to accelerate the process.

The Israeli Embassy, meanwhile, has exerted considerable pressure on the Berlin group to return to Israel. The German authorities also hope for their departure but refuse to expel them.

According to the latest reports, a few of the Soviet Jews who had come from Israel agreed to board a plane for Tel Aviv, after being assured they could apply in Israel for re-entry into Germany. But most of the group say they will remain in Berlin and continue to fight for legal status.

Arshts contribute second gift to ALL

Roxana C. and S. Samuel Arsht, active members of the University of Delaware's Academy of Lifelong Learning and its governing committees since 1983, have given the University of Delaware a second million-dollar donation toward the fundraising effort for the new home for the academy in Wilmington.

President David P. Roselle announced the gift and the successful close of the fundraising campaign for the new facility at a program May 6 in Wilmington, sponsored by the Delaware State Chamber of Commerce to celebrate 1991 honorees in the statewide Superstars! in Education competition. The Academy of Lifelong Learning, the University's intellectual cooperative for persons of retirement age, was one of this year's honorees.

Roselle also announced that the Executive Committee of the Board of

Trustees has approved naming the new facility in honor of the Arshts, to recognize their continuing "enthusiasm and dedication to the University and the Academy of Lifelong Learning. This fall, when the new building is opened, people will enter S. Samuel and Roxana C. Arsht Hall," the president said, calling the Arshts "two University treasures."

In 1988, the Arshts began the fundraising effort for the academy's new home with a gift of \$1 million.

The Academy of Lifelong Learning celebrated its 10th anniversary in New Castle County last year, and a Southern Delaware academy was formed two years ago. Eleven years ago, academy membership totaled less than 100; today, about 1,100 persons are enrolled, and the membership is expected to climb to nearly 2,000 during the next five years. To

accommodate this growth, the new facility for the academy and the Division of Continuing Education is being constructed on University land east of the Wilcastle Center, off Pennsylvania Avenue in Wilmington.

The new facility will house a multi-purpose room for 300 people, a 200-seat classroom-lunchroom, seven classrooms of varying size, three seminar rooms, two art studios and a library.

Following the Arshts' original pledge of \$1 million, the leadership of the academy resolved to match the gift from contributions by members and local foundations and corporations. The membership gave nearly \$700,000, with local businesses and foundations, notably Crystal Trust and the Fair Play and Borkey-Hagley foundations, bringing the balance to \$1 million.

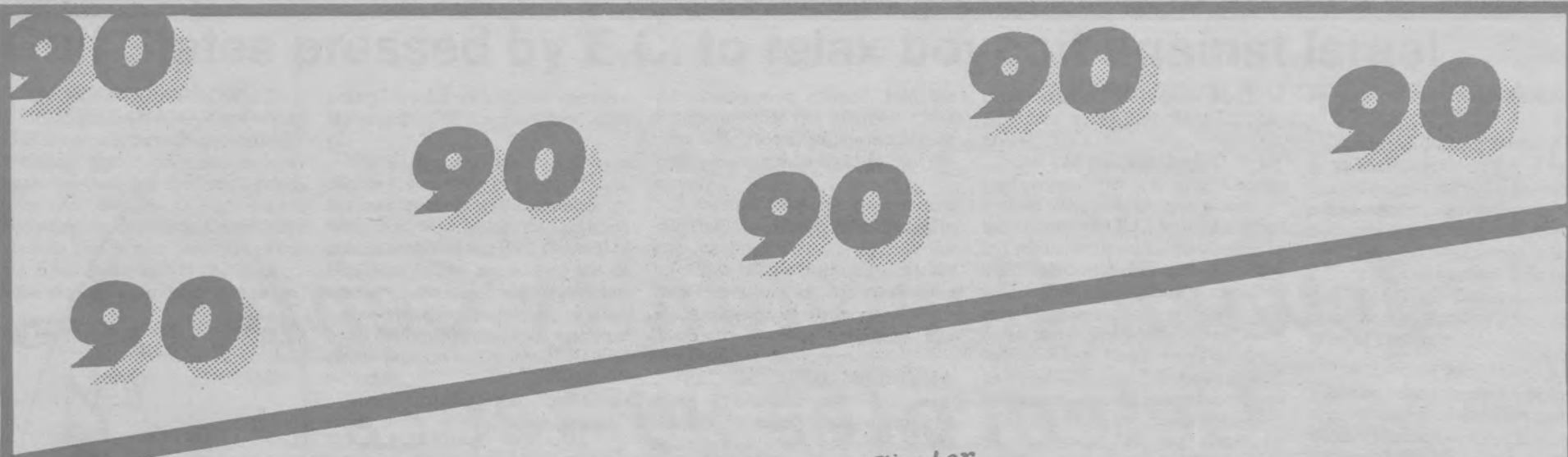
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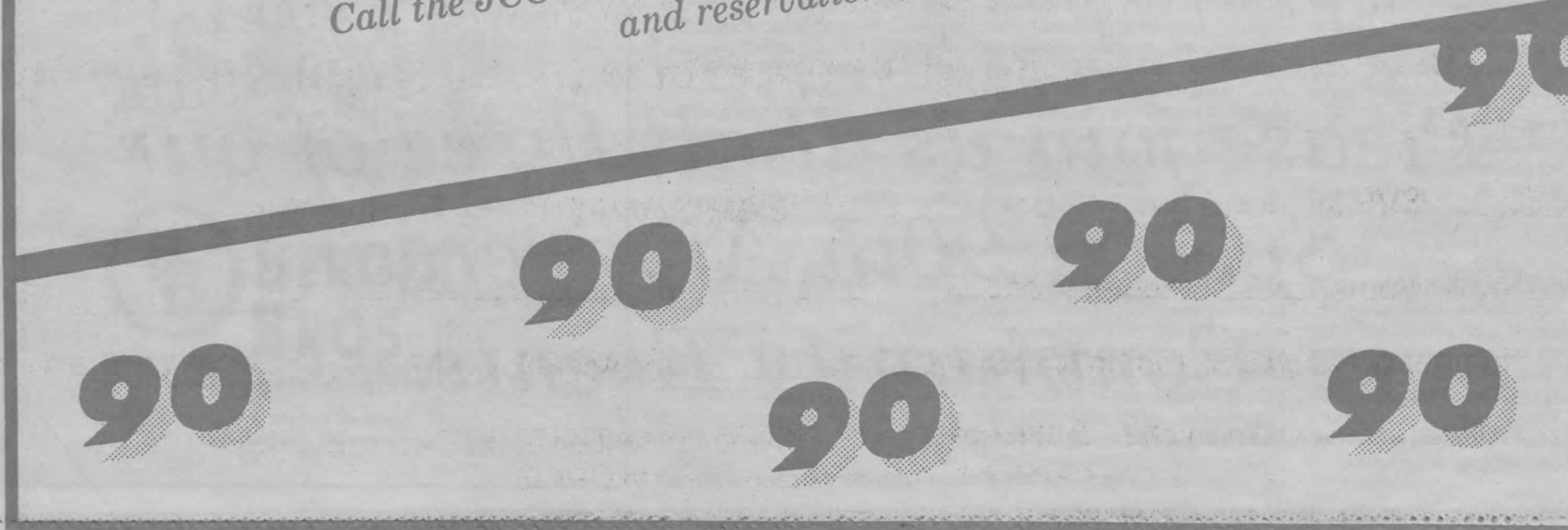
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A COLUMN WRITTEN BY THE AGENCIES ABOUT THE AGENCIES

AEA's science teacher encourages children to love to learn

By JANIS NICHOLL

Judith Smith has been a teacher at Albert Einstein Academy since 1980. "During my 11 years at Albert Einstein Academy," she says, "I've been fortunate to see many students grow into independent, competent thinkers. I find that our children, because of the quality of being in a small group, have an excellent opportunity to become good at science and advanced in their mathematical abilities, demonstrated in consistently high examination scores."

