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BRIEFS



Russian nationalist Vladimir Zhirinovskiy (L) is greeted by Secretary General Boutros Ghali before a meeting at the United Nations in New York November 11. Zhirinovskiy has complained that journalists unfairly harp on his alleged anti-Semitic views and that he wanted to end his four-day U.S. visit spelling out his "geopolitical views."

Ikea Founder Apologizes For 1940's Tie To Nazi Group

NEW YORK, (JTA) — The founder of Ikea, the Swedish-based international furniture retailer, has apologized for his involvement in pro-Nazi groups in the 1940s following World War II.

His association with these groups was first reported in the Stockholm daily Expressen. Kamprad, who is now 68, last week sent a personal, handwritten letter to the 25,000 employees of Ikea worldwide to apologize, explain his youthful reasoning and deflect expected criticism. "This is a part of my life that I bitterly regret," Kamprad wrote. He said he attended meetings led by Swedish right-wing activist Per Engdahl between 1945 and 1948 because he "admired and shared (Engdahl's) fanatical anti-communist view. He said he quit "after a couple of meetings in pure Nazi style," said Kamprad, who is now one of Sweden's wealthiest people.

Jewish groups were inclined to forgive Kamprad, but were sorry that it took so long for him to admit his past involvement.



EXTREMIST FUNERAL... GAZA STRIP — Palestinians chant as they carry the body of Hani Abed in a funeral procession Nov. 3, Abed, 35, an Islamic Jihad supporter was killed Nov. 2 when his car was booby-trapped with an explosive device. Palestinian extremists vowed to avenge the killing which they claim was carried out by Israeli agents. CREDIT:RNS PHOTO/Reuters (Reproduction rights not transferable)

Egyptian-Israeli Trade Soars

JERUSALEM, (JTA) — After years of relations disparagingly referred to as a cold peace, trade between Israel and Egypt rose sharply this year. According to figures released by the Egyptian Economics Ministry, trade between the two countries more than doubled during the first nine months 1994 over the same period last year. Israeli-Egyptian trade, excluding oil sales, stood at \$30 million for the first three quarters of the year, up from \$13 million from the same 1993 period. The figures were released in advance of this week's official visit to Israel by the Egyptian economics and trade minister, Mahmoud Bayoumi.

Most U.S. Jews Don't Visit Israel

TEL AVIV (JTA) — More than 70 percent of American Jews have never visited Israel, according to a Haifa University researcher.

In his study, based on statistics provided by various Jewish federations across the United States, researcher David Mittelburg also found that intermarriage was higher among young American Jews who have not visited Israel.

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What Effect Will US Elections Have On Israel?

By DAVID LANDAU

JERUSALEM (JTA) — When Yitzhak Rabin arrives in Washington next week, the Israeli prime minister may find the changed political landscape difficult territory in which to shore up support for Israel and its peace policies.

In meetings scheduled to begin on Monday, he will be seeking support both within the beleaguered Democratic administration and among the Republican majorities that will soon

control both houses of Congress.

Rabin left Israel this week for a visit to North America timed to coincide with an address Thursday to the Council of Jewish Federations' annual General Assembly.

Most diplomats and observers predict that aid to Israel will not be reduced, though Rabin will have to work harder for the annual \$3 billion in economic and military aid than in the past.

But they fear that financial support and other inducements directed at the peace process — especially those dangled before the Syrians and Palestinians in an attempt to woo them into line — may fall prey to a new mood of parsimony on Capitol Hill.

Some Israeli government analysts

say that a new American reluctance to spread dollars abroad may actually prod Syria toward taking a major step forward in its negotiations with Israel.

But others are less optimistic, saying any American tight-fistedness will reduce Syria's motivation to be forthcoming in the peace negotiations.

With prominent Republican senators like Jesse Helms (R-N.C.) railing against the cost of foreign aid and the dangers of foreign involvement, Israel may find it difficult to advance its agenda on Capitol Hill.

Helms, who is expected to become chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee in January, lashed out at the U.S. foreign aid program

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Jewish Groups Draw Battle Lines Amid Talk of School Prayer Reform

By MATTHEW DORF

WASHINGTON, (JTA) — Shortly after the Republican takeover of Congress, battle lines are being drawn between Jewish groups and GOP leaders, who have pledged swift legislative action on school-prayer and balanced-budget amendments as well as draconian cuts to the welfare system.

Republican victors have already initiated plans to introduce a constitutional school-prayer amendment before July 4.

Further GOP plans to eliminate all welfare programs for legal immigrants threaten not only tens of thousands of Jews from the former Soviet Union living in America but thousands more seeking to come to the United States.

While some Jewish activists here hope the Republicans will tame their rhetoric once the results of their sweeping victory settle in, the vast majority have already begun to plan strategies to combat GOP initiatives that strike at the heart of their agenda.

"We are likely to spend much of the next two years playing defense," said Mark Pelavin, Washington representative of the American Jewish Congress.

The uphill battles that lie ahead for many Jewish groups come at a particularly uncertain time for the community's influence on Capitol Hill. As Republicans assume the leadership posts, they will do so knowing they did not receive Jewish electoral support.

Nonetheless, Jewish activists stress

that only one aspect of their traditional influence on Capitol Hill results from electoral support.

Equally important, they say, is their lobbying ability. They stress that their effectiveness at lobbying for their causes will be tested early on in the new Congress.

One cause troubling many Jewish activists revolves around school prayer.

Within days of the Republican sweep of the House of Representatives, U.S. Rep. Newt Gingrich (R-Ga.), launched a campaign vowing to pass a school-prayer amendment that would require voluntary prayer in the public schools.

Gingrich has tapped Ernest Istook (R-Okla.) to spearhead the school-prayer debate and bring an amendment to a vote by July 4.

Groups like AJCongress and the Anti-Defamation League have already begun to mobilize for the expected legislative fight.

Gingrich has also outlined plans to overhaul the welfare system that has Jewish leaders preparing for a no-holds-barred battle over the future of the welfare system.

The speaker-to-be not only seeks to eliminate aid to legal immigrants but also wants the government to allow states to end aid to children with mothers under 21 years of age. The states could use the money to build orphanages for the children dropped from the welfare rolls.

Jewish groups had already begun to plan for a fight to stave off cuts in aid to legal immigrants in response to the Clinton administration's wel-

fare reform plan.

That plan would reduce government support for immigrants and extend the time that sponsors are financially responsible for their relatives once they come to America.

Gingrich, however, seems ready to take these cuts much further. He is pledging to propose a total elimination of all aid including Medicare, social security, food stamps and disability insurance for legal immigrants.

Gingrich and his "Contract with America," signed by more than 300 Republicans during the campaign, has emerged as another chief target of opposition by Jewish groups.

The contract promises to bring 10 legislative proposals — including a balanced budget amendment — up for a vote in the first 100 days of the 104th Congress.

While Jewish groups favor fiscal responsibility as a general rule, a balanced budget amendment would lead to across-the-board reductions that would cut into the heart of virtually every social welfare program, as well as foreign aid.

The Republican contract does not include a school-prayer initiative. Gingrich has said he did not include the amendment to avoid criticism by opponents that the contract and the GOP are beholden to the religious right.

Not all Jewish activists share the dire predictions for Jewish concerns in the new Congress.

Jason Isaacson, director of the Washington office of the American Jewish Committee, said he favors working with the new Congress before passing judgment on its ills.

"We are not without allies at all levels in the Republican Party," he said. The level of activism "will depend to a large degree on how the 'Contract with America' is reflected in their legislative proposals."

U.S. Reportedly To Build Embassy In Jerusalem After Final Agreement

By NAOMI SEGAL

JERUSALEM, (JTA) — The United States reportedly has signed an agreement to develop a plot of land in Jerusalem on which a new embassy will be built.

The United States, along with most other foreign countries, has never officially recognized Jerusalem as the capital of Israel, maintaining only consular offices there while keeping its embassy in

Tel Aviv.

According to a recent issue of The Jerusalem Report, construction at the site in southern Jerusalem will be completed in 1999, the time by which Israel and the Palestinians are expected to have signed an agreement on the final status of Jerusalem, the West Bank and Gaza.

Israeli sources quoted in the article said that when Israel and the Palestinians resolve all outstanding issues

regarding Jerusalem, the United States will declare the building its new embassy.

Construction at the site has been held up because Israel insisted that the United States recognize the site as the future location of its embassy.

American officials opposed this, and a compromise was finally reached by defining the compound as a place for "diplomatic use," where "a very senior diplomat" would live.

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Late Breaking News And Other Items of Interest

According to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, Jewish groups are optimistic that this week's Supreme Court decision requiring an appeals court to reconsider the case of City College of New York Professor Leonard Jeffries, will result in his being stripped of his chairmanship of the Black Studies Department.

Jeffries, an outspoken Black nationalist, has made public remarks denigrating Jews and Italians. He sued City College after he was demoted from his chairmanship following a controversial speech in 1991.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin left Israel this week to begin a nine day official visit to the United States. While in Washington Prime Minister Rabin is scheduled to meet with President Bill Clinton and Secretary of State Warren Christopher. The meetings are expected to focus on Syria and certain economic matters, according to Israel Line.

B'nai B'rith Women this fall urged rabbis nationwide to make a statement about the dangers of family abuse. For information call 202-857-1300.

According to Religious News Service, Israeli tourists crossed into Jordan for the first time following the peace treaty that ended a forty-six year state of war. Reportedly an Israeli tourist carrying her passport kissed a Jordanian policeman on her arrival to Jordan November 13.

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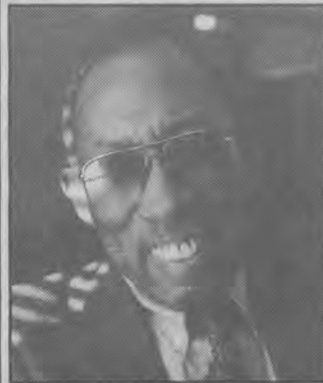
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The Jewish Voice wishes you a meaningful holiday observance. Special thanks to the staff of The Dover Post for their exceptional work and time commitment.



President Clinton campaigned in Delaware this month for Democratic senate candidate Charlie Oberly who lost to returning Senator Bill Roth. This week Clinton suggested he may compromise with the new Republican majority on the issue of school prayer. The Supreme Court has viewed prayer in public school as unconstitutional.



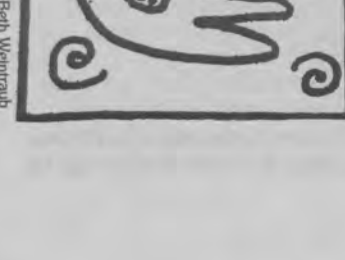
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EDITORIAL

Mid-Term Elections Highlight Voters' Anti-Incumbency Sentiment

Some analysts have characterized the results of the recent mid-term elections as a Republican revolution despite the reelection of prominent Democrats such as Ted Kennedy, Diane Feinstein, Chuck Robb and Frank Lautenberg. Republicans were elected to majorities in both houses of Congress. Many Republicans were elected in state races around the country and here in Delaware they have expanded their majority in the State House of Representatives.

Other observers of the electorate regard the one-sided result of this month's contests as reflecting voter dissatisfaction with Washington gridlock, the breakdown of society, and the economic stagnation of individual voters. According to this analysis change seeking voters are likely to reverse the course of this election in two years. The reelections of Bill Roth, and Mike Castle went against the grain of nationwide results which saw many incumbent politicians turned into former office-holders. However, since Delaware has historically re-elected incumbents, this may not be indicative of a national trend.

So where was the Jewish community in all of this? Many Jewish Americans support progressive causes. For these voters the recent election brings expectations of difficult struggles against an agenda which calls for school prayer, a cut back in social service programs, and catering to special interests such as tobacco companies. The growing electoral strength of the radical right, though still a minority within the Republican party, was manifest in the results, and their impact will be a continuing concern for many in our commu-

nity. A significant number of Jewish Americans, many here in Delaware, are not at all displeased with the results of the recent elections. An increasing segment of Jewish individuals and organizations favor fiscally conservative policies. While many Jewish conservatives continue to support liberal social positions, others embrace conservative social policies advocated by those furthest to the right in the political spectrum. Pennsylvania Republican Senator Arlen Specter's exploration of a run for the Republican Presidential nomination seems designed to appeal to moderate Republicans who may include some Jewish Republicans.

While it is the results of the elections that have been the focus lately it should not be forgotten that it is also aspects of the process which deserve scrutiny. Campaign advertisements hit a new moral low in the recent elections. Truth often had no relation to the claims, innuendoes and images which littered the television airways. The cost of elections has skyrocketed as it has become more dependent upon paid television commercials. Perhaps it is time to adapt the techniques used in countries such as Britain and Israel where longer blocks of broadcast time are provided without charge to candidates. Few would dispute the need to provide voters with the opportunity to decide elections based on the candidates' issue positions rather than which candidates' misleading, superficial sound bites are more persuasive.

As the dust clears, it is time to roll up our sleeves and get to work.



Jewish Voice Cartoon By Dan Weintraub

Some Soviet Jews Remain

On the night that Americans went to the polls, hundreds of San Franciscans rallied outside the downtown hotel from which Vladimir Zhironovsky was speaking. Zhironovsky's mad ravings would be humorous were it not for the degree to which he still enjoys a level of popularity in Russia and the detrimental effect he and his ilk have on Jews in the former Soviet Union.

Though discomfited and sometimes threatened by extreme nationalists many Jews have opted not to leave the only homeland they have ever known. Synagogues which for years languished empty only to face bomb scares or broken windows. A Russian court denounced *The Protocols Of The Elders Of Zion* but a popular election put some anti-Semitic paranoids in elective office. Yet thou-

sands of Jews still live in Russia and elsewhere in the area of the former Soviet Union. They are a diverse group with different opinions, circumstances and levels of Jewish knowledge. Increasingly for those who wish to stay there are some rewarding opportunities to live Jewishly. Just recently, 80 rabbis from around the world gathered in Moscow in order to chart the future of Jewish life in the former Soviet Union. Their agenda: outreach activities, education, and kashrut. And on November 15, anti-fascist demonstrators, including the Union of Councils for Jews, protested Russia's Revolution Day, a day which celebrates the fight against democratic capitalism. In addition, just last month, theaters in Moscow have been offering free showings of "Schindler's List" in order to fend off anti-Semitism.

The Joint Jewish Distribution Committee (JDC) is at the forefront of building a rebirth of Jewish life in Russia. The JDC, which has long

worked on behalf of Jews and others in need overseas, is one of the beneficiaries of the "Live Jewish" campaign, administered by the Jewish Federation of Delaware (JFD).

Liberal branches of Judaism have sent representatives to Russia with some coordination of the activities of the Reform and Reconstructionist movements. Conservative and Orthodox organizations have also helped contribute to the opportunities for those remaining Jews in Russia and neighboring states, as have others. The Chabad movement sponsors schools in Russia and has brought Chernobyl children to Israel.

People such as Ronald Lauder, who spoke at a Kutz Home Auxiliary over a year ago, provide support for new Jewish schools behind the formerly iron curtain.

We should continue to watch the developments of our sisters and brothers in Eastern Europe and Asia.



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OPINION

JEWISH VALUES: *Acceptance Versus Preference*

By ELLEN S. MEYER

Member of The Jewish Voice Editorial Committee

As a Jewish mother of three twentysomething singles, I am acutely aware of the statistics showing that more than 50% of our Jewish young people are marrying non-Jews. The statistics do not surprise me, and I have mixed feelings about them on an intellectual level. I am old enough to remember when as a Jew, I was a second-class citizen — to remember during my first year in college, when I was the sole friend in a particular group not invited for a school vacation at a lovely estate in rural Virginia because, as I was told by Carolyn — and as I readily accepted — her

mother would not permit Jews in her home. The high intermarriage rate confirms what I had long suspected — that Jews are now welcome, not only in the homes of non-Jews, but in their families.

Yet the high intermarriage rate does not please me; it concerns me. It concerns me on a personal level because I have three offspring of marriageable age, who appear, as they have been taught, to make little distinction between their Jewish and non-Jewish friends. My eldest child has been dating a lovely Protestant woman for several years and although he assures me he is not even thinking of marriage, I wonder how he can avoid such thoughts as he approaches 25. And I wonder how he can remain immune to the charms of an intelligent, attractive, articulate young woman — who looks and acts very much like him.

I want my children to be accepted as full citizens in a diverse and complex society. I don't want them to accept — as I once did — that they are somehow less than other individuals. On one level it would make for an easy transition into the world at large for Jeremy to have Protestant in-laws of Anglo-Saxon pedigree. But it troubles me.

It troubles me because I know that if the Jeremys of our people do not remain committed to their Judaism and to raising Jewish children, it dilutes our heritage and even threatens its survival. On a personal level it means I will not have Jewish grandchildren. There are those who say that it is not just having a Jewish parent that makes one Jewish, but having Jewish grandchildren. On an emotional level I

know I could not accept my grandchildren's celebrating Christmas and Easter.

And it troubles me because I realize, twenty years too late, that in stressing the universality of people to my growing Jewish children, I failed to stress the differences. I forgot to emphasize to my children the uniqueness of Judaism, to make sure that they realized that there are particular Jewish values and beliefs worth preserving — that people may be of like appearance and interests, but not of like background. In teaching my children to look beyond ethnic differences in choosing their friends, I failed to inculcate in them the worth of their own ethnicity and my own strong sense that Judaism's outstanding philosophical and religious precepts must not be subsumed in the general culture. When my children were taught to value good people — which they do — they should also have been taught to value most especially, as future life partners, Jewish good people.

In raising my children, I erred on the side of diversity. I have long recognized, as does Rabbi Aharon Soloveichik, that my feelings of identification with and love toward the Jewish people are more intense than those feelings toward the population at large; I was remiss in failing to convey those feelings to my own children so that they would gravitate toward Jewish mates as spouses.

Dennis Prager, writing in his publication *Ultimate Issues* in response to a Catholic young woman's failure to understand the insistence on Jew marrying Jew, reminds us all that the only way for Judaism to survive is to

be passed on to succeeding generations through families who remain Jewish. My husband Bob and I consciously had three children to increase the next generation of Jewish children — in essence to more than replace ourselves since Jews are such a small percentage of world population. But if our progeny are not Jewish, we have added nothing to Jewish survival.

The Council of Jewish Federations has begun to encourage the Jewish community, long uncomfortable with proselytizing, to reach out to the already intermarried. But what if non-Jewish spouses of my offspring don't want to be reached? In this open society, with the intermarriage rate so high, how will Judaism survive into the next generation? Is there anything I can do now, before my children have chosen their partners, that I have not done to emphasize the importance of a Jewish spouse? I don't want to undo the accepting attitudes that my children have adopted, but I didn't plan on their losing a strong commitment to Judaism while they learned to love humanity.

I do not want to be anything other than Jewish, I do not want children and grandchildren who are anything other than Jewish. How can I now, after more than twenty years, make my children feel as strongly about that as I do?

