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Crowds praying at Jerusalem's Western Wall on Tisha B'Av. See guest editorial, page 4. (WZPS photo by Richard Nowitz.)

Eight Delaware Women Receive Covenant Of Faith Award

In recognition of and appreciation for their pledges of \$2,500 to Project Renewal, eight women from the Delaware Jewish community have each received a framed Ketubah from the Jewish Federation of Delaware and United Jewish Appeal. The Ketubah is inscribed personally with the woman's name in Hebrew and English and states that she, "through the Women's Division of United Jewish Appeal accepts our covenant of faithfulness with the people of Israel. May all Jews be blessed with the opportunity to live in freedom with dignity

and realize the dream of individual fulfillment."

Presenting the Ketubahs were Leo Zeffel, president of JFD and David Singer, general chairman of the 1984 campaign. The recipients include Gloria Fine, Marjory Stone Levine, Francina Isakoff, Renee Spiller, Margaret H. May and Judy Wilk, all pictured on the following page. Absent from the picture but also to be awarded a Ketubah are Deane Kattler and Nancy Kauffman.

"This is really a beautiful work of art, designed by Israeli artist P. Shaar, and nicely framed," commented Marjory Stone Levine. "I shall display it with pride in my home."

Money pledged to Project Renewal from our community goes to our twinned community in Israel, Jesse Cohen. Our Federation is responsible, along with the Federation of Columbus and Dayton, Ohio

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Jewish Voice Survey Update

We'd like to thank the community for the overwhelming response we've had to the survey we mailed out in May. We received 672 surveys, which is a 33% return. The standard demographic return rate is under 10%! The survey results are currently being coded for computer analysis. We hope to print the results in *The Voice* shortly.

'84 JFD Campaign Reaches \$1,083,800



David Singer



Francina Isakoff

David Singer, 1984 General Campaign chairman, has announced that the total raised to date from all Divisions is \$959,000 for the Regular Campaign plus \$125,000 for Project Renewal.

Singer commented, "We still have out from contributors who gave in 1983 a total of approximately \$175,000 and it is critically important that these outstanding pledges be completed in the next few weeks since we will be starting our budgeting process Sept. 1. We must know by then how many dollars will be available for distribution to local, national and overseas agencies and services.

Based on a preliminary budget review of needs for 84-85, it is critical that these outstanding pledges come in with maximum increases."

Francina Isakoff, president of the JFD Women's Division, announced that to date the Division has raised \$174,000 for the Regular plus an additional \$30,000 for Project Renewal. "We have an excellent opportunity, stated Isakoff, of reaching \$200,000 on the Regular campaign, which would be the first time we would have achieved this level."

Singer added, "It is our goal to reach \$1,135,000 for the Regular campaign and I am confident it is achievable. Let me again personally thank the hundreds of volunteer workers and contributors for their support of this year's effort."

Night Of The Murdered Poets

Thirty-two years ago today in the dark cellars of Moscow's Lubyanka Prison, on Aug. 12, 1952, after months of torture and interrogation, 24 of the leading Jewish writers, artists and poets of the USSR were murdered. This was the climax of Stalin's campaign to eradicate Jewish culture from the Soviet Union. Three decades later, in spite of detente, grain deals, cultural exchanges, Senate resolutions, human-rights petitions, Helsinki and Madrid, Soviet policy has never veered from this relentless quest to reduce Jewish life in the USSR to a footnote in its revisionist history.

This was not always so. Shortly after Lenin signed the 1917 "Declaration of Rights to the People of Russia," Jewish cultural institutions flourished. At that time, one could choose from 11 Yiddish newspapers or more than 60 periodicals, visit Yiddish theaters in major cities and purchase books from publishing houses offering dozens of editions with copies in the millions. Although such activities were carried out strictly according to party policy, few sizable Jewish population centers were without a cultural establishment employing Yiddish, the language of "the Jewish minority."

By the 1920s and '30s, however, Jewish culture began its subsistence on a starvation diet. Government assistance was diminished in stages. Jewish identity was discouraged and assimilation was officially promoted.

In the late 1940s, Stalin began his campaign to systematically dismantle Jewish culture. By 1948, only one school of higher learning remained. It was closed later that year. In 1949, all theaters, including the Yiddish State Theater in Moscow, were denied all state subsidies and subsequently folded. The glorious tradition of Jewish theater in Russia came to an abrupt end.

That same year the campaign against Jewish culture turned brutal. In 1949 and into the 1950s — what had been called "the Black Years" — many writers and poets simply disappeared. Solomon Mikhoels, the great actor and community leader, was lured to Minsk and found decapitated by what was later reported as an "auto accident." Writers and editors were imprisoned, never to be heard from. In the winter of 1948-49, it was estimated that more than 431 artists, writers and musicians disappeared into the *Gulag*.

The fate of the most prestigious of the Soviet Jewish writers was reserved for the summer of 1952.

The trial, which resulted in "The Night of the Murdered Poets," began on July 11, 1952. Among

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Who Speaks For The Jewish Community? JCRC In Action

By ROBERT N. KERBEL

The Jewish community of Delaware represents 9,700 individuals, approximately 3,500 households - 7,000 adults; each an individual with their own point of view on every topic and subject. There are more than 50 different Jewish organizations in the State, each with their own priorities, goals and philosophies. Yet, there are many times when a single "Jewish" point of view is needed even though we have a great diversity of opinion.

To the greater non-Jewish world we are "The Jews." They most often see us as united - with one point of view, especially when issues concern Israel, anti-Semitism, separation of church and state, Black-Jewish relations, Soviet Jewry, Ethiopian Jews, etc.

The Jewish Community Relations committee of the Jewish Federation of Delaware is the vehicle through which vital information concerning issues affecting Jews in Delaware, the nation, Israel and in other countries is disseminated to the Jewish community, local, county, state, national and international bodies.

The Jewish Community Relations Committee, presently chaired by Irving Levitt, is made up of a steering committee of representatives of many of the Jewish organizations of Delaware. Its work is accomplished through four different Task Forces: Israel, Soviet Jewry, Inter-Faith, and Holocaust Remembrance.

The JCRC is a member of the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council which represents all major national Jewish organizations such as Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, American Jewish Congress, America Jewish Committee, National Conference of Soviet Jews and major Jewish communities. They are also related to the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC), a registered lobby in Washington.

Every day literally dozens of communiques are received by the Federation concerning issues of concern. Irv Levitt and his committee decide to which issues, we as a Jewish community, should act or respond.

Some vital actions of the JCRC which occurred during 1983-84 are described briefly elsewhere in this article.

It is difficult, being a small minority in Delaware, to make both our com-

munity and the general community aware of the importance of issues that are of concern. Public apathy and ignorance, or opposition is common. The goal of the JCRC is to have every Jew an active participant by making them aware of the issues and doing something about them - whether it be calling our Senators and Congressmen, writing letters to the Congress, or President, or private diplomacy.

Much of the credit for the effectiveness of the entire program goes to its chairman, Irv Levitt, who has worked tirelessly to educate and to motivate the Jewish and general community.

JCRC 1983-84 Israel Task Force

1. Three public briefings with AIPAC representatives on Israel-U.S. relations; Israel-Lebanon and Israel-Arab relations in New Castle County and Dover.

2. The first visit by Consul General Pinchas Gonen of Israel to the State Legislature in Dover.

3. Yom Haatzmaut celebration at the JCC.

4. Briefing and de-briefing of Congressman Thomas Carper on his first trip to Israel.

5. Communiques to Congress relating to Free Trade Agreement with Israel, moving U.S. Embassy to Jerusalem, aid and grants to Israel, etc.

Inter-Faith Task Force

1. Member and participant of the Delaware Region National Conference of Christians and Jews dealing with prejudice and discrimination.

2. Work with the New Castle school system in reference to public school calendar and scheduling of exams on Jewish holidays.

3. Letters, calls and meetings with Congressional representatives on prayer in the public schools, and "equal access" of religious groups to hold meetings in public schools (we lost on this issue).

4. Articles on hunger in America.

Holocaust Task Force

1. Commemoration of Holocaust at Holocaust Memorial.

2. Participation in dedication of "Garden of the Righteous" at the Jewish Community Center.

3. Yom Hashoa commemoration at Congregation Beth Shalom.

Soviet Jewry

1. Twinning program of Bar and Bat Mitzvah students with Soviet Jewish counterparts.

2. Numerous articles and speeches on the plight of Soviet Jews and anti-Semitism.

3. Governor duPont's proclamation designating March 15, 1984 as International Day for Soviet Jewry.

Eight Women Receive Covenant Of Faith Award

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for all needed social service projects there and capital funding for social service programs. Beth Zuriel, the liaison between Jesse Cohen and the Delaware community was in Wilmington recently. The article begins on page 5.

Pledges made to Project Renewal are payable over a five-year period.

Beginning with the 1985 Federation Campaign this fall, other women will have an opportunity to earn a Ketubah. For further information, please call the Federation office at 478-6200.



Pictured L to R: David Singer, chairman, 1984 JFD Annual campaign; Renee Spiller, Margaret H. May and Judy Wilk. Absent from photo are: Deane Kattler and Nancy Kauffman, also Ketubah recipients.



Pictured L to R: Gloria Fine; Leo ZefTel, president of JFD; Marjory Stone Levine and Francia Isakoff.

Meet The Candidates

The annual "Meet the Candidates" program co-sponsored by the Wilmington chapter of Hadassah and the Jewish Community Relations Committee of the Jewish Federation of Delaware will be held this year on Monday evening, Sept. 10 at 7:30 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center, 101 Garden of Eden Road, Wilmington.

Invited to participate are the candidates for the Senate, Democratic Sen. Joseph R. Biden, Jr. and his Republican opponent, John Burris; the two candidates for the House of Representatives, Democratic Congressman Thomas R. Carper and his Republican opponent, Elise duPont; the two candidates for Governor of Delaware, Republican Lt. Gov. Michael Castle and the winner of the Democratic primary, either Sherman Tribbitt or William Quillen; and the two candidates for Lt. Governor, Republican Battle Robinson and the

winner of the Democratic primary, either W. B. Woo, David McBride or Nancy Cooke.

As these candidates are aware, this political forum has attracted a large crowd in past years. The most recent one drew a record-breaking number of 500 attendees, and since the candidates have an opportunity to reach a sizable portion of the population, they are usually all present at this community-wide event.

Coffee will be available at 7:30 p.m. when the community is invited to meet the candidates informally. At 8 p.m. the program will begin with each candidate allotted 10 minutes for a presentation of his or her views. Written questions will then be taken from the audience and presented to the candidate through a moderator. For further information, please call the office of the Jewish Federation of Delaware, 478-6200.

Do You Know Any Newcomers?