Mrs. Smith wants her students to love to learn, to be curious about their world and to feel able to attack any new idea. "I thrive on watching children's minds develop," she says. She describes her method of teaching as a hands-on learning experience with an integration of curriculum. For example, a favorite activity is to combine math and science by having her students create a garden outside the school. Following a botany unit and a unit on measurements, children lay out and plant a garden. As Pamela Rothenberg, a third-grade student of Mrs. Smith says, "Her class is so interesting and special, I love it."

Mrs. Smith believes in establishing rules in order for children to learn to respect themselves and others. In describing attributes of her class, she explains, "I provide a stable environment, expecting good manners and appropriate behavior; I am also very aware of the importance of good humor in class."

Mrs. Smith was a frustrated little girl until the sixth grade. She was classified as learning disabled. She

explains that her parents encouraged her with art and violin, giving her self-esteem and accepting her just as she was, a worthy young girl. In the sixth grade the school system developed a program for dyslexic children, and soon after she went on to win science awards. She feels that her experiences as a dyslexic child helped her to be sensitive to the needs of young students. "I think, through my struggle with dyslexia, I've had to give more thought to how children learn and apply that to developing a unique program to meet each child's needs."



Judy Smith

Anne Schenker

Mr. Richard Paredes, Mrs. Smith's co-teacher at Einstein, says, "I have never worked with such a loving, caring, intelligent and dedicated partner and friend."

As an educator who believes in the importance of developing a social conscience in her students, Mrs. Smith also finds the Judaic values nourished by the school to be a great support for children's development.

Richard I. Gevurtz Memorial Program

Barbara Nickey, Kindergarten and music teacher, organized a program of musical selections from "Fiddler on the Roof" and Israeli songs in honor of Yom Yerushalayim. The entire student body participated in the production at the Jewish Community Center on May 13. Einstein holds a musical program every year in memory of Richard I. Gevurtz in whose name a scholarship is given to an Einstein student.

AEA student writes winning essay

Anna Schenker, a third grade student at AEA, wrote a prize-winning essay in celebration of Jewish Heritage Week. For her essay, entitled "Hashem's Greatest Gift", she and the school each received a book as a prize. The yearly contest, sponsored by the Association of Orthodox Jewish Teachers to encourage children to learn and think about their heritage, has had several winners from Einstein in past years.

Waiting Room Only

Eleanor Weinglass, Principal of Albert Einstein Academy, says that registration for next year is excellent. Kindergarten enrollment is full, with 32 children accepted for two classes, and there is now a waiting list. While there was a tuition increase this year, Mrs. Weinglass explained, "to provide higher teacher salaries and more services, the increase was well received by the parents and the community." For information about the school, call 478-5026.

ployers are not deterred from discriminating.

From 1964 to 1989, judicial interpretation of the civil rights statutes generally extended protection to all working people who had been victims of employment discrimination. The practical effect of the 1989 Supreme Court rulings is that Americans who experience discrimination on the job have fewer — and weaker — avenues of redress. These rulings effectively narrow a victim's option in seeking relief from discrimination and in cases like Alan Gersman's, deny the victim any relief at all.

The Civil Rights Act of 1991 reaf-

firms the basic value that our nation stands for: equal opportunity for all — men and women; young and old; persons with disabilities; and members of all races, ethnic groups and religions.

(Joseph Fisher is a vice president of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union and manager of the Eastern Pennsylvania/South Jersey region; Ted Kirsch is a vice president of the American Federation of Teachers and president of the Philadelphia Federation of Teachers. The authors co-chair the Philadelphia chapter of the Jewish Labor Committee.)

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awarded excessive or outrageous amounts. A study commissioned by the National Women's Law Center found that in the 10 years before 1989, over 85 percent of discrimination cases resulted in no monetary award. Of the remaining 15 percent, the average award was \$40,000.

The Bush administration's alternative proposal would permit employers to force employees, as a condition of employment, to waive their right to sue in cases of job discrimination. Needless to say, when employees have no recourse, em-

Boycott compliance

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the news conference, wrote May 8 to German Chancellor Helmut Kohl and Austrian President Kurt Waldheim, urging them to invoke hate crimes statutes to ban distribution of the games in their countries. D'Amato, backed by the Wiesenthal Center, also asked the U.S. Customs Service to consider banning their import into the United States. Although no English-language versions have yet to be discovered, some of the German-language games promised to become available in English.

Bill Anthony, a Customs Service spokesman, said his agency is trying to determine if such a ban can be made without violating free-speech guarantees contained in the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

"One of the problems might be there may not be any laws under which this is covered," he said.

Gottfried Haas, the spokesman at the German Embassy here, said the distribution of such games in Germany is against Germany's penal law. "As soon as we have any clear evidence of that, our prosecutors will act immediately for sure," Haas said.

Ulf Pacher, the Austrian Embassy spokesman, said his government began investigating the matter on April 20, when the Austrian poll of high school students appeared. The date is also the anniversary of Hitler's birth. He said that although none of the games were apparently created in Austria, some may have been made by Austrian groups connected with German ones.

Pacher said he doubted any such game had been created in Austria, because "it's not a big enough market," although distributors in a larger market such as Germany "obviously have an incentive to come in."

The American Jewish Committee raised the issue early this month with both the German and Austrian ambassadors to the United Nations. It also wrote Kohl and Waldheim, urging them to "be vocal in their denunciation of these games" and to "initiate prosecutions."

Kenneth Stern, AJCommittee's program specialist for anti-Semitism and extremism, said the group will likely not press for any Customs Service restrictions on the basis that such games do not travel in packages "with pictures of Hitler on the front."

YLC second 'Caravan'

By FRANCES RATNER

The Jewish Federation of Delaware Young Leadership Cabinet will hold its Second Annual Local Mission Caravan on June 2, announced Mark Kuller, YLC Chairperson.

The Caravan is designed to enable young adults to learn about the activities of the beneficiary agencies of the JFD and about the volunteer opportunities at those agencies. Last year, 25 young adults participated with the Caravan. Many of those are now serving as members of agency boards, committees and task forces.

"Many of us are not fully aware of the vital work done by the agencies in our community," commented Suzanne Grant, Chairperson of the YLC Community & Political Involvement Committee. "We hope the Caravan will educate the participants and inspire them to become involved."

The program is called a "caravan" because it will take place at three different locations. The program will begin at 10 a.m. with a brunch at the home of Judy and Bill Topkis and a presentation by Steve Dombchik, Federation's new president. Following the brunch, participants will drive to the Milton & Hattie Kutz Home for a tour and a chance to meet the residents. The last stop is the 101 Garden of Eden Road complex where the group will hear presentations by the Albert Einstein Academy, Gratz Hebrew High School, Hillel, Jewish Family Service and the Jewish Community Center.

There is no charge for the Caravan, but reservations are required. To register or to obtain more information, contact Seth Bloom, JFD Director of Community Development, 478-6200.