Will all of my grandchildren be Jewish children? As the mother of three young adults of marriageable age, I worry.

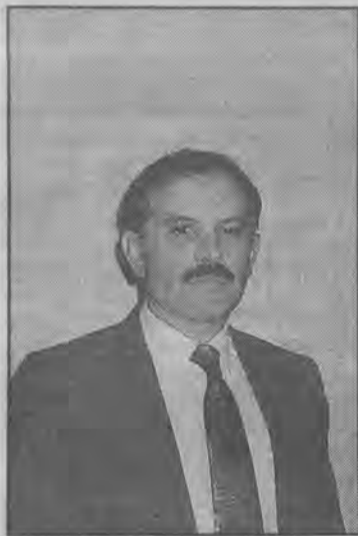
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The Rabbi Writes:

Chanukah's Challenge

By Rabbi SANFORD L. DRESIN

Special To The Jewish Voice



Chanukah is but one of many Jewish festivals whose rituals and ceremonies form a central theme and convey a powerful message. For example, Passover stresses freedom and human dignity; Shavuot speaks to the primacy of Torah and affirms the existence of Divine revelation; Rosh Hashanah centers on judgment and accountability; Yom Kippur invokes man's capacity to repent and change and Purim emphasizes Divine concern and involvement in the affairs of mankind and human history.

The message of Chanukah is best stated by the prophet Zechariah in the Haftarah for the first Shabbat of Chanukah when he teaches "Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts." Chanukah represents the triumph of the spiritual over the physical, the mind over the body, and although bodily

needs are never totally negated, the preference is knowledge and wisdom over instinct and sensuality. It was the Macabee's defense of authentic Jewish tradition and practice against the onslaught of Greek hedonism and materialism combined with a quest for spirituality and holiness that made up the cause for which the Macabees were willing to lay down their lives and the lives of their children.

Today, given the attitude of most Jews foreign and domestic, it would be interesting to speculate on what would be the prevailing attitude of our people toward Judah the Maccabee and his cause, were he to appear today or were we to be transported back in time to the year 165 B.C.E. Would we support him as a brave and courageous warrior and leader or would we regard him as a fanatic obscurantist reactionary, defending an archaic and irrelevant tradition? Would our vote

go to Judah or to the *Mityavnim* — the Greek "Wannabe's." This "What if" is just as applicable to the contemporary Jewish social scene in Israel as it is to Delaware. In Israel what now exists as a *Kultur Kampf* between religionists and secularists could become, with the coming of peace, the greatest threat to Israel's future and security.

As an act of intellectual honesty and integrity, it is incumbent upon each of us as we go about celebrating Chanukah to engage in a bit of Rosh Hashanah/Yom Kippur style introspection to determine whether we fully understand Chanukah's great message, do we agree with it and do we intend to alter our lives in order to live it?

(Rabbi Sanford L. Dresin is the spiritual leader of Congregation Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth)

Jews Achieve Because Of Drive Not High IQ or Genes

By EARL RAAB

Jews tend to believe that they are a pretty smart lot — but are uneasy about others saying so. The "smart Jew" has too often been tied to images of Jewish trickery.

But now the cat is out of the bag. A couple of scholars, Richard Herrnstein and Charles Murray, have created a furor with their book about human intelligence. In the course of their comments, they say that as groups, whites are smarter than blacks, Asians are smarter than whites, and "Ashkenazi Jews" are smarter than anybody. Run for the hills!

Actually, the Herrnstein-Murray study does not spend much time on group differences. Its main point is that, among every group, there are many people with a relatively low intelligence, and they will have less of a chance to "make it" as our economy becomes increasingly technological, demanding intellectually

trained workers.

However, most critics have concentrated on the more sensational group statistics. And the way that the "Ashkenazi Jews" have been singled out may throw some light on those statistics. There was a time, for example, when many American Jewish immigrants from the Lithuanian area insisted that as "Litvaks," they were much smarter than "Galizianers," those Jews from the Galician areas of the Hapsburg empire who were supposed to have more heart than head.

These feelings were carried over from centuries-old stereotypes among European Jews, and it was not always a playful debate. But it rather quickly became a joke in America as those former European Jewish groups began to merge into the generic "Ashkenazi Jew" whose intelligence Murray has celebrated.

Furthermore, the belief that there is an "in-

telligence divide" between superior Ashkenazim and inferior Sephardim would come as a surprise to those who know about the early intellectual accomplishments of the Sephardim in southern Europe. As one historian noted, they "looked down from on high upon the poor little Jew from the north. The Ashkenazi, in turn, did not contest the Sephardi's superiority but regarded him with distrust." And, of course, the Sephardi immigrants to America have been distinguished by their intellectual accomplishments, before and after Benjamin Cardozo.

Perhaps the "Sephardic" reference is to those who came to Israel from Arab lands. Many observers were worried by the sharp difference in educational attainment between them and the European Israelis. But the Yemenite Jews, for example, had lived for generations under highly oppressed condi-

tions, cut off from the world culture. As they have become integrated into Israeli and Western culture, the supposed intelligence gap between Ashkenazi and Sephardi Israelis has narrowed considerably.

The Jews are a prime example of how, over many generations, cultural environment and history will shape group statistics on intellectual capacity. There's no evidence that in the beginning, God gave the Jews a better gene pool. But even if He did, when the people of Israel left Egypt, according to Exodus, they absorbed into the tribe the "mixed multitude" that left with them.

But even if 40 to 60 percent of intelligence is inherited, as most studies suggest, there are other factors that can provide the margin for success. Again, Jewish history provides some

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OPINION

Washington Watch —

The New Wave

By DOUGLAS M. BLOOMFIELD

Washington Columnist

Now there rose up a new king over Egypt, who knew not Joseph. Exodus 1:8

The Republican tsunami that swept the Democrats out of power on Capitol Hill last week threatens to do much greater damage to the Jewish community's domestic social agenda than to the pro-Israel cause. However, those political activists and spin meisters who would have us believe support for Israel will be as good as or better than it is today are engaging in wishful thinking.

I sincerely hope they are right, but the evidence suggests otherwise. The quality of pro-Israel rhetoric may be comforting, but the tests will come in the votes on tough issues like foreign aid and the peace process.

Israel enjoyed strong support from the 1981-87 Republican-led Senate, largely on the basis of a Cold War partnership. One place where support was disappointing, however, was the Senate GOP leadership, and that may be repeated this time. The majority leader-apparent, Bob Dole of Kansas, is not exactly among Israel's top 95 friends in the Senate. In the past when he ran for president (1980 and 1988), he courted the community for two or three years in advance, but when support failed to meet his expectations, he turned hostile. He is the Republican frontrunner so far for 1996, so he is in one of his "make nice" periods.

Dole is only one cause for concern among friends of Israel:

— Most important, many key elements of the vast network of friendly and supportive Members and staffers has been swept away. More than 28% of the Jewish members of the House will not be returning. Rebuilding will take much time and effort. Complicating the task is diminished motivation in the community, as a feeling of complacency has replaced any sense of crisis because peace is breaking out

and US-Israel relations have never been closer.

— Nearly half the Congress has been elected since 1990, and the average age of freshman senators is 49. That means they do not have the institutional or historical memory, legislative expertise, community contacts, experience or understanding of the predecessors. Many are too young to remember the Holocaust, the rebirth of the State of Israel and its struggle for survival.

— While Republicans in recent years have been voting for foreign aid in increasing numbers, they have not matched the level of Democratic support.

Moreover, a number of factors in the GOP threaten maintaining the \$3-plus-billion level of aid to Israel, particularly the party's Contract with America which calls for balancing the budget, cutting taxes and raising defense spending. Add to that an incoming chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee who is the leading foe of foreign aid. It may no longer be possible to exempt Israel from across-the-board cuts in the aid bill.

— We've been told that all the freshmen in both houses have "met with the pro-Israel community and expressed support for the US-Israel relationship."

Sounds great, but there's a long road between that and a voting record.

— Republicans generally don't share the Democrats' commitment to the Middle East peace process. Likud and its American supporters have cultivated Republican friends critical of current U.S. and Israeli policy. Look for Sen. Alfonse D'Amato (R-NY) to push legislation restricting if not blocking any commitment of U.S. troops for an observer force on the Golan Heights as part of an Israeli-Syrian accord. The administration may have trouble keeping its promises of aid to the Palestinians and Jordan, much less any future commitment to Syria. Likud and its friends also

can be expected to urge erecting Congressional roadblocks to expanding Palestinian authority.

The power shift on Capitol Hill should give the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC) a badly needed shot of adrenaline. The lobby has been criticized lately for virtually disappearing from view inside the Beltway, as it tended to internal problems. Having just lost a major chunk of its base on the Hill, it now has the urgent mission of creating a new pro-Israel network.

The greatest loss was among Jewish Members of the House. Nine of 32 Jews will not be returning. The biggest and most surprising loss was nine-term Dan Glickman (D-Kansas), chairman of the Intelligence Committee. There will be one Jewish member in the freshman class. He is Jon Fox (R-PA), who defeated Marjorie Margolies-Mezvinsky. Other defeated Jewish incumbents were all freshmen: Sam Coppersmith of Arizona (lost a Senate bid), Eric Fingerhut of Ohio, Dan Hamburg of California, Jane Harman of California, Herb Klein of New Jersey, David Levy of New York and Lynn Schenk of California. At press time, veteran Democrat Sam Gejdenson's race in Connecticut was too close to call.

There will be nine Jews in the next Senate, a loss of one. Howard Metzenbaum, a leader of the pro-Israel cause, retired and his replacement, Republican Michael DeWine, had a mediocre record while in the House. There are no new Jewish senators. There will be one Arab American senator, Spencer Abraham (R-Michigan). All four Jewish senators who ran for reelection won — Diane Feinstein (D-CA), Herb Kohl (D-WI), Frank Lautenberg (D-NJ) and Joe Lieberman (D-CT).

Rep. Benjamin Gilman (R-NY) is in line to become the first Jewish chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee since Rep. Sol Bloom (D-NY) half a century ago. However,

Gilman, a moderate-to-liberal, could face a challenge from far-right purists in his party who want to put their own in the top positions. They sought to depose him two years ago when he became ranking minority member on the committee, and may try again now that the stakes are higher. Much will depend on whether conservatives like Toby Roth of Wisconsin or Henry Hyde of Illinois decide they want the job. Gilman has been the leading pro-Israel Republican in the House; neither Roth nor Hyde is counted in the ranks of Israel's good friends.

Gilman and his Senate counterpart at the Foreign Relations Committee could not be more dissimilar. Sen. Jesse Helms (NC) is at the opposite end of his party's political spectrum, the leading critic of foreign aid (which he announced he intends to cut) and a newcomer to the pro-Israel ranks. In recent years he has shifted from anti- to pro-Israel and has not specifically gone after aid to Israel, although he still votes against all foreign aid.

He is likely to create problems for President Clinton and Prime Minister Rabin on the Middle East peace process, which he thinks needs to be reassessed. He is expected to oppose financial aid packages for the Arabs that are likely to be part of any agreement, and the use of U.S. troops, either separately or as part of a U.N. or other international force, to oversee an Israeli-Syrian agreement. He declared last week, "Syria doesn't want peace with Israel. What Syria wants is the Golan Heights; plus, of course, access to the American taxpayers' money. Congress needs to get off the dime and demand a reassessment of the entire Middle East peace process so that we can know, in advance, what our commitments are likely to be."

If the last two years have been smooth sailing for Israel on Capitol Hill, that is about to change in the wake of last week's tsunami.

"Drive Not High IQ...."

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perspective. Several researchers have found that the American Jews have had a measurably higher "achievement drive" than any other immigrant group. Major elements of that drive include aspiration, a sense of possibilities, tribal support and the need to succeed in a hostile world — all heavily created by Jewish history, culture and religion.

Many Ashkenazi Jews of dubious intelligence have achieved much success in business and professions because of "achievement drive." The fact is that both the achievement

drive and the IQ measurement are interchangeable, and changeable by circumstances, over periods of time within all human groups. In the next century or so, Ashkenazi Jews had better look to their laurels.

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Thanksgiving:

Restoring The Vision

By RABBI JEROME M. EPSTEIN

In 1620, a collection of immigrants, spurred by the dream for a better life, arrived on the coast of Massachusetts. One year later, having suffered the ravages of disease and hunger, they managed to produce some food on their own — truly a blessing, given the infertility of the soil.

While the charted course of Plymouth Colony was far from smooth, we know that, at least in 1621, the Pilgrims received an additional blessing as well. Not only did they enjoy the friendship of Massasoit, leader of the Wampanoag Indians (resulting in 50 years peace with that tribe), but they received guidance and help from them in producing food and, thus, in becoming self-sufficient. Understandably, the Pilgrims recognized that this was cause for celebration. Several days were set

aside for feasting and for prayers of appreciation to God — and the holiday of Thanksgiving was born.

In 1994, thousands of immigrants continue to arrive on our shores. Like the Pilgrims, many come by ship through treacherous waters, and many come without the permission of those already here. Unlike the Pilgrims, however, they are neither welcomed nor taught how to survive. Even more, a movement is now under way which would impede them from becoming self-sufficient by denying public education to their children. Is it possible that Thanksgiving has become so out-dated?

While those who call for these and similar actions put forth the seemingly logical explanation that we must take care of "our own" before we can extend ourselves for "others," had past generations hearkened to such a



message, our own forebears would have been unable to follow their dreams and settle successfully in this country. Nationalism and xenophobia are not new to our century, yet there has always been an unspoken assumption that outsiders could still "make it" by studying hard, absorbing the best this nation has to offer, and ultimately paying us back by becoming hardworking, tax-paying members of society. Unfortunately, if the exclusionary and shortsighted forces now at work in our nation are to take hold, this avenue for advancement will be shut off — and we shall be creating a new nation with a permanent underclass.

Today, Jewish leaders are taking issue with

the concept of "melting pot," preferring instead to emphasize the need to maintain culturally specific values and characteristics. In the Conservative Movement, for example, we hold that rather than mixing everyone's values together to arrive at the lowest common denominator, we contribute most effectively to the community when we adhere to the unique practices and beliefs of our own group. We argue that a commitment to halakhah and to the performance of mitzvot is not exclusionary but rather enriching, and we urge the Jewish community to maintain its identity.

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Jewish Studies' New Home At UofD

By JORDAN SOPINSKY
Jewish Voice Intern

Champagne glasses clinked on the evening of Wednesday, November 9, as members of the faculty celebrated the grand opening of the Frank and Yetta Chaiken Center for Jewish Studies. The white building is located at 231 South College Avenue, right beside the Morris Library.

On hand were English Professor Sarah Horowitz, director of the Jewish Studies program, Rabbi Stephen Booth, director of Hillel, Rabbi Eliezer Sneiderman, director of the Newark Division of Chabad House,

and David Roselle, President of University of Delaware, as well as students and faculty members from all different departments.

Besides housing Professor Horowitz's office, the center will provide students with resources such as books, periodicals, as well as videos. It will also provide the professors with a much needed meeting place.

Two of those professors, Drs. Harry Brod and Michael Rosenthal, were in high spirits Wednesday night in anticipation of the future of the Jewish Studies program. Dr. Rosenthal is currently teaching Intro-

duction to Jewish Philosophy. He is particularly interested in Spinoza, whose work he scrutinized for his dissertation. Dr. Brod is very interested in gender questions and has written a good deal on the topic in relation to Judaism.

Thanks to the Chaiken's generosity on our agenda." He and his wife also helped to make the Hillel Student Center possible. Both buildings symbolize the ongoing commitments for continuity of Jewish students at the

university.

Particularly noteworthy was the fact that the celebration took place on the anniversary of Kristalnacht which is when the violence formally began against Germany's Jews.



Delaware Senator William Roth (R) who is pictured fourth from the right was elected to serve another term in the U.S. Capital. This summer the Senator hosted prominent members of Delaware's Jewish community in a reception for Israeli Ambassador Itamar Rabinovich, pictured fifth from the right. Shown above from left to right are as follows: Judy Wortman, Executive Vice-President of The Jewish Federation of Delaware (JFD); Richard David Levin; Rabbi Marla Feldman, JCRC Director; Martin Mand; Shelly Mand; Toni Young, President of JFD; the Ambassador; the Senator; Diane Levin; Leonard Dukart; and New York Senator Alphonse D'Amato.

Seidel To Study With Steinsaltz

Rabbi Adin Steinsaltz, renowned scholar, head of the Israel Institute for Talmudic Publications, and translator into both modern Hebrew and English of the Talmud, will lead a small study group at The Jewish Center in New York City on December 1. Also on the agenda is the formation of the Talmud Circle Project, an effort to encourage the study of Talmud. In this connection, a network, throughout the United States, of Talmud Circle Coordinators, is being formed. Dov Seidel, former Chair of the Editorial Committee of The Jewish Voice, has been invited to attend.

Rabbi Steinsaltz has been a resident scholar at both Yale University and the Institute for Advanced Studies at Princeton. In 1988, he was invited to open a Judaic Studies Center in Moscow, the first such institution in sixty years, and to supervise the inventory and replication of the Soviet Union's vast libraries and archives of Judaica.

The same year, Rabbi Steinsaltz

was awarded the Israel Prize, his country's highest honor. He is the author of several popular books on Jewish practice and thought, and lives with his family in Jerusalem.

Alyson Rappaport To Speak Soon

Alyson Rappaport, a senior honors student at Brandywine High School who participated in the March of the Living, a Holocaust remembrance trip to Poland and Israel last spring, will speak about this experience during Shabbat services at Beth Emeth on Saturday, Dec. 10 and at Adas Kodesh Shel Emeth on Friday evening, January 27. She also will be chanting the Haftarah that day at Beth Emeth.

Alyson feels very strongly about communicating about the Holocaust to young and old alike so that we "never forget." Everyone is welcome to attend.



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Looking Ahead: The New JCRC

By DAN HALPERIN
Special To The Jewish Voice

David Margules has stepped down as committee Chair of The Jewish Community Relations Committee (JCRC) of the Jewish Federation of Delaware. Although he will still be actively involved in the committee, he decided that he could no longer continue the time commitment required of a committee chair, he announced at the JCRC's last meeting. Aply taking the helm will be both a new Chair and Vice-Chair, John Elzufon and Matt Denn, respectively. Both men are recent additions to the committee (Mr. Elzufon, in fact, attended only one meeting before being asked to take on the Chairmanship) but their commitment to the Jewish community is long-standing. As well, there is certainly no dearth of experience on the committee. Two of its members are former chairs and both Mr. Elzufon and Mr. Denn



John Elzufon

expressed their admiration for both the experience and new vigor of the Committee's members.

Along with the change in leadership, there will be a change of location for the Committee's Wednesday

meetings, which will now be taking place at the offices of Elzufon, Austin and Drexler, P.A. in the Chemical Bank Building on the corner of Twelfth and Market streets, in downtown Wilmington. There is parking under the building and maps are being sent out to Committee members.