If you know of any newcomers to the community, please give us a call. We'd like to send them our "Shalom" brochure, and to welcome them to town. Drop us a note with the name(s) or give us a call. Thanks.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING Kayla Gavish



I Leave With Regret

It is with deep regret that I must discontinue writing my column, "What's Happening," in *The Jewish Voice*.

Helping my dear Bernie return to good health will of necessity limit my activities and my travel.

It has been a privilege for me to be able to share with the Jewish community of Delaware the important issues that concern American Jewish leadership today as well as the excitement that comes from traveling the national scene.

I have been so pleased that many readers have commented favorably to me about my columns. Not too long ago I was introduced to Rabbi Eugene B. Borowitz (editor of *Sh'ma*) who turned to me and said, "Ah! Kayla Gavish."

Writing the column has been a challenge and it has been fun!

My best wishes to all for a new year of good health, prosperity and peace.

Sincerely,
Connie Kreshtool
(Kayla Gavish)

ON THE OTHER HAND N. Even-Or



Nicaragua Under The Sandinists: Judenrein

There is a Jewish angle to the Nicaragua story, and it's not a pretty one. The small Jewish community of this country has been terrorized and driven into exile.

A recent report by Morton Rosenthal, director of the Latin American Affairs Department of B'nai Brith's Anti-Defamation League, tells a bitter story that has not been part of the extensive news coverage of Nicaragua and its Sandinist government.

According to Rosenthal, "The clouds over the Nicaraguan Jewish community began to darken even before the Sandinist victory. Sandinist supporters painted on the synagogue and elsewhere slogans such as 'Israel, Jews and Somoza - The Same Thing.' The synagogue itself was firebombed in 1978 while the congregation was worshipping inside. — Many Jews received threatening phone calls shortly before the Sandinist victory warning 'Jews get out of here.'"

After the Sandinists took over in July, 1979, the small Jewish community was frightened and forced into leaving the country. Today there are no Jews in Nicaragua.

The head of the Jewish community, 70 year old Abraham Gorn, was first jailed and forced to sweep streets because of alleged land theft, and then pushed out of the factory he owned. He left the country after employees told him that Sandinists had ordered them to bomb his car if he came back. Rosenthal quotes Gorn as saying that the man who directed the takeover of his factory, farm and bank accounts, and "then kicked me out of my home" was Carlos Arguello, currently vice minister of justice in Nicaragua.

ADL's representative was in Nicaragua just a few months before

the Sandinist takeover, and he reports that the community had roots in the country and wanted to stay. As an example of their commitment to a future there, he recalls that, after the 1972 earthquake which destroyed most of Managua, the Jews of the city built a new synagogue. Today that synagogue has been taken over by the Sandinists "to be used for social purposes," and propaganda posters cover up the Jewish symbols at the building's entrance.

Why has all this happened? What do the Sandinists have against the Jews and Israel? What is the history of this community?

According to the Encyclopedia Judaica, Jews settled in Nicaragua in the 19th century, but most of the recent community arrived from Eastern Europe after 1929. The majority lived in the capital city, Managua, and were engaged in commerce, industry and agriculture. Since Israel's establishment and prior to the 1979 takeover, the government had been very supportive of Israel's cause in the United Nations, and the two nations maintained nonresident ambassadors with each other. Israel also sponsored programs of technical support in agriculture in Nicaragua, and Nicaraguan trainees studied in Israel.

One of the Sandinist claims against Israel and Jews is that Israel had supplied Somoza with weapons. Rosenthal writes, "Nicaraguan Jews indignantly deny accusations that they were involved in these transactions. They explain that Israel's policy of selling weapons to the Somoza government was based on a sense of gratitude for Nicaraguan support at a time of Israel's great peril in 1948. Struggling for its very existence against overwhelmingly superior

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ISRAEL ISSUES Ze'ev Golin



The Price Of Fanaticism

(RISHON LE-ZION) The morality and extent of the settlement of Judea, Samaria and Gaza is an issue worthy of debate. Whether one feels that the settlements are (a) a fulfillment of the Torah's mandate (b) essential for Israel's defense (c) a waste of money or (d) an unfair attempt to impose colonial rule on the native population; he or she is within the mainstream of the current debate, and may use any legitimate means to advance one of these viewpoints.

When it comes, however, to using indiscriminate violence to realize one's aims, there can be no debate. Prime Minister Shamir, the government, and the army are to be commended for exposing and bringing to justice the members of TNT (The Hebrew acronym for "terror against terror"). To bring pain, horror and death upon a subject civilian population is not just counterproductive; it is downright immoral. We Jews, of all people, should have some empathy.

The would-be perpetrators of the bloodbath were once considered the flower of religious zionism. They were outstanding Torah scholars who had gone on to be soldiers in elite units. After they finished their military service, they won public recognition as selfless builders of the Zionist dream in Judea and Samaria.

Somewhere along the line, there occurred a distortion of values. As the national debate on the territories grew more heated, some of these young men's and women's ideology got twisted. They grew more rigid and fanatical, and less tolerant of opposing viewpoints. Most of their fire was directed at more moderate Orthodox Zionists for what was viewed as a compromise of religious and national ideals. The National Religious Party's acquiescence in the Sinai withdrawal was considered the last straw by many of the young zealots.

Sinai made some of the young settlers feel that they could rely only upon themselves to defend the territorial integrity of *Eretz Yisrael*. Such sentiments led to the creation of TNT, a para-military underground. Army training and access to arms was put to the service of terror against the local Arab population. TNT was apparently responsible for the bombing attacks on the Arab mayors, and its success at eluding detection inspired its members to plan a more massive action.

The attitudes and actions of TNT smack of deep-seated paranoia. The settlers are far from unprotected; Judea and Samaria bristle with military bases. Despite the current economic situation, tens of millions of dollars are being poured into the building of settlements. The steadily growing population east of the Green Line makes it increasingly difficult for any future government to back off from the commitments made by both

the Labor Alignment and the Likud.

Alas, this has not been enough for the fanatic fringe. They only feel secure if they can take the law into their own hands. Their logic does not extend to calculating the response to their intended reign of terror; isolation of Israel, loss of public support for settling Judea and Samaria, and a burning desire of a united Arab world for revenge.

Many religious and non-religious settlers have talked about the need to arrive at a peaceful accommodation with the Arabs. Unfortunately others, notably Rabbi Moshe Levenson, have rejected the notion that there is an "Arab problem." Indeed, they have denied that the Arab population is even a factor in Judea and Samaria. This attitude underlies their assertion that the government must move more swiftly to annex the territories and saturate them with settlements, regardless of public opinion.

The activities of TNT and their accomplices and sympathizers give lie to these arguments. Attacking Arab mayors, planting bombs in civilian buses, and resorting to other means of terror is recognition of an "Arab problem." If they thought the Arabs did not present a physical, social, and political problem, the extremists would have stuck to their pronounced goal of peacefully settling and building the ancestral Jewish homeland.

I would have to conclude that this two-facedness is a twist of insane genius, characteristic of movements tinged with fanaticism. TNT and the extreme wing of Gush Emunim have replaced moderation and logic with feverish cunning. What does it mean to them if they have isolated themselves from the religious and secular mainstream of the Zionist movement? Their immediate goals of driving out the bringing the Messiah, and erecting the third temple are above and beyond the momentary inconvenience of national disunity.

The exposure of a terrorist cell within the religious Zionist movement has given the extreme secularists a field day. Politicians who have been silent on the issue of Arab terror have been quite vocal in telling us that Jewish terror proves the need to separate synagogue and state. The Shinui ("change") party has called for the "rule of law"; an implication that *halacha* is an affront to western liberalism and a source of anarchy. Such talk amounts to libel against our sacred laws and traditions. However, those "religious" Jews who plant bombs in the name of Torah cannot help but give credence to the falsehood.

Ze'ev Golin, son of Maura and Edwin Golin of Brandywine Hills, has been living in Israel for several years. The Jerusalem Post recently published an article he wrote about Ariel Sharon.

Guest Editorial

Tisha B'Av, A Lament: We Have Forgotten

By ROBERT N. KERBEL

The Ninth day of Av (Tisha B'Av) is the saddest day of the year for Jews. It is the time that we commemorate the destruction of both the first and second Temple in Jerusalem (a time period of more than 400 years). It is a time of mourning for the Jews that were expelled from England in the 12th century, from Spain in 1492 and it is a remembrance of the Holocaust.

Tisha B'Av fell on Aug. 7. Most of the Jews of Delaware have forgotten this day. Most of our synagogues and temples had sparse attendance. Most Jews don't seem to care.

As Jews, it is incumbent upon us, if we are to remain Jews, to know the issues before us: to not only celebrate *simchas* but to remember our history — both our victories and calamities. Our synagogues and temples are places of worship, learning and assembly. It has been said that if we forget the past we are doomed to repeat it.

Zachor — to remember: gives great strength to our unity. Where have all the Jews gone?

LETTERS to the Editor

Dear Ms. Moss:

I want to thank you for sending me the 50th anniversary Jewish Federation edition of *The Jewish Voice*. I want to congratulate *The Voice* for an excellent piece of work.

I have seen several issues of your newspaper during the past year and it is very good. Keep up the good work!

Sincerely,
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To The Editor:

On March 20th the U.S. Senate rejected a proposal for a constitutional amendment to permit, what is generally called, "Prayer in Public Schools."

Despite all the hype this controversy has stirred, rarely have we seen in print what the amendment actually proposed. Few of the proponents or opponents refer to its provisions. Here it is in its entirety:

"Nothing in this Constitution shall be construed to prohibit individual or group prayer in public schools or

other public institutions. No person shall be required by the United States or any state to participate in prayer. Neither the United States nor any state shall compose the words of any prayer to be said in public schools."

Senate Judiciary Resolution 73
The "Reagan Proposal"

So, on one hand, the proposed amendment's first sentence makes a strong bid for PIPS while, on the other hand, the next two sentences severely reduce its chances for implementation.

Why should an involved member of the Jewish community support this action? The almost universal Jewish response to PIPS runs the gamut of "agin it" to "vigorously agin it." I'm not attempting to play the devil's advocate. I'm not even taking an unpopular side for the purposes of an academic debate. It's simply that I believe in PIPS and here's why.

Prayer, as we all know, is probably the most universally recognized manifestation of a believer. A praying believer is not necessarily a religious individual because the term

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Guest Editorial

The Israeli Election 'Divided We Stand'

By RABBI KENNETH COHEN

Rabbi Kenneth Cohen of Congregation Beth Shalom, who recently returned from a two-week trip to Israel, was able to observe first-hand the pre-election excitement of the Israelis, and the subsequent post-election disappointment and disillusionment. He has allowed *The Jewish Voice* to reprint part of the Friday night sermon he delivered to his congregation July 27, containing an astute analysis of the election results and a prescription for the immediate and long-term remedy of the Israeli electoral process.