Jewish law

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should try to answer these quasi-halachic questions with quasi-halachic answers: We should make the real halachic issue clear, describe why a traditional halachic answer won't work for their questions, and then try to function out of the questioner's framework, bringing to bear whatever Jewish sources seem to help.

A few illustrations: May you have milk after lard? A limited halachic answer is available: Yes, because the laws of milk and meat do not apply to prohibited animals. The Torah never said that you should not boil a pig in its mother's milk. The quasi-halachic answer: No, because if you are still asking the questions, you should be reminded of the restrictions of the system.

May an unmarried woman go to the mikveh: The limited halachic answer: Since a Jewish man would never be willing to sleep with a woman in a state of *Nidah*, unmarried women are not permitted to go to the mikveh — as a way to keep them from becoming sexually available. The quasi-halachic answer: Since she has been sleeping with him for over a year, it is obvious that in this particular case, the system hasn't worked. If she goes to the mikveh and finds it spiritually rewarding, it is hard to imagine that the atmosphere of a well-run mikveh would not encourage her to consider marriage as a more serious option than she previously had.

May an immediate relative sign an egalitarian ketubah? The limited halachic answer: Since the traditional document presumes that it is the man's actions that initiate the marriage, a marriage contract in which both the man and the woman are equal initiators would be a non-ketubah. It is therefore irrelevant who signs the document. The quasi-halachic answer: Since you have consciously altered the traditional document, it may be presumed that you are treating your modern ketubah as a real and serious document. Otherwise, why would you have bothered? As such, it would be appropriate to follow traditional practice which prohibits an immediate relative from signing a contract since a relative may have a vested interest in the contract and may not serve as an ordinary disinterested witness.

If we take such questions and questioners seriously, we do not make the liberties they have already taken with the system more available. They will take whatever liberties they will, with or without our permission. The

real issue is one we must deal with constantly these days. Can they be salvaged or should we let them sink? Though full of fear and trembling, I am committed to salvage operations. Good advice may bring a few of them back to better questions. There are no guarantees.

In any event, I love the questions. If you have been asked to check out any Kosher pigs lately, please tell me about them.

(Rabbi Richard Israel is the Director of the Bureau of Jewish Education of Rhode Island. "The Kosher Pig" was originally published in *Moment Magazine*, March 1982, and is reprinted with permission.)

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Hate on the radio discussed by three talk-show hosts

NEW YORK (JTA) — The emergence of "talk radio" as a platform for racists and bigots of all stripes has raised the question of whether government intervention is feasible — or desirable — as a way to keep anti-Semitic, anti-black and other hate-mongering commentary off the air.

The issue was addressed during the American Jewish Committee's 85th annual meeting here May 2-5. The discussion, chaired by AJCommittee National Vice President Elaine Wishner of Chicago, featured three talk-show hosts who brought the point of view of their professional experience to the subject.

It was the occasion to release a new AJCommittee report, "Hate on Talk Radio," written by Kenneth Stern, the AJCommittee's program specialist on anti-Semitism and extremism. Talk, or call-in, radio shows afford listeners an opportunity to air their views on virtually any subject by telephone conversation with the host. The AJCommittee publication and the three professionals agreed that "talk radio is not journalism. It has no pretense of being fair. Talk is, first and last, entertainment. Talk is opinionated. Talk is subjective."

Where controversial, often extremist, opinion is broadcast, it is as likely to emanate from the hose as from the caller. Ratings are the name of the game in broadcasting, and the popularity of a host or program rises in proportion to its controversial nature.

The AJCommittee asked, how-

ever, whether that means Holocaust denial or other vicious anti-Semitic or anti-black diatribes should be allowed on the airwaves, often unquestioned or even condoned by the host.

The government, through the Federal Communications Commission in Washington, licenses and regulates broadcast media.

But the FCC's rules against obscenity and its concern for the overexposure of violence to children on television are different from its approach to bigotry on the air which, in two words, is: 'Hands off,' Stern wrote. Stern points out that "as difficult as it is to define obscenity, it is all the more difficult to define views that are so extreme and hurtful as to warrant suppression."

Furthermore, Stern asked, "even if the government could articulate some standard, would we really want the government intruding on what could be heard on the airwaves?"

He noted that an anti-Semitic organization, Liberty Lobby, has purchased a major interest in the SUN radio network, which has nearly 200 affiliates across the country. Liberty Lobby is associated with the Populist Party and the Institute for Historical Review, both of which deny the Holocaust.

Barry Farber, one of the panelists, who is Jewish, said he deals with such expressions on his long-running New York call-in show by being "good-hearted."

"When you have a bigot, you give

them something to hang themselves with," Farber said. "Sometimes in a friendly manner I just say, 'Sir, I am an expert on my own opinion, and in my opinion you are a bigot'."

Stern pointed out that "most talk-show radio personalities today are male, and conservative and white." But bigoted expression is also heard on black radio stations. It is often "Afrocentric," anti-white and anti-Semitic.

Another outlet for hate messages is the largely ignored religious broadcasters, according to Carole Hemingway, who hosts a talk show in Los Angeles. "If you want to talk about bigotry, if you want to talk about racism, you want to talk about sexism, you should listen to those religious shows," Hemingway says.

Stern commented that "extremism and organized hate-mongers are not on the small, religious stations alone. There is a concerted effort by some right-wing groups to use the airwaves to spread their message. Radio gives them a platform and grants them a measure of legitimacy. Their ideas, no matter how bizarre, gain a measure of normalcy if the presenter is poised and polished."

Michael Harrison, a former talk-show host and one of the panelists, felt that talk radio should in fact serve to combat "racism, bigotry and anti-Semitism, because for the most part, talk radio is an educational medium and, for the most part, talk-radio hosts have good will."

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ASHER RUBIN

Mazda says reports it will sell cars to Israel are 'premature'

By **HOWARD ROSENBERG**
WASHINGTON (JTA) — When it comes to selling cars in Israel, Mazda has apparently decided to take a back seat to Toyota and Nissan.

Both Toyota Motor Corp. and Nissan Motor Corp. have announced in recent weeks that they are ready to begin selling cars to the Jewish state, after years of refusing to do so. But Mazda Motor Corp. says news reports that it has agreed to do the same are "premature."

Al Goldberg, a Mazda spokesman in Los Angeles, said May 13 that the Hiroshima-based company is only "studying" the idea. "We've not made a final decision," he said.

The Kyodo News Service, quoting industry sources, reported that Mazda would be selling the cars to Israel this year. And Elan Steinberg, executive

director of the World Jewish Congress, said Mazda officials have told him recently that the company would sell 2,000 to 3,000 cars in Israel during 1991.

"I don't know whether they're going to" actually sell the cars in Israel, Steinberg said. "I can only say that they've told me so. Mazda has been conducting an economic study to determine the feasibility of marketing its products in Israel," the company said in a statement read by Goldberg. "As has been the case in similar situations when it considers a new market, Mazda's final decision and announcement of a plan will be made only after the completion of negotiations regarding the establishment of a satisfactory distributor and dealer body."

"Our decision will be based on economic merit only," the company said, "without regard to boycott considerations."

That is consistent with statements made by other Japanese companies

that have refused to do business in Israel. They deny they are complying with the Arab League economic boycott of Israel and usually say that Israel is too small a market to invest in.

