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Israel Announces Restoration Of Ties With Ethiopia

By DAVID LANDAU

JERUSALEM (JTA)—Israelis are surprised and pleased by Ethiopia's sudden decision to restore diplomatic ties with Israel, which it broke 16 years ago. Attention focused immediately on the estimated 18,000 Jews still living in Ethiopia and the chances of their speedy departure for Israel.

The unexpected announcement November 3 in Addis Ababa followed a meeting between Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Arens and his Ethiopian counterpart at United Nations headquarters in New York several weeks ago.

The official decision was conveyed to Israel's ambassador to the United Nations, Yohanan Bein, by the Ethiopian ambassador.

In New York, the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations immediately welcomed the step, saying it "can

only benefit both countries and the cause of international peace." The conference expressed hope that the detente would expedite the reunification of Ethiopian Jews with their families in Israel.

Ethiopia severed diplomatic ties with Israel, as did all but four African countries, in October 1973, as a gesture of solidarity with Egypt in the Yom Kippur War. It is the 11th country to restore them. Knowledgeable sources ascribe the decision to increasing pressures on the Addis Ababa government from various insurgencies.

They say the Ethiopian president, Col. Mengistu Haile Mariam, has been adopting an increasingly pro-Western stance in hope of winning economic support and logistical assistance in his civil war.

The Ethiopian emigre community in Jerusa-

lem was jubilant at the news. But its leaders urged the Israeli government to make any further progress in bilateral relations with Ethiopia contingent upon the exodus of Jews remaining there.

Informed sources said such an exodus would get under way only gradually and without fanfare. They do not expect an official policy statement on this issue by the Ethiopian government, which, they note, has close ties with many Arab countries.

Nevertheless, the head of the Jewish Agency's Immigration and Absorption Department, Uri Gordon, said November 4 that new absorption centers would be needed to house the expected stream of immigrants. The Ethiopian influx would coincide with a flood of Jews from the Soviet Union, if present expectations materialize.

The government and Jewish Agency have agreed on a joint \$2 billion program to absorb Jews from the Soviet Union. Additional monies obviously will need to be found for the Ethiopian newcomers.

The Organization of Ethiopian Immigrants here has been pressuring the government to help their families still in Ethiopia, most of them in the war-torn Gondar region.

Only a few weeks ago, the organization published an open letter to Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir charging that Israel was doing nothing while their brethren were being op-

pressed. The organization claimed that about 25 percent of the Jews remaining in Ethiopia have been killed in pogroms and that hundreds of men have been forcibly recruited into the army, leaving their families without any sources of income.

There are about 16,000 Ethiopian Jews in Israel at present. All but a handful arrived during the winter of 1984-85 in a series of clandestine airlifts that eventually became known as "Operation Moses." The operation involved flying Ethiopian Jews who had survived a treacherous trek into Sudan from Khartoum to Tel Aviv by way of Europe to disguise their destination.

The Sudanese government turned a blind eye until the project was leaked to the news media, whereupon it was abruptly canceled, leaving thousands of Ethiopian Jews stranded.

Many young Ethiopians who made it to Israel arrived without their immediate families. About 30 percent of the Ethiopian families here have only one parent. According to experts, their anxiety over their parents' fate has made it difficult for them to adjust to Israeli life.

Simcha Dinitz, chairman of the World Zionist Organization-Jewish Agency Executive, expressed hope that the resumption of Israeli diplomatic ties with Ethiopia "will end the human tragedy that split families and tore parents from their children."

'Holiday Tree' Planted At U. Of D.

By PAULA BERENGUT

A \$2,000, 20-foot Douglas fir provided by the Unrestricted Gifts Fund of the University of Delaware's Office of the President was planted in front of the university's Morris Library on October 25. According to a staff member in the Office of the President, this fund is made up of private donations made available to university President E.A. Trabant for use at his discretion. The tree marks the site for the annual Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony, which is scheduled this year for December 4 at 6:30 p.m.

In an article published in the university's student newspaper, *The Review*, the tree was called a "gift for the holidays" from the President who was quoted as saying that "the lighted tree will enhance the South Mall during the holiday season."

Brant Rosen, Director of Hillel at the university, noted that the location is a "central spot" on the Newark campus.

Interviewed for the same article in *The Review*, Rosen called the Holiday Tree the university's way of secularizing. "The bottom line," Rosen said, "is that any tree used at this time of year has religious baggage attached to it."

Rosen explained that the university is a mixture of religious backgrounds and it would be better to utilize religious symbols on private property. "It is inappropriate for a public university to cater to one group," Rosen said in a telephone interview.

The Jewish student population at the University of Delaware is approximately 1,400 or ten percent of the entire population.

Trabant, refused to comment on Rosen's remarks, saying only that Rosen "has a right to his opinion."

"The Holiday Tree is not intended to be representative of any religion," Trabant maintained when contacted by telephone. "The lighting is a beautiful display and a nice way to celebrate the holiday season," he said. He noted that the holiday season includes New Year's Day and the Winter Break both of which might be celebrated around the tree.

When questioned about the connection between a tree and the celebration of Christmas, Trabant said, "I am firm in my commitment that this is a tree celebrating a holiday time, not a religious time."

The December 4 tree lighting ceremony will include hot cocoa and cookies provided by the university's Dining Services and choral groups from the university music department are scheduled to sing. "It wouldn't surprise me if Christmas carols are sung," Trabant said, "because people like to sing them."

The placement of the tree would appear to be within the law, based on the July Supreme Court ruling which ruled to allow a Christmas tree to be erected on the grounds of the Pittsburgh County Courthouse.

In this case, as in the case of the creche display in Rodney Square (*Jewish Voice*, November 3), the Jewish Federation of Delaware stands with the recommendations made by the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council, and calls the Christmas tree on the state university property to be in violation of the Constitutional ban against govern-

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Bush And Shamir Meet In Washington See Page 7

Jewish Book Month To Be Celebrated At Jewish Community Center

The 1989 Jewish Book Month celebration at the Jewish Community Center promises to offer something for everyone, according to Book Month Chairperson Leah Tenenbaum. "Our committee has worked very hard during the past six months to secure authors and speakers who will address a variety of subjects that will appeal to the diverse interests in our community," she said.

Keeping in mind the goals and purposes of Jewish Book Month, Tenenbaum feels that the celebration planned for this community will

not only provide the Wilmington community with the largest selection of books of Jewish interest available, but will also educate the public about the availability of good Jewish literature and stimulate discussion and thought on current Jewish issues, history, philosophy, literature and poetry through the scheduled speakers and authors.

"We are trying to create an atmosphere for total Jewish community participation and cooperation," Tenenbaum noted.

The celebration will begin with a Commu-

nity Brunch on Sunday, December 3, at 11 a.m., followed by a lecture entitled "The Works of Sholem Aleichem," by Yiddish folklorist Max Rosengfeld. Also scheduled for December 3 is a Family Ice Cream Social at 3:15 p.m. and a Family Storytelling Hour, entitled "Good Guys And Bad Guys in Jewish Tales: Making Moral Choices," presented by author Ellen Frankel at 4 p.m. The December 3 events will conclude with "Stories of Love and Romance," presented by Frankel, as part of the Adult Storytelling Hour at 7 p.m.



Ariel Weinstein

Knesset Member To Address Community

Ariel Weinstein, a member of the Israeli Knesset, will address the Delaware Jewish community at the Jewish Community Center on Thursday, December 7, at 7 p.m. The address will be sponsored by the State of Israel Bonds.

The 52-year-old Israeli-born parliamentarian served as a battalion commander during his military service and holds the rank of lieutenant colonel in the Israeli Defense Forces reserves.

Weinstein has served as Chairman of the Jewish Agency housing company, Amigur, and as Deputy Chairman of the Israel Broadcasting Authority. He also has held the posts of Chairman of the World Zionist Organization Finance Committee, Deputy Chairman of the Jewish Agency Finance Committee and Chairman of the Land Appraisers Council.

Weinstein studied economics and political science at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem.

Weinstein will discuss the current status of American/Israeli relations as well as Israel's financial situation, which is his area of expertise. The event is open to the entire community and there is no charge. There will be no solicitation of funds during the evening.

Dr. Irene Shur, Holocaust educator and historian, will discuss her book, "In Answer," on Wednesday, December 6, at 7 p.m.

A variety of events will take place on Sunday, December 10. Cookbook author, humorist and columnist Lora Brody will present a combination of recipes and anecdotes at 1:30 p.m. During Brody's presentation, children will be able to participate in a book marking workshop.

The keynote address is scheduled for that
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OPINION

Editorial:

Jewish Voice Publicity Forum

This newspaper is published for the whole Jewish community and the chief aim of the Editor and the Editorial Committee is to represent the entire community, maintaining the highest possible journalistic standards.

In choosing news articles for publication, objectivity and fairness are requirements, never to be compromised. In the opinion area, the goal is to present as many opinions on as many subjects as possible within our limited space. The editorial viewpoint is clear: we stand for the unity, survival and security of the State of Israel, the Jewish people and the local Jewish community.

While there may be one objective, we acknowledge that there are many ways of achieving it and the expression of points of view, through letters to the editor, is not only welcomed, but encouraged.

As in everything, there is always room for improvement, but we believe that in the above-mentioned areas, *The Jewish Voice* is on the right track.

However, another area of reporting that we recognize as vital is the publication of Jewish community organizations' announcements of events and news. Because *The Jewish Voice* is mailed to all affiliated Jewish households throughout the state, we encourage all groups within the Delaware Jewish community to use it as the main means of getting their messages across. But we cannot provide this service without cooperation from these organizations.

It is for this reason that we have scheduled a lecture/discussion entitled "Publicizing Your Organization in *The Jewish Voice*." The event will be held at the JCC on Thursday, December 7, at 8 p.m., and will include instruction on properly preparing news for publication, discussion of this newspaper's policy and an opportunity for questions and answers. Rita K. Farrell, an award-winning journalist, will lead a discussion. The Editor and the Editorial Committee will be available to answer policy questions.

The community is invited to attend. Those in public relations and publicity positions within the Jewish community are urged to attend. This newspaper is published for the whole community. Participation in this event will help us to help you.



Letters to the Editor

Tribute To Dr. Nisson Finkelstein

I was profoundly saddened to learn of the untimely passing of Dr. Nisson Finkelstein, of blessed memory.

I was privileged to make his acquaintance when he attended various lectures I delivered in Wilmington for Chabad of Delaware over the past couple of years, followed by our private conversations. I got to know him even better through his informative and inspiring articles in *The Jewish Voice* which throbbed with pride in our Jewish roots and sought to strengthen Jewish consciousness among his readers.

Dr. Finkelstein was passionately committed to his faith, people and the pursuit of truth. Not one for empty phraseology, he delved patiently into the wisdom of our sages, familiarizing himself with the mind and heart of our Biblical and Rabbinic tradition. Above all, he had the honesty and courage to overcome personal feelings or opinions for objective truth. He was not afraid to champion unpopular causes.

Forever the scientific mind, he knew to separate reality from illusory appearances, the authentic from the spurious. He would not allow temporary trendiness, partisan bias and propaganda to detract from supporting, in word and deed, all causes that contribute to the furthering and strengthening of Jewish identity, consciousness and practice. The overall ideals of Judaism, the spiritual and social welfare of our nation, people and community, meant more to Nisson Finkelstein than personal or denominational prejudices.

In the Talmud there is an expression to the effect that certain people's names are in themselves more than any title or degree. This applies here too. In fact, I can think of no better epithet for Nisson Finkelstein than his very own name.

The name Nisson comes from the Hebrew word *ness*, which means both *miracle*, and *standard* or *sign*. Nisson was a miracle, someone altogether extraordinary, in a complacent melting-pot society where no one dares challenge popular trends. This made him a *standard*, a *sign-post*, for others to see, to learn from, to be inspired by, and to follow! He was truly "Finkelstein" — or in the Hebrew translation which he used for his column: *Even-Or* — a brilliant stone emanating light, illuminating his environment and all those that merited his acquaintance.

The Delaware Jewish community has suffered a grievous loss, as did all who shared and appreciated his ideas, ideals and dreams, myself included. Of one thing, though, I am sure: Nisson would not want us to wallow in passive mourning. He wants us to pick up where he left off. His ideals and good deeds can and must be continued by all of us who knew him and cared for him. This is the one way to keep him alive in our midst, the one and only fitting tribute and memorial.

Zichrono Ibrachah! May his precious memory be for a blessing!

(Rabbi Dr.) J. Immanuel Schochet
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News Journal Doesn't Acknowledge Jewish Holidays

Having spent the past High Holy Days as my first in the State of Delaware, I unfortunately have been left with a feeling that is most disturbing. I am referring to the very dismal coverage that the *News Journal* gave for the celebration of two of Judaism's most holy days. Knowing that the majority of the Jewish community is located in Wilmington and the surrounding areas, only makes the situation worse.

As a former Washington, D.C. resident I must share with you the eagerness that the *Washington Post* and also its conservative competitor, the *Washington Times* display when it comes to coverage of the holidays and celebrations of the numerous religious and

ethnic communities that live in the Greater Washington area. During Jewish holidays it is not unusual to see articles in the religious section, food section, as well as other sections in the paper.

I would like to ask what can the Jewish community here in Delaware do in order to prevent this kind of insensitivity from happening again. What can the leaders of our community do? I believe that if approached the right way only good can result. When people are exposed in a positive way to the religions and cultures of their neighbors better relations and understanding are the outcome.

Julian H. Preisler

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OPINION

Global Change: Its Impact On The Middle East

Fourth in a six-part series.

By KENNETH JACOBSON

This is a period of remarkable change in the world. It is a time in which one reads the daily papers and watches television with a sense that great history is being made right before our eyes. The Soviet Union, China, Poland, Hungary, the Baltic states, the non-Russian nationalities, Germany, NATO, Cambodia, Angola, Afghanistan. These are the names that bespeak the dramatic era in which we live.

The source of the change, if there is one main source, is the incredible pace of technological innovation in the world, with its implications for economic competitiveness. Nations can talk all they want about ideology, the Soviets and Chinese can hail Marx, Lenin, and Mao, but if they can't compete with the Japanese and Americans and provide a decent standard of living to their people, then their ideology is meaningless. Taking priority is the need to free the energies of peoples by opening society, by freeing the capital markets, by reducing military expenditures.

As a result, according to some as *The New York Times*, the Cold War is winding down. The Soviets can no longer afford it. The West seems to have won. Even the recent horrors in China, which indicate that the struggle is far from over, do not seem to belie this reality.

This decline of ideology, this diminution of the superpower rivalry, touches just about everyone on this planet. Is it good? Is it bad? For one region, the Middle East, and one country, Israel, the impact of this change is uncertain.

One could envision progress toward peace in the Arab-Israeli conflict as a result of this "new world." With the Soviet Union looking to avoid confrontation with the U.S., seeking to cut military expenditures and improve its image in the West, it is feasible to predict that the Soviets will level off or begin to cut military aid to its clients in the region, Syria, Iraq, and Libya. This could reduce the pressures from radical forces in the area and allow more pragmatic elements to emerge.

Moreover, some of the same considerations affecting other parts of the world could manifest themselves in the Middle East. Egypt, already setting the pace for the pragmatists by virtue of its peace treaty with Israel, may begin to take an active role in translating the piece of paper into something real that could benefit Egypt's economy. With millions of mouths to feed, with a huge deficit, with a rapid birth growth, real solutions are needed and Israel could help in achieving results. This kind of pragmatism has always existed in the Arab world, but too often it has not been dominant.

Israel too can be part of the change afoot. The pressures for competitiveness, the need to provide better jobs and housing to persuade Jews of the world to make the big leap to Israel, can at one and the same time give incentive to Israelis to open up their economy and to others in the region to open themselves up to what Israel, a technologically advanced nation, can offer them.

Israel's relations with states around the world already reflect these changes. While many of these governments take a pro-Arab position on political issues and habitually vote and speak against Israel at the United Nations, increasingly they enter into bilateral relationships to their mutual benefit despite political differences. China, Hungary, Poland are names that come to mind, names that are transforming the image of an Israel isolated from the Eastern bloc.

There is, however, another side to this story. It involves the possibility of increased pressure on and isolation of Israel, with public opinion turning away, with important strategic factors for U.S. support of Israel losing their power. The message is already beginning to filter out from Soviet representatives and more will surely be heard. Peace is breaking out, they say. The U.S. and Soviets are learning to cooperate across the board. Nuclear disarmament agreements. Progress in conventional talks. Regional problems being solved through superpower consultation — Angola and Namibia; Cambodia; Afghanistan; only the Middle East belies a solution. Why? Because only there does the U.S. act in a one-sided way, sticking with its client. Israel, acting as if nothing has changed, as if the Cold War goes on unaltered. If only the U.S. would get off this Israel kick, then here too the two powers could cooperate to bring about a solution.

The appeal of this approach could be telling in time, considering the fact that already there are clear signs of a change in American opinion concerning the Soviet Union. Moreover, some of the basic strategic reasoning which underlay support for Israel from the U.S. — focusing on America's struggle against Soviet influence in the Middle East and Israel's contribution to that effort — could lose impact with a decline in perception of the U.S. at war with the Soviet Union.

In such an environment, the temptation could exist to seek an imposed solution to the Middle East conflict through a Soviet-American condominium. Let us remember that in another time, in an era of great U.S.-Soviet hostility, 1956-57, the two nations joined together and forced Israel to withdraw from the Sinai without peace from Egypt. Today's environment is very different. But there will be those who will say: enough already, let the superpowers use their collective weight to force a solution.

What is wrong with such a scenario? A number of things. First, it seems whenever outside parties look to provide a solution, there ends up being unbalanced pressure on Israel. This is so primarily because of unwillingness to face the reaction of the Arab world and unwillingness to accept the extent of Arab rejectionism which stands in the way of progress. Rather than face that depressing truth, too often outsiders find themselves the convenient scapegoat, the State of Israel.

The other negative of any joint U.S.-Soviet approach to force a peace is that history has taught that the only meaningful progress in the region comes from direct negotiations freely arrived at. The more the Arab world thinks that outsiders will determine events, the less willing they are to go through the psychological leap of faith toward accepting Israel's legitimacy and security.

In the Middle East, as elsewhere, it is hard to tell what all this ferment will produce. There is a reason to be optimistic, but to recognize as well that destructive elements will be looking to use this new pragmatism in the world as another means to weaken Israel.

(Kenneth Jacobson is the Director of the International Affairs Division of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.)

Negotiating Partners Must Be Sincere

By GERRY SIKORSKI

The UN reconvened this month and atop its agenda is a resolution by the Arab states to expel Israel. So what's new? This happens every year and why should this year be any different? I'll tell you why. Because the PLO has supposedly "moderated" its stand.

Since PLO Chairman Yasir Arafat's historic statement in Geneva last December, the definitions of terrorism and PLO have undergone some very enterprising interpretations depending on the incident and the audience. Arafat has found it necessary to shroud words and deeds in order to please both his constituency

and the United States.