Concluding the Book of Numbers, we become aware that more than a mere chronology of events has taken place. *Bemidbar* opens with, "Each man in his encampment, and each man on his banner." The Israelites, at the beginning of the book, are fiercely partisan, conscious of their tribal differences. Each man categorizes himself by his *degel*, his banner or flag, denoting tribal or clan allegiance.

When it concludes, however, *Bemidbar* discusses claims and counter-claims of the Joseph tribes and the daughters of Tzlophad, indicating that



marriages between different tribal families had become commonplace. After 40 years, factionalism has evidently given way to a greater sense of national unity and identification.

Halavaye that the modern State of Israel need not wait a full 40 years to achieve this sense of national unity, for as the recent elections indicate, Israel is a country deeply split into factions, political, social and religious.

The "landslide" predicted for the Labor segment never materialized. Instead, Labor gained a slight advantage over Likud for seats in the Knesset, with an increased amount of seats going to the many small parties that proliferate the Israeli political scene. In one of the political advertisements aired on Israeli television, Defense Minister Moshe Arens presented a message that remarkably captured the Israeli dilemma. Make this election a decisive one, he implored the citizenry. A member of the Likud party, of course Arens sought support for his party. Yet he went on to say that in any case, Israelis should choose one or the other of the major parties, and not perpetuate an unsatisfactory status quo of shaky coalitions. Regrettably, the

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DEADLINE

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Beth Zuriel - Our Gal In Israel

Beth Zuriel, Jesse Cohen, Project Renewal coordinator visited Wilmington in August to share some of the problems and progress of what is happening in our Project Renewal city - Jesse Cohen.

Beth Zuriel is a Dayton, Ohio native who made Aliyah with her husband eight years ago. For the last three years she has been our liaison with Jesse Cohen, coordinating Project Renewal for Dayton, Columbus and Delaware. She, her husband and two young children live in Jerusalem, and Beth commutes the 45 minute ride to Holon - where Jesse Cohen is located.

She informed us that Max and Jesse Cohen, Wilmington residents, financed the first permanent housing in this area of Holon. At that time (1955) the North Africans were living in transit camps - temporary barracks. It was

not uncommon for six to 12 people to live in a one-bedroom prefab building. Now 10,000 people inhabit the area.

Zuriel stated that since Project Renewal began, over two-thirds of the housing have been rehabilitated, many by the residents themselves. There are now gardens where there were rock and sand. There are tenants' councils planning and developing their own future for the first time.

One of the frustrations of the residents is the lack of development of the Lazarus Community Center, a project which was promised by Dayton, Columbus and Delaware. The anticipated funds have not been raised. The residents feel that the Lazarus Community Center is the keystone of development as a place to

bring together the entire community. Zuriel stated to us, "They are counting on you. Please don't let them down."

Delaware has pledged to contribute \$750,000 for Project Renewal, and we have thus far raised just one-third of that total.

Beth Zuriel has asked that every Jew in Delaware who visits Israel contact her to see for themselves how Project Renewal makes a difference in the lives of so many people. The Jewish Federation will make all the arrangements for a visit to Jesse Cohen.

Zuriel told us about a unique program in Jesse Cohen "Etgar."

Etgar - A Challenge And Responsibility

"It's all thanks to Etgar," says Rachel Paulette, a Jesse Cohen mother of four who has participated for the past three years in the Etgar program.

Etgar - the Hebrew word for challenge -- is a pre-school preparatory program for children ages 4 to 6 based on home instruction of the pre-schoolers by their mothers. A workbook is distributed each week to the mothers who receive instruction on how to use it with their children. In the first year of the program the mothers meet together one week in small groups. The second week they are visited in their homes by the home instructors. Each mother commits herself to do a workbook a week with her child. By the third year the mothers meet together every two weeks to discuss problems, borrow books and exchange ideas and information.

Rachel Paulette, now in the third year of the program is also working as a home instructor. She receives guidance from Margolit Ninstein, the head of Etgar in Jesse Cohen. She meets with 16 mothers in their homes every other week to review the upcoming material and discuss particular questions that may have arisen.

"Over 170 mothers participate in Etgar," says Ninstein. "When we first started (four years ago) it was very hard to convince mothers to give the time and energy and join the program. This year almost all the mothers of four years olds in Jesse Cohen asked to be included."

Etgar is not just a program of home instruction; it also works to broaden the mother's horizons, deal with her troubles, strengthen her self-image and increase her effectiveness as a parent. Trips, theatre, crafts and art appreciation instruction are all a part of the program.

"There are always problems," says Ninstein. "Sometimes I need to visit a mother at home to find out why she is not participating as she should. We also have a few mothers who themselves cannot read so we have to give them extra help for them to be effective with their own children."

"I've seen a great improvement in Jesse Cohen in the last four years," continues Ninstein. "The mothers are less apathetic, there's more community involvement. I see it in Etgar and in the neighborhood as a whole. It's hard to tell what will be in the future but progress has certainly been made."

Please call the Federation at 478-6200 for further information.

NJCRAC Reacts To Jackson Appeal

"We welcome Jesse Jackson's recognition that the intrusion of anti-Semitism in the electoral campaign has indeed been painful. One speech, however impressive and heartening, cannot remove the scars inflicted over the past eight months. We look to the conciliatory spirit of this speech being reflected in the days and weeks ahead in the speeches and actions of Jesse Jackson. Such steps are vital to overcome the bitter divisiveness caused by this campaign. It can help rebuild the Black-Jewish coalition which Jackson cited as so significant in the efforts to achieve historic civil rights legislation. In the meantime, we will continue to work with other Black leaders, nationally and locally, with whom we have long-standing and close relations through our joint efforts in seeking to achieve our common goals of equal rights, justice and opportunity for all Americans."

Excerpts from Jesse Jackson's speech to the Democratic National Convention follow:

"If in my low moments, in word, deed or attitude; through some error of temper, taste or tone, I have caused anyone discomfort, created pain or revived someone's fears, that was not my truest self.

"If there were occasions when my grape turned into a raisin and my joy bell lost its resonance, please forgive me. Charge it to my head and not to my heart. I am - my head, so limited in its finitude; my heart, which is boundless in its love for the human family. I am not a perfect servant. I am a public servant doing my best against the odds. As I develop and serve, be patient. God is not finished with me yet.

A Brighter Side Somewhere

"Our flag is red, white and blue, but our nation is a rainbow - red, yellow, brown, black and white - and we're all precious in God's sight. America is not a like a blanket - one piece of unbroken cloth, the same color, the same texture, the same size. American is more like a quilt - many patches, many pieces, many colors, many sizes, all woven and held together by a common thread.

All of Us Fit Somewhere

"From Fannie Lee Hamer in Atlantic City in 1964 to the Rainbow Coali-

tion in San Francisco today, from the Atlantic to the Pacific, we have experienced pain but progress as we ended American apartheid laws, we got public accommodation, we secured voting rights, we obtained open housing, as young people got the right to vote, we lost Malcolm, Martin, Medgar, Bobby, John and Viola.

"The team that got us here must be expanded, not abandoned. Twenty years ago, tears welled up in our eyes as the bodies of Schwerner, Goodman and Cheney were dredged from the depths of a river in Mississippi. Twenty years later, our communities, black and Jewish, are in anguish, anger and pain.

"Feelings have been hurt on both sides. There is a crisis in communications. Confusion is in the air. But we cannot afford to lose our way. We may agree to agree, or agree to disagree on issues, but we must bring back civility to these tensions.

"We are co-partners in a long and rich religious history - the Judeo-Christian traditions. Many blacks and Jews have a shared passion for social justice at home and peace abroad. We must seek a revival of the spirit, in higher ground. We are bound by Moses and Jesus, but also connected with Islam and Mohammed.

Search for Common Ground

"These three great religions, Judaism, Christianity and Islam, were all born in the revered and holy city of Jerusalem. We are bound by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Rabbi Abraham Heschel, crying out from their graves for us to reach common ground.

"We are bound by shared blood and shared sacrifices. We are much too intelligent; much too bound by our Judeo-Christian heritage; much too victimized by racism, sexism, militarism and anti-Semitism; much too threatened as historical scapegoats to go on divided one from another. We must turn from finger pointing to clasped hands. We must share our burdens and our joys with each other once again. We must turn to each other and not on each other and choose higher ground.

"Twenty years later, we cannot be satisfied by just restoring the old coalition. Old wine skins must make room for new wine.

American Jewish Committee Statement On Silent Prayer

The American Jewish Committee strongly opposes the provision passed by the House of Representatives to the effect that no state or local educational agency shall deny individuals in public schools the right to participate in moments of silent prayer. Since any person in a public school today is perfectly free to pray silently at any time, this provision is totally unnecessary. As far as a formal period of silence is concerned, we believe that would constitute a devotional exercise which is intended to circum-

vent the constitutional prohibition against government-sponsored prayer in public schools. In any event, that issue is now before the U.S. Supreme Court which has agreed to review the Alabama moment-of-silence dispute which was struck down as unconstitutional by the U.S. Court of Appeals in the case of *Wallace v. Jaffree*.

We strongly urge the Senate to reject the silent prayer provision that was passed by the House.

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The Israeli Election —

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Israelis chose to ignore his sound advice. Unless a national unity government is established, neither Peres nor Shamir will be able to fashion a viable coalition out of the many smaller parties, each with their own narrow platform, each with ideas or goals often antithetical to the others. The *Jerusalem Post* said it succinctly in an editorial published the day after the elections: "Divided we stand: a divided nation brought in a divided electoral result."

Why such divisiveness? Political experts assumed that Israelis would generally agree that the government had to be changed: 400% annual inflation, an impasse in Lebanon, economic and social malaise, the lack of charismatic leadership since Begin stepped down — all these realities of Israeli life suggested that Labor would be a shoo-in. The Israelis would unify through their dissatisfaction. But this glib analysis overlooked other realities peculiar to Israeli life. Realities such as the feeling by the growing Sephardic majority that they had been neglected or victimized by previous Labor governments, and that for all its flaws, the Likud attempted to improve the lot of the Sephardim. The only passionate debating that I heard during a generally lackluster campaign was the occasional argument in the restaurant or on the bus between members of the *eidot ha-mizrach* (oriental Sephardic communities). When one woman announced to her friends that she intended to vote for Labor, her friends heatedly disagreed with her. What did Peres and his kind ever do for you? With Likud we have dignity, we have jobs, we're making money.

