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Line Between Arabs In Israel And The Territories Blurring

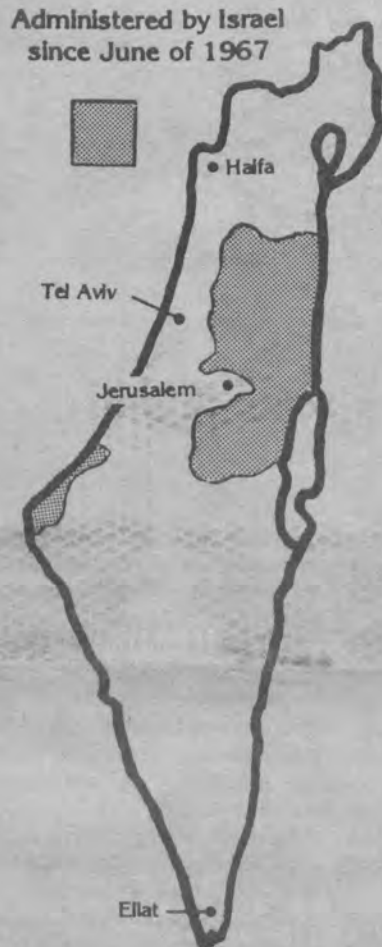
By DAVID TWERSKY

Israeli officials expressed shock and concern at the violence accompanying the solidarity strike staged by Israeli Arabs last month on behalf of their Palestinian comrades in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. The strike was largely successful, with thousands of Arabs staying away from work and attending rallies in cities and villages across the country. In several instances, the demonstrations turned violent, although no one was killed.

The strike had been named "Day of Peace" to underscore its sponsors' call for an "Israeli-Palestinian peace to be signed after an international peace conference with the participation of all the nations and the PLO." The "Day of Peace" theme was seen as a radical departure, because it expanded the agenda of the National Committee of Arab Councils from its traditional focus — lobbying the Israeli government on behalf of local and municipal Arab needs — to a concern with foreign policy. Some observers also saw the strike as evidence of the erasure of divisions between Israeli Arabs and Palestinians in the territories. But the violence which accompanied the strike suggests that the delicate set of arrangements which bind the older generation of Israeli Arabs to the State of Israel may be unravelling for many of their children.

Who Are The Israeli Arabs?

Between 750,000 and 800,000 Arabs hold Israeli citizenship. Most are Sunni Moslems, with the rest divided among various Christian denominations. There is also a small but well-organized Druze minority, and a small group of Circassians, neither of whom are considered Arabs.



According to official government statements, Israel's minorities (as they are officially referred to) have nearly all of the same rights as the Jewish majority, although they cannot serve in the army, and thus do not benefit from certain entitlement programs reserved for army graduates. The discrepancy between Jewish young people, who must give three to five years of national service from the age of 18, and Arab young people, who may go from high school directly into higher education, is a continuing source of tension.

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US Defends UN Vote

On January 5 the US joined the other UN Security Council members in a unanimous vote demanding Israel to "refrain from deporting any Palestinian civilians from the occupied territories." The US based its vote on the resolutions of the Fourth Geneva Convention of 1949, which protect the rights of civilians in time of war and ban the deportation of civilians.

Herbert S. Okun, the US ambassador to the UN, told the Security Council after the vote, that his country supported the resolution because it believes deportations of Palestinians are unnecessarily harsh measures to maintain order and only serve to increase tension in the territories. "The US recognizes that the Israeli authorities have the responsibility to maintain order in the occupied territories and that they have the right to insist that the law is obeyed," Okun stated. "However, as officials of the US have said, both publicly and in diplomatic representation, the actions of the occupying powers must be in accordance with international law and practice."

The Israeli government's position is that the 1949 Convention applies to mass deportation, not to individuals properly charged with and found guilty of attempting to undermine public order. Prime Minister Yitzak Shamir upheld Israel's right to deport 'enemies of the state' and emphasized, "Israel will take all steps necessary to ensure law and order."

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Local Rabbis Return From Israel

One hundred North American Rabbis, meeting in Israel at their third annual National Rabbinic Conference there, have pledged to intensify Israel Bond efforts in synagogues across the United States and Canada during Israel's 40th anniversary year. Participants in the conference from Wilmington included Rabbi Kenneth S. Cohen of Congregation Beth

Shalom and Rabbi Peter H. Grumbacher of Congregation Beth Emeth.

The four-day conference was held in Jerusalem from January 4 to January 7 under the joint auspices of State of Israel Bonds and El Al Israel Airlines.

The following articles reflect the Rabbis' thoughts and feelings upon returning to Wilmington.

The Jewish Aspect Of Life In Israel

By RABBI PETER H. GRUMBACHER

A number of people commented that the cold I brought home with me from Jerusalem had nothing to do with the eight hours I trudged through the Old City and the New in my rain-soaked sneakers. They said that the dry, continuously re-circulating air in the El Al jumbo jet carries with it the germs of all the passengers. Be that as it may. The air also carries with it the magnetism of the Jewish State that infects all those who are welcomed to Israel! The dozens of rabbis who participated in the third Israel Bonds mission co-sponsored by El Al and the Ministry of Tourism were privileged to be part of the "Jewish" aspect of Israel and to learn anew about the pursuit of life as experienced on a daily basis. My colleague will address himself on the problems we have all read about; let me share with you my impressions of our other encounters.

The shops of Israel have some new immigrants peering inside, men, women and children from the

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The Press Has Given Israel A Raw Deal

By RABBI KENNETH S. COHEN

Francis Bacon wrote: "If a man will begin with certainties, he shall end in doubts; but if he will be content to begin with doubts, he shall end in certainties."

I must confess that I had my doubts about the situation in Israel today; I read the same newspaper and magazine articles as everyone else, witnessed the same disturbing scenes of riots on the television, heard the same somber reports on the radio. The Israel portrayed by the media was not the Israel I admired and loved; the charges of brutality and oppression were especially painful for this Jew to bear. Frankly, it sounded like all hell had broken loose, and that Israel was being engulfed by a vicious civil war.

I started my trip with doubts, and I came back with at least some certainties. I am certain that the Palestinian Arabs are playing up to the media, exploiting it for their own purpose, and that standards of truthfull, fair journalism as practiced by the swarms of journalists abroad in Israel have hit an all-time low. I am certain

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Herbert S. Okun, U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, participates in the unanimous Security Council vote Jan. 5 to ask Israel not to deport Palestinians from the occupied territories. It marked the first time the United States voted against Israel in the council since 1981.

OPINION

Editorial: Reader Beware!

We live in an information society. Everyday, newspapers, magazines, television and radio beseege us with news about our world. Unfortunately, the profusion of information does not bring us increased understanding. "We are drowning in information, but starved for knowledge" as the saying goes.

Many of us feel compelled to take in great quantities of news. We read hastily, sometimes scanning only the opening and closing paragraphs or only the headlines and captions. In our haste, we miss the subtleties of the viewpoint expressed, and we forget to challenge the assumptions of the article. If the subject is not one in our primary interest area, we're liable to merely look at the pic-

tures and their captions, which often distort the meaning of the article. When we hear three sentences from a television commentator, we're apt to accept them as fact. Seldom do we stop to question the background or history behind a reported incident.

When we do slow down, we're faced with the problems of the media themselves. News is based on facts, but as any discerning individual knows, there are always conflicting facts. You can support your position with ten facts, and your colleague will find ten different facts to support his. In our courts of law, each side brings a set of facts to support its position. Most news stories present facts based on the reporter's own bias. Rarely do we find a story that truly balances all the facts.

Passively accepting the news is dangerous. As Marshall McLuhan warned, "Any medium has the power of imposing its own assumptions on the unwary. The medium can become the message."

As responsible citizens, we have a duty to get the information we need to make decisions. We must bring our intelligence to the news media. We must weigh facts, ask questions, and apply our judgment. We must read analytically to separate fact from opinion. We must seek out and read opposing viewpoints. The challenge of living in an information society is to find the truth. In the words, of the Proverb: "A wise man is strong; yea, a man of knowledge increaseth strength."

Confused?

In a televised New Year's Day greeting broadcast to the Soviet Union, President Reagan said that in celebration of Christmas and Hanukkah, Americans "go to church or synagogue, then gather around the family dinner table" to "share a traditional holiday meal of goose, turkey or roast beef, and exchange gifts."

Mr. President, you forgot to mention the Hanukkah caroling....

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A HELPING HAND



Moderate Tone Called For

By MARCS S. GOLDBERG

When it comes to reporting on the Middle East, there are no elephants. That is not to say that all reporters and commentators are Democrats, just that they have exceedingly short memories.

There is certainly room to criticize Israel over its handling of the recent riots and over its policies that led up to the violence. But it should not be an opportunity to paint Israel as akin to South Africa or the Soviet Union.

To hear the media tell it the Arabs are rioting because Israel has refused to negotiate and has subjugated the local population.

True, there is a raging debate in Israel over the idea of negotiating and the wisdom over giving away territory for peace. But Israel is the only country in the Middle East where such debate is taking place. There is no other democracy in the region where policies can be openly discussed. There is no Arab country that has made a firm and clear statement that they are ready to negotiate with Israel. They won't do so, because negotiations implies recognition of the "Zionist entity," something they are not ready to do. On the West Bank itself there are no moderates (defined as those willing to negotiate with Israel) because an Arab moderate has the life expectancy of a turkey around Thanksgiving.

Even if Israel were to decide today to negotiate, there would still be a problem: nobody to talk to.

"Subjugate" seems to be the key word of the crisis. Nearly every report speaks of Israel subjugating the Arabs. Webster's first definition of subjugate certainly fits the situation: "to force to submit to control or governance." Since Israel occupied the area during the 1967 war it has logically sought to govern it, just as the Jordanian and Egyptian occupiers did before them, the British before them, the Turks before them, etc. True, the Arabs in the West Bank and Gaza have historically gotten a raw deal, being denied independence, even when Arabs occupied the area. But "subjugation," as used in this sense

cannot deserve the evil tones being applied to it.