But Toyota and Nissan have apparently decided that the size of the Israeli market is now worth the bother. Nissan would reportedly sell 4,000 to 5,000 cars in Israel. And Toyota plans to sell 5,000 four-door Corollas in Israel during 1992, according to Tim Andree, manager for external affairs at Toyota's North American headquarters.

Andree said that since the company's announcement, Toyota has received "absolutely no comments whatsoever" from the Damascus-based Arab Central Boycott Office or Arab governments. "I don't think we're concerned in that way" about a backlash, he said. "We expect to do business where it's profitable for us, and we've identified the Israeli market" as such, he said.

Kohl, Havel pay homage to Jews

BONN (JTA) — Chancellor Helmut Kohl of Germany and President Vaclav Havel of Czechoslovakia paid tribute recently to what Kohl called "the common past of Jewish heritage" in their countries.

The two national leaders opened an exhibition May 8 at the chancery in Bonn called "Judaica Prague." It consists of 100 art objects and religious artifacts loaned by the state-run Jewish Museum in Prague. The display included pictures drawn by Jewish children in the Theresien-

stadt concentration camp in Nazi-occupied Czechoslovakia during World War II.

About 1,200 guests attended, among them politicians, writers, artists and diplomats. Germany's chief of state, President Richard von Weizsacker, was present.

Havel observed in his address that the Jewish, Czech and German cultures existed symbiotically for hundreds of years and outlasted Nazi barbarism and Communist oppression.

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Conservative rabbinic grapples with intermarriage issue

By DEBRA NUSSBAUM COHEN
KIAMESHA LAKE, N.Y. (JTA) —

The growing impact of intermarriage on Conservative synagogue life was the primary focus of the 91st Rabbinical Assembly convention April 28-May 2 at the Concord Hotel here.

The problems and challenges presented by intermarriage were at the heart of R.A. President Rabbi Irwin Groner's address to his colleagues, and were discussed in a major speech by Dr. Steven Bayme, national director of the Jewish affairs department at the American Jewish Committee.

A series of workshops addressed the challenges faced by rabbis dealing with intermarried couples and singles considering intermarriage. Several resolutions were proposed in an attempt to have the Conservative movement spell out the policy implications of intermarriage and outreach.

In the workshop titled "Is the Next Generation's American Jewish Family an Endangered Species?" Bayme said that "the Jewish community is itching for a message that the situation is not so bad, prophecies of consolation have nothing, so far, to back them up." The intermarriage rate among American Jews stands today at between 30 and 40 percent.

In his keynote address to the 750 rabbis and spouses who attended the convention, Bayme said that "the Conservative movement has clearly defined where it stands on questions of rabbinic officiation at intermarriages, which is overwhelmingly re-

jects, and on the question of patrilineal descent, on which it has also taken a clearly negative stance.

"Where the Conservative movement has not to date clearly defined its stance is on the question of the phenomenon of intermarriage and on the policy implications of outreach to intermarried couples absent conversion to Judaism."

The lack of a clearly defined position also played out in the way the Conservative rabbis dealt with three proposed resolutions involving intermarriage and outreach.

Two of the three proposed resolutions that would have required the rabbis to take positions on new or changed policies were referred back to committee, effectively postponing further development of a movement-wide, cohesive approach.

The proposed resolutions were about the involvement of non-Jewish spouses and children in synagogue and life-cycle events and in religious schools.

One resolution called for intermarried "couples and their children to be made to feel welcome in the synagogue" even in cases where "there is no inclination on the part of the non-Jewish spouse to convert at present"

The resolution further called for children of such marriages to be "accepted into our religious schools, though it should be made clear to them that eligibility for Bar/Bat Mitzvah ceremonies and membership in

youth groups will require the conversion of non-Jewish children."

The other proposed resolution referred back to committee recognized that "at important and poignant times in the life cycle, the sensitivities of the non-Jewish spouse need to be considered and addressed, particularly at events such as Bar/Bat Mitzvah where creative ways of acknowledging said parents are desirable."

The resolution continued: "The Rabbinical Assembly does call upon its members to consider ways to enable such unconverted spouses/parents to feel welcome in the synagogue."

Among all the resolutions adopted, intermarriage is dealt with only tangentially, in the resolution on outreach, where the R.A. resolved "that Keruv Committees be established on congregational, regional and national levels; and that educational and training programs be established on all levels to help synagogue professionals and lay leaders learn how to interact constructively and creatively with interfaith couples."

The fact that the two more controversial resolutions were referred back to committee reflects "the attitude that we're not ready to deal with this," noted Resolutions Committee Chairman Rabbi Mark Loeb.

"Intermarriage is just starting to get an airing in a proper way, and the rabbinic is not yet at peace with its full implications."

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U.S. exerting pressure against sale of Soviet nuclear reactor to Israel

By JOSEPH POLAKOFF
Special to The Jewish Voice

WASHINGTON — The State Department has cast a cold eye on the possibility Israel may purchase a Soviet-made nuclear reactor designed for peaceful uses of energy of a type that is being safely operated in Finland.

At the same time the Department has made known that the Soviet Government should not make the sale before getting Israel's commitment to the "full scope" of the safeguards adopted by the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) "on all" nuclear activities.

The *Wall Street Journal*, which reported Soviet-Israel meetings of technical experts and officials regarding the sale, pointed out Israelis have indicated the reactor would be used for electricity and water desalination.

Fearful of mischievous exploitation by its critics of its power resources, Israel has consistently refused to allow outsiders to inspect its plant in Dimona which houses a French-built reactor. The U.S. Central Intelligence Agency has identified that reactor as being used to supply plutonium for Israel's nuclear weapons program started in 1957. The plan has often been described in news media as a producer of nuclear bombs. Israel has repeatedly said it would not be the first to use nuclear weapons and has never said it has a

nuclear weapon.

In its search for a Middle East peace settlement, the Department has said it wants its Arab allies and Israel to establish a (peace weapons free zone) in which a cardinal element would permit acquisition of nuclear energy technology only by countries that allow full inspection by IAEA of all their nuclear facilities.

On the basis of the *Wall Street Journal's* article, the State Department prepared two statements for briefing news media. The Department's first comment said: "We don't have any specific information. However, if the reactors supplied by the Soviets were similar to that operated by the Finnish Loviisa which includes a containment dome and substantial German and American safety upgrades, the U.S. believes such a reactor could be operated safely. The Loviisa reactors have

very good operating records. If the reactor did not include these types of safety features, including advanced instrumentation and control technology used in western reactors this could raise significant safety concerns."

In another comment, the department said: "Our long-standing position is that significant nuclear commodities such as power reactors should be supplied to non-nuclear weapons states only if such states have accepted full-scope International Atomic Energy Agency safeguards in all their peaceful nuclear activities, not just in the particular item being supplied. The U.S. and many other nuclear supplier countries have adopted such a full-scope safeguards nuclear export policy. We have repeatedly urged other suppliers including the Soviet Union to do the same."



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Announcements/Events

Kutz board election held

The thirty-first Annual Meeting of the Milton & Hattie Kutz Home, Inc., was held at the Home on the afternoon of Sunday, April 28.

Elected to a second term as President of the Home was Jack B. Jacobs. Jacobs, who is a Vice Chancellor on the Delaware Court of Chancery, has been a Kutz Home Board member since 1979 and has also served as an Officer and Director on the Board of the Jewish Federation of Delaware. He is a graduate of the University of Chicago, where he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa, and received his L.L.B. from Harvard Law School. He and his wife, Marion, have one child, Andrew.