An environment has been created, as tenuous as it may be, which has fostered a flurry of diplomacy. We have seen Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's four points and election plan. We have seen Egypt's President Mubarak's "10 point plan." And now, we have seen Secretary of State James Baker introduce his "5 points." All have attempted to bring the main players in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict closer together and make conditions ripe for peace.

But for conditions to be ripe there must be

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Confronting The Media

By MITCHELL G. BARD

"In the old days, men had the rack," Oscar Wilde said. "Now they have the press." Those of us concerned with coverage of the Middle East certainly feel that way.

Think for a moment about how remarkable it is that a country as small as Israel attracts so much press attention. "Israel," Dan Pipes noted in *The Long Shadow* (Transaction Publishers, 1989) probably has the highest per capita fame quotient in the world. Many Americans are knowledgeable about Israeli politics. They know most of Israel's leaders and are conversant on the Arab-Israeli conflict. Pipes quotes one observer who said Israel's population is less than a statistical error in the Chinese census yet he knows "a heck of a lot about the Israeli economy and next to nothing about [China's]."

Americans are so well informed about Israel because of the extent of coverage. American news organizations assign a disproportionate number of correspondents in Israel. Last year, according to one study, the second most visible correspondent on the evening news was Dean Reynolds of ABC's Tel Aviv bureau. That means he got more air time than reporters covering the presidential election. The other networks' Israeli correspondents were in the top 20.

Why does the press have such an obsession with Israel?

The short answer is that "Jews are news." Pipes suggests a few other explanations.

First, "Israel is the major American ally in an ongoing, dramatic and momentous regional conflict." Second, American Jews are concerned about Israel. By itself, this might not matter, but because there are large numbers of Jews in the media and the Jewish population is concentrated in major media markets like New York, the community's impact is amplified. Third, Christians are concerned with contemporary Israel and its future.

I mentioned that Israel has a disproportionate share of correspondents based there. Those reporters also have an easier time acclimating to Israel's Western society than the alien Muslim societies. One observer Pipes quotes noted that "Israel is the one Middle East country where the correspondent can find a girlfriend." At the other extreme, we know reporters are often intimidated or blackmailed. For example, it was reported the POL in Lebanon had reporters doing their bidding as the price for obtaining interviews and protection.

The Arab world is known in the journalistic community as the "arc of silence." The media in those countries is strictly controlled by totalitarian governments.

To say press coverage of the Middle East in general, and Israel specifically, is distorted has become almost trite. "Almost every border in the Middle East, from Libya to Pakistan, from Turkey to Yemen, is either ill-defined or in dispute," Pipes wrote. "Yet Americans know and care only about Israel's border problems." One consequence of the exposure Israel

receives is that the media and others tend to hold the Jewish State to idealistic standards. Therefore, by definition, these are unattainable.

Media coverage also has two collateral effects: it exaggerates the importance of the PLO and prettifies terrorists. Thus, on one hand, the remarks of Palestinian "moderates" are given extensive coverage. On the other, the press ignores information that conflicts with the benign image of the PLO it is attempting to project.

A good example was the non-coverage of the Fatah Congress. Yasir Arafat's "moderate" faction called for an escalation of the armed struggle against Israel. There was no mention of nullifying the PLO covenant, no mention of recognizing Israel, no mention of a two-state solution. There were a lot of references, however, to "the Zionist entity." Reports on the meeting appeared in only a few places.

Another problem with Middle East press coverage concerns Palestinian refugees who are given disproportionate attention. There is no context. Reports do not explain how the Arab states have kept the Palestinians in camps and refused to resettle them or allow them to become citizens. Reports do not explain how Israel settled the 800,000 Jewish refugees from Arab countries. They do not refer to Israel's efforts to remove Palestinians from camps in the territories. And stories never mention the Arab-sponsored UN resolutions condemning Israel for trying to move Palestinian refugees into new homes.

There is a limit to what we can do about the media's coverage of the Middle East. So long as Israel remains the free and open democracy it is, the Jewish State will be subject to harsh scrutiny totalitarian Arab regimes are spared.

We must still be vigilant and take those actions available to us. Whenever you see the press distort the news you have several options.

1) Send letters to the editors of your newspapers or producers of television programs.

2) Meet with the editorial board of your local newspaper.

3) Develop ongoing relationships with journalists and offer suggestions for future stories.

4) Help the Committee for Accuracy in Middle East Reporting in America (CAMERA) monitor the press and develop responses to inaccuracies.

Try not to take a confrontational approach. Work with the purveyors of the news. Try to establish a relationship with them before anti-Israel stories come out. Short of that, put yourself in a position to provide decision-makers, students, colleagues, and friends with accurate information.

In this way you can help insure that the press does not provide today and tomorrow's leaders with a distorted, and unchallenged, picture of Israel.

(Mitchell G. Bard is editor of the *Near East Report*.)

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Dvar Torah

Parashat Vayera, November 18

Sodom And Gomorrah, USA

By RABBI ROBERT P. TABAK

Special to The Jewish Voice

A few years ago, a national news story announced that a U.S. city was planning to begin spraying garbage dumpsters with a poison. This was to keep homeless people, who might rummage for food, away from their town. This heartless action was widely denounced. It was not a new idea; in Jewish tradition this insensitivity goes right back to Sodom and Gomorrah.

In Genesis 18:20, God says "The outrage of Sodom and Gomorrah is so great, and their sin so grave!" Although the sins are not directly spelled out, one can see the treatment of the visiting angels as an example. Even within later biblical times, we find the idea that their misdeeds centered on treatment of the poor. The prophet Ezekiel wrote, "Only this was the sin of your sister Sodom: arrogance! She and her daughters had plenty of bread and untroubled tranquility; yet she did not even support the poor and the needy." (Ez. 16:49)

Later rabbinic writings focused on the theme of hospitality and treatment of strangers. There is a famous midrash about the outcry from Sodom being the voice of a young woman being tortured to death for secretly feeding a starving stranger in the town square. This points to one of the graver features of treatment of strangers — not only indifference, but turning harshness into a law and compassion into a crime.

In Jewish experience in Europe, where residence permits often were required for Jews, Jewish communities had to deal with many homeless, wandering Jews — the "orchei porchei." They would be fed and sheltered for one or two nights, and then sent on their way. Seldom were they permanently admitted. In the nineteenth and twentieth century, European and American Jews organized many groups (such as HIAS) to help the hundreds of thousands of Jewish migrants on the move. On the communal level, centuries of expulsions, mass immigration, flight from persecution are key parts of the Jewish collective memory, from the Exodus from Egypt to our own newspapers.

This portion comes a few weeks after Sukkot, when we act out the impermanence of house and home by living in temporary huts. How many people there are in the world, Jews among them, who have no permanent homes. There are many families, individuals, and groups who need some stability.

On the personal and local level, we might look at our own synagogues and havurot. How well do we do with welcoming the strangers? How is the person with little Jewish knowledge, the tentative beginner received? Do we do a far better job welcoming those most like us — perhaps the middle class couple with children or the well-educated single — than people in other situations? And where does inclusion and welcoming go after the first "Shabbat Shalom"? I once attended a Shabbat service at a large synagogue with hundreds of worshippers (not a bar or bat mitzvah). Yet not a single person said "shalom" to me after the services or at the kiddush. Before we rush to congratulate ourselves on how different our group is, we might ask some people who have been part of our congregation for a year or less what their experience has been.

On a national and communal level, it is easy to accept an attitude of either self-satisfaction or helplessness in the face of massive problems. In the words of a more recent commentary, the outcry of Sodom was the complaint of all the peoples, "up until this day." The Sodom population claims, "They are too many, they are fruitful and multiply." Therefore they aren't willing to let a stranger in and they lock the gates before the refugees who are knocking on them. (Haderash Ha-elyon. The use of the present tense is in the original.)

No single person or country can singlehandedly solve the massive worldwide problems of dislocation, of the stranger's knocking on our gates. It is important that there are Jewish groups joining in these humanitarian efforts. We also should be wary of the claim expressed in the title of a book (and film) about Switzerland during the holocaust, *The Lifeboat is Full*. Even if not everyone may be brought in, there are always cries to lock the gates of our countries, our cities, our congregations. The spirit of Sodom is still alive, perhaps no further away than the nearest dumpster — perhaps even closer. We need to work in the spirit of Rabbi Tarfon, "Though you may not complete the task, neither are you free to desist from it."

(Rabbi Robert P. Tabak is rabbi of Temple Beth Shalom in Spokane, Washington — the only congregation in a large region. He also edits a column called "Sources and Resources" for the Reconstructionist Rabbinical Association journal, *Raayonot*.)

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## Jewish Students Request Support Against Anti-Semitism

The Student Governing Board of the North American Jewish Students Appeals has called for the support of the organized Jewish community to help combat campus anti-Semitism and anti-Zionism. In a resolution submitted for consideration by the General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations, national Jewish student leaders expressed their concern that the Jewish community be made aware of "the urgent problems Jewish students face on all types of campuses across North America."

"Jewish students are on the frontlines today. They walk across campuses defaced with anti-Semitic graffiti and hear frequent attacks against Israel, both in and out of the classroom. Jewish students need to know that their parents are aware and concerned about the problem — and they need to know that they have the support of the Jewish community in countering campus prejudice," explained Bennett Graff, Governing Board President.

In their proposed resolution the Governing Board of the Appeal delineated some of the numerous attacks Jewish students have faced and urged the Jewish community to provide funding for student-initiated projects which will counter anti-Semitism and anti-Zionism. Additionally, the North American Jewish

Students Appeal would like to help organize a national conference specifically designed to help Jewish students respond to anti-Semitism and anti-Zionism. "We think students need the tools to counter propaganda and hate — students don't necessarily come to campus prepared for these attacks," Graff noted.

Many Jewish students come to campus completely unprepared for the barrage of attacks they encounter, according to the board. At a time when Jewish identity should be explored and experienced in positive ways, some Jewish students face highly negative assaults without the ability to counter them, the board feels.

"We must be sensitive and responsive to the needs of Jewish students in the area," explained NAJSA Board Chairwoman Magda Shenberg Leuchter. "There is much more that the Jewish community needs to do if we want to encourage strong, positive Jewish identity."

The Appeal Governing Board also urged the General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations to condemn campus anti-Semitism and anti-Zionism and pledge its support to college youth to combat the problems and to promote positive Jewish identity.

## Miep Gies Honored By Germany

By HENRIETTA BOAS

AMSTERDAM (JTA) — The West German government has presented its highest civilian award for a foreigner to Miep Gies, the Dutch woman who hid the family of Anne Frank from the Nazis during World War II.

Gies received the Order of Merit First Class from the West German ambassador, Otto von der Gabelentz, at the Federal Republic's embassy in The Hague on November 3. She was cited for her help to the Frank family from July 1942 to August 1944, and also for her lectures to youth groups and schools in West Germany in recent years.

Gies, who speaks fluent German, was born in Vienna and came to Holland at age 11.

Accepting the award, she said she shared it with thousands of others who had tried, successfully or not, to help Jews survive during the Nazi occupation of Holland.

In the United States, Gies received the Courage to Care Award from the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith in 1987 for being a "Righteous Gentile," and has been the subject of a book, "Anne Frank Remembered," and a film, "The Secret Annex: the Hiding of Anne Frank"

She said when she received the ADL award that she had agreed to come forward from obscurity so that the wartime story would not be forgotten. "We were just doing what people should do," she said many times of herself, her husband and the others who helped hide the Franks and others.

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# Kashruth Certification Changes Limit Options In Delaware

By PAULA BERENGUT

Just because it used to be kosher, doesn't mean it still is. Changes within the committee that supervises kosher food preparation in Delaware have led to changes in the guidelines for kashruth. There is a new mashgiach (person who actually visits the locations to verify kashruth), Jack Goldstein, and a new Rav HaMahsir (rabbi who heads the kashruth committee) on the Va'ad HaKashruth (kashruth committee).

According to one of the new rules, anyone whose primary business is non-kosher will no longer be considered for kosher certification. The ruling was made by Rabbi Howard Matasar, the new spiritual leader at Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth, who is the only Orthodox pulpit rabbi in Delaware and therefore the Rav HaMahsir.

The ruling has left some people confused. Among them is Howard Cohen, who until July owned and operated the Modern Kosher Market, Delaware's only kosher butcher shop.

Cohen recently opened a non-kosher restaurant in the shop that used to be his Modern Kosher Market. Cohen says he has demonstrated to the kashruth committee that he can operate his new establishment and still following the strict laws of kashruth in his catering business. Cohen notes that he is not the only kosher food supplier in Delaware whose primary business is non-kosher.

For example, Bagels & Donuts, currently certified by the kashruth committee, seems to be in apparent violation of Matasar's rule. The shop serves non-kosher meat and pork products but it still has its kashruth certification.

According to Barney Hool, who recently resigned from the position of mashgiach for Delaware, the decision to allow Bagels & Donuts to maintain its certification — and continue to serve pork products — was made several years ago by Rabbi Leonard B. Gewirtz, now Rabbi Emeritus of AKSE.

Gewirtz, who was contacted by telephone, said that the owner of Bagels & Donuts and the Va'ad worked out what he considered to be adequate arrangements to maintain the kashruth of the challah and bagels in the glass display case. Basically, these products arrive in the Bagels & Donuts locations following an automated kosher mixing and baking process that is foolproof, according to Gewirtz.

Once the challah and bagels are in the cases in the stores, the employees are required to use waxed paper napkins when touching the kosher products, Gewirtz said.

Gewirtz said that, as Rav HaMahsir, he made his decisions regarding kashruth certification based on his extensive training on the subject. He said it was always his goal as the Rav HaMahsir to make it as easy as he could for people to observe kashruth, not by breaking rules, but

by knowing the laws well enough to be comfortable with some deviation from the strictest interpretations. "It's easy to say 'no,'" he said.

It is Gewirtz' opinion that if only the strictest rules were to be applied, then there would be virtually no kosher certification granted to any supplier in Delaware.

Matasar noted that he has not as yet made a formal decision on the situation at Bagels & Donuts. He said that he was hesitant to make changes in the rulings made by the previous Rav HaMahsir. However, Howard Cohen's working arrangements, Matasar explained, were not an issue during the term of his predecessor, so Matasar feels free to make the current decision.

Hool also explained that the decision to exclude Cohen from kosher certification had "something to do with the fact that he went from kosher to non-kosher." In an interview with *The Jewish Voice* in April, Cohen said he was forced to close his kosher market in July due to a lack of support and little demand for kosher meat within the Delaware community.

Matasar illustrated his problems with a non-kosher caterer doing kosher preparation by citing a recent problem in Baltimore. A kosher/non-kosher caterer there recently mixed up some products and served non-kosher food to an observant group of Jews on a cruise off Baltimore. "Accidents can happen," Matasar said. "That's our concern," he added. "In the long run, for the sake of the community and the synagogue, this is the right thing to do. It's not easy being Jewish sometimes," he concluded.

Cohen appeared before the Va'ad recently to explain how he would be both willing and able to work within the committee's regulations for catering at AKSE, the kitchen which observes the strictest rules regarding observance of kashruth. Cohen said he offered to have his deliveries of unopened crates of kosher certified and approved products delivered directly to AKSE, avoiding their even entering his non-kosher establishment.

Although Cohen's new restaurant will not be kosher, he said he would "continue to be available to cater kosher affairs prepared either at a client's home or at the facility where the meal will be served."

While the Va'ad felt the integrity of the kashruth certification could be met under Cohen's proposal, it is Cohen's understanding that the synagogue's Sisterhood — which maintains control over the kitchen — refused to cooperate. Cohen said that the Sisterhood would not commit its members to "waiting around for deliveries to be made."

Cohen assured the committee that he would pay for any extra supervision needed — including having

someone wait for deliveries. The Sisterhood refused, he said.

According to Diane Seidel, AKSE Sisterhood president, her group had nothing to do with the decision not to allow Cohen to cater at the synagogue. "It was the rabbi's decision," Seidel said. "The Sisterhood has had previous negative experiences with Howard Cohen," she said, but declined to cite specific instances. "We expressed a negative attitude toward his catering here, but the decision was the rabbi's."

Cohen believes his problems with the Sisterhood occur when he has to share the kitchen with them over a weekend. Cohen said that he is often not left any room in the synagogue's refrigerators and that the AKSE kitchen equipment frequently breaks down, leaving him no choice but to ask for emergency service during an affair. "When I have 200 people waiting for dinner and the oven doesn't work, I have an immediate problem," Cohen said. "So I demand that the Sisterhood arrange for immediate repairs." This, Cohen says, is the root of the Sisterhood's problem.

The rule against Cohen's kashruth certification has limited the Delaware Jewish community's choices when kashruth is an issue. According to Matasar, Fred Gamiel, who has done kosher catering in Delaware for many years, is "recommended as the kosher caterer" for affairs at the synagogue or where kashruth is of concern. Gamiel operates from a garage devoted exclusively to his kosher catering service. Matasar also noted that he is still looking into the situation at Bagels & Donuts and at this time "will only say that Brandywine Bakery is OK."

According to Frances Stein, Administrator at Congregation Beth Shalom, Wilmington's conservative congregation, the synagogue has not yet discussed the change in Cohen's status and whether or not he will still be allowed to cater there. The decision, she said, would be up to the board of directors and the rabbi. Stein did say that the possibility of Cohen's having kosher certified products delivered directly to the synagogue and using synagogue equipment exclusively was an option the board might seriously consider.

The Jewish Community Center, which is under the supervision of the kashruth committee, has a policy that allows groups to furnish their own dairy "kosher style" food, regardless of kashruth, but they may not use the Center's kitchen. Catered affairs, however, where the kitchen is used, must be kosher certified, according to David Sorkin, Executive Director of the JCC. According to the mashgiach, since Cohen is not under the supervision of the kashruth committee, he would not be allowed to use the Center's kitchen.

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## Single Parents Share Issues During Philadelphia Forum

By RUTH ROVNER

Special to The Jewish Voice

The single mother was in a dilemma. Whenever she returned from seeing the man she was dating, her two sons would grill her with personal questions.

Another single mother was worried because whenever she invited a man home to dinner, her son's behavior changed drastically. "He behaves outrageously and inappropriately whenever I'm dating someone, and I don't know what to do," she said.

And the single father just starting to go out with women wondered whether he was being too insistent, too soon, in telling them about his role as a father. "I tell any woman I'm dating that I'm a 'package deal' and she has to accept that right away," he said.

These and many other issues—often dealing with the difficulty of being both a parent and a single person in the world of dating—were aired on a recent Sunday in Philadelphia when single Jewish parents got together to share the challenges they face.

Titled "Focus on Your Future," the conference was sponsored by Career Network for Jewish Single Parents, a program of Jewish Employment and Vocational Service, in cooperation with the Parent-Child Enrichment Center and the Jewish Family & Children's Service of Philadelphia.