The religious-secular confrontation is very real as well. New parties espousing traditional religious positions were spawned, both within Sephardic and Ashkenazic communities. Shas and Morasha took their place with the National Religious Party and the Agudah. Some are "dovish," some "hawkish," some in favor of negotiating with the Arabs, some stridently insistent on expanding settlement in Judah and Samaria. But all of them are expressions of the religious community against "godless secularists" who would rob them of their opportunities to live in a Jewish state, governed by traditional Jewish law. Hedy and I saw a unique sight in Safed, where two young girls, obviously from very Orthodox homes, surreptitiously tried to remove some of the political posters of both Likud and Labor in their neighborhood. We overheard them saying to each other, "They want to prevent the religious from observing Torah."

The economic situation in Israel has created a strongly bifurcated attitude on the part of Israelis. Rampant inflation prompts them to spend every shekel they can on desired consumer goods, before their money becomes worthless. The lenient Likud attitude toward purchase of dollars has created a nightmare of daily currency speculation by the average Israeli

seeking a hedge on inflation. Borrowing on next month; salary with overdraft and credit; a vicious inflationary cycle has been created. Over and over again, we heard thoughtful Israelis say, "What a pity for Israel. The nation is poor while its citizens grow rich." It's hard to make the case for dire economic straits while individually, many Israelis have an amazingly high material standard of living.

How did these differing perceptions and loyalties manifest themselves in the election? Many who talked about leaving Likud didn't, or switched to small, one-issue parties that share some of the rightist Likud ideology. Different special constituencies voted for their own special inter-religious, Sephardic, peace, territorial development, etc. The familiar Labor platform with the even more familiar candidates like Peres and Rabin, offered little that was new or exciting, and did little to counter their negative image with the Sephardim. When push came to shove, each person stood by his own parochial interests, his own tribal *degel*. Israel was the loser in the indecisive results.

Obviously, changes must be made. For the short term, that means a coalition of Labor and Likud, a national unity government. For the long term, drastic, significant changes in Israel's political structure must be made. The proportional allocation of Knesset seats has been far too generous to some of their tiny, one-issue parties. 20,000 votes gets you a Knesset seat. 25,000 Israelis saw fit to elect Rabbi Meir Kahane, a vicious extremist whom no responsible politician is willing to embrace. The system of voting strictly along party lines, instead of having the chance to vote for specific candidates, must be abolished. Maybe if each member of Knesset had to run on his/her own merits, some of the tired old hacks would be turned out of government. As it stands now, party politics dictate who rises or falls on the prioritized list of each party. Would that there be an infusion of new blood, of fresh faces, of novel, creative ideas in the major parties!

Most important, there must be a renewed sense of pride and devotion to the Jewish State. Each Israeli must consider the best for his country, before his own personal interests. Israelis complained bitterly to me about sacrificing plenty already — by fighting in the army, by paying 50% of their salaries in taxes, by putting their lives, and those of their children, on the line every day. Aren't they entitled to the good life, too? A trip abroad, a VCR, two cars — why not? Of course they're entitled — but as some of the older Israelis told me, they have to be willing to pay the full price for such luxuries. And as a nation, Israel can't afford it. Especially in times like these, the Israeli must be prepared to willingly put aside his own party *degel*, his political banner, and unite with his fellow Israeli under the *K'hol ve-Javan* — the blue and white of Israel's flag.

Soviet Jewry Resolution Passes In Senate

WASHINGTON — Sen. Charles H. Percy (R-Ill.), chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, announced that the Senate last week passed and sent to the president for signature a bill condemning the low rate of emigration of Jews from the Soviet Union.

The bill, a joint resolution originally sponsored in the House by Rep. Mark Siljander, passed the Foreign Relations Committee by unanimous vote on Tuesday, July 31.

The joint resolution charges that the Soviet Union has "systematically interfered with the practice of the Hebrew language and culture and severely restricted Jewish religious expression," has "made it almost impossible for Soviet Jews to obtain higher education and meaningful employment," has used "mental hospitals and abuses of psychiatric treatment to punish dissenters and refuseniks," and has hereby violated the United Nations' Declaration of Human rights and the Helsinki accords.

The joint resolution calls on the president to urge Soviet compliance with these agreements.

Treatment Of Shcharansky Grows Harsher

NEW YORK, (JTA) — Soviet Jewish Prisoner of Conscience Anatoly Shcharansky has been placed under strict regimen in Cristopol Prison, according to information received last week by the Greater New York Conference on Soviet Jewry from his wife, Avital. In a letter which his brother Leonid received on July 30, Shcharansky reported that under this new regimen, his rations have been halved and his daily walks have been restricted to 30 minutes from the previously allowed 60 minutes.

For Shcharansky, who suffers from a serious heart condition resulting from a four month hunger strike which he undertook in 1982, this cut-back in daily exercise could have serious implications for his health, the Conference said.

According to Leonid Shcharansky, who lives in Moscow, Anatoly's letter-writing privileges have also been curtailed, and he is now permitted to write only once every two months, instead of once every month. His next letter is expected at the end of September of early October. Leonid reported that despite these negative developments, the spirit of Anatoly's letter was positive.

Ida Milgrom, Shcharansky's aged mother, is planning to travel to Chistopol Prison next week to determine the reason that her son has been subjected to such harsh treatment, the Conference reported. Milgrom's previously scheduled July 4 visit was cancelled.

Anatoly Shcharansky, who applied to emigrate to Israel in 1973, is currently serving a 13-year sentence (to 1990) for "treason."

Dateline

Friedan Says Women's Movement Can Energize Judaism

JERUSALEM, (JTA) — Structural changes are needed in Jewish communities in the United States and Israel if the "new life" created by women's movement is to be allowed to energize Judaism, feminist-author Betty Friedan told a conference here last week.

She noted that Jewish women's issues are "issues of survival," both in terms of the Jewish future and the survival of the human race in the nuclear era.

Friedan spoke to an overflow crowd at the opening session of the 20th American Jewish Congress American-Israel Dialogue at the Van Leer Jerusalem Foundation here. The four-day meeting, which examined the role of Jewish women in Israel and America, includes prominent feminists from both countries.

Joining Friedan was Rivka Bar-Yosef, professor of sociology at Hebrew University and first advisor to the Prime Minister on the state of women in Israel.

Friedan told the participants that when she visited Israel 10 years ago, feminist ideas were perceived as threatening to the survival of the family. "Now it is clear," said the author of *The Feminine Mystique* and *The Second State*, "that only with women's full equality, will we have the continuation of a strong family."

Israeli Strikes Hurt Economy

TEL AVIV (JTA) — The Israeli economy lost almost a million working days in 93 strikes in 1983. The Labor and Social Affairs Ministry said that 188,305 workers took part in 93 strikes during the year. The Ministry said that 78 percent of the days lost were due to the three-month strike of salaried doctors in the public sector. In addition to the full strike, there were also 47 partial strikes in which another 104,506 workers took part.

Turkish Jews Granted Unique Rights

NEW YORK — The Turkish government has granted special permission for members of the Jewish community to attend and participate in international Jewish gatherings, a principal leader of the Turkish Jewish community reported here to an executive session of the officers of the American Section of the World Jewish Congress.

Jak Kamhi, honorary president of the Turkish Jewish Community, briefed WJC officials on the current state of Turkish Jewry and their concerns, marking the first such briefing in the United States for American Section leadership. He explained that under Turkish law there was a general prohibition barring all Turkish domestic organizations from affiliation with international bodies and that therefore the special dispensation granted the Jewish community to participate in WJC activities represented an extraordinary action on the part of the government.

Volunteer Profile: Frances Lief, A True Woman Of Hadassah

Frances Lief and the Newark Chapter of Hadassah have been together for a long time. Frances came to Delaware in 1972 at the urging of her daughter, a professor at the University of Delaware. Frances led an active life in New York. She has earned degrees from Hunter College and Columbia University. She was chairman of Social Studies at Eastern District High School in New York. While there she served as president of the New York City's Association of Chairmen of Social Studies. She is co-author of a



Frances Lief

Handbook for Social Studies Teaching, published in 1967.

When Frances Lief came to Delaware she rapidly became involved with the life of Newark on many levels. She has been active in the Newark Chapter of the League of Women Voters, serving as International Relations chairwoman. As a member of the National Foreign Policy Association, she conducted "Great Decisions" discussion programs. She has been Public Affairs chairman for the Newark New Century Club and has served as State chairman for the Delaware Federation of Women's Club's "Hands Up" program to lessen crime.

Frances Lief has continued her association with education as a founding member, a board member, and a teacher in the Academy of Lifelong Learning at the University of Delaware. Some courses she has taught are "Foreign Affairs" and "Government of

the United States."

Frances Lief has always maintained close ties with the Newark Jewish Community, in the past serving on the Newark Parish Council as a representative of Temple Beth El. In the past several years she has served in several educational board positions with the Newark chapter of Hadassah. Frances Lief has kept the Chapter well informed concerning American political policies and trends that affect Jews all over the country. She is constantly urging her fellow Jews in Delaware to maintain contact with our United States senators and representatives. Frances is always there to remind us that our responsibility extends beyond our doorstep, to Jews all over.

Frances Lief truly exemplifies the Woman of Hadassah in that she has a love of people and especially the Jewish people and the State of Israel.

Jewish Gymnast Aids U.S. Team In Winning A Gold Medal

By HASKEL COHEN
and KEVIN FREEMAN

NEW YORK, (JTA) — Mitch Gaylord, a member of the United States men's gymnastics team that won a gold medal last week, is one of 19 Jewish members on the United States Olympic team participating in the summer Olympics in Los Angeles.

Gaylord, whose parents are members of a Reform synagogue in Van Nuys, Calif., where he was Bar Mitzvah, is one of six members of the U.S. men's gymnastics squad. In upsetting the defending champion Chinese team, the U.S. team won America's first team gymnastics gold medal in Olympic history.

Gaylord electrified the crowd of 9,000 spectators viewing the competition in the Pauley Pavilion hall on the campus of the University of California at Los Angeles with his performance on the horizontal bar that included a stunt that has become known as the "Gaylord II." His score of 9.95 out of a possible 10, help preserve the narrow margin of victory for the American team.

The 23-year-old Gaylord has in the past several years won a host of national and international gymnastic com-

petitions, both in the team and individual events. He participated in the 1980 Macabiah games in Israel and in 1984 was selected NCAA Collegiate Gymnastic Champion.

Along with Gaylord, the other Jewish athletes on the United States Olympic team are:

JUDO: Bob Berland, Wilmette, Ill.

PISTOL: Ronald Krelstein, Memphis; Herb Rosenbaum, Birmingham, Ala.

FENCING: Jeffrey Bukantz, foil; Russ Wilson, sabre; Edgar House, sabre; Joel Glucksman, sabre.

CYCLIST: Doug Shapiro, U. of Florida.

GYMNASTICS: Mitch Gaylord, UCLA.

TRACK & FIELD: Gary Williky, Arizona State University, shotput and discus; Boris Djerass, Northeastern University, hammer throw; Brian Mondschien, decathlon.

WOMEN'S MARATHON: Irene Carmichael.

COACHES: Douglas Beal, Cleveland, men's volleyball; Arie Selinger, Israel, women's volleyball; Abie Grossfeld, U. of Connecticut, men's gymnastics; Mel Rosen, Auburn, assistant track and field; Alla Svirsky, rhythmic gymnastics; Paul Katsen, wrestling.



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Kutz Home Auxiliary Gala

By LOIS STAPE

It's exciting - it's thrilling - it's stupendous and it's coming on Sept. 15. You and yours are invited to be part of it. I'm speaking of the one and only GALA, the annual fund raiser sponsored by the Auxiliary of the Milton and Hattie Kutz Home. An elegant evening with cocktails, buffet and dancing being held at the very beautiful Longwood Gardens.

I promised you in my last news release I would have the information concerning the way the proceeds will be used toward helping the residents maintain a better way of life. In the past, the Auxiliary has purchased a wheel-chair-lift-equipped van, built a lovely screened porch and is currently redecorating the 500

wing lounge and corridors. Also all the curtains in all of the presidents' rooms are being replaced. This time, the profits from the Gala will be used for special equipment to help in the care of the most incapacitated residents.

The president, Lesyle Heisler, and the chairwomen, Sandy Berg, Arlene Margulis and Phyllis Greenberg join me in issuing you this very special invitation to be with us on that magical night of Sept. 15. Don't forget you can be a benefactor for \$250 a couple, a patron for \$200 a couple or a sponsor at \$150 a couple.

Please be advised that Florence Green is anxiously awaiting word from you concerning your reservations and table preferences at 764-2845.

Albert Einstein Academy Elects New Board

On July 31, elections were held for the Albert Einstein Academy board of directors to serve the 1984-85 school year.

Elected officer were: president, Robert Rosen; vice presidents, Stephen Weiner, Jeffrey Kerner, Avrene Hall; secretary, Steve Dunner; treasurer, Robert Hulnick. Board members will be:

Michael Conner, Sandi Dunner, Miriam Edell, Gladys Gewirtz, Jane Goldberg, Susan Labowitz, Samuel London, Ruth Siegel, Ronald Zukin.

In addition to the above board members, the Jewish Federation of Delaware will make two appointments to serve for the coming year.

Representative of the Rab-

binical Association will be Rabbi Peter H. Grumbacher of Congregation Beth Emeth.

The newly elected board immediately convened to begin planning a very ambitious program centering around the recruitment of new students and fundraising. The board promises a bright new future for Albert Einstein Academy.

Letter To The Editor —

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"religious impies participation in a litany plus a host of historical and ordained practices that separate the "authentic" religionist from the garden variety. The believer, by praying in public, proclaims the recognition of a Supreme Being, a God, a King of Kings. So when Moslems bow low to Mecca five times a day they clearly demonstrate their belief in Allah if not necessarily the practice of a particular variety of Moslem religion.

And so it is with the Jews. We are permitted to pray in private but, when the chips are down (as in the loss of a loved one) we are urged to proclaim our continued love

and acceptance of God's will in public. Hence the powerful idea of a minyan of 10 people (males only, in most cases) to gather as a congregation. That we are encouraged to pray throughout the day and at all times can be cited in dozens of references. Perhaps the most widely recited example will suffice...Deuteronomy 6: 5 and 7.

"And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul, and with all thy might."

"And thou shalt teach these words diligently unto thy children and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down and when thou risest up."

Sounds pretty inclusive to me. Nothing said about, "except in public schools."

So where does all the concern and fear come from? Perhaps when we see that the pro forces contain a Jerry Falwell, a Strom Thurmond, a Jesse Helms and all the Fundamentalists while the con side is represented by Lowell Weicker of Connecticut, Mark Hatfield of Oregon and Metzenbaum of Ohio you tend to make a snap judgment for the con without probing for facts.

The issue of the PIPS will not go away. Some 80 attempts at preparing a universally acceptable amendment have been made since the Supreme Court ruled PIPS unconstitutional. Why the concern? Is the fear that this is the beginning of the end to separation of church and state? Perhaps our best course of action is to learn what to tell our children to recite during periods of silent prayer. Pity, instead, the atheists, agnostics, and a host of uncommitted non-believers who will have to teach their children to recite silently this mantra, "There is no God: There is no God: There is no God...and besides, he's Dead!"

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JDC's beginnings can be traced to a cable from Henry Morgenthau, U.S. Ambassador to Turkey, on Aug. 24, 1914, urgently requesting aid for Jews in Palestine confronted by a "terrible crisis" precipitated by World War I. American Jewish leaders received the message and formed what soon became a major agency to help Jews abroad.

JDC's work in Palestine

during World War I was quickly followed by a response to needs of Eastern European Jews.

In its early years, JDC raised its own funds. But in 1939, it joined other major Jewish organizations, as the specter of the Holocaust began to form, to found a coordinated national campaign — the United Jewish Appeal.

During World War II JDC helped refugees, and in the

postwar period it collected and distributed tons of food and clothing, virtually unobtainable in Europe, to 250,000 survivors.

Today, JDC help includes programs to Jews in remnant communities in Poland, Czechoslovakia, Rumania and Hungary, by such necessities as cash relief, clothing, medicines, hearing aids and eyeglasses.

Other programs have aided

Jews in the *mellahs* (ghettos) of Northern Africa.

JDC provides support for kosher kitchens, Jewish newspapers and cultural programs, and seeks to live up to its ideal, "to help Jews to live and to live as Jews."

JDC also aids Jewish education, through the Organization for Rehabilitation through Training (ORT), which received over \$4.5 million in 1983; the Alliance Israelite Universelle, which has schools in France, Morocco, Syria and Israel; Ozar HaTorah, which has schools in France and Morocco; and the Lubavitcher movement, which has schools in France, Morocco, and Tunisia. In all, an estimated 150,000 children study in JDC-supported schools.

Israel is the country that receives the largest component of aid. There, JDC provides \$11.3 million to help the aged, chronically ill, mentally and physically handicapped, and others who are socially disadvantaged.

An annual element of the JDC program is its provision of Passover supplies to Jewish communities around the world, mainly those that do not have facilities to bake their own matzoh. In 1983, JDC shipped 152.8 tons of Passover supplies. Among those receiving the supplies were Jews in Rumania, Poland, Yugoslavia, Portugal, Spain, Greece, Egypt and Afghanistan.

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Beth Shalom News

BETH SHALOM OPEN HOUSE

Congregation Beth Shalom, the Conservative synagogue at 18th and Baynard Blvd. in Wilmington invites all newcomers and non-affiliated families to come in to the synagogue for a mini-tour and to discuss membership at a special open house on Sunday, Sept. 9 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and on Wednesday, Sept. 12 from 6 to 9 p.m. Representatives from the Membership Committee, Sisterhood and Men's Club will be available to answer questions.

All newcomers to the Wilmington area will be given a one-year free membership to Beth Shalom. All new members to the Congregation receive a one-year free membership to Sisterhood and Men's Club.

Please join us for this first open house on Sept. 9 and 12.

NEW OFFICERS

Ronald S. Riebman was elected president of Con-

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gregation Beth Shalom, the conservative synagogue at 18th and Baynard Blvd. in Wilmington. The elections were held at the Annual Congregational meeting on June 13.

Other officers elected were Steven Dombchik, Michele Lewis, Solomon Peltz and Edmond Jacobs, vice-presidents; Steven Goldberg, treasurer; Nancy Blumberg, asst. treasurer; Felicia Tannenbaum, secretary; Estelle Glick, asst. secretary.

New board members elected were Harold Arsht, Mark Caplan, Edna Chaikin, Thelma Deitcher, Barry Dizonoff, Jerome Grossman, Doris Himber, Jane Klinger, Jack Levine, Robert Rose, Henry Saffer, Alan Schoenberg, Stuart Siegell, Stuart Swinger, Sandye Turnauer, Jordan Warshafsky, and Aida Wasserstein.

Beth Shalom Religious School

REGISTRATION

Plans are now underway for the 1984-85 school year. Registration is being taken in the school office for the kindergarten-primary department which is a one-day-a-week program for 5, 6 and 7 year olds (kindergarten, first and second graders.)

Children who are 8 years old and/or going into the third grade in the fall of 1984 should register for the aleph class of the elementary department, which meets three days a week.

All pupils presently enrolled in the primary department will automatically be registered in their succeeding grade level.

For further information about registration for any of the above classes, feel free to call Arlene Davis, educational director, at the synagogue, 654-4462.

PRE-SCHOOL LUNCH AND LEARN

Congregation Beth Shalom will be initiating a Jewish

Awareness program for pre-school children to begin the fall of 1984.

This program, open to the entire community, invites all pre-schoolers, including kindergarteners, to come to Beth Shalom for one hour from 12 to 1 p.m.

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What's In A Greeting?

Seth Riebman, the 17-year-old son of Judy and Barry Riebman and grandson of Rose and Danny Harod and Sylvia Riebman, recently returned from Israel. He was graduated from North Wood High School in Silverspring, Md. this summer, and will enter the University of Maryland in September. Seth has received third place in the Literary Magazine Scholastic Award for the following article.

A gas station is definitely not the place to spend the first day of Christmas vacation. Yet, here I slump on a folding chair in the glass office, waiting to get my flat tire plugged. Of course, my father did not have time to drop the car off on his way to work. "It's your car," he emphatically explained. "You get it fixed." Humbug! Everyone else is at home eating breakfast, probably Mom's scrumptious pancakes smothered with melted butter and maple syrup. Drats!

Next to my chair is a cardboard box marked, FOR CUSTOMERS ONLY, is full of candy canes. I lick my breakfast, watching the red stripes slowly dissolve and thinking about Christmas.

I have always loved this season. The cold leaf-bare landscape suddenly explodes with color. Everything becomes red, green, and tinsel. Lamp poles at supermarket parking lots dress up with holly wreaths and bright ribbons like skinny men in plaid bowties. Store owners, in anticipation of a white Christmas, frost their displays with sugary snowflakes. Even this gas station glistens tinsel atop ugly gasoline pumps.

And the decorated malls -

each one a Christmas shopper's delight. These enchanting emporiums become pre-Christmas playgrounds for thousands of children who climb on the lap of roly-poly Santa Claus and ask for long dreamed of toys. An on Christmas morning jubilant children bounce out of bed to discover brightly-wrapped presents stacked beneath the Christmas tree.