This can only come from Webster's second meaning for the word: "to bring to servitude." For the Israeli Arabs and those on the West Bank this is simply a lie. Those in Israel are citizens with the same freedoms as any citizen of the democratic state. Those in the West Bank do not live in Israel proper; Israel has not annexed the region. Therefore, the residents do not enjoy the same freedoms, but any unbiased observer would have to admit that their level of civil liberties and their standard of living is far superior to the one they enjoyed under Jordanian occupation.

Gaza presents special problems. It has been rumored that, at Camp David, Begin offered the area to Sadat, even begged him to take it, but Sadat wisely refused. It is an overcrowded, neglected area that is sure trouble for whoever controls it.

None of this is meant to stifle debate on Israeli policies, just to argue that it should be kept in perspective. The tone of the discussion is as important as the substance. While there may be legitimate concern, and even anger, over certain Israeli policies, this situation must not be used to paint Israel as a racist state. It is rather, a democracy struggling with a difficult situation. One that has no quick solutions, to the disappointment of the American media.

(Marc S. Goldberg is Editor of the Reporter.)

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Deportation And International Hypocrisy

No matter how you look at it, rioting in the Gaza strip and West Bank is bad. But how you look at it does make a difference. Most of the media coverage thus far has lacked perspective and balance. A case in point is the question of deportation.

When Israel made it known that she planned to deport certain leaders of the riots if convicted by a court, a PLO-drafted resolution was quickly introduced in the UN Security Council calling on Israel not to carry out the action. After gaining some moderation of the original resolution, the United States joined in a unanimous vote of the Council, warning that the planned expulsions would constitute a violation of the Fourth Geneva Convention of 1949. Secretary of State Shultz made it clear that the U.S. vote was made on narrow grounds of consistency with previous votes concerning alleged violation of the population relocation clauses of Geneva Four. Subsequently, when Israel actually sentenced four Palestinian Arabs to expulsion, the US abstained from the Security Council's unanimous vote of condemnation.

What is the Fourth Geneva Convention and what does it say about population transfer? The Geneva Conventions are a series of four international agreements drawn up in 1949 for the protection of war victims, and Convention IV deals specifically with the protection of civilians in time of war. Reflecting a belated concern for the

Nazi transfer and murder of huge population groups during the Second World War, it declared as illegal the transfer of people from an occupied area by the occupying power.

There are more than a few problems with the Security Council's rush to hang Israel under Geneva Convention IV for deporting Arab instigators of violence in Gaza and the West Bank. To begin with, there is the problem of defining Israel as an occupying power. Whose territory is being occupied? Gaza, Judea and Samaria were all integral parts of ancient Israel and Roman Judaea. More recently, they were part of Turkish controlled Palestine up to the First World War, and then included in British Mandate Palestine. It was during the British Mandate period that the first slicing-up of the region began, with Britain establishing the area of Palestine west of the Jordan River as Transjordan in a payoff to the Bedouin chieftain Abudullah for his help in the war against the Turks. Transjordan, later changed in name to the Kingdom of Jordan, represents almost 80% of the area of Palestine, and, as has oft been pointed out, if someone is looking for an Arab Palestinian state, that's it. Two-thirds or more of its population are ethnic Palestinian Arabs.

When the Arabs rejected the 1947 UN proposal for the partition of Palestine, because they thought they could get it all by over-running the poorly armed and outnumbered Jewish population, the State of Israel was born and the War

of Independence was fought. When the smoke cleared and an armistice agreed to, Egypt held the Gaza Strip and Jordan held Judea and Samaria, the so-called West Bank. Egypt never annexed Gaza, and, while Jordan did annex the West Bank, this annexation was recognized only by Britain and Pakistan, not by even one of the Arab states! Nineteen years later, in the Six Day War of 1967, Israel took Gaza and the West Bank and has since governed them as administered territories.

In sum, the Gaza Strip and West Bank may have been occupied territory when the British were in control (occupied Turkey, perhaps), but they are certainly not occupied today, not in the legal sense of being territory which belongs to Egypt and Jordan. Their status, according to most international legal scholars is uncertain and "to be determined."

There is also, of course, the question of whether deporting four or ten or twenty trouble-makers represents "population transfer" in the sense that it was envisaged by the drafters of Geneva Convention IV in 1949. In this context it is worth pointing out that Convention IV places the right and the responsibility to maintain order in these areas in Israel's hands. Nor does international law bar the use of capital punishment by a country in Israel's position, if it is seen as necessary to maintain public order. Would those who scream about the deportations prefer executions?

But beyond all this, as in most questions involving Israel, is the matter of gross hypocrisy on an international scale. In defiance of Convention IV, Stalin continued to move huge populations from occupied Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania to the northern wastelands of the USSR and to replace them with ethnic Russians. The world and its international bodies were so upset by these actions that they ratified them in the 1975 Helsinki Accord, which recognized the USSR's possessions in Eastern Europe in return for human rights promises (which the Soviets never kept).

Gross hypocrisy on an international scale! In 1971 Hussein of Jordan, fearful of PLO takeover of his kingdom, slaughtered thousands of Palestinian Arabs and drove about 10,000 others out of Jordan. No cries about Convention IV then. No Security Council resolutions. These were the Arabs "transferred" to Lebanon (Syria kicked them out for the same reasons as Jordan) where they ended that country's short life as a democracy.

Gross hypocrisy on an international scale! When the Iraqis last year forcibly moved more than 20,000 Kurds (the actual number isn't even known in approximation), after destroying their village, there was no UN resolution, no condemnation.

Gross hypocrisy on an international scale! What else have we come to expect when the subject is Israel?

Israel And South Africa: There Is A Difference

The Israel-as-South Africa insinuation seems poised for a breakthrough:

- On Dec. 27 the New York Times Op-Ed page featured not one but two columns alleging that Israel was on its way to behaving toward the Arabs under its control like South Africa behaves toward the blacks.

- A Washington Post story on Dec. 24 quoted a U.N. official as saying the situation between Israeli forces and Palestinian Arabs "is a Sharpeville in the making." He was referring to the killing of 69 blacks by South African police in 1960.

- ABC's "Nightline" program on Dec. 23 opened by juxtaposing Israel's suppression of Palestinian Arab riots with pictures of South African troops putting down black demonstrators.

The Israel-as-South Africa slogan stems from the 1975 U.N. General Assembly Resolution which equated Zionism with racism. For years that equation has been a centerpiece of the Soviet-Arab effort to delegitimize the Jewish state.

It is hard to believe now, but the U.N. resolution was condemned at the time in the West. However, after a dozen years of reiteration the Zionism-is-racism big lie has worn a groove from the political fringes to the media centers.

Israeli troops did kill 24 Palestinian Arabs — most while putting down stone-and-Molotov cocktail-throwing riots. But this is not a case of Israel's supporters wanting to shoot the media

messengers instead of dealing with implications of bad news. This is because Israel quite simply is not like South Africa. Among the differences:

- South Africa's white minority officially denies its black majority anything resembling equality. Israel's Jewish majority (83%) extends to its Arab minority (17%) full legal equality.

- It is true that Israeli Jews generally enjoy a higher social-economic status than Israeli Arabs. But this results in no small part from the fact that the latter are exempt from compulsory military service — the society's great assimilator — to avoid the potential problem of facing other Arabs in battle.

- Neither are the Palestinian Arabs under Israel's control in the West Bank and Gaza comparable to South African blacks. Those on the West Bank hold Jordanian citizenship and Jordan technically remains at war with Israel. Nevertheless, the standard of living has risen significantly for West Bankers while they have been under Israeli administration and may be higher than that of the Palestinian majority in Jordan itself.

- Palestinian Arabs in Gaza live in densely-populated, squalid conditions. The majority are stateless; Egypt, which occupied the area from 1948 to 1967, refused to extend citizenship to them. Gazans and West Bankers rejected the opportunity offered by the autonomy provisions in the Camp David Accords. So until a negotiated settlement, Israel's military remains the legal

authority.

Israeli suggestions for improving life for the Gazans — beginning with moving those in refugee camps into new housing, have been met by nearly universal Arab rejection. The PLO and its backers value the camps as the symbol of their cause and as mines for recruits.

- A somewhat lesser charge is made that Israel exploits Palestinian Arab labor, employing residents of the territories to do the menial jobs Israelis disdain. Do they suggest that Israel seal the territories economically?

- The sentences being handed down now for many of those arrested during last month's eruptions do not compare to those in South Africa or some Arab states. Hundreds of those arrested during the riots already have been released. Many others are getting a few months in jail and fines of a few hundred dollars. Meanwhile, earlier this year Iraq destroyed dozens of Kurdish villages and forcibly relocated tens of thousands of Kurds — and it was a one-day, inside-page news story here.

- It is sometimes charged that Israel like South Africa, is a "settler-state." The United States and Canada are settler states. So, historically, are most nations. Israel is unique in that modern Jewish settlers returned to the ancient Jewish land.

Israel-as-South Africa? Only to those who think in slogans.
(Near East Report)

Endowment Fund Growing

N. Norman Schutzman, Chairperson of the Board of Trustees of the Jewish Community of Delaware Endowment Fund, reports that end-of-year giving has added over \$100,000 to the Federation endowment funds. "We are very grateful to our donors who understand the importance of endowment funds."

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Pope's Planned Visit With Waldheim Seen As 'Double Blow'

By ANDREW SILOW
CARROLL

NEW YORK, Jan. 10 (JTA) — The Vatican's announcement that the pope would likely meet Austrian President Kurt Waldheim during a papal visit to Austria violated agreements Jewish leaders thought had been worked out during their previous meetings with Catholic officials, according to Elan Steinberg, executive director of the World Jewish Congress. As a result, a letter sent Jan. 7 to the Vatican and signed by members of the International Jewish Committee on Interfaith Consultations was "the most sharply worded protest ever sent to the Vatican by

IJCIC," said Steinberg. "The announcement on Vatican Radio dealt a double blow, especially to those who supported the meetings with the pope in Miami" last September said Steinberg. "We object not only to the substance of the announcement, but we thought there was a procedure in place whereby we would receive some consultation or warning, as the agreement said, 'to avoid future misunderstandings,'" he said.