The event drew a small but attentive group of parents, mostly single mothers but also a few fathers, who participated in a varied program that

included a key note speech with a lively question and answer session afterwards, a brunch during which single parents exchanged stories and sometimes phone numbers, and two workshops, one about discipline and another on balancing career with parenting.

Among the participants were two single mothers from Wilmington who both came, they said, because they were eager to share ideas—and problems—with those who could understand their situation best: other single Jewish parents.

"I've never attended anything like this before, but I'm very glad I came," said Robin Wirosloff, mother of a seven-year-old daughter. "Coming to this program, I see that I'm not alone, and I see that other parents have problems even more complicated than mine."

"My parents weren't divorced, so I have no role model for how to react as a single parent," said Karen Rovine, also from Wilmington and a mother of two children, ages 8 and 9. "So the networking here today is really important; we're sharing information and helping each other. Without it, you can feel very isolated as a single parent."

Much of the information shared involved the issue of maintaining the difficult balance between being a parent and a single person seeking a new partner.

"Some of you probably resent the fact that you're not in a relationship, or maybe you feel you don't have one because the person you were seeing wasn't ready to become involved with your kids," said Dr. Michael Broder, the keynote speaker.

"But it's actually a good screening device," he continued. "The kids are here to stay, and anyone who isn't ready to accept that isn't worth pursuing," said Broder, a psychologist and frequent guest on television talk shows who's the author of "Living Single After the Sexual Revolution" and is himself a divorced father.

When single parents do get involved in dating and in serious relationships, said Broder, they often make "two common errors" about when and how much to tell their children. Either they get the child involved too early, he said, or they do it too late.

Some parents, he said, get the children involved too soon in what may turn out to be a casual or temporary relationship. "We hear this scenario all the time," said Broder, "A young male child who doesn't see much of his father tends to bond very quickly with his mother's 'special friend.' Then, if they break up, the kids think the man disappeared because of him."

At the other extreme, he said, are those parents who wait too long to get their children involved. "They don't say much and then suddenly they'll say to their kids, 'By the way, you know that guy Jim that I go out with? Well, we're getting married in two months!'"

But even before parents become seriously involved, youngsters start asking questions about their parents' dates—and how to answer then is another challenge for single parents. "The research shows that it's best not to lie and to answer questions directly," said Broder. "But it's important to know how much a child

can understand, and that depends on the child's age. They'll ask what they want to know, and as long as you're open and truthful, that's OK."

As for the mother whose sons asked impertinent questions about her dates, Broder asked her what she told them in reply. "I told them, 'It's private business,'" she said.

"You're right, it's none of their business," agreed Broder.

"But I wonder why they persist," continued the mother. "I keep waiting for the questions to stop, but they don't."

"A lot depends on your reaction," said Broder. "Maybe they keep asking because they know it gets you upset. Maybe the color goes out of your face everytime you answer, so they know this is a way to get you upset. You have to be very matter of fact; bat it away very quickly. It's none of their business."

Broder covered other issues besides dating in his wide-ranging remarks. For example, he talked about the difficult issue of how to deal with the resentment one parent sometimes feels towards the children's other parent.

"Bad-mouthing the other parent is never, ever appropriate," he cautioned. "Parents who do this inevitably lose. The children grow up, form their own opinions, and realize that the parent who did the bad-mouthing deprived them of something very important. And then they turn on that parent."

All these issues are difficult, and sometimes painful. "Parenting is not for amateurs," said Broder — and single parenting certainly is not. But however difficult the role of single

parent, Broder assured the parents that their own divorces would not inevitably damage their children.

In fact, he said, deciding to divorce can be healthier for a child than staying in a bad marriage. "The most troubled kids that I've worked with don't come from 'broken homes.' They come from homes which were intact — but the parents' marriages should have broken up long ago, and didn't. And the damage to children is irreparable," said Broder.

Most parents, however, don't remain in bad marriages; and the fact that divorce rates are so high means that children of divorce have plenty of company. One woman even related an anecdote about her eight-year-old daughter returning from an overnight visit with a friend to report to her mother with amazement, "Mommy, you won't believe it — her mother and father live in the same house!"

"I used to say that by the year 2000, two marriages per person would be the norm, and that's almost true now," said Broder, who cited one linear analysis that predicts that by 2000, the divorce rate will be 83 percent.

But despite the prevalence of divorce, the single parents at the conference agreed that they often feel isolated, and that the chance to meet others who share their problems was important to them.

"I find the table talk most helpful," said one participant. "You can read all the books, but hearing other people's stories, and finding out how other single parents handle the problems — that's the most valuable part of all."

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# Shamir Fails To Get Assurances From Bush And Baker

**By DAVID FRIEDMAN**  
WASHINGTON (JTA) — Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir emerged from talks with President Bush and Secretary of State James Baker on Wednesday without receiving the assurances Israel asked for in accepting Baker's five-point proposal for Israeli-Palestinian talks.

But Shamir did say that "there is no more tension" between the U.S. and Israel, and that various problems were clarified.

Speaking after his one-hour White House meeting with Bush, Shamir indicated that a response from the United States would not come until Egypt also accepted the five points.

However, after Shamir had met with Baker at the State Department prior to the White House meeting, both Shamir and Baker said that "some progress" had been made. A senior administration official, briefing reporters after both meetings, defined progress as both sides now

having a better understanding of their positions.

Shamir said that some of the points raised during the meeting with Bush were U.S. concerns over Israel's military relationship with South Africa and Israel's settlement policy.

The administration official would not give any details except to say that Bush had raised these concerns with Shamir. The official denied that there had been any tension between Israel and the United States except for the normal differences that friends have.

He said the "tensions" were only in the newspapers and that the administration had paid no attention to them.

Despite this denial, the White House did not schedule Shamir's meeting with Bush until six days before it took place, even though the Israelis had requested the meeting two months ago.

Shamir described both his talks at the State Department and the White

House as "very friendly." The issue of Baker's five points and the assurances Israel wants against PLO participation in negotiations were discussed mainly during the talks at the State Department.

Shamir and Bush talked about the Middle East peace process in general, but did not discuss the assurances specifically, Shamir said.

Shamir stressed that the assurances Israel is seeking are "not contradictory to the spirit" of Baker's five points. Rather, "our assumptions will give more strength" to the Baker proposals.

At the White House, Shamir cautioned that it will take a long time to bring fruition to the Israeli peace initiative. He said it is "not an easy" task.

In his remarks at the State Department, Shamir indicated that he would like Baker to come to Israel. Baker did not respond, but has been unwilling to go to Israel until an agreement is reached on the Israeli-Palestinian talks.

"We are trying — hopefully along with Egypt — to implement the prime minister's election proposal," Baker said.

Earlier in the day, Shamir met with Secretary of Defense Dick Cheney in what an Israeli spokesperson called "a good meeting." Their main topic of conversation was Israeli strategic cooperation with the United States.

Shamir also expressed opposition to the administration's proposed sale of some 300 tanks to Saudi Arabia.

While Shamir was in the White House, pro-Palestinian supporters demonstrated outside the gates, while across the street Jewish day school students voiced their support for the Israeli prime minister.

## Shamir Reconsidering Demands

**By DAVID LANDAU**  
JERUSALEM (JTA) — Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir appears to be backing away from some of the assurances he had been seeking from the United States regarding U.S. Secretary of State James Baker's five-point proposal for an Israeli-Palestinian dialogue.

At the same time, the Palestine Liberation Organization is pressing the United States for assurances of its own that conflict with those sought by Israel, Cabinet ministers were informed last Sunday.

That means the Bush administration will have to use adroit if not circumlocutory language in framing the assurances if it is to reconcile the positions of both sides.

Shamir had already backed off from his original demand that the five-point plan be modified to reflect Israeli concerns. Last week, he persuaded the Inner Cabinet of senior ministers to accept Baker's five points, on the "understanding" that certain assurances would be forthcoming.

That may have been the price Shamir had to pay for the belated White House invitation announced November 9, less than a week before the meeting.

The prime minister may now have gone even further. In weekend interviews with the news media, Shamir indicated that Israel would be satisfied with less than all six of the assurances he had requested. Washington, in any event, has made clear it cannot satisfy all of them.

Shamir refused a request by Labor Party ministers for a full-scale foreign policy debate prior to his departure for the United States. He maintained there was nothing to talk about, since the government's position is clear.

One assurance is that Israel would in no way find itself negotiating with the PLO, directly or indirectly. In that connection, Israel wants an understanding that it need not talk to a Palestinian delegation of which it does not approve.

Furthermore, Israel insists that the dialogue must be confined to the procedures for holding Palestinian elections in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. But the Cabinet was told that the PLO is also seeking Washington's

assurance that it will select the Palestinian delegation.

Shamir apparently was not offended by the long wait he had for Bush's invitation. According to unconfirmed reports, a close aide advised him to show displeasure by not accepting. But the prime minister rejected such counsel.

In an Israel Television interview November 12, Shamir said whether or not the invitation had been delayed was now "a thing of the past, and I am looking ahead."

He acknowledged differences with the United States, but said he did not expect a confrontation in his talks with Bush and other top officials.

Sources close to him said he plans to recall with gratitude Bush's personal role, as vice president, in helping the Jewish exodus from Ethiopia in the winter of 1984-85. Acknowledgement of that help is considered appropriate in light of Ethiopia's recent decision to re-establish diplomatic ties with Israel.

## East Jerusalemites Would Prefer Divided City

**By CATHERINE GERSON**  
JERUSALEM (JTA) — A random poll of East Jerusalem Arabs has led the pollster to conclude that "time is running out" for the unified city and suggest a revamping of its political structure.

The survey, conducted by Professor Abraham Ashkenasi, showed that just over 50 percent of the respondents would like the city redivided into Jewish and Arab sectors, the situation that prevailed from 1949 to 1967.

Only 25 percent favor an open city.

Ashkenasi, who specializes in minorities and refugee problems at the Free University of Berlin where he teaches international politics, said the poll made clear that the overwhelming majority of Jerusalem's Palestinian community desires sovereignty for the Palestinian people.

A majority of those polled expressed preference for a secular

Palestinian state. Ashkenasi found significant, however, that 30 percent of the Moslems questioned would opt for an Islamic state. The survey showed strong support for total separation from any Jewish polity, especially among the young and the religious, Ashkenasi concluded.

The poll was commissioned by the Hebrew University's Leonard Davis Institute for International Relations.

In a booklet accompanying the results, Ashkenasi said that "changes must be made in the method of administration, probably in the political processes and indeed in the political structure if the city of Jerusalem is to avoid stagnation or worse."

"Time is running out on a continued, relatively peaceful unified city," he wrote. "The growth of religious fundamentalism and political intolerance, especially in the young, will be fueled by failed political and economic programs."

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# First CAMERA Conference Takes Long Hard Look At Media

More than one thousand people — nearly twice the number expected — packed the Park Plaza Hotel in Boston last month to attend CAMERA'S first national conference on "The Media, the Message and the Middle East." According to Harvard Constitutional Law Professor Alan Dershowitz, who addressed the gathering, the event is likely to be remembered as a turning point in the history of the battle for accuracy in Middle East-related journalism, and for media accountability, in America.

Among the conference keynoters, besides Dershowitz, were *Commentary* magazine editor Norman Podhoretz, Professor Ruth Wisse of the University of Toronto, and Professor Jerold Auerbach of Wellesley College. Also speaking was the Hon. Alan Keyes, former Deputy U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, and the highest-ranking Black official in the U.S. State Department.

Keyes addressed the question of why media coverage of Israel has deteriorated so dramatically in recent years. "The 'Intifada,'" said Keyes, "has succeeded in transforming the popular perception of the Arab-Israeli conflict from an issue of peace and security to one of human rights and self-determination." The Arabs have changed the perception of the problem without changing the basic nature of the problem — which remains one basically of peace and security, he said.

Keyes asserted that he favors human rights and self-determination for the Palestinian people, precisely because recent events have shown

democratic government to be the only stable and human form of government in the world today. But, he emphasized, human rights and self-determination for the Palestinian state in what is today the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, because Jordan already has an ethnic Palestinian majority.

In Keyes' view, the status of the West Bank (Judea and Samaria) could be negotiable within the context of such a state. But he made it clear that, in his view, the only man standing in the way of peace in the Middle East today is King Hussein. The establishment of a constitutional monarchy in Jordan would be the best solution for the rights of the Israelis, the Palestinians and, ultimately for the Hashemite monarchy itself, according to Keyes. He called for a change in United States policy to shift the onus for Palestinian Arab self-determination onto King Hussein.

Keyes' remarks were rather more optimistic than those of *Commentary* editor Norman Podhoretz, who told the conference that he foresaw only two alternatives for Israel at this time: an indefinite continuation of the status quo, or a PLO state.

Characterizing the advent of a PLO state as "a catastrophe for Israel and a catastrophe for the Palestinians," Podhoretz warned that such a state would quickly become engulfed in a Lebanon-style civil war that would invite Syrian or multilateral Arab intervention, which would in turn force an Israeli response, setting off a massive Middle East war that might also involve Iraq (battle-hardened by

its war with Iran), Saudi Arabia (freshly armed with U.S. tanks) and Libya (using missiles with chemical warheads). At the very least, he said, such a scenario would result in hundreds of thousands of casualties on all sides; it might also lead to the actual defeat of Israel on the battlefield and the destruction of the Jewish State.

Podhoretz minced no words in his assessment of Israel's critics in the media, right-wing and left-wing alike. He scored the "hypocritical" pro-PLO stand of conservative columnist Patrick Buchanan, charging that it was the first time in Buchanan's life that he had supported a 'national liberation movement.' On the left, he took aim at *New York Times* columnist Anthony Lewis, arguing that Lewis' historical record of defending the rise to power of the Khmer Rouge in Cambodia should disqualify him from being taken seriously when commenting about the Arab-Israeli conflict. "Just as Lewis washed his hands of the catastrophe in Cambodia, after aiding its advent, he would probably shed few tears after the catastrophic creation of a Palestinian state, and would blame Israel's defenders for its advent just as he blamed America for the crimes of the Khmer Rouge," Podhoretz said.

During his address, Prof. Dershowitz, who is a leading defender of free speech, praised the work of CAMERA as being "in the highest tradition of the First Amendment." Dershowitz characterized the American media as "the only institution in the country who advocate the criticism of every other institution but themselves."

## Report:

# American Jewish Community Has Been Transformed By Feminist Movement

The American Jewish community has been radically transformed by 20 years of feminism, according to a recent study by Sylvia Barack Fishman, research associate at Brandeis University's Cohen Center for Modern Jewish Studies.

Fishman's study, appearing in the 1989 *American Jewish Year Book*, published by the American Jewish Committee, points out that feminism, once feared by religious leaders, now permeates American Jewish life.

"In the turbulent late 1960s and early 1970s, when the rising stars of contemporary American feminism were publicly denounced by clergymen as aberrant and destructive, feminist attitudes and goals seemed revolutionary," Fishman states. "Today, however, a broad spectrum of general feminist and Jewish feminist goals have been absorbed and domesticated within the public and private lives of mainstream American Jewry."

Fishman's research shows:  
 •Recent studies of Jewish populations of U.S. cities reveals the majority of American Jewish mothers with children under six years old work outside the home for pay. In the individual cities of Baltimore, Boston, Essex and Morris Counties (New Jersey), San Francisco, Washington, D.C. and Dallas, about two-thirds of Jewish mothers of children under six held paying jobs in the 1980s, compared to only 12 percent of American Jewish women with children under six who worked outside the

home in 1957.

•Within Jewish religious life, female rabbis and cantors have been trained, ordained, and graduated from Reform, Reconstructionist, and now Conservative seminaries.

•Life-cycle events for females, such as the Shalom Bat (welcoming newborn daughters) and the Bat Mitzvah ceremony, once rare, are now commonplace.

•In the majority of Conservative and Reform synagogues, women enjoy full participation in Jewish prayer services.

"Despite such extensive change," Fishman states, "American Jewish women, like women throughout American life, have attained complete equity, either in the workforce or in the religious sphere."

Fishman's research shows that despite the presence of many qualified women in Jewish communal organizations, few are promoted to executive positions. In 1984, for example, men were ten times as likely to be executive directors of Jewish Federations and on the average, male executive directors earned twice the salary as females.

Similarly, women ordained as rabbis are far less likely to attain the most prestigious and lucrative rabbinical positions. Women are far more likely to find employment as Hillel rabbis, hospital chaplains, assistant rabbis, or rabbis in less prominent pulpits.

In non-sectarian professions, career paths and salaries of Jewish women often lag far behind those of Jewish men — although the gap is closing somewhat. The disparity is most vividly seen among divorced Jewish women, who earn salaries which are a small fraction of those of divorced Jewish men.

Nevertheless, Fishman's research demonstrates that Jewish feminism has given American Jewish women an opportunity unprecedented in Jewish history to explore their own spirituality and to develop fully as public and private Jews.

"Jewish survivalists of all denominations must reconsider the validity of feminist goals case by case and search for constructive ways in which to reconcile Jewish feminism with the goals of Jewish survival," Fishman concludes.

## Jewish Mediation Service

By JOSEPH POLAKOFF  
 Special to The Jewish Voice  
 WASHINGTON — Three Washington lawyers and a Maryland rabbi, all orthodox, have formed a service for mediation or arbitration for resolutions of disputes between Jewish

individuals or businesses seeking an alternative to civil litigation.  
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# Israeli Labor Party Retains Control Of Histadrut

By DAVID LANDAU  
 JERUSALEM (JTA)—Israelis who voted in the Histadrut elections Monday left the giant trade union federation in the hands of the Labor Party, depriving Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir of a political advantage he had hoped to exploit on his visit to the United States this week.

Shamir's Likud bloc was aiming for a third of the votes in the new Histadrut Executive. It won 28 percent, according to an Israel Television sample poll broadcast at 10 p.m. local time, just as the 3,000 voting stations around the country closed.

According to the poll, Labor scored 54 percent, about as expected. Mapam surprised many by winning an estimated 10 percent share of the

vote. The joint Jewish-Arab list got 5 percent, and the Citizens Rights Movement squeezed by with 3 percent, the threshold for representation in Histadrut bodies. All other parties fell short.

Pollsters Mina Zemach and Yohanan Peres warned there was a 2 to 3 percent margin for error in their survey, which was based on a sampling of 7,560 voters.

But as returns began to come in, they seemed confident of the accuracy of their projection.

There was jubilation at Labor Party headquarters over the apparent results.

Likud's reaction was more subdued. A spokesman said the party hoped to reach 30 percent when all of the votes are counted. But their

goal of 34 percent appeared to be out of reach.

That must have been a disappointment for Shamir, who departed for the United States shortly after the results were announced on television.

The prime minister had hoped to be able to point to a strong showing in Histadrut, a traditional Labor stronghold, as evidence that Likud's foreign policies enjoy massive popular support in Israel, when he met with President Bush at the White House on Wednesday.