As for the JCRC's agenda for the upcoming year, Rabbi Marla Feldman who is director of the Committee, said their concerns were both proactive and reactive. Proactive aspects of the agenda include building up ties between the Jewish and African-American communities, promoting the Middle East peace process, supporting Israel, and maintaining a sense of what it is to be Jewish, for Jews and non-Jews. Their reactive agenda would be more difficult to predict.

One can be sure that it will include the issue of human rights in Bosnia, as Rabbi Feldman is also on the board of directors of the Delaware coalition For Bosnia. and should Newt Gingrich's proposal to bring prayer to public schools come up for con-

sideration in Delaware as it already did in a separate Statewide legislative battle last year, the JCRC will have to fight it again, as it did before.

Mr. Elzufon and Mr. Denn both discussed similar policy goals for this

year, as well as the need for a great deal of "restructuring" to accommodate the many new members, but most of all they encouraged positive communication and greater participation. The JCRC is a beneficiary of the "Live Jewish" community campaign which is administered by The Jewish Federation of Delaware (JFD.)



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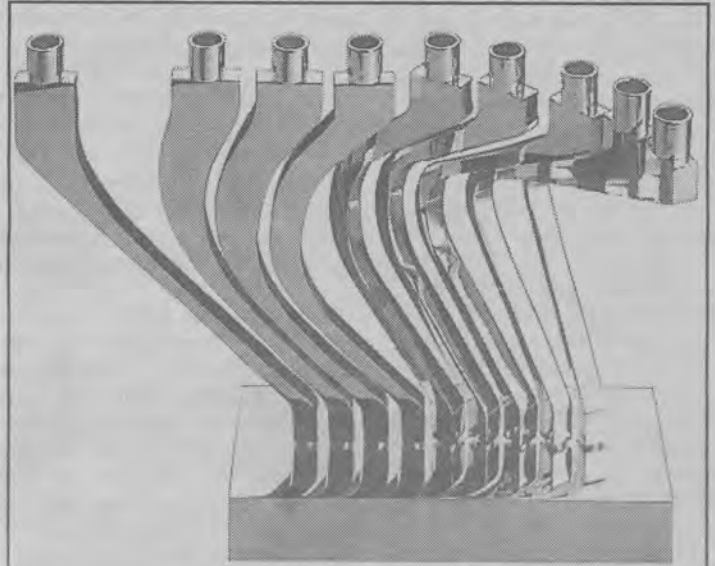


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Author Julius Lester Will Discuss His Personal Journey To Judaism Notable Due In Delaware

By DAN WEINTRAUB

Editor Of The Jewish Voice

On January 8, 1995 Julius Lester, an African-American convert to Judaism, will be at the Hotel DuPont in Delaware to speak at the Chai Brunch, a "Live Jewish" Campaign event. The "Live Jewish" community campaign is administered by the Jewish Federation of Delaware (JFD). Mr. Lester is a full professor of the University of Massachusetts/Amherst in the Judaic and Near Eastern Studies Department, and adjunct professor in the English and History Departments. The author of a number of works describes his conversion in the book *Lovesong: Becoming a Jew*.

In an interview which appeared in *Hadassah Jewish Book News*, Mr. Lester explained that, "I consider Judaism to be a lovesong to God. I consider everything in Judaism — the *mitzvot*, the Mishnah, the Talmud, the Torah, my prayers, the music, the Jewish people are all lovesongs too." He related that he "thought there was a need for a book by a person who had not been born Jewish describing his or her spiritual journey and decision to convert to Judaism." Lester told the interviewer that he discovered that his great grandfather on his mother's side was Jewish.

Professor Lester spoke to *The Jewish Voice* by telephone recently in anticipation of his upcoming Delaware appearance. He said he came to Judaism "looking for what most people are looking for ... a sense of order, meaning, a means to have a relationship with God and improve the quality of living." Mr. Lester offered his opinion about the term "Jew By Choice" which is sometimes used to refer to converts. He says that even those born as Jews have to make a choice to live as Jews. A colleague of his who is now teaching Jewish Studies is considered a Jew By Choice since his parents

were Communists, Mr. Lester explained. Lester told *The Jewish Voice* that his choosing Judaism does not reflect a view that Judaism makes one better than others. He referred to the concept in Judaism that one does not need to be Jewish in order to lead a righteous life. In contrast, he said, Christians and Muslims believe that one must be a Christian or a Muslim respectively in order to be considered righteous.

Speaking of choices brings to mind the phrase "the chosen people" as Jews are sometimes called. Mr. Lester interprets this as Jews being "chosen to have certain responsibilities. It articulates a kind of relationship to God to express it in certain ways. There is a historical basis to chosenness. Jews brought monotheism into the world through being chosen. It does not mean superior. I choose one product over another all the time ... maybe because its cheaper."

Mr. Lester says he has more experience with racism than anti-Semitism. As a result anti-Semitism is "not something that I get upset about. My basic feeling is to be more Jewishly joyful and not get involved in "If you don't like Jews see how Jewish I can be" and he turns his energy toward Judaism instead.

According to Mr. Lester, when it comes to the threat of anti-Semitism, there is "no question the greater danger is assimilation. It is far more threatening to us than anti-Semitism." He considers it ironic that here in the United States "we are free to be Jews and so many choose not to be ... we have never had such freedom."

Given what many believe to be the disproportionate attention paid to unfortunate pockets of anti-Semitism in the African-American community; Mr. Lester punctures the *holier than thou* charge that another people who had suffered should especially be without prejudice. Mr. Lester explains "there is a delicatessen in New York I like to go to a lot. I met someone there who had gone to South



Photo of Julius Lester by Milan Sabatini.

Africa after the war (WWII). He continued "a number of Jewish survivors had done so. I wondered how after The Holocaust one could go to South Africa." Mr. Lester finds the attitude that Blacks should have learned from suffering not to harbor prejudice "self-serving because it is not as if Jews learned." Nonetheless he too would like to think that Blacks would do better in that regard. Mr. Lester noted that 26 times in the Torah there is the reminder that you shall not oppress because you were once a stranger. He suggested the possibility that the reminder appears so frequently because of the tendency to do otherwise.

Mr. Lester has been publishing since 1968. He has written children's books, black history, fiction, non-fiction, commentary, poetry and 2 novels. According to biographical information provided by the B'nai B'rith lecture bureau commission on adult Jewish education, Mr. Lester's books have received the following honors: the Newberry Honor Medal; the Lewis Carroll Shelf Award; National Book Award Finalist; American Library Association Notable book; National Jewish Book Award Finalist; and New York Times Outstanding Book. His books have been translated into eight languages. His essays

and reviews have been published in such publications as *The New York Times Book Review*, *The New York Times Op-Ed Pages*, *The Nation*, and *Moment*.

Julius Lester travels and lectures widely. This past week *The Jewish Voice* received a press release from the University of Scranton that he would be delivering a Judaic Studies lecture there next week. In the November 10 issue of the *MetroWest Jewish News*, an article by Lynn A. Wagner reports on a recent lecture delivered by Julius Lester at a Jewish Community Center in northern New Jersey. Wagner writes that Mr. Lester recommended that "the plight of Black America must be moved to a place of high priority on the national agenda."

Mr. Lester provided his interpretation of the meaning of the slogan "LIVE JEWISH" which accompanies the community campaign administered by the Jewish Federation of Delaware (JFD). For him it has meant keeping a kosher home which he considers a "way of telling myself on a daily basis that I am a Jew." He regards having Mezuzahs around as "tactile prayers." He spoke about *mitzvot* and considering what Jewish law has to say about responding to beggars on the street. To live Jew-

ish, he indicated, may involve reading and the study of something Jewish. He encourages spending five minutes a day studying from the Talmud or another Jewish source. Mr. Lester added that you "need not be a *yeshiva bucher*." He says the rewards of practicing Judaism are enormous. Recalling the reaction of a student who had learned he converted to Judaism, Mr. Lester repeated that she said, "Well of course you are Jewish, why isn't everyone?" he added that he doesn't understand why all Jews are not filled with wonder and joy.

For more information about Julius Lester, the Chai Brunch or the "Live Jewish" community campaign call the JFD at (302) 478-6200.



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[Editor's Note: Delawareans led by Toni Young, President of The Jewish Federation of Delaware (JFD); Ellen Koniver, Mission Chair; and Judy Wortman, Executive Vice-President of JFD; have joined with others from the tri-state area to participate in the "1994" MISSION 1000 to Israel. In the next issue of *The Jewish Voice* there will be expanded coverage of local participants' experiences in *Eretz Yisrael*. The following article presents a regional perspective on the MISSION. A number of Delawareans are participating in an extension which will bring them to Jordan.]

By MATT SCHUMAN

JERUSALEM — One day, "1994" MISSION 1000 was a visit to a Bedouin village in the Negev, where guests were served tea while

seated in a cloth tent with no floor. Less than 24 hours later, the mission was a speech from Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, delivered in five-star luxury at the Hyatt in Jerusalem.

"1994" MISSION 1000 was an evening cruise along the Red Sea in Eilat and an archaeological seminar in Jerusalem. The mission was an emotional visit to Yad Vashem and an evening of leisure along the sea of Galilee in Tiberias. It was tours of kibbutzim, a sobering ascent up the slopes of the Golan Heights, the words of Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres and Shabbat at the Western Wall.

Last Sunday night (Nov. 13), eight days after two jam-packed El Al planes left Philadelphia International airport for Israel, mission participants partied the night away at a Jaffa restaurant, as the mission came to a close. Immediately after the celebration, missionaries were taken to Ben Gurion Airport, where their return flights awaited.

"I'm certain each participant — including more than 300 first-time

visitors to Israel — is going to go home and spread the word about what a wonderful experience they had, what a cultural experience they had, what a Jewish experience they had," said Matt Kamens, who is a mission co-chair.

"This has been a true success story for Diaspora Jewry..."

Added Ed Glickman, who co-chaired both the original MISSION 1000 five years ago and "1994" MISSION 1000, "In terms of level of excitement and level of accomplishment, this mission compares very favorably to the 1989 mission. The people on this mission are taking home something that will stay with them for the rest of their lives."

On arriving in Israel, the missionaries — among them a sizable contingent from Delaware — divided into 16 different buses, each with its own itinerary. However, the entire group came together for several "mega-events," including a memorable gathering at the Western Wall last Friday (Nov. 11), just prior to Shabbat. The missionaries were asked to wear their gray "1994" MISSION 1000 sweatshirts to the Wall, and most obliged.

"I'll always remember seeing that sea of gray sweatshirts at the Wall," Silver related. "It took my breath away."

There were many such moments, perhaps most prominent among them the speeches from Rabin and Peres, each of whom recently was chosen to receive the Nobel Peace

Prize.

Although Rabin's background is in the military, he made it clear that he prefers peace to the threat of war —

provided the peace will bring security, as well.

"I believe no government of Israel (Continued on page 12)



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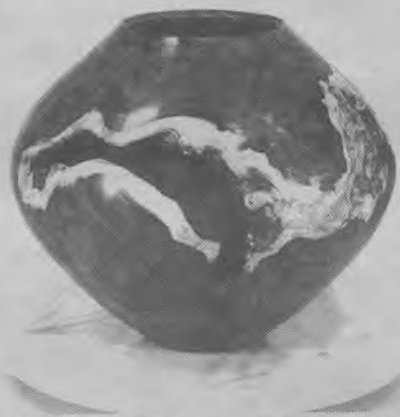
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has the moral right to ask soldiers — our sons and daughters — to go to war unless there is no other choice," he began. "In the past, we have taken risks for war. Now, it is time for us to take risks — calculated risks — for

peace."

While discussing the ongoing peace negotiations, Rabin made a promise that drew thunderous applause. "Jerusalem," he stated, "will be forever united."

The next day, Peres met with mission participants and declared, "We must continue to make a serious effort to take the hatred out of our re-

gion so we can live in peace with the next generation."

Peres, who noted that not a single

Israeli soldier has died along the border with Egypt since the two countries signed a peace treaty 16 years ago, envisions a future in which Israel's most pressing priority will not be how to defend the country, but how to defend the Jewish heritage.

"Eventually," he said, "we have to see to it that every Jewish youngster in the U.S. spends time in Israel. This must become part of our agenda. I see no other replacement for it."

The many Israeli dignitaries who addressed the missioners weren't the only ones who made the trip memorable. The participants themselves were equally responsible.

Tamara Netzman Carlitz, a native of Poland, was born in the woods during World War II and given by her parents to a childless Christian couple. Miraculously, her parents survived the Holocaust, but when they returned for Tamara, then age 3, the Christian couple refused to part with the child. Finally, her parents had to take her against the couple's will. Shortly thereafter, the family went to America.

"1994" MISSION 1000 marked Carlitz's first visit to Israel.

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Children's Memorial at Yad Vashem and the museum itself were what I'll remember most," Carlitz said. "It means so much to finally come to my homeland, but it could have been so different. I could have been raised as a Christian in Poland, never knowing I was Jewish, and I probably never would have thought about visiting Israel. And that's assuming I'd survived the Holocaust."

Pat Weiss' wife and children paid for his participation on the mission. "They decided it was payback time for Daddy," he reported.

Weiss, a Northeast Philadelphia resident, was last in the region 50 years ago, four years before Israel became a state. At the time, Weiss was a serviceman.

"It's an entirely different place than it was 50 years ago," he began. "In those days, you had to hold your nose when you went to the Wall because it smelled so bad. And if you put a piece of paper in the Wall, the Arab kids would take it right away — and I mean right away — hoping it might be money."

"When I saw how clean the Wall and the area surrounding it is today, I was flabbergasted. It made me proud to be in a country that's Jewish, developed by Jews and run by Jews. What I've observed isn't just a 50-year difference, it's the difference between two worlds."

Local Vet Returns To European Battlefield

Arthur Samuelsohn, President of B'nai B'rith Lodge 470 and Combat Veteran of the 104th Infantry Division, and his wife Connie and other veterans and their wives returned at the end of October from Battlefield Tour of 19 days commemorating the Liberation of Holland and celebration of the 50th Anniversary of D-Day. The tour began in England and continued to Normandy, Dutch & Huertgen Forest, German Battlefields and Berlin.

According to Samuelsohn highlights of the trip were the "heart-warming ceremonies of welcome and of thanks from the people of Holland to their returning Liberators marking the 50th Anniversary of the Liberation of the cities of Southern Holland, and a visit to U.S. World

War II cemeteries Henri Chapelle and Margaten, where all too many comrades of the 104th Infantry Division lie buried. Samuelsohn told *The Jewish Voice* "Retracing the route of advance we reached NORDHAUSEN - Concentration Camp "Dora" the site of the horror camp liberated by the 104th Infantry Division on 11th April 1945. In two days in April 1945 at Nordhausen, veterans of the Division lived and saw such sights they shall never forget." An Act of Remembrance took place on the site where Art eulogized the thousands of victims of this concentration camp, and The Kaddish was recited.

"Words cannot express the emotion and memories this tour left on our minds," said Samuelsohn.

Goldie Rose was struck by the contrast in her family's travel plans.

"To come to Israel has been the most incredible learning experience of my life," she reported. "My daughter recently sent my granddaughter to Costa Rica. What could she have learned in Costa Rica that was so important?"

According to Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia President Alan Casnoff, virtually every participant

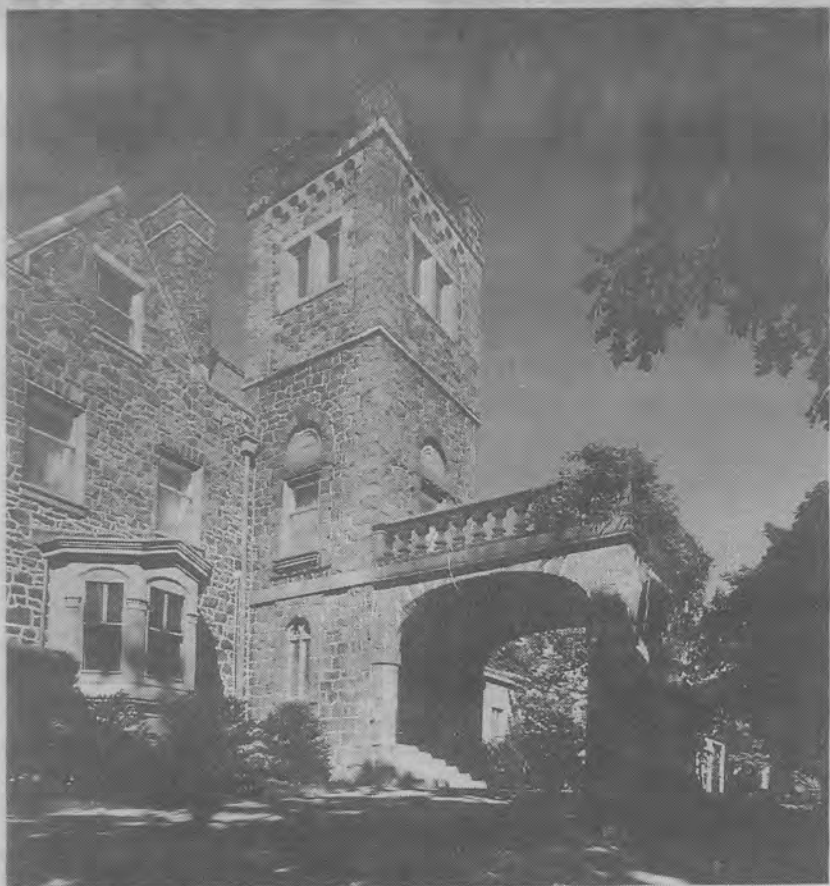
left Israel with a clear understanding of why the theme of the mission was "The Power of One."

"All of us saw individuals making a difference," he said. "In Israel, one individual — each individual — is important. And that's what makes this country so special."

(Matt Schuman is editor of the *Jewish Times* in Huntingdon Valley, Pa.)



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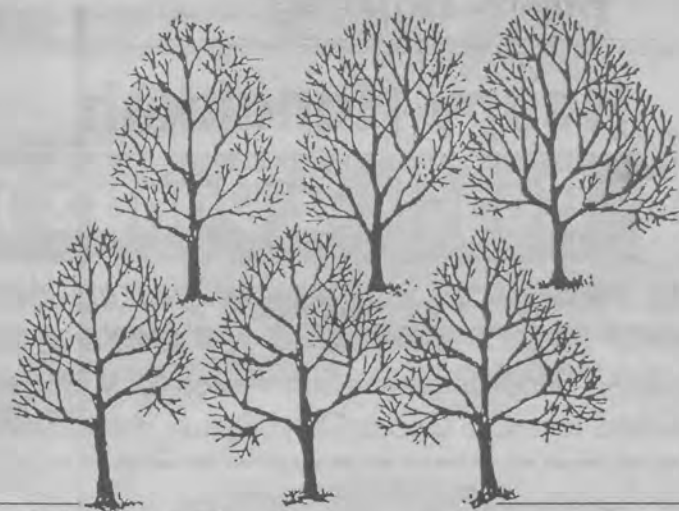
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Sunset Blvd., Andrew Lloyd Webber's new musical, is based on Billy Wilder's classic 1950 film of the same name which starred Gloria Swanson. Sunset Blvd. is the story of faded glory and unfulfilled ambition. Silent movie star, Norma Desmond longs for a return to the big screen, having been left behind by the advent of the "talkies." Joe Gillis is a struggling Hollywood screenwriter who, through dramatic circumstances, encounters Norma Desmond. Their passionate and volatile relationship leads to tragic and unforeseen events.