WJC is one of five constituent organization of IJCIC, whose other members are the Israel Interfaith Association, American Jewish Committee, B'nai B'rith International and

the Synagogue Council of America.

The group's letter, directed to Cardinal Johannes Willebrands, president of the Vatican's Commission for Religious Relations with the Jews, warns further meetings between the pope and Waldheim "could have the most serious implications for Vatican-Jewish relations." The letter also objects to reports, "not corroborated," that Waldheim would accompany the pope on a visit to the Mauthausen concentration camp. (The Vatican has denied those reports, according to a story Friday in The New York Times. But the paper quoted Vatican officials as saying that the pope and Waldheim are likely to meet as many as three times in keeping with protocol.)

The IJCIC letter stops short of requesting a meeting between Jewish officials and Cardinal Agostino Casaroli, the Vatican secretary of state, despite previous agreements that Jewish groups could seek such meetings "to avoid future misunderstandings."

"We felt we'd been down that road before and accomplished nothing," explained Steinberg. Instead, the letter asks for a response from Willebrands in light of evidence that has surfaced about Waldheim's activities as an in-

telligence officer in the German army during World War II. The Austrian president has acknowledged that he served in the German army, but has denied any knowledge of any atrocities.

Waldheim met with the pope at the Vatican last June in a

move that outraged Jewish leaders and triggered a major setback in efforts to improve Catholic-Jewish relations. Jewish leaders discussed their dismay in meetings with the pope and Catholic officials outside Rome on Sept. 1, and again with the pope during his visit to Miami on Sept. 11.

England's Chief Rabbi Elevated To Lord

LONDON (JTA) — Sir Immanuel Jakobovitz, chief rabbi of the British Commonwealth, has been elevated to the House of Lords. Jakobovitz, 66, was one of only three new barons on the Queen's New Year Honors List announced this month.

He will sit in the 1,200-member upper house of Parliament, along with the archbishops of Canterbury and York, the leaders of the Church of Scotland, Methodists and other free churches.

Jakobovitz is the first chief rabbi so honored. His appointment has raised charges in some Jewish and non-Jewish quarters that he was chosen because of his controversial positions on secular matters — such as AIDS and homosex-

uality — that he shares with Britain's Conservative Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher. Thatcher compiles the yearly honors list on behalf of Queen Elizabeth II.

Differences of opinion on his appointment have arisen within the Board of Deputies of British Jews, the overall representative body of Anglo-Jewry. Its president, Dr. Lionel Kaplowitz, hailed Jakobovitz as a spokesman for the nation.

But Dr. Geoffrey Alderman, an Orthodox university don and member of the board, contended that by giving Jakobovitz a peerage, the prime minister delivered a "slap in the face" to the Jewish community because of a recent ruling the rabbi had made regarding ritual slaughter.

Little Hope For Vatican Recognition

By HENRIETTA BOAS
AMSTERDAM, (JTA) — Vatican recognition of the State of Israel cannot be expected soon, according to Cardinal Johannes Willebrands, president of the Vatican's Commission for Religious Relations with the Jews.

The Dutch-born Willebrands conveyed that message to Dutch Catholic bishops visiting Rome this week, according to reports reaching here.

Willebrands had been asked about the prospects of Catholic-Jewish dialogue. He replied that a sharp distinction must be made between religious and political dialogue.

A religious dialogue must take priority. But a political dialogue is not to be expected soon, nor is Vatican recognition of Israel, the cardinal said. He added that by no means do all Jews in the world identify with the State of Israel.

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'Israel At 40' Celebration Planned

Throughout the next 12 months, millions of Americans will join Israel in celebrating the 40th anniversary of its independence. Festivities will bring together a broad spectrum of the American public in an unprecedented salute to Israel's historic achievements.

In honor of this special anniversary, the Jewish Community Center of Wilmington, Delaware is hosting "Israel at 40", a community celebration to be held on Sunday, February 28, 1988 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center, 101 Garden of Eden Road, Wilmington.

"Israel at 40" highlights will include Israeli travel information from various local travel

agencies; an Israeli *shuk* (market) with a wide selection of Israeli products; an art and jewelry exhibition by Amikam Kasir; an Israeli stamp exhibition by the Wilmington Minvan Chapter. Representatives from the Israel Government Tourist office will be present. A variety of door prizes will be awarded including a \$500. gift certificate for a trip to Israel, at the Jewish Family Campus Dedication scheduled for which will be presented to the winner Sunday, June 5, 1988.

Entertainment highlights will include a swimsuit fashion show by John Casablanca's Modeling Agency featuring Israeli lines of Gotex and Gideon-Oberon; Israeli music by Bips Egnor, the one-man

band; Israeli Folk Dancing by the Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Dancers; a slide/movie presentation on Israel by Ephraim Segoli, a lieutenant colonel in the Israeli Air Force plus jugglers and many activities for children.

Israel at 40 will provide information on Israel as well as plenty of fun, food and entertainment for the entire family. This event is open to the community and the admission charge is \$1 for adults and 50¢ for students and senior citizens.

Israel at 40 is being co-sponsored by El Al Israeli Airlines; the Jewish Federation of Delaware; the Hillel Office of the University of Delaware and the Jewish Community Center.

Israelis Treating Iranians

JERUSALEM — Prominent Iranians (including members of the Ayatollah Khomeini's family) have travelled secretly to Israel for medical care, according to doctors at the Hadassah-Hebrew University Medical Center.

Treatment of the Iranians came to light as Dr. Shaul Feldman, head of the Medical Center's Neurology Department, denied reports in a Kuwaiti daily newspaper, *Eldai El-Am*, that a team of five Israeli doctors had saved the life of Iran's militant spiritual leader, the Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini.

Dr. Feldman said "tens" of Iranians had been treated at the Medical Center and other

Israeli hospitals since the Ayatollah and his Islamic fundamentalist followers seized power in 1979 from Shah Mohammed Reza Pahlevi.

"They come with all kinds of illnesses, and many arrive in devious ways," according to Dr. David Ben Ezra, an eye specialist at the Center. He said Iranian patients have included both Jews and non-Jews, but "most are people of means or are connected to the upper echelons of those in power."

Dr. Ben Ezra said many of the Iranians treated at the Medical Center at Ein Karem cross the border into Afghanistan secretly and make their way through Turkey to Israel. Others fly to Europe and then on to Israel, changing airlines and destinations frequently to hide their final destination, he reported.

Dr. Joseph Schenker, head of the Medical Center's Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, said he had treated an Iranian woman who is a "very close relation" of the Ayatollah. Accompanied by her husband, the patient had a special room in the Center's private wing that is wryly called "The Persian Private Medical Service" because of the number of Iranians who have been treated there.

Dr. Schenker said that special precautions were taken

to insure the couple's privacy, but security broke down when an Iranian immigrant passing in the hall caught a brief glimpse of the woman's husband and recognized him instantly.

One of Dr. Ben Ezra's more notable Iranian patients was a high-ranking air force officer who suffered from partial blindness. In a nation where consumption of alcohol is forbidden, the officer had drunk whiskey adulterated with methanol, which resulted in his treatable, and temporary, sightlessness.

The Medical Center, the pacesetter for medical care in Israel and the only facility of its kind between Paris and Tokyo, also has treated patients from Syria, Iraq, Libya, Saudi Arabia, Jordan and Abu Dhabi. Dr. Schenker helped colleagues in Jordan establish their own in vitro fertilization program and Medical Center specialists in a range of disciplines work with their counterparts in Jordan and in Judea and Samaria.

"I haven't visited Iran nor have I heard of doctors who have since the revolution," Dr. Ben Ezra said in response to the Kuwaiti press report. Dr. Schenker concurred, and added: "I am certain that if Israeli doctors were asked and were given all the necessary guarantees for their safety, they would not hesitate to go."

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Constance Kreshtool To Be Honored At Annual NCCJ Award Dinner

Constance Kreshtool, Endowment Fund Director for the Jewish Federation of Delaware, will be honored by the Delaware Region of the National Conference of Christians and Jews at its 1988 Annual Award Dinner. Constance and O. Francis Biondi, Esq., have been chosen to be honored for their "truly outstanding contributions to our State, and their lifetime efforts to promote social justice among all its citizens," according to the Chairman of the Award Dinner, Mr. Joseph F. Hulihan.

Mrs. Kreshtool has an impressive record of community leadership and achievement. She recently presided over the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods, one of the largest Jewish women's organizations in the world. Currently she served as Chairperson of the Leadership Conference of National Jewish Women's Organizations.

Mrs. Kreshtool is a member of the board of trustees of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and of the board of overseers of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion. She is a member of the North American Board and of the governing body of the World Union for Progressive Judaism. She is also a trustee of the Jewish Braille Institute of America.

In the Delaware community, Mrs. Kreshtool is a past president of Congregation Beth Emeth and its Sisterhood, of the Jewish Community Center and of the Kutz Foundation. She has been involved with the Jewish Federation of Delaware since she first came to Delaware over 30 years ago. She has served as vice president of the Federation, chairman of its Jewish Community Relations Committee and Campaign Chairman of the Women's Division. She has held directorships in the Jewish Family Service, Milton and Hattie Kutz Home, Urban Coalition of Greater Wilmington and Pacem in Terris. She also chaired the Delaware Inter-religious Committee, a statewide program related to upgrading benefits for welfare recipients. Her involvement with the United Way of Delaware, which has spanned two decades, has revolved

around planning and budgeting.

In June, 1973, Mrs. Kreshtool was selected as one of Delaware's "Thirty Most Important Women" by Delaware Today. In 1976 she was included in the bicentennial publication "Delaware Women Remembered," a review of the role of women in Delaware since the Revolution. In 1981 she was cited for "Outstanding Community Service" by the Delaware Region of the National Conference of Christians and Jews. In 1982 Mrs. Kreshtool was presented with the Harry Cohen Leadership Award by the Jewish Community Center.