Throughout the election campaign, Shamir hammered away at the idea that the Histadrut vote would be as much or more a referendum on peace policy than on labor-related matters. The Labor Party denied that at first.

But when it became clear that Likud was bitterly divided over Shamir's peace plan, Laborites stopped rebutting the prime minister's argument.

Likud did make gains. Its 28 percent, if it holds, is a considerable improvement over the 22 percent it won in the last Histadrut election in 1985. Moreover, it was disadvantaged by running the little known Ya'acov Shammai for Histadrut secretary-general against Labor's popular Yisrael Kessar, who is now assured of a second term.

Nevertheless, if Likud still lacks the clout to block major constitutional measures in the Histadrut Central Committee, it may be able to console itself by winning control of a string of local labor councils dominated up

until now by Labor. The local councils ran separate slates.

Laborites played down the success of Mapam, noting that it achieved 12 percent when it ran jointly with Labor in 1985. But independent observers credited its popular candidate, Yair Tsaban, with a fine showing. When Mapam announced it would run independently, pollsters hardly gave the small left-wing party the 3 percent minimum.

Kessar said Labor and Mapam together were likely to end up in a stronger position than what they attained in 1985. That would be an important achievement, given labor's downward drift in the political arena in recent years.

# Abortion Rally Draws Much Support From Jewish Community

By ALLISON KAPLAN  
 WASHINGTON (JTA) — Marching behind a banner reading "Jewish Tradition: Women's Lives Are Also Sacred," Jewish women and men made their way along the banks of the Potomac River last Sunday morning to join thousands of Americans rallying for reproductive rights.

The group, which included two and even three generations of Jewish families, were walking to the rally at the Lincoln Memorial from an American Jewish Congress briefing that drew a crowd of more than 300.

Those who took part in the "Mobilize for Women's Lives" rally under Jewish auspices sounded a common theme: that they came to Washington because reproductive rights are among the civil liberties

that Jews in America have traditionally fought to protect.

"We know too well that when one group's rights are taken away — whether they are poor women, women of color, rural or city women, women in Washington, D.C., Pennsylvania or Illinois — others can have the same thing happen to them," Lenore Feldman, president of the National Council of Jewish Women, said as she addressed the crowd at the Lincoln Memorial, estimated at 150,000. "If we remember nothing else, we do remember as Jews that human rights must be respected and protected," Feldman said.

During her turn at the microphone, Rabbi Lynn Landsberg, associate director of the Reform movement's Religious Action Center, declared, "I

am pro-God, pro-family and pro-choice. Religious doctrine does not speak with a single voice nor declare a single stand on the abortion issue," she said.

"Fundamentalists have duped this nation into thinking that the religious voice is the voice against freedom of choice, and that it is the godless who are in favor of reproductive rights," Landsberg charged.

Feldman and Landsberg were among the long list of speakers at the rally. Fourteen Jewish organizations formally lined up under the pro-choice banner, by endorsing the Nov. 12 mobilization. In addition to the Washington rally, there were demonstrations at the capitals of every state in the nation.

Wandering among the crowds of

college students and families, and looking at the clever, often provocative, signs and buttons with which people decorated themselves, one could easily spot signs identifying the demonstrators as Jewish.

Involvement by Jewish organizations gives the pro-choice forces spiritual ammunition, said Democratic party analyst Ann Lewis, because, in a struggle where those supporting abortion rights are often branded as amoral, the Jewish leadership "lends a voice of morality and values to the discourse."

Lewis spoke at the AJCongress forum, along with Lynn Cutler, vice chairwoman of the Democratic National Committee; Elizabeth Holtzman, New York's comptroller-elect; and Sen. Robert Packwood (R-

Ore.), a longtime supporter of abortion rights.

All pointed out that the abortion issue was pivotal in the last week's elections of pro-choice supporters for the posts of mayor of New York, governor of New Jersey and governor of Virginia. "The map of American politics will be drawn in the 1990 elections, when the abortion issue is at its height," Lewis predicted.

Publicity over the fight for abortion rights in the United States has also reached Israel. In a show of support, the Israeli feminist movement sent a letter to President Bush protesting his recent veto of legislation that would have permitted public funding for victims of rape and incest.

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# 'Stop Obsession With Jackson' Leader Tells American Jews

NEW ORLEANS — The senior vice president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (UAHC), central body of Reform Judaism, says Jesse Jackson must not become "the lens through which Jews see and judge all blacks."

Albert Vorspan, director of the UAHC's commission on social action, spoke November 5 to 3,500 delegates attending the organization's 60th biennial general assembly at the Marriott Hotel. "It is unrealistic and wrong to expect every black candidate for public office to perform a ritual of public repudiation of Jesse Jackson as the quid pro quo for Jewish consideration," he said.

"Jesse Jackson has become our Banquo's ghost, hovering everywhere in the Jewish consciousness. We do not have to support Jesse Jackson out of some misconceived Jewish guilt. I could not vote for him. But it is sick to let him become the lens through which Jews see and judge all blacks," Vorspan said. "There is a name for that — it is racism. It is time to exercise that dybbuk, lest Jesse Jackson become the excuse for racial stereotyping and hatred."

"Because of the Jesse Jackson syndrome, we permit the most cynical political scoundrels to play on our fears like violins. Let David Dinkins and Doug Wilder and other black candidates be judged on their records and their views, and not by a broad burst of guilt by association because they once had some connection to Jesse Jackson," Vorspan added.

Vorspan also argued against using Rev. Jackson as a "cop-out to



Jesse Jackson



Albert Vorspan

withdraw from the continuous and vexing struggle for racial and social justice. The late [Congressman] Mickey Leland was just as black and just as representative of the black community." He said, "Measuring a person by his or her individual merit is still the standard of decency we should follow."

Vorspan, a long-time civil rights activist, assailed the media's depiction of blacks and Jews as "scorpions in a bottle, natural enemies. That is a myth."

"Despite the fact that the traditional black-Jewish coalition has become frayed and tense, and that there are those in each community ready to write it off, blacks and Jews still work together on common projects and common concerns," he said.

"In Congress the black and Jewish caucus vote almost interchangeably on aid to Israel, Soviet Jewry, apartheid, social programs and separation of church and state. Black churches and synagogues across the country still celebrate Passover together and work on common projects to advance the common good."

The UAHC, he said, continues its ongoing programs in black-Jewish relations through the Kivie Kaplan Institute, a joint project with the NAACP, and the Marjorie Kovler Institute, which recently made a \$100,000 grant to Archbishop Tutu, the South African anti-apartheid foe, to advance medical education for blacks in South Africa.

# Jewish Aid Was Big Factor In Black Governor's Election

By JOSEPH POLAKOFF  
Special to The Jewish Voice

WASHINGTON — Support by Jewish Democrats in strategy, campaigning and finance constituted a powerful element in Douglas Wilder, a grandson of slaves, becoming America's first elected black governor of a state.

Wilder won a razor-thin victory over Republican J. Marshall Coleman in Virginia's election Nov. 7, winning, according to unofficial counts, by about 7,700 votes out of a record 1.77 million cast in "the cradle of the confederacy."

Strategist for Coleman was Paul Goldman, a former New York lawyer who entered Virginia politics in 1973, and became Wilder's chief advisor in his successful campaign for lieutenant governor in 1984, the first black elected to state-wide office in the south since reconstruction in the years after the Civil War.

An insider on the Wilder-Coleman campaign said Goldman's strategy in part was to withhold most of the money poured into the Wilder cof-

fers until early October and then use it in television advertising in the campaign's last month.

The strategy's effectiveness was demonstrated in that while polls were showing in October that Wilder was far ahead, Goldman perceived the Republican onslaught led by President Bush and other party leaders would reach its apogee near the campaign's end. Among Coleman's Jewish Virginian supporters was Bob Goldberg, a leader in Alexandria and Bobbi Greene Kilberg, chief of Bush's public liaison office in the White House.

For months before the campaign began in earnest after Labor Day, Jewish financial support for Wilder was gained in New York and Washington and continued throughout the campaign. On the penultimate weekend before the election, this reporter was informed as an example, Jordan Goldman of Washington helped raise funds for Wilder in New York.

Much of Wilder's majorities came in the Richmond and Norfolk areas and particularly in Northern Virginia where Jewish populations are heaviest. In 1989, according to the American Jewish Committee, the state's estimated population was 5,787,000 with Jews numbering about 1.1 percent or 65,000. In the Arlington, Alexandria and Fairfax areas, on the Potomac River close to Washington, the Jewish population was 35,000 in 1988, the committee said. The Washington Jewish Community Council's estimate was 18,300 households and upwards of 40,000 persons.

Neither the Rev. Jesse Jackson

nor Nation of Islam Minister Louis Farrakhan took part in the Virginia campaign.

Politically, Virginia's only Jewish congressman in history, Rep. Norman Sisisky, and the four Jewish members of Virginia's legislature, all Democrats, worked hard for Wilder. Sisisky, a four-term congressman, who did fund-raising for Wilder, served for nine years with him in the General Assembly where they worked closely together.

Before the election, Sisisky noted in an interview that most Virginian Jews also supported Democratic Senator Charles Robb and Governor Gerald Baliles in their campaigns. Robb, Baliles and Wilder have all visited Israel.

The Jewish legislative members are Delegates Alan Diamonstein of Newport News and, Bernard Cohen of Alexandria and Senators Elliott Schewel of Lynchburg and Dick Saslaw of Springfield.

Sisisky, 62, a retired businessman, who was born in Baltimore and raised in Richmond, moved to Petersburg in 1961 where he entered politics in 1972. His congressional district is largely rural with perhaps 200 Jewish families which have synagogues in Portsmouth and Petersburg.

An indication of Jewish support for Wilder was the comment by Columnist Tom Wicker in The New York Times Nov. 3. Wicker noted "Doug Wilder was speaking of more than the elderly when he said at the Beth Sholem Home in Norfolk: 'I've been there for you and I know on Nov. 7 you'll be there for me.'"

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## Jewish Voters Help Elect Black Mayor Of New York City

By J.J. GOLDBERG

The New York Jewish Week

NEW YORK (JTA) — Democrat David Dinkins won an unexpectedly narrow 51-48 percent victory on Tuesday, to become the first black mayor of New York City. He beat his Republican rival, Rudolph Giuliani, by about 43,000 votes that many observers credited to the Jewish community.

Jewish voters, who cast an estimated 400,000 of the 1.8 million votes, actually favored Giuliani by a margin of about six to four. But Jewish support for the black candidate was well above the overall white average of about 30 percent. Black and Jewish observers alike said it was the extra support among Jews that put Dinkins over the top.

"It is a credit to the Jewish vote that it was the deciding factor, because of the open-mindedness of the Jewish people," said Rabbi Joseph Spielman, a leader of the Chabad-Lubavitch Hasidic community.

Dinkins himself acknowledged the role of Jewish voters in his victory speech Tuesday night, telling thousands of cheering supporters: "I want to say a special word about the Jewish community, because tonight that community is again a light into the nations."

The next morning, Dinkins took time out from his schedule to return a phone call from Uriel Savir, the Israeli consul general in New York.

Savir told the *Jewish Telegraphic Agency* that he had called Dinkins at 10 a.m. to offer congratulations; to

tell the mayor-elect of the huge interest in Israel over the outcome of the campaign; to invite him to visit Israel; and to offer his assistance in helping ease tensions between various groups in New York.

"It's time to make a concentrated effort to bring together the different communities in New York," Savir said. "It's definitely feasible." Savir said that Dinkins expressed interest in continuing the close cooperation between the city and the Jewish community regarding Israeli issues that had flourished during the 12-year mayoralty of Edward Koch.

Savir quoted Dinkins as saying he would check to see whether a visit to Israel could fit into his schedule after taking office.

Dinkins initially was expected to win a majority of the traditionally Democratic Jewish vote. Jewish support remained strong through of the race, despite heavy attacks from the Giuliani camp and from some Jewish factions who denounced his friendship with the Rev. Jesse Jackson, and his employing an admitted anti-Semite in his campaign.

"The naked truth is that David Dinkins will be the trusted servant of Jesse Jackson in City Hall," said Rabbi Abraham Hecht, head of the small Rabbinical Alliance of America, in announcing the endorsement of Giuliani just before the election. "We believe that David Dinkins holds the same views as Jesse Jackson despite his statements."

In fact, Dinkins has worked closely with the Jewish community over the

years, often speaking out for Israel, traveling abroad to demonstrate for Soviet Jewry and condemning anti-Semitic statements made by Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan.

"How much more do you want from the guy?" said Noach Dear, an Orthodox member of the New York City Council who endorsed Dinkins in the final week. "How much do you want to humiliate a guy who's done so much for the Jewish community for so long? We have to get the Jewish leaders to stand together and tell elected officials, 'if you support Jewish causes, you will get our support.'"

Such thinking led to endorsements of Dinkins from a broad cross section of Jewish community leaders, including heads of the Reform movement, the major Hasidic sects and individual leaders from major organizations such as the American Jewish Committee and the Jewish Community Relations Council. (The organizations themselves remained neutral.)

In the campaign's final month, however, a series of damaging revelations about Dinkins' personal finances led to a collapse of his Jewish support. As a result, his final showing of 40 percent among Jews came as a pleasant surprise to Democrats.

"The Giuliani folks kept raising the specter of Jesse Jackson running the city, so the Jewish leadership coming out for David indicated confidence," said Roscoe Brown, president of Bronx Community College and a leading black moderate.

"This was one of the most scurri-

lous campaigns that has been run in recent history," Brown said. "I think it's to the Jewish community's credit that significant numbers of them withstood it. The fact that 40 percent could be persuaded, when at one point it was down around 20 percent, I think is great."

Within the Jewish community, however, many leaders were deeply troubled by the results.

"This election was more divisive in the Jewish community than any other that I've ever seen, presidential or otherwise — internally, within the Jewish community, between the leadership and the community," said Arnold Eisen, associate director of the Associated Bronx Jewish Community Councils. "There are some issues that are so emotional that so-called rational thinking will not always be the way people go."

### Bronfman Fellowships

The Edgar M. Bronfman Youth Fellowships in Israel — a program that will send 25 outstanding high-school students to Israel for five weeks next summer to learn about the land and its people — is now accepting applications for 1990. The Fellowships cover travel, room and board and incidentals, and are awarded solely on the basis of merit.

The program seeks "young people with proven qualities of character and leadership capable of playing key roles in the future on behalf of a unified Jewish community," according to Edgar M. Bronfman, who conceived the idea for the Fellowships. Its mission, he said, "is to create a cadre of future Jewish leaders who, despite their different backgrounds and ideologies, will begin to know and understand each other while developing their own particular talents, abilities and ideas."

In Israel, the Fellows will be led by a team of educators and counselors who themselves come from a broad range of Jewish backgrounds. The group will depart for Israel July 10 following a two-day orientation seminar in New York, returning home August 15. The five-week stay in Israel is spent in intensive study, travel and discussion. The Fellows meet and take part in seminars with some of Israel's most prominent political and academic figures.

High school students in the United States and Canada who will be seniors in September 1990 may obtain application forms and detailed information by writing or calling the Edgar M. Bronfman Youth Fellowships in Israel, 17 Wilbur Street, Albany, NY 12202; telephone (518) 465-6575. Completed applications must be postmarked no later than February 1, 1990. The names of the 1990 Fellowship recipients will be announced on March 26.

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"The first three weeks of operation for JIFFY (Jewish Information Fast For You), the new Jewish information and referral service provided by the Jewish Federation of Delaware (JFD) have been very exciting," commented William M. Topkis, JFD President. Topkis was referring to the 41 telephone calls which the Federation has received asking for Jewish information which JIFFY provides.

"What are the hours of operation for the Jewish Museum in Philadelphia?" "Where can I buy kosher meat?" "When is the next singles Happy Hour?" "Where can seniors call for homemaker service?" "How can I subscribe to the Jewish newspaper from St. Louis?" "Who is the president of the Newark Hadassah?"



These and many other questions have been answered by the JIFFY line. If the JIFFY service doesn't know the answer right away, or where to refer the call, JFD staff will investigate the question, according to Seth Bloom, JFD Director of Community Development.

JIFFY is a product of the JFD Marketing Committee which recommended this new service as a "valuable community resource which makes finding out Jewish information easier than looking through the

Yellow Pages," said Topkis. JIFFY was announced to the community officially on October 25 through a community-wide mailing of JIFFY magnets and stickers, which are meant to serve as year-round reminders of the availability of this new service.

JIFFY lines are open Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Callers may remain anonymous and if names are given, this information will be kept confidential. In order for JIFFY calls to be free for the entire Jewish community of Delaware, the Jewish Federation has implemented a toll-free service for residents in the Dover area. The JIFFY number is 478-6200, and in the Dover area, 678-0772.

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**Young Leadership Cabinet Plans Community Forum On First Amendment Rights**



Susan Kreshtool and Mark Kuller, Young Leadership Cabinet programing Co-Chairpersons, discuss the upcoming plans for the December 11 symposium entitled "Congress Shall Make No Law Repsecting an Establishment of Religion..." This program, which is free and open to the entire community will explore the applicability of the First Amendment protection of freedom of religion with regard to such issues as prayer in public schools and religious displays on public property. To make reservations, return the coupon on page 15, or contact Seth M. Bloom, JFD Director of Community Development, at 478-6200.

**Kutz Home Honors Recent Retirees**



Ruth Seidel, above left, who recently retired after 22 years as the dietician and manager of the kitchen of the Milton & Hattie Kutz Home, is presented with a gift by Shelly Mand, President of the Kutz Auxiliary. Above left, Gloria Garber, who recently retired as the secretary of the Home after 20 years of service, being congratulated by Mand. The women were honored by the Kutz Home Auxiliary at its opening meeting on October 14. Following a short history of each woman's relationship with the Auxiliary each received a gift.

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# Russian Resettlement...The Beat Goes On At Jewish Family Service

By MIRIAM VIKTOR  
Special to The Jewish Voice

During the first nine days of November, Roberta Burman, Jewish Family Service Russian Resettlement Coordinator, and her group of dedicated volunteers (including many previous Russian emigres) welcomed three new families to Wilmington. A fourth family, which includes two children under 7 years of age, arrived on Tuesday, November 14.

The adult immigrants include an economist, a design engineer, a mechanical engineer, a pharmacist/biologist, people with computer skills, a professional knitter and a physical education instructor and six children ranging in age from 1 to 16. One family spent almost a year in Italy "on appeal" before being admitted to the United States. One family left Russia in September. All were wel-

comed by their Wilmington relatives — the Golod, Gayduk, Green and Blumberg families. Part of getting acquainted, explained a member of the Blumberg family, involves introducing his 8-year old cousin to the joys of peanut butter and Oreos.

At this time, Burman has no official notice from HIAS of additional new arrivals. "HIAS has told us that the Bush Administration wants to close Ladispoli by January 1, 1990," says Burman. "We know this is a "one day at a time" situation until the new immigration program of October 1 is implemented." The new policy requires Russian Jews to apply directly for admission to the United States. They will no longer leave Russia on a visa for Israel and exit through Vienna, where many requested resettlement in the US.