Two-time Tony Award-winner Glenn Close plays the role of Norma Desmond. The musical, which has been adapted from the film by Christopher Hampton and Don Black, is directed by Trevor Nunn. The creative team for this major new work includes some of the world's leading theatrical talent!

The cost is \$95.00 for members and \$105.00 for non-members. Front mezzanine seats at the Minskoff Theatre in New York will be available for what has been called one of the year's hottest shows on Broadway.

Following the performance, there

will be a stop at Zabar's for a snack. The JCC encourages you to sign-up now at the front desk — seats are limited.

The registration deadline is December 5, 1994.

For additional information, please call Amalia Snyderman at (302) 478-5660.

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Children from the JCC Children's Center enjoyed story hour at Zany Brains in celebration of plans to construct a new children's library for the preschool.

Kutz Home Hanukkah Celebration December 4



The Auxiliary of the Milton and Hattie Kutz Home will hold its annual Hanukkah celebration on Sunday, December 4th at 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. The festivities of the day will include a bake sale, student art show and entertainment by the Beth Emeth Youth Choir. A raffle drawing will also be held. Raffles may be purchased at the Home during the celebrations for only \$5.00 for six chances. First prize is \$200, second

prize is \$100 and third prize is \$50. Funds raised through this event will go directly towards the Kutz Home resident's social and recreational activities program.

If you would like to bake for us, please contact Ellen Levin at 998-8997. The Milton and Hattie Kutz Home is a beneficiary of the "Live Jewish" Community Campaign which is administered by The Jewish Federation of Delaware (JFD).

Rabbi Stephen Booth Supports Domestic Peace Effort

By DAN WEINTRAUB
Editor of The Jewish Voice

Rabbi Stephen Booth, Director of Hillel at the University of Delaware, has joined in an effort to create a Jewish feminist center in Philadelphia. Booth has endorsed the project which was generated by the American Jewish Congress (AJC). The Jewish Voice has obtained a letter from representatives of the AJC to Rabbi Booth thanking him for his support of the project. A highlight of the effort is called the Shabbath of Domestic Peace, which has the purpose of bringing attention to the problem of domestic violence in the

Jewish community. According to the letter this plan and related activity are "intended to encourage the Jewish community to formally recognize domestic violence as a Jewish problem and to take direct action to address and prevent it..."

On Tuesday, January 31 the AJC sponsors a lunchtime discussion in Philadelphia on the topic *Shalom Bayit? Domestic Violence in the Philadelphia Jewish Community: How Prevalent Is It?* with the speaker Claire Renzetti, Ph.D. For more information call (215) 546-4366.



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grade); camp specialists; camp administrative staff; family campus snack bar and control desk personnel; certified lifeguards and swimming instructors; early childhood day care providers and maintenance staff.

Singles Chanukah Party Planned

The Phase II Singles Group will hold a Chanukah Party on Saturday, December 3 at 7 p.m. The party will be held at a member's home near the Pennsylvania/Delaware border. A pot luck dinner and latkes will be served. Guests can bring an appetizer or side dish. The cost is \$3 for Phase II Members or \$8 for Non-Members (includes membership fee). PHASE II (Professional * Hebrew * Adult * Single * Energetic) is a group for Jewish singles in their 30's, 40's, and 50's.

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This 1993 Tony winner has been called a "musical sensation."

Young people in grades 7 through 12 are invited for this theatrical event at the Forrest Theatre in Philadelphia.

The cost is \$25.00 per person. Advance registration and payment is required at the JCC Front Desk by November 21.

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JCC Chanukah Party

The JCC invites the public to a Chanukah Party on Sunday, November 20th in the JCC from 10:30 a.m. til 12 p.m. The Chanukah Choopla will follow. The whole family is welcomed by the JCC for what is described as "a morning of fun - food - entertainment and friendship."

The free program features music, latkes, games and prizes. For more information call (302) 478-5660.

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Beth Weintraub

Chanukah or Hanukkah?

In this issue of The Jewish Voice, you will find different spellings for Hanukkah or Chanukah. Those spellings used are easily understood. Deference has been given to writers of the articles containing mention of the holiday in transliteration of Hebrew. Dreidel and dreydel are also two acceptable transliterative spelling choices you will find printed in this issue.

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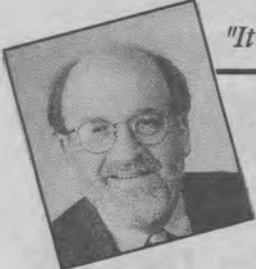
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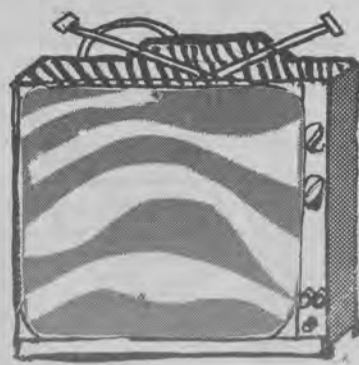
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Ancestral Notes:
An Interview With Author
Zelda Leah Gatuskin

By CELIA GANS

Special To the Jewish Voice

In *Ancestral Notes*, writes Gordon \ Gatuskin, "dreams serve as the point of connection between myself and my ancestral spirits, who then demand a statement of solidarity between past and future;...." Her book is, she says, "a chronicle of personal awakening." Dry, right? Pedantic and academic? Hardly. Here is a swirl of voices - many with Yiddish inflections - offering advice on everything from matriarchal culture to women's liberation. Here is a bitter Holocaust poem. Here is a dazzling parable about a Jew and a cockroach.

Here is a joyful, insightful, poignant, tough-minded celebration of the individual self as a swirling complexity of genetics, random chance and divine and earth-bound humor.

And what of the author? Leaving Boston and the cold twelve years ago, Gordon moved to Albuquerque because, she says, "the rents were reasonable, the air was clean, I could find a job, and there was a food co-op." For the past nine and a half years she has been the business manager to a firm of landscape architects, publishing her first novel, *The Time Dancer: A Novel of Gypsy Magic* (a romantic tale of magic and time travel), in 1992.

Now, says Gordon, who will become a full time writer-artist on January 1, 1995, "I want to move on and help my publisher grow. I'm working with a group of writers and authors on an anthology. I'm working on another novel. I'm starting new art projects.

"And sometimes I sit in my bathrobe in front of my computer writing for ten hours at a time . . . I'm a Gordon. It's our way."

The stories, says Zelda Gordon, the litany of family stories that as a self-absorbed adolescent she often sat through with indifference, "the stories were going to disappear."

That, she decided, must not happen.

Now in her early 30's, Zelda Gordon, second daughter of Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth's former school superintendent Helen and DuPont engineer Mendle Gordon, sister of Estera and Paula, granddaughter of the late Sarah Citron and Sadie Gordon, graduate of Emerson College in Boston, and current resident of Albuquerque, New Mexico, became Zelda Gordon, family historian.

Armed with a tape recorder, cassettes of tape, searching questions

and infinite patience, she interviewed her subjects. She drew up family trees. She sifted through family keepsakes. She read old family letters. She sorted, catalogued, labeled and cross referenced. She began using her family's original name, Gatuskin, as her pen name.

And she began to dream. Exit Zelda Gordon, detached observer. Enter Zelda Leah Gatuskin, writer and artist, who is the author and illustrator of *Ancestral Notes, A Family Dream Journal* (176 pages, Amador Publishers, Albuquerque, 1994). (Available from Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth - 762-2705 - \$10.00 per copy.) (Editor's note: Gordon recently returned to Delaware to give a reading at the JCC. The JCC is a beneficiary of the "Live Jewish" community campaign which is administered by the Jewish Federation of Delaware.)

Jihad In America:
Islamic Extremists In U.S.

By MARLA J. FELDMAN

JCRC Director

"Jihad in America" is a documentary by Steven Emerson which traces the activity of Islamic extremists in the United States. According to Emerson, the fundamentalist Islamic network in America began fifteen years ago, with the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan. To counter Soviet expansion, the CIA pumped billions of dollars into the coffers of the Mujahideen, the Islamic Holy Warriors then fighting the Soviet forces. Emerson links such events as the Ayatolla Khomeini's return to Iran and Anwar Sadat's assassination to the growth of Islamic militancy and anti-Western fervor.

The documentary examines how the United States became the center of an international network of extremist Islamic groups that raise money, obtain weapons, create propaganda literature and recruit fighters in this country. Emerson explores the connection between the murder of Rabbi Meyer Kahane and the World Trade Center bombing, and identifies some of the challenges in preventing future terrorist acts. Many of the organizations are tax-exempt groups operating within the protection of the First Amendment, raising the question of how to fight such activity within the limits of the Constitutional guarantee of religious freedom.

Emerson's documentary reveals

the hateful, angry rhetoric of the leaders of these extremist groups. Capital Hill is considered 'Zionist Occupied Territory' as is the State Department and the Pentagon. It is not only the Jews who are the focus of their hatred, but also Christians, moderate Muslims and the great Satan, the United States. "Jihad in America" sounds a wake-up call to law enforcement agencies and the complacent viewer. Though Emerson is careful to remind the audience that such extremists do not represent most Muslims in this country, it is hard to rest easy with hate-mongers in our midst. Anyone who is concerned about terrorism here and abroad will have their fears confirmed by this documentary.

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Alexander is a Jewish fellow from New Jersey who burst onto the entertainment scene playing "Tevye" in a scene from "Fiddler On The Roof

that was part of the Broadway production "Jerome Robbins' Broadway." Alexander won the Tony Award for that role. Alexander said a 1992 visit to Israel was "a life-changing experience," particularly the stop at the children's memorial at the Yad Vashem Holocaust memorial.

**Book Review:
A 'Who's Who' of All-Time Jews**

By MARVIN CITRON

Special To the Jewish Voice

Book Review: *The Jewish 100 A Ranking of the Most Influential Jews of All Time* Michael Shapiro, Citadel Press, 378pp.

How many of us are intrigued by lists? Witness the popularity of the top 25 ranked college football teams every fall, the top selling books in the Sunday newspaper book review, the top (and worst) performing stocks in the financial pages and the popularity a few years ago of the various "lists" of books.

New Yorker Michael Shapiro, a composer and historian, has selected the 100 most influential Jews from the biblical to the modern era and ranks them in order of importance and contribution to world history. He has selected Jewish women and men from the fields of religion, science, music, commerce, sports,

literature, arts, and entertainment. The Jewish 100 incorporates the "expected" influential Jews from Moses (#1), Einstein (#3), Abraham (#5), Ben Gurion (#23) Golda Meir (#45), Louis Brandeis (#68), Jonas Salk (#77), Henrietta Szold (93) as a "who's who" in Jewish History. A brief biographical sketch accompanies each listing and the

Einstein ranking of #3 is not exclusively for ushering in our science driven world but also for his warning to future scientists not to lose their souls in cold logical quest but to serve the interests of humanity.

Shapiro's book is not intended as a Jewish History of the top 100 but of those Jewish men and women who have had significant impact on our (Continued on page 22)

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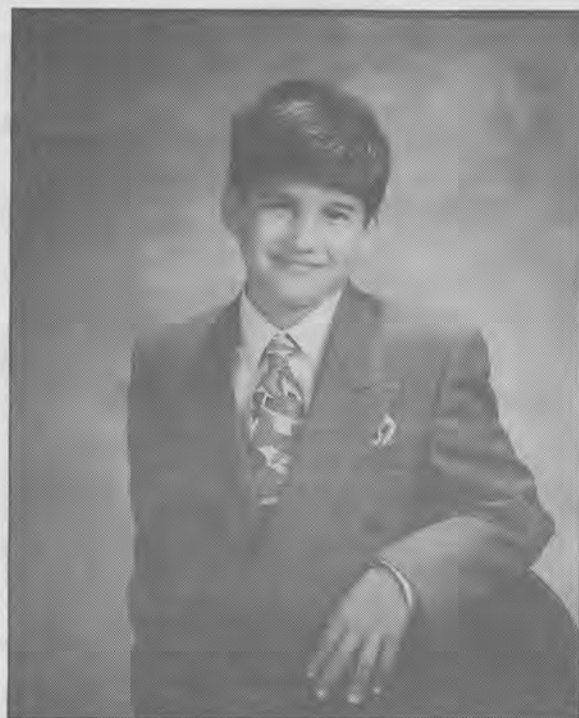
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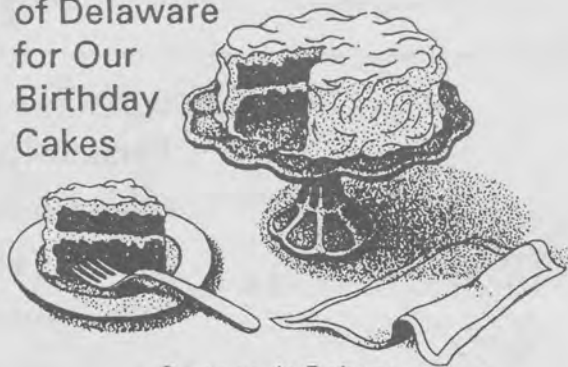
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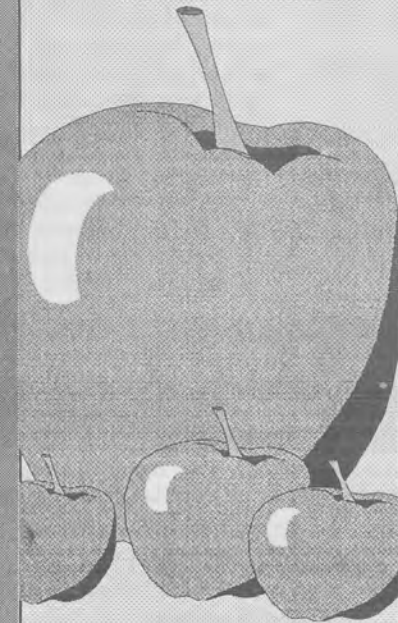
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All-Time Jews— What's So Funny About Jews?

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civilization. Consequently, the author provides a broad diversity of personalities including Jesus of Nazareth (#2), Saul of Tarsus (St. Paul (#6), Leon Trotsky (#35), Betty Frieden (#56) and Boris Pasternak (87). As with a listing of this type there is always the "I didn't know she/he was Jewish" personalities such as Marcel Proust, as well as "not really Jewish" personalities i.e. Felix Mendelssohn.

Commerce, Law, Music and Entertainment are well represented with well-known as well as not-so-well-known personalities. The biographical sketches, which are augmented with illustrations, contain interesting and sometimes little known facts about the individual. Sarah Bernhardt's mother and aunt were Parisian prostitutes and Sarah's mother brought her teenage daughter back from school to join the family profession.

(Marvin Citron is a Delaware resident who periodically reviews books for *The Jewish Voice*)

By **JORDAN 'LEE HARVEY' SOPINSKY**

Jewish Voice Intern

Good evening ladies and germs. You know, I just flew in from Miami and boy are my arms tired...yes, it certainly is great to be here in Delaware. But seriously folks, recently I've been trying to figure out why there are so many comedians who are Jewish. And so I called up a colleague of mine, a fellow funnyman, one Tommy More, professional comedian. Tommy is one of several Jewish comedians who sometimes perform in Delaware. He tells me that jokes are often created by taking something completely *absurd* and explaining it in a *rational* way. For instance, have you ever heard the one about some guy whose wife tells him to close the window because it's cold? He asks her, "And will closing the window make it warmer outside?"...Hey,

come on, I know you're out there. I can hear you breathing.

Anyway after Tommy told me how a lot of jokes are made, he explained that this type of thinking requires a lot of logic. Sure, and cows fly. Tommy thinks that one reason a lot of comedians are Jewish is because from studying, they develop keen analytical skills. Great, so that means these skills can then be used to make jokes rather than for becoming a rabbi or a doctor?

I think I read somewhere that Freud believed humor is a defense against anxiety. I'm sure I don't have to tell you how, through the centuries, Jews have been persecuted. Well, to defend ourselves against these anxiety producing situations, and to relieve ourselves of the subsequent stress, we made jokes. Lots of jokes. ("How many jokes?" asks a heckler from the audience) Funny that you should ask, about thirteen-thousand, two hundred and sixty-six, according to the best estimates. That's not counting the quips about the Pharaoh's athlete's foot... or the one about his *mummy*.

Anyway, this connection with Freud really intrigued me. See, I thought I could draw some sort of analogy between love/hate and happiness/sadness. So I called up a psychology professor at the University of Delaware. But, he was not in. When I called again his secretary asked my name and said he was in a meeting. Several days later I finally reached him. Very serious guy. He said he couldn't help me and besides, he had a patient waiting. I asked him what he charged his patients an hour. He said sorry but my time was up and that incidentally I *really* should refrain from muttering assassination fantasies to myself while on hold.

Well, let me tell you I was not daunted by this in the least. By this time, I had a couple of answers and was well on my way to an understanding of the question that had long perplexed me. Instead of allowing the professor to get the best

of me, I decided to simply crack a few jokes at myself. So what if I entertained vivid fantasies involving guns, blood, and the CIA! I was a good person I told myself in front of the mirror... with a *killer* sense of humor.

But seriously folks, I don't want to make you nervous. Maybe I just need a relaxing vacation to calm down. Everyone likes vacations. It's great to get away from all of the troubles daily life can bring. But what if you don't have a week or two, or even a weekend, to get away? Why not try a one minute vacation? "That's what jokes give," says Tommy More. "I like to think that I give my audience one minute vacations." Tommy has been doing stand up around the country for quite a while now, mostly doing shows in the Poconos, Pennsylvania's answer to the Catskills."

His description of comedy provides insight into the question of why so many comedians are Jewish. "Throughout centuries of persecution, Jews coped by making light of things" said Ben Kurland, another local Jewish comedian. Ben performed last year in an event connected with the 'Live Jewish' community campaign which is administered by the Jewish Federation of Delaware (JFD).

Jews are people of the book so I figured maybe I could find out more about Jewish comedians by reading. In a September 1994 interview with *Esquire*, stand-up comedian and sitcom star Jerry Seinfeld gave his comic formula. "If I wanted to train someone as a comedian," Seinfeld explained, "I would make them do lots of proofs. That's what comedy is: a kind of bogus proof. You set up a fallacious premise and then prove it with rigorous logic." Seinfeld's comic formula also helps to answer the question of why so many comedians are Jewish. By studying Torah, analytical skills are developed... stop me if you have heard this one before.