The Award Dinner will be held on April 18 at the Hotel DuPont.



Constance Kreshtool

Jews On Trial In Ethiopia

TEL AVIV, (JTA) — Ethiopia put about 20 Jews on trial last month for their involvement in attempting to immigrate to Israel, Israeli Immigration and Absorption Minister Yaacov Tsur said Jan. 4.

His comments were reported in the newspaper *Maariv*, which added that nothing more is known of their fate. Tsur said that most of the defendants had worried relatives in Israel.

A spokesperson for the American Association for

Ethiopian Jews in Chicago said that 14 Jews are in Ethiopian jails for attempting to immigrate to Israel or aid others' immigration. Their trial had been rumored to begin for the past month, but as of early January an Ethiopian source knew of no such trial, the spokesperson added.

An estimated 10,000 to 20,000 Jews remain in Ethiopia and are prohibited from emigrating.

Terrorists Stand Trial In Germany And Pakistan

BONN (JTA) — Israeli and Western observers are closely watching a trial that opened this month in Dusseldorf to determine the strength of West Germany's resolve in dealing with terrorists in hostage situations.

At the same time, in Pakistan, five Palestinian hijackers revealed during their trial a plan to exchange hostages for prisoners held in Cyprus and then blow up the plane over Israel, the Associated Press reported.

On trial in West Germany is Abbas Ali Hamadei, 29, a Lebanese-born West German national accused of a key role

in kidnapping two German businessmen in Beirut early last year to force the release of his brother, Mohammed Ali Hamadei, who is serving a prison term in Frankfurt. He also is accused by the United States of the 1985 hijacking of a TWA airliner en route from Athens to Beirut and the murder of an American passenger, U.S. Navy diver Robert Stethem.

As the Hamadei trial opened, Abbas Hamadei denied his participation in the kidnappings and appealed to the kidnappers to release Rudolf Cordes, one of the two businessmen still held. They released the other, Alfred Schmidt, in September.

The West German, who rejected a U.S. request for Mohammed Hamadei's extradition in June, have reportedly been warned by the Beirut kidnappers that they should be careful about what they do with Hamadei.

In the Pakistan trial, the defendants admitted to hijacking a Pan Am jumbo jet bound for New York in 1986, the Associated Press reported. The incident resulted in the deaths of 21 hostages and wounding of more than 100 others.

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Hakhel: Year Of Unity

By RABBI CHUNI VOGEL

This past *Rosh Hashanah* marked the beginning of a unique Jewish year, the year of *Hakhel*. In the time of the Holy Temple of Jerusalem, the entire Jewish nation — men, women and children — would gather at the culmination of every seven-year cycle during the festival of *Sukkot* to hear special portions of the Torah read by the King.

The purpose of this awe-inspiring gathering was to unite as one, and to strengthen the nation's dedication to its faith and precepts. The word *Hakhel* is Hebrew for gathering.

Although presently the Holy Temple does not stand, the concept of *Hakhel* — an integral part of Jewish life for centuries — has an important lesson for Jews of our time.

The year preceding the *Hakhel* year is known as *Shmittah*. During *Shmittah*, which is a Sabbatical year (a year of rest), all agricultural work is suspended. The fallow year thus proclaimed the universal rulership of God over all existence, man rested, the earth rested and the produce of

the earth was ownerless — this expressed fear of God.

During *Shmittah* the people could also devote themselves to spiritual pursuits. The result was that during that year Jewish people would increase their divine service in Torah, prayer and *mitzvot* and would thereby reach a greater level of service. They also would move closer to God and intensify their unity to God. Consequently, Jewish unity would also be

increased.

Shmittah therefore served as a fitting preparation for the theme of *Hakhel* — when all Jewish people ascended in one mass pilgrimage to the *Bais Hamikdosh*, heard the reading of the Torah and would relive the Sinai experience.

The eternity of Torah should supercede the restrictions of time and place. Therefore, even those *mitzvot* assigned to (Continued to Page 13)

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AEA Adopts Refusenik

Albert Einstein Academy students are proud to announce the naming of George Belitsky as the school's adopted refusenik.

Mr. Belitsky, a Soviet Jewish engineer who invented a device to measure force, had first applied for an exit visa for himself and his family in 1980. He has been refused every year since then, based on his knowledge of "state secrets". His wife and two sons finally received permission to leave and emigrated to Israel in May of 1987. However, George Belitsky was notified that his "term of secrecy" would not expire until the year 2010.

George's son, Vladimir, is encouraging people in the U.S. to work to have the Soviet government free George and the 10,000 other refuseniks who have a right to return to their homeland, Israel, and to be reunited with relatives.

When meeting with AEA students this past December, Vladimir told the children how difficult it was to be accepted as a Jew in the USSR. He reported that only a small number of Jews are accepted to university, and although jobs are available, Jews are not promoted even when they deserve to be. They cannot attend synagogue or learn about their religion, or practice Judaism freely.



AEA 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students meet with Vladimir Belitsky, the son of their adopted refusenik.

The students of AEA are busy writing letters to George Belitsky in the USSR as well as to his son, Vladimir, in Israel. A writing campaign has also begun to Senators Roth and Biden and to Representative Carper asking for their help in getting the Soviet Union to release George Belitsky.

AEA invited the community to join in this worthwhile campaign and write to the following people:

- George Belitsky, USSR, Vilnius, Gerucho St 6/55
- Senator William V. Roth, The Hart Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510
- Senator Joseph Biden, Russell Office Building, Room 489, Washington, D.C. 20510
- Representative Thomas R. Carper, 131 Cannon House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510.

Gratz Hebrew High: More Than Academics

Although most people in the community are familiar with the excellent academic curriculum Delaware Gratz Hebrew High School offers, not too many are aware of the various extra-curricular activities that take place during the school year. Designed primarily to promote socialization, these programs are educational in nature in that each one always has a central theme which deals with an important Jewish issue or event.

Gratz is included in a network of local religious high schools whose principals meet regularly to plan special joint programs. Recently, Hedvah Campeas Cohen, from Jewish Family Service, led an outstanding discussion on interdating and Rabbi Chuni Vogel, from Chabad-Lubavitch of

Delaware, prepared a most enjoyable Chanukah "Chagigah" for area teenagers and their families. Currently, a celebration of Israel's 40th birthday is in the planning stages.

Throughout the year, Delaware Gratz students are also invited to all activities sponsored by the main high school in Philadelphia. According to Lea Bar-El, Program Coordinator, January's Inter-Jewish High School Conference is entitled "Jews... An Endangered Species." Such pressing topics as Survival of American Judaism: Dream or Reality, Is There Jewish Life After High School?, Interfaith Relationship as a Family Affair and The Jewish Legal Legacy on

Modern Moral Dilemmas will be addressed during afternoon workshops. Entertainment and refreshments are included.

Camp Ramah in the Poconos will be the setting for February's annual Kinnus. This weekend retreat always proves to be a most enjoyable and educationally worthwhile experience for everyone who attends.

Each year a student Knesset is elected to help plan and coordinate school activities. Beth Panitz, a graduating senior, is this year's president. Classroom representatives are Bruce Seltzer and Joel Simon, H.S. IV and III; Margaret Presley, H.S. II; Tahli Silber, H.S. I; and Ross Jacobs and Alison Rubenstein, Prozdor.

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Deportation Policy Has Roots In British Mandate

By HUGH ORGEL

TEL AVIV, (JTA) — There is more than a little irony in Israel's policy of deporting Palestinian troublemakers.

Nineteen have been expelled from the administered territories during the past two years and deportation orders have now been issued against nine others. The legal basis derives from the British Mandate's defense emergency regulations of 1945.

The irony lies in the fact that those very same regulations were applied to deport members of Haganah and of the dissident underground Irgun and Stern gangs to such places as Kenya and the Seychelles before Israel was founded. Many of the Israeli leaders now deporting Palestinians were once members of Haganah, the Irgun or the Sternists.

Israeli officials and experts on international law point out that the relevant text of the Geneva Convention (Paragraph 49) refers to the mass deportations of populations from territories of another nation captured in war.

Foreign Ministry legal expert Ronni Sabel stresses that neither the West Bank nor the Gaza Strip can be regarded as "foreign territory" and that there is no question of "mass deportations." The current expulsions apply only to a relatively few agitators and ringleaders.

An Israel Defense Force spokesman has further narrowed it down to "particularly disruptive individuals" in "exceptional circumstances, when previous means have proved insufficient to stop activity presenting a clear and present danger to the security or public safety of the region."

Sabel observed that the differentiation between "mass

deportations" and the expulsions ordered by Israel has been borne out by the International Red Cross and prominent international legal experts. It has also been upheld by numerous rulings of Israel's Supreme Court. Moreover, the court rulings extend the safeguards of due legal process to potential deportees. They may appeal the expulsion orders to a military board of review and, if unsuccessful, to the high court itself.

Sabel and other Israeli jurists also maintain that Israel is not "deporting" individuals in the generally accepted meaning of the word. Rather, Israel is transferring West Bank residents (who still hold Jordanian passports and are governed by Jordanian law), administered by Israel in a territory not incorporated into Israel, from one part of what Jordan still considers its territory to another part of that territory across the Jordan River.

According to Sabel, refusal by Jordan to accept such individuals would be illegal, because no country may, under international law, refuse to accept its own citizens deported from another country. But that reasoning has dangerous pitfalls. It can be interpreted as implying that the West Bank remains a part of Jordan, a view that is anathema to Israeli right-wingers.

If Israel has to incorporate the West Bank, as the right-wing parties demand, it would be deporting its own citizens, and Jordan would have the legal right to refuse to accept them.