Also elected to office at the Home were Donald F. Parsons, Jr., President Elect; Vice Presidents, Herman L. Glotzer, Joan Wachstein and Sheldon A. Weinstein; secretary, Martin D. Baum; and Treasurer, Eileen T. Conner.

Elected to three year terms as Directors of the Home were Jack B. Jacobs, Herman L. Glotzer, Eileen T. Conner, Elliott Golinkoff, Donald F. Parsons, Jr., Barbara Schoenberg, Louise Sloane and Stephen Strassner. Elected to complete a term ending in 1993 was Howard Hoffman, and elected to complete a term ending in 1992 was Rachel Yoskowitz.

The Home is a member of the

Jewish Federation of Delaware and one third of its Directors are appointed by the Federation. It was announced at the meeting that Dr. Barry Diznoff, Danna Levy and Barbara E. Yalisove have been appointed Federation representatives to the Kutz Home Board.

In a brief report to the assembled members of the Home, Mr. Jacobs offered his grateful appreciation to his fellow Officers and directors and the key members of the Home's staff who have worked effectively to bring about a financial turn-around for the Home during the past year. (Mr. Jacob's comments were similarly expressed in his Letter to the Editor published in the April 12, 1991 issue of *The Jewish Voice*.)

Kutz Auxiliary annual meeting

The Annual Meeting of the auxiliary of the Milton and Hattie Kutz Home will take place at 10 a.m. on Thursday, June 13, at the Home. The election and installation of Officers, Board of Directors and Advisory Board members will take place and refreshments will be served.

The Nominating Committee has proposed the following slate of officers for the year 1991-92; President - Louise Sloan, Executive Vice President - Ethel Parsons, Vice President (Membership) - Carla Jaffey, Recording Secretary - Ronna Hochman, Corresponding Secretary - Susan Hefter, Financial Secretary - Ellen Levin, Treasurer - Harry Wolpert and Life Membership - Adele Rose.

Board members nominated for a three-year term ending June 1994 are Ethel Engel, Susan Hefter, Ronna Hochman, Elaine Markell, Ruth Pernick, Adele Ross, Louise Sloane, Bobbie Tomases and Harry Wolpert.

Advisory Board Members nominated for a one-year term ending June 1992 are Ruth Balick, Julia B. Blumberg, Phyllis Cobin, Sadie Cohen, Amelia Glazier, Dorothy Gberman, Helen Goldberg, Cissie Golden, Faith Goldman, Cynthia Hochberg, Shelly Mand, Verna Schenker, Pat Sloan and Joan Wachstein.

The Nominating Committee members nominated for a one-year term expiring in 1992 are Bobbie Tomases - Chairman, Joan Helfand, Shelly Mand, Nancy Sherr and Marilyn Weiner.

In accordance with the By-laws, Article IV, Section B, additional nominations may be made from the floor at the annual meeting. The Nominating Committee (1990-91) was Faith Goldman - Chairman, Betty Diznoff, Ellen Levin, Shelly Mand and Adele Ross.

Naches

Delaware Art Museum new board members

Phyllis Aeronson, Jerald A. Blumberg and Gloria S. Fine are among eight recently appointed to the Board of Trustees of the Delaware Art Museum, according to the museum's President Steven J. Rothschild. They will serve a three-year term.

Aeronson will serve as chair of the Board's Education Committee. She has also been actively involved with the museum as a docent and as the docent representative on the Delaware Art Museum Alliance Task Force, a working committee that has recently restructured the museum's volunteer program.

Blumberg, senior vice president of Du Pont Human Resources and Du Pont Corporate Plans, will chair the Board's Finance Committee.

Fine, who also serves on the boards of Junior Achievement and Interfaith Housing, will serve on the museum's Education Committee.

Halberstat

Jamin Brett Halberstat, son of Vivian S. Halberstat of Green Acres and Bertram S. Halberstat of Wilmington, is the recent recipient of a Jacob Javits Fellowship for five years of graduate study at Indiana University in the field of psychology. Jamin graduated with high honors from Swarthmore College in 1988. At Swarthmore he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. He was the Valedictorian of the Tatnall School's class of 1985. Jamin is the grandson of Sylvia and Iz Silverman of Wilmington.

Halberstat

Jeremy Brian Halberstat, son of Vivian S. Halberstat of Green Acres and Bertram S. Halberstat of Wilmington, was one of eight members of the junior class at the University of Pennsylvania to be inducted into membership of Phi Beta Kappa. He is a biology major, planning a career in medicine. Jeremy is the grandson of Sylvia and Iz Silverman.

Zussman

Debra and Mel Zussman announce the birth of their daughter Sarah Abigail, on May 6. She is a sister to Benjamin and David. Grandparents are Ruth Rutstein of San Antonio, Texas, and Irene and Abe Zussman of Sharon, Massachusetts. Sarah Abigail is named after her great-grandmother, Sarah Morris, and her grandfather, Irving Abraham Rutstein.

YJAD Calendar set for June

The Young Jewish Adults of Delaware (for singles in their twenties and thirties) has planned several activities for June. Call the JCC at 478-5660 to be included on the mailing list for their monthly newsletter.

On Sunday, June 2, the YJAD will enjoy a Canoe Day Trip with Wilderness Canoe Trips of North Wilmington. The group will meet at Wilderness, behind the Bennigans Restaurant on Route 202-North, at 10 a.m. sharp. There is a \$19 admission charge. Bag lunches are suggested and reservations are required by June 1. Call Gary Trencher at 453-8767 or Bruce Frankel at 529-9292 for more information or to make a reservation.

On Monday, June 3, 10, 17, and 24, the YJAD will play coed Volleyball outside on the JCC Family Campus beginning at 6 p.m. Games are non-competitive. Admission is \$1 for JCC members, \$2 for non-members. Call Mike Schenk at 475-4981 for more information.

On Thursday, June 13 the YJAD will hold an "Early Summer Cocktail Party" on the outdoor patio of Gallucio's Restaurant (1709 Lovering Ave., Wilm.), from 6 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Cost is \$6 per person, which includes pizza. Reservations are not required. Call Ron Grosz at 792-7411 for more information.

On Sunday, June 30, the YJAD sponsors (coed) "Evening Softball" on the JCC Family Campus, from 5:30 p.m. to dusk. Admission is \$1 for JCC members, \$2 for non-members. Call Howard Zwick at 737-7471 for more information.

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Beth El breaks ground for education wing



Among those attending the groundbreaking ceremony at Temple Beth El earlier this month were (left to right) Jack Sochaczewski, Building Chairman; Dan Nepi, Vice President, Charles Evans Company; Ann Herman, Principal and Administrator; Harriet and Josh Kalin, for whom the new wing will be named; Bob Gelman, President; Harvey Eckell, Building Fundraising Chairman; and Rabbi David Kaplan.

Groundbreaking ceremonies for the Kalin Education Wing of Temple Beth El, 301 Possum Park Road, Newark, were held on Sunday, May 5. The 3,000 square foot addition of six classrooms and a conference room

will effectively double the educational facilities of the temple. There are 150 children, ages 5 through 15, currently enrolled in the religious education program. Originally built in 1984 to replace a smaller facility

adjacent to the University of Delaware campus, the continued growth of Temple Beth El and the greater Newark/Hockessin/Pike Creek Jewish community necessitated the expansion project, according to Ann Herman, Principal of the religious school.