(NOTE: In September, Leslie

Newman, JFS President, requested a special appropriation from the Jewish Federation of Delaware to cover the costs of resettling the Ladispoli refugees. The sum of \$75,000 was allocated by the Federation's Board for the resettlement of 75 Jewish refugees through June of 1990.)

Finding employment for the new arrivals is Burman's chief focus. "We need community people to help with all aspects of employment," says Burman. "We need resume writers. We need people to look for jobs. We need people to help our new arrivals prepare for job interviews."

In fact, admits Burman, "We need a volunteer to work in the Jewish Family Service office on Garden of Eden Road who can help us coordinate all Russian Resettlement activi-

ties: job searches, medical appointments, donations of furniture and household items, and transportation."

It's the perfect job, insists Burman. The hours are flexible, the location is central, there's ample parking, and the rewards are incalculable. Anyone interested should contact Fredda Pennock, Chairperson, JFS Russian Resettlement Committee, at (215) 388-6669.

Burman's other immediate needs are for more clean beds (stained and damaged items will not be accepted) — preferably twin size, plus blankets and pillows. Lamps and end tables are also needed, says Burman, and all kinds of kitchen equipment, from pots and pans to dishes and silverware.

Within the next few weeks, infant clothing and equipment will be needed: one approved family includes a about-to-be new mother: "Maybe

we should have a lottery," suggest Burman. "What will be the baby's actual place of birth: Italy, the plane over the Atlantic Ocean, the New York airport or Wilmington?"

The new arrivals are settling in quickly, says Burman, and welcome visits from community members, who can help them improve their English, teach them about American customs, and make them feel more "at home" in Wilmington. Those who would like to visit with a family, or invite a family to their home during the coming holiday season, call the Jewish Family Service at 478-9411. Each of the new families has a telephone, or a "first visit" may be arranged by a Jewish Family Service staff member.

Families with young children would not only welcome your visit, but gifts of age-appropriate toys. For more information contact Jewish Family Service.

## Jerusalem Mayor Speaks In New York

By SUSAN BIRNBAUM

NEW YORK (JTA) — Every autumn after the Jewish holidays, a prominent Jewish figure delivers an address at the 92nd Street Y on the state of world Jewry. Last month, Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kolket strove to draw an analogy between the state of Jerusalem and that of Jews all over the world. "I still believe that where Jerusalem goes, the Jewish world goes," he said.

In a city where Jews from 103 countries speak 93 languages, he said, "it will take some time before we have some homogeneity between them." Thus, he added, "that someone should decide on who is a Jew is so preposterous that you cannot even laugh at it."

Not avoiding talk of the Palestinian uprising, he reflected on parallels he detected between media coverage of the San Francisco earthquake and that of the Palestinian "shaking up," as the *intifada* directly translates.

Kolket was in San Francisco just before coming to New York, attending a conference of the World Council for Foreign Affairs. Although he saw the earthquake's violent legacy, he recalled that he also saw a city much intact, and "I suddenly saw the power and the intentions of the media." In Israel, "as in San Francisco, you only see the bad things," he said.

Kolket struck a discordant note when he said he did not support the

women who pray at the Western Wall. Admitting he would "say something very unpopular," Kolket termed it a "side issue" and "a provocation."

"I think (women) wearing prayer shawls and carrying the Torah is only a demonstration for demonstration's sake. I will not fight them, but I will not support them," he said.

When asked if he believed there will be elections in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, he retorted, "I think we all will be able to answer this after Shamir goes to Washington."

And, when asked directly if he would support a Palestinian state, Kolket replied, "Look. I don't expect Mr. Shamir to interfere in Jerusalem and I don't interfere with his job."

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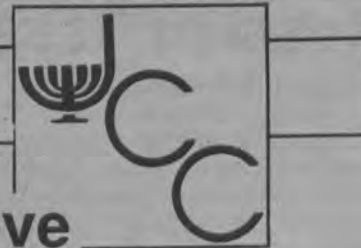
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# Jewish Community Center



## Preschool Program Combination Of Skill And Love

Early Childhood Services Director Marilyn Forbes feels the success of her department is due to strong, age-appropriate programs and an experienced and caring staff.

Marilyn came to the JCC seven months ago. She holds a degree in Elementary Education and is certified to teach elementary and preschool. She previously served as the Pre-School Director at her temple in Willingboro, New Jersey. She finds her job at the Wilmington JCC satisfying. "There is an amazing amount of growth that you see. When you steer children in the right direction... they blossom," she said.

In choosing staff, Marilyn looks for people who understand how children develop and that they learn by doing and not just by sitting and listening. She also feels it is important for teachers to be creative and able to adapt materials to different programs and to try new approaches to old problems. Her teachers, she says, are extremely caring and nurturing.

One example of a nurturing teacher, Forbes notes, is Ferri Tehrani. Tehrani recently helped a child who had a great deal of trouble adapting to the school environment. Her warmth, patience and understanding helped this child to grow, thrive and mature and to really enjoy this experience, Forbes says. "When the school year ended, even though Ferri doesn't work in the summer, she came to this child's first day of summer camp, to ensure an easy transition. This type of caring and love is omnipresent in our preschool."

The Jewish Community Center provides day care for children ages one through five from 7:15 a.m. to 5:45 p.m., five days per week. The "walking ones" classes and the "toddler two's" are all-day programs, while the three and four-year-olds are integrated into the pre-school and then enjoy lunch and enrichment activities to complete their extended day program. The five-year-olds arrive after kindergarten to finish their day with fun and creative activities such as dance, gymnastics and karate.

The day care head teacher is Elaine Marek, who has been with the JCC for eight years. She is one of the most popular teachers because of her warmth, creativity and strong teaching skills. Mary Ann Meader and Lynn Wise are the two-year-old full-time day care teachers. They are both skilled in choosing age-appropriate programs and are extremely warm and loving with the children, according to Forbes.

There is also a play learning group for two-year-olds that meets two days per week for a half day. It stresses language development, socialization, beginning eye-hand coordination, music and exercise. This program is taught by Frances Paredes and Marcy Mirmelstein, both of whom have a great deal of experience with two-year-olds.

Carol Burnett is the "walking ones" program head teacher. She possesses a special gift for helping the children mature and develop in her program, Forbes says. The children have days filled with social, emotional and physical learning experiences.

Three and four-year-olds also enjoy a marvelous program. The three-year-old head teacher is Gale Rowell. The children talk about their bodies and learn about sets through body image, for example, 2 eyes, 1 nose, etc. They learn one-to-one matching, easel painting and Hebrew through music. They also learn how to throw, roll balls and to jump and hop. This program is designed to foster growth and creativity in the three year olds.

The four-year-olds head teacher is Marcia Shepard. These children learn letter recognition and letter sounds, work with counting books, cook and learn measuring, as well as, making holiday projects. The boys make Kepot and the girls make head scarves for Shabbat. They are an active group that enjoys many creative and skill development activities.

In addition to the morning preschool program, three and four-year-

olds can stay for a special program called, "Lunch Bunch." This program is offered on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. The children enjoy enrichment programs and a brown bag lunch, followed by some quiet story time.

On Tuesdays, "Honeybees and Tumblebees" is offered and features gymnastics geared to three and four-year-olds. Also on Tuesdays, "Lunch Bunch plus Music" is presented by Mary Ellen Moser from the Wilmington Music School's "Music for Little People" program. The children participate in action songs and learn about instruments. On Thursdays, "Lunch Bunch" is "Educize" with Lynn Lew, who plays games and exercises with the kids and talks to them about the importance of physical fitness and nutrition. On Fridays, "Lunch Bunch plus Pre-Ballet" is offered.

Barbara Greenhill and Yu Syou Tucker teach Kindergarten Enrichment. This program is offered to provide a balance to the children's day, after they've attended kindergarten classes. "It's fun... but it keeps them thinking," Forbes says. They enjoy recreation, arts and crafts, physical education, swimming and go on occasional field trips. This is a non-academic program for five-year-olds.

Ruth Forman serves as the Curriculum Development Specialist. She has been teaching pre-school at the JCC for 20 years. She is extremely creative and is especially talented with art and music programs. Her job is to develop the curriculum and help the staff implement the programming.

The Early Childhood Department strives to offer creative programs that foster growth, development and fun. Judaics are stressed in all programs.

## Winter Day Camp Will Open For Vacation Week

Summer isn't the only time children can have fun in a camp setting. Campers can pack their bags with swimming, sports activities, theme days and trips during Winter Camp at the JCC, December 26 through 29.

As is the case during the summer session, campers will be divided into units including Kochavim (Kindergarten through 2nd graders), Chaverim (3rd and 4th graders) and Chalutzim (5th and 6th graders). Each unit will participate in activities specially designed for the age group.

Kochavim and Chaverim camps will enjoy special day trips during the week to add more variety to the program. Scheduled trips include ice skating and a "Winter Mystery Trip." These trips will be taken in the afternoon, allowing all campers to make use of the Center facilities each day.

Of special interest for the Chav-

erim campers is a Baltimore overnight trip. Campers will visit the Inner Harbor and National Aquarium and stay at the Baltimore JCC. During the rest of the time, campers will participate in a Winter Sports Round Robin including archery, golf, racquetball, swimming and volleyball.

All campers will take part in a New Year's Eve Party which will also serve as a camp reunion of all summer

campers. Many of the summer camp staff will participate. The program will run from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. with childcare available before and after program hours. Registration information is available at the front desk of the JCC and is also being mailed to Center members. For additional information, call the Center at 478-5660. The deadline for registration is December 15.

## Community Brunch Will Celebrate Book Month

A community brunch will be held at the Jewish Community Center on Sunday, December 3, beginning at 11 a.m. Following the brunch at 1 p.m., there will be a lecture by noted author and Yiddish folklorist, Max Rosenfeld, as he discusses the works

of Sholem Aleichem. The event is being held as part of the JCC's celebration of Jewish Book Month.

The cost for the brunch is \$3 and will include bagels, lox, cream cheese, danish, juices, fresh fruit cups, coffee and tea.

Registration is now being accepted at the JCC Front Desk. For additional information, call Lynn Greenfield at 478-5660.

## Jazz Concert Scheduled



The University of Delaware's Faculty Jazz Ensemble will be performing at the Jewish Community Center on Wednesday, November 29, at 7 p.m.

The group was organized approximately nine years ago and has performed numerous times on the campus for administrative and student events and has appeared in the "Wonderful Music in Lewes" series. They were also the opening act for Ben Vereen during his performance in Dover, Delaware.

The concert performance at the JCC is free of charge and open to the entire community. For more information, call Lynn Greenfield, JCC Adult Program Coordinator, at 478-5660.

## Chanuka Choopla

Children "of all ages" are welcome to attend the Hanukkah celebration at the Jewish Community Center on Sunday, December 17, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Chanukah Choopla, the annual event which attracts over 1000 people, has virtually "something for everyone," according to Steve and Jean Chamish, this year's Choopla Chairpersons. Children will be able to participate in the first-of-its-kind Dreidel Olympics which will include carnival-type games and activities centered around a Chanukah theme. Families will be able to create a lasting heirloom as they construct their own Hanukkiot (menorahs) for use year after year. Jelly donut-making workshops and community "Latke-Fry Off" will also be featured.

Various area merchants, artists and artisans will be displaying their wares and one-of-a-kind gift items for sale. To make Hanukkah shopping even more convenient, the B'nai B'rith Youth Group will be on hand to gift wrap purchases.

Additionally, entertainment will be ongoing throughout the afternoon, culminating in a family sing-a-long.

"We hope families will come and spend the day at the Center," said Jean Chamish. "Where else can you eat a kosher lunch, play games, be entertained and do your Hanukkah shopping—and still find a parking space?" she joked. "Choopla really demonstrates how much the Jewish Community Center is a gathering place for all of our community families. It also gives families with children of all ages, a place to go and have fun," noted Steven Chamish.

A limited number of vendor tables are still available for the event. Interested merchants and community organizations should contact the JCC immediately. For additional information on Choopla programs and activities, contact J.J. Alter at 478-5660.

## Aquatics Director Appointed

Eileen Wallach, Recreational Services Director, has announced that Terri Byers has been appointed as the new Aquatics Director of the Wilmington Jewish Community Center. Byers holds several swimming and aquatic certificates and has managed numerous swimming pool facilities. She is looking forward to providing services and programs for the entire community, according to Wallach. Byers has also served as a lifeguard on the Ocean City Beach Patrol in Ocean City, Maryland.

Byers will be managing both the indoor swimming pool facility as well as the outdoor pools at the Jewish Family Campus. She is currently working on the 1990 schedule which will offer some new and innovative activities. Some of her ideas include scuba diving, water walking, synchronized swimming, "Long Fellows Whales Tales" for children and many other programs.

Her major goal for the 1990 season will be the development of programs and services that will meet the needs of all age groups at the JCC.



Terri Byers



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# U.S. Denies Reluctancy To Press Syria

**By DAVID FRIEDMAN**  
WASHINGTON (JTA) — The Bush administration has denied charges that it is reluctant to press Syria to cut off ties with the terrorist group believed responsible for the bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 last December.

But State Department deputy spokesman Richard Boucher refused again early this month to confirm that the United States believes the group responsible for the act is the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command, headed by Ahmed Jabril. All Boucher would

say was that Washington "has discussed the Pan Am 103 bombing with Syria, as we have with other countries which may have information about terrorist groups."

Boucher was responding to charges in a column by A.M. Rosenthal, published November 3 in *The New York Times*, that the United States provided evidence to Syria that the PFLP-General Command is responsible for the bombing, but that Syria refused to close the bases of the terrorist group or expel it from Syrian-controlled portions of Lebanon.

The United States has not informed

the American public of this because it "considers its relations with Syria more important than keeping the American public fully informed," Rosenthal suggested.

"The United States has repeatedly expressed concern, both publicly and privately, about terrorist groups supported by Syria, including the PFLP-General Command," Boucher said. "On numerous occasions, we have asked Syria to take actions against these groups, both inside Syria and in Syrian-controlled areas of

Lebanon," he said. He explained that the actions could start "with expulsion and restrictions on their activities."

Boucher added that the United States "is not satisfied with the Syrian response to date, and we will continue to press our concerns."

Pan Am Flight 103 exploded over Lockerbie, Scotland, last December 21, killing all 259 people aboard and 11 people on the ground. The PFLP-General Command, a radical group opposed to Yasir Arafat's leadership

of the PLO, last month denied it perpetrated the bombing, but international investigations have found strong evidence of its involvement.

The State Department has also denied Pan Am's claim that the CIA and FBI were warned in advance by Israel's Mossad secret intelligence agency that Flight 103 had been targeted for attack. In Jerusalem, Israeli officials refused to comment on the report, as they do on all sensitive security matters.

## Reagan: U.S. Still Stands With Israel

**By TOM TUGEND**  
LOS ANGELES (JTA) — Former President Ronald Reagan recently pledged that America will stand at Israel's side during Middle East peace negotiations. He also expressed his revulsion of anti-Semitic incidents in the United States.

"This nation is committed to Israel's security. We must never do anything to jeopardize that," Reagan said. "The peace process between Israel and her neighbors is foreign policy to us. But for the people of Israel, it's a matter of survival."

The former president made his remarks at a dinner on November 4 after accepting the American Liberties Medallion, the highest award bestowed by the American Jewish Committee. In the award citation, the group stressed Reagan's support of Israel during his administration, his commitment to freedom for Soviet Jewry and his efforts on behalf of Ethiopian Jews.

Touching on domestic concerns, Reagan said, "I share with you the deepest revulsion to some of the recent episodes of anti-Semitism

(directed) at synagogues, on college campuses and at your very homes. When one man or woman is attacked, we are all at risk."

Reagan and his wife, Nancy, made their appearance shortly after returning from Japan and braving considerable criticism in the American news media for accepting a \$2 million fee from the Japanese corporation sponsoring their tour. The former chief executive received no payment for speaking at the AJC committee dinner, according to the agency's spokesman, Morton Yarmon.

A second honoree at the dinner was producer-director Steven Spielberg, who received the AJC's Mass Media Award for "bringing filmmaking to new heights while faithfully maintaining artistic integrity and deep concern for human values."

In his acceptance speech, Spielberg credited his value system to his upbringing. "When you grow up in a Jewish home, values aren't abstract, they are real," he said. "They're not passive, they're active. The good life isn't just lived, it's waged."

## 'Campaign To Discredit Israel' Published By ZOA

A special report on "The Campaign to Discredit Israel," featuring reproductions of nearly 250 anti-Israel news clippings, photos, memoranda, pamphlets, flyers and cartoons, has been published by the Zionist Organization of America. "Israel is on the defensive, and the Palestinian 'cause' is on the offensive, orchestrated by numerous groups and new strategies," writes Paul Flacks, executive vice president of the ZOA, who compiled the report.

"The Arabs' newly-acquired sophistication in their contacts with the American administration and with members of Congress and the media may have a strong impact on American public opinion," according to the ZOA leader.

The study analyzes pro-Arab strategy and tactics, noting that anti-Israel groups seek to tell their story on college campuses, where Jewish students are often unable to cope with the concentration and organization of pro-Arab activity, where public criticism by liberal/left groups may significantly influence the students and where public condemnation of Israeli policy serves to undermine Israel's image.

"While Israel conducts its Hasbara efforts with intelligence and effectiveness, the bias of the media places

Israel under a severe disadvantage, writes Flacks. "Therefore, it is up to American Jews to take appropriate action to neutralize the insidious anti-Israel campaign now under way."

The study examines and gives examples of Arab propaganda techniques using newspaper headlines, political action by newly-active Arab groups vis-a-vis the White House, the Congress and grassroots America and distortions, inaccuracies and bias in the media resulting from Arab PR efforts, among others.

Some of the most extreme examples of anti-Israel propaganda — many verging on anti-Semitism — are cartoons that have appeared in leading daily U.S. newspapers, the report points out. Since cartoons depend for their effect on exaggeration and simplicity at the cost of historical context and objectivity, cartoons are a perfect propaganda vehicle for fueling public resentment



against Israel, according to Flacks. Many of the materials in the 235-page report are the product of relatively small or obscure anti-Israel groups that have been extremely effective in getting their message across by giving an exaggerated impression of their membership and influence, Flacks writes.

## Arafat Visitors Honored

New York (JTA) — Rita Hauser, Drora Kass, Menachem Rosensaft, Stanley Sheinbaum and Avram Udovitch, the five American Jews who met with PLO Chairman Yassir

Arafat in Stockholm last Dec. 7, received the Jewish Peace Fellowship's third Abraham Joshua Heschel Peace Award.