To resolve the dilemma, Israeli officials say the political echelon must seek a compromise between the demands of the Defense Ministry and the military authorities, who stress

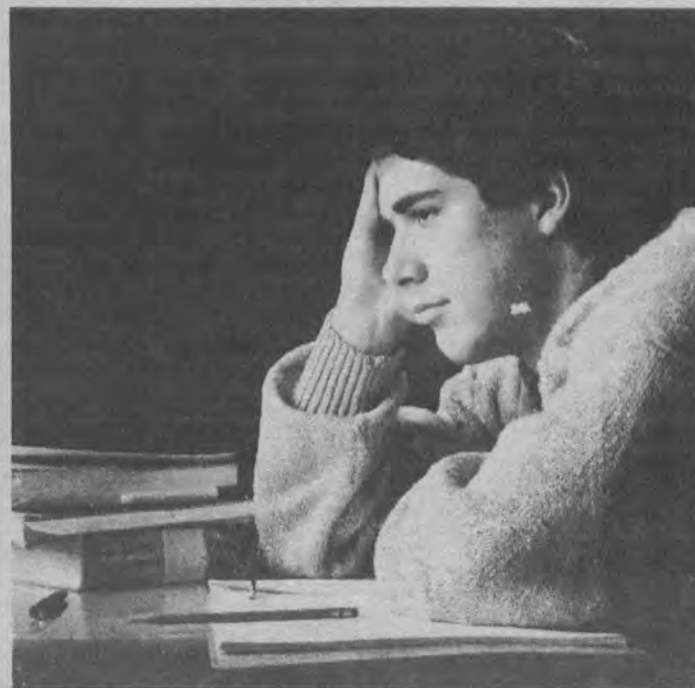
security with little regard for Israel's image around the world, and those of the Foreign Ministry, whose prime concern is diplomatic relations.

In addition to the nine Palestinians under deportation orders, there are presently

about 50 in administrative detention, according to sources in the IDF. This, too, is a holdover from the British Mandate, which allows preventive arrests and detentions for up to six months without formal charges. Other punitive

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The Justice Department is in the process of creating new legislation which would assist in the battle against terrorism. Proposed laws would allow: U.S. citizens to sue terrorists in civil court; the speedy deportation of aliens engaged in terrorist activities; and the seizure of terrorists' assets.

According to Deputy Assistant Attorney General Victoria Toensing, a law is currently being drafted which would facilitate the deportation of aliens from the United States if they are shown to be involved in terrorism. At present, the ejection of these individuals can take from four to five years.

Toensing emphasized that the new law would ensure due process but would expedite its application. The official remarked that several instances have arisen in which such a statute could have been

employed, but she refused to cite specific cases.

A second law currently in the draft stage would allow the U.S. government to seize the assets of individuals or organizations involved in terrorist activities in the United States or abroad. A Justice official involved in creating this legislation explained that the department is examining two possibilities: an extension of the federal RICO (Racketeering-Influenced Corrupt Organizations) statute which would enable the government to confiscate the assets of a terrorist organization; or the creation of a separate law making it a crime to engage in terrorist activity and permitting the expropriation of assets.

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Announcements/Events

Jean Blumenfeld Attends Leadership Delaware

Jean Blumenfeld was chosen by Leadership Delaware to attend its Seventh Annual Seminar on January 5. Leadership Delaware is a joint venture of the United Way and its volunteers. This year's class of 24 was selected to include a diverse group of people from various facets of the community. Marion Bailey, a United Way staff representative of Leadership Delaware explained that they "look for people who are interested in volunteering and expanding their volunteer commitments at the administrative level."

Mrs. Blumenfeld is the current President of the Wilmington Chapter of the National Council of Jewish Women. She serves as a co-chairman of the Early Learning Committee of

the JCC and is a member of both the Family and Child Division Committee and the Membership Committee of the JCC and a member of the Caring Community Committee at Beth Emeth Congregation.

Beth Shalom Sisterhood

On Tuesday February 2, 1988, the Sisterhood of Beth Shalom Synagogue will be holding its general meeting at 11:30 a.m., with a mini-luncheon to be followed by a talk by Dr. Claudia Bushman. Dr. Bushman is the Director of the Delaware Heritage Commission and she will be talking about books published about Delaware for the Bicentennial.

The cost of the meeting if \$1.50 per person. Babysitting will be provided by reservation. Call Danna Levy at 478-7853 for babysitting reservations.

Please contact the synagogue office at 654-4462 for further information.

Religious Revival In America Today To Be Lecture Topic At JCC



On February 7, at 7:30 p.m., at the Jewish Community Center, Lawrence G. Duggan, Assistant Professor of History at the University of Delaware will speak on the subject of the *Religious Revival in America Today, What Does It Mean?*

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This program is made possible by a grant from the Delaware Humanities Forum and is co-sponsored by the Jewish Community Relations

Committee of the Jewish Federation of Delaware and the Jewish Community Center. It is open to the public without charge. Reservations should be made by calling the Jewish Community Center at 478-5660.

Local Author To Speak At Hadassah Lunch

Samuel Slomowitz, local author of the book "Jesus Christ/Sam" will be the guest speaker at the Hadassah Sabra Chapter's meeting on Monday, Feb. 15, at the JCC. A mini-luncheon will be served before the meeting. Mr. Slomowitz, an engineer by profession, will discuss his book with an emphasis on his interpretation of the New Testament. The community is invited to attend.



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A Day For The Jewish Woman

Chabad-Lubavitch announces a program for Jewish women throughout the state of Delaware, called "A Day For The Jewish Woman." This event is a first for the First State and is timed to coincide with the International Week of the Jewish Woman, during which Jewish women around the world will be participating in a variety of events. Now in its fifth year, it is being held in over 130 cities worldwide, including London, Los Angeles, Tel Aviv, Melbourne, Paris and

New York. More than 120,000 women will participate.

The purpose of the week is to give women an opportunity to focus on issues relating to themselves, their families, relationships and careers as Jewish women in today's world. In Delaware, "A Day For The Jewish Woman" will take place on Sunday, Feb. 21, at the JCC at 12:30 p.m. Women from Newark, Wilmington and Dover will be participating. The day will include a luncheon, a Chinese auction, and special exhibits.

The Guest speaker at the luncheon will be Mrs. Rochel Fogelman from Worcester, Massachusetts. Mrs. Fogelman, currently principal of the Jewish High School in Worcester, has been an educator for many years and has lectured on women's issues in the U.S., Europe, Israel and Australia. She has appeared on various television programs in N.Y. and Boston, and has recently been named "Honor Mother of

Massachusetts." Her topic will be "The Women's Movement in Retrospect — the Jewish Perspective." Questions and answers will follow.

The event will be chaired by Mrs. Lenny Markell from Newark. Admission is \$8 and tickets for the auction will be sold separately. All Jewish women are invited and encouraged to attend a unique day that promises to be inspiring as well as enjoyable.

For reservations or more information, please call the Chabad office at 798-9151. This event is not for fundraising purposes.

Baby Girl

Bob and Betsy Crystal, members of Congregation Beth Sholom in Dover, announce the birth of a daughter on January 1. Their baby was the first born in Kent County in 1988. Bob is the Religious Chairman of Congregation Beth Sholom.

Wanted: Kosher Vegetarians

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Jacobs Wins Competition

Andrew S. Jacobs, 12 years old, recently won the National Student Composition Competition of the National Music Teachers Association with his "Fanfares" for brass quintet. He also won the first place award for the Eastern Division of that organization. The national title was awarded following a competition among the 7 Divisional winners. Andrew will be flown to Salt Lake City to the National Music Teachers Association convention in March. The work will also be performed at the winners' recital for the Eastern Division level at the State University of New York at Purchase, NY on January 24.

Andrew is the son of the Honorable and Mrs. Jack B. Jacobs. He is a sixth grade student at the Tower Hill School



Andrew S. Jacobs

where he studies trumpet with Eric Perkins. He also studies piano with David Brown at the Wilmington Music School and composition with Dr. Pamela Layman Quist in Baltimore.

Another 1000-Mile Swimmer

Another 1,000-mile swimmer has surfaced this week.

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A Little Snow Doesn't Stop BBYO

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By DEBBIE KERBEL

B'nai B'rith Youth Organization held its annual Tournaments Convention right here in Wilmington from January 8-10th (the week we had all the snow.) The convention did not start until Saturday morning due to the inclement weather, but once everyone arrived, competition and friendship were in the air.

Central Region East BBYO includes 17 chapters from all over central Pennsylvania and Delaware. The purpose of the Tournaments Convention is to compete in various forms, including oratory, mini-games, athletics and chapter spirit.

Wilmington BBYO is very proud of its successful convention by its coordinators Denise

Riebman and Brian Mand. Credit goes to the whole chapter for all the awards we won. Not only did Wilmington BBYO win the "Spirit Stick" for the third year in a row, but we were awarded the title of "Best Chapter," second only to Harrisburg BBYO.

Many individuals in our chapter won awards that contributed to the "Best Chapter" decision. From Wilmington BBG, Denise Riebman placed first in the oratory competition speaking about the role of Jewish women. I was awarded first place for my storytelling entitled "How I explain BBYO to my non-Jewish friends." BBG did very well athletically placing second in the volleyball competition. Sisterhood and that Wilmington spirit were pre-

sent through all of their games. Wilmington AZA is home of Central Region East's first place jocketeller, Jason Pollack and Steven Milbauer placed second in the singing competition. Wilmington AZA gave a tremendous display of fraternity as they worked their way to the basketball semi-finals.

Tournaments are a good example of all the wonderful aspects of BBYO. Competition, Judaism and friendship are evident in every moment of this convention.

Anyone wishing for more information on Wilmington BBYO and our upcoming events, please call me at 478-5577, or our membership Vice Presidents, Jackie Korr, 388-6677, or Matt Meyer, 652-6663.

Immigration To Israel Up 35 Percent In 1987

By HUGH ORGEL

TEL AVIV, (JTA) — A total of 13,658 immigrants arrived in Israel during 1987, a recent increase over 1986, when only 9,500 arrived, according to figures released early this month by the Absorption Ministry and the Central Bureau of Statistics. Provisional figures released by the Central Bureau placed Israel's population at 4,404,000 at the start of 1988, of which 3,611,000 or 82 percent is Jewish.