The new education wing will be named in honor of Josh and Harriet Kalin, major benefactors of the project. The Kalin family has been active in Temple Beth El for over 30 years; Dr. Kalin is a past president of the congregation and Mrs. Kalin served as Sisterhood president. Over 75 Temple Beth El families participated in a recent fundraising drive in support of the project.

The addition will provide, along with the six additional classrooms, a multipurpose room that will serve as a meeting room, adult education facility and as a small sanctuary. Occupancy is planned for mid-September.

Leonard Sophrin, AIA, of Victorine

and Samuel Homsey, Inc., is the architect for the project. The design of the addition was done to match the existing exterior. Construction of the addition is being done by the Charles Evans Corporation.

'Good Old Days' at JCC Family Campus

The Jewish Community Center will hold a "Good Ole Days" Celebration on Sunday, June 9, beginning at 1:30 p.m. at the Family Campus. As part of the JCC's 90th Anniversary Celebration, the Family Campus will be transformed into an outdoor festival featuring pony rides for children, a juggler and a barbershop quartet.

The afternoon will be full of good old-fashioned family fun and the entire

community is invited to attend," said Eileen Wallach, Recreational Services Director at the JCC. Family activities will be offered from 1:30 to 4 p.m. and will include a variety of pool games and a softball game, relay races, kite making, face painting and bubble tables. The JCC Boy Scout Troop #18 will also hold a car wash.

A complimentary hotdog and

hamburger picnic-style dinner will be held from 4 to 5:30 p.m., followed by a Victorian puppet show in the Campus Amphitheatre. Giveaways and prizes will be awarded throughout the day.

"The entire day's activities will be open to all Center members free of charge. The JCC Board of Directors and staff invite the community to enjoy an old-fashioned family festival in tribute to the JCC's long and distinguished history of service to the Delaware Jewish community," Wallach added.

Registration for the dinner should be made at the JCC Front Desk by June 3 or call 478-5660 for additional information.

AKSE to hold 'Hardware Day'

On Sunday, June 9, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., the Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Men's Club will hold a "Hardware Day" at the synagogue. General repairs to the synagogue, including capping the posts of the sukkah, staining the sukkah and rebuilding the area around the synagogue's loading dock will be done. Anyone interested in this project is invited to participate and is asked to bring hammers, gloves and ladders if possible.

AKSE men's club breakfast

The Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Men's Club has scheduled a breakfast on Sunday, June 23. Following davening at 9 a.m., the breakfast will begin at 9:30.

The guest speaker will be Dr. Asaf Durakovic, Chief of Nuclear Medicine at the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Wilmington. Durakovic, who is involved in the "Children of Chernobyl" project, was in Israel last month on the fifth anniversary of the Chernobyl disaster. The breakfast is free of charge for men's club members and \$2 for non-members.

Gratz spring film festival

The Gratz College Samuel Netzkay Division of Continuing Education will present the final film of the Spring 1991 Israel Film Festival, "Three Days and a Child," on Sunday, June 2, at 7 p.m. at the College. Each of the films in the series has dealt with a different social, historical and psychological facet of the Israeli experience.

"Three Days and a Child" is based on a short story by Israeli writer, A.B. Yehoshua. The film, directed by Uri Zohar, brandishes the New Wave style and focuses on Israeli student milieu of the 60's. Zohar explores old and new relationships of a young man, his ex-girlfriend, her husband and her child. A victim of unrequited love, the young man tries to find peace in student-life in Jerusalem until his former girlfriend asks him to

baby-sit for her child and turmoil erupts.

The film, which won for Oded Kotler the "best actor" award at the Cannes Film Festival and legitimized Zohar, Israel's top clown, as a serious personal filmmaker.

Following the screening of "Three Days and a Child" noted filmmaker Amiram Amitai and Abraham Marthan, Professor of Hebrew Literature at Gratz College, will lead a discussion on issues and theories raised in the film.

The film will be screened at Gratz College's, Ann Newman Building on the Mandell Education Campus, Old York Road and Melrose Avenue, Melrose Park. The program begins at 7 p.m. Admission is \$5 at the door.

AEA annual meeting

Albert Einstein Academy announces its annual meeting on Tuesday, May 28, at 7:30 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center. William Topkis, former President of the Jewish Federation of Delaware, will be the featured speaker.

The slate of the Board of Directors will be presented as follows: Completing 1990-92 terms are Shirley Fischer-Drowos, Craig Goldberg, Stuart Grant, Martin Karel, Tammy Rosner and Fred Tehrani. Nominated

for 1991-93 terms are Laurie Cowan, Jeffrey Furman, James Gevurtz, Richard Goldbaum, Sam London, Elias Mamberg, Karen Moss, Leonard Sophrin, Rhonda Shulman and Diane Wolf. The following Board members have been nominated for the Executive Board: Jeffrey Furman, President; Craig Goldberg, Vice President; Richard Goldbaum, Treasurer; Martin Karel, Secretary.

Members of the community are invited to attend. Refreshments will be served.

AKSE Sisterhood luncheon

The Sisterhood of Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth will hold its Annual Donor Luncheon on Sunday, June 9, at noon. Toni Young, former President of the Jewish Historical Society of

Delaware, will speak on the Role of Women in Early Delaware Jewish Life.

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Obituaries

Dr. Jack Samuel Jacobs

Dr. Jack Samuel Jacobs, 34, of 8 W. Creek Court, Lafayette, Calif., died of cancer May 9 in Mount Zion Hospital, San Francisco.

Dr. Jacobs, a 1975 graduate of The Tatnall School, was a pediatric neuro-oncologist in California. He was co-author of several articles on child neurology and was a presenter at the 1989 Child Neurology Convention. He wrote articles on AIDS in children and worked with children with AIDS.

He was a 1978 graduate of Duke University and a 1981 graduate of Universidad Autonoma Guadalajara. He did his residency at Rutgers University of Medicine & Dentistry in Newark, N.J., and did fellowships in child neurology at Downstate Medical Center, Brooklyn, N.Y., and Memorial Sloan Kettering in Man-

hattan, N.Y.

He was a Fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics and a member of American Academy of Neurology and American Medical Association.

He is survived by his mother, Freda Jacobs of Boca Raton, Fla., and a sister, Lena Elzufon of Wilmington.

Instead of flowers, the family suggests contributions to American Foundation for AIDS Research, New York, or Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Congregation, Wilmington.

Yetta Eisner

Yetta Eisner, 74, of the Villages, Freehold Township, N.J., died May 10 of cancer in Centra State Medical Center, Freehold Township.

Mrs. Eisner retired as a seamstress in the Long Branch area.

Survivors include her husband,

Marcus; two daughters, Ruth Katz of Huntington Station, N.Y., and Harriet Schultz of Wilmington; and six granddaughters.

Milton Braderman

Milton Braderman, 81, of 3200 Palm Aire Drive North, Pompano Beach, Fla., died May 11 at home.

Mr. Braderman owned Joan Roberts Store for Children in Wilmington, for many years until he retired and moved to Florida in 1976. He was past president of the Rock Manor Golf Course and a member of Brandywine Country Club. He was active in B'nai B'rith.

He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Dorothy; a son, Robert of Wilmington; two daughters, Joan Bloomgarden of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., and Betsy Chalal of Boynton Beach, Fla.; and four grandchildren.