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In *A Translation Guide to 19th-Century Polish-Language Civil Registration Documents*, author Judith R. Frazin clearly explains why many old vital records from Jewish communities are readily available and copies are easily obtainable. The guide includes tips on locating documents from Polish towns, reproductions of actual Jewish communal documents, a method for deciphering difficult 19th-century Polish script, topical word lists and a step-by-step tutorial on the abstraction of important genealogical information. Published by the Jewish Genealogical Society of Illinois in 1989, it can be ordered for \$22.50 by writing to JGSI, 1025 Antique Lane, Northbrook, IL 60062.

Ancestry, Inc., long known in the genealogy world for its diverse and extensive catalog of genealogical books, has added another volume in its continuing series of outstanding publications. In *The Archives: A Guide to the National Archives Field Branches*, authors Loretto Dennis Szucs and Sandra Hargreaves Luebking provide an exhaustive survey of the eleven field branches of the National Archives which will guide you efficiently through records of our nation's past. Samples of contents and topics covered include immigration and naturalization records, census returns, World War II war crime documents, World War I draft registration records and numerous other governmental records.

Any serious historian or genealogist who wants to examine or work with the written or pictorial documents in the custody of the National Archives should have this book at their side, pen in hand — or computer in mode.

The book can be ordered, for \$27.95, by writing to: Ancestry, Inc., P.O. Box 476 Salt Lake City, UT 84110.

For Karen Spiegel Franklin, director of The Judaica Museum at the Hebrew Home for the Aged at River-

dale, a welcome addition to her library is *The Jewish Community of Frankfurt: A Genealogical Study 1349-1849* by Alexander Dietz (editor: Isobel Mordy) which documents her family back to 1349 where she learned of her ancestor, "Lipman of the Storch" (house name) who perished in the pogrom triggered by the black death plague.

In his book, originally published in 1907 (and translated for the 1988 edition), Dietz traces the family trees of 625 leading Jewish families of Frankfurt from the fateful year of 1349, when the Jewish quarter was burned, to 1849 when Jewish emancipation was achieved. This book of considerable scholarship is frequently referred to in literature concerning the Jewish community of Frankfurt during this period. It includes a short history of the Frankfurt Jewish community, illustrations with full pages of street scenes, notable buildings in the Jewish quarter and important artifacts fashioned by the Jewish craftsmen and artists.

The size of the book is 8x12, slipped case and contains 660 pages. Order from: Vanderher Publications, Worthyvale Manor, Camelford, Cornwall PL32 9TT, UK. Prices are \$180 (cloth) and \$380 (leather).

Most of us have family who either lived in or who passed through New York enroute to establishing new homes elsewhere. *Genealogical Resources in the New York Metropolitan Area* edited by Estelle M. Guzik and published by the Jewish Genealogical Society takes the mystery out of genealogical research in New York. More than 100 repositories and libraries are placed at your fingertips in its 400 pages.

In addition to listing such basic information as facility name, address, telephone number and hours of operation, the resource guide describes the holdings, geographic scope and time span of records, finding aids, access and copying for each facility.

The resource guide tells you which repositories hold genealogical and biographical materials, local historical and newspaper collections, maps and gazetteers, census records, probate records, naturalizations, name changes, indexes to birth, marriage,

death and divorce records, voter registrations and much more.

The book can be ordered for \$28.50 by writing to Jewish Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 6398, New York, NY 10128.

For those of us with roots in the Soviet Union, genealogy research has necessitated creative ideas to trace our relatives such as utilizing Soviet telephone books in the Library of Congress in Washington D.C. Access to vital records and on-site research in the Soviet Union is not currently part of "glasnost." Written requests for documents usually result in a "form letter" response after seven or eight months stating "the records you request cannot be located." One person who has had virtual unlimited access to Soviet archives is Patricia Kennedy Grimsted, a research associate at the Ukrainian Research Institute and a Fellow of the Russian Research Center at Harvard University.

Beginning in 1972 with her first volume, *Archives and Manuscript Repositories in the U.S.S.R.: Moscow and Leningrad*, and the second volume in 1981 for Latvia, Lithuania and Belorussia, Grimsted has labored to explain the complex archival system of the U.S.S.R., where they are, what they have and for what periods. The third volume in this monumental series, covering the Ukraine and Moldavia, was anxiously awaited by those of us who want to know where the records are, even if we are unable to examine them now.

From Grimsted's third volume on the Ukraine, I found the name and address of the local archive in the small town northeast of Kiev where a branch of my family once lived. In a brief letter, written in English, I explained that my family formerly resided there and I was interested in learning more about the local history. Within six weeks, a cordial response arrived from "Natalia" listing several books on the town's history and an offer to continue corresponding with me. Natalia included her office phone number, but indicated she does not speak English, though she can read and understand it. She asked me to locate the descendants of a former resident of the town (now deceased) who had immigrated to

the U.S., became a famous scientist and eventually won a Nobel Prize in his field.

A little research on my part produced the name and address of the surviving son which is being sent to Natalia with a further request for specific information about my family members.

In Vol. III of the above series (Ukraine and Moldavia), Grimsted states: "In the Soviet Union a foreign scholar cannot apply directly to an archive for admission, as one can in most countries ... Furthermore, at present there are no genealogical services for foreigners in Soviet archives, and usually Soviet archives as a matter of principle will not even answer letters of inquiry from abroad on genealogical subjects."

Until the day when a written re-

quest to the U.S.S.R. produces a birth record for my grandmother, or until the day when I can travel to the Ukrainian town where she once lived and research the records myself, the Grimsted series provides the potential for family historians to trace their Russian roots, with some creativity and a little luck, too.

### EVERY FAMILY NEEDS A HISTORIAN

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The two posters designed for the 1989 Jewish Book Month celebration by JWB. Jewish Book Month will be celebrated this year from November 23 through December 23. The history of Jewish Book Month goes back to 1925, when Fanny Goldstein, a Boston librarian set up a Judaica exhibit to mark the first Jewish Book Week. The idea later gained national acceptance and popularity and by 1943, when the JWB Jewish Book Council was formally organized, became Jewish Book Month.

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# Bishops Meeting In Baltimore Produce Document On Middle East

BALTIMORE (JTA) — In a move that has disappointed some American Jewish groups, the country's Catholic bishops last week unanimously adopted a statement on the Middle East that affirms the right of Palestinians to "territorial and political sovereignty."

The statement, which also recognizes Israel's security needs, was approved by the National Conference of Catholic Bishops on November 9, the final day of its four-day assembly here.

The approved document came under immediate criticism from a number of Jewish organizations, including the Synagogue Council of America, American Jewish Committee, American Jewish Congress and the Anti-defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

The SCA voiced "great concern for the document's apparent call for an independent, sovereign Palestinian state," and charged that the statement goes far beyond Pope John Paul II's previous calls for an independent Palestinian "homeland."

The AJ Committee issued a statement saying the group's leaders "profoundly regret that the resolution has retained the call for Palestinian 'sovereign status.'"

The bishops' 50-page document, their first on the Middle East in 11 years, is the product of more than a year of consultations between a committee of Catholic leaders and representatives of the Jewish and Moslem communities.

When a first draft of the statement was released last month, criticism of the document by Jewish organizations focused on the statement's approach to questions of statehood, security and negotiations. Even Jewish groups that support the Palestinians' right to self-determination said that including the word "sovereignty" would prescribe a political solution to the peace process before negotiations had begun.

William M. Topkis, President of the Jewish Federation of Delaware, said the local community shares the goal of the National Confer-

ence of Bishops in seeking peace in the Middle East. "For that reason we believe that offering a political prescription in the bishops' statement for the final status of the West Bank and Gaza Strip will not advance the peace process. Indeed, it may set it back by focusing prematurely on issues that only the parties to the conflict should ultimately resolve." What is most important now, Topkis said, is bringing those parties to the table for direct face-to-face negotiations. "We support the efforts of the United States in trying to bring about such negotiations," he said.

Nevertheless, Topkis said, "the overall tone of the statement is positive and reflects genuine concern for the well-being of all the peoples in the Middle East. We welcome the readiness of the Catholic bishops to engage in discussions with the Jewish community on these issues and we look forward to continuing these discussions."

Last December, the Vatican reiterated the pope's call that the Israelis and Palestinians "have an identical, fundamental right to have their own homeland." The bishops' document, by contrast, says that a peace settlement "should formalize Israel's existence as a sovereign state in the eyes of the Arab states and the Palestinians," while at the same time establishing "an independent Palestinian homeland, with its sovereign status recognized by Israel."

Jewish groups objected, in particular, to the first draft's evenhanded use of the word "sovereignty." Apparently in response to those concerns, the bishops added a paragraph in the final document, saying "there must be negotiated limits to the exercise of Palestinian sovereignty, so that it is clear that Israel's security is protected."

At a news conference following the assembly, Archbishop Roger Mahony of Los Angeles acknowledged that there is little agreement on a definition for the term "sovereignty."

"Our focus is on defined territory, autonomy, self-rule, the ability for Palestinians to

elect their own leadership and to pursue their future together as a people," said Mahony, who chaired the committee that drafted the statement. "However, some will assign more meaning than we do to the term."

Serving on the committee with Mahony were Cardinal John O'Connor of New York and Archbishop William Keeler of Baltimore.

In a brief floor debate on the final draft, Archbishop William Levada of Portland, Ore., addressed Jewish concerns directly by urging priests, in their consultations with Jews, to stress the fact that the document includes a call for limits on Palestinian sovereignty.

Nevertheless, the SCA contended that the repeated use of such terms as "territorial rights" and "Palestinian sovereignty" is damaging, because it "leaves open to interpretation that the Catholic bishops seem to be calling for an independent sovereign state — something that the U.S. government has carefully not advocated."

"The Synagogue Council believes that this statement prejudices what can only be achieved through the process of negotiations, which is the domain of the political entities involved, rather than religious bodies."

The SCA statement also objected to the bishops' calls that the Palestinians be allowed to select their own representatives in all negotiations. The SCA said that the bishops did not address the Palestine Liberation Organization's "interference in Palestinian self-determination and Arab intimidation of those Palestinians who have stepped forward to try to work with the Israelis towards a solution."

Despite its critically worded statement, however, an SCA spokesman sought to soften the council's objections. "This is a disagreement between close friends, where the many hours of consultation by the drafting committee were deeply appreciated," said Gunther Lawrence, who appeared to be the only representative of a Jewish organization present at the assembly's closing session.

Lawrence said the SCA's prepared reaction statement was drafted before the bishops' final debate on the Middle East and should have reflected the umbrella group's satisfaction with two additional amendments adopted by the bishops.

In the key passage of suggested solutions, the drafting committee added a paragraph stressing that its suggestions were made not to "limit or predetermine" the negotiation process, but to lay out "the needs and requirements" that ought to be considered in such negotiations.

Lawrence said the bishops' Middle East statement "should not in any way ignite Jews to anger against Catholics. This is not a rift, but a disagreement," he said.

AJ Committee's statement "welcomed" several elements of the document, including its call for continued support of Israel by both the Catholic Church and the United States, as well as its "demands that the Arab states enter into full diplomatic relations with Israel." It was issued in New York by rabbi A. James Rudin and Judith Banki, respectively the group's director and associate director for interreligious affairs.

Henry Siegmans, executive vice president of AJCongress, called the document "an improvement over earlier statements on the Middle East" issued by the bishops. But he expressed disappointment that the statement "still refers to Palestinian sovereignty as a requirement."

An even sharper reaction was issued by Kenneth Jacobson, director of ADL's international affairs division, who said the statement "contain a fundamentally flawed recommendation in its call for a Palestinian homeland with territory and sovereignty." That recommendation, he said, "runs counter to American policy and, by pre-empting options, is unhelpful to progress toward peace."

Nevertheless, he said there is "much that is

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# Announcements/Events

## Interfaith Thanksgiving Planned

The entire Delaware Community is invited to participate at an Interfaith Thanksgiving Service on Wednesday, November 22, from 12:15 to 1 p.m. at First and Central Presbyterian Church, 1101 North Market Street in downtown Wilmington.

The annual service, sponsored by the Delaware Region, National

Conference of Christians and Jews and the Religious Communities of Delaware, brings together individuals of all faiths in a common expression of gratitude and thankfulness to God.

The program will include prayers and readings led by clergy of the various denominations and musical

selections performed by the Center City Chorale of Wilmington.

This year's service will celebrate the opportunity to respond to God's call to unity, equality and service in our own lives and in our communities. For further information, call the Delaware Region, NCCJ office at (302) 655-0039.

## Keil-Herrmann Visiting Scholar

The community is cordially invited to the annual Keil-Herrmann Memorial Lecture Weekend, December 1, 2 and 3 at Congregation Beth Emeth. The Visiting Scholar will be Dr. Ellis Rivkin, Professor of History at the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion.

Rivkin is the author of numerous books and articles and has been a "teacher's teacher" over four decades. His students have invited him to their congregations upon ordination and his often controversial views have captivated audiences and stimulated

thinking," according to Rabbi Peter H. Grumbacher.

At Shabbat services at 8 p.m. on Friday, December 1, Rivkin will speak on the subject, "Who is a Jew: An Historic Perspective," and on Saturday, December 2 at 9 a.m. he will look at the book of Deuteronomy and discuss its place in the Bible as a handbook for survival. Rivkin's talk on Sunday, December 3, will focus on "Israel's Search for Security" and will begin at 10 a.m.

The Keil-Herrmann Lecture Weekend was established by the families of

the late Rosa K. Keil and Zelda K. Herrmann and brings to Congregation Beth Emeth and the community speakers dedicated to Jewish scholarship and the future of our People.

## Teen Connection

Teen Connection is BBYO's newest program for 7th & 8th graders in the Newark area. All Jewish teens in the area are welcome to join this group and get to know each other better. Activities will include sports, trips, games, art projects, and programs of Jewish content. The first meeting of this year will be Sunday, November 19 at 11:30 a.m. at Temple Beth El, R.S.V.P. to Joan Ellis at 328-5511 or the Temple office at 366-8330.

## Israel Tour

Temple Beth El is sponsoring a tour to Israel escorted by Rabbi David and Terri Kaplan. The 15 day tour will leave June 14, 1990. The itinerary includes 7 nights in Jerusalem, 1 in Tel Aviv, 2 in Haifa, and 2 in Eilat. A full itinerary may be obtained by calling either Temple Beth El, 366-8330, or Heather Schnell at Hockessin Travel, 239-5208. The cost for the tour is \$1995 per person.

## Newark Pre-School Program

There are two programs held in Newark at Temple Beth El for preschoolers. The first is the "Tot Shabbat," a special monthly half-hour service starting at 7:15 p.m. on Friday evening. The service, led by Rabbi Kaplan, is designed for children 3 to 6 years old and their parents. Babysitting is available for the regular service at 8 p.m. The second program, the "Discovery Group," is a monthly one-hour Sunday class for 3 and 4 year olds. The class consists of arts and crafts, dancing, stories, singing and a snack. Class begins at 11:30 p.m. For more information, call the Temple office at 366-8330.

## Naches

### Markell

Dr. and Mrs. William Markell, of Newark, announce the engagement of their son, Jack Markell, to Carla J. Smathers, daughter of Ms. Joan Smathers and Dr. Donald Smathers, both of Wilmington.

## Israeli Speaker To Address Beth Emeth

Rabbi Jeffrey Bearman will speak at Congregation Beth Emeth at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 29. His topic will be the *Intifada* and its impact on the State of Israel.

Rabbi Bearman, a graduate of Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, has been a resident of Jerusalem for almost ten years. Before making *aliyah* he served pulpits in North Dakota and New Jersey and was a Chaplain in the United States Air Force.

The speaker is a licensed tour guide and has conducted Bar/Bat Mitzvah ceremonies for over 300 American Jewish teens in seven years. He is the guide for many Jewish and Christian groups including UJA, JNF and the World Union for Progressive Judaism. The community is invited to hear Rabbi Bearman free of charge.

## AKSE Deli-Dance

The Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Sisterhood will sponsor a deli-dance in the synagogue's social hall on Saturday, December 9, at 7 p.m. The event will include a deli supper catered by Leonora Gershberg of Philadelphia, popular music to dance to and dessert.

The community is invited to attend. Reservations should be made by December 1 by calling Susan Pevar (444-1157) or Diane Seidel (479-0490).

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## Cultural Calendar

### LOCAL

Writer, historian and Holocaust authority Lucy S. Dawidowicz will be the guest speaker at the First Bi-Annual Doris and Irving Morris Leadership Forum at the Jewish Community Center on Sunday, December 10. The lecture is free of charge. This event is part of the JCC's celebration of Jewish Book Month. A number of other speakers have been scheduled. For more information, see Page 24.

A symposium entitled "Congress Shall Make No Law Respecting an Establishment of Religion..." will be presented by the Young Leadership Cabinet of the Jewish Federation of Delaware on Monday, December 10, at 7:30 p.m., at the Jewish Community Center. An interdenominational panel will discuss the issue of church/state separation. The event is co-sponsored by the Jewish Community Relation Committee and the Jewish Law Students Association of Widener University. Reservations should be made by December 4, by calling the Jewish Federation at 478-6200.

"The Nazi Doctors: Should society use their medical data?" is the subject of a lecture/discussion to be led by Rabbi Herbert Yoskowitz at Congregation Beth Shalom on November 19. On December 3, a panel of Holocaust survivors and children of survivors will discuss living with the memories and how to tell the story. Both programs will be held at the synagogue and will begin at 7 p.m. These lectures are part of a year-long course on the Holocaust. There is a charge. For more information, call the synagogue office at 654-4462.

### PHILADELPHIA

The Balch Institute is the site of an exhibit entitled "Traditions in Transition: Jewish Culture in Philadelphia, 1840-1940." The exhibit includes clothing, papers and memorabilia from that period. For more information call the museum at 215-925-8090.

### NEW YORK

"Gardens and Ghettos: The Art of Jewish Life in Italy," currently on exhibit at the Jewish Museum, has been called the "first overall visual history of the Jews of Italy presented anywhere." The collection includes rare works of Italian Jews over several centuries.

The Yeshiva University Museum in Manhattan has opened three exhibitions of Jewish art, photography, religious and cultural items, including some never before displayed articles of Judaica from its collection. "The Serendipitous Years," which will run through July, is an exhibit of fine art, ceremonial objects of daily life, rare books and manuscripts from the museum's collection. "Wrestling with the Angel," a collection of oil paintings by Janet Shafner, who combines Biblical themes with modern objects, will be on display through February. "A Changing of Pens," on display through January, is a photographic installation by Alan Rutberg which focuses on Jewish themes, especially the Holocaust.

### WASHINGTON, D.C.

"Inspired Folk Art," a collection of approximately 100 works of contemporary Jewish folk art, will open on November 29 at the B'nai B'rith Klutznick Museum. On display through March, the exhibition will include colorful wood objects created in the last five years by Herman Braginsky of New Haven, Ct., and Eliahou-Bernard Sidi of Jerusalem, Israel.

For more information on these events, contact the sponsoring organizations.