Absorption Minister Yaacov Tsur said the rise in immigra-

tion was attributable mainly to the increased number of Jews leaving the Soviet Union. Of 8,080 who emigrated last year, 2,180 came to Israel. Tsur said the 74 percent "drop-out" rate in Vienna, the transit point for Jews leaving the USSR, is very worrisome and jeopardizes the continued exit of Jews.

He noted that among the Soviet Jews who came to Israel, 550 are university graduates, some 300 of them in the free and technical professions. Ninety of the immigrants are researchers in the social sciences, humanities, physical

sciences, and medical and life sciences.

Immigration from South Africa, Argentina and Romania also increased by about 35 percent last year. But the numbers from South Africa were below expectations, Tsur said. As among Soviet Jews, most Jews who left South Africa went to countries other than Israel.

The Central Bureau reported that there are 615,000 Moslems in Israel, comprising 14 percent of the population; about 102,000 Christians (2.3 percent); and 75,000 Druze and other faiths (1.7 percent).

The country's overall population grew by 72,000 persons last year, a 1.7 percent increase, compared to an increase of 1.6 percent in 1986. The Jewish population increased by 50,000, a 1.4 percent rise, compared to 1.3 percent last year. There were 98,000 births in 1987, compared to 99,300 in the previous year. The mortality rate was close to 30,000, about the same as last year.

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Tu B'Shvat Resource Card

By MARGA HIRSCH

Has it occurred to you to tell your neighbors, your colleagues, and your children's teachers about *Tu B'Shvat*? It's an excellent opportunity to let them know that there's more to Jewish holidays than Hanukkah. This year *Tu B'Shvat* comes on Tuesday night, Feb. 2, and Wednesday, Feb. 3. Regardless of what the groundhog sees on Tuesday, you can combat winter doldrums and herald spring on Wednesday by bringing to work or school a snack of fresh or dried fruit and nuts.

Name in Hebrew: *Tu B'Shvat*
Pronunciation: *too bi-sh'vat*
Meaning: Literally, the 15th day of the month of Shevat; also, Arbor Day, or the New

Year of the Trees
How observed:

The Rabbis of the Talmud established *Tu B'Shvat* as the "new year of the trees" for purposes of reckoning the age of a tree, so that its fruit could be properly tithed. *Tu B'Shvat* also became a special day for planting trees.

In later times, when most Jews lived outside Israel, *Tu B'Shvat* was observed by eating foods that grow on trees, with special preference given to fruit of trees that grow in the Holy Land. In some traditions, a special liturgy for *Tu B'Shvat* was compiled, in which the eating of fruits was combined with Bible study, and with the recital of psalms and special poems.

Today, *Tu B'Shvat* is again a time for planting trees. Israeli school children participate in tree-planting ceremonies, and Jews from all over the world send money to the Jewish National Fund for planting of trees in Israel.

Also, many modern families and synagogues have revived the custom of celebrating *Tu B'Shvat* with a ceremonial meal featuring fruits and produce of Israel.

Special Foods:

Fruit; nuts; produce of Israel, especially the seven varieties of produce for which the land of Israel is praised in the Bible: wheat, barley, pomegranate, grape, olive, fig, date.

Have A Tree Seder!

By MARGA HIRSCH

How can you have a *seder* two months early and skip the hassle of cleaning the house beforehand? Have a *Tu B'Shvat tree seder*. The custom originated with the kabbalists of Safed in the 16th century. From there the liturgy spread to Sephardi communities in Turkey, Italy, and Greece, and eventually, to



Sephardi centers in other parts of Europe, Asia, and North Africa. This *tree seder* liturgy, augmented by poems and biblical texts, was collected and published in the mid-eighteenth century.

It's certainly not necessary to follow the traditional format to have your own *tree seder*. Here are some more and less traditional suggestions you may wish to incorporate.

1. Drink four cups of wine or grape juice. Begin with white wine to symbolize winter's rain; next, drink white wine with some red added; then, red wine with white added; finally, drink red wine to symbolize the full heat of summer and the awakening of plants, their blossoming and growth.

2. Eat as many kinds of fruit as you like, or limit yourself to 15 kinds, because *Tu B'Shvat* is the fifteenth day of the month. Divide the fruits into three groups, and eat them between the cups of wine. The kabbalists grouped different kinds of fruit to represent four ascending "worlds of creation."

Assiyah. In this lowest world, there is a great need for protection. Therefore, it is represented by fruits with hard, inedible outer shells, such as nuts.

Yetzirah. The second-to-lowest level requires some reinforcement and protection, not totally, but around the heart. It is represented by fruits with an internal pit, such as avocado, peach, apricot, plum, date, olive, mango, papaya.

B'riah. On the second-to-highest level there is no need for impenetrable protection. It is represented by fruits which have soft peels and small seeds, so that the entire fruit can be eaten, such as apples, pears, carob, oranges, tangerines, grapes, figs, grapefruit, persimmons, blueberries, raspberries, blackberries.

Atzilut. This highest and purest level — pure emanation — is beyond representation by fruit.

3. Eat the seven kinds of produce for which the land of

Israel is praised in the Bible: wheat, barley, pomegranate, grape, olive, fig, date.

4. Recite Psalm 104 and/or some or all of the 15 "psalms of ascent," Ps. 120-134, including the familiar *Shir Ha-Ma'alot*, Ps. 126, sung before the Grace After Meals on Shabbat.

5. Sing as many songs as you can think of, in Hebrew or English, that mention trees or fruit.

6. Read and discuss a book about trees with your children. For children through first grade, try Janice May Udry's *A Tree is Nice*; for older children, Shel Silverstein's *The Giving Tree*.

The date for the *tree seder* is Tuesday evening, February 2, or Wednesday, February 3. However, you celebrate, have fun!

JNF Trees Available

Planting trees is a tangible link to the land of Israel, and JNF has planted over 180 million trees since 1901. It is an important Zionist as well as JNF duty to make every inch of land useful in terms of habitation and cultivation. Locally, JNF trees can be purchased through Hadassah. For more information, contact Cynthia Hockberg (478-2040) or Claire Karten (478-1931).

Hakhel—

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be performed exclusively by *Kohanim* and *Levites* or to be done only in the Temple, also have a spiritual form and content which would apply at all times, for all Jews.

In the case of sacrifices, we find that our daily prayers were instituted to substitute for the sacrifices. So, too, the study of the laws concerning sacrifices would also be considered as an actual sacrifice.

Jewish mysticism explains that every *mitzvah* cannot possibly be carried out in action it may still be done in the realm of thought as represented by the divine service of prayer, the service of the heart. Similarly, the facet of speech may be engaged to

observe the *mitzvah* verbally, that is, by studying the rules of the sacrifices.

Hakhel, however, has the added detail that the Torah specifies not only the act of the *mitzvah*, but also the desired effect — the unity as a means of strengthening faith or, "To fear God."

This present year, therefore, is a year of unity on two levels. Firstly, to join in with others in gatherings fostering a strengthening of Jewish identity and commitment. Secondly, on a more personal level, to gather one's self. Every person has different qualities and capabilities. *Hakhel* is an opportune time to "assemble" one's own powers and attributes and to unite and inspire them in a greater commitment to God, Judaism and mankind.

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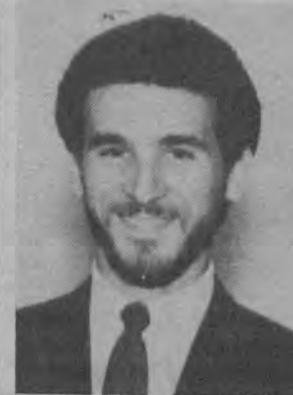


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We Shall Overcome

By BILL FRANK

It is written: "Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell and live in unity."

This biblical passage is engraved on the outer wall of the Jewish Community Center off Garden of Eden Road, north of Wilmington.

And this is what prevailed in the crowded auditorium of the center Sunday night as Jews and Christians, whites and blacks, held hands and swayed, singing "Deep in our hearts, we do believe, we shall overcome some day."

On stage at the piano sat the Rev. Thomas H. Brown Sr., who cried out first in English and again in Hebrew, "Once more, chaverim, (friends); once more!"

The response echoed through the building into the night: "We shall live in peace, some day... we shall overcome — some day."

So ended what I considered the most significant of all the Martin Luther King Jr. birthday memorials in Delaware.

This one was sponsored by the Jewish Community Relations Committee of the Jewish Federation of Delaware, the JCC, the Living Judaism and Social Action Committees of Congregation Beth Emeth and the National Council of Jewish Women.

The very spirit of the memorial was marked by the New Gospel Arts Coalition Singers and their director, the Rev. Brown, a black minister of Wilmington who lived for some months in Israel where he studied Hebrew and revelled in the joys of religious life.

The memorial opened with remarks by Jack B. Blumenfeld, chairman of the Jewish Community Relations Committee, and Judie Drexler, chairwoman of the Adult Programming Planning Committee of the Community Center.

These were followed by a discourse on Gospel music by Irving Cohen, professor of music history at West Chester University.

But the heart of the evening was the New Gospel Singers concert. Their repertoire ranged from the African "Kum Ba Yah" to the Hebrew "Hava Nagila," (Come, let us rejoice!) with the audience of blacks and whites marking rhythm and chanting the words.

The singers also received tremendous applause for their rendition of Gospel hymns, and before the evening ended, the building echoed with their offering of "When the Saints Go Marching In."

The memorial message to Dr. King was delivered by Rabbi Peter Grumbacher of Congregation Beth Emeth.

The Rev. Brown is the energetic organizer of New Gospel Art Coalition, a non-profit group, formed in 1978 for the purpose of taking Gospel music and its messages

from the church into the theater. Brown believes firmly that Gospel music with its origins in black slavery in the United States is an art form that details the "problems, troubles, trials and tribulations" of black people and should not be limited to the church.

As I sat in the Community Center auditorium, thoroughly enjoying the music and clapping hands in rhythm with "Hava Nagila" and swaying to "We Shall Overcome," I thought back to the terrible days of 20 years ago in Wilmington when Dr. King had been murdered.