Synagogues pray for cantors, but few are answering the call

LOS ANGELES (JTA) — The Cantors Assembly is looking for more

than a few good hazzanim. Despite upscale salaries, however, few re-

cruits have shown up at the group's annual convention here.

Dear Rachel

My 13-year-old daughter "Jennifer" is signed up for eight weeks of sleepover camp this summer, and if I feel like a damn fool, I'd call the camp to get my deposit back. Jennifer is 13 and looks 18. Where I come from, 13-year-olds stand on opposite sides of the room and giggle at each other. Unfortunately, much older boys seem to be the ones who are most interested in her, and she seems flattered and interested in them. I have a nightmare that she will get herself into situations that she can't handle and can't get out of. At least if I have her at home, I can keep an eye on her and help out if needed. Am I being overprotective?

Swiftly Go The Years

Dear Swiftly,

The rabbis of the Talmud seem to have noticed the difficulty of raising daughters, calling them "a vain treasure." They say, "Through anxiety on her account, (her father) can't sleep at night. When she's a child, he worries that she'll be seduced; as an adolescent, that she'll be promiscuous; as an adult, that she won't get married; as a married woman, that she won't have children; if she grows old, that she engage in witchcraft." (Sanhedrin, p. 100b).

Instead of worrying about your treasure, I suggest that you start teaching her the decision-making skills that will keep her from living any of your's or the rabbis' nightmares. A little sex education wouldn't hurt. Most importantly, teach her to value herself so she won't need to rely on others to feel good about herself. You have some hard work ahead, but after that you'll have a treasure of a daughter, a summer vacation, and a cure for your insomnia as well.

Rachel

Send letters to, "Rachel, c/o The Jewish Voice, 101 Garden of Eden Rd., Wilmington, DE. 19810." Names and details will be altered to protect your privacy.

New drug offers hope to Alzheimer's sufferers

TEL AVIV (JTA) — Bar-Ilan University in Ramat Gan, whose research scientists have developed a new drug to help alleviate the effects of Alzheimer's Disease, has given an

American company sole patent rights to develop the medicine further and eventually manufacture and market it.

The U.S.-based Baker-Cummins

Pharmaceuticals company will prepare the oral drug for licensing by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. It may be more than a year before the government allows the drug to be administered to humans.

According to Professor Shlomo Yehuda, director of Bar-Ilan's psychopharmacology laboratory, the new drug — so far called SR-3 — is not a cure for Alzheimer's but a means of alleviating the systems of the debilitating illness.

Yehuda says the drug has so far been tested on 200 Israeli patients, ranging in age from 54 to 80.

"It is too soon to say if it increases life expectancy, but it certainly improves the quality of life, restoring some memory and reversing behavioral changes so patients can go back to caring for themselves, at least to some extent," he said.

Patients who took the drug were able to read newspapers, recognize family members and feed and dress themselves, he said.

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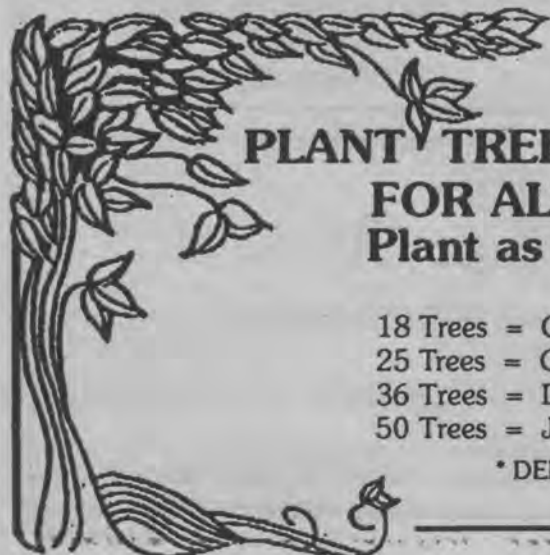
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Quotas

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tional discrimination — instead of focusing on a candidate's objective qualifications, the employer may well focus instead on ensuring that his or her work force will be carefully calibrated to reflect the "correct" percentages of women, blacks, Hispanics, Jews, and so on.

We at Agudath Israel believe that any law or policy that could lead to the practice of hiring by numbers rather than merit does not serve Jewish interests and does not deserve Jewish support.

American Jews have a great stake in the merit system and in a society where each individual is judged on the basis of objective qualification rather than on the basis of skin color, gender, religion, national origin or any other irrelevant characteristic. H.R. 1, we think, points in the opposite direction.

What is especially ironic and troubling, from Agudath Israel's perspective, is the historical context in which the contemporary debate over civil rights is taking place. It has been well-documented that for many years, and in many settings, Jews in the United States were victimized by quotas — quotas directed specifically at

denying Jews employment and educational opportunities. These quotas resulted from the substitution of anti-Semitic religious stereotypes for neutral, merit-based selection criteria.

Today, American Jews are once again being hurt by quotas. These are not necessarily motivated by anti-Semitism, or any other venal concern. Rather, modern-day quotas are designed to advance the commendable goal of increasing opportunities for racial and ethnic minorities who themselves have long been the targets of discrimination. The bottom line for all too many Jewish Americans, however, remains the same: Jews are victims of quotas today no less than they were a generation ago.

Why has Agudath Israel of America dissented from the majority and opposed the bill? The better question is: Why have the majority of national Jewish organizations felt compelled to embrace legislation that so clearly undermines the merit system? In what conceivable way are the interests of the Jewish community advanced through laws that encourage employers to think about statistical percentages rather than objective qualifications?

(David Zwiebel is director of government affairs and general counsel in Agudath Israel of America.)

Poland

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the Polish anti-Semites, immediately renewed their vicious attacks against the remaining Jews of Poland.

In the middle of 1945, a carefully organized pogrom took place in the city of Cracow where 395 Jews were murdered in cold blood and on July 4, 1946, 42 Jews were killed in the infamous pogrom in the city of Kielce by Polish peasants armed with steel farm forks, because these Jews came home claiming their properties which the German's once confiscated from them. Among the 42 innocent victims, were two of my close friends with whom I had been just liberated from Bergen-Belsen extermination camp. One was David Januszewicz, the other Simcha Wolowicz. The Germans have not killed them, they survived and the Polish anti-Semites finished the jobs on them which the German's failed to do. The flickering hopes for a Jewish renaissance in Poland died as well and the vast majority of the just liberated Jews, fled their Polish homeland.

It is very sad, but nevertheless, interesting, too, that when Walesa was making a name for

himself with his Solidarity movement, he had five top Polish Jewish intellectuals who, indeed, were his closest advisers and speech writers and who, incidentally, were jailed by the then Polish Communist regime for helping Walesa become educated in the delicate but dangerous art of subversion.

Immediately after Walesa came into power and become the new President of Poland, he quickly fired the five of "his Jews" who helped him in his quest to remove the Polish Communists from power.

For Mr. Walesa to say in New York, that he was "ashamed of Polish anti-Semitism" he should take a close look at himself in his mirror. What *chutzpa*. Oh, well, a peasant is a peasant is a peasant.

However, should the Polish Government or Mr. Walesa, its President, want my Polish medal which they have decorated me with, I would gladly mail it back to them to retain my precious American freedom of expression. "Zichor" (Remember).


(Sigmund (Ziggy) Gorson lives in Wilmington, hosted a television talk show, and currently comments regularly on radio about a variety of issues.)