## AEA Lecture Series

Albert Einstein Academy has announced a series of Wednesday evening seminars on family holiday celebrations. The first session will be held on November 29 at the school. The topic will be Hanukkah.

The seminars will be led by Marga Hirsch, an Einstein parent and Jewish educator. In 1975-76 Hirsch developed and taught an innovative "Jewish Headstart" program at the JCC. Active in The National Havurah movement, Hirsch was instrumental in founding a Wilmington

havurah in 1981. She has taught holiday workshops at National Havurah Summer Institutes as well as for local groups. Since 1987, she has written on holiday observance for *The Jewish Voice*.

Future dates in the holiday workshop series are January 24 (Tu B'Shevat), February 21 (Purim), March 21 (Pesach), April 25 (Shavuot). The workshops are open to the entire community and any or all sessions may be attended.

## Newark Adult Education

The Newark Committee of the Jewish Federation of Delaware and Temple Beth El are sponsoring a series of mini-courses. Each adult education class will consist of four lectures. The first in the series begins on Wednesday, November 29, and will be led by Brant Rosen, the Hillel Rabbi at the University. His topic will be "Four Philosophies of Judaism." The topics for each week are as

follows: 1) "Zionism", 2) "Heschel & Kaplan", 3) "Post Holocaust Theology", 4) "Feminism". The lectures begin at 7:30 p.m. at Temple Beth El. The second set of lectures will be given by Dan Drooz on "Archaeology and the Bible". This series will meet at Temple Beth El at 8 p.m. beginning on Tuesday, January 9. To register for either class, call the Temple at 366-8330.

## Outreach To Intermarrieds

A support group has been formed in Newark for couples in which one of the pair was not born Jewish. Whether one converts or not, there are significant adjustments when two people bring radically different backgrounds to a relationship. Rabbi David

Kaplan is leading this monthly discussion and sharing group. The next meeting will be Monday, December 11 at 8 p.m. at Temple Beth El. Call the Temple at 366-8330 for more information.

## AKSE Adult Classes Offered

Rabbi Howard Matasar of Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Synagogue, has begun teaching Adult Education classes. The first segment of the class will be Conversational Hebrew. The class will begin with the very basic Hebrew but will proceed as a fast pace so as to include individuals from a variety of Hebraic backgrounds. Because of the class sequence and advancement in Conversational Hebrew, it is important to attend as

many classes as possible.

The second segment of the class will be alternated weekly between Jewish History or Contemporary Jewish Law.

The classes will begin Tuesday, November 21, at 7 p.m. in the Bell-Kursh Library of A.K.S.E.

Individuals wishing to start the class by November 28, are also welcome. To register or for more information, call the office at 762-2705.

## AKSE Baking Workshop

AKSE Sisterhood invites the community to attend its next General Meeting on Monday, November 27, at 7:30 p.m. at the Synagogue. Nellie

Marzouk will demonstrate baking with phyllo dough. Dessert will be served. Call Vivian Goldberg, 478-7250, by November 21 to make reservations.



# An Israeli Perspective

Ze'ev Golin

## The Aliyah Has Started

Because we tend to believe the printed word rather than relying on the human heart, it seemed that *aliyah* from Russia, which we here in Israel had so long expected, would not materialize. How foolish we were has been demonstrated at the end of October and the beginning of November. What once was a trickle of Russian *olim* (immigrants) has become a stream and with a little luck it may even become a river.

I should have realized that the

official pronouncements downplaying Russian *aliyah* were really just pronouncements, but it took one of the ultra-orthodox weeklies to shake me out of my reverie. A front page story showed Rabbi Shlomo Goren, the former Ashkenazic chief rabbi of Israel, leaving Israel on his way to Russia. When asked why he was going and who was sending him, Rabbi Goren was a bit hesitant. However, he did indicate that someone had to help sort out all the mixed

marriages among Russian Jews before they came to Israel. Some may recall that Rabbi Goren sent rabbis to Vienna in the early seventies to perform quickie conversions for the early Russian *olim* who came in the wake of the 6-Day War.

If Goren's trip was not enough, an inquiry at the local absorption center in Gilo where I lived provided further evidence of new arrivals. That center is still quite filled with Ethiopian Jews but there were some apartments available until a few weeks ago. Now Russian *olim* are living there.

The final proof of the real wave came in the afternoon newspaper, *Yediot Achronot*. For several days in a row the newspaper had front page stories on nightly arrivals of Russian *olim*. While direct flights from Tel Aviv to Moscow and back have not begun yet, Russian *olim* can fly directly from Hungary, Roumania, Poland to Tel Aviv. Moreover, direct flights from Moscow to Cyprus are carrying *olim* who then take the short hop from Cyprus to Tel Aviv. During the month of October alone almost 1700 Russian *olim* arrived in Israel. Last year 1988 2000 came in

the entire year. Truly the gates are open.

Now the real test comes for Israel and World Jewry. Can these Russian *olim* be absorbed into Israel? What is required is housing on the one hand and jobs on the other. Both are in short supply, but the impossible may become possible if the following things begin to happen. First, the government takes the *aliyah* seriously. That is evident since both the Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir and the Finance Minister Shimon Peres are talking seriously about housing construction and about the creation of new industry and the expansion of those existing. Second, the leaders of World Jewry take steps to aid in this process. This has also started because it was the combined pressure of a number of Jewish leaders along with Israel which made the flights possible. Now a number of plans have been floated by world Jewish leaders as to how to get the resettlement plans for as many as 100,000 Russian *olim* moving.

What all of this proves once again is how important the idea of the return to Zion is and how significant

the role of world Jewry is even those who do not choose to make *aliyah*. Team efforts are required in this world of ours if the dream is to be turned into reality.

A year and a half ago my wife and I visited refuseniks in Kiev, Kishniev and Leningrad and we also met with young Russian Jews seeking to learn more about Israel. Then their only sources were the negative images presented by the official media and the other images they received from publications, slides and videos smuggled in from Israel by people like us. Twenty young Russian Jews whom we met in the various cities have now made *aliyah* and hopefully many more will do so.

Let me not sound too optimistic for we are pragmatists here as well and the lure of America for many Russian Jews is much stronger than Israel. What has become clear is that Israel is now a viable option for Russian Jewry in spite of the prophets of darkness. Now if the team of Israel and world Jewry really works in tandem, this new wave of *aliyah* can add a new dimension to this country in its fifth decade.

## Great Zionist Personalities

### David Wolffsohn

By PHILLIP REDELHEIM  
Special To The Jewish Voice

David Wolffsohn was created in the shadow that was cast by the coming of Theodor Herzl. The matmid (diligent student) who rose from yeshiva bachur and humble beginnings to wealthy eminence in the timber trade, did not aspire to be like Herzl. He had no more ambition than to follow Herzl in life and the day that he read Herzl's "The Jewish State" Wolffsohn wrote that he had become "another man." And another, and a greater man, he remained. After he had prospered, he moved his office to Cologne where he won a prominent place in the local Jewish community because both his heart and his hand were open to all matters of Jewish interest and need.

Early on he strove to make national Jewish consciousness popular among the members of the community. When the Hovevei Zion movement began to develop, in 1893, he was instrumental in its founding under its official name, "The Association for the Promotion of Agricultural Words and Crafts among the Jews of Palestine."

The relationship between Wolffsohn and Herzl is one of the epic stories of Zionism. The formation of the World Zionist Organization tied him permanently to Herzl. He became Herzl's right hand man and trusted friends. He helped Herzl in all his activities and accompanied him on his political journeys. They became so close that Herzl appointed Wolffsohn guardian of his children, a mission he faithfully fulfilled when Herzl died. Indeed, being childless himself, he was a proud father to the son and daughters of his dear friends.

He was uncompromising in his support of the Zionist goal, maintaining that the Zionist Organization was the only real Jewish body which embraces world Jewry and is, therefore, entitled to speak on behalf of the whole Jewish people.

He assisted in the planning of the first Zionist Congress and it was David Wolffsohn who was the originator of the Jewish flag which was unfurled at the Congress. He modeled the flag

after the traditional tallit (prayer shawl) - blue horizontal lines on a white background - and placed the Star of David in the center. This flag has been the standard of the Jewish people ever since and is the emblem under which we returned to the land of Israel.

When the Jewish Colonial Trust, the financial arm of the World Zionist Organization, was established in 1898, Herzl appointed Wolffsohn head of the institution. In everything that he did, he demonstrated his executive and administrative powers and insight and upon Herzl's death he was appointed chairman of the presidium that headed the World Zionist Organization. One year later he was elected its president, in which post he served for six years.

Just prior to World War I, he began to liquidate his affairs and made preparations to make *aliyah* to Palestine. He was not well and he went to Switzerland to recuperate. He returned to Cologne and in the midst of his preparation for departure to Palestine, his health deteriorated, again, and on September 15, 1914, he died at the age of 58.

In his will, he bequeathed most of his fortune for the construction of a national building in Jerusalem. In 1922, the trustees decided to use this money to build a national library, which was opened in 1930 as the "David Wolffsohn House." The building also contains the furniture and archives of Wolffsohn's private study.

Wolffsohn's greatness can be expressed not only in a review of his achievements but also in his goals and aspirations. In one of his letters to Herzl he said, "What do I ask for myself? That your work succeed and that I never gain anything from it for myself." What David Wolffsohn did gain was the everlasting appreciation and gratitude of the Jewish people. (Phillip Redelheim is Executive Director of Congregation Beth El in Cherry Hill. He has been in the field of Jewish social services for 42 years. A student of Jewish history, Redelheim has studied with particular emphasis on the Zionist movement and the State of Israel.)

## Was Columbus A Jew?

By MARTIN SABLE  
Special to The Jewish Voice

Some people believe that in observing Columbus Day Oct. 12 — a legal holiday in many states — we honor the discovery of the New World by a Marrano Jew.

"Marranos" is a term referring to Spanish and Portuguese Jews who professed to be Christian during the Spanish Inquisition to avoid death or persecution. Many of them continued to observe Judaism secretly and, in some cases, so do their descendants.

Although there is no definite proof, a theory has existed for centuries suggesting Columbus' Jewish origin. A number of facts, many stated by Spanish Catholic historians desiring to prove the explorer's Marrano origins and thus claim him for Spain, are well known:

- They explain his birth in Genoa, Italy, on the argument that his parents were Marranos who fled Spain to escape persecution.

- It is known that Columbus' interpreter, Luis de Torres, a scholar conversant in many languages, was Jewish; de Torres was the first Spaniard to set foot in the New World. Some historians believe the ship's physician and several seamen were also Marranos, but this matter remains in doubt.

- A myth exists that Queen Isabella of Spain pawned her jewels to cover costs of Columbus' voyages. It is known that Luis de Santangel, Gabriel Sanchez, Isaac Abravanel and Juan Cabrero, all Jewish officials in the Spanish court, pleaded with Ferdinand and Isabella on his behalf and that Santangel bore much of the cost, according to the noted scholar, Meyer Kayserling, in his book *Christopher Columbus*.

No wonder there was a Jewish cry, "not jewels, but Jews."

- A French-language book, published in the early 1980s, purported that Columbus' wife was the daughter of a Portuguese Jewish merchant.

- A great mystery lies in the Hebrew letters drawn by Columbus at the end of a letter addressed to his

son, Diego. What do they signify?

- Columbus was acquainted with Jews, including the noted mathematician and astronomy professor at the University of Salamanca, Abraham ibn Zacuto, whose astrolabe, almanac and tables Columbus used to navigate.

- In an article published in the *Jewish Forward*, the weekly Yiddish newspaper in New York, Herschel Klepfisz, the rabbi of Panama City, Panama, stated his full belief in Columbus' Jewishness, going to the extreme of describing his Jewish facial features.

- *Sails of Hope*, a book by Nazi-hunter Simon Wiesenthal, declared that Columbus, through his voyages, sought a new home for Spain's persecuted Jews.

- Brother Nectario Maria, a religious professional at the La Salle Foundation in Caracas, Venezuela, has written a book, which, in its title, states Columbus was Jewish.

- Francisco Cantera Burgos, a Spanish professor of history, has written on this matter, as have two Argentine Jewish scholars, Boleslao Lewin and Rafael Pineda Yanez. French historian Henri Vignaud wrote (in French) *The True Christopher Columbus and the Legend*.

- Cecil Roth, the late prolific historian, wrote a chapter in his *Personalities and Events in Jewish History* that bore the title, "Who Was Columbus?" In it, he names Spanish, French and English experts who believe in Columbus' Jewishness and his Genoese birth to Maranno parents.

Nevertheless, Roth makes no decision regarding Columbus because of doubts, notably about the family and name. He does, however, cite the work of one of the 20th century's most famous Spanish historians and authors, Salvador de Madariaga.

In his book, *Christopher Columbus*, Madariaga studies the family and its surname and finds the name "Colom" to be a common one among the Jews of Catalonia, a region of Spain.

"It is an extraordinary fact that,

among Italian Jews, the transition from 'Colom' to 'Colombo' and vice versa... was not only possible but invariable," the historian writes.

He adds that Columbus did not use "Colom" due to its Jewishness.

- The same subject is brought up in Maurice David's *Who Was Columbus?* published in 1933. Subtitled *A Sensational Discovery Among the Archives of Spain*, the book avers in its introduction that Columbus was "a Spaniard and a Jew."

Moreover, David says, Columbus secretly remained a Jew despite all the spying of the inglorious Inquisition and that "his name was Cristobal Colon, and never at any time, 'Columbus.'"

Any mystery is tantalizing, and a Spanish-language article titled "The Enigma of Christopher Columbus," published in a 1961 issue of the magazine *Sefarad*, piques additional curiosity.

It deals with a document claiming that Juan Colom was the true name of Columbus and that he was a Maranno Jew born on Mallorca, an island owned by Spain.

The article, which includes an illustration from a plate of the original document, claims that the explorer's father was a sail-maker, Domenico Colom, and that his mother was Susana Fontanarrosa. It adds that the explorer concealed his Jewish origins so he could obtain assistance for his voyages from the royal couple.

The article acknowledges the assistance of the outstanding Spanish linguist, Dr. Jose Maria Millas.

Was Columbus Jewish? Despite the evidence, it is likely no one will ever know because of the lack of specific and verifiable documentation that would provide proof positive, leaving no doubt.

(Dr. Martin Sable recently retired as a full professor at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. He also was a visiting professor at the Hebrew University.)





# Announcements

## Hadassah Theater Party Planned

The Wilmington Chapter of Hadassah is sponsoring a theater party and gala reception on Sunday, December 10, at 2 p.m.

The play is *Tomfoolery* by Tom Lehrer, one of America's social satirists of the 50s and 60s. A quartet of

comics and singers will present zany commentary on everything from the Boy Scouts to the Bomb.

The events cost \$18 per person. Season ticketholders can exchange them for this Sunday performance by calling 594-1100 and paying \$5

per person to Hadassah. To make a reservation, mail your check to Suzy Grumbacher, 300 Woodland Drive, Wilmington, DE 19809.

Funds raised from this event will benefit cancer research.

## Kutz Auxiliary Hanukkah Celebration

The Auxiliary of the Milton & Hattie Kutz Home will be offering a Hanukkah celebration for residents and friends of the Home on Sunday, December 10, at 1 p.m. Suzy Hefter, an Auxiliary Board member, is Chairperson of the event. The afternoon will include a sale of baked goods and items knitted by the residents and volunteers, entertainment by the Beth

Emeth Youth Choir and refreshments.

In November, community members on the Kutz Home's mailing list will receive books of raffle tickets. The sale of these tickets, along with the baked goods and other items will benefit the Home's social and recreational activities fund. Winning tickets will be drawn during the

Hanukkah celebration.

Anyone wishing to purchase raffle tickets or make a contribution to the bake sale should call the Home at 764-7000. The Auxiliary welcomes cash donations in lieu of cakes. For more information or to volunteer, call Marge Maerov, Volunteer Coordinator at the Home.

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## PLO Anniversary Surprisingly Quiet

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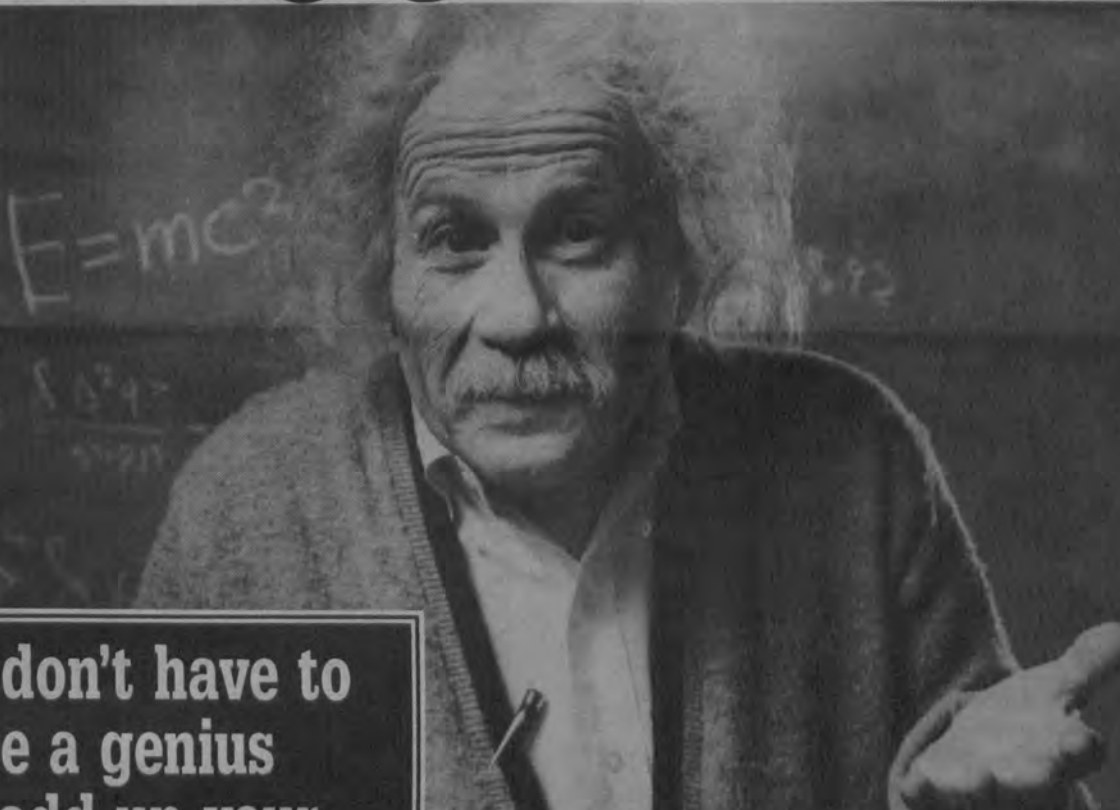
The IDF placed more than 20 cities and towns under what it called preventive curfew, affecting more than 350,000 residents. Troops erected roadblocks to keep the news media out.

But the police expressed satisfaction that there were relatively few incidents in the eastern part of the city.