Who would have predicted then, as I stumbled along Madison Street with heavily

armed police who kept a steady eye upon roofs lest hidden rioters shoot down at firemen trying to curb blazes in the houses, that a day would come when blacks and whites would hold hands as we all chanted a civil rights hymn dedicated to Dr. King.

And little did I realize on the April day of 1968 when my car was bombarded with rocks at Eighth and Washington Streets that 20 years later, Jews and Christians, blacks and whites, would stand together in memory of the man who had an immortal dream and chant: "We shall live in peace, we do believe, some day!"

Yes. Sunday, Jan. 17, 1988, was a blessed day in Delaware history.

U.S. Defense Department Rules On Yarmulkes

By YITZHAK RABI

NEW YORK, (JTA) — The U.S. armed services are changing their regulations to allow Jewish personnel to wear yarmulkes (skullcaps), following the signing of an amendment to the 1988 Defense Authorization Law by President Reagan on Dec. 4.

A spokesman for the Defense Department in Washington has said that the department has 120 days to implement the new law. It requires the services to allow members to wear "neat and conservative religious apparel which is part of the observance of the religious faith practiced by the members while in uniform" if it would not interfere with their military duties.

According to the spokesman, the U.S. Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps are changing their handbooks to include the new rule. The spokesman pointed out that while servicemen traditionally have

been allowed to wear religious garments at religious services, never before have they been allowed to wear them routinely.

The National Jewish Commission on Law and Public Affairs (COLPA) hailed the new law. Allen Rothenberg, COLPA president, said it assures "that a symbol of the Jewish faith (the yarmulke) would no longer be arbitrarily deemed as incompatible with public service."

The bill was drafted by Nathan Lewin, COLPA national vice president. It was designed to reverse the March 1986 decision of the U.S. Supreme Court in Goldman vs. Weinberger, that the military was not constitutionally required to allow its members to wear a yarmulke while on duty.

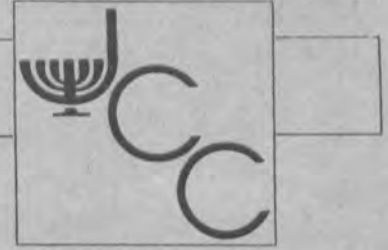
Lewin and David Butler, COLPA's national secretary, represented Captain Simcha Goldman, who wished to wear his yarmulke while serving in the Air Force, against then Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger.



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Exploration of our "woods" and the adjacent Brandywine Creek State Park's trails will provide unlimited opportunities to experience much camp crafting and pioneering. Youngsters may find themselves baking in tin cans, on a stick, in a leaf, in aluminum foil and coals or ashes; pitching tents; enjoying frog and salamander hunts; fishing; canoeing; having nature scavenger hunts; tracking; going on hobo hikes; making moss gardens or original rock sculptures; creating trails and much more.

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For full details and a brochure, please contact Shelley Gitomer, Teen Program Coordinator.

Sunday Fundays

Sunday Fundays for grades 1 through 6 will include sports, swimming, games, crafts, movies, tournies, creative dramatics and special guest entertainers and specialists. Children choose what their activities will be and when they will be. Children should bring their lunch, bathing suit and sneakers and join the fun on Feb. 14, March 13 and April 10 from 12 to 5 p.m. Cost for any or all of the above dates is \$10/members and \$15/non-member guests. Parents are invited to join their children for a special Parent's Day on Sunday, Feb. 14. Transportation will be provided to all Sunday Fundays from the following locations:

- Beth Emeth at 11:45 a.m.
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Cohen —

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that the Jerusalem I visited for five days in the beginning of January was peaceful. With the possible exception of increased military patrols around the Old City and downtown western Jerusalem, I had very little indication that anything was amiss. The Israeli mass media was replete with soul-searching analyses and discussions about policy in the occupied territories, and on Arab-Jewish relations in general. The Israelis I spoke to were quite concerned about it, but there wasn't the atmosphere of chaos and hysteria that the American press would have up believe. Some of my more adventurous (or foolhardy?) colleagues made private arrangements to visit the Gaza Strip, Judea and Samaria, to go "where the action is." For my part, I see nothing especially picturesque or exciting about having arabs scream and throw rocks at me, so I declined the opportunity. Within Israel proper, calm reigns; a troubled, concerned calm, but calm nevertheless. That Arabs engage in violent demonstrations and riots is nothing new. Member of Knesset, Moshe Arens, reminded us on the last night of our mission that the Arabs have been rioting against the Jews for a long time, since 1920, when they attacked the Jews of Jerusalem. Jabotinsky organized the defense against this and other riots, which often degenerated into outright pogroms, as in 1939. Since the birth of the Jewish state, and the subsequent wars, there has been little to modify or mollify the fundamental Arab position of sweeping the Jews into the sea. Even within the Israeli Arab population, with those who chose to remain under Jewish sovereignty after the War of Independence, there has been, at best, an ambivalent attitude, a conflict between loyalty to their country and identification with their people. Arens pointed out that in the last election, 50% of Israeli Arab voters cast their ballots on behalf of the Community Party and the Progressive List for Peace, political organizations that side with the PLO. Thus, it should have come as no surprise when these citizens of Israel declared a massive general strike on December 21, 1987, in sympathy with their Palestinian brothers. How much the more so, should we anticipate such demonstrations by Arabs living in the occupied territories.

A couple of days prior to Arens' address, we witnessed an open, free-wheeling debate set up for us by the Israeli government, specifically designed to give us an insight into this problem. The hardline right wing was represented by Member of Knesset, Avner Shaki, of the National Religious Party; the ultra-liberal left wing was represented by member of

Knesset, David Zucker; the military government in the occupied territories was represented by General Amos Gilboa, advisor to the Prime Minister for Arab Affairs. The Arab position was represented by Member of Knesset, Abed-Elwauhab Darawshe, an Israelia Arab belonging to the Labor Alignment, who was himself one of the chief organizers of the December 21 "Peace Day" strike. Moderated (refereed?) by a popular Israeli television host, we witnessed what probably goes on in the Knesset every day — a no-holds-barred, free-for-all debate and (occasionally) exchange of views. The passion and openness of these presentations reminded one that Israel is still very much a democracy, with extraordinary freedom of speech.

Time and the constraints of length of this article discourage me from getting into all the details of the various arguments. *B'kitzur* — in brief — Mr. Shaki gave a vitriolic denunciation of Israeli Arabs participating in the general strike, and advocated the toughest measures to control the Arabs on the West Bank and Gaza Strip. Mr. Zucker of the Civil Rights Party, predictably took Shaki to task for his "hysterical" presentation and defended the rights of Israeli Arabs to peacefully protest their legitimate grievances, declaring that Israeli Arabs are, in fact, treated as second-class citizens in Israel. Mr. Darawshe assured all of us of his loyalty to the State of Israel, and claimed that most of his constituents feel the same way. He decried the outbreak of rioters in five locations during the strike, and claimed that this was not part of the intention of the strike's leaders and organizers. Moreover, he took issue with those who claimed that the strike was inspired by or created by the Arab Communists, acting on behalf of the PLO. He regards peaceful demonstration as his political right as a citizen of Israel, and cynically reminded us of all the violent demonstrations that have taken place by the ultra-religious Jews and their anti-religious opponents. At no time are these Jews' loyalty to the state questioned; but when Arab Israelis demonstrate, they're immediately branded as traitors! The Peace Day strike was declared to protest the Israeli treatment of the Palestinian Arabs, as morally and pragmatically wrong.

General Gilboa gave what I thought to be a particularly cogent account of the dynamics affecting the Israeli Arabs. Gilboa saw four trends at work in the Israeli-Arab community: 1) a struggle for equality with their fellow Jewish citizens; 2) their "Palestinization," or identification with their fellow Arabs as Palestinians; 3) their "Israelization" or identification as Israelis; 4) their increased successes in self-organization. Gilboa admitted

that there never will be a total solution for Arab Israelis, who live in Israel much as Jews live in the Diaspora, as a minority people. He believes it is incumbent upon Israel to reduce the tensions with its Arab citizenry by encouraging the integration of the Arabs into the Israeli mainstream, and by investing resources to bring up to par with Jewish settlements the Arab municipalities, particularly with regard to industrial development, housing, and education. If Israel doesn't make this a high priority on its socio-political agenda, the troubles we shall reap are far worse than the ones we face today with the Arabs in the occupied territories.

What of the situation of the Arabs in these territories? What is the prognosis for quelling the riots and coming to some sort of solution? Moshe Arens advised us that we should expect no major change of policy or initiative prior to the November 1988 elections in Israel. Presumably, those elections will serve as a referendum *vis-a-vis* the status of the territories and the pursuit of peace with the Arabs. Yitzchak Rabin told us that over the past twenty years, Israel has had basically three options regarding the territories: unilateral annexation, unilateral withdrawal, and negotiated solution between Israel and its Arab neighbors, while in the meantime keeping the status of the territories undecided. So far, Israel has taken the third option. Only Egypt has responded favorably. It is understandable that the Palestinian Arabs feel frustrated, deserted by their Arab brethren and ruled by people they don't like. There has to be a solution, a change of the *status quo* sometime, some way. But in the meantime, and Rabin stressed this, Israel has a solemn duty to keep the peace in any of the territory it administers, and it will never waver in its resolve to do so. In his own words, "war, terror, and violence will not succeed except to bring suffering to those involved." Rabin told us he goes to bed every night with a clear conscience, and so should Israel. Earlier, President Herzog made similar remarks, informing us how a hypocritical world denounces Israel even when it seeks to ameliorate the situation of the Gazan Arabs by helping them build decent dwellings outside the refugee camps. The deportations of leaders and instigators of the riots are not illegal, Herzog told us, because under Jordanian law, under which Judea and Samaria are governed, these people could be either deported or put to death! Herzog has been besieged by Arab leaders of villages to get the Israelis to throw out the trouble makers and bring back the peace. They want to open their businesses, walk freely in the streets, and not worry about their kids be-

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Obituaries

Herman Polies

Herman Polies, 82, of Dover died Dec. 22.