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2	10:00 a.m.	JCC-YJAD (Singles) Canoe Day Trip
	10:00 a.m.	JFD-YLC Local Mission Caravan
	7:30 p.m.	Beth Shalom Musical Program
3	7:30 p.m.	Hadassah/Wilmington Chapter Board Meeting
	7:30 p.m.	JCC Board Meeting
4	7:30 p.m.	JFS Annual Board Meeting Beth Emeth Sisterhood Board Meeting
5	5:30 p.m.	JCC Senior Center 90th Anniversary Celebration
6	6:00 p.m.	JCC 90th Anniversary Dinner & Annual Meeting
8	6:00 p.m.	NCJW Taste-In
9	1:00 p.m.	AKSE Sisterhood Donor Luncheon
	1:30 p.m.	JCC 90th Anniversary Family Celebration
10	7:30 p.m.	JFD Executive Committee Meeting
11	7:30 p.m.	AKSE Executive Committee Meeting
	7:30 p.m.	Beth Emeth Board Meeting
	7:30 p.m.	Beth Shalom Board Meeting
12		Beth Shalom Annual Meeting
13	10:00 a.m.	Kutz Home Auxiliary Annual Meeting & Installations
	6:00 p.m.	JCC-YJAD (Singles) Cocktail Party
	7:30 p.m.	JFD Board Meeting
14		AEA Final Kindergarten Program
17	7:30 p.m.	JCC Executive Committee Meeting
17-21		JCC Pre-Camp
18	7:30 p.m.	AKSE Board Meeting
19	8:00 a.m.	JCC Cultural Caravan - Miss Saigon
21	9:30 a.m.	NCJW Executive Committee Meeting
23	11:00 a.m.	JCC Camp Open House
	5:00 p.m.	JFD-YLC Finale
24		JCC Camp First Day
25	7:30 p.m.	Beth Emeth Executive Committee Meeting
26	9:00 a.m.	NCJW New Board Orientation Meeting
27	7:30 p.m.	JFD Community Calendar Meeting
30	1:00 p.m.	JFS New American Picnic
	5:30 p.m.	JCC-YJAD (Singles) Softball

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Soviet Jewish leaders

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statement, saying its 48 constituent bodies were "shocked and dismayed" at Baker's remarks.

The conference urged the secretary to "return to his neutral role of peacemaker," saying that if his "efforts to bring the parties to the negotiating table" are to be successful, they "must be seen as objective and impartial."

On Capitol Hill, a pro-Israel activist criticized Baker for engaging in "public criticism of Israel," which "few in the pro-Israel community consider constructive. What's worse is, we don't see the same anger toward Syria" or criticism "with any punch" directed at any other Arab country, said the activist, who requested anonymity.

Disagreements between Syria and Israel have stymied Baker's recent efforts to convene a peace conference involving the Arab nations, the Palestinians and Israel. Syria has demanded that any peace conference be held under U.N. auspices, which Israel opposes. Israel has demanded that such a conference serve as a prelude to direct talks and adjourn once they begin, while Syria wants an ongoing

conference.

Baker "seems to get very emotional where differences with Israel come up," whereas "he expresses in a very dry way his differences with Syria," the activist pointed out. He said Baker's choice of words, which he dismissed as hyperbole, were "no accident."

In his testimony, Baker said that despite the settlement controversy, both sides are serious about peace. "If we could get agreement between Israel and Syria on two issues, I think we would be in a position to see direct negotiations begin," the secretary said.

Baker said that both the Israeli and Arab governments have rejected a deal he proposed in which Israel would suspend new settlement activity and the Arab states would suspend either their economic boycott of Israel or their state of war with it.

Rep. David Obey (D-Wis.), the subcommittee chairman, said Israel has a special obligation to the United States on the settlement issue, especially when recently arrived Soviet emigres move to the West Bank.

"Israel has an obligation to us and to their own future security not to settle (Soviet emigres)

in such a way that it proves either an obstacle to the peace process or proves to be a major embarrassment to you or to anybody trying to jump-start peace talks," the congressman said.

In addition, he said, "the Israeli government has an obligation to deal with this resettlement issue in such a way that it makes possible U.S. support for the Soviet refugees."

Obey was referring to an expected Israeli request after Labor Day for \$10 billion in U.S. guarantees for commercial loans, which would be taken out in \$2 billion installments over five years. But the congressman stopped short of saying that he would try to block such aid, which he said he wants to see Israel receive.

The pro-Israel activist said he believes "the votes will be there for the guarantees when the time comes in September, David Obey notwithstanding."

Obey also accused the Arab countries of playing a "cat-and-mouse game" of "negligent nonsense" on the settlement issue. "If the Arab world cares about settlement issues as much as they ought to, then the Arab world as well ought to take some action which makes it very difficult for the Israelis to justify continuing their settlement policy on the West Bank," he said.

Earlier, Obey said he would block any appropriations committee action between now and Labor Day if the secretary felt it would hurt his current peace initiative. Such a policy will assure "that the two branches of government are marching down absolutely the same road," the congressman said.

In his remarks before the subcommittee, Baker praised Saudi Arabia for agreeing to send an observer to the proposed peace conference through its membership in the Gulf Cooperation Council.

That notion, to "sit down at the same table face to face with Israel," is "something no other Arab governments have done except Egypt," Baker said.

He also had words of praise for Syria, including the marked decrease in terrorism emanating from Syria since the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait last August. "We have also seen some movement on the question of emigration of Syrian Jews," although "not as much as we would like," he said, referring to the estimated 4,000 Jews still in that country.

On the peace process itself, Syria has changed course in that it no longer is insisting that Israel relinquish the Golan Heights and the West Bank as a precondition for engaging in direct talks, Baker said.

Dombchik

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The "Volunteer of the Year" award was presented to Edward G. Zukoff and the Gilbert J. Spiegel Young Leadership Award was presented by Pat S. Chalphin to Mark D. Kuller and David J. Margules.

A report by the JFD Vision Committee stressed the need for community involvement in determining the direction the Federation and the community will take in the future. Leslie Newman, Toni Young and Richard D. Levin discussed the process that the committee has followed to produce the current draft of the Vision and Mission Statement (See *Jewish*

Voice, May 10, 1991) which determines the goals of the community and outlines the means of reaching the goals.

The Vision Committee encouraged community participation in the process and announced that it is forming six committees, each assigned to a different goal. Newman said that these committees will be formed immediately will report back to the board in early 1992. At that time, she said, the Vision and Mission Statement will be put into operation.

The annual meeting concluded with a musical performance by David Gesterak, a recent immigrant from the Soviet Union to Wilmington.

Boycott

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has been under closer scrutiny by American Jewish groups in the aftermath of the Persian Gulf War.

Representatives of ADL, the American Jewish Committee and American Jewish Congress raised concerns about U.S. enforcement of anti-boycott laws in a meeting last week with high-level Commerce Department officials. They alleged the department had not imposed severe enough penalties on U.S. companies deemed to have complied with the boycott.

Commerce officials promised the depart-

ment would review the question of penalty levels and try "expeditiously" to hire additional staff for its anti-boycott office, according to Jess Hordes, ADL's Washington representative. He said the groups learned Commerce Secretary Robert Mosbacher has instructed his inspector general to investigate the department's handling of a possible case against Baxter International of Deerfield, Ill., the world's largest hospital supply company.

The department announced Feb. 27 that it had referred to the Justice Department possible criminal charges against Baxter for having allegedly sold an Israeli subsidiary to gain a contract with the Syrian army.

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