Next, I called up an old buddy of mine, Bob Schiller who has worked as a serious actor and as a comic entertainer. After I explained my reason for calling, he reminisced about the days when he did improvisations, skits and mock songs with a comedy troupe in Philadelphia. He wrote and performed a

song parody titled "Kosher Lady" which was a take-off of the Jimi Hendrix song "Foxy Lady." The funnyman/performer was in Delaware this year in a serious vein as the stage manager of the play *Guarding The Garden* which was performed at the JCC. Bob said self-deprecating humor was definitely an aspect of Jewish humor. Woody Allen, the perennial schlemiel, was his prime example. Sometime around *Yom Kippur* I asked Bob about his level of religious observance, since I did not think that he kept the fast. He explained that in fact he fasted every year "between meals."

And so, ladies and germs, I had found a few answers although I still have some questions. Groucho Marx once said he woke up and shot an elephant in his pajamas, adding "How the elephant got in my pajamas I'll never know." I think you'll agree that perhaps humor cannot be fully explained. And if it could, it might not be funny anymore. And I was just kidding about those assassination fantasies so the next time you see me *please* don't call me "Chainsaw." Anyway, did you ever hear the one about...

(Editor's note: for more information on Jewish humor check your local library. Books you may consult include *the Big Book Of New American Humor* edited by William Novak & Moshe Waldoks, Harper Perennial; *The Jewish Comedy Catalog* by Darryl Lyman, Johnathon David publishers; and *Funny People* by Steve Allen, Stein and Day.)

Words & Music

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totally, it requires propulsive conducting. Max Rudolph, now living in semi-retirement on Rittenhouse Square, used to conduct great performances of it at the Met; but last week's conductor was much too cautious. Trovatore also requires four grand singers to make its full effect, and last week's singers were not in that class. To continue my football metaphor, the OCP tackled the opera but didn't quite bring it down. So, in that way, the opera scored. It's a masterpiece that's always good to hear, and it was worth seeing even with these reservations.

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**Book Review:
INSIDE A
SYNAGOGUE**

Review of *And They Shall Be My People: An American Rabbi and this Congregation*, by Paul Wilkes, The Atlantic Monthly Press, New York, 1994

By Rabbi ROBERT L. WOLKOFF

Special To The Jewish Voice

"What does he do all day?" Ask any member of a synagogue about their rabbi, and sooner or later that question will come up. No layman can imagine the myriad of activities that fill a rabbi's days, and nights, much less understand their emotional and psychological costs — not least of which, the very cost of not being understood.

In *And They Shall Be My People*, Paul Wilkes, a respected journalist and writer on religious topics, examines the dynamics of Jewish congregational life. The center of this study, Rabbi Jay Rosenbaum, is a well trained, sincere, but unexceptional, Conservative rabbi. His congregation in Worcester, Massachusetts is similarly unexceptional, being like most congregations composed of Jews reflecting a wide range of Jewish knowledge and involvement.

To call this "a revealing portrait" is an understatement. It is a mirror,

exposing both the grandeur and ugliness of organized Jewish life. According to rumor, the book has received mixed reviews in Worcester. Small wonder.

Life in the congregation is at times exhilarating, at times infuriating. On the one hand, it is striking how often the rabbi succeeds in creating situations in which "ordinary people" can be touched, even overwhelmed, by religious experiences of various kinds. On the other hand, it seems something of a miracle that anything could get accomplished considering the continual personality conflicts; the disagreements over budgeting between those who want to save by cutting programs and those who feel that, if programming isn't retained, there will be nothing left to save; and finally, a simply unbelievable measure of pure stupidity.

And the rabbi is in the middle of it all. To mention one example of many: in Worcester, as in many congregations, Bar/Bat Mitzvah children were "twinned" with young children in the USSR. The rabbi learned that one of the Russian twins had succeeded in emigrating, and now lived in the U.S. How inspiring, he thought, to have a double bat mitzvah! The congregation could see the effects of their years of solidarity! The living reality of redemption — the hand of G-d in history, if you will — would be revealed in all its glory! All the rabbi needed was \$75 for transportation for the "twin."

The sisterhood refused to provide it.

That the rabbi, after much sturm and drang was nevertheless able to arrange the program, which was indeed successful (is not necessarily revelatory) is beside the point. The frustration, the burnout, the stress, the personal rejection the rabbi feels is utterly palpable to the reader.

As Wilkes points out, this extended minidrama transpires against the backdrop of the state of crisis of American Jewry. Whereas Jewish life

traditionally has involved obligation, solidarity, and dedication, modern Jewish life in America is dominated by terms like "assimilation," "comfort level," and "consumerism."

Judaism today needs to be "sold" — all too often, at bargain prices — and throughout his narrative, Wilkes intersperses succinct descriptions of Judaism's message, Rabbi Rosenbaum's "product." Most readers will (my own prejudices as a rabbi

notwithstanding) find themselves "rooting" for the rabbi in his attempt to "make the sale", i.e., spiritually enrich the lives of his congregants. It would perhaps be worthwhile for the reader to pause for a moment and ponder the question, "Is my rabbi selling something that good too?"

But one can also wonder if it would help.

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successes are indeed quite moving. But often, in spite of valiant efforts, the rabbi fails. The reader is left asking what, if anything, could be done to break through seemingly impregnable walls of callousness and alienation.

Wilkes does a good job in pointing out the fault lines of modern Jewish life. When Rabbi Rosenbaum leads a congregational trip to Israel — not, it should be mentioned, without a great deal of conflict and opposition — these internal tensions come rapidly to the surface. The young and the old have different agendas; politics to the left and the right pull the group apart; the spiritually oriented are in conflict with the ethnically oriented; and, not least, the emotional tug of Israel — felt by some but not all — tears families and friends apart.

The epitome of the conflicts that thus arise is embodied in Rabbi Rosenbaum himself. He and his family long for a life of religious community, whereas in Worcester they feel in a sense like strangers. Moving to Israel seems like the only reasonable solution. They can only do so, however, at the cost of abandoning their responsibilities to the congregation. The tragic paradox, as Wilkes beautifully underscores it, is that even if he stays put, the rabbi, by not making the commitment to aliyah, undercuts the very message he is attempting to convey.

Either way he, and the congregation, lose.

Norma Rosen once wrote: "I am constantly brought up short by the split between the nobility of Jewish thought and the vulgarity and chaos of Jewish life." Wilkes shows that she

didn't know the half of it. It gives one pause to think that the searing communal, and personal, struggle he describes so intimately is taking place right now for millions of people in thousands of congregations.

In spite of everything — and everything, in this case, is a great deal — Jews, and Judaism, survive. Perhaps Rabbi Rosenbaum is on to something when he sees the hand of G-d acting in strange and mysterious ways in Worcester, Massachusetts.

(Rabbi Robert Wolkoff, a Wisconsin based essayist and reviewer, sometimes contributes to The Jewish Voice)

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By LEORA MANDELL

Special To The Jewish Voice

As a young Jewish mother I am constantly seeking ways to introduce my toddler to the traditions with which I grew up. It is important to me that she will be able to find happy memories in the familiar sounds of traditional Jewish songs and melodies as she grows older.

How do you teach a two-year old that the holidays and prayers in a way that she will enjoy and remember? Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization, and Debbie Friedman, America's leading Jewish female vocalist and composer, have joined together to provide an answer. It is "Shirim al Galgalim" ("Songs on Wheels"), an audio cassette complete with lyrics and a companion music book of 12 songs about each of the holidays, the months of the Jewish calendar and the blessings. The melodies are bright and lively and make

learning them fun. The companion song book provides sheet music, chords and all of the words to make it easy to participate with the tape, not just listen to it. "Shirim al Galgalim" is also an excellent way for the non-Jewish partner of an interfaith marriage to learn some of the traditions of the Jewish spouse. My entire family enjoyed the songs and I'm sure yours will, too. The tape lasts about 30 minutes and is available through Hadassah (302) 478-6822.

If you are looking for music specifically for Chanukah, whether to teach in a classroom or for a holiday party, "A Children's Chanukah" is a nice selection of 7 traditional and 2 original songs performed by a children's choir. This 30-minute cassette begins with the strong, vibrant recitation of the prayers over the candles by Cantor Bernard Gutcheon and then flows into the voices of the children. The songs include I Have a Dreidel, Mi Yemalil and Rock of Ages. Although this is not a cassette I would enjoy hearing played in the house all day long, my daughter kept requesting that we play it again ... and again ... and again. "A Children's Chanukah" is available through Music for Little People (800) 727-2233.

As part of an intermarried couple I occasionally have to wonder what effect the different religion of her parents will have on our daughter. As I began listening to the holiday tapes for The Jewish Voice I remembered the familiar old melodies of my childhood. They brought back a warm, contented feeling of belonging and I became sad — fearful that my child would never know the full pleasure of these songs. I went outside for a moment and when I returned I found my husband sitting on the floor singing "Ner Li" in Hebrew with the cassette and I knew that I had found the perfect Chanukah cassette and songbook for our family. It's called "Chanukah, a Singing Celebration" with Cindy Paley. The cassette of the blessings over the candles and 19 contemporary and traditional songs is very well complimented by the songbook with the words in English, Hebrew and Hebrew transliteration. You can relive the music of Maoz Tsur, Chanukah On Chanukah and S'vivon with this well produced

holiday tape available through Alcazar (800) 541-9904.

When was the last time you heard, "Mommy, Daddy, tell me a story?" Children love to hear stories, especially if they're told well. Not many people take the time to tell a good story anymore. Gone are the days of the family huddled around the radio listening to the weekly serials. As a child of the "TV Generation" I always found that a little hard to imagine, anyway. That lost artistry is still alive, however, in Karen Golden. Never before have I heard a person weave a story so well. "Tales & Scales - stories of Jewish wisdom" is an hour long journey through time and around the world with Karen and her family. I really enjoyed listening to the tape. My two-year-old stared at the stereo throughout each story totally spellbound. I wonder how much of them she really understood. "Tales and Scales" is available by calling (213) 993-4614.

(Leora Mandell who now lives in Delaware previously worked for a CBS television affiliate's news department)

Words & Music: Bernstein, Bagels & Yox

By STEVE COHEN

Special to the Jewish Voice

One of the most enjoyable musical evenings of the season came last week at the Hotel Atop the Bellevue in Philadelphia, where Sara Zahn performed Both Sides of Bernstein under the auspices of the American Musical Theatre Festival.

Just when you thought you'd heard almost everything Leonard Bernstein ever wrote (or at least everything good by Bernstein,) along comes Zahn with a program that presents a half-dozen unknown Bernstein songs interspersed with more than a dozen familiar hits.

With a voice that's full and rich, the New Jersey vocalist did justice to the material. In some cases she out-sang the original interpreters of these songs, such as Rosalind Russell in music from Wonderful Town. And — much more of an accomplishment

— she out-sang Marilyn Horne's version of "Make Our Garden Grow" from Candide. You could enjoy the sheer beauty of this cabaret evening, even if you were not a Bernstein aficionado.

But if you are a student of music history, or a Bernstein fan, Zahn's program was also a great learning experience. She sang three songs from 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, the musical saga of the White House that was written by Bernstein and Alan Jay Lerner and was the biggest flop in either of their careers. So embarrassed was Bernstein by the show's quick close that he refused to allow the music to be recorded and fled to England for an extended period.

Removed from the preachiness and length of the 1600 show, the songs are among the best of Bernstein. Let's hope that the estate will allow the score to be recorded sometime soon. Zahn also sang a torchy love song by Bernstein, Comden & Green that never made it to Broadway and was re-done to a Hebrew text in Chichester Psalms. Another highlight was "The Story of My Life," a bittersweet ballad that was cut from Wonderful Town.

This show was written and directed by the knowledgeable Barry Kleinbort. It runs longer than most cabaret shows, but does not seem long. I'm glad that Barry and Sara didn't cut any of those rarities.

Bagels and Yox, at the Merriam Theater, tried to bring back the flavor of the 1950's Borsht Belt to the Delaware Valley of the 1990's. It's a difficult task, one that was attempted last year by Joel Grey with only partial success. The best things about this new effort are the talents of Bruce Adler and Mal Z. Lawrence or Mickey Freeman, two fine comics who alternated performances. Freeman may be remembered as the headliner at a Federation fund-raiser two years ago. Adler is a superb singer/dancer with Yiddish-theater background and a host of Broadway credits.

Keely and Du, at the Plays & Players Theatre in Philadelphia, is the most controversial play currently

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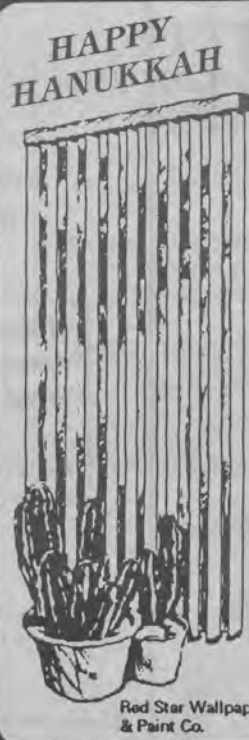
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Words & Music

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in our area, in more ways than one. The subject is the anti-abortion movement, and it's pseudonymous playwright takes no sides on the issue. The producers say that the play is "pro-choice, pro-life, provocative," and that's basically true.

The second controversy surrounds the question of how good is the play. The area's largest-circulation critic blasted it, but New York critics gave it an award as the best new off-Broadway play of last year. To me, the set-up is artificial and some of the language strains credulity. But the acting is superb, and the intensity of the play grips you.

This production by the Philadelphia Theatre Company runs through November 27.

The Philadelphia Orchestra made a dazzling success of its Halloween concert, appearing in costumes and attracting a crowd of youngish fans to the concert and a party afterwards. It was a great step forward in making the classics enjoyable and accessible. Garrison Keillor may have been responsible for some of the ticket-buyers, but his contribution was only a part of the evening. Principal credit goes to the orchestra players, who showed that they're fun-loving people, and that they're able to play superbly even with masks on. The music by Mussorgsky, Ravel, Dukas

and Gounod was appropriate to the occasion. The orchestra's new assistant conductor, Andre Raphael Smith, established himself as a personality at this concert. He's a conductor of talent with a flair for comedy.

I'm glad that the Opera Company of Philadelphia tackled Verdi's *Trovatore* last week. This is one of the most tuneful of all operas, with a vigor that can carry audiences to peaks of excitement. To succeed

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Hanukkiah by Janet Berg. From Hanukka Menorahs: The Philip and Sylvia Spertus Judaica Prize 1994 Exhibition. Photo courtesy of the Spertus Institute of Jewish Studies, 618 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL 60605.

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SYNAGOGUE LIFE

AKSE Family Dinner Features Singing Quartet

Congregation Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth's A.K.S.E. Family Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, January 15 at 6pm will feature a menu of all you can eat spaghetti, meatballs, vegetarian and meat sauce, salad, garlic bread, cookies, coffee, tea and soft drinks. The food will be prepared by Chef Jacques. The two entertainment acts will be soloist Cindy Goldstein, vocalist and Bob Weiner with the Rittenhouse Square Barbershop Comedy Quartet. The charge is \$8 for adults and \$4 for children 12 and under. For ticket information contact: A.K.S.E. Office 762-2705.

A synagogue spokesperson says that Cindy Goldstein, is excited about the opportunity to share with the congregation some of her favorite

current Broadway hits. Bob Weiner returns with his new quartet, the current Atlantic Division Champs, Rittenhouse Square.

The Rittenhouse Square barbershop quartet was formed in August 1993. In May they won the 1994 Atlantic Division Competition. Tenor Chuck Lower, now singing in his eighth barbershop quartet, also directs the Lansdale North Pennsmen Chorus. The lead, Tom Halley, has competed in the International Barbershop Chorus Championship and his previous quartet won the Atlantic Division Quartet Competition three times. Baritone Al Ziegler is a former district quartet champion with the 1987 district champs "Northeast Extension." He has sung in ten barbershop quartets and is a



The Rittenhouse Square barbershop quartet featuring Bob Weiner.

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past choral director of the Delco, PA Chapter. Bob Weiner is the newcomer to the group, bringing his bass voice from Wilmington, Delaware. Bob is a member of the Chorus of the Brandywine, the Lancaster Red Rose Chorus and most recently has sung with the Razzmatazz Quartet, the 1991 Appalachian division quartet champions. The Rittenhouse Square acappella repertoire includes traditional barbershop songs as well as jazz standards, Broadway tunes from the '30s & '40s, and pop tunes through the '50s, '60s & '70s.

For more information on A.K.S.E. Men's Club Family Spaghetti Dinner & concert call Bob Weiner at (302) 658-8700.

Beth Sholom Has A Hanukah Hop

Beth Sholom has a Hanukah Hop on Sunday, December 4, 1994 from 2:30 - 5:00 p.m. at Beth Sholom. There will be a Hanukah Hop with a professional D.J., latkes, music, dancing, a menorah contest and prizes.

The entire family is welcome in casual or 60's dress.

If you would like to help in any way, please call Frances Klein at 735-8780.

Call Kim at the Synagogue Office with an approximate number in your party by November 30.



Beth Weintraub

Beth Shalom Sisterhood Sets Champagne Brunch

The Beth Shalom Sisterhood Torah Fund Champagne Brunch will be on Sunday, December 11 at 10:00 a.m. The guest speaker is Faye Laveson, from Women's League.

Reservations are needed for the Champagne Brunch on Sunday, December 11 at 10:00. The plate charge is \$10.00 and guests are \$15.00. For more information call Beth Shalom at 654-4462.

Temple Beth El Shabbaton

Celebrate Shabbat at Temple Beth El on December 2nd and 3rd. "Dreams of the Past...Visions of the Future" is the theme of this Shabbaton. The weekend begins with dinner on Friday night at 6:00 p.m. followed by what a temple spokesperson described as "an innovative service filled with spirit and joy."

Adults and children are invited to a sleepover at the synagogue after the Oneg Shabbat. Saturday morn-

Temple Beth Emeth Hosts Hanukah Hop

A Hanukkah Hop will be held on Saturday, December 3 from 7 to 11 p.m. at Temple Beth Emeth.

A drawing will take place for the Temple Membership raffle. The Hanukkah Hop features appetizers, desserts, and music of 30's-90's. The deejay is Jay Rosenthal. The cost is \$12.50 per person.

For more information call Esther Timmeney at 478-0363.

ing services, beginning at 10:00 a.m. will include modern interpretations of traditional prayers using music by singers such as Debbie Friedman and Hanna Tiferet Siegal. A dairy lunch will follow at noon. Afternoon workshops for all ages will feature exploration of Judaism through singing, storytelling, poetry, dance, and Torah discussions. The day will end with the third meal, Shalosh Seuda, and havdalah. There is a nominal cost for each meal. The community is invited. Call the Temple office, 366-8330 by November 23 to make reservations.

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SYNAGOGUE LIFE

Synagogue Held Open House

An open house for new and prospective members of Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Synagogue was held on Sunday, November 13th at the home

BB Lodge 470 News

Art Samuelsohn, President of Wilmington B'nai B'rith Lodge 470 reported new innovations to be undertaken by the Lodge in Membership Recruitment at their Brunch on Sunday, November 6, 1994 at Claymont Hilton.