He was a projectionist for 33 years with the Capitol Theater in Dover, retiring in 1972. He was also an Army Air Corps veteran of World War II.

He belonged to the Dover Modern Maturity Center, and the American Association of Retired Persons.

His wife, Ethel L., died in 1984.

He is survived by a son, Allan R. Cohen of Boca Raton, Fla.; two sisters, Mrs. L.B. Rackner of Minneapolis and Marion Horowitz of California; four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Arrangements were by Torbert Funeral Chapel, Dover.

Nathan Goodman

Nathan Goodman, 74, died Jan. 9 in The Kutz Home, 704 River Road.

Mr. Goodman operated snack bars for the state Division for the Visually Impaired. He retired in 1974.

His wife, Edith, died in 1977. He is survived by a son, Mark of Newark; and two sisters, Genevieve Goodman and Lorraine Salganik, both of Baltimore.

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Harvey Spiller

Harvey Spiller, died Jan. 8 from injuries received in a plane crash on Dec. 31.

Harvey, 14, of Pinecrest Drive, Pinecrest, was an eighth-grade student at Tower Hill School, where he played on the soccer team and was active in several clubs.

Harvey excelled at basketball, baseball, tennis, golf and bowling in addition to soccer, according to family members and friends.

"Harvey was always bright and was a very good athlete and talented musically," said Lois Klevan, a family friend who had known Harvey since he was an infant.

"He was an all-around child... well-liked. He was a good friend — a kind and good, down-to-earth young man with huge amounts of potential."

Harvey also was known as a computer whiz.

While attending Camp Arrowhead in Pennsylvania, Harvey was selected by staff and counselors as one of two captains for campwide athletic competitions.

He also was a member of the Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth congregation.

His parents, Paul H. and

Judith Kimmel, were killed in the crash. He is survived by a brother, Larry at home; his paternal grandparents Benjamin and Bebe Spiller of Radnor Green; and his maternal grandparents, Bert B. and Sylvia Kimmel of Claymont.

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David Spiller

David William Spiller died Jan. 13 from injuries received in a plane crash on Dec. 31.

David, of 9 Pinecrest Drive, Pinecrest, would have turned 6 on Feb. 14. He was in kindergarten at Tower Hill School.

His parents, Paul H. and Judith Kimmel, were killed in the crash. His brother Harvey, 14, died Jan. 8. He is survived by a brother, Larry at home; his paternal grandparents, Benjamin and Bebe Spiller of Radnor Green; and his maternal grandparents, Bert B. and Sylvia Kimmel of Claymont.

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Ann Feldman

Ann Feldman, of 11 Martin Run, Media, Pa, died on Jan. 13. Mrs. Feldman was the widow of Harry Feldman. She is survived by a son, Jacob Feldman, of San Luis Obispo, Calif.; a daughter, Evelyn Swimmer, of Swarthmore; a brother, Abraham Lubin and a sister, Betty Lubin, both of Wilmington; and two grandchildren. Arrangements were by Schoenberg's.

Joseph M. Kruger

Joseph M. Kruger, 74, of 312 Shipley Road, Chateau Orleans Apartments, died Jan. 17.

Mr. Kruger was a warehouse manager for Delaware Candy and Tobacco Co. on Vandever Avenue. He retired in 1977.

He is survived by his mother, Anne Leviton; a son, Morton P.K. Pincus of St. Louis; a daughter, Marsha L. Brait of Penn Valley; two sisters, Yetta Cohen of Easton, Md., and Lenore Eckell of Upper Darby, Pa.; and four grandchildren.

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Cohen —

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ing forced out of their classrooms and into the streets to throw stones and firebombs.

"...If he will be content to begin with doubts he shall end in certainties." I came back from Israel convinced that the press has given Israel a raw deal, that for the vast majority of Israelis, life goes on undisturbed, and that Israel really has no choice for the present but to maintain a firm policy regarding those who break the law through violent means. I am also certain that the public breast-beating by members of the Jewish community, denouncing Israel's "inhuman"

administration of the territories, is both ignorant of the realities and injurious to the State of Israel, playing into the hands of the propagandists who would alienate Israel from the few friends it has. I am not certain as to what the solution for the Palestinian Arabs will or should be. I am certain that it should not be solely Israel's headache or responsibility. And I am certain that Arab citizens of Israel must be seriously and empathetically heard and helped, for they — not the other Arabs — are the truest challenge of Israel's sincerity to serve as a democracy for all peoples.

We thank our friends, neighbors and business associates for their kindness and sympathy concerning the recent loss of Paul, Judy, Harvey and David Spiller.

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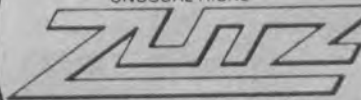


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Jewish Aspect—

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Soviet Union who are exploring every inch of the land they have dreamed about. One of the rabbis had just visited the Soviet Union, having met with "refuseniks" one day in Moscow and seeing them a week later in Jerusalem. Two of these men spoke with us, both of them expressing appreciation for the chance to leave and both of them somewhat distressed that their expectations were not fully met. Rabbi Eliahu Esses stated that the three-hour flight from Vienna to Ben Gurion Airport brings changes, but does not change a person. He and Vladamir Lipschitz both emphasized the need for spiritual roots and urged the people of Israel to work more effectively to instill a sense of purpose in the new emigres.

I immediately thought of the address by Rabbi Emanuel Rackman, formerly of the United States, to our group. He, too, pointed to a misunder-

standing by diaspora Jews of the meaning of Israel. Rabbi Rackman, an Orthodox leader deeply concerned about all Jews regardless of their perspective, stated that early Zionist education was equated with philanthropy... let the rich Jews give in order for the poor Jews to survive. He was right when he said that this is not Israel. Rabbi Rackman pointed to the fact that close to her fortieth birthday Israel is still "an old people trying to cope with a new state." He went on to impress upon us that creating a perfect society in Israel is not easier "than to build one in Boro Park or in Los Angeles." Perhaps the Jews coming from behind the Iron Curtain are expecting too much.

We met with one of the directors of *Yad Vashem*, Menachem Fogel, who discussed the ongoing work of research into the Holocaust, and how *Yad Vashem* was engaged in "a race against time" to collect as much information as possible before

the year 2000. All kinds of diplomatic attempts are being made to receive as much as possible from the archives of Eastern European countries. In the generation since the end of the Holocaust most documentation was received from the West. Now that the time is fast approaching when no one will be left to give first-hand accounts, it is that much more important to have these congregations "adopt" a destroyed community and that *Yad Vashem* would make available the material it had for the congregation to do research and, in fact, recite *Kaddish* for the victims of "their" community each *Yom Hashoah*.

We were treated to a tour of a recently uncovered Herodian mansion near the Western Wall. The home of a priestly family, this archaeological wonder was remarkably intact. In the midst of all her woes, Israel is still able to engage in the most positive dimensions of education, research, science and technology.

Arabs In Israel—

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Arab activists see the entitlements program reserved for army graduates as inherently discriminatory. But even moderate Arab leaders oppose calls that Arabs be required to

take part in some form of alternative national service.

Unlike Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, Israeli Arabs vote in both Knesset and municipal elections, and enjoy the rights of free speech and assembly. There are five Arabs and two Druze members of the present Knesset, distributed among six parties.

Furthermore, their rights are protected by Israeli law. For example, newspapers that the Israeli army bans in the West Bank and Gaza can be read by Israeli Arabs. And the Histadrut, the general federation of labor, protected Arab workers participating in the "Day of Peace" general strike from any punitive action by employers.

As Israeli citizens, Arabs are entitled to passports and may travel abroad freely — even to countries that have not admitted Israeli Jews. Although, until recently, Israel has not enjoyed diplomatic relations with Eastern bloc states, a favorite organizational method of the Rakah Communist party has been to grant promising young Arab recruits scholarships to medical and engineering schools in East Germany and the Soviet Union.

Israeli Arab children go to special public schools where the curriculum attempts to strike a balance between the need to learn about the Jewish majority and the need to preserve Arab cultural, linguistic and historical identity.

The Israeli-Arab Role In Government

Over 70 percent of eligible Arab voters go to the polls, accounting in the 1984 general election for 10 percent of the total vote. In the Israeli proportional election system, that means 12 Knesset members owe their election to Arab voters.

Given the delicate balance of power between Labor and Likud, those 12 seats could be pivotal, but the vote has been divided in such a way as to undercut its potential strength.

In the last elections, just over half of the Arab vote went to the two parties of the far left, Rakah and the Progressive List for Peace. Just under half went to what are called "Zionist" parties, those with Jewish majorities.

There is talk now among Arab members of the Labor Party of establishing a separate Arab party that would be prepared to join a governing coalition.

The recent strike can be read either as a coming of age for Israeli Arabs or as a retreat into sectarianism. For many of the Arab leaders who called the strike, the "Day of Peace" may have been a way to exercise their rights as Israeli citizens and express their views on the Arab-Israeli peace process, an issue of particular significance to them.

There is no doubt that the violence in Gaza and Judea will impact the nature of Israeli society.

Terrorist Laws—

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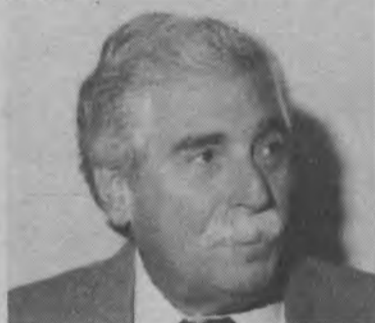
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I have no right to say, "New York Jew go home," but good manners would go a long way among both Jewish and Gentile Delawareans.

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enough to write.

Rachel would be the last person to pooh-pooh Jewish survival instincts. Nevertheless, this hangover from the past is doing more harm than good. The people most hurt by the New York Jew stereotype are fellow Jews. Anti-Semites will be anti-Semites whether you choose to be a conspicuous or a camouflaged Jew. If you work as hard on accepting fellow Jews as you do on acceptance by Gentiles, you will benefit all Delawareans.

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