But I don't know the origin of this tradition. For never in all my life have I celebrated Christmas. Nor have I ever recited a catechism or received communion. The only time that I went to church was for our Catholic neighbor's wedding. I did, however, at age 13, celebrate my bar mitzvah, thus assuming the religious obligations of my faith.

After years of Hebrew school, studying the Torah, the Talmud, and tefilah (prayer), I am a religious Jew. Rabbis taught me to be proud of my heritage and not to forget that we are *am ehad* - one nation. "It is easier to assimilate into the gentile world," they warned, "than it is to retain your Jewish identity."

Even as a youngster, I tried to live by those words. Despite commercials showing juicy MacDonal'd hamburgers, and friends describing the luscious taste of lobster, I kept kosher. Every Saturday I went to synagogue with my family instead of playing little league baseball. At synagogue the rhyming Psalms of David and the sweet melody of the *Shema Yisrael* became a part of me. My Jewish identity was established.

Yet every holiday season the Christmas lights

fascinated me. At dusk the houses in our neighborhood sparkled with countless gumdrop colors, while others glowed softly only with blue lights. And always Mrs. O'Leary's mailbox, twisted with strands of red and white bulbs, glittered like a magical candy cane. Some winter nights Dad walked my brother and me down the block to see windows, rooftops and bushes shimmering in the cold darkness.

Often during these walks, a neighbor, either shoveling snow or walking a dog, wished us "Merry Christmas." The greeting threatened me. "It is easier to assimilate into the gentile world," I remembered, "then it is to retain your Jewish identity." Afraid of becoming Christian, I would clench my father's hand and not reply.

In junior high I still felt that threat of being swallowed up by the Christmas spirit. When my classmates tried to exchange a hearty "Merry Christmas," I was defensive. Proudly I would state, "My family is Jewish. We don't celebrate Christmas."

Now, in high school, I have many Christian friends. And I've grown to appreciate the phrase "Merry Christmas" - their holiday greeting. And even before winter vacation, I shout "Merry Christmas!" to my friends down the hall.

"Merry Christmas" - a greeting of cheer - unless, of course, I spend the first morning of vacation brooding in a gas station office while my friends are snug asleep in bed. Looking out the station window, I see the mechanic bolting the repaired tire to my car. I crunch the last cool bits of another candy cane and wonder if my brother was kind enough to save me a few pancakes. Fat chance!

"All done," says the mechanic walking through the door.

I pull out a credit card. He smiles broadly, "No charge."

"Really?"
"Merry Christmas!"
Now I am smiling too.
"Merry Christmas!"

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- שלום!

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filmstrips and videotapes.
We invite your participation. Please call the synagogue office to indicate your day of preference, 654-4462.

YEDIAT ISRAEL CONTEST

The students in the dalet and hai classes once again participated in the Yediat Israel, Knowledge of Israel

Contest. This program, designed to deepen the students' knowledge of Israel, Zionism and the Jewish people, culminated in a national examination which was held during April. The examination this year stresses Zionist personalities, Jerusalem and the cities of Israel.

Gold pins, the highest award, were awarded to Bruce Seltzer, Aaron Burgstein, Amy Goldman and Jeffrey Green. Silver pin winners were: Richard Blumberg, Sabrina Burman, Rachel Deitch, Ilyse Goodhart, Brian Mand, Nicole Meshbesh, Steven Milbauer, Barton Miller, Aimee Peltz, Dara Sher, Tahli Silber and Archie Stoltz. Bronze pin winners were: Monica Bernstein, Dana Ger, Drew Horn, Francine Jacobs, Hilary Kaufman, Orin Kerr, Deborah Komins, Natalie Levy, Wendy Marshall, Matthew Meyer, Craig Pell, Denise Riebman, Kevin Twer and Mick Weinstein.

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**Keeping
In Touch**

By Arnold Lieberman,
Executive Director



Through the years, Jewish Family Service has been sensitive to the needs of our community and has assessed these needs on a regular basis. Services were then designed in an attempt to best meet these needs.

In 1960, the agency assumed its current name and became a "Family Service" agency. This meant that family counseling became the core service and a group of other supplementary services were developed.

Since 1960, long-term counseling has diminished and much more crisis intervention is being provided. This usually involves about five to eight sessions around an immediate situation. Giving information and referring people to needed services has also increased during each of the last five years.

Since the 1960s, financial

and material aid has been provided in steadily decreasing amounts, although there is some indication that this need may be increasing. Any Jewish individual or family in need of such help should certainly contact JFS.

When the need became apparent, JFS geared up to handle the resettlement of Soviet and Iranian Jews in our area. As part of a national program, our agency also resettled a few Asian families.

In 1973, JFS responded to the need for socialization activities for handicapped young adults in our community, and the Brandywine Social Club was born. After 11 years of service and growth, this service provides a year round program to over 100 members.

In the mid-1970s, Jewish Family Life Education was recognized as an effective method to provide services of a preventative nature to groups of people. By the late 70s, JFS had set up such a program, which has also grown steadily and now provides over 80 programs each year.

The latest trend of an emerging need involves services for aged people and their families. In response to the growing need for such services, this became a separate agency program in 1983 and this year is our largest single program service. In 1985 this program will be even larger.

So we continue to adjust our services to meet the needs that we identify. A Program Service Committee and a Long Range Planning Committee are both now standing committees of our board of directors. Board and staff are jointly engaged in the ongoing process of assuring that our services are up-to-date and relevant. We would welcome hearing of any unmet needs in the community. If you have any information along these lines, please call us at 478-9411.

Dear Rachel

Dear Rachel,
I would die if I had to say this to you face to face, so I'm going to write it in an anonymous letter. One of your people at Jewish Family Service came to one of our meetings (I won't name the organization either) to describe the volunteer program for the elderly. I was very embarrassed for us when no one came forward to volunteer in what was obviously such a worthy cause. I feel extra guilty because my favorite grandmother spent her life helping others. She gave something to anybody and everybody who needed. I can't do a tenth of that.

I want you to understand that it is not the "Me Generation" taking over. I give and give and give to my family until it hurts. My father is in failing health and my mother depends on me more and more to make decisions for her. My sister is in the middle of a divorce and also needs my support. Add to this my husband, three children, and a demanding full-time job, and I know it sounds like a soap opera.

The last thing I need right now is to get involved with another person who needs me. I just can't stand it. So try to understand that it is not selfishness, but self-preservation that keeps some of us from volunteering.

Dear Willing,
Obviously your heart is in the right place. Not everyone can be or is expected to be a volunteer. Your own life and family must come first. Maybe you can help at a later time when your personal life settles down.

However, there are many misconceptions and unnecessary anxieties that keep people from getting involved in a program such as ours. Being a "friendly visitor" is by no means a full-time job. It involves a commitment of only a few hours each month. Most situations involve a one-hour visit a week.

Remember that these people are not your parents or relatives, so the relationship and emotional issues known as "unfinished business" do not have to be handled. You and the older person can enjoy each other's company and our professional staff will help you to make sure that there are no strings attached.

Don't make the mistake of thinking that we are describing an "Adopt a Grandparent" program. You are not being asked to acquire an addition to your family. We have identified elderly people, who are socially isolated

and need help with specific tasks or simply the opportunity to talk to another person on a regular basis.

The limited output of time and energy that is required is multiplied many times in its impact on the person you help.

Thank you for the opportunity to plug a program I really believe in.

Rachel

Dear Rachel,
In your column in the Wilmington Jewish Voice of April 20, 1984, you advised a prospective mother about ceremonies in the event she had a daughter. In addition to the sources you recommend I bring to your attention the following:

Blessing the Birth of a Daughter: Jewish Naming Ceremonies for Girls, edited by Toby Fishbein Reifman with Ezrat Nashim (a women's organization), copyright 1978. Copies may be ordered \$4.00 each (includes postage) from: Ezrat Nashim, c/o T. Reifman, 231 Sunset Avenue, Englewood, N.J. 07631. 40-page paperback.

Birth Ceremonies: Experimental Edition (a larger paperback work) by the Jewish Women's Resource Center; National Council of Jewish Women, NY Section; copyright 1981. \$6.50 each. Write to: JWRC/NCJW, NY Section; 9 East 69th Street, New York, NY 10021.

I hope this information is helpful to you.

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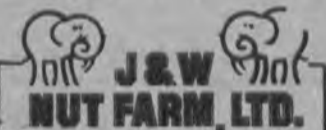
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Obituaries

Samuel Colton

Samuel Colton, 69, of 22½ N. Frontenac Ave., Margate, N.J., formerly of Wilmington, Del., died July 11 of a heart attack in Atlantic City Medical Center.

Mr. Colton owned and operated Colton Cleaners at 115 W. Ninth St., for many years. The business has been located at the Ninth Street address for 70 years. It was established by Mr. Colton's father, Edward, who died in 1967. Mr. Colton retired to Margate about nine years ago, and ownership of the cleaners passed to his son-in-law and daughter, Joan and Arnold Helfand, of Westwood, a suburb of Wilmington.

He was an Army Air Corps veteran of World War II, and a member of the Jewish War Veterans. He was a member of congregation Beth Emeth on Lea Boulevard in Wilmington and B'nai B'rith Lodge 470 in Wilmington, as well as Temple Emeth Shalom in Margate and its Men's Club.

He was a graduate of Wilmington High School and attended Temple University.

In addition to his daughter, he is survived by his wife, Mildred; a son, Bruce of Port St. Lucie, Fla., another daughter, Rory Godowsky of Chalfonte; and six grandchildren.

A graveside service was held July 13 in the Montefiore section of the Jewish Community Cemetery on Foulk Road.

In memoriam the family suggests memorial contributions be made to Congregation Beth Emeth, 300 Lea Blvd., Wilmington 19802, or the American Heart Association, 4-C Trolley Square, Wilmington 19806.

Funeral arrangements were made by the Schoenberg Memorial Chapel.

Dora Cohen

Dora Cohen, 76, of 8229 Society Drive, B'nai B'rith House, Claymont, died July 13 in the Memorial Division of a stroke she suffered four months ago.

Mrs. Cohen was a member of Temple Beth Emeth and its sisterhood and, for many years, served as personal secretary to Rabbi Herbert E. Drooz of the temple. She was a member of Machzikey Hadas Congregation and the Wilmington chapter of Deborah. She was also a member of the Jewish Community Center and its Golden Agers senior citizens group.

Her husband, Morris, died in 1958. She is survived by a son, Hilton G. of Newark; two brothers, Jacob Barofsky of Belcamp, Md., and Mike Barrett of New York City; seven sisters, Rose Groundland and Hilda Barofsky, both of Wilmington, Sylvia Parnelle of Las Vegas, Nev., Lillian Luis of Minneapolis, Ruth Levin of

Oakdale, N.Y., Bessie Weber of New York City and Gertrude Crew of Chestertown, Md.; and two grandchildren.

Services were held July 15 at the Schoenberg Memorial Chapel, 519 Philadelphia Pike, with burial in the Montefiore section of the Jewish Community Cemetery on Foulk Road.

In memoriam the family suggests contributions to the Temple Beth El Building Fund, 70 Amstel Ave., Newark 19711.

Rose Alter

Rose Alter, 79, of Luther Towers, 1201 N. Harrison St., died Sunday in Memorial Division of cardiac arrest.

Mrs. Alter was a member of Congregation Beth Emeth Sisterhood and the Golden Agers, the senior citizens group of the Jewish Community Center.

Her husband, Jack, died in 1966. She is survived by a son-in-law, Leonard Slutsky, with whom she had lived in Green Acres, and four grandchildren.

Graveside services were held July 17 at the Montefiore section of the Jewish Community Cemetery on Foulk Road.

The family suggest contributions to a favorite charity.

Funeral arrangements were made by Schoenberg Memorial Chapel.

Charles Kaufman

Charles Kaufman, 79, of 1603 Talley Road, Forest Hills Park, died July 15 in Memorial Division of cancer.

Mr. Kaufman owned and operated Kaufman Glass at 1215 French St., from 1930 until he sold the business in 1972. He was a member of Congregation Beth Shalom and was an active member of the Kiwanis Club of Wilmington.

He and his wife, Dora Z., were artists, and frequently exhibited paintings, batiks, plexiglass sculptures and handmade jewelry. Mr. Kaufman had studied jewelry making at the Wallingford Art Center, the University of Delaware and the Delaware Art Museum. He worked in silver and gold and used many different gems, semi-precious stones and shells in his designs.

He was also a member of the Touchdown Club of Newark, the Brandywine Country Club and University & Whist Club of Wilmington.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by a daughter, Charlotte Balick of Forwood; a brother, Adolf of Boca Lago, Fla.; a sister, Esther Rotter of New Jersey; and two grandchildren.

Services were held July 17 at Congregation Beth Shalom, Wilmington, with burial in the Beth Shalom section of the Jewish Community Cemetery on Foulk Road.

In memoriam, the family suggests contributions to Congregation Beth Shalom, 18th

Street and Baynard Boulevard, Wilmington 19802, or the Kiwanis Foundation of Wilmington, 701 Shipley St., Wilmington 19801.

Funeral arrangements were made by Schoenberg Memorial Chapel.

Dr. Jack Gelb

Dr. Jack Gelb, 63, a prominent Wilmington family practitioner, died of cancer July 14 at his home, 2812 Faulkland Road.

He was a graduate of Bucknell University, Lewisburg, Pa., and a 1946 graduate of Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia. He had been a member of the American Academy of Family Physicians since 1953. He had retired from his practice in February.

Dr. Gelb served as president of the Delaware Academy of General Practice in 1969, and was a member of the staff council of the Wilmington Medical Center from 1965 to 1967 and from 1975 to 1977.

He was a director of the Northeast Medical Group Association from 1969 to 1975, and had worked to promote adequate medical care to low-income patients. In a 1970 article published by the *Delaware Medical Journal*, he suggested that health care for these patients required a "drastic overhaul."

Dr. Gelb had been a member of the teaching staff of the Department of Medicine and the Department of Family Practice of the Wilmington Medical Center. He was also secretary of the executive committee of the Department of Family Practice.

In 1977 and 1980, Gov. du Pont appointed Dr. Gelb to three-year terms on the Board of Medical Practice for the State of Delaware. He was a member of the board of directors of the New Castle County Medical Society from 1979 to 1981 and a member of the AAFP Health Care Services Commission from 1979 to 1984. He served on the Professional and Technical Advisory Committee of the AAFP and as a liaison to the National Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals, and was a member of the Delaware Health Council. Dr. Gelb had been a delegate to the AAFP for the past 11 years.

He is survived by his wife, Patricia S.; two sons, Jack Jr. of Newark and Jeffrey Alan of Baltimore; his parents, Harry and Anna Gelb of Kingston, Pa.; a brother, Dr. Albert Gelb of Wilmington, and four grandchildren.

A memorial service was held July 17 at Chandler Funeral Home, Lancaster Pike, Hockessin.

Interment was private.

In memoriam the family suggests contributions to the Visiting Nurse Association,

2713 Lancaster Ave., Wilmington 19805, or the American Cancer Society, 1708 Lovering Ave., Wilmington 19806.

Leonard Harry Cutler

Leonard Harry Cutler, 60 of 28 Colony Blvd., Colony North Apartments, died of a heart attack July 17 in St. Francis Hospital, Wilmington.

Dr. Cutler was a chemist in the engineering and patent division of the Du Pont Co. in Wilmington for 15 years. He formerly had worked in the aerospace program for RCA in Princeton, N.J. He held patents for his work.

He was a member of the Electrochemical Society and the American Chemical Society. He was a veteran of World War II.

He is survived by his wife, the former Greta Schwartz; two sons, Dr. Robert Cutler of Wilmington and Michael Cutler of Arlington, Va.; two sisters, Libby Elefant, whose address could not be obtained, and Adele Kimmel of Philadelphia.

Services were held July 19 at Goldsteins' Funeral Directors Inc., 6410 N. Broad St., Philadelphia.

Interment was in Montefiore Cemetery, Fox Chase, Montgomery County.

Jennie Simon

Jennie Simon, 83, of 4312 Miller Road, died July 19 of heart failure in the Memorial Division.

Mrs. Simon was born in Russia. She emigrated to the United States in 1904. She was a member of the Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Congregation, Washington Street Extension and Torah Drive, and its sisterhood. She was also a member of the Kutz Home Auxiliary and Hadassah.

She is survived by her husband, Philip; a son, Dr. Nathan M. of St. Louis; two daughters, Clara Mattes of Cardiff, and Naomi Sales of New York City; two brothers, Jacob Polsky of Philadelphia and Mike Polsky of Wilmington; three sisters, Ethel Paul, Ann Moskowitz and Ida Goldstein, all of Wilmington; and 10 grandchildren.

Services were held July 20 in the Schoenberg Memorial Chapel, 519 Philadelphia Pike.

Interment was in the Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth section of the Jewish Community

Cemetery, Foulk Road.

In memoriam the family suggests contributions to the Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Congregation, Washington Street Extension and Torah Drive, Wilmington 19802, or to the Kutz Home, 704 River road, Wilmington 19809, or to charity.

Paul Chesler

Paul Chesler, 64, of 2517 Kingman Drive, Chalfonte, died July 20 of complications from heart surgery in the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Washington, D.C.

Mr. Chesler was a salesman for many years at the Aircraft Lighting Center in Wilmington.

He was a member of Congregation Beth Shalom, where he was a former president of the Men's Club. He was a member of Lafayette Lodge 14, AF&AM.

He is survived by his wife, Hilda, a son, Keith, of Chalfonte; two daughters, Deena Schwartzman of Flanders, N.J., and Judy Emmett of Pittsburgh; a brother, Leon Chesler of Vineland, N.J.; a sister, Sylvia Greenhouse of Woodbine, and four grandchildren.

Masonic services were held July 22 at Schoenberg Memorial Chapel, 519 Philadelphia Pike. Religious services were held July 23 at Congregation Beth Shalom, 18th Street and Baynard Boulevard.

Interment was in the Beth Shalom section of the Jewish Community Cemetery, Foulk Road.

In memoriam, the family suggests contributions to Congregation Beth Shalom, 18th Street and Baynard Boulevard, Wilmington 19802, or to the American Heart Association, 4-C Trolley square, Wilmington 19806.

Funeral arrangements were made by Schoenberg Memorial Chapel.

Sara A. May

Sara A. May, 83, of Cliff House 2016 Naamans Road, died of heart failure July 21 at home.

Mrs. May attended the Jewish Community Center Senior Center. She was a native of Turkey. She lived in Brooklyn, N.Y., before moving to Wilmington in 1971.

Her husband, Aron, died in

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Schoenberg Memorial Chapels



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Other Hand —

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Arab armies, the newly established state found virtually all sources of weapons closed to it. President Somoza acted as a discreet middleman, procuring weapons that were then transhipped to Israel."

More important, though, than Israel's relations with Somoza are the Sandinists' relations with the PLO. The PLO supplied the Sandinists with money, weapons and training. Rosenthal quotes a Kuwaiti reporter's interview with a Sandinist spokesman referring to "a long-standing blood unity between us and the Palestinian revolution. Many of the units belonging to the Sandinist movement were at Palestinian revolutionary bases in Jordan. In the early 1970s, Nicaraguan and Palestinian blood was spilled together in Amman and in other places during the Black September battles."

Maybe that's why the PLO has an "embassy" now in Managua. And maybe that's why the Managuan newspapers refer to "synagogues of Satan" and Jews using "the myth of God's chosen people to massacre the Palestinian people without money." The newspaper *Nuevo Diario*, says Rosenthal, even went so far as to accuse Reagan of supporting Israel because he "must have Jewish ancestry."

The ADL has repeatedly contacted the present Foreign Minister of Nicaragua concerning the possibility of Jews' returning to Nicaragua, the status of their synagogue, and review of confiscated Jewish property. They have received no satisfaction on any of these matters.

The Jews are gone from Nicaragua under the Sandinists, not soon to return, but the campaign against Jews and Israel rolls on.

WISHING LOTS OF NACHAS TO ALL THE NEW PARENTS AND GRANDPARENTS.

NANCY AND ROBERT PINCUS on the birth of their son, **MATTHEW ERIC** born Aug. 4.

BARBARA AND GARY SAFIAN on the birth of their daughter, **JACQUELINE ROSE** born July 20. The grandparents are **TED AND CHARLOTTE SAFIAN**.

WILLIAM AND MARY GARFINKEL of Dover had a baby girl **MARISA TABER** on June 30. The grandmother is **ANITA GARFINKEL** of Wilmington.

CHARLOTTE ZIMBLE has a new granddaughter **SHAINA GAIL OBERLENDER**, born to Linda and Gary Oberlender of Roanoke, Va.

SELMA AND ERNEST SEITZ have a new grandson.

MARRIAGES AND ENGAGEMENTS GALORE.

HELEN BETH WIDDER, daughter of **DR. AND MRS. BERTRAM WIDDER**, of Dover, married **Donald Gallager Flood** on July 1 at the Dover Air Force Base Officers Club.

RHODA BETH SHLOSSMAN, daughter of **MORTON**

AND MERYL SHLOSSMAN, of Roswell, Ga. is engaged to **William Guider**.

DEBBIE KLEIN, daughter of **CHUCK AND NAOMI KLEIN**, was married July 29 to **Jan Kounitz** of Trenton, N.J. at the home of the bride's parents. They plan to live in New York.

MARCIE R. LEVINE, daughter of **BOBBY AND SALLY LEVINE**, married **Richard J. Herman** on July 21 at the Hotel duPont. The couple will live in Philadelphia.

FRANK B. WEINBERG of Newark, son of **FREDA WEINBERG**, married **Ava Brahm**.

SOME VERY SPECIAL BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES.

Wishing all of you lots of happiness.

ROKE LIEBERMAN celebrated his 75th birthday at a very special Oneg Shabbat.

BEA AND ABE HOFFMAN celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary.

ANNE AND LARRY JACOBS celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary on June 29.

EVELYN AND EDWIN GOLDBERG celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary.

CONGRATULATIONS AND MAZEL TOV to:

STEVEN HOWARD GODOWSKY for becoming a U.S. citizen the beginning of July. He was originally from Chile.

DR. DAVID LYON ISAACS and **DR. MICHAEL TODD ROSEN** for passing the 1984 licensing examination in dentistry and **MOLLIE ANNA EPSTEIN-MAKAR** for passing the 1984 oral hygienist examination given by the Delaware Board of Dental Examiners.

SAMUEL A. BERMAN, retired person and father of **ROBERT BERMAN** of Chalfonte, will be an instructor next fall at the Academy of Lifelong Learning of the U. of D. He will be teaching "The Semantics of Political Issues." He was recently elected a member of the Academy Council and he is chairman of the Academy's social committee. That does not sound like a retired person to me!

SARA E. LAZARUS, of Surrey Park, won in the jazz vocal soloist category in *Down Beat* magazine's 1984 Student Music Awards for two ballads and an uptempo tune.

SHARON COHEN was an intern for Sen. Biden's office this summer and attended the Democratic National Convention. She plans to write an article for *Seventeen Magazine* on her impressions of the convention.

PHILIP SHLOSSMAN, son of **MERYL AND MORTON SHLOSSMAN** received his Doctor of Medicine Degree from the College of Medicine of Texas A&M Univ. Dr. Shlossman began a residency in obstetrics-gynecology at the Wilm. Med Center in June. He and his wife will reside in Wilmington.

ALAN FLIPPEN, son of **DOROTHY AND RICHARD FLIPPEN**, graduated from Princeton University.

LOUIS J. HOFFMAN, son of **BEA AND ABE HOFFMAN**, graduated from Harvard Law School with honors.

ROBIN JACOBS, daughter of **ANNE AND LAWRENCE JACOBS**, graduated from the University of Delaware.

JONATHAN A. LOWY, son of **EVELYN AND LEO LOWY**, was selected as one of the 10 Outstanding Young Men in America by the Jaycees in recognition of his dedicated work in the political arena.

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Hadassah/BBW Bowling 9:15 a.m.

Sept. 5
Hadassah/Newark Ch. Bd. Mtg. 8 p.m.
JFD Agency Presidents & Executives Mtg. 8 p.m.

Sept. 6
JFD Ex. Bd. Mtg. 8 p.m.
ORT Bd. Mtg. a.m.
Montefiore Mtg. 8 p.m. at AKSE

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Night Of The Murdered Poets —

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 the 25 accused were renowned Jewish academics, physicians and the leading Jewish poets and writers in the USSR. They were charged with being "rebels," "agents of American imperialism," who also wanted to separate Crimea from the Soviet Union and to "establish their own Jewish bourgeois national Zionist republic."

On July 18, the verdict was announced: 24 received the death penalty; only one, a woman, was sentenced to a long prison term.

On Aug. 12, the executions were carried out. They were not acknowledged for years. The bodies of the victims were never discovered. A decade later, during the Khrushchev "thaw," some writers' wives were sent a slip of paper telling about their husbands' "liquidation" — with no explanation other than it had been done "under a bad time."

In the '50s, the executions were halted, but the policies set down by Stalin have continued in various guises until the present. Some examples: Jewish learning has been almost totally suppressed. Not one Jewish school has been permitted in the Soviet Union for more than 30 years. Generations of children have grown up ignorant of their Yiddish heritage. The so-called Moscow Yeshiva, 16 years old, consists of a handful of overaged students and has yet to graduate one rabbi. By contrast, other, much smaller, ethnic national groups such as the Germans and the Poles, enjoy a wide network of cultural and educational institutions conducted in their own language.

Despite the official suspension of Jewish culture in the USSR, a thirst for Hebrew and Jewish education persists. Seminars and unofficial classes proliferate — in cramped apartments, under KGB surveillance and harassment, and with the ever-present threat of arrest for "subversive activities." Study groups and Hebrew language courses — from kindergarten to adult levels — exist in many cities, often using primitive, home-made

JEWISH EMIGRATION FROM THE USSR STATISTICS

1965 - June 1967	4,498	1975	13,221
Oct. 1968 - 1970	4,235	1976	14,261
1971	13,022	1977	16,736
1972	31,681	1978	28,864
1973	34,733	1979	51,320
1974	20,628	1980	21,471

	1981	1982	1983	1984
January	850 (24.9)*	290 (26.9)*	81 (23.5)*	88 (25.0)*
February	1,407 (15.8)	283 (21.9)	125 (27.2)	90 (54.4)
March	1,249 (14.3)	289 (27.3)	101 (32.7)	51 (35.2)
April	1,155 (15.5)	288 (29.5)	114 (9.6)	74 (32.4)
May	1,141 (15.8)	205 (27.8)	116 (29.3)	109 (45.9)
June	866 (14.5)	182 (27.5)	102 (38.2)	72 (40.3)
July	779 (22.2)	186 (23.1)	167 (22.8)	
August	430 (22.3)	238 (20.2)	130 (22.3)	
September	405 (28.6)	246 (20.7)	135 (40.0)	
October	368 (24.2)	168 (34.5)	90 (46.2)	
November	363 (25.0)	137 (38.0)	56 (42.9)	
December	434 (22.8)	176 (39.8)	97 (32.0)	
	9,447 (18.6)	2,688 (27.3)	1,314 (29.5)	

From October 1968 - June 1984, 264,105 persons left the Soviet Union with Israeli visas. Approximately 163,062 of them went to Israel.

*Figures represent the percentage of those who proceeded to Israel.

texts.

Yet, while the flame of hope flickers, the tunnel grows darker. During the last year, several changes have been made in Jewish policy:

- An end to immigration: On April 1, 1983, *Pravda* appealed for, and later won, the establishment of an "Anti-Zionist Committee of the Soviet Republic." On June 6, the committee — appropriately window-dressed with a Jewish membership — gave a two-hour press conference during which the deputy chairman declared that Jews no longer wished to leave because "family reunification has essentially been completed" and have ceased to succumb to "Zionist lures." He said nothing of the 300,000 Jews already in refusal waiting for their exit visas.

- The severance of contact between Soviet Jews and Jews abroad: The same com-

mittee declared that "citizens who are of the Soviet people" and that Soviet Jews reject with contempt attempts by Zionist propagandists to interfere in their lives.

- Forced assimilation: Hebrew and Jewish history circles — sporadically harassed but comparatively tolerated during the past few years — were formally declared by the committee as antithetical to Soviet law.

- A broadening of anti-Zionist propaganda to include neo-Nazi themes. The chairman of the anti-Zionist committee characterized Zionism as a "man-hating ideology" which is "modeled on the ideas and methods of Hitler." Much in the propaganda campaign is drawn from a newly published book by Lev Korneyev, the most prolific anti-Semitic author in the USSR, entitled *The Class Essence of Zionism*. In this and other recent writing, Korneyev declares the Holocaust "a myth of Zionist propaganda" and argues that the figure of six million Jews is a gross exaggeration.

Despite the 32-year span, the repercussions of Aug. 12, 1952, live on in Soviet policy. May this date and the memory of the murdered poets, writers and intellectuals it recalls give pause to those of conscience and human concern everywhere.

Day Grows Darker Leyb Kvitko (1893-1952)

*Day grows darker
 And darker.
 Gangs come nearer to the town,
 Gangs muddled with blood
 From killing children hardened,
 Coming closer zealously greedy,
 Cutting heads,
 Exhausted, terrified heads.
 And my head too,
 My head that's yet so young,
 And too my heart,
 That lullabied deep inside the joy of love.*

*...A survivor tragic
 Will enumerate the slain.
 My dead name will he write
 Along with many others in letters small
 On a lengthy list.
 Oh, may he not forget at least
 To note on that long list
 How old I was!*

*Let him leastwise note,
 That my heart was bloody young
 That strong, like fear, was my will to live,
 Strong and crazed,
 Like my final day.*

translated by Herbert H. Paper

Obituaries —

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1969. She is survived by a daughter, Lola Pell of Green Acres.

Private graveside services were held July 24.

In memoriam the family suggests contributions to Jewish Family Service, 101 Garden of Eden Road, Talleyville 19803.

Robert Glick

Robert Glick, 78, of 1303 Shallcross Ave., died July 22 in the Memorial Division of a stroke he suffered three months ago.

Mr. Glick was a printer for the Cedar Tree Press at Eighth and Tatnall streets for 30 years, retiring about 1971. He was a member of the Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Congregation.

He is survived by his wife, Emma; two sons, Norman of Cedarhurst, N.Y., and Edward of Wilmington; a brother, Harry of Sea Isle City, N.J.; and four grandchildren.

Services were held July 22 at the Schoenberg Memorial Chapel, 519 Philadelphia Pike.

Interment was in Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth section of the Jewish Community Cemetery on Foulk Road.

The family suggests con-

tributions to Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Congregation, Washington Street Extension and Torah Drive, Wilmington 19802.

Bessie Albert

Bessie Albert, 89, of 2609 Pennington Drive, Brandywood, died July 23 of heart failure in St. Francis Hospital.

Mrs. Albert was born in Russia and moved to the United States at the age of 6.

Her husband, Louis, died in 1978. Surviving are a son, Morton A. of Bogota, Colombia; a daughter, Faga Orgielsky, at home; three brothers, David Sherby of Bridgeton, N.J., Harry Sherby of Santa Monica, Calif., and Edward Sherby of Somers Point, N.J.; four sisters, Sadie Grodsky of Bristol, Pa., Ann Lipitz and Pearl Scribner, both of Bridgeton, and Evelyn Spector of Norma, N.J.; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Graveside services were held July 25 in the Rosenhayn Hebrew Cemetery, Deerfield Township, N.J.

In memoriam the family suggests contributions to Congregation Beth Shalom, Anthony School Fund, 18th Street and Baynard Blvd., Wilmington 19802.

Funeral arrangements were made by Schoenberg Memorial Chapel.

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