Guest speaker at the Brunch was Professor Harry Brod, Assistant Professor of the Philosophy Department at the University of Delaware. Professor Brod recently relocated from the Los Angeles, California area. Professor Brod discussed his recently edited book on "Images of Jewish Men" and "Judean Masculinity." His topic was well received by all present.

Future brunches with speakers are planned for the B'nai B'rith House for the membership and potential new members in February and March 1995.

of Marilyn Harwick, membership vice-president.

Anyone interested in joining Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth who was unable to attend the open house is encouraged to contact the synagogue office (762-2705) or Marilyn Harwick (762-2473) for a membership application and any further information.

AKSE Chanukah Dinner And Bingo Night

Everyone is invited to Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth on Sunday, December 4th, the last night of Chanukah, for a Chanukah dinner and bingo night, sponsored by AKSE Sisterhood, beginning at 5 p.m. Following the lighting of the

Chanukah candles, a full dinner, (including chicken, latkes, salad, vegetable, rolls and a beverage) will be served at the cost of \$8.50 for adults and \$4.50 for children. The first game card for bingo will be included. Additional game cards will be sold at a nominal price.

Prizes will be awarded and a 50/50 raffle will be offered.

Reservations are a must before November 23rd. Please call Nelly Marzouk, 475-8852.

Va'ad Supervised Bakery

Amalfitano's Italian Bakery, 29 E. Commons Blvd., New Castle (324-9005) is under the supervision of the Va'ad HaKashruth of Wilmington. This establishment was inadvertently omitted from the list of supervised establishments submitted for publication in the High Holiday issue of *The Jewish Voice*.

Chanukah — A Miracle Remembered

FOX POINT, Wis. (JTA — Chanukah, the eight-day Jewish Festival of Lights, is a family celebration of love and tradition.

To commemorate the historic struggle for their religious freedom, Jewish families around the world light one new candle on the menorah each evening during the holiday. The first night of Chanukah this year is Sunday, Nov. 27. On the eighth day, the entire menorah glows.

Lots of Latkes

Eating latkes fried in oil has become a part of the tradition. They

are delicious served at breakfast, lunch or dinner. Today we are concerned with a healthier diet and we can improve our methods of preparation of these delicious crisp, tender, golden-brown pancakes.

1. Cholesterol and saturated fat content can be reduced by replacing eggs with egg substitute, or using 2 egg whites for each egg required.

2. Larger potatoes are easier to handle using a vegetable peeler to remove the thinnest peel possible.

3. Potatoes will not discolor if shredded coarsely into ice water.

4. The secret of crisp-every-time latkes is to extract moisture from the potatoes. Wring out the shredded potatoes and onions in a kitchen towel. This also prevents the batter from becoming watery and sticking to the pan while frying.

5. Use a non-stick skillet and 1/2 teaspoon oil per batch. Make sure the skillet is very hot. Using a pancake turner, lightly flatten latkes, browning on both sides, turning only once.

6. To freeze latkes, drain on paper towels. Freeze in single layers on baking sheets lined with foil. Once frozen, remove from baking sheets and store in plastic bags. To reheat, place latkes in one layer on foil-lined baking sheets and bake in a preheated 400-degree oven until crisp and brown, 5-10 minutes.

7. Latkes can be served with yogurt or sour cream of choice — light, low-fat or non-fat — and unsweetened apple sauce.

Classic Potato Latkes

- 4 large potatoes (3 pounds), peeled
- 1 onion
- 2 eggs
- 1/3 cup flour or 1/4 cup matzah meal

- 2 teaspoons salt
- dash of pepper
- vegetable oil

Shred potatoes and onion with a coarse hand grater or with the food processor into a bowl of ice water. (One tablespoon fruit protector may be added to 1 quart of water if desired.) When ready to fry, drain in a colander, and then into a cheesecloth or kitchen towel and wring out all moisture. In a mixing bowl, lightly whisk eggs, salt and pepper, add potato mixture and flour. Stir until well-mixed. Heat oil in skillet until very hot, spoon in 1/4 cupfuls of mixture, flattening each to make one 4-inch pancake. Fry until golden brown on one side, about 4 minutes; turn and brown other side. Keep warm on a cookie sheet in a low temperature oven. Stir potato mixture and continue frying about four at a time, adding 1/2 teaspoon oil to a

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SYNAGOGUE LIFE

A Miracle

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hot skillet each time.

Makes 16 latkes.

Vegetable Melange Latkes (zucchini, carrot and potato)

3 eggs
2 1/2 cups peeled, shredded zucchini (about 2 medium)
1 cup shredded potatoes (about 2 medium)
1 cup shredded carrots (about 2 medium)
1/2 cup shredded onion
1/2 cup snipped parsley
1/2 teaspoon salt; 1/8 teaspoon pepper

3/4 cup matzoh meal vegetable oil
Drain all vegetables in a colander, then place in a cheesecloth or kitchen towel and wring out all moisture. In a large bowl whisk eggs lightly, add vegetables, salt and pepper. Stir in matzoh meal. Shape vegetable mixture into small cakes using 1-2 tablespoons mixture for each. Fry a few at a time in a hot, lightly oiled skillet, about 2 minutes on each side. Serve with poached apples.

Poached Apples

6-8 red cooking apples; peeled or unpeeled as desired
3 tablespoons margarine
1/4 cup sugar
2 tablespoons apple juice, cider, apple brandy or water
1/4 teaspoon cinnamon

1/8 teaspoon nutmeg
Core apples and cut into thin wedges. Melt margarine in a large skillet. Add apples, sugar, apple juice, cinnamon and nutmeg. Cover; simmer 15 minutes. Uncover; cook over low heat for five minutes or until apples are glazed.

Ricotta Latkes

4 eggs, separated
1 cup part-skim ricotta cheese
1/2 cup skim or low-fat milk
3/4 cup flour
4 teaspoons sugar (more or less to taste)

1/2 teaspoon baking powder
pinch of salt
2 teaspoons vegetable oil
Whirl egg yolks in blender or processor. Add milk, flour, sugar, baking powder and salt until well-blended. Beat egg whites in mixer bowl until stiff but not dry. Fold gently into batter. Heat 1 teaspoon oil in large non-stick skillet over medium heat. Drop batter by 1/4 cupfuls onto skillet. Cook until tops are bubbly and look dry; turn and cook second side until golden brown.

Repeat with remaining batter. Serve with blueberry sauce.

Makes 4 servings.

Note: You may omit the sugar and serve the latkes with smoked salmon or caviar.

Blueberry Sauce

1 cup fresh or thawed blueberries
2 tablespoons fresh orange juice
4 teaspoons sugar

1/2 teaspoon grated orange zest
Place all ingredients in a medium saucepan. Cook, stirring frequently, over medium heat until thick and syrupy, 5 minutes.

Parsnip Latkes

3/4 pound parsnips (2-3), peeled and shredded
1 small potato, peeled and shredded

1 small tart apple peeled and shredded
1/4 cup finely chopped onion
1/3 cup flour
2 large eggs, beaten
1 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon pepper
vegetable oil

Place shredded parsnips, potato, apple and onion in a large bowl. Sprinkle flour over mixture and toss. Add eggs, salt and pepper and mix well. Heat 1/2 teaspoon oil in a non-stick skillet and heat. When hot place a heaping tablespoon parsnip mixture into skillet. Flatten each pancake with a spatula to make it 3 inches across. Cook 3 minutes on each side or until golden brown and crisp, frying a few at a time. Latkes can be made ahead and reheated in a 400-degree oven about 5 minutes. Serve with sour cream or yogurt of choice. Makes about 6 servings.

Mashed Potato Latkes

Leftover mashed potatoes
For each cupful add:
1 egg
snipped parsley
grated onion or sautéed onion

Verna Schenker Interfaith To Preside Over Thanksgiving Aging Coalition Service

Verna Schenker of Congregation Beth Emeth is the new president of Delaware Interfaith Coalition on Aging. A resident of Green Acres, she is the second woman to head DICA since it was formed in 1978. The late Mary Brent Whipple was the first woman chair. Rabbi Peter Grumbacher of Beth Emeth serves on the DICA board.

A state-wide organization of representatives of Christian and Jewish faiths who share a concern for the aging, DICA is expanding efforts to aid quality of life — physical, mental and spiritual — for Delaware's aging population by offering resource material to pastors and rabbis to help in counseling the elderly and solving their problems.

To obtain the DICA information packet, call Marie Ash at 475-6631.

dash of celery seed
salt and pepper to taste
vegetable oil
flour or matzoh meal

Brush skillet with a small amount of oil and place over moderate heat. Shape potato mixture into small patties, and dip lightly in flour or matzoh meal. Brown latkes on one side and turn and brown other side.

The Delaware Region, National Center of Christians and Jews invites the entire community to gather together in worship at an Interfaith Thanksgiving Service on Wednesday, November 23 from 12-1 p.m. at First and Central Presbyterian Church, 11th and Market Sts. in Wilmington.

This service, described as unique in its interfaith nature, "will be a celebration of signs of hope and an opportunity to thank God for our abundant blessings. Prayers, responsive readings, passages from sacred literature and congregational hymns have been selected and prepared for this service by an Interfaith Planning Committee. The Center City Chorale of Wilmington will provide music for the event. Reverend Vin A. Harwell is the service coordinator.

For additional information, please contact the Delaware Region, NCCJ at (302) 655-0039.

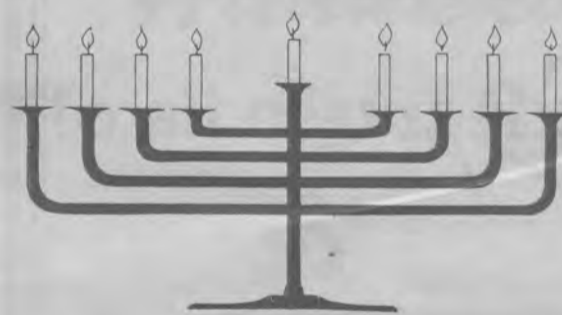
(Naomi Arbit is the author of seven cookbooks, a syndicated food writer, a cooking teacher, restaurant consultant and a member of the International Association of Culinary Professionals.)

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NOVEMBER

Saturday _____ 19

The Auxiliary of the Milton and Hattie Kutz Home presents their annual Gala at the Brandywine Country Club at 7:00 p.m. Dinner dance featuring Dane Anthony and his band from Atlantic City. For information and reservations contact Joy Honig at 478-9737.

Sunday _____ 20

A.K.S.E. Men's Club Brunch: Evelyn Lobel, Executive Director, Delaware Region, National Conference of Christians and Jews. 9:30 a.m. Topic: The Psychology of Prejudice.

YJAD's Sundae Sunday. Make your own sundae and video day at Ethan and Barry's, at 7:00 p.m. Call Barry at 302-792-9375.

DECEMBER

Sunday _____ 4

AKSE Sisterhood Chanukah Dinner and bingo night at 5 p.m. Adults: \$8.50; children: \$4.50. Reserve by

Nov. 3rd. Call Nelly Marzouk, 475-8852.

Sunday _____ 11

Children's Film Series (Animated Book of Esther, The Giving Tree, Lights, Passover at Bubbe's). J.C.C. 3:00 p.m. \$2 for film. Part of the JCC Cultural Arts Program.

AKSE Men's Club Brunch, 9:30 a.m. Special Joint Community Breakfast with all Delaware Congregations - Ambassador Moshe Melamed, Israel's Permanent Representative to the United Nations. Topic: Israel Bonds. Reservations required. Contact A.K.S.E. office: 302-762-2705 (\$5.00/person).

Wednesday _____ 14

NCJW's Julia B. Blumberg Remembrance Day. Speaker: Toni Young, Jewish History in Delaware. Open to the community.

Sunday _____ 18

Temple Beth El Men's Club Breakfast Meeting: Dan Weintraub, Editor of *The Jewish Voice*, will discuss "The Role of The Jewish Community Newspaper." 9:30 a.m. \$5.00 charge. Open to all. Call 366-8330.

Beth Emeth Brotherhood Breakfast Programs, 9 a.m. at Beth Emeth. Speaker: Ella Zukoff, Membership Director, *Jewish Community Center*. Topic: "How the Jewish Community Center Can Enrich Your Jewish Life." The cost for breakfast is \$3.00 per person.

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AKSE Sisterhood speaker/brunch at 11 a.m.

Sunday _____ 25

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Sunday _____ 8

Beth Emeth Brotherhood Breakfast Programs, 9 a.m. at Beth Emeth. Speaker: Dr. Andrew Weinstein, M.D., Christiana Medical Center. Topic: "Allergies, Asthma and the Family". The cost for breakfast is \$3.00 per person.

Sunday _____ 15

Film "The White Rose" J.C.C. 3:00 p.m. \$2 for film. Part of the J.C.C. Cultural Arts Festival.

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Sunday _____ 29

A.K.S.E. Men's Club Breakfast and Speaker, Social Hall, A.K.S.E. Brunch at 9:30 a.m. Open to all congregants. State Representative Dave Ennis. Topic: Community Revitalization.

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Sunday _____ 19

Men's Club Breakfast & Speaker, Social Hall, A.K.S.E., 9:30 a.m.

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FEATURES

Beit Shean — An Ancient Site Brings New Hopes For The Future

By MICHELE CHABIN

BEIT SHEAN, (JTA) — Situated about 20 miles south of the Sea of Galilee and within hiking distance of the Jordanian border and the new border crossing between Israel and Jordan, this town of 15,000 is banking on tourism to ensure its future.

A poor, underprivileged development town just 10 years ago, Beit Shean has spent the past decade developing a tourism industry around its one resource: an ancient Roman-Byzantine city boasting 20 layers of civilization going back to the 5th century B.C.E. Arguably the most exciting archaeological site in Israel today, ancient Beit Shean was located on the great caravan route linking Damascus to Egypt. According to Jewish tradition, the Philistine rulers of the city displayed the bodies of Saul and his sons on its walls after they were killed in the Battle of Mount Gilboa. King David conquered the city, which later became one of the administrative centers of Solomon's kingdom.

During the 1920s and 1930s, archaeologists uncovered finds dating back to the period of Egyptian rule over Canaan during the 16th to 12th centuries B.C.E. In subsequent excavations, most notably those undertaken by the country's Antiquities Authority since 1984, archaeologists have found magnificent buildings and statuary from the Greek, Roman and Byzantine periods. At the end of the fourth century C.E., the city became the provincial capital of the province known as Second Palestine. Two centuries later, its population reached 30,000 to 40,000. Then, in the first half of the seventh century, with the city then in Muslim hands, Beit Shean was leveled by a severe earthquake.

Although ancient Beit Shean had an illustrious past, its modern incarnation was, until recently, an impoverished town with a bleak future. Like other development towns built in the early years of the state to accommodate new immigrants, modern Beit Shean suffered

from high unemployment and low self-esteem. Built on a shoestring, much of the town became a slum. Anyone visiting the area 10 years ago found a hot, dusty, litter-strewn community where residents, mostly poor immigrants from North Africa, crowded into substandard housing, with little chance of getting ahead. Plagued by high unemployment and economic uncertainty, Beit Shean soon gained a reputation as a dead-end town. But today, visitors get a very different impression. Most of the dust and dirt are gone, replaced by green parks and cool, inviting fountains. Though the ugly apartment complexes remain, many have been repainted and renovated. Better, newer homes have also been built — including a section of large, expensive private houses — reflecting the higher standard of living that many residents now enjoy. This startling transformation, which has relied heavily on the continued excavations of the 400-acre archaeological site, is no accident. According to Shulamit Kaminsky, assistant project director of the city's Tourist Development Authority, "This project has been 10 years in the making." Back in the mid-1980s, Kaminsky said, "the government was looking for a way to help Beit Shean get on its feet. The first priority was finding jobs, since there was not much local



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industry. "By looking at the town's resources, it came up with the idea of turning the ancient city into a main tourist attraction," she said. To accomplish this goal, the government in 1986 enlisted the assistance of five public bodies and established the Tourist Development Authority. Funded in large part by the Finance

Ministry, the participants — including the Ministry of Tourism, the town council, the Antiquities Authority, the Parks Authority and the Jewish National Fund — formulated an ambitious plan to promote the archaeological site and the town that houses it. Realizing that tourists will not visit a site until it is excavated, the authority earmarked a large percentage of its \$6 million annual budget for excavation and restoration work. The remainder of the funding went, and continues to go, toward building the kind of infrastructure needed to accommodate up to a million tourists a year.

"From the beginning, we realized that tourists expect certain services when they visit a site like this," Kaminsky said. "We're in the process of building parking lots, and a visitor's center that will provide a shuttle service. We plan to have gladiator shows in the gladiator amphitheater, and night tours with a sound and light show, so visitors can visit in the cool evening hours," she said. Kaminsky stressed that the development project extends far beyond the actual ruins. After examining the level of service provided by local eateries, the authority hired a quality-control consultant from Tel Aviv, who has encouraged the restaurants around town to upgrade the quality of their food and service. Walking around town, it is obvious that the advice has been heeded. Though still not among the fanciest of the country's restaurants, several of the local eateries have modernized both their establishments and their menus.

The municipality, too, has devoted time and money to improving the town. Thanks to assistance from Project Renewal and other programs, once barren stretches of land have been planted with grass, and a series of gurgling water channels run through the town center. The streets are immaculate. Though much of the infrastructure will not be in place until 1996, people here say they are already seeing results.

Last year, Beit Shean attracted 250,000 tourists, 70 percent of whom came from overseas. According to the National Employment Service, unemployment is down to about 6.5 percent —



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compared to a national unemployment rate of about 8 percent — and everyone from taxi drivers to falafel-stand owners say they are making a profit.

With the new border crossing with Jordan, Gabi Mazor, director of archaeology at the site, foresees the day when large numbers of tourists will combine a visit to ancient Beit Shean with a tour of Jerash, another Roman city built during the same period in Jordan. "Beit Shean and Jerash are sister cities," Mazor said, "and tourists who come to see one will want to see the other. Our proximity to the new bridge will definitely be an advantage."



Beth Weinstock

Zany Brainy Features Holiday Event

On Friday, November 25, the Zany Night at the Movies features "Hanukkah Tales & Tunes" at 7 p.m. Zany Brainy at 3632 Concord Pike in Wilmington can be reached at (302) 477-1790.

No Future For The Fundamentalists

By **NECHEMIA MEYERS**

Special to The Jewish Voice

"Moslem fundamentalists will never have the influence in Egypt that they do in Algeria," says Prof. Esmat A. Hassan, a Cairo scientist now paying her third visit to Israel. Here as one of the organizers of a joint Israeli-Egyptian-American workshop on weed control—a field in which she specializes at Egypt's National Research Center—Prof. Hassan obviously has little use for Islamic fanatics and their value system. This is reflected in the slacks and T-shirt which she wears and in the relaxed manner with which she interacts with her Israeli colleagues, some of whom are now her close friends. She envies the sophisticated equipment they have at their disposal, which, she hopes, will eventually be available to her as well. Meanwhile she sees a great potential for cooperation with researchers in this country, particularly in the struggle against boomrape, a noxious weed which attaches itself to the roots of major vegetable and field crops, reducing yields by more than half. That weed creates havoc in many parts of the world, but is a particular problem in the Mediterranean area, and on up to the southern parts of what was once the Soviet Union. Israelis and Egyptians alike undoubtedly gain by working together, but cooperation wouldn't

be possible, Prof. Hassan points out, were it not supported in Egypt "at the highest level." Hopefully, that support, together with the beneficial influence of the expanding peace process, will ensure the expansion of cooperation well beyond the sphere of agriculture, she adds. Prof. Hassan is not a feminist firebrand, but she feels that there is definite room for improvement in the status of Egyptian women. "A lot of men in my country," Prof. Hassan declares, "think that women are only good for sex and cooking, that they have no brains. To be sure, things are changing, as is evident from the fact that our Minister of Science, Prof. Vinis Gouda, is a woman. But I hope that change will come more quickly and decisively in the future, that there will soon be more than two female ministers in the Egyptian cabinet, and that many major institutions in my country will be headed by women in the years ahead." Fortunately for her own professional aspirations, Prof. Hassan has "a very supportive husband," also a professor at the National Research Center. And her three children—two boys and a girl—are clearly following in the footsteps of their parents. The oldest boy is already a dentist, while the other two youngsters are top students at their schools. "My children," Prof. Hassan notes, "are typical of most young Egyptians in that they

favor modernization and Westernization, without, of course, abandoning the basic cultural values of their country. So they will not be frightened by the fundamentalists, and will not allow Egypt to become another Iran."

(Nechemia Meyers is a Rehovot, Israel based writer who sends his articles to The Jewish Voice through internet e-mail to our address which is as follows: jewishvoice@mcimail.com)

Israel's View

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at a news conference last week, saying America "has spent an estimated \$2 trillion of the American taxpayers' money, much of it going down foreign rat-holes to countries that constantly oppose us in the United Nations and many of which rejected the concepts of freedom."

An aide to Helms later said the senator puts Israel in a separate, favored category when it comes to dispensing foreign aid.

But in the past Helms has said that while military aid to Israel should be (Continued on page 38)



MOCK-RAID... SOMEWHERE IN ISRAEL -- Uniformed and plain clothes members of the Israeli army anti-terrorist special forces practice a raid on a mocked-up house, complete with Arabic graffiti Nov. 3. CREDIT:RNS PHOTO/Reuters (Reproduction rights not transferable)

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Is There A Creeping Commercialization Of Chanukah?

By DAN WEINTRAUB
Editor of the Jewish Voice

Maybe it was the press release I received describing the virtues of *The Noise Buster* as a Chanukah gift for the gadget enthusiast. "The suggested retail price is \$149 — a small amount of gelt to pay for a more peaceful world" it asserted. Krups, the German food appliance manufacturer, is distributing what it calls *Krups Jewish Holiday Recipes* by Faye Levy, cookbook author. Last year I received publicity for a bigger than life dreidel into which toys could be stuffed. Lately I have been wondering if that is what Chanukah is really all about.

Cantor Norman Swerling of Congregation Beth Shalom said "I deplore the commercialization of Chanukah and putting it on the same footing as Christmas. I am certainly in favor of giving gifts to children on Chanukah but I hate to see it compete with the commercialization of Christmas. I would rather emphasize the spiritual aspects of observance."

Swerling mentioned the notion of *hiddur mitzvah* or the beautifying of Jewish rituals. "The performance of mitzvot should be emphasized" he said. The conservative congregation's Cantor believes that anything done to "enhance or beautify the observance of Chanukah, as long as it is done in good taste, is not only acceptable but meritorious."

Rabbi Sanford Dresin, spiritual leader of traditional congregation Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth (A.K.S.E.) said he was ambivalent about the material aspects of Chanukah. He said he wants to preserve the "spiritual aspects of Chanukah... but also convey a sense of joy." Dresin believes we are confronted by a holiday dilemma since we do not want our children to feel left out but we do not want to overdo it in gift giving. Dresin says he is concerned about "certain obscene objects such as a freestanding menorah to place gifts under." Dresin also explained that *Purim* is traditionally the holiday during which Jews exchanged

gifts. He worries that Jews do not just give gifts without fully participating with children in lighting candles, eating latkes, and playing dreidel. Dresin spoke of the need for *persuna mitzvah* to publicize the miracle of spiritual continuity and celebrate the freedom of religion. The word *chanut*, Dresin explained, means to rededicate and it is at the root of the holiday which he says should call for introspection and rededication.

Rabbi Laurence Maling, Assistant Rabbi at the Reform Congregation Beth Emeth told *The Jewish Voice* that "As a child, I loved Chanukah because I got a different present every night for eight nights. Before we received our presents, my parents, brothers and I would have fun lighting the *Chanukiah* and singing Chanukah songs, playing dreidel, and having lots of fun. There was another side that I wish more Jewish people would remember. We also had to do acts of *shaloch manot* - sending gifts to those in need." Maling added that "The major symbol of Chanukah is the struggle of the few against the many, the weak against the strong. By helping others have a brighter day, we were helping many become strong. With

Chanukah and Christmas becoming so commercialized nowadays, people have forgotten the true meaning of Chanukah and why we bother celebrating it. Even though Chanukah is a minor festival, the mitzvah of *tzedakah* on Chanukah is a very important one. It reminds us of our commitment to help others in need. Thus the true celebration of Chanukah will be to go out and help someone else celebrate the holiday or better yet, help someone have a better day."

Rabbi Moshe Goldbaum of Conservative Congregation Beth Shalom in Dover spoke to *The Jewish Voice* about the commercialization of Chanukah. "I feel a little ambivalent about the entire matter" said the spiritual leader. Goldbaum believes the gift giving is a "sign of assimilation" since Jews are "doing at this time of year what the rest of society does at this time of the year." Goldbaum says "On the other hand we want our children to benefit like others in the community. Parents want children to feel that they have something important this time of year as well." Like Rabbi Maling had done, Rabbi Goldbaum stressed that Christmas is a major holiday for Christians but Chanukah is a minor

holiday for Jews. Goldbaum seemed supportive of those parents who give gifts to their children but also emphasize religious aspects to make children feel at home within Jewish life.

Considering these thoughtful comments maybe there should be a greater emphasis placed on the Macaabees than the Power Rangers.



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Diana Fuchsman, 17, from Vinnitsa, Ukraine, second place winner of the Hallelujah Israel Song Contest in Jerusalem. Fuchsman represented the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee's (JDC) Moscow Jewish Music and Arts Center and received the second place award both for the words and music and her song "Hagaddah" and for her overall performance. The JDC is a beneficiary of the "Live Jewish", Community Campaign which is administered by The Jewish Federation of Delaware.

Chanukah: Rekindling The Spirit

(WZPS) The festival of Chanukah is the celebration of the Hasmonean revolt and the subsequent purification and rededication of the Temple on the 25th Kislev 164 BCE.

In modern day Israel it came to represent the survival of Jewish culture and religion and the throwing off of the yoke of oppression.

Despite centuries of persecution, the Jews of Ethiopia succeeded in asserting and defending these same values. And yet, strangely enough, until arriving in Israel, they were unaware of the existence of the festival of Chanukah and its significance to the Jewish people.

Each Chanukah, Ethiopian children in schools and kindergartens all over the country, learn about and celebrate this festival of lights which symbolizes the struggle to preserve the Jewish faith.



Hanukah or Chanukah?

In this issue of The Jewish Voice, you will find different spellings for Hanukkah or Chanukah. Those spellings used are easily understood. Deference has been given to writers of the articles containing mention of the holiday in transliteration of Hebrew. Dreidel and dreydel are also two acceptable transliterative spelling choices you will find printed in this issue.

Hillel Hanukkah Plans

On the first four days of Hanukkah, Hillel will be having menorah lightings in the dormitories on the campus of the University of Delaware. From November 28 through December 1, Hillel will sponsor a menorah lighting at four different dorms. Details are not yet known. For more information, call 453-0479.

Hillel allowed University of Delaware students to buy inexpensive menorahs and candles until November 18.

On Sunday, November 20, Hillel will have a bagel brunch. There will be a mock board meeting. Spring board elections will be discussed.



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The bride, 26, graduated from the A.B. Freeman Business School at Tulane University. She is currently an account executive with the Nielsen Company in New York City. The bridegroom, 26, received his B.A. degree in Communications from the Annenberg School at the University



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Japanese Paper Apologizes For Ads

By TOM TUGEND
LOS ANGELES, (JTA) — A prominent Japanese daily newspaper has formally apologized to Jewish groups for advertising books that claim the world is secretly controlled by Jews. The apology by the Yomiuri Shimbun newspaper, was issued to the American Jewish Committee and Anti-Defamation League in response to protests by these groups and by the Israeli Embassy in Tokyo. The offensive advertisement by the Tokuma Shoten Publishing Co., which ran two weeks ago in the 10-million circulation newspaper, promoted a number of books that "explain" modern history as a series of Jewish plots to dominate the world. In an identical letter sent to Neil Sandberg, director of the AJCommittee's Pacific Rim Institute, and ADL National Director Abraham Foxman, the heads of Yomiuri Shimbun's advertising and public relations departments wrote, "We sincerely regret the publishing of an advertisement which, as you point out, can be said to promote racism. We accept your criticism on this matter and disassociate ourselves from the contents of the advertisement in question," they wrote, adding: "Please be assured that henceforth, taking your point into consideration, we shall redouble our efforts to avoid the printing of advertisements without checking their credibility, and to deal with world affairs without bias or bigotry."

According to reports from Tokyo, Jewish conspiracy books are a cottage industry in Japan. Generally in the form of mystery-thrillers, the books' plots might link such people as the pope, the queen of England and U.S. presidents as Zionist conspirators bent on destroying Japanese industry. Despite the popularity of such books, with sales over 1 million, Rabbi James Lebeau of Temple Beth David in Tokyo said he had never heard of any attacks or violence against Jews in Japan. An estimated 2,000 Jews, mostly Americans, live in Japan.

(JTA staff writer Susan Birnbaum in New York contributed to this report.)

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Rabin Demands Disarming Of Militant In Wake Of Suicide Bombing In Gaza

By NAOMI SEGAL

JERUSALEM, (JTA) — In the wake of last Friday's suicide bombing that claimed the lives of three Israeli army reserve officers, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin has demanded that Palestine Liberation Organization Chairman Yasser Arafat disarm Islamic militants operating in the Gaza Strip.

The bombing, which occurred near the isolated Netzarim settlement in Gaza, underscored the problem for Israeli security forces in combatting fundamentalist terror.

It also highlighted the difficulties in providing security for Israeli settlers who live alongside hostile Palestinian neighbors.

The suicide attack, which also wounded six Israelis and five Palestinians, came at a time when Israel and Palestinian negotiators are attempting to tackle the issue of an Israeli army withdrawal from Arab population centers in the West, a move timed to coincide with upcoming Palestinian elections.

Speaking at Sunday's weekly Cabinet meeting, Rabin said that Arafat was not doing enough to crack down on Hamas and the Islamic Jihad, two fundamentalist groups responsible for recent terrorist attacks against Israelis. Islamic Jihad claimed responsibility for last Friday's bombing.

In the wake of the Gaza attack, Palestinian police have rounded up more than 170 suspected Islamic Jihad activists, including the brother of the movement's leader in Gaza. But many of the movement's top officials evaded detention by going into hiding.

Arafat ordered similar roundups following recent terror assaults on Israelis, only to have the suspects released in a matter of days.

At a meeting with Arafat last week, Rabin had demanded that the PLO leader take more aggressive measures against fundamentalist terror groups.

As the Cabinet discussed the bombing, the three Israeli army reserve officers killed in the attack were laid to rest Sunday.

They were Capt. Dror Elad, 24, of Kibbutz Nahshon; Lt. Yotam Rahat, 31, of Tel Aviv; and Capt. Yehezkel Sapir, 36, of Kfar Saba.

The attack occurred around 1:45 p.m., when a Palestinian carrying about 22 pounds of explosives strapped to his body rode his bicycle past an army checkpoint some 200 yards from the entrance to the Netzarim settlement and blew himself up.

The three reserve officers, who were at the checkpoint to brief soldiers on how to deal with Palestinian demonstrations, were killed immediately.

Four Israeli soldiers and two police officers were wounded, two of them seriously.

Four Palestinians in a nearby car were also wounded in the explosion, as was a Palestinian police colonel.

The suicide bomber was identified as 21-year-old Hisham Hamad, from Gaza City's Sheik Rejwan neighborhood. Hamad had been jailed in 1991 because of his activities with the Islamic Jihad.

When the attack occurred, the fundamentalist group was holding a rally in Gaza City attended by some 3,000 Palestinians.

An Islamic Jihad spokesman said at the rally that Friday's bombing was in revenge for the death of one of its leaders, Hani Abed, who died after a bomb demolished his car on Nov. 2.

Palestinians have blamed Israel for the bombing, saying it came in revenge for recent terror attacks on Israelis.

In addition to rounding up suspects, the Palestinian Authority imposed new rules regarding demonstrations, after television broadcasts of last Friday's rally showed protesters firing guns and burning flags.

Freih Abu Medein, Justice Minister in the Palestinian Authority, said the Islamic Jihad had crossed a red line during the rally.

"What you saw on television is very dangerous, and will be a bad sign to potential investors and the international community," he told Army Radio. "We are not a Lebanon, we are not an Iran. We are in Gaza, and everybody should comply with the rules."

The Islamic Jihad canceled a Monday funeral procession for Hamad after Palestinian police stationed large numbers of forces at intersections throughout Gaza City.

Meanwhile, Israel and the PLO have asked several countries to send monitors to the Palestinian self-rule areas of Gaza and the West Bank district of Jericho.

Under the Cairo agreement signed last May for implementing Palestinian self-rule, Israel and the PLO agreed to deploy a 400-member temporary international presence in both areas for six months.

The Palestinian Authority said in a statement that the observers would monitor any violations of the self-rule accord by the two sides. A similar mission was deployed earlier this year in the West Bank town of Hebron after a Jewish settler killed 29 Palestinians at a local mosque.

Commenting on the difficulties involved in combatting fundamentalist terror, Lt. Gen. Ehud Barak, the Israel Defense Force chief of staff, said at the bombing site last Friday, "Such an act, when someone is intent on carrying out an attack and killing himself in the process, is very difficult to prevent."

Barak said the Palestinian Authority was responsible for preventing terror attacks in Gaza.

Police Minister Moshe Shahal said the attack near Netzarim proved that Arafat's leadership was totally ineffective.

The attack near Netzarim, a community of some 180 residents that is isolated from other Jewish settlements in Gaza, dramatically highlighted the question of how to provide security for Israelis living in autonomous Palestinian districts.

At Sunday's Cabinet meeting, Rabin warned against rushing forward with a redeployment of Israeli forces in the West Bank. He said that ensuring the safety of Israeli settlers

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TURKEY-ISRAEL... JERUSALEM -- Turkish Prime minister Tansu Ciller (R of Rabin) and her husband are welcomed to Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and his wife this month. Ciller said she was privileged to be the first Turkish prime minister to visit the Jewish state and promised support for Middle East peace moves. CREDIT:RNS PHOTO/Reuters (Reproduction rights not transferable)

Austrian President Acknowledges His Country's Role In Holocaust

By NAOMI SEGAL

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Austrian President Thomas Klestil concluded a three-day visit to Israel this week, acknowledging his nation's role in the atrocities of the Holocaust.

Addressing a special session of the Knesset on Tuesday, Klestil said a full acknowledgment of his country's complicity in the Holocaust was long overdue and that his country should do more to compensate Jewish survivors.

"All too often we have only spoken of Austria as the first state to have lost its freedom and independence to National Socialism, and far too seldom of the fact that many of the worst henchmen in the Nazi dictatorship were Austrians," Klestil said.

"No word of apology can ever expunge the agony of the Holocaust," he said.

While not making any specific pledges, Klestil told the Knesset that his country should consider following the lead of Germany and make reparations to the victims of the Holocaust.

On Again Off Again Comoros Says Yes To Relations No To Ambassador To Israel

By MICHEL Di PAZ

PARIS (JTA) — An Israeli diplomat here is denying reports that the Islamic Federal Republic of the Comoros has reneged on an agreement to establish full diplomatic relations with Israel.

"It is important to stress that Comoros President (Said Mohammad) Johar didn't renege on his signature, and his recognition of Israel remains valid," said Yitzhak Eidan, Israel's representative to UNESCO in Paris.

An agreement by the Indian Ocean nation to establish diplomatic relations was signed in Paris on Nov. 10 by Johar and Israel's ambassador of France, Yehuda Lancry.

But in a statement issued in Paris this week, officials of Comoros said the exchange of ambassadors under the terms of the mutual recognition agreement will occur only after a full Middle East peace is reached, including Israeli agreements with Syria and Lebanon.

The Arab League's smallest member state, Comoros, a former French protectorate, comprises an archipelago in the Indian Ocean off the coast of southeastern Africa and has a population of some 420,000, most of whom are Muslims.

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As of press time Sam Gejdenson (D-Conn.) held a slight lead over his opponent, leaving the race too close to call.

NATIONAL • INTERNATIONAL

PLO Declares "Independence Day" Amid Dissension

By NAOMI SEGAL

JERUSALEM (JTA) — As the Palestinian Authority declared Tuesday "Palestine Independence Day," more than half of the members of the Palestine Liberation Organization's executive committee boycotted their first official meeting in Gaza.

Only eight of the committee's 18 members attended the session, four short of the necessary number for a quorum. As a result, PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat declared it merely an informal meeting.

PLO officials who boycotted the meeting said they suspected Arafat was going to call on the committee to urge the Palestinian National

Council, the so-called parliament-in-exile, to abrogate portions of the PLO's charter that call for the destruction of Israel.

The officials who remained in Tunis, the former PLO headquarters,

said Israel first had to withdraw all its troops from the West Bank and Gaza.

When Israel and the PLO officially recognized each other in the days prior to the signing of the Palestinian self-rule accord last year in Washington, Arafat pledged to change those sections of the PLO charter that deny Israel's right to exist. Arafat has repeated the pledge on more

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Rabin

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living in the West Bank was even more complex than in Gaza and that negotiations could take a long time. While the self-rule accord specifies that no existing Jewish settlements would be moved or dismantled during the five-year interim period of Palestinian autonomy, several Cabinet ministers have implied that moving the settlements might be a good idea.

Agriculture Minister Yakov Tsuri called for a total separation between Palestinians and Israeli settlers, even if that meant relocating Netzarim.

Opposition members reacted to the attack with a call for an immediate halt in negotiations with the PLO.

Likud leader Benjamin Netanyahu, referring to the next stage of negotiations for extending Palestinian self-rule to the West Bank, said Rabin must stop setting up other regions like Gaza in which terrorists could operate freely.

Raphael Eitan, leader of the right-wing Tsomet Party, said the attack was proof the Palestinians did not want peace.

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Book Review:

Let There Be Lights: Children's Books For Hanukkah

By RITA BERMAN FRISCHER

Special To The Jewish Voice

It's beginning to look a lot like Hanukkah. In book stores everywhere, among the children's holiday books crowding the shelves, Hanukkah is definitely a featured player. But there are Hanukkah books and Hanukkah books. Some are delightful, insightful, or pleasantly informational. Others should bear a warn-

ing label, such as the thankfully out of print *Bubbie and Zadie Come to My House* by Daniel Halevi Bloom. In this derivative nonsense, an old couple flow (without reindeer) from their tailor shop in Nome, Alaska to visit all the Jewish children in the world on the first night of Hanukkah. The author even gave an address for the kids to write Bubbie and Zadie what they wanted for the holi-

day next year. Ugh. For this the Maccabees fought?

All this is by way of saying that you should first read the books you are buying as holiday presents for children and not choose hastily or carelessly. The world "Hanukkah" on the cover does not guarantee you will approve of the message or its presentation, especially since some Jewish holiday books are part of a publisher's series and could be assigned to a Jewishly unaware writer (whether Jewish or Christian) prone to missed nuances and occasional inaccuracies.

One guarantee of Jewish authenticity is to choose books published by Kar-Ben Copies, Inc., which came into existence to provide quality Jewish stories for children. Last year, Ellie Gellman's *Jeremy's Dreidel* (1993), well illustrated by Judith Friedman, offered not only a spin on making unusual dreidels but a no nonsense look at being a fully functional blind person. Jeremy makes a dreidel bearing Braille letters so his blind father can play with it, but the other kids are surprised to learn his active, friendly dad is sightless and doesn't conform to any of their preconception. As they plan school open house, they learn to consider those who are different before making decisions.

This year, Kar-Ben jumped on the "multi-cultural" bandwagon by putting out Diana Cohen Conway's *Northern Lights: A Hanukkah Story*. In it, a circuit flying Jewish doctor in Alaska (did I hear someone say, "this isn't derivative?") is grounded by the weather in a Yupik Eskimo village *erev Hanukkah*. His young daughter, traveling with him during her vacation, stays with an Eskimo family while her father makes his medical rounds. In the text, the unusual setting primarily serves to provide an unknowing audience for the Hanukkah story. Few insights into Yupik customs are provided. However, Shelly O. Haas's pictures are what gives this book its sense of place. Some of them bring shivers and one could point out to a child that in its smallness and isolation, the village could, in some ways, be like some ancestor's *shtetl* in the frozen wastes of Russia many years ago.

Two books from HarperCollins are targeted for children 3 years old and up. *What is Hanukkah?* by Harriet Ziefert tells the story and customs in a lift-the-flap family setting illustrated in simple effective fashion by Rick Brown. *Hanukkah Lights, Hanukkah Nights* by Leslie Kimmelman provides two brief lines for each of the eight nights of family festivities, details of which are illustrated with humor and warmth by John Himmelman. A single page in back provides historical background for the celebration.

Hanukkah, Oh, Hanukkah! A Treasury of Stories, Songs and Games to Share (Bantam, 1993) was compiled by Wendy Wax and illustrated by John Speirs with bright and quite charming detail. Wax includes holiday materials by such notables as David Adler, Myra Cohn Livingston, Charlotte Herman, Eric Kimmel, Sydney Taylor and Sadie Rose Weilerstein. Speirs festoons the pages with borders, boxes and inserts and adapts his style nicely to the needs of each selection.

Cherie Karo Schwartz, known as an educator and storyteller, has brought that approach to her book *My Lucky Dreidel: Hanukkah Stories, Songs, Poems, Crafts, Recipes and Fun for Kids* (Smithmark, 1994). The stories are all original or retellings of historical or folkloric materials. Numerous boxes are scattered throughout providing additional information and commentary and Jonathan Gross's photographs are used liberally. Both the above books provide a family with good guides to holiday celebration; the first has fewer pages, is more colorful, focuses on literature and would appeal to the younger child. Schwartz's is detailed, with extensive recipes and crafts; its

OBITUARIES

MARIE L. FRANKEL

Marie L. Frankel, 96, of The Kutz Home, 704 River Road, Bellefonte, died November 14 at Riverside Hospital, Wilmington.

Mrs. Frankel was a member of Elks Ladies Auxiliary, Delaware Association for Retarded Children. She had worked at Bond, Crown, Cork Co., Wilmington, from 1923 to 1943.

Her husband, Lewis Frankel, died in 1968. She is survived by 11 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren and a great-great-grandson.

The family suggests contributions to The Milton and Hattie Kutz Home.

HAROLD KRUGER

Harold J. Kruger, retired executive vice president of Home Federal Savings & Loan Association, died November 1 in Christiana Hospital. He was 78 and lived at 1301 N. Harrison St.

Mr. Kruger worked at the bank at 201 W. Ninth St. for 36 years, retiring in 1982.

He was treasurer of the JCC Senior Center, a director of Kosloski (First Home) Savings & Loan Association and the United States Savings & Loan League, and a past president of Delaware State League of Savings & Loan Associations.

Mr. Kruger was a member of AKSE Congregation, its Men's Club and Montefiore Mutual Benefit Society. He was a member of the Jewish Federation of Delaware, B'nai B'rith Lodge 470 and Wilmington Kiwanis Club.

His first wife, Lea Kruger, died in 1984. He is survived by his wife, Harriet Kruger; a daughter, Linda Comella of San Rafael, Calif.; a stepson, Stephen Michlin of Wilmington; two stepdaughters, Roberta Woloshin of Wilmington and Cynthia Urban of Graylyn Crest, Brandywine Hundred; and nine grandchildren.

The family suggests contributions to the JCC Senior Center, AKSE Congregation of The Kutz Home.

Brigade Commander Spoke At UofD

The commander of the Jerusalem Brigade, Dani Ze'evi, spoke to University of Delaware students on Wednesday, November 9. He was brought to the campus by the Delaware, Israel Public Affairs Committee (DIPAC).

Mr. Ze'evi was born in Israel and first served as a Brigade Commander North of Sumaria and then worked for Israeli Aircraft Servers before commanding the Jerusalem Brigade. Recently, he took part in the signing of the peace treaty between Jordan and Israel.

"The Middle East is going step by step towards peace," said Ze'evi. "Terrorist groups such as Hamas and Islamic Jihad are not going to stop the peace process—we have to go on with it."

Ze'evi also spoke about Sared, which is known in the U.S. as Volunteers for Israel. Sared is a group that brings volunteers to the Israeli army from seventeen different countries for three weeks. He felt that this contribution means a lot to Israel. There will be a two week program this winter break which will be offered to students. For information, call Andria Davis at 737-1278.

DIPAC is a subsidiary of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC). Although AIPAC is purely a political lobbying group, DIPAC participates in cultural events as well.

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OBITUARIES

ALEXANDER M. "SONNY" LEVY

Alexander M. "Sonny" Levy, 82, of 404 S. Lynn Drive, Stonehaven, Penny Hill, died November 11 of complications from Parkinson's disease in Wilmington Hospital.

Mr. Levy was the former owner of National Distributors, the first discount toy store in Delaware.

He was a volunteer lifesaving instructor for the American Red Cross and a staff instructor, a swimming instructor and a basketball player at

YMHA, now the Jewish Community Center.

Mr. Levy was a member of the beach committee of the Boys Club of Delaware.

Mr. Levy is survived by his wife, Florence Levy; a daughter, Lois Nachamie, of New York City; and a granddaughter.

The family suggests contributions to charity.

SIEGFRIED "FRED" LEVY

Siegfried "Fred" Levy, 94, of 5 Gumwood Drive, Brandywine Hun-

dred, died November 14 of heart failure in Wilmington Hospital.

Mr. Levy, a mechanical engineer, had worked for Pusey & Jones Corp. and All-American Engineering Co.

During World War II he worked for the War Department as an engineer, took courses in chemical warfare for the American Red Cross and was a block captain during blackouts.

He was a member of Congregation Beth Shalom.

A native of Hamburg, Germany, Mr. Levy immigrated to the United States in 1926.

He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Gerda Levy; and two sons, Gilfrid of Emmaus, Pa., and Ernest of Fairfax Station, Va., and four grandchildren.

The family suggests contributions to Finger-Gordon Fund, in care of Congregation Beth Shalom, Wilmington.

JOSEPH D. ROSEN

Joseph D. Rosen, 79, of Wilmington, died November 6 of heart disease in St. Francis Hospital.

Mr. Rosen was a retired self-employed paper hanger and a life-long resident of Wilmington.

His wife, Lillian Rosen, died in 1964. He is survived by nieces and nephews.

The family suggests contributions to the American Heart Association,

Newark.

NORRIS A. STEIN

Norris A. Stein, 67, of Lighthouse Point, Fla., formerly of Wilmington, died Oct. 18 of peritonitis, an abdominal inflammation, in North Broward Hospital.

Mr. Stein owned Adams Travel Bureau on Concord Pike in Wilmington for about 15 years. He moved to Florida in 1974 and operated Tour-A-Lour Travel, Deerfield Beach.

He is survived by his wife, Elinor "Cissie" Stein; a son, Larry of Jupiter; a daughter, Nancy Monk of Livonia, Mich.; a brother, Harold of Marion, Pa.; a sister, Eleanor Zitin of Asheville, N.C.; and a grandson.

The family suggests contributions

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Thanksgiving

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Nevertheless, despite this rejection of the melting pot theory as it promotes uncritical assimilation, it is probably safe to say that most Jewish leaders recognize the strength that comes from cultural diversity. Undeniably, we are a nation of immigrants, an assortment of groups from different lands and different backgrounds. While each century has witnessed its own set of "controls" — who will be admitted and who will be excluded; which countries will be favored and which ignored; how many will be accepted and how many turned away — it has traditionally been recognized that immigration in itself is not negative, and that immigrants' children may grow up to contribute to the United States as professionals, business people, and even elected officials.

In the United States today, the resources exist to feed and educate all the children within our borders. What is lacking, however, is the commitment to make this work, the willingness to reallocate some of our wealth so that the American dream does not become a relic of a bygone era. Ironically, those whose grandparents arrived here penniless and, in some cases, uninvited, are the least tolerant of those who seek to follow in their grandparents' footsteps.

There is no easy solution; and we must of course ensure that in providing for the basic needs of newcomers, we do not neglect the needs of those already here. An uncertain economic situation, aggravated by already overcrowded and unsafe schools, cannot be ignored or left out of the final equation. Nor can we dismiss the very real concerns of those whose longtime attempts to find a viable job have proven unsuccessful. Nevertheless, while we will all be called upon to make some sacrifices, and our government agencies — as well as our religious organizations — will be sorely challenged to provide even more assistance than they do now, our moral mandate remains clear.

Jewish tradition teaches that even (or perhaps, especially) in our own land are required to welcome the stranger, a requirement repeated over and over again throughout the Torah. We are reminded that we were strangers in the land of Egypt; and we recognize that we are not indigenous to many of the countries in which we now hold citizenship. In the United States, we continue to prove ourselves in every area of endeavor, and we are nothing if not productive citizens. It was no accident that our parents and grandparents made educating their children a major priority. Without access to education, how could they — we — have hoped to grow and to prosper? How could we ultimately have become self-sufficient and self-supporting?

Even more, without access to public health facilities, how could we have survived at all? The Jewish value of pikuah nefesh — the requirement to preserve and protect life — does not allow for a callous disregard of residents' basic human needs, simply because they were born elsewhere. That this discussion is far from hypothetical is demonstrated by the number of proposals currently circulating around the country to deal with the issue of illegal immigration. Even where aliens have, in effect,

been invited, or encouraged, to come here to perform tasks others consider undesirable, they now face a future marked by the elimination of opportunity not only for themselves but for their children as well.

As we approach the holiday of Thanksgiving, let us remember the blessings enjoyed by the Pilgrims and our responsibility to recognize and respect the Divine spark in each and every human being. Just as the Pilgrims needed help from the native population, just as we needed help upon our arrival here, so too must we continue to offer help to those who come after us. While, as Jews,

we offer daily prayers of thanksgiving to God, let us use the fourth Thursday in November to sensitize ourselves — and the entire community — to these most important issues. Otherwise, Thanksgiving Day may very well become a mere formality.

The author is the Executive Vice-president of The United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism, the association of Conservative Congregations in North America. Some two million Jews identify with Conservative Judaism, making it the largest branch of the Jewish faith.

Let There Be Light

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length and text density make it more suitable for parental use or families with older children.

Now for this year's Hanukkah label. *Light the Lights!* by Margaret Moorman (Scholastic, 1994) adheres to truth in advertising. The book is sub-titled "A Story About Celebration: Hanukkah & Christmas," and that's exactly what it is. Intended by the publisher for children 3 and up, the story of Emma follows her through December as her family first celebrates Hanukkah, complete with menorah, dreidel, latkes and visits from her father's family. Then, mid-book, Emma's mother takes out the Christmas ornaments and off they go for the tree. When everything is ready, friends come and Emma's father plays the piano as everyone sings carols. The illustration shows Daddy singing too. Santa treats Emma well; then it's time to put away the menorah and the ornaments until next year. "But she remembered the bright winter lights in the dark winter nights for a long, long time." For families that have decided not to decide on one road to follow, for families not concerned with matrilinear determination of Jewish identity, for lots of families, I suppose this book is, as the publicist says, a perfect holiday story. The author in-

tended it for families like her own. For those convinced that to go both ways is to go no way, for those distressed by the hallowness of the observances depicted and the absence of religious or historical significance, take heed. A cover emblazoned "Light the Lights!" showing a girl and a menorah does not a Hanukkah book make. Read the fine print. **GIVE A GIFT TO TREASURE**

If you give just one gift to your favorite family this year, let it be *The Family Treasury of Jewish Holidays* by Malka Drucker, illustrated by Nancy Patz (Little, Brown and Co., 1994). In a large, beautifully laid out volume awarded much acclaim in such noted general book review sources as *The Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books*, Drucker covers nine holidays through the Jewish calendar, culminating with Shabbat. Sensitive and simple explanatory introductions for each holiday are followed by a wide variety of literature in many formats by such writers as Isaac Bashevis Singer, Barbara Cohen, Myra Cohn Livingston and e.e. cummings. Like Drucker's noted holiday books several years ago, each section has activities, games or cooking. Patz's illustrations add much to the book's appeal; they fairly dance off the pages. Don't miss this; give one and get one for yourself as well.

(Rita Berman Frischer is a former Delaware resident who now writes about children books from Los Angeles, California.)

Effect On Israel

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regarded as untouchable, economic aid should be re-examined.

At his new conference, Helms also expressed suspicion about the motives of Syrian President Hafez Assad.

"Syria doesn't want peace with Israel. What Syria wants is the Golan Heights plus, of course, access to the American taxpayers' money," he said.

"Congress needs to get off the dime and demand a reassessment of the entire Middle East peace process so that we can know in advance what our commitments will be," Helms said.

With Helms and his Republican colleagues suddenly calling the shots on Capitol Hill, Rabin will have an uphill battle convincing the new congressional leadership that American money and prestige still ought to be committed to the ongoing Israeli-Palestinian peace process and to a yet-unattained Israeli-Syrian accord.

With regard to Syria, there are some at the top of Israel's political-defense establishment who have been urging that Israel seek a formal defense agreement or alliance with the United States as its "price" for surrendering that most vital of strategic assets, the Golan Heights, in return for peace with Syria.

But if Helms and like-minded Republicans set the foreign-policy agenda in Washington, defense alliances are not likely to be readily available for Israel — no matter what risks it is prepared to undertake for peace.

But even Israel government "minimalists," who do not aim as high as a formal U.S. alliance, will insist on a massive American commitment to various forms of military and intelligence assistance — all of it costly — as Israel's necessary compensation for giving up the Golan.

Another obstacle could present itself as Jewish American and Israeli activists opposed to Rabin's policies are likely to receive a greater hearing in the new Congress than they did in the old one.

These opposition forces have latched on to the vexing issue of a possible American military presence on the Golan in the event of a peace accord as a means of persuading American opinion to oppose a land-for-peace deal with Syria.

Rabin has always prided himself on his credibility; it is his strongest asset on the Israeli domestic political scene.

In America, he will have to work overtime in order to persuade his various target audiences — members of the Clinton administration, Congress, opinion makers and the American Jewish leadership — that the course he has set for Israel is, despite its many painful pitfalls, still the best course.

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Chabad Announces Chanukah Schedule

With Chanukah fast approaching, Chabad-Lubavitch announces various communal holiday programs for students, children and adults.

Monday, Dec. 28: Chabad of U. of D. will sponsor a Chanukah survival table in the Perkins Student Ctr. complete with menorahs, latkes, dreidels, gelt etc. providing for the students Chanukah needs.

Monday, Dec. 28 at 7 p.m. Chabad sponsors the public Menorah lighting on campus in the Ewing Room, Perkins Student Ctr. The ceremonies will be attended University faculty and staff who will bring greetings on behalf of the administration. Members of the community are encouraged to attend and participate.

Tuesday, Nov. 29 at 4:30 p.m. Chanukah program at Forwood Manor Nursing Home. Friends and relatives of residents are invited to attend.

Friday, 2:15 p.m. Chabad will host an olive oil making demonstration at the JCC for the AEA students emphasizing the historical custom of using oil to kindle the Menorah.

Friday, Dec. 2 at 6:30 p.m. A Shabbat Chanukah feast at the Chabad House U. of D. 208 Cheltenham Rd. Call 455-1800 to reserve.

Saturday, Dec. 3 at 7:30 p.m. Menorah Lighting and celebration at the Menorah adjacent to Macy's in Christiana Mall will start at 7:30 p.m. Chanukah songs will be sung, and dreidels, latkes, raffles, balloons and Chanukah gelt will be distributed to all. The annual "Dreydel Championships" will follow.

Volunteers will visit patients in area hospitals and nursing homes. Menorahs will be seen in supermarkets and area hospitals (Wilmington, Christiana, St. Francis and A.I. DuPont) with the cooperation of Jewish doctors and The Medical Center. The Menorah at the Delaware Memorial Bridge will deliver the message of Chanukah daily. For more information on programs or for Chanukah Guides and kits, please call Chabad at 478-4400.

PLO Dissension

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Despite dissent in the ranks, Palestinians in Gaza and the West Bank designated Tuesday their independence day.

On November 15, 1988, the Palestine National Council, meeting in Algiers, declared an independent Palestinian state in the West Bank and Gaza. Palestinians have since celebrated the day, despite Israeli bans.

Also on Tuesday, Israel handed over to the Palestinians control over welfare and tourism in the West Bank.

Local NAACP Branch Seeks Support

Keith Booker, President of the Wilmington Branch of the NAACP

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