"Independent Palestine" was declared by the Palestine National Council at its meeting in Algiers on Nov. 15, 1988. The PNC is a forum of the Palestine Liberation Organization, sometimes referred to as the Palestinian "parliament in exile." It is dominated by the PLO mainstream, headed by Yasir Arafat.

Arafat marked the anniversary at his headquarters in Tunis Wednesday by issuing a statement that the PLO has "an appointment with victory." "The dawn is breaking and the (Palestinian) state is a stone's throw away," the statement declared. He criticized the United States for continuing to support Israel. "It is the still unlimited U.S. assistance which adds to Israel's arrogance," the statement said.

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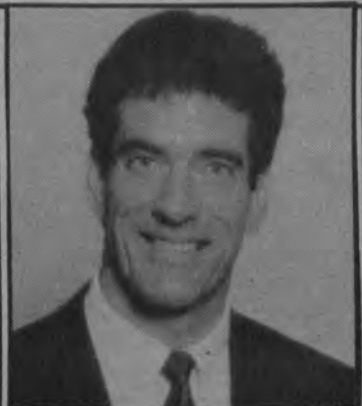
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# Obituaries

**Lottie Grau**  
Lottie Grau, 85, of the Kutz Home, 704 River Road, Bellevue, died Thursday in St. Francis Hospital. Mrs. Grau had been a secretary at the Jewish Theological Seminary, New York City. She was a graduate of Julian Richmond High School, New York.

Her husband, Henry, died in 1985. She is survived by a son, Gilbert of Spring Valley, N.Y.; a daughter, Ethel G. Engel of North Graylyn Crest; a brother and four sisters; six grandchildren and a great-grandson.

Instead of flowers, the family suggests contributions to the Auxiliary of the Kutz Home, Wilmington.

**Anna Reitzes**  
Anna Reitzes, 83, of Miami Beach, Fla., formerly of Wilmington, Del., died November 12 of heart failure in Mount Sinai Hospital.

Miss Reitzes was a 1928 graduate of The Women's College of Dela-

ware, affiliated with Delaware College, now the University of Delaware. She moved to Florida in 1986. She is survived by two brothers, Isadore Reitzes of Wilmington and Sam Reitzes of Hollywood, Fla.; and a sister, Lillian Blank of Miami Beach. Instead of flowers, the family suggests contributions to charity.

**Freda Shuman**  
Freda Shuman, of Elkins Park,

Pa., died November 14. She was the wife of the late Samuel Shuman. She is survived by two daughters, Ethel Cohen and Nettie Sorkin; a brother, Ed Bender; a sister, Dora Shore; six grandchildren, including David Sorkin of Wilmington; and five great-grandchildren.

The family suggest contributions in her memory to the Jewish Community Center, 101 Garden of Eden Road, Wilmington, DE 19803.

## CORRECTION

The obituary notice for Lewis Schendowich, who died on October 29, incorrectly listed his survivors.

Mr. Schendowich is survived by his wife, Jean W. of Wilmington; two sons, Charles of Jerusalem, Israel, and David of New York City; a daughter, Susan of Boca Raton, Florida; a sister, Rose Radbord of Pittsburgh; and four grandchildren.

The *Jewish Voice* apologizes to the Schendowich family for any inconvenience.

## Study: U.S. Jewish Community to Undergo Significant Changes

The American Jewish community will experience significant changes in demographics and population in the year 2000, according to Gary A. Tobin, director of Brandeis University's Cohen Center for Modern Jewish Studies.

Tobin's projections, based on research conducted in American Jewish communities nationally, and reported in a recent article in *B'nai B'rith Jewish Monthly*, indicate:

- The population of Jews in the United States will probably decrease slightly. Immigration will continue to add to the number and vitality of the American Jewish community, as Jews from the Soviet Union, Israel, Canada, South Africa and North African countries migrate to the United States.

- While the general Jewish birthrate is at or below replacement levels, the growing young Orthodox Jewish population has a significantly higher birthrate, which will add to the numbers of American Jews.

- Areas of the country containing large numbers of Jews will be very different in the future than they have been in the past. "By the year 2000," Tobin states, "about one Jew in three will live in Florida or California, as Jews continue to relocate from the Northeast and Midwest to the South, Southwest, and West."

Tobin further suggests that this movement of Jews to the Sunbelt could have serious implications for the quality of the American Jewish community in the future, as Jews of the West tend to be more assimilated while Jews of Florida tend to be less involved in community activities.

Tobin cautions that without active intervention, local and national Jewish umbrella organizations will lose their interdenominational support as the Jewish community in the United States splits into Orthodox and non-Orthodox groups.

"Conservative and Reform Jews will develop their own institutional and leadership networks to perform traditional ritual practices, such as circumcision," Tobin states, "severing their reliance on the Orthodox community. Both groups will call themselves Jews, but in terms of institutional, philanthropic, and other dimensions of Jewish life, they will become almost separate. Perhaps most significantly, marriage between Orthodox and non-Orthodox Jews will become increasingly problematic."

Jews will continue to become more politically conservative, Tobin states. As Jews become more mainstream socially and economically, their commitment to liberal causes will diminish as the rifts between them and other minority groups such as blacks deepens.

The future of the American Jewish community depends on bold initiatives which Jewish communal leaders must exercise in response to all of these trends, Tobin states.

"If Jewish organizations and institutions play a more proactive role in dealing with issues of intermarriage, Jewish identity, reinforcing Jewish life, and creating bonds between Jews of differing denominations, then the heart of the Jewish community may remain strong," Tobin concludes.

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(Pauline Polish, a resident at The Milton & Hattie Kutz Home for four years, is 70 years young.)



# Jewish Family Service of Delaware

Jewish Family Service is a constituent agency of the Jewish Federation of Delaware and a member agency of the United Way of Delaware.



## Beyond Myths



By **ARNOLD LIEBERMAN**  
Executive Director

The last issue of *The Jewish Voice* included an article entitled, "A Myth: Jews Don't Drink." It discussed the continuation of the myth in the face of contrary evidence, and how, until recently, Jewish alcoholics felt that they had no place in the Jewish community. The fact that some AA meetings are now held in synagogues was offered as evidence that we are slowly coming to accept reality.

At Jewish Family Service we have a similar situation. We are regularly helping Jewish clients with problems that a significant portion of our

population claim do not exist. The "myth factor" remains alive and well in our own community. We still hear that there is no violence in Jewish families; there are no poor Jews; Jews do not abuse drugs; and on and on. We seem to deny the existence of any negative behavior on the part of our own people.

The two areas of service that we provide, that are generally accepted, utilized, and supported, are our services to the aged and their families. Everyone seems to agree that Jews do get old, and sometimes need help, but some people still cannot believe that Jewish children might abandon their parents in their old age.

This denial of certain behavior tends to label it as totally unacceptable, and very effectively stigmatizes it. We strive to overcome this stigma by stressing that people exhibit behavior for a reason, and we deal with people who have problems rather than labeling people good or bad. This is obviously working to some extent, since many people do avail themselves of our counseling services. However, we are certain that there are members of the Jewish community in need of our help, who are unable to overcome the stigma, and this disturbs us.

We have discovered an interesting phenomenon that has both positive and negative aspects. People often claim publicly that they have never heard of Jewish Family Service or have no idea what the agency does. Some of these people have been, or members of their family have been, clients of the agency. Some of these people have been, or members of their family have been, clients of the agency. This represents the public denial of the existence of "unacceptable behavior." On the other hand, our largest single referral source of counseling clients is by former clients. We assume that once someone has acknowledged that they are having similar problems, it is OK to admit having had a problem and receiving help for it.

It doesn't make sense to provide a service, and then stand in the way of people utilizing it. Let's all do our part in creating an atmosphere of accepting and assisting people who are in need of help. One way to do this would be to acknowledge that these problems exist, and that it is a sign of health to seek help. You could really help someone in need by urging them to call 478-9411.

## Dear Rachel,

I'm a kid pretty much fresh out of high school. The other Jewish kids in my class went to college. I really didn't want to spend the next four years doing what I did the last four, so I decided to find a job. I liked being out at night so I found a part-time job in the evenings at a department store. I really don't like the job, but all my friends work there and that makes it fun.

My problem is my parents are harping at me to either go back to school or get a full-time job. I know I should try to better myself and go back to school, but I like the way my life is now and really don't want to change it. I guess you would use the word "lazy" to describe me, (I know my parents do). I'm just not sure what I want to do with my life, and I don't want to make any quick or stupid decisions, but I can't stand my parents being on my back all the time. I thought maybe you could give me some advice.

Lazy, Hazy, Crazy

Dear Lazy,

Life is what happens to you while you are making other plans. The trouble is, you aren't making any plans. Sometimes fear of failure causes people to postpone making decisions. This appears to be laziness or haziness. After a while, though, decisions get made by default. You may be backing into the decision that becoming a chronic underachiever (also known as a "moocher") is preferable to trying something meaningful and perhaps failing. In the long run, this could drive both you and your parents crazy.

It does not say anywhere in the Torah that Jewish kids must make a handsome living. Your most important need is to end your paralysis and the consequent mooching. Use the luxury of time your parents are providing to try out various jobs. Do temporary or part-time work in fields that interest you even a little. Take an adult education class; they are different than school. If you can't find anything that interests you, ask your parents to invest in some professional counseling for you. It will promote everyone's sanity and happiness in the years ahead.

Rachel

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

## Ethiopians

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the bishops' recognition that "progress on the Palestinian issue cannot be made while the Arab states continue their policy of war against and rejection of Israel."

Asked if the statement will help or hinder Catholic-Jewish relations, Mahony said it would be "very helpful," he said, "We urge Arab Americans and Jewish Americans to examine the totality of the document."

"We look forward to fruitful study with the Arab and Jewish communities together, to see what we can do together to bring about peace," Mahony said.

(Contributing to this report were Andrew Silow Carroll of the Washington Jewish Week and JTA staff writer Allison Kaplan in New York.)

## Holiday Tree

ment-sponsored religion. "The state university using its own funds for the creation of a religious symbol is inappropriate," noted Robert Coonin, Chairman of the Jewish Federation of Delaware's Jewish Community Relations Committee.

## Partners

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peaceful intentions, diplomatic compromise, clarity and unambivalence. Only then can integrity, confidence and trust sit at the negotiating table.

So, if the Arab states are unwilling to make a sign of conciliation at the UN and withhold their Israel expulsion resolution and if the PLO hasn't brought its Charter in line with its statement of December, then on what basis does Israel have reason to reduce its suspicions and negotiate in good faith?

Yasir Arafat was in Japan just last month. In Japan — a nation whose unfair trade practices with Israel was the subject of a letter sent by over 100 Members of Congress to the then Japanese Prime Minister Sosuke Uno — Arafat made the following very unequivocal threat: "Recently trade relations between Japan and Israel have expanded. Have you forgotten the 200 million Arabs and the friends of the 200 million Arabs in the world? Do you know how much of the oil the world imports comes from the Arab world? It is not necessary for you to think of our interests. Think of your own interest."

The United States should not dawdle on this extortion of a major world government. The 1989 Foreign Aid Authorization bill states that U.S. policy is "opposed to restrictive trade practices or boycotts imposed by foreign countries against countries friendly to the U.S." Japan, has been a leading offender of this policy and now that it has made recent progress with companies like Mitsubishi opening trade and Israel, the PLO is turning up the heat. The United States must firm up Japan's resolve to stand tall against this PLO shake down.

After 40 years of unabashed terrorism and a declared desire to destroy the State of Israel, statements such as this in Japan and the statement in August at the Fatah Congress do not instill confidence in the sincerity of negotiating partners. Let Arafat employ his "power of speech" on his Arab allies to make peace and refrain from embarking on the expulsion resolution path in the UN instead of using it to strongarm Japan. What is needed here are confidence building measures, to be taken by all parties involved, to show that a leopard can indeed "moderate" its spots.

(Gerry Sikorski is a member of the U.S. House of Representatives, serving the 6th District in Minnesota.)

## Jewish Book Month—

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evening when Lucy Dawidowicz, historian, author and noted Holocaust authority, will deliver the Keynote Address at the first Biennial Doris and Irving Morris Leadership Forum at 8 p.m.

Dr. Ada Aharoni, an Israeli poet who is currently on the faculty of the University of Delaware, will discuss her two most recent books, on Monday, December 11, at 7 p.m.

The final presentation of the celebration will take place on Wednesday, December 13, when Dr. Norbert Samuelson, Temple University's only professor of Jewish Philosophy, will present a film, "Images of the Jew in Movies." Samuelson will speak and lead a discussion following the film.

Delaware's rabbis will also participate in the celebration of Jewish Book Month by presenting sermons on a related topic.

Child care will be available during the Sunday daytime lecture hours and other activities have been planned for children. Books will be on display and for sale in the JCC lobby from December 3 through 17.

All lectures will be presented free of charge as a community service of the Jewish Community Center.



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# Jewish Book Month

## Sunday, December 3



11:00 am

### Community Brunch

"Brunch with the Bunch" at the JCC at 11:00 am, then enjoy guest speaker Max Rosenfeld, author and Yiddish folklorist, as he discusses the works of Sholem Aleichem. Brunch includes: bagels, lox and cream cheese spread, chives and cream cheese spread, danish, juices, fresh fruit, coffee and tea. **All for only \$3.00.** See enclosed registration form.

## Sunday, December 3



1:00 pm

### Max Rosenfeld

"Works of Sholem Aleichem"

Yiddish folklorist, author and Jewish educator Max Rosenfeld will present some stories from the works of Sholem Aleichem. He will also share stories from his recent book, *Pushcarts and Dreamers*, a collection of Yiddish stories written in the United States by ten authors who were themselves part of the immigrant scene between 1890 and 1920.

Free to the community.

## Sunday, December 3

### Family Ice Cream Social



3:15 pm (promptly)

"Sundae Sunday" at the JCC (No Charge)

All children and parents are invited to join us at the JCC for a "Sundae Sunday" Ice Cream Social. Chocolate and strawberry sundaes will be the order of the day with plenty of cookies to nibble on. **A special reminder to all children: there will be plenty of napkins available so that your parents can enjoy their sundaes too!**

Our Ice Cream Social will end promptly at 3:45 pm so that everyone can attend the "Good Guys and Bad Guys in Jewish Tales" storytelling hour with Ellen Frankel at 4 pm.

## Sunday, December 3



### Ellen Frankel

4:00 pm

Storytelling for Children and Parents  
"Good Guys and Bad Guys in Jewish Tales: Making Moral Choices"

7:00 pm

Storytelling for Adults: "Stories of Love and Romance"  
Ellen Frankel, author of the widely acclaimed *The Classic Tales: 4000 Years of Jewish Lore*, will enchant the audience with her remarkable repertoire of tales spanning the length and breadth of Jewish tradition. An experienced teacher, writer and scholar with a Ph.D. in comparative literature from Princeton University, Ellen Frankel brings to her tales a wit and spiritual insight that magically link a hundred generations and make their voices and experiences our own.

Free to the community

## Wednesday, December 6



7:00 pm

### Dr. Irene G. Shur

"In Answer"

Distinguished educator in the area of Holocaust education, Dr. Irene Shur has produced teaching units on the subject and has founded the National Association for Holocaust Education. Her recent book, *In Answer*, now responds to those who, for various reasons, choose to deny the Holocaust. Dr. Shur will discuss her book and lead a discussion session following her presentation. A reception will follow her presentation.

Free to the community

## Sunday, December 10



1:30-2:30 pm

### Bookmark Making Class

All children in grades 1-6 are invited to "make their mark" at the First Annual JCC Bookmark Making Class. Under the guidance of our "resident bookworm," J.J. Alter, children will have the opportunity to make bookmarks for their family and friends for Chanukah.

Free to all children in attendance

## Sunday, December 3



1:30 pm

### Lora Brody

"Cooking With Memories"

Author, professional food writer, lecturer and humorist, Lora Brody will tantalize your taste buds and delight your senses as she dishes up mouth watering recipes of yesterday. Lora will present many tempting recipes and entertaining stories for everyone to enjoy. Lora Brody is the author of *Indulgences* and *Growing Up On The Chocolate Diet*. Her recipes have appeared in *The New York Times Magazine*, *Newsday*, *Gourmet*, *The Boston Globe*, *The Philadelphia Inquirer* and *Woman's Day*. While you are enjoying Lora Brody's talk, send your children to the Bookmark Making program.

Free to the community

## Monday, December 11



7:00 pm

### Dr. Ada Aharoni

"My Work, My Life"

Egyptian born Israeli writer and poet Ada Aharoni will discuss her two latest books: an historical novel entitled *Thea: To Alexandria, Jerusalem and Freedom*, and her latest translation into English of the national poet of Israel Shin Shalom, who is a candidate for the Nobel prize. Dr. Aharoni will read her poems as well as those of Shin Shalom. Poetry readings from *Sarah's Daughter* a new anthology that contains Dr. Aharoni's poems will also be included in the evening's presentation. A reception will follow.

Free to the community

## Wednesday, December 13



7:00 pm

### Dr. Norbert Samuelson

Film: *Images of the Jew In Movies*

How are Jews portrayed in movies? What images do they present? Dr. Norbert M. Samuelson, Temple University's only professor of Jewish philosophy will use films and discussion to analyze the images that Hollywood has chosen to portray Jews. Dr. Samuelson is a founder and past chairman of the International Academy for Jewish Philosophy. He was a Fulbright Fellow at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem and has published five books.

Free to the community

## Sunday, December 10

### Key Note Lecture

#### Doris and Irving Morris Leadership Lecture Forum

Lucy S. Dawidowicz

"A Journey Into the Past: Vilna As It Had Been"

8:00 pm

Sol and Tanya Zalica Auditorium, JCC

Lucy S. Dawidowicz, lecturer, writer and historian, will be the keynote speaker of the Doris and Irving Morris Leadership Forum. Mrs. Dawidowicz has written nine books; her most recent book, *From That Place and Time*, is a memoir covering the years from 1938 to 1947. Her 1975 book, *The War Against the Jews 1933-1945*, was awarded the Anisfield-Wolf Prize.

Professor Dawidowicz has been a visiting professor of Jewish Civilization at Stanford University and a visiting professor at the State University of New York at Albany.



### PATRON TICKET

A contribution of \$15 per person will entitle you to attend the reception with Lucy Dawidowicz at 7:00 p.m. and to reserved seating at the lecture. The lecture is offered on a no charge basis as a community service by the JCC.

## December 1-17

Israeli Fine Art Exhibit

## December 3-17

Book Fair Sale

## Babysitting

Available Sunday, Dec. 3, from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM and Sunday, Dec. 10 from 12:30-3:00 PM. Fee: \$1.00 per hour. Advance registration and payment are necessary.

## Sport-O-Rama

All children are welcome to participate in organized sports in the JCC gym on Sunday, Dec. 3 (12-2 PM) and Sunday, Dec. 10 (1-3